

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014
Closed Session – 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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The Agenda is divided into three sections:

CONSENT CALENDAR – These matters include routine financial and administrative action and usually are approved by a single vote.

SCHEDULED ITEMS – These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings.

REGULAR CALENDAR – These items include significant policy and administration actions. Immediately after approval of the CONSENT CALENDAR, if the time of the hearing of SCHEDULED ITEMS has not arrived, the REGULAR CALENDAR will be considered.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

9:00 A. M.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA-
TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON**

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): 1) California Clean Energy Committee v. County of Merced, Real Parties in Interest Bob Borba, aka Bobby Borba, an individual; Bob Borba Dairy, Merced Superior Court Case No. CVM017121; 2) Olguin v. County of Merced, Merced Superior Court Case No. CVM013655

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One case

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 9:00 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. WITH SUPERVISOR O'BANION NOT PRESENT, AND THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)

10:00 A. M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to five minutes per person)

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR (Items #1 - 22)

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC WORKS - PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED RESOLUTION

To consider resolution adjusting the public facility fees for the unincorporated area located within the City of Merced sphere of influence.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Open Public Hearing and accept public comments; 2) Close Public Hearing; 3) Adopt Resolution adjusting the public facilities

impact fees for the unincorporated area located within the City of Merced Sphere of Influence; and 4) Direct the Clerk of the Board to record resolution.

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REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, Board of Supervisors Members

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items # 1-22)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

Public Works

1. Adopt Resolution for the Notice of Intention to Vacate a portion of Schropp Drive and Rob Court, located in the Franklin-Beachwood area; and Set a Public Hearing for March 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to hear evidence offered by persons interested.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11

2. Adopt Resolution prohibiting the stopping of vehicles on Lake Road, from Bellevue Road north to Yosemite Lake Regional Park, in the Merced area; and authorize staff to install and maintain "No Stopping" signs along said portion of Lake Road.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-12

3. Approve the preparation of a feasibility study to Harden Dormitories at the John Latorraca Adult Correctional Facility; authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Project Supplement to Contract No. 2013160 to Teter Architects and Engineers in the amount of \$25,370 for a feasibility study; direct Public Works and Sheriff/Corrections to return to the Board with the results of the study; and approve the related budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

Ag. Commissioner

4. Approve budget transfer in the amount of \$52,000 to cover unanticipated increase in non-contracted veterinary services and pest control costs. (4/5 Vote Required)
5. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2008252 with Calif. Dept. of Food and Ag. for inspection of incoming high risk plant material; and adopt resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-13

6. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2010115 with Calif. Dept. of Food and Ag. to provide for Asian Citrus Psyllid pest detection trapping and survey activities; and adopt resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

Health

7. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2013246 with Calif. Dept. of Public Health - Office of AIDS extending HIV Care services.

Mental Health

8. Approve budget transfer in the amount of \$4,000 for two cubicles for Merced Outpatient Access Workers for safety concerns.

9. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2011164 with the State of Calif. Dept. of Rehabilitation to update the Certified Expenditure documents; and adopt resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

10. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2013150 with Merced County Community Action Agency to add Outpatient Health Services to the implementation of Project Home Start; and approve the related budget transfer.
11. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2012115 with California Institute for Mental Health for consulting and training services, updating the Scope of Services to include program evaluation services; and approve the related budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

Community & Economic Dev.

12. Approve budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 to appropriate funds from the donation received from PG&E for the purpose of supporting the County with its Economic Development Program by increasing funds for travel, membership and staff development. Board Approved acceptance of donation 11/26/13. (4/5 Vote Required)

Auditor

13. Set public hearing for March 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. regarding submitted plans for the District Attorney and Sheriff's Office for the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program pursuant to Government Code 30061(c)(1).

Sheriff

14. Approve and authorize the donation of two canine Ballistic Vests from the Police & Working K-9 Foundation costing an estimated \$1,286 each.

Executive Office

15. Approve travel request received from Sheriff and Public Health as recommended by Executive Office.

Board Recognition

16. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Frank Scesa for being selected by the Gustine Historical Society for Contributions and Dedication to the Citizens of Gustine.
17. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Heritage Management for Ribbon Cutting and Open House.
18. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to The Village Post Office for Grand Opening.
19. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Mike Chaty for 28 years of dedicated service to the California Highway Patrol.
20. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to various individuals with the Merced Police Explorer Post 204 for hours of services.

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21. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Our Lady of Mercy School for Catholic Schools Week.

22. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Fire Chief Michael McLaughlin for dedicated service to the Citizens of Merced.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

23. Approve the Planada Community Center Remodel Project for use by the Human Services Agency; and approve related budget transfer.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

24. Contract with Atwater Electric for Special Services for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014021 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

HEALTH

25. Memorandum of Understanding with Dignity Health, dba Mercy Medical Center for chronic disease self-management services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014022 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

MENTAL HEALTH

26. Approve the Permanent Supportive Housing renewal applications for Project Home Start and Project Hope Westside, as part of the County's portion of the 2013 Merced County Continuum of Care Plan; and upon approval of either housing application, by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, authorize the Department to return to the Board for approval of grant agreements.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5
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27. Authorize the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of Mental Health Department to initiate a Request for Proposal to secure qualified providers for implementation of the Mental Health Services Act-Prevention and Early Intervention, Integrated Primary Care and Mental Health Program, to select the most qualified bidders, negotiate agreements; and return to the Board for final award of contracts.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

28. Approve and authorize for submission to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission the Mental Health Services Act 2013-2014 Program Update, including all comments and any updates from the January 14, 2014 Mental Health Board Public Hearing; authorize the Auditor-Controller to sign the necessary documents in this Program Update certifying fiscal accountability of the Mental Health Services Act Programs; and authorize the Acting Mental Health Director to sign all necessary documents for submission of the Program Update.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

29. Contract with Unilab Corporation, dba Quest Diagnostics to provide laboratory testing for consumers at all Mental Health Department facilities.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014023 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

30. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Subvention Certificate of Compliance to apply and qualify for the current fiscal year subvention fund for Veteran Services.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

31. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance to apply and qualify for the current fiscal year subvention funds for Veteran Services.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV.

32. Contract with Sierra Air Center Development, LLC (SACD) for lease of Building 1015 at Castle Airport.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014020 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

33. Authorize the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Child Support Services to prepare/release a RFP for process serving services, select the most responsive vendor, and negotiate an agreement; and return to the Board with the final agreement upon review of County Counsel.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

34. Authorize the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Child Support Services to prepare/release a RFP for genetic testing services, select the most responsive vendor, and negotiate an agreement; and return to the Board with the final agreement upon review of County Counsel.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

FIRE

35. Adopt Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to drought.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

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36. Authorize the Merced County Office of Emergency Services to accept the FY13 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program supplemental award in the amount of \$180,000; authorize Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with Administrative Services, to start the Request for Proposal process for audio visual equipment and services for installation in the EOC, and direct Administrative Services to return to the Board with the agreement, upon review by County Counsel for the final approval and signature; and approve the related budget transfers. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014024 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

37. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

AUDITOR

38. Contract with Capital Partnerships Inc. for project management services of the County's Finance/Human Resources/Payroll system implementation services.

**AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2014025 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4
NOT PRESENT: 5**

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

39. Request the Board appoint Vanessa Jimenez to the Merced County Youth Council as a Representative Representing Youth.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

HUMAN RESOURCES

40. **(1)** Approve FY 13/14 Mid-Year Personnel Modifications as follows: 1) Assessor - Budget Unit 11200, change Chief Auditor Appraiser (Pos 2) to Supervising Appraiser; change Appraiser Assistant (Pos 11) to Assistant Title Technician; 2) Community & Economic Dev. - Budget Units 18200/28500, change Business Operations Manager (Pos 4) to Fiscal Manager; delete Staff Fiscal Analyst (Pos 19) Budget Unit 18200; change Code Compliance Manager (Pos 18) to Business Development Manager (Title Only); establish Code Compliance Supervisor, change Support Services Assistant (Pos 9) to Code Compliance Supervisor Budget Unit 28500; 3) Mental Health - Budget Unit 41500, change Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 253) (B/U 41503) to Quality Assurance Specialist; re-establish and add Compliance Officer; and change Management Analyst I/II/II (Pos 391) to Staff Services Analyst I/II (B/U 41506); 4) Library - Budget Unit 60000, change Library Coordinator (Pos 46) to Literacy Coordinator (Title Only), change Library Assistant I/II (Pos 9) to Account Clerk I/II; 5) Public Works - Budget Unit 70200, change Parks Caretaker I (Pos 5) to Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II; **(2)** Re-establish the classification of County Compliance Officer as Compliance Officer at range 79.8 and establish the classification of Code Compliance Supervisor; **(3)** Approve the modifications to the Business Development Manager and Literacy Coordinator classification specifications; and **(4)** Approve the amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution and Salary Allocation Resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NOS. 2014-17 (POSITION) AND 2014-18 (SALARY) AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3, 4 NOT PRESENT: 5

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

41. Approve the 2014 Legislative Agenda with any revisions recommended by the Board of Supervisors; authorize the Board Chair and County Executive Officer to periodically provide letters of support or opposition as needed based on any benefit or detriment to the County of Merced; and direct staff to forward the 2014 Legislative Agenda to the Merced County's legislative representative and advocates.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

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42. Designate Vincent Andrade as Acting County Public Defender and approve a 10% increase effective immediately.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

43. Recognize April 6-13, 2014 as Volunteer Week in order to coincide with National Volunteer Week; direct staff to coordinate applications, nominations and the screening committee; set March 12, 2014 as the deadline to receive applications/nominations; and set April 8, 2014

as the date for awarding the Volunteer Recognition and Service Program certificates.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

44. Authorize \$2000 of District One's Special Board Project Funds to be forwarded to Le Grand High School to assist with the cost of equipment and supplies for the Baseball Team.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

45. Approve and adopt the 2014 Board Assignments as designated.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

46. Approve amendments to the Retirement Board By-Laws as submitted.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

47. Reappoint Carrie Grissom, representing Nurse Category, to serve as a member of the Emergency Medical Care Committee until June 30, 2015.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

48. Appoint Evelyn Silveira, representing District 4, to serve on the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council until June 30, 2017.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

49. Reappoint Keith Isozaki, Deborah Keenan and Tom Clendenin to serve as members of the Housing Advisory & Building Code Board of Appeals, until March 26, 2017.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

50. Appoint Duane Brehm to serve as a member of the Los Banos Cemetery District, serving until June 7, 2015.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: 1, 2, 3 NOT PRESENT: 4, 5

51. Mental Health Department re: 21st Annual Youth to Youth Conference on March 22, 2014 at Buhach Colony High School in Atwater, California.
52. Merced County Mosquito Abatement District re: December 2013 Manager's Report.
53. Central California Alliance for Health re: Annual Report of the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care Commission for 2013.
54. Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Regulatory Action relative to subsection (b)(91.1) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Klamath/Trinity rivers sport fishing, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 31, 2014.
55. Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to Section 632, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to marine protected areas, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 24, 2014.
56. Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife re: Notice of status review of the Townsend's Big-Eared Bat pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6.

57. Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife re: Notice of status review of the Northern Spotted Owl pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2074.6.
58. State of Calif. Wildlife Conservation Board re: San Joaquin River Bypass Riparian Restoration Project Merced County ID: 2013181.

THE BOARD RECESSED TO MEET AS AN IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND RECONVENED TO MEET AS A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF JOE SABO, HUBERT WALSH, MARCIA LANGSTON, AND MARIE CABRAL AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 25, 2014

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2014-02-25 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

Allen Spencer, Merced resident, speaks regarding a letter he received in response to a complaint he submitted pertaining to Sheriff vehicles parked in a no parking zone. Mr. Spencer submits a printout of a vehicle code and a copy of the letter sent to him by Merced County Counsel. Victoria Castillo, Merced resident and member of California Campaigns to End Police Terror, speaks regarding her husband, Richard Yanez Castillo Jr., who is currently in custody at the Merced Jail, and states he needs medical assistance. Jesse Ornelas, member of California Campaigns to End Police Terror and National Brown Beret member, gives thanks for peace march held in Planada.

Present: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh, Kelsey

Not Present: O'Banion

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2014-02-25 PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC HEARING**

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider proposed Resolution to adjust the public facility fees for the unincorporated area located within the City of Merced sphere of influence.

Public Works Director Dana Hertfelder reviews the staff report and informs the Board that the new fees represent a 3.3 percent increase from 2012.

The Chairman opens the public hearing and asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak.

The Chairman closes the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Walsh, seconded by Supervisor Davis, duly carried, the Board Adopts Resolution No. 2014-10 adjusting the public facilities impact fees for the unincorporated area located within the City of Merced Sphere of Influence; and directs the Clerk of the Board to record Resolution.

Ayes: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh

Not Present: O'Banion

CONSENT ITEM NO. 20 **2014-02-25 BOARD RECOGNITION**

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor Walsh, duly carried, the Board authorizes Certificates of Recognition to the following individuals for their dedicated service to Merced Police Department Explorer Post 204: Benjamin Anguiano, 101 hours; Monique Anguiano, 122 hours; Cristal Arizmendi, 70 hours; Mark Barroso, 236 hours; Abraham Bustos, 269 hours; Gabriela Bustos, 261 hours; Adrian Cardenas, 27 hours; Joshua Castillo, 226 hours; John Chang, 220 hours; Kevin Chang, 214 hours; Kevin Dutra, 225 hours; Adrian Evangelista, 255 hours; Jaquelin Gudino, 149 hours; Deon Herr, 176 hours; Leon Herr, 191 hours; Brenda Higareda, 208

hours; Kyle Hooten, 185 hours; Janique Johnson, 74 hours; Robert Justice, 216 hours; Mai Lee, 80 hours; Ta Lee, 220 hours; Viangkaeo Lee, 199 hours; Jenny Lor, 187 hours; Olivia McCoy, 54 hours; Alicia Mejia, 225 hours; Marisa Mejia, 50 hours; Kaleb Montgomery, 313 hours; Nestor Morales, 111 hours; Brandon Moua, 129 hours; Asia Reyna, 96 hours; Brennen Reyna, 96 hours; Naomi Romero, 28 hours; Manuel Rodriguez, 210 hours; Shelby Sigh, 302 hours; Hope Stokes, 206 hours; Chai Thor, 14 hours; Richard Vang, 232 hours; Wesley Weeks, 64 hours; Justin Woodley, 211 hours; Amanda Xiong, 172 hours; Cheng Xiong, 173 hours; Julie Xiong, 189 hours; Tom Xiong, 205 hours; Tou Xiong, 136 hours; Vanessa Xiong, 210 hours; John Yang, 17 hours; and Travell Zavala, 230 hours.

Ayes: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh, Kelsey

Not Present: O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 26

2014-02-25 MENTAL HEALTH

The Clerk announces the Permanent Supportive Housing renewal applications for Project Home Start and Project Hope Westside is before the Board for consideration.

Acting Director of Mental Health Scott De Moss informs the Board that this item is the Continuum of Care grant and states that during the process it was brought to their attention that the paperwork before the Board states that services are requested for veterans on the Westside; however, the grant documents do not address veterans. Mr. De Moss states that the reference of veterans on the Board Agenda Item document is a misidentification. He further states that HUD and the Veteran's Administration have addressed the veteran population through the use of HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers to assist with housing. Mr. De Moss informs the Board that the focus of this grant is the mental health component to identify those individuals who are chronically homeless who have either an alcohol and drug or mental illness.

Upon motion of Supervisor Walsh, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried, the Board approves the Permanent Supportive Housing renewal applications for Project Home Start and Project Hope Westside, as part of the County's portion of the 2013 Merced County Continuum of Care Plan; and upon approval of either housing application, by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, authorize the Department to return to the Board for approval of grant agreements.

Ayes: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh, Kelsey

Not Present: O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 35

2014-02-25 FIRE

The Clerk announces a Resolution proclaiming existence of a local emergency due to drought is before the Board for consideration. The Clerk informs the Board that a Supplemental document in the form of a powerpoint was received as part of the record.

Battalion Chief Jeremy Rahn provides short overview regarding the drought. Mr. Rahn reviews powerpoint and covers the following: U.S. Drought Monitor-California/Merced County D3 Extreme & D4 Exceptional Intensity; Reservoir Levels; Merced County OES; State Advance/Strategic Planning; and Federal Resources. Mr. Rahn references Ready.gov as a resource of information on how to be prepared for a disaster.

Ag Commissioner Dave Robinson addresses the Board stating that we are in the third year of a drought. He addresses the Board regarding impacts of the drought on the cattle industry, rangeland, and employment. He states that we are looking at some significant economic losses.

Management Analyst Mike North reviews the remainder of the powerpoint covering U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook and Conservation, and informs the Board of what Merced County is doing as an organization to address the drought and water conservation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor Kelsey, duly carried, the Board adopts Resolution No. 2014-16 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to drought.

Ayes: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh, Kelsey

Not Present: O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 41

2014-02-25 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Clerk announces the 2014 Legislative Agenda is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Walsh informs the Board that a paragraph has been added regarding the negative effect of the air quality in our area. He states that extreme weather conditions should qualify as an exceptional event under the Clean Air Act.

Upon motion of Supervisor Walsh, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried, the Board adopts and approves the 2014 Legislative Agenda; authorizes the Board Chair and County Executive Officer to periodically provide letters of support or opposition as needed based on any benefit or detriment to the county of Merced; and directs staff to forward the 2014 Legislative Agenda to Merced County's legislative representatives and advocates.

Ayes: Davis, Pedrozo, Walsh

Not Present: Kelsey, O'Banion