



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Regular Meeting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016**

Closed Session – 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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**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 THREE MINUTES PER PERSON**

**CLOSED SESSION:**It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 concerning a Conference with County of Merced Staff Negotiators concerning negotiations with: Merced County Deputy Sheriff Association (DSA), Unit 10; Merced County Public Safety Services Unit (MCPSSU), Unit 14. Agency Negotiator: Marci Barrera

**CLOSED SESSION:**It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Librarian

**THE BOARD RECESSED AT 9:00 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, AND THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION**

## **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 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 THREE MINUTES PER PERSON)**

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**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR (ITEMS #1 - 22)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **PUBLIC WORKS - PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

To consider the proposed ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Membership Requirements of a Local Area Recreation Committee” (Amends and Supersedes Ordinance 1917)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1) Waive further reading of the ordinance; 2) Open Public Hearing and receive public comments; 3) Close the Public Hearing; 4) Adopt Ordinance reducing

the Planada Recreation Committee members from 7 to 5.

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**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

To consider approving Zone Code Text Amendment No ZCTA16-001 and adoption of the proposed ordinance amending Merced County Code Chapter 18.26 (Industrial Zones), Section 18.26.020 (Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements), Table 18-10 (Manufacturing Zones/Land Use Permits Guide), to allow emergency shelters in industrial zones; and Chapter 18.56, Section 18.56.010 (Definitions and Construction of Words and Phrases) to revise the emergency shelter definition and to add transitional housing and supportive housing definitions under community care facility.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) Waive further reading of the ordinance; 2) Open the Public Hearing and receive public comments; 3) Close the Public Hearing; 4) Find the Zone Code Text Amendment is exempt from CEQA Guidelines under Section 15061 (b)(3); 5) Adopt Ordinance amending Chapter 18.26, Section 18.26.020, Table 18-10; and Chapter 18.56 of the Merced County Code.

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**HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE STUDY SESSION:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1) Receive presentation from Mintier Harnish on the Housing Element Update; 2) Confer among Board members and provide direction to the consultant and County Staff on the desired goals, policies, and programs of the draft Housing Element Update; 3) Allow the public opportunity to speak concerning the draft goals, policies, and programs; and 4) Direct the consultants and staff to make any specified changes to the proposed Housing Element Update draft and submit to California Department of Housing and Community Development for their review.

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**REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items # 1-22)**

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

Public Works

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment to Project Supplement 15 to Contract No. 2007256 with Environmental Science Associates for the Burchell Avenue at Duck Slough Bridge Replacement Project.
2. Approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$4,350,000 to add appropriation to the Atwater-Merced Expressway fixed asset to cover the remainder of the construction contract. (4/5 Vote Required)

### Ag. Commissioner

3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2010115 with California Department of Food and Agriculture to provide for Asian Citrus Psyllid pest detection trapping and survey activities.

### Health

4. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2007078 with Air Methods Corporation to provide exclusive air ambulance services.

### Mental Health

5. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2015218 with Casa Del Sol, Inc. for client board and care services.
6. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2013226 with Jackson & Coker LocumTenens, LLC for the placement of licensed psychiatrists on a limited basis and will include the use of Telehealth services for the 2015-2016 portion of the contract; and return to the Board for further action once the vacant Staff Psychiatrist positions are filled.
7. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2015046 with Calaveras County for inpatient services at the Marie Green Psychiatric Health Facility.
8. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2014201 (State Agreement No. 14-90071) with Department of Health Care Services for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services; and adopt resolution to approve and authorize execution of the Standard Agreement.

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17A**

### Human Services Agency

9. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2014194 with Merced County Office of Education for the services of a Child Development Specialist.
10. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Interdepartmental Amendment Contract No. 2007091 with Merced County Counsel for departmental legal services.
11. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2015052 (State Revenue Contract #MI-1517-31) with California Department of Aging for a Medicare Improvement for Patient and Provider Act Program; adopt resolution and approve related budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18**

### Sheriff

12. Approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$75,000 to purchase one additional Animal Services Truck. (4/5 Vote Required)

### Community and Economic Development

13. Set a Public Hearing for March 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., to recommend amendment of the agricultural preserve with reference to six parcels, resulting from three Property Line Adjustments and one Minor Subdivision (Convey and Combine), located at: 1) the North side of W. Oak Avenue, one half mile West of N. Buhach Road in the Merced area; 2) the

South side of W. El Capitan Way, 0.65 miles West of N. Cortez Avenue in the Delhi area; 3) the Southeast corner of Eucalyptus Road and Aubrey Avenue in the Dos Palos area; and 4) the West side of S. Highway 33, 0.3 miles North of W. Husman Road in the Gustine area, as per the requirements of the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act) Section 51200 et seq. of the California Government Code.

#### Executive Office

14. Approve travel requests received from Human Services Agency, Sheriff, and Auditor-Controller as recommended by Executive Office.
15. Act on Claim for Damages received from Jesus Soto Lopez as recommended by Risk Management and County Counsel.

#### Board of Supervisors

16. Approve minutes for March 17, 2015, April 21, 2015, April 21, 2015 1:30 pm, May 5, 2015, May 12, 2015, June 2, 2015, June 16, 2015, June 16, 2015-Proposed Budget, July 7, 2015, July 7, 2015-IHSS, July 21, 2015, August 4, 2015, August 18, 2015, August 18, 2015-Final Budget, September 1, 2015, September 15, 2015, October 6, 2015, October 20, 2015, October 20, 2015-IHSS, November 3, 2015, November 17, 2015, November 17, 2015-IHSS, November 17, 2015-Addendum, November 24, 2015-Claims Board, December 8, 2015, December 8, 2015-IHSS, December 15, 2015, and December 15, 2015-IHSS.

#### Board Recognition

17. Authorize Proclamation in recognition of Black History Month in Merced County for February 2016.
18. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Our Lady of Mercy School in recognition of Catholic Schools Week.
19. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to various individuals for their accomplishments in the Merced/Mariposa FFA Project Competition.

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20. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to Amanda Skidmore, Atwater High; Madison Osborn, Buhach Colony; Courtney Alvares, El Capitan; Elexxas Hernandez, Golden Valley; Alondra Olivares, Livingston High; Georgia Scheidt, Merced High and Eliza Amstutz, Mariposa High for being selected as Good Citizen of the Year.
21. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Deli Delicious for Grand Opening.
22. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to PFC William Cecil Stephens for being awarded the WWII Purple Heart Medal.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

#### **BOARD ACTION**

#### PUBLIC WORKS

23. Contract with McDonough, et al. for acquisition of an access easement needed to finalize the Van Clief Road over East Side Canal Bridge Replacement Project; 2) Authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for purchase of real property listing the terms and

conditions of the acquisition; 3) Adopt Resolution accepting the easement deed; and 4) Approve payment to Fidelity National Title Company for the agreed value of the property plus escrow and any other transaction fees.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2016036 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

24. Accept the Final Map for Villa Cordoba Unit No. 2, Phase 1, Major Subdivision No. 07002, located in the Hilmar Community Plan area.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

25. Adopt resolution accepting the engineer's report and forming Major Subdivision No. 07002 into the Villa Cordoba Unit 2 Park Maintenance Zone of Benefit #128 in County Service Area No. 1.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

26. Approve the increase in the project budget for the Human Services Agency Tenant Improvements at Castle Commerce Center; 2) Authorize the Board to award the construction contract to Harris Builders; 3) Authorize the Chairman to execute said construction contract upon review of County Counsel; and 4) Approve related budget transfers.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

**HEALTH**

27. Contract with Zoll Data Systems, Inc. for the Computer Aided Dispatch System digital geographic mapping upgrade; and approve related Budget Transfer.

**AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2016037 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

28. Approve the Permanent Supportive Housing renewal applications for Project Home Start and Project Hope Westside, as part of the County's portion of the 2015 Merced County Continuum of Care Plan; 2) Upon approval of either housing application by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, authorize the Department to return to the Board for approval of grant agreements.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

29. Contract with Regents of the University of California for clinical learning experience for medical student interns from UC Davis.

**AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2016038 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

30. Authorize Mental Health to apply for California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant funds, for Peer Respite Care Programs; return to the Board for any subsequent approval related actions necessary for implementation of the grant project.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

31. Authorize Mental Health to apply for California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Investment in Mental Health Wellness 5th Round Grant funds, for Crisis Stabilization programs; return to the Board for any subsequent approval related actions necessary for implementation of the grant project.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

32. Authorize the Dept. of Administrative Services, in conjunction with Human Services Agency, to initiate the procurement process for counseling services; return to the Board with the negotiated agreement between the department and provider, upon review by County Counsel for final contract approval and signature.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**  
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COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

33. Authorize the Dept. of Administrative Services, in coordination with the Community and Economic Development Dept. to prepare and release a Request for Proposal for services of a qualified contractor to provide Grant Writing, Administration and Implementation of Housing Programs and return to the board for contract approval.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

34. Contract with Godinho Dairy LP for the consultant, Environmental Planning Partners, Inc., to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Godinho Dairy Expansion project (CUP15-018).

**AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2016039 AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

35. Contract with Environmental Planning Partners, Inc. to prepare tasks for an Environmental Impact Report for the Godinho Dairy Expansion project (CUP15-018).

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NO. 2016040 AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

ELECTIONS

36. Adopt resolution to call for an election on June 21, 2016 to fill the Merced County Employees' Retirement Association Board seat set to expire June 30, 2016 for the #3 General Member for the new term commencing July 1, 2016.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21 AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

SPRING FAIR

37. 1) Request that the Board approve a cash flow loan to Spring Fair from the General Fund of up to \$1,000,000 bearing an interest rate equal to the rate earned by the Merced County Treasury, with loan repayments made as payments are received from the buyers, prior to October 31, 2016; 2) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to utilize \$8,000 of the loan proceeds to increase Spring Fair's change fund for operation of the 2016 Fair. Spring Fair will return the \$8,000 at the close of the fair; 3) Approve related budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

38. Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED    AYES: ALL**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

39. Recognize April 10-16, 2016 as National Volunteer Week; direct staff to coordinate applications, nominations and the screening committee; set March 29, 2016 as the deadline

to receive applications/nominations; set April 26, 2016 as the date for awarding the Volunteer Recognition and Service Program certificates.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

40. Approve the 2016 Legislative Agenda with any revisions as recommended by the Board of Supervisors; authorize the Board Chair and County Executive Office 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 2016 Legislative Agenda to Merced County's legislative representatives and advocates.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

**REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 14**

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

41. Authorize \$500 of District One's Special Board Project Funds to be forwarded to the Livingston Knights of Columbus to support their Annual Kite Festival.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 4, 5 ABSTAIN: 3**

42. Authorize \$500 of District One's Special Board Project Funds to be forwarded to the Le Grand High School for the Denise Flores-Buiton Scholarship Fund.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 4, 5 ABSTAIN: 3**

43. Authorize \$800 of District One's Special Board Project Funds to be forwarded to the Planada Community Services District for the purchase of a lawnmower.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 4, 5 ABSTAIN: 3**

44. Approve San Luis Water District Amended Bylaws as submitted.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 1, 2, 4, 5 ABSTAIN: 3**

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

45. Appoint Theresa Azevedo to the Nurse Representative position of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, until June 30, 2019.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

46. Appoint Bessie Castillo to serve as a member of the Le Grand Municipal Advisory Council, to fill an unexpired term, until December 7, 2018.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

47. Appoint Amelia Johnson to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Commission, representing District Two, until August 31, 2018.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

48. Reappoint Barbara Heller to serve on the Winton Cemetery District, until February 18, 2020.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

49. Reappoint Mark Erreca to serve as a member of the Planning Commission, representing District Five, until October 1, 2019.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**



**BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

**ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

**AYES: ALL**

50. Dept. of Administrative Services re: purchase of headsets for the Sheriff Department pursuant to Ordinance 1678, Chapter 5.12.040 and which fall under category 1: Purchase of headsets from Television Equipment Associates Inc.
51. Fish & Game Commission re: Notice of Proposed Emergency Action to close all fishing in the Sacramento River from 650 feet below Keswick Dam to the Highway 44 Bridge to protect endangered Winter-Run Chinook Salmon.
52. Cal OES re: on February 10, 2016, the U.S. Small Business Administration amended its February 2, 2016, declaration #14609 to include the primary counties of Monterey, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Ventura and the contiguous counties of Fresno, Los Angeles, and Merced as disaster area.
53. Mosquito Abatement District re: Manager's Report for January 2016.

**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 JoANN CHAVEZ, LUPE GARCIA, DON HALE, SANDY SANCHEZ, MAURICE TREJO, LAURA SIMAS, VICTOR MARQUES, AND PATRICIA DELERIO, AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

## BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2016

### **10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

#### **2016-03-01 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

Karen Adams, Treasurer-Tax Collector speaks regarding a State Committee she serves on which is currently working with the State Controller's Office to establish statewide requirements for municipalities to follow for best practices related to solar contracts issued to authorized vendors to be placed on the tax roll. She also speaks regarding banking issues related to the Cannabis industry. Ms. Adams states that she will provide a complete update at the next Board meeting on March 22, 2016.

Jeremiah Castillo, speaks regarding his father (Richard Yanez Castillo, Jr.) who is incarcerated. He states that in the past his father has mailed him a birthday card, but he did not receive his card this year.

Victoria Castillo, speaks regarding her husband, Richard Yanez Castillo, Jr. who is incarcerated. She states she is raising two children on her own. She further states that in November 2014, her husband was placed in a segregated area for over a year and is now in a regular housing unit. She states a claim for grievance was filed but questioned what happened to it. She requests that the mail system be fixed.

County Executive Officer James Brown announced Chief Probation Officer Scott Ball's retirement, and states Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Jeff Kettering was sworn in yesterday as the Interim Chief Probation Officer.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Jeff Kettering introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Kettering states he has worked for Scott Ball for the past five years, and he looks forward to serving the County as the Interim Chief Probation Officer.

### **10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

#### **2016-03-01 PUBLIC WORKS – PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 1941**

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled Amending Membership Requirements of a Local Area Recreation Committee (Amends and Supersedes Ordinance No. 1917).

Public Works Director Dana Hertfelder reviews the staff report.

Upon a motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor McDaniel, duly carried, the Board waives further reading of the ordinance.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

The Chairman opens the public hearing and asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak. No one speaks. The Chairman closes the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried the Board adopts Ordinance No. 1941 entitled Amending Membership Requirements of Local Area Recreation Committees (Amends and Supersedes Ordinance No. 1917).

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

**10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

**2016-03-01 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 1942**

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider Zone Code Text Amendment No. ZCTA16-001 and adoption of the proposed ordinance amending Merced County Code Chapter 18.26 (Industrial Zones), Section 18.26.020 (Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements), Table 18-10 (Manufacturing Zones/Land Use Permits Guide), to allow emergency shelters in industrial zones; and Chapter 18.56, Section 18.56.010 (Definitions and Construction of Words and Phrases) to revise the emergency shelter definition and to add transitional housing and supportive housing definitions under community care facility.

Community and Economic Development Director Mark Hendrickson reviews the staff report.

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried, the Board waives further reading of the Ordinance.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

The Chairman opens the public hearing and asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak. No one speaks. The Chairman closes the public hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Kelsey, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried, the Board finds the Zone Code Text Amendment is exempt from CEQA Guidelines under Section 15061(b)(3); adopts Ordinance No. 1942 entitled Amending Merced County Code, Chapter 18.26, entitled "Industrial Zones", Section 18.26.02, "Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements" Table 18-10 "Manufacturing Zones/Land Use Permits Guide" and Chapter 18.56 "Definitions and Construction of Words and Phrases"; to allow emergency shelters in the Industrial Zones and to revise the emergency shelter definition and to add transitional housing and supportive housing definitions under community care facility.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

**10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

**2016-03-01 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE STUDY SESSION**

The Clerk announces the Housing Element Study Update Study Session is before the Board for consideration, and there are three Supplementals provided by Community and Economic Development which are available for the public.

Community and Economic Development Director Mark Hendrickson provides an overview of the Housing Element Update. He states that Mintier Harnish will give a powerpoint presentation on the Housing Element Update.

Oksana Newman, Deputy Director of Planning, gives a powerpoint presentation (Supplemental #1) on the Housing Element Update and reviews: Housing Element Overview,

Housing Element Contents, Housing Policies and Programs Overview, Public Participation, Regional Housing Needs Allocation, How will Merced County meet the RHNA?, Existing Capacity, Next Steps, Project Schedule and Questions.

Supervisor Walsh questions if Public Notices were sent to municipalities in our county.

Ms. Newman states they will confirm and provide information to the Board.

Abigail Reyes states she appreciates the analysis work on this project. She speaks regarding AB857, Policy 1.4 of the Proposed Housing Element Change, and insufficient farmworker housing.

Supervisor Pedrozo comments on lack of farmworker housing in Planada, questions the appropriate way to address the issue.

Bill Nicholson, Consultant to the Community and Economic Development Department, states that Planada has Self-Help Enterprises that might be a resource. He states that in the future if land is available, there may be options. Mr. Nicholson spoke about CDBG, Home Funds and rental assistance programs.

Supervisor Kelsey states that there are affordable housing projects she has looked at, and there is funding available. She further states that a private backer is necessary. Supervisor Kelsey uses McFarland, the retired farmworker housing project as an example and states there is lots of opportunity but funding is the key.

Supervisor O'Banion states this is a big issue, and that Self-Help has assisted families in incorporated cities to build homes. States that residents in Dos Palos that utilized Self-Help take good care of their homes.

Supervisor McDaniel states that he was a part of the Housing Element Update meetings and that the mid-level type of housing (rentals, apartments and townhouses) was not addressed in the presentation.

Chelsey Norton Payne, Project Manager with Mintier Harnish, responds and states Supervisor McDaniel is correct, and the housing policy supports a broad range of housing.

Supervisor Walsh agrees with Supervisor Kelsey's comments and states there is a critical need for affordable housing.

Mark Hendrickson, Community and Economic Development Director, states that the next step would be to determine if the Board approves the submittal of the Housing Element Update Draft to California Department of Housing and Community Development for initial review.

Upon motion of Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried the Board directs staff to submit the Housing Element Update Draft to California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

**CONSENT ITEM NO. 19**

**2016-03-01 BOARD RECOGNITION**

Upon motion of Supervisor Pedrozo, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried, the Board authorizes Certificates of Recognition to individuals for their accomplishments in the Merced/Mariposa FFA Project Competition: Audrey Esau-Atwater High/Gold Award, Emma Reyes-Atwater High/Gold Award, Austin Burris-Atwater High/Gold Award, Katelyn Baptista-Atwater High/ Gold Award, Juliet Montanez-Atwater High/Gold Award, Daniel Mesa-Atwater High/Gold Award, Courtney Creighton-Atwater High/Silver Award, Andrew Skidmore-Atwater High/Gold Award, Amanda Skidmore-Atwater High/Gold Award, Paige Brigham-Atwater High/Gold Award, Madi Homen-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Javier Morales-Lopez-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Kilee Gillard-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Ross May-Buhach Colony High/ Gold Award, Wyatt Gibson-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Abigail Douglas-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Jon Buttrey-Buhach Colony High/Silver Award, Scott Avila-Buhach Colony High/Gold Award, Kaitlin Moore-Dos Palos High/Silver Award, Dana Souza-Dos Palos High/Silver Award, Jarod Cozzi-Dos Palos High/Gold Award, Justin Cozzi-Dos Palos High/Gold Award, Wyatt O'Banion-Dos Palos High/Silver Award, Willis Wolf-El Capitan High/Gold Award, Spencer Robinson-El Capitan High/Gold Award, Tyler Dietz-El Capitan High/Gold Award, Nicolas Navarrete-El Capital High/Gold Award, Kaleah Bese-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Irelyn Bese-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Shelby Stillman-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Josh Heupel-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Westin Bylsma-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Alison Bylsma-Golden Valley High/Silver Award, Elise Guerra-Golden Valley High/Gold Award, Keith Erickson-Golden Valley High/Silver Award, Javier Rodriguez-Gustine High/Gold Award, Adrianna Toste-Gustine High/Gold Award, Nico Marsigli-Gustine High/Gold Award, Marco Marsigli-Gustine High/Gold Award, Kevin Medeiros-Gustine High/Silver Award, Darren Borba-Gustine High/Silver Award, Lawrence Borba-Gustine High/Silver Award, Meg Abdallah-Gustine High/Gold Award, Kyle Borrelli-Gustine High/Gold Award, Alexandria Lopes-Gustine High/Gold Award, Donovan Miguel-Hilmar High/Silver Award, Hannah Sanders-Hilmar High/Silver Award, Brandon Almeida-Hilmar High/Gold Award, Ryan Vierra-Hilmar High/Gold Award, Mitchell Coleman-Hilmar High/Gold Award, Jason Edwards-Hilmar High/Silver Award, David Edwards-Hilmar High/Silver Award, Christian Ursua-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Tiffany Faranelli-Le Grand High/Silver Award, Aaron Ramirez-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Samantha Bright-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Jaryn Giampaoli-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Maurisio Ramirez-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Cheyenne Castro-Le Grand High/Silver Award, Aaron Bright-Le Grand High/Gold Award, Blaine Chance-Livingston High/Silver Award, Isabel Perez-Livingston High/Silver Award, Lindsay Silva-Livingston High/Gold Award, Danielle Brusenski-Livingston High/Gold Award, Dennis (DJ) Brusenski-Livingston High/Silver Award, Jill Friesen-Livingston High/Silver Award, James Petanan-Livingston/Gold Award, Rueger Silva-Livingston High/Silver Award, Vitor Vieira-Livingston High/Gold Award, Siana Barrett-Los Banos High/Gold Award, Delaney Rawls-Los Banos High/Silver Award, Kelly Robbins-Los Banos/Gold Award, Corie Falaschi-Los Banos High/Gold Award, Karleen Lopez-Los Banos High/Silver Award, Morgan Kanemoto-Los Banos High/Silver Award, Taylor Curutuhague-Los Banos High/Gold Award, Cole Huie-Merced High/Gold Award, Morgan Brass-Merced High/Silver Award, Marin Alford-Merced High/Silver Award, Cassandra Hay-Merced High/Gold Award, Lauren McGhee-Merced High/Silver Award, Madeline Viss-Merced High/Silver Award, Emma Brass-Merced High/Silver Award, John Rowe-Merced High/Gold Award, Ashlan Morales-Pacheco High/Silver Award, Desiree Hernandez-Pacheco High/Silver Award, Dylan Lingo-Pacheco High/Gold Award, Aaron Barajas-Pacheco High/Silver Award, Anthony Gutierrez-Pacheco High/Gold Award, Taylor Limon-Pacheco High/Gold Award, Laken Areia-Pacheco High/Gold Award, Hector Zambrano-Pacheco High/Gold Award.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

**ACTION ITEM NO. 32**

**2016-03-01 HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

The Clerk announces authorization of the Dept. of Administrative Services in conjunction with Human Services Agency, to initiate the procurement process for counseling services is before the Board for consideration.

County Executive Officer, James Brown states that the Human Services Agency is requesting authority to start the procurement process but they are also looking internally.

Upon motion of Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Pedrozo, duly carried, the Board authorizes the Dept. of Administrative Services, in conjunction with Human Services Agency, to initiate the procurement process for counseling services and return to the Board with the negotiated contract upon review by County Counsel for final contract approval and signature.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion

**ACTION ITEM NO. 40**

**2016-03-01 EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The Clerk announces approval of the 2016 Legislative Agenda is before the Board for consideration.

Mike North, Management Analyst, highlights the 2016 Legislative Agenda which establishes the legislative sessions at the Federal and State levels. Mr. North highlights the following: Natural Resources and Infrastructure, Community Rehabilitation, Public Safety, and Health and Human Services. He states that other changes include minor update language to existing sections of the Legislative Agenda. Mr. North states that during the legislative process at both the Federal and State levels, situations come up that require a quick response, and waiting until a Board Meeting before providing input would not always be in the County's best interest. He acknowledges that the Platform also provides the Board Chair and CEO the authority to provide letters of support or opposition as needed.

Supervisor O'Banion requests that a copy of the legislative agenda be provided to each department.

Upon motion of Supervisor Kelsey, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried, the Board approves the 2016 Legislative Agenda and directs staff to forward the agenda to Merced County's legislative representatives and advocates.

Ayes: Walsh, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Kelsey, O'Banion