



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

Special Meeting - 1:30 P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

Merced County Administration Building

2222 M Street

Board Room, Third Floor

Merced CA, 95340

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 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 (3) minutes per person).

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.
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SCHEDULED ITEMS

1:30 P. M.

INVOCATION led by Supervisor Lloyd Pareira/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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REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, Board of Supervisors Members

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

1. 1) Ratify the Proclamation confirming the existence of a local emergency on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Government Code §8630, and Merced County Code §2.72.060, due to necessary response efforts to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and, 2) Authorize the Chairman to sign any necessary Resolution continuing the local emergency.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

2. 1) Ratify the Declaration confirming the existence of a local health emergency on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Health and Safety Code §101080 due to necessary response efforts to a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and, 2) Authorize the Chairman to sign any necessary Resolution continuing the local health emergency.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 3 AND 4

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2020

1:30 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2020-03-16 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

David Rodriguez, Planada resident thanks the Board for the special meeting. He states that there will be a meeting tonight in Le Grand at the school district to discuss the local emergency and he requests that a representative from the Health Department attend.

Olivia Gomez, Planada resident states she is concerned for the whole community and questions why not close the whole County down.

Alicia Rodriguez, Planada resident who works with the St. Vincent de Paul in Planada states that they feed thousands of people a year. She questions where they can go to buy a surplus of supplies.

Present: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

ACTION ITEM NO. 2 **2020-03-16 EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The Clerk announces item to adopt a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19 is before the Board for consideration.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer speaks about today's special meeting and ratifying the Declaration of Local Health Emergency related to COVID-19 and the ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency related to COVID-19. He states that as of today there are still no confirmed cases here in Merced County. Mr. Brown further states that it is essential that we all work together.

Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp, Public Health Director gives a brief update to the Board on COVID-19.

Supervisor McDaniel thanks Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp and her team for the great job they are doing.

Supervisor Espinoza thanks Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp as well.

Supervisor Silveira asks if Mr. Brown can explain why we are taking two specific actions.

Mr. Brown explains that there are different authorities that are under the statues. The Health Officer has authorities specifically related to him that are not related to the Board. The other is related to the organization, and gives authority for the County as an organization.

Supervisor Silveira thanks Mr. Brown for explaining and states these decisions were not made lightly.

Supervisor Pareira states these two emergency declarations have not yet shown their selves in Merced County. He further states that the County webpage has a link with all of the latest updates on COVID-19 in Merced County.

Mr. Brown states that we need to continue working together with the rapid movement. He further states we are in a good place but that the steep incline is very concerning.

Upon motion of Supervisor McDaniel, seconded by Supervisor Lor, duly carried, the Board adopts Resolution No. 2020-21 ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira