



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

Closed Session – 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting and Scheduled Items - 10:00 a.m.

TRUTH Act Community Forum - 1:30 p.m.

Merced County Administration Building
2222 M Street
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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on any matter to be considered in Closed Session will be taken prior to the Board adjourning into the Closed Session. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction will be taken at the beginning of the Board Meeting. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Non-Agenda Item Public Comment period will be limited to thirty (30) minutes total. The Board may not take action on any item that does not appear on the posted agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on items on the Board's Agenda will be heard following announcement of each section or subsection of the Agenda. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per section or subsection of the Agenda. Please note, the Consent Calendar is considered one section.

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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CLOSED SESSION: This is the portion of the meeting conducted in private without the attendance of the public or press to discuss certain confidential matters specifically permitted by the Brown Act.

The **REGULAR MEETING** is divided into three sections:

- **CONSENT CALENDAR:** These matters include routine financial and administrative action and usually are approved by a single vote.
- **REGULAR CALENDAR:** These items include significant policy and administrative actions and are divided into subsections by Departments.
- **SCHEDULED ITEMS:** These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings

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Spanish and Hmong interpreters are available.

Interpretes de espanol y hmong estan disponibles.

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La Junta de Supervisores le da la bienvenida a sus reuniones las cuales regularmente son agendadas los Martes y su interés es alentado y apreciado.

Transmisión de Audio/Video: Todas las reuniones de la junta normalmente se transmiten en vivo y se reproducen en la televisión por cable local. Una lista de canales de cable y horarios de transmisión están disponibles en el siguiente sitio web: <https://www.countyofmerced.com/1581/Comcast-Ch-96-Broadcast>

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El tiempo asignado a cada orador lo determina el Presidente de la Junta. A su discreción, el presidente puede modificar la oportunidad pública de hablar reduciendo los límites de tiempo de uso de la palabra individual y/o ampliando los límites de tiempo totales asignados que se establecen a continuación.

En los tiempos designados, por favor levante la mano y será dirigido al pódium.

PUNTOS DE LA SESION CERRADA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier asunto a considerar en la Sesión Cerrada se tomara antes de que se suspenda la junta en la Sesión Cerrada. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

PUNTOS FUERA DE LA AGENDA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier tema de interés público dentro de la jurisdicción de la Junta se llevara a cabo al inicio de la Junta. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos. El período de comentarios públicos sobre puntos que no pertenecen a la agenda se limitará a treinta (30) minutos en total. La Junta podría no tomar acción sobre ningún tema que no aparezca en la agenda publicada.

PUNTOS AGENDADOS

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre los temas agendados en la Junta se escuchará después del anuncio de cada sección o subsección de la Agenda. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos por sección o apartado de la agenda. Tenga en cuenta que, el Calendario de Consentimiento se considera una sección.

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

La oportunidad de hablar acerca de las audiencias públicas se llevara a cabo después de la lectura y de la presentación de la audiencia pública de ser aplicable. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

INFORMACIÓN DE COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO GENERAL

Los oradores no pueden ceder su turno a otra persona.

Los comentarios realizados en redes sociales no son considerados parte del record oficial y no serán compartidos en la Junta.

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La **REUNION ORDINARIA** se divide en tres secciones:

- **CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO:** Estos asuntos incluyen acciones financieras y administrativas de rutina y por lo general son aprobadas por un solo voto.
- **CALENDARIO REGULAR:** Esta sección incluye políticas significativas y acciones administrativas y están divididas en subsecciones por Departamento.
- **ARTÍCULOS PROGRAMADOS:** Esta sección incluye audiencias notificadas, sesiones de trabajo y audiencias públicas.

AGENDA Y ACTAS DE LA JUNTA: Las agendas de la junta, las actas y las copias de los elementos que la Junta de Supervisores considere se publicaran en Internet al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión del martes en el siguiente sitio web: www.countyofmerced.com

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9:00 A.M. – CLOSED SESSION

THE PUBLIC WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO THE BOARD ADJOURNING INTO THE CLOSED SESSION (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE 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): Robert Elias v. County of Merced, Workers Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. ADJ13955104 and MCD1600042.

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Case

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: County Counsel

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 9:02 A.M. WITH SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL NOT PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 10:06 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THE CHAIR ADVISED DIRECTION TO INITIATE LITIGATION FOR ONE CASE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND CEO BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THE DEFENDANTS, AND THE OTHER PARTICULARS SHALL BE DISCLOSED ONCE THE ACTION IS FORMALLY COMMENCED.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)**10:00 A.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

INVOCATION by Stacy Cooley/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION EXCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON AND THIRTY MINUTES TOTAL).

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-9)**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**Public Works

1. Find that substantial evidence demonstrates that an emergency continues to exist regarding the crematory at the Merced County Animal Shelter located at 2150 Shuttle Dr. in Atwater, such that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action to replace the crematory is necessary to respond to the emergency. (4/5 Vote Required)

Health

2. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute the amended Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Transfer of Public Funds (Merced County Contract No. 2021325/State Contract No. 21-10229-A) with the California Department of Health Care Services, for participation in the 2021 Intergovernmental Transfer Voluntary Rate Range Program, increasing the contract amount from \$11,124,757.20 to \$11,316,788. The term of the agreement remains January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

3. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2021112 with Community Social Model Advocates, Inc. for residential alcohol and drug recovery services, increasing the total contract amount from \$3,925,000 to \$4,225,000.

Child Support Services

4. 1) Adopt a Proclamation declaring August 2023 as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Merced County. 2) Authorize the Department of Child Support Services to work in conjunction with the City of Merced Fire Department to display a banner above G Street from August 13, 2023 through August 19, 2023. 3) Authorize the Department of Child Support Services to solicit and accept donations for outreach events.

JEFFREY WITTHUN, DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED COMMENTS, AND SHARED A VIDEO AND A FLYER

Sheriff

5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 2021090 with California Forensic Medical Group for Jail Intake COVID-19 Testing Lab Costs, modifying the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and increasing the contract amount from \$806,000 to \$1,106,000.
6. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 2020203 with California Forensic Medical Group for Jail intake nursing services, modifying the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and increasing the contract amount from \$761,735 to \$1,012,458.92.

Treasurer-Tax Collector

7. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2019178 with ABS Direct, Inc, for data processing, printing, and mailing of secured and unsecured tax bill notifications, increasing the contract amount from \$596,000 to \$625,000. The term of the contract remains July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Board of Supervisors

8. Approve the Summary Action Minutes - Final for the June 27, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Board Recognition

9. Adopt a Proclamation declaring the week of August 6, 2023 through August 12, 2023 as "National Health Center Week" in Merced County.

SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION TO YAMILET VALLADOLID FROM GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS AND BOTH PROVIDED COMMENTS

REGULAR CALENDAR**BOARD ACTION**PUBLIC WORKS

10. Review and approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Development Impact Fee Annual Report providing the public with information on the various impact fees that were collected to fund the cost of public improvements, in accordance with Government Code Section 66006(b).

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

11. 1) Adopt the plans and specifications for the Winton Park Renovation Project funded by a Caltrans Clean California Grant. 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the project; conduct a public bid opening; and award and execute a construction contract that meets Caltrans funding guidelines to the lowest responsible bidder, upon approval of County Counsel and County Risk Management. 3) Direct the Director of Public Works to return to the Board with an information item describing all actions taken.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023159 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HEALTH

12. 1) Ratify submission of the Agreement Funding Application submitted by the Public Health Director to the California Department of Public Health for participation in the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program that was due by June 30, 2023. 2) Accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 allocation in the amount of \$434,394.92 for the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program. 3) Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to sign and submit the required documentation for implementation and reporting of this program.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023160 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

13. 1) Ratify submission of the Agreement Funding Application submitted by the Public Health Director to the California Department of Public Health for participation in the California Home Visiting Program that was due by June 23, 2023. 2) Accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 allocation in the amount of \$532,270 for Healthy Families of America, \$761,669 for State General Fund Evidence Based Home Visiting, and \$486,893 for State General Fund Innovation Project. 3) Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to sign and submit the required documentation for implementation and reporting of these programs.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023161 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

14. Approve the termination of Contract No. 2022135, with SnapMedTech, Inc. dba SnapNurse, effective July 18, 2023.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2022135 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

SHERIFF

15. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign the Law Enforcement Memorandum of Agreement (LEMA) between Merced County Sheriff's Office and Tulare County Sheriff's Office for mutual aid services provided by the Merced County Sheriff's Office in March 2023 during the California Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides that swept through the Tulare County region.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023162 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

16. 1) Approve the retirement and sale of Sheriff's Office canine "Banshee". 2) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Sales Agreement with Dustin Witt for the purchase of "Banshee" in the amount of \$1.00.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023163 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

17. Authorize the distribution of excess proceeds from the public auction of tax defaulted property sold for failure to pay taxes on real property per Exhibit "A" to the valid claimants in the amount of \$875,968.05. The remaining funds that do not have a valid claim totaling \$165,506.39 per Exhibits "A" and "B" are to be transferred to Trust Fund No. 02000-02080 Property Taxes-Tax Loss Reserve.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

18. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Reinstatement of Contract No. 13581 (Administrative Services Contract) with Beaudette Consulting, Inc. to provide America's Job Center of California "One-Stop Operator" services, extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025 and increasing the total contract amount from \$135,625 to \$266,875. Merced County's contribution for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 is \$26,250 (\$13,125 per Fiscal Year).

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023164 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

19. Appoint Ye Thao to serve as a member of the Merced Cemetery District Board of Trustees, to fill an unexpired term ending at noon on January 6, 2025.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

20. Reappoint Dennis Pierre and Danny Drumonde to continue to serve as members of the Merquin Cemetery District Board of Trustees until January 4, 2027.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

21. Approve the following appointments to the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission: 1) Appoint Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp to the Director of the County Health Department position until March 31, 2027. 2) Appoint Josh Pedrozo to the Board of Supervisors position until March 31, 2025. 3) Appoint James Rabago, MD to the health care providers representative position until March 31, 2027. 4) Appoint Dorothy Bizzini to the public representing the population of beneficiaries to be served by the Commission position until March 31, 2025.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: ALL

22. County Executive Office re: Merced County was recently awarded \$49.6 million for its Castle Inland Port Project from Governor Gavin Newsom's Port and Freight Infrastructure Program.

ASSISTANT COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER MARK HENDRICKSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR PATRIOT RAIL, JOHN FENTON, AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS PROVIDED COMMENTS

SCHEDULED ITEMS:**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Resolution for the General Vacation of Portions of Jasper Sears Road, Branch Road, Billy Wright Road, Arburua Road, Langdon Road, Avery Road, Laguna Seca Road, Lindbloom Road, and Paul Negra Road in the Los Banos area.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Open the public hearing and accept public comment.
- 2) Close the public hearing.
- 3) Find the proposed vacation exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) ("Common Sense") and Section 15301(c) ("Existing Highways and Streets") for the reasons stated in the attached Resolution.
- 4) Adopt the proposed Resolution to vacate portions of Jasper Sears Road, Branch Road, Billy Wright Road, Arburua Road, Langdon Road, Avery Road, Laguna Seca Road, Lindbloom Road, and Paul Negra Road in the Los Banos area.

DANA HERTFELDER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS INTRODUCED THE ITEM.

OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED COMMENTS:

DAN MAROON, ATTORNEY WITH SHEPPARD MULLIN WHO REPRESENTS WRIGHT SOLAR PARK, LLC (ALSO PROVIDED WRITTEN COMMENTS AND A PROPOSED REVISED RESOLUTION), AND MARIANNE AROTZARENA FROM AROTZARENA FARMS.

THE BOARD CHAIR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

DIRECTOR HERTFELDER ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS OF MS. AROTZARENA, AS REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR PAREIRA. BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA, SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL, AND SUPERVISOR PAREIRA ASKED CLARIFYING QUESTIONS IN WHICH COUNTY COUNSEL HANSEN PROVIDED A RESPONSE TO EACH QUESTION. SUPERVISOR ESPINOSA ALSO PROVIDED COMMENTS

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55 AS AMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider Extension Application No. EXT23-001 to Major Subdivision No. MAS04-014 ("Lakeview Properties")

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Open a public hearing to receive public comment on Extension Application No. EXT23-001 to Major Subdivision No. MAS04-014, referred to as "Lakeview Properties", and identified as APN 043-020-053 in Snelling, CA; and close the public hearing.
- 2) Find no further environmental review is required pursuant to Section 15162 ("Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations") of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines based on the findings included in the Planning Commission staff report.
- 3) Approve Extension Application No. EXT23-001 based on the findings included in the Planning Commission staff report.

STEVE MAXEY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCED THE ITEM.

OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, NO INTERESTED PERSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD

THE BOARD CHAIR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

SUPERVISOR PAREIRA ASKED A CLARIFYING QUESTION, IN WHICH DIRECTOR MAXEY PROVIDED A RESPONSE

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

Board of Supervisors Members, County Counsel, County Executive Officer

THE BOARD RECESSED THE MEETING AT 11:51 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 1:30 P.M. FOR THE TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM

1:30 P.M. - TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORUM**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - COMMUNITY FORUM**

Transparent Review of Unjust Transfers and Holds ("TRUTH") Act Community Forum is to provide information regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment, pursuant to Government Code Sections 7283 and 7283.1.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Conduct a community forum in accordance with Government Code Section 7283.1(d).
- 2) Receive and consider a report from staff regarding local law enforcement agencies interaction and communication with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2022.
- 3) Receive and consider public comment.

LINDSEY JOHNSON, MANAGEMENT ANALYST INTRODUCED THE ITEM. SHERIFF VERN WARNKE SHARED A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND PROVIDED COMMENTS.

OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED COMMENTS: JAVIER FUENTES, RICK WINDLING, MERCED RESIDENT, AMELIA JOHNSON, MERCED RESIDENT, FABIOLA, DOCTORAL STUDENT AT UC MERCED, ANTHONY SANTOS, FRESNO COUNTY RESIDENT, FLORRIPEZ, LIVINGSTON RESIDENT, GLORIA SANDOVAL, RESIDENT, BLANCA, MERCED COUNTY RESIDENT, AND ELISEO GAMINO, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

THE BOARD CHAIR CLOSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Present: Silveira, Espinosa, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira

THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1:56 P.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sheriff Vern Warnke shared a flyer and spoke about staffing level concerns and the Attorney General's report about Merced County being number one in the state for homicides per capita, again.

Christan Santos, Field Representative for Congressman John Duarte, shared a legislative update and about the Congressman's recently attended events.

Zaray Ramirez, Policy Advocate for Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, requested a more community-based approach for the planning and construction of the Delhi Community Park. She strongly encouraged the county apply for CRC funds to support the implementation process and shared those deadlines. She also requested community meetings to discuss the park project.

Blanca Lozano, resident of Delhi, spoke about the park and community center for Delhi and shared concerns about using the Veteran's Hall for family reunions or the district park that does not have a restroom.

Manuel Jimenez, Delhi resident, shared concerns about the roadwork being completed on Highway 99 near Delhi that goes all the way to Livingston.

Supervisor Pereira asked that he speak with Aracely to share the exact location so that he can speak to Caltrans about the issue.

Aristel Gonzalez, resident of Delhi, asked about money that has been set aside for the park as well as if the funds can be used for other items for the community and families as well.

Heidi Sanchez, resident of Delhi, spoke about the importance of a park and the need for restroom facilities.

Teresa Gomez, Delhi resident, spoke about the park in Delhi and its importance to the community.

Art Granado, retired veteran, spoke about the Veteran's Memorial Building, asked for a Public Records Act request to acquire a copy of the lease agreement, shared a definition of a Public Record and spoke about the meetings held by Supervisor Pedrozo and others regarding the Veteran's Hall.

Eli PaintedCrow, veteran, spoke about the definition of a meeting according to the Brown Act and the Public Records Act and requested the Board to consider their treatment of veterans.

Sergio Artiz, IHSS provider and caretaker of a patient with dementia, asked for the Board's support during contract negotiations.

Elaine Queen, Merced Resident and IHSS provider and caretaker of her mom who lives in Atwater, requested the Board consider granting a raise for IHSS caregivers during contract negotiations.

Florence Croson "Cory", Merced resident, IHSS caretaker for her mother, asked Supervisor Pedrozo and the Board to support IHSS during contract negotiations.

Rachelle Abril, IHSS care provider for two clients, spoke about her request for higher wages.
Present: Silveira, Espinosa, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira