



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES-FINAL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

Closed Session – 8:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Merced County Administration Building

2222 M Street

Board Room, Third Floor

Merced CA, 95340

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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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Public opportunity to speak regarding public hearings will be heard following the reading, and if applicable, presentation of the public hearing. 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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The Public may provide email or telephonic comments to the Board of Supervisors at any time, however, these comments will not be made part of the official record.

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 Department
- **SCHEDULED ITEMS:** These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings

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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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COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

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.

El público puede proporcionar comentarios por correo electrónico o por teléfono a la Junta de Supervisores en cualquier momento, sin embargo, estos comentarios no serán parte del record oficial.

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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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8:30 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:

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 Attorney Association (MCAA), Unit 7. Agency Negotiator: Marci Barrera

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

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 8:30 A.M. WITH SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL NOT PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 10:06 A.M. WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE BOARD CHAIR ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION ON THE INITIATION OF LITIGATION. THE CHAIR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE BOARD WOULD RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.

THE BOARD RECONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:00 A.M. AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBERS AT 11:41 A.M. WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, AND THE BOARD CHAIR ADVISED THAT STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION ON THE LABOR NEGOTIATIONS ITEM.

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

INVOCATION by Pastor Eddie Vargas, Big Dog Ministry/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. 1-8)**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)

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

2. Adopt a Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2023 as "Recovery Month" in Merced County.

JULIANNE SIMS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PROVIDED COMMENTS

3. Adopt a Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2023 as "Suicide Prevention Month" in Merced County.

JULIANNE SIMS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SUPERVISOR PAREIRA AND DR. BRUCE METCALF, CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MERCED RESCUE MISSION PROVIDED COMMENTS

4. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Modification No. 03 to Contract No. 2022071 (State Service Agreement No. 21-10349) with the Department of Health Care Services, through Advocates for Human Potential, Incorporated for Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis and Non-Crisis funding, updating the Statement of Work and Payment Schedule.

Community and Economic Development

5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2022181 with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the preparation of a Mixed-Use site inventory, to modify the term end date from August 31, 2023 to August 22, 2027.

Human Resources/Risk Management

6. 1) Act on Claims for Damages submitted by CSAA Insurance Group ASO Robert Aldridge, Janet Razo, and Derek German. 2) Approve Assistant County Executive Officer, or designee, to send notice of said action on claims.

Board of Supervisors

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

Board Recognition

8. Ratify a Certificate of Recognition presented on August 4, 2023, to Juniper Elementary in celebration of the ribbon cutting ceremony for completion of the new Atwater Elementary campus.

REGULAR CALENDAR**BOARD ACTION**PUBLIC WORKS

9. PULLED

10. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a retainer agreement with Patrick Bloed dba Atwater Electric of Atwater, CA for On-Call Traffic Signal Maintenance services, effective August 22, 2023 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually. 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute necessary maintenance and emergency task orders under this agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023180 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

11. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute a Retainer Agreement with Consor North America, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, CA for On-Call Project Management, Roadway, and Bridge Design services, effective August 22, 2023 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute project supplement agreements in amounts up to \$500,000 in compliance with the terms of the Retainer Agreement.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023181 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

12. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Department of Administrative Services Contract No. 14136 with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., dba Environmental & Demolition Services Group of Sarasota, FL for disaster-related debris removal services, increasing the not to exceed contract amount from \$200,000 to \$210,000.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT 2023182 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HEALTH

13. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Certification Statement, accepting the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Allocations from the California Department of Health Care Services in the amount of \$693,120.47. 2) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Certification Statement, accepting the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Allocations from the California Department of Health Care Services in the amount of \$535,468. 3) Authorize the Public Health Director or designee to sign and submit all required documentation related to implementation of the programs.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NOS. 2023183-01, 2023183-02, 2023184 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

14. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the retroactive Continuum of Care Program Grant Agreement, (Grant No. CA0780L9T202214), with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for Project Home Start, effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$167,267.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023185 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

15. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the retroactive Continuum of Care Program Grant Agreement, (Grant No. CA0984L9T202210), with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for Project Hope Westside, effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$192,609.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023186 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

16. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application, submitted by the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to the Central California Alliance for Health for the Medi-Cal Capacity Grant, Equity Learning for Health Professionals Program, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. 2) Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to sign all documents necessary for submittal of the Equity Learning for Health Professionals Program funding application. 3) Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for any subsequent approval related to items necessary for the acceptance of funding.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

17. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application, submitted by the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to the Central California Alliance for Health, for the Medi-Cal Capacity Grant, Partners for Active Living Program, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. 2) Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to sign all documents necessary for submittal of the Partners for Active Living Program funding application. 3) Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for any subsequent approval related to items necessary for the acceptance of funding.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

18. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application, submitted by the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to the Central California Alliance for Health, for the Medi-Cal Capacity Grant, Healthcare Technology Program, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. 2) Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to sign all documents necessary for submittal of the Healthcare Technology Program funding application. 3) Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for any subsequent approval related to items necessary for the acceptance of funding.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

19. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application, submitted by the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to the Department of Health Care Services, for Providing Access and Transferring Health (PATH) grant funding to support the Justice-Involved Planning and Capacity Building Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,106,740. 2) Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to sign the supplemental application and any additional documents necessary for submittal of the Justice-Involved Planning and Capacity Building Program funding application. 3) Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for any subsequent approval related to items necessary for the acceptance of funding.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

20. Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Board Chair to sign State Revenue Contract No. MI-2324-31 with the California Department of Aging (CDA), for the Medicare Improvement for Patient and Provider Act Program, effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$31,604.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-60 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023187 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 21. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a no-cost Agreement with California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt to provide field internship opportunities for students enrolled in the School of Applied Health, Psychology, Social Work, or Biological Sciences programs, effective August 22, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL, SUPERVISOR PEDROZO, SUPERVISOR PAREIRA, AND BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA PROVIDED COMMENTS

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023178 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 22. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application submitted by Merced County Human Services Agency to First 5 Merced County for grant funds to support the All Dads Matter Boot Camp for New Dads program in the amount of \$10,000. 2) Direct the Human Services Agency to return to the Board with the Application results, accept the grant, and approve related documents.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 23. 1) Ratify submission of a grant application submitted by Merced County Human Services Agency to First 5 Merced County for grant funding to support the All Moms Matter Program Boot Camp for New Moms in the amount of \$10,000. 2) Direct the Human Services Agency to return to the Board with the application results, to accept the grant, and approve related documents.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

- 24. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute an agreement with Aspiranet for the provision of Child and Family Team meeting services, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,248,048.47.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023188 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 25. 1) Find the sale of improved real property consisting of Building 759 (approximately 52,482 square feet) and associated acreage located at Castle Commerce Center and identified as APN 051-010-041 ("Property") exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 ("Existing Facilities") and 15312 ("Surplus Government Property Sales"). 2) Approve the sale and purchase agreement for the Property with Golden Valley Health Centers in the amount of \$2,500,000 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the sale and transfer of the Property. (4/5 Vote Required) 3) Authorize the Board Chair to execute a Quitclaim Deed upon close of escrow.

THE CLERK ANNOUNCED THAT STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO THE SEPTEMBER 12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

APPROVED AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE AYES: ALL

AUDITOR

26. Adopt a resolution establishing tax rates, and levying taxes on the secured roll, for the Countywide rate of one percent, voter approved indebtedness, ad valorem taxes for revenue districts, and unitary taxes in Merced County for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

SHERIFF

27. 1) Approve to relieve the Sheriff's Office of accountability for Fixed Assets: Five (5) 2009 Kawasaki Motorcycles- 0056342, 0056343, 0056344, 0056345, and 0056346. 2) Authorize the Auditor Controller Office to remove the items from the Sheriff's Office Fixed Asset Inventory.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

28. Approve and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff or his designee to sign and electronically submit the 2022-2023 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification allowing the Sheriff's Department's continued participation in the Federal Forfeiture Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023189 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

29. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Assistance by Hire Agreement between the County of Merced and the CAL FIRE Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit. 2) Approve and authorize the Merced County Fire Chief or their designee to approve and sign reimbursement requests associated with the response of County apparatus and personnel.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023190 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

30. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a new contract with Foundation for California Community Colleges to provide employer of record services, effective September 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,699,087.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023191 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

31. Reappoint Timothy Doss to continue to serve on the Assessment Appeals Board until September 6, 2026.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

32. Appoint the following individuals to serve on the Emergency Medical Care Committee: 1) Appoint Ye Thao to serve as the District 1 representative until June 30, 2027. 2) Appoint Matthew Uskali to serve as the County Fire Chief designee representative, serving at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2023.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

33. Appoint Joe Ramirez to serve as the District 2 representative on the Planning Commission, to fill an unexpired term ending October 1, 2024.

SUPERVISOR PEDROZO PROVIDED COMMENTS**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL****BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION****ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: ALL**

34. State Board of Equalization re: 2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing on August 29, 2023.

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

Board of Supervisors Members, County Counsel, County Executive Officer

THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN NICHOLAS GOMES AT 11:59 A.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

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

Susan Walsh, with the League of Women Voters of Merced County brings attention that some in Merced County leadership are proposing to solve a county budget challenge by closing the library. She asks the Board not to close or disadvantage the Merced County Library system in support of another county department based on its request.

Kenra Bragonia speaks on concerns regarding the possible defunding or closure of the Merced County Library.

Sandra Hay voices her strong opposition to the idea of closing the public libraries in order to allocate more funds to the Sheriff's Department and suggests finding a way to support all agencies in an equitable manner.

Sheila Sellers, Retired Elementary teacher provides examples of the benefits of having a public library.

Christan Santos, Field Representative for Congressman John Duarte shared an update on the Congressman's recent events attended and invites the public to the first Merced County Town Hall meeting that will be held in Atwater on August 29th at the Atwater Memorial Building at 7:00 p.m.

Amy Taylor, Merced County Librarian gives update on the Summer Reading Program and the increase in community participation.

Naryan Singh, Franklin-Beachwood resident speaks in support of the Merced County Library and concerns with the Fentanyl epidemic at the tent camp on the corner of Highway 59, Santa Fe and Olive Avenue which is growing larger every day.

UC Merced student, speaks on concerns regarding the possible closure of the Merced County Library and asks the Board to reconsider.

Sergio Ortiz, IHSS Provider asks the Board to take into account caregivers sacrifices and stories during negotiations.

Salvador, Organizer with North Valley Labor Federation expresses disappointment in how caregivers are treated and asks the Board to give them what they deserve.

Magdalena Castillo, Merced Resident and IHSS Provider to her daughter asks for a livable wage.

Disciple Rhinehart, Winton Resident and IHSS Provider to Grandmother asks for a livable wage.

Sonia Mendoza, IHSS Provider since 2018 speaks on caregiving.

Simone Samra, UC Merced student speaks on behalf of IHSS Providers in their support for a livable wage that is fair and just.

IHSS Provider to brother and mother asks the Board not to close the Merced County Library and suggests that the Board work together to reach an agreement and solution for the IHSS Program.

Martina Castilla, Winton Resident and former IHSS Provider shares her experiences and ask the Board for a livable wage.

Maria Soto, Livingston City Council Member shares concerns brought by the citizens of Livingston and states that her District 1 Supervisor has refused to take questions and comments from her and asks the Board where she can direct her questions.

Present: Silveira, Espinosa, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira