

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, April 6, 1999

**REGULAR MEETING**

9:00 a.m.: Chairman Hawes called the Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Kehoe  
District No. 2 - Supervisor Fust  
District No. 3 - Supervisor Hawes  
District No. 4 - Supervisor Wilson  
District No. 5 - Supervisor Clarke

County Administrative Officer - Doug Latimer  
County Counsel - Karen Jahr  
Administrative Board Clerk - Lynn Cereghino

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Hawes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Beverly Wade and Russ Wade spoke in opposition to the proposed Knauf plant.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisors Kehoe and Clarke pulled from the Consent Calendar a request from the County Administrative Office regarding letters in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 715 to continue full reimbursement of the State's share of cost for Medicaid services provided by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

Supervisor Clarke suggested that the letters reflect that funding for the Shingletown Medical Clinic and Hill Country Community Clinic would also be in jeopardy without state Medicaid participation. The other Supervisors concurred and staff was asked to redraft the letters.

Supervisor Kehoe suggested that a tracking system be created to determine what affect any letters Shasta County sends may have on the legislature.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

By motion made, seconded (Wilson/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar:

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign letters, as amended, in support of Assembly Bill 715 (Firebaugh) to continue full reimbursement of the State's share of cost for Medicaid services provided by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics. (Administrative Office)

Accepted the Report of the Quality Assurance Review of the Internal Audit Division of the Auditor-Controller's Office. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 30, 1999, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Adopted Resolution No. 99-38 which designates a portion of the Sacramento River as a special-use zone and authorizes the temporary closure of the river from boating and related recreational activities during the 1999 Fourth of July Freedom Festival. (Clerk of the Board)  
(See Resolution Book No. 40)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign amendments to the following leases for the continued use of office space by the District Attorney's Family Support Division: Dean McGregor in the amount of \$2,861.41 per month for office space located at 1800 and 1824 Shasta Street in Redding, and Rudy and Margaret Balma in the amount of \$9,679.55 per month (no increase in the monthly rate) for office space located at 1880 Shasta Street in Redding. (Support Services - Purchasing)

Took the following actions regarding the Lower Gas Point Road at North Fork of Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement Project: adopted Resolution No. 99-39 which adopts a mitigated negative declaration with a de minimis finding, approved the plans and specifications and instructed the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids upon Caltrans' approval of funding, and authorized the opening of bids after a three-week advertising period. (Public Works)  
(See Resolution Book No. 40)

Took the following actions regarding the Vedder Road at Burney Creek Bridge Replacement Project: adopted Resolution No. 99-40 which adopts a mitigated negative declaration, with a de minimis finding, approved the plans and specifications and instructed the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids upon Caltrans' approval of funding, and authorized the opening of bids after a three-week advertising period. (Public Works)  
(See Resolution Book No. 40)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Victor Residential Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$185,179 for youth residential and day rehabilitation services during Fiscal Year 1998-99. (Mental Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a renewal agreement to pay Alameda County up to \$44,310 for specialized residential and treatment services to seriously emotionally disturbed adolescents during Fiscal Year 1998-99. (Mental Health)

Authorized the preparation and submission of a grant application to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs in the amount of \$125,000 annually for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999-2000 through FY 2002-2003 to fund an additional Deputy Probation Officer assigned to the Addicted Offender Court Supervision Program.

**REGULAR CALENDAR****BOARD MATTERS****APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH****MARLENE M. HARRIS****RESOLUTION NO. 99-41**

At the recommendation of Auditor-Controller Rick Graham, and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 99-41 which recognizes Marlene M. Harris, Supervising Accountant in the Office of the Auditor-Controller, as Shasta County's April 1999 Employee of the Month.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

**PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK**

At the recommendation of Joy Willis, 911 Coordinator, and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which recognizes April 4-17, 1999 as National Telecommunicators' Week in Shasta County.

**APPOINTMENTS: FALL RIVER MILLS****FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT****BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors appointed Kathy Ontano for a term to December 1999, replacing Argent Hale, and Randy Scholl for a term to December 2001, replacing Robert Cetta.

It was a concern of the Board that they are required to make so many Special District Board appointments. By consensus, the Supervisors directed Julie Howard, Executive Director of the Local Agency Formation Commission, to write letters to the special district boards informing them of the possibility of their districts being eliminated by the State, unless there are enough people interested in running for election to serve on these boards.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT****ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer reported that staff prepared a letter to Governor Davis in opposition to the loss of funding for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP), which the Board had requested. He also submitted a draft of a letter requested by the County Public Health Officer in support of Senate Bill (SB) 269 regarding increased funding for local communicable disease control.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to sign the letter in opposition to the loss of funding for CMSP, and the letter in support of SB 269.

Supervisors Kehoe, Wilson, and Hawes reported on issues of countywide interest.

**CITY OF REDDING, COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1****AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 15****TAX REVENUE TRANSFERS**

County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer presented the staff report. This matter was continued to the April 13, 1999 meeting, as there were questions regarding the tax rate on the assessed values of the parcels involved in the reorganization. Staff was directed to clarify and resubmit the staff report.

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER****COUNTY CLAIMS**

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$46,092.82 for County operating funds and special districts, as submitted by Auditor-Controller Rick Graham, and authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$825.47 requiring special Board action.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD****MINUTES: MARCH 23, 1999**

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Kehoe), and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 1999, as submitted. Supervisor Wilson abstained from taking action on this matter, because she was absent from the meeting in question.

**ZONE AMENDMENT 99-01**  
**SHASTA COUNTY, COUNTYWIDE AREA**  
**SHASTA COUNTY CODE TEXT (TITLE 17, ZONING)**  
**SHASTA COUNTY CODE ORDINANCE NO. 99-4**

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and carried, the Board of Supervisors enacted Shasta County Code Ordinance No. 99-4 approving Zone Amendment 99-01, Shasta County, Countywide Area, which makes various amendments to the Shasta County Code Text (Title 17, Zoning), as introduced on March 23, 1999. Supervisor Wilson abstained from taking action on this matter because she was absent from the March 23, 1999 meeting.

(See Shasta County Ordinance Code)

**ZONE AMENDMENT 99-02**  
**SHASTA COUNTY, COUNTYWIDE AREA**  
**SHASTA COUNTY ZONING PLAN TEXT**  
**(SHASTA COUNTY CODE TITLE 17)**  
**SHASTA COUNTY CODE ORDINANCE NO. 99-5**

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Fust), and carried, the Board of Supervisors enacted Shasta County Code Ordinance No. 99-5 approving Zone Amendment 99-02, Shasta County, Countywide area, which makes various amendments to the Shasta County Zoning Plan Text (Shasta County Code Title 17) to reflect the recently adopted changes in the Mineral Resource policies of the County General Plan, as introduced on March 23, 1999. Supervisor Wilson abstained from taking action on this matter because she was absent from the March 23, 1999 meeting.

(See Shasta County Ordinance Code)

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**PROPOSED CLOVER CREEK STORM**  
**DRAINAGE RETENTION PROJECT**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 99-42**

At the recommendation of Julie Howard, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency, and Sarah Haddox, Senior Planning of the City of Redding, and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 99-42 which makes required findings and approves the use of redevelopment funds for a proposed Clover Creek Storm Drainage Retention Project.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 99-43**

At the recommendation of Jerry Brown, Executive Director of the Housing and Community Action Program, and Gary Rhoades, Managing Attorney of Legal Services of Northern California, and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 99-43 which designates April 1999 as Fair Housing Month in Shasta County and declares support of the Federal Fair Housing Law.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

**SCHEDULED HEARING**

**APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
RESOLUTION NO. 99-44**

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing and consider an application for \$500,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds for housing rehabilitation. Jerry Brown, Executive Director of the Housing and Community Action Program presented the staff report and recommended approval of this request.

The public hearing was opened, at which time no one spoke for or against the proposal, and the hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions to apply for \$500,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds for housing rehabilitation: adopted Resolution No. 99-44 which approves the application, and approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with the State, if the application is approved.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**REPORT ON SHASTA COUNTY HEALTH STATUS PROFILES FOR 1998**

Dr. Andrew Deckert, Public Health Officer, made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the state of the health of Shasta County residents.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Hawes announced that the Board of Supervisors would recess to a joint Closed Session with the Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer to confer with legal counsel about existing litigation entitled Hufnagel vs. County of Shasta, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (a).

County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer announced that there would be no regular Closed Session necessary for Conference with Labor Negotiator.

**URGENCY ITEM**

At the recommendation of County Counsel Karen Jahr and by motion made, seconded (Fust/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors made a finding of urgency allowing a matter regarding a meeting with the Sheriff's representatives to discuss matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings or a threat to the public's right of access to public services or facilities to be placed on the Closed Session agenda.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the amended Closed Session agenda.

10:45 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to a joint Closed Session and convened as the Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer.

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 8 - PALO CEDRO SEWER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

There was no one wishing to speak at this time.

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10:46 a.m.: The Board of Directors recessed to a joint Closed Session.

11:45 a.m.: The Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer recessed from Closed Session to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors in Open Session at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.: The Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer reconvened in Open Session with all Members, County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer, Assistant County Counsel Michael Ralston, and Administrative Board Clerk Pamela English present.

**AFTERNOON CALENDAR**

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 8 - PALO CEDRO SEWER**

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Assistant County Counsel Michael Ralston announced that the Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer conducted a joint Closed Session with the Board of Supervisors to confer with legal counsel about existing litigation, however, no reportable action was taken.

1:32 p.m.: The Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Assistant County Counsel Michael Ralston announced that the Board of Supervisors conducted a joint Closed Session with the Board of Directors of County Service Area No. 8 - Palo Cedro Sewer to confer with legal counsel about existing litigation, however, no reportable action was taken.

**SCHEDULED HEARINGS**

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - PLANNING DIVISION**

**CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE 99-1**  
**WANDA SKAGGS, ROUND MOUNTAIN AREA**

This was the time set for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing and consider a request from Wanda Skaggs for the issuance of Conditional Certificate of Compliance No. 99-1 recognizing a 7.5-acre parcel as a developable parcel, subject to certain conditions. The affidavit of publication and notice of public hearing are on file.

Marcelino Gonzalez, Associate Planner, presented the staff report explaining that this certificate would remedy a land division violation which appears to have occurred as a result of a tentative map that was filed but never completed. The subsequent owner purchased the property based upon the proposed land division and has requested the certificate in order to receive formal acknowledgment from the County as to the legal status of the parcel. Mr. Gonzalez recommended approval of the project.

Supervisor Clarke expressed concern that in this situation two property owners are being required to pay for this process while the other two property owners involved did not have to go through the same steps and were able to have legally recognized parcels.

Mr. Gonzalez suggested that the Board may wish to continue this matter, direct staff to contact the other property owner, and consider a certificate for both parcels at the same time. He also suggested that another option would be for the Board to take action on this certificate now, and then direct staff to prepare a conditional certificate for the other parcel.

Supervisor Clarke expressed her concern that in these cases, only one property owner would be held to the standards while three others would not.

The public hearing was opened, at which time no one spoke for or against the proposal, and the hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors continued action on Conditional Certificate of Compliance 99-1, Wanda Skaggs, Round Mountain area, to the next meeting to allow staff time to find a more amiable way to address the concerns raised during this meeting.

1:38 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to convene as the Board of Directors of the Shasta County Redevelopment Agency in a Regular Meeting.

1:54 p.m.: The Board of Directors of the Shasta County Redevelopment Agency adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

**WORKSHOP**

**FIRE WARDEN**

**AD HOC TASK FORCE REPORT**  
**COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S**  
**SERVICE LEVEL AND FUNDING**

This was the time set for the Board of Supervisors to conduct a workshop and receive a report from the Fire Warden on the findings and recommendations of the Board's Ad Hoc Task Force regarding service level and funding for the Shasta County Fire Department (County Service Area No. 1 - Fire Protection).

The following is a list of those in attendance who presented information to the Board and/or expressed support of the Task Force recommendations: Fire Warden Duane Fry, Nyle Nulph (Volunteer Fire Chief for Company 50 in Igo and President of the Shasta County Fire Department Chief Officers Association), Rick Sherman (Volunteer Fire Chief for Company 33 in Bella Vista), and Brian Weatherford (Fire Protection Consultant).

The Board Members discussed the following findings of the Task Force with staff and County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer:

1. The current level of funding for the Shasta County Fire Department (SCFD) is inadequate to provide an appropriate level of fire protection services, and the SCFD budget must be increased immediately by at least \$1.6 million in the first year and \$1.2 million in each subsequent year, just to return to an adequate level of service and comply with current safety regulations.
2. The SCFD budget needs to reflect the following program priorities in order to achieve its goals of public safety, firefighter safety, operational efficiency, fiscal cost-effectiveness, and minimal liability exposure: (a) maintenance of the current Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, (b) regulation compliance, (c) volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention, (d) operational efficiencies, and (e) improvement of the level of service.
3. The following issues of importance must be resolved immediately to enable the department to avoid deficit spending: (a) repayment of the general reserve of a cash flow loan (\$85,000), (b) budgeting for audit costs (\$1,500 per year), and (c) provision of adequate protection for the north county area (\$150,000).
4. The Task Force supports the provision of immediate funding for the following Fire Protection System Enhancements, in concept: (a) provide firefighter safety gear, (b) establish a fireground accountability system, (c) provide Volunteer Fire Companies (VFC) operating funds, (d) purchase fire apparatus equipment complement, (e) establish a breathing apparatus compliance program, (f) restore a Training Officer position, (g) increase the volunteer firefighter training budget, (h) establish a VFC facility maintenance and repair program, (i) add Emergency Command Center staff (ISO issue), (j) restore a Fire Marshal position, (k) establish a communications system equipment replacement program, (l) establish a firefighter training incentive program, (m) provide emergency medical services supplies, (n) increase the number of Amador Plan Fire Stations, (o) restore staff on the county fire engine stationed at the Redding Airport, and (p) increase Chief Officer coverage.
5. There is a need to reestablish a county fire station in the south county area as soon as possible.
6. There is a need to purchase new fire/rescue squads.
7. There is a need to provide additional funds over the next five years to improve operational efficiency.

The following recommendations from the Task Force were also discussed:

1. The County should pursue the development of a new ballot measure to establish a benefit charge and/or fee to fund fire/rescue squads.
2. The Board of Supervisors should analyze available General Fund discretionary dollars to establish countywide priorities.
3. The County should explore the establishment of a Transient Occupancy Tax on houseboats to help fund fire/rescue services on Lake Shasta.
4. The County should explore the potential for a countywide add-on to the vehicle license fees to help fund fire/rescue/EMS services related to motor vehicle use.
5. The Board of Supervisors should adopt a policy encouraging corporate sponsorships with the SCFD.

It was the hope of the Task Force that this workshop would provide the Board with the maximum amount of information available before being asked to take action at a subsequent meeting. No action was requested or taken during this workshop.

3:34 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

CAROLYN TAYLOR  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy