

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

Closed Session – 8:30 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

8:30 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: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Units 4, 5, 6 and 8; United Public Employees (UPE), Unit 3; Merced County Attorney Association (MCAA), Unit 7; Teamsters (Corrections), Unit 2; Merced County Law Enforcement Sergeants, Unit 30; Merced County Deputy Sheriff Association (DSA), Unit 10; Teamsters (Non-Safety Corrections), Unit 12; Merced County Public Safety Services Unit (MCPSSU), Unit 14; and Probation Supervising Employees (AFSCME), Unit 11. Agency Negotiator: Marci Barrera

**CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATOR:**

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning a Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) Mark Hendrickson, Director-Community and Economic Development pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as follows:

Property: Building 1248 at Castle Commerce Center

Agency Negotiator: Mark Hendrickson, Director of Community and Economic Development

Negotiation Parties: Dr. Edward Vanek

Under Negotiation: To request authority to negotiate proposed acquisition of facility and value.

**THE BOARD RECESSED AT 8:00 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/INVOCATION

Invocation led by Jerome Raspberry

**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)

JOINT MEETING - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Workforce Development Board (WDB) for a presentation of the WDB's End of Year 2016/2017 Report and future goals.

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

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 P.M.

STUDY SESSION FOR CONCEPTUAL HEALTHCARE OPTIONS FOR UNINSURED:

Conduct a Study Session to discuss healthcare coverage for the uninsured population who reside in Merced County and provide direction.

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REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items # 1-22)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED - ITEMS 14 AND 15 HEARD SEPARATELY

AYES: ALL

Public Works

1. Approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$451,412 for energy savings at the John Latarocca Adult Correctional Facility and the Iris Garrett Juvenile Justice Facility due to Solar Array system. (4/5 Vote Required)

Ag. Commissioner

2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2012171 with Calif. Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association for Electronic Pesticide Use Reporting Services.
3. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2014013 with Calif. Dept. of Food and Ag. for Weighmaster Enforcement inspections.

Health

4. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2013249 with Accela, Inc. for Envision Connect Software and Support services.
5. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2015007 with Woodard & Curran, Inc. for Hydrology and Engineering Assistance.
6. Authorize proclamation for August 2017 as "Breastfeeding Awareness Month" in the County of Merced.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Serv.

7. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2014030 with State Dept. of Rehabilitation for vocational rehabilitation services for clients; and adopt the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-77

Community and Economic Development

8. 1) Approve and authorize Chairman to sign amendment Contract No. 2017032 of the Central Delta-Mendota GSA MOA to remove Oro Loma Water District as GSA member and update the Participation Percentage for Merced County to 9.5%; 2) Approve and authorize Chairman to sign amendment Contract No. 2017033 of the Central Delta-Mendota SGMA Services Activity agreement to: a) remove Oro Loma Water District as a SGMA Services Activity Agreement participant, including the ensuing modifications to update the Merced County Participation Percentage to 9.5% and initial budget share to \$4,677.07; b) update the initial schedule of participation; and c) correct a clerical error on the signature page; and 3) Approve Merced County's modified Participation Percentage share of the FY 2017/2018 Central Delta-Mendota Activity agreement budget to \$51,033.20.
9. Set a public hearing for August 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to recommend amendment of the agricultural preserve with reference to four parcels, resulting from four Property Line Adjustments located at; 1) 1,200 feet north of W. Highway 152, 3200 feet west of S. Badger Flat Road in the Los Banos area; 2) the northwest corner of W. Bailey Avenue and N. Thornton Road in the Merced area; 3) southeast corner of W. Dickenson Ferry Road and S. Gove Road in the Merced area; and 4) west side of N. Hunter Road, 661 feet north of Highway 99 in the Livingston area, as per the requirements of the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act) Section 51200 et seq. of the California Government Code.

District Attorney

10. Approve and authorize the District Attorney to sign Renewal Contract No. 2006233 with Calif. Dept. of Insurance for participation in the Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud Program and to receive grant funds; and adopt the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-78

11. Approve and authorize the District Attorney to sign Renewal Contract No. 2006234 with the Calif. Dept of Insurance for participation in the automobile Insurance Fraud Program and to receive grant funds; and adopt the resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-79

Workforce Investment

12. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Contract No. 2016267 with John G. Chamberlin for Regional Plan Development & Innovation Grant activities.
13. Accept Modification to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Subgrant Agreement K7102042 (Amendment Contract No. 2016167) restoring Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker Round Two funding into grant codes 502, 293, and 202.

Board Recognition

- 14. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Danielle Bermudez for receiving the Fulbright Scholarship.

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- 15. Authorize Proclamation in recognition of National Health Center Week August 13 - 19, 2017, in Merced County.

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- 16. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Gene and Doris Jacks for 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- 17. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Eclipse Firearms & Training, LLC for Grand Opening.
- 18. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to various individuals for Graduation from PIQE Civic Engagement Program in Planada.
- 19. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to various individuals for Graduation from PIQE Civic Engagement Program for South Merced.
- 20. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to Adam Lee Martin and Arnold Antonio Cavazos Jr. for Graduation from Merced County Superior Court Drug Treatment Court.
- 21. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to Sujey Leticia Nunes Ventura, Maria Erika Mercado Velez, Maria Edith Diaz Salas, David Francisco Espino Garibay, Nidia Higareda Angel and Juan Luis Chavez Alatorre for participation in the 2017 Binational Teachers Exchange Program.
- 22. Authorize Certificates of Recognition to Parker Lee Wilson, Jerry Lara and Patrick Allen for achieving the Boy Scouts of America Rank of Eagle Scout.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

- 23. Approve Retainer Agreement with Quincy Engineering for surveying and engineering services; authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Project Supplement Agreements and amendments to the retainer agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017156 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 24. Approve Retainer Agreement with Teter, LLP for architectural services; authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Project Supplement Agreements and amendments to the retainer agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017157 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 25. Approve Retainer Agreement with Stantec for environmental services; authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Project Supplement Agreements and amendments to the retainer agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017158 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 26. Approve Retainer Agreement with Comstock Johnson Architects, Inc. for architectural services; authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Project Supplement Agreements and amendments to the retainer

agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017159 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

27. Approve Retainer Agreement with LDA Partners for architectural services; authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Project Supplement Agreements and amendments to the retainer agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017160 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

28. 1) Find that an approximately .02 acre portion of County-owned real property, located at County Fire Station #75 (8047 W. Dairy Lane in Dos Palos), is not necessary for the current or future needs of the County and that the estimated value is less than twenty five thousand (\$25,000); 2) Approve the Real Estate Sale Agreement with Joel A. Cozzi to sell surplus property at County Fire Station No. 75 located at the Dos Palos "Y" for Fair Market Value and authorize the Chairman to sign the Sale Agreement and Grant Deed upon signature by Joel A. Cozzi's satisfaction of the conditions of sale as described in the sale agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017162 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

29. 1) Consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Jorgensen Road Bridge (over Outside Canal in the Gustine area) Replacement Project and comments received during the public review process and find that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and, 2) Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the Jorgensen Road Bridge Replacement Project.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

AG. COMMISSIONER

30. Contract with Calif. Dept. of Food and Ag. to provide Asian Citrus Psyllid bulk citrus regulatory activities.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017163 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HEALTH

31. Contract with San Joaquin Community Health Information Exchange for Health Information Collaboration and Exchange Services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017164 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

32. Ratify the already established no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Central California Alliance for Health for coordination of care for California Children's Services Program Medi-Cal enrollees under the age of 21; and authorize the Director of Public Health to sign MOU.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017165 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERV.

33. Contract with Mission Linen Supply for linen and laundry services at the Marie Green Psychiatric Facility.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017166 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

34. Contract with Creative Alternatives, Inc. for the provision of specialty mental health services to youth clients.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017167 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

35. Memorandum of Understanding with Calif. Dept. of Social Services for county access to Legal Consultation and Representation for the Resource Family Approval program; and adopt the resolution.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017168 AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-80 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

36. Approve the sale of 1.06 acres of land to Kimkell Investment, LLC for \$23,000 and authorize the Chairman to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the sale and transfer to 1.06 acres of land within Castle Commerce Center to Kimkell Investments, LLC.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017169 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

37. 1) Determine that approval of agricultural conservation easements are exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; 2) Approve the resolution approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Espinoza agricultural conservation easement approximately 78 acres along Hinton Road in the Delhi area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust; and 3) Approve the resolution approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Lewis agricultural conservation easement approximately 63 acres along Gurr Road in the Merced area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NOS. 2017-81 (ESPINOZA) AND 2017-82 (LEWIS) AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2, 3, 4, 5 RECUSAL: 1

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38. Contract with Weather Navigation System Repair Inc. to provide control tower equipment maintenance at Castle Airport.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017170 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

39. Authorize Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to apply for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services FY17 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) in the amount of \$349,451; adopt the resolution authorizing OES to execute on behalf of the County of Merced any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and return to the Board with results and authorization prior to accepting award.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

40. Authorize Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to seek and apply for grants offered by Federal, State and Private entities, that will support the operations of the Merced County Operational Area; adopt the resolution authorizing OES to execute on behalf of the County any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal, state or private financial assistance; and return to the Board with the results and for authorization prior to accepting award.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-84 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

41. Authorize Merced County Office of Emergency Services to apply for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services FY17 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$180,824; adopt the resolution authorizing OES to execute

on behalf of the County of Merced any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California; and return to the Board with results and for authorization prior to accepting award.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

42. Declare miscellaneous office furniture, assorted office equipment and miscellaneous supplies identified (listed on Exhibit A) as Surplus Property as recommended and authorize its disposal by approved internet public auction.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

43. Contract with ProPath Inc. to provide Multi-County One-Stop Operation services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017171 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

LIBRARY

44. Authorize the County Librarian to sign and submit an application to Library Services and Technology Act for Maximizing learning Spaces Project for the Hilmar Library to improve library space for reading and literacy.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

45. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN RESOURCES

46. Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between Merced County and Teamster, Local 856, representing Bargaining Unit 12.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017172 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

47. Approve Equity Rights Purchase Agreement and sign all necessary documents to purchase the Judicial Council of California's 48% ownership of property located at 445 I Street in Los Banos, California (former Falasco Justice Center) for \$244,000; and authorize the County Executive Officer to perform other administrative tasks needed to complete the transfer.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2017173 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

48. Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for AB 523 (Reyes) - Electric Program Investments Charge.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

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49. Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for SB 623 (Monning) - Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

MODIFIED RECOMMENDATION AYES: ALL

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

50. Appoint David G. Dees, to the Workforce Development Board as a Business Representative, until June 30, 2019.
APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED **AYES: ALL**
51. Appoint Tushar Patel, M.D. to the Emergency Medical Care Committee as the Emergency Room Physician Representative, until June 30, 2019.
APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED **AYES: ALL**
52. Appoint Leane Santos-Sousa to serve as a member of the Los Banos Cemetery District, until June 7, 2021.
APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED **AYES: ALL**
53. Reappoint Jacquelin Flores Gonzalez to serve as a member of the Planada Municipal Advisory Council, until March 31, 2021.
APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED **AYES: ALL**

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE** **AYES: ALL**
54. Community and Economic Development re: Emergency Public Works project to repair Castle Well-12 pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 22050.
55. Administrative Services re: Net proceeds in the amount of \$20,753.93 resulting from the sale of miscellaneous surplus property and vehicles through the internet during the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.
56. Merced County Mosquito Abatement District re: General Manager's Report for June 2017.
57. Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Findings regarding the northern spotted owl, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 7, 2017.
58. Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Findings regarding the petition to list foothill-yellow-legged frog as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 7, 2017.
59. Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to adding Section 197, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Commercial Fisheries landing requirements, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 21, 2017.
60. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board re: Notice of Public Outreach Meeting concerning the development of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins addressing the Clear Lake Nutrient Control Program on August 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Lakeport City Hall 225 Park Street, Lakeport CA.
61. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board re: Notice of Public Hearing concerning amendments to Reformat the Water Quality Control Plan for Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin during the Central Valley Water Board meeting on October 19 to 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Ave., Redding CA.

62. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Petition for temporary change involving the transfer of up to 20,000 acre feet of water from Merced Irrigation District to various agencies under License 2685 (Application No. 1224).
63. MBK Engineers re: Merced Irrigation District Petition for Temporary Transfer under License 2685 (Application No. 1224).
64. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife re: Notification of Status Review for foothill yellow-legged frog.
65. PSSI re: Letter issued in the event that the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) and the CA WARN Act apply to Packers Sanitation Services LTD., LLC cessation of services at the Foster Farms facility located at 1000 Davis ST., Livingston, CA.

THE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF OSCAR AVILA, JACKLYN MERRILL, GABRIEL LOCATELLI, CLAYTON OGDEN, JERRY GOMES, AND JAMES SHASKY AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:23 P.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2017

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM

2017-08-15 JOINT MEETING – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Director of Department of Workforce Investment Robert Morris gives an introduction and overview of the past year for the Workforce Development Board. Mr. Morris introduces Mario Pena, Business Services Specialist and Lance Lippincott, Special Projects Manager with the Department of Workforce Investment.

Mr. Pena and Mr. Lippincott give a power point presentation highlighting the following: Business Services, Business Recruitment/Hiring Fairs, Regional Planning and Merced County's Role, Adult/Dislocated Work Services, Youth Services, Financials, and Merced County Workforce Development Board Members.

Chairman McDaniel thanks Mr. Morris and his team and also to Chairman of the Workforce Development Board Mike Altomare.

Supervisor O'Banion thanks Mr. Morris and talks about the opportunities their department provides.

Supervisor Pareira congratulates Mr. Morris and his team for doing such a great job.

Chairman McDaniel states there are many jobs here in Merced County.
Present: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

CONSENT ITEM NO. 14

2017-08-15 BOARD RECOGNITION

The Clerk announces a Certificate of Recognition to Danielle Bermudez for receiving the Fulbright Scholarship is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Lor presents Certificate of Recognition to Danielle Bermudez on behalf of the Board. Representatives from Senator Anthony Canella's Office, Congressman Jim Costa's Office, and Assemblymember Adam Gray's Office also provide recognition.

Ms. Bermudez thanks all for the recognition she has received.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Lor, seconded by Supervisor Pareira, duly carried the Board approves Certificate of Recognition to Danielle Bermudez for receiving the Fulbright Scholarship.
Ayes: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

CONSENT ITEM NO. 15

2017-08-15 BOARD RECOGNITION

The Clerk announces a Proclamation in recognition of National Health Center Week August 13 – 19, 2017, in Merced County is before the Board for consideration.

Chairman McDaniel presents Proclamation to Mary-Michal Rawling with Golden Valley Health Center.

Ms. Rawling thanks the Board for the Proclamation and thanks them for all of their support.

Upon a motion by Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Espinoza, duly carried the Board approves Proclamation in recognition of National Health Center Week to Golden Valley Health Center.

Ayes: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 37

2017-08-15 COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk announces determining that approval of agricultural conservation easements are exempt from CEQA in accordance with section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; approval of the resolution approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Espinoza agricultural conservation easement approximately 78 acres along Hinton Road in the Delhi area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust; and approval of the resolution approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Lewis agricultural conservation easement approximately 63 acres along Gurr Road in the Merced area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Espinoza recuses himself due to a conflict.

Upon a motion of Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Pareira, duly carried the Board adopts Resolution No. 2017-81 approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Espinoza agricultural conservation easement approximately 78 acres along Hinton Road in the Delhi area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust; and adopts Resolution No. 2017-82 approving use of California Department of Conservation grant funds for the purchase of the Lewis agricultural conservation easement approximately 63 acres along Gurr Road in the Merced area by the Central Valley Farmland Trust.

Ayes: McDaniel, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

Recusal: Espinoza

ACTION ITEM NO. 48

2017-08-15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Clerk announces the letter of support for AB 523 (Reyes) – Electric Program Investments Charge is before the Board for consideration.

Mike Claiborne, Attorney with Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability speaks in support of AB 523.

Supervisor Pareira requests an amendment to the letter to reflect more accurately as a percentage of income.

Upon a motion of Supervisor Espinoza, seconded by Supervisor Lor, duly carried the Board approves the Chairman to sign the letter of support for AB 523 (Reyes) – Electric Program Investments Charge.

Ayes: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

ACTION ITEM NO. 49

2017-08-15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Clerk announces the letter of support for SB 623 (Monning) – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund is before the Board for consideration.

Chairman McDaniel states the Board does support Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, but the bill is not yet written and would like more clarity.

Mike Claiborne, Attorney with Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability states that the bill will be amended in the next week to add funding sources.

Isabel Sanchez, South Merced resident speaks in support of SB 623.

Ricardo Maciel speaks in support of SB 623.

Supervisor O'Banion and Supervisor Espinoza suggest continuing this item until funding information is available.

County Executive Officer James Brown clarifies that the Board would like to wait and get more information on this bill.

Chairman McDaniel, on behalf of the Board, directs staff to monitor this bill and come back to the Board once there is more information released.

Present: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion

1:30 P.M. STUDY SESSION

2017-08-15 STUDY SESSION FOR CONCEPTUAL HEALTHCARE OPTIONS FOR UNINSURED

Chairman McDaniel introduces Spanish Interpreter, Juan Martinez, Hmong Interpreter, Chang Vang Her, and Sign Language Interpreter, Sharon Tufford available to anyone who may need them.

Supervisor Espinoza opens the study session and states that the study session is taking place to discuss Healthcare for the uninsured residents of Merced County.

Supervisor Lor clarifies that she and Supervisor Espinoza were appointed by the Board to be part of the committee to expand healthcare of undocumented residents.

Chrissy Gallardo, Prevention Action Team, states she is excited to be here today to discuss access to health services for everyone.

Leslie McGowan, Livingston Community Health states that they provide services to all and serve about 18,000 patients. She talks about their sliding fee discount program. She further states that they will continue to see all patients and keep up with the population in Livingston.

In response to questions from Board members, Ms. McGowan states that FAQC is a grant that provides services, and a discounted prescription program; 8-10% of the patients served are undocumented and uninsured; their grant is a Federal reimbursement grant and they receive the funds after the fact.

Mary-Michal Rawling, Golden Valley Health Center (GVHC), states they are a federally-funded, non-profit health center serving approximately 150,000 patients. She further states that 8-10% of their patients do not have health coverage and are undocumented, and GVHC also has a sliding fee scale.

Corrina Brown, Program Manager with Merced County Human Services Agency, speaks about Medi-Cal and programs that are available for undocumented immigrants.

Diego Fernandez, Sutter Memorial Health, states that anyone who goes through their emergency room receives medical treatment regardless if they have health insurance or not. He further states many end up signing up for PRUCOL and that some providers will also see patients through charity.

April Brewer, Director of Rural Health Centers with Dignity Health speaks about the services they offer. They also offer charity care but there is an approval process.

Mary June Flores, Policy & Legislative Advocate of Health Access California gives a power point presentation on Health4All in California highlighting the following: Overview & Context, We project about 3 million non-elderly Californians remain uninsured, Long Term view for Federal & State Changes, County Programs: A Bridge to a Statewide Solution to #Health4All, CA Welfare and Institutions Code 170000, In 2015 Map, In 2016 Map, Health4All County Models, Los Angeles County – My Health LA, Santa Clara County – Primary Care Access Program, Contra Costa County – Contra Costa CARES, Considerations, and Resources.

Lue Thao with the Prevention Action Team speaks about the background on the subcommittee's purpose, goals and options developed for further exploration.

Chairman McDaniel questions where the data came from.

Mr. Thao responds that it was from a sampling of about 600 residents in the County.

County Executive Officer James Brown clarifies what Kathleen Grassi can and cannot answer regarding the coverage options.

Director of Public Health Kathleen Grassi gives a power point presentation of Coverage Options for Undocumented Immigrants covering the following: Summary of Options, Assumptions, Option 1 Non-Emergency Services, Option 2 Hospital Care, Option 3 Specialty Care, Option 4 Primary Care Sliding Scale Fee, Option 5 Pharmacy, Option 6 Patient Navigation, Option 7 Ancillary / Diagnostic Services, and Summary of available health care services.

Supervisor Espinoza thanks Ms. Grassi for her helpfulness.

Supervisor O'Banion requests information on how services and funding changed as a result of ACA.

Ms. Grassi responds that it was the Counties' obligations back when most had County Hospitals and primary care facilities. In 2010 the new hospital opened here and continued to serve the indigent population with costs of \$2.3 million per year. The services are not provided from

Dignity Health System, they are billed directly to the County. The State Department of Health Care Services cleared back funds that had previously been allocated and re-directed. She further states we no longer receive those funds.

Supervisor O'Banion raises the issue of funding health care for all. He states he does not want to jeopardize any other current programs here in the County.

LaVerne Davis with the Prevention Action Team states that over the last 6 months they have been working together on developing options and would like the Board of Supervisors to explore option 3, which is the least expensive one. She further states the Prevention Action Team feels this is the best option for the community.

The following individuals speak in support of Health4All:

Gabriel Garcia, Blanca Lozano, Paul Garcia, Araceli Garcia, Alicia Sanchez, Lupe Carbajal, Diana Mendoza, Cecilia Escovedo, Alicia Morfin Vallejo, 78 year old Le Grand resident, Eugene, Florepa, Isabel Mancebo, Natalie, Dr. Salvador Sandoval, Sol Rivas, Yvonne Flores, Jose, Luis Avelar, Heidi Sanchez, Chrissy Gallardo, and Lupe Delgado.

Chairman McDaniel explains how sales tax and revenue sharing agreements are divided up between City, County, and State.

Supervisor O'Banion leaves the study session at 5:07 p.m. due to having another meeting.

Supervisor Lor states since this has been the first study session, what are the next steps to consider.

Chairman McDaniel asks the Board if they wish to continue the Study Session.

Supervisor Espinoza states the committee has recommended Option 3, and asks if a recommendation can be made to direct staff to look at funding.

Supervisor Lor states her recommendation, as a committee member, would be for the County to explore Option 3, look at the benefits or costs, and conduct some further outreach.

Supervisor Pareira states this isn't an easy topic, he didn't hear any solutions today but knows that more information is needed. He further states that he is interested in learning more and moving forward.

Supervisor Lor recommends that the committee come back at a future Board Meeting with more solid numbers and a plan for the Board to consider.

County Executive Officer James Brown states it is his understanding that the Committee is still going to work on and evaluate options and possibilities, and staff is to continue to work with the committee and assist with the process.

Supervisor Pareira thanks Supervisor Lor and Supervisor Espinoza and the Committee for all their time and work on this.

Supervisor Lor thanks her colleagues for their patience and trust.
Present: McDaniel, Espinoza, Lor, Pareira, O'Banion