



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Chambers

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Rasmussen. County Administrative Officer Susan Parker, Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Johanna DeLong were present, along with the following Supervisors:

Present: Supervisor Owen, Supervisor Sabatier, Supervisor Crandell, Vice-Chair Pyska, and Chair Rasmussen

2. Moment of Silence

There was no moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Ginny Craven.

4. Consideration of Extra Items Not Appearing on the Posted Agenda

There were no extra items to consider.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Approve Continuation of Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Shelter Crisis in the County of Lake
- 5.2 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Pervasive Tree Mortality
- 5.3 Approve Continuation of Proclamation declaring a Clear Lake Hitch Emergency
- 5.4 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer for the Clearlake Sewage Spill
- 5.5 Approve Continuation of a Local Emergency due to the 2026 Robin Lane Sewer Spill (City of Clearlake)
- 5.6 Adopt a Proclamation Designating the Month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in Lake County

- 5.7** Adopt a Proclamation Commending Operation Tango Mike for 23 Years of Service in Supporting Our Military Personnel Deployed Around the World
- 5.8** Approve a Side Letter to Lake County Safety Employee Association July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029 MOU
- 5.9** Approve Amendment Two to the Agreement for the Creation and Installation of the Lake Pomo Family Sculpture at Historic Courthouse Museum

Chair Rasmussen introduced the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Amendment Two to the Agreement for the Creation and Installation of the Lake Pomo Family Sculpture at Historic Courthouse Museum and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

- 5.10** (Sitting as the Board of Directors Lake County Watershed Protection District) Award the "Improving Restoration Efforts at Clear Lake with In-Lake Management of Phosphorus" Project in the amount of \$3,361,116.38 and Authorize the Chair to Sign and the Water Resources Director to execute the Contract between the Watershed Protection District and EutroPHIX.

Water Resources Director Pawan Upadhyay introduce the item to the Board. EutroPHIX Representative Dr. Alexis Fischer presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Margaux Kambara. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.10 with the exception of items 5.9 and 5.10 which were pulled for further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Director Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved to Award the "Improving Restoration Efforts at Clear Lake with In-Lake Management of Phosphorus" Project in the amount of \$3,361,116.38 and Authorized the Chair to Sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Directors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

6. Timed Items

6.1 9:02 A.M. - Public Input

Public Members Laura Lashly, Les Miller, Barbara Armarino, Robert Simms, Tom Flannigan, Maya Lynn, Steven Zurker, and Skiela Laiwa spoke.

6.2 9:03 A.M. - Pet of the Week

Animal Care and Control Officer Gabrielle Reil presented the pet of the week to the Board. Animal Care and Control Director Ray Smith spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

6.3 9:04 A.M. - New and Noteworthy at the Library

This item was pulled from the agenda.

6.4 9:06 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month in Lake County

Supervisor Pyska read the proclamation into the record and presented to the American Red Cross. Shannon Kimball-Auth, Laura Timian, Tammy Alakszay, and Social Services Director Rachael Dillman Parsons spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

This Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.5 9:10 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Commending Operation Tango Mike for 23 Years of Service in Supporting Our Military Personnel Deployed Around the World

Supervisor Crandell read the proclamation into the record and presented to Lake County Veterans. Ginny Craven spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

This Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

- 6.6** 9:15 A.M. - Consideration of a Letter of Support for the "Lake County Conservation, Restoration and Stewardship Improvement Capacity Building Project" of the Lake County Land Trust and Authorize the Chair to sign

Chair Rasmussen presented the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Letter of Support for the "Lake County Conservation, Restoration and Stewardship Improvement Capacity Building Project" of the Lake County Land Trust and Authorized the Chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

- 6.7** 9:30 A.M - PUBLIC HEARING - Request for hearing on Cannabis Cultivation Tax Bill Appeal (UP 20-13) 3360 Merritt Rd, Kelseyville, CA

All members of the hearing were sworn in by the Clerk. Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Appellant Greg Hanson and Appellant Attorney Robert Riggs spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved the appeal of Gregory K. Hanson Cannabis Cultivation Tax Bill Appeal (UP 20-13) 3360 Merritt Rd, Kelseyville, CA due to circumstances of the foreclosure and the hardship that it created and moved to rescind the 2025 cannabis tax bill with the findings that there was no cultivation of cannabis in 2025 and testimony by the appellant that sufficiently demonstrates that there was no intent to grow in 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 4 - Owen, Sabatier, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Nays- Supervisor: 1 - Crandell

- 6.8** 9:45 A.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - Request for Hearing on Cannabis Cultivation Tax Bill Appeal (UP 19-48) 1756 Ogulin Canyon Rd, Clearlake

All members of hearing were sworn in by the Clerk. Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Appellant Kenneth Pacheco and Senior Planner Mary Claybon spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, moved to deny the appeal of Mr. Kenneth Pacheco under (UP 19-48) and uphold the 2025 cannabis cultivation tax bill in the amount of \$45,738 based on the testimony and evidence that was submitted to the Board including but not limited to adequate evidence that demonstrates the appellant did not file a timely request to reduce the cultivation area. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

6.9 10:00 A.M. - Consideration of a Joint Letter Advocating for Opportunity Zones Selection

Deputy County Administrative Officer Ben Rickleman presented the item to the Board. Clearlake City Manager Alan Flora and Lakeport City Manager Kevin Ingram spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved joint Letter Advocating for Opportunity Zones Selection and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

6.10 10:30 A.M. - Presentation by Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) regarding 2026 Strategic Plan and Legislative Platform.

Supervisor Crandell introduced the item to the Board. RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

6.11 11:00 A.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Article 27 of the Lake County Code regarding Commercial Cannabis Regulations

Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board. Senior Planner Mary Claybon, Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan, and Air Pollution Control Director Doug Gearhart spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Trey Sherell, Margaux Kambara, Tom Lajcik, Holly Harris, Charles Morse, Malcolm Dunchee, and Angela Ameral. The following people spoke via Zoom: Skielai Laiwa and Peter Simon. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

There was Board consensus to bring back a discussion on Article 73.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, continued the hearing to April 7, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

- 6.12** 1:00 P.M. - (Sitting as the Lake County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors) Consideration of authorization to take over GAMP Contract Manager duties and establish a private purpose trust fund for GAMP funds

Air Pollution Control Officer Doug Gearhart presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Direction was given to staff to Authorize the LCAQMD to transition into the Contract Manager position under the existing MOU and work with the County Auditor and Treasurer to establish/open a Private Purpose Trust Fund.

- 6.13** 1:15 P.M. - Consideration of a Presentation on H.R. 1

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

- 6.14** 1:30 P.M. - Consideration of Consolidation of the Public Services Department and the Public Works Department

Public Services/ Interim Public Works Director Lars Ewing presented the item to the Board. Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Supervisor Pyska offered the resolution and it passed by roll call vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2026-23

- 6.15** 1:45 P.M. - Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Lake County Community Foundation and Lake County Continuum of Care to Clarify Administrative, Fiscal, and Governance Provisions.

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

- 6.16** ADDENDUM - 2:00 P.M. - Consideration of Letter of Support for a South Lake County Fire Protection District Community Project Funding Request

Supervisor Owen introduced the item to the Board. Cal Fire Chief Paul Duncan spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, approved the letter of support for South Lake County Fire Protection District for the Hidden Valley Lake fire station and authorized the board chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

7. Non-Timed Items

7.1 Supervisors’ weekly calendar, travel and reports

7.2 Consideration of Administrative Office Overview Presentation

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

8. Closed Session

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 4:43 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. having taken no action.

8.1 Public Employee Evaluation:

Title: Registrar of Voters

8.2 Public Employee Evaluation:

Title: Child Support Services Director

8.3 Public Employee Evaluation:

Title: Health Services Director

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

8.4 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Conference with Labor Negotiator: (a) Chief Negotiator: S. Parker; County Negotiators: J. Sloan, S. Carter, C. Moreno, P. Samac and D. Rico; and (b) Employee Organization: Deputy County Counsel Association

8.5 Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1) – Three potential cases

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Johanna DeLong
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors