



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

Special Meeting - 1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

Merced County Administration Building

2222 M Street

Board Room, Third Floor

Merced CA, 95340

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

1:00 P. M. INVOCATION led by Supervisor Lloyd Pareira/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA.

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 3

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, Board of Supervisors Members

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

- 1) Discuss and possibly approve Merced County Readiness Plan and related documents in order to move forward with the Governor's Staged Reopening, and authorize any technical adjustments based on updated State information/direction; and, 2) Authorize the Chairman to sign or attest the plan and any other related documents.

MODIFIED RECOMMENDATION AYES: ALL

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 3 AND 4

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – MAY 8, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM
2020-05-08 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY

Public Comments received via email and voicemail for Public Opportunity are on file with the Clerk

Public Comments submitted from the following:

Daniel Dastrup regarding other counties in the State that have reopened their dental practices.

Jeremy Skinner, DDS and President of The Yosemite Dental Society urges the Board of Supervisors to allow dentists to return to providing all services that fall under the scope of dentistry that their licenses allow.

Present: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

ACTION ITEM NO. 1
2020-05-08 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Clerk announces item to discuss and possibly approve Merced County Readiness Plan and related documents in order to move forward with the Governor's Staged Reopening, and authorize any technical adjustments based on updated State information/direction; and authorize the Chairman to sign or attest the plan and any other related documents is before the Board for consideration.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer states that Board members have expressed interest in a Special Board Meeting that the Chairman set for today after hearing from the State on the new Health Order.

Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp, Director of Public Health reviews a power point presentation covering the following: Reopening Merced County in a Thoughtful and Safe Manner, Overview, Merced County COVID-19 Case Curve as of 5/7/2020 3 p.m., Cumulative Cases by County, ICU Patients by County, COVID-19 Deaths by County, Annual Deaths in Merced County, Non-Household Outbreaks, Household Clusters in Merced County, Persons Hospitalized by Week as of 5/7/2020 3 p.m., Hospitalizations, State Resilience Roadmap, and Variance to Stage 2.

David Mirrione, Assistant County Executive Officer/Director of Workforce Investment continues power point presentation covering slide, Reopen Merced County Efforts.

Mr. Brown reviews power point presentation slide covering Recommended Action. He states that a letter of support from the Board is what is necessary as of today and they have added language to the letter this morning.

Supervisor McDaniel thanks the Chairman for calling this meeting and states that he does not disagree with anything that was said today. He requests County Counsel and the County Executive Officer look at an Economic State of Emergency. He states we are in an Economic State of Emergency here in Merced County. He further states that we should be able to open up all businesses and it's really important that we move forward and dentists should be able to open up.

Supervisor Silveira thanks Supervisor McDaniel and asks Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp to update them on dentists in Merced County.

Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp states they received updated guidance late last night on dental services and they will be allowed to resume and this will be added to the new Health Order that will be effective and released later today.

Supervisor Silveira thanks Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp for the update. He comments that we will have to pick up the pieces after the aftermath and we are talking about people's livelihoods, we have to be allowed as a County to allow economy to start back up. He states that he agrees with his constituents but his hands are tied. He further states that Mental Health is a huge part of this also.

Supervisor Lor states they just received the draft letter and form today and that she knows the public is interested in what is in it. For example, the criteria, Merced County's numbers, stepping back and a possible 2nd wave.

Supervisor Pareira asks Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp for clarification that the County has had no COVID related deaths in the past 14 days prior to attestation date and what would happen if we had 2 deaths tomorrow?

Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp clarified no COVID related deaths in the past 14 days and that they have a call scheduled tomorrow to discuss what would happen if that changed. She also clarified the information on the slide showing the number of ICU patients by County.

In response to Supervisor Espinoza's questions about testing being over 400 per day but we are only doing about 100 per day. Ms. Nanyonjo-Kemp responds that the testing on the eastern side of the County has not been easy and they have had to get involved with CAL OES in trying to resolve. She states that the 2nd site in Los Banos has had 1 major issue daily and it is controlled by an offsite vendor service.

Supervisor McDaniel states that businesses are opening anyway and he's happy that staff is working hard to provide businesses with guidelines to follow. He further states that the curve is worse than the disease and that he would like the letter to be stricter in his opinion.

Supervisor Espinoza reads quotes from the draft letter to the Governor for the public.

The Board has lengthy discussion on the draft letter, criteria and the attestation process.

Upon motion of Supervisor Silveira, seconded by Supervisor McDaniel, duly carried, the Board approves modified recommendation authorizing submission of any and all documents needed to attest that Merced County meets California Public Health Criteria for the variance process, including a letter of support with the addition of comments that were made today; and authorizes the Chairman to sign all related documents.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira