

August 6, 2018

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, August 6, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

9:04 a.m.: Chairman Baugh called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Kehoe
District No. 2 - Supervisor Moty
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
District No. 4 - Supervisor Morgan
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Larry Lees
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Administrative Board Clerk - Trisha Boss
Administrative Board Clerk - Darcey Prior
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board – Mary Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Morgan.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

County Fire Chief Mike Hebrard gave an update on the status of the Carr Fire and expressed the feeling of a stronger community.

In response to questions by Supervisor Morgan, Chief Hebrard stated that the rugged terrain has made it difficult for fire crews to access the area near Shasta Dam due to the lack of access roads.

Supervisors Rickert and Baugh recognized the ongoing efforts of the first responders, fire fighters and law enforcement.

Sheriff Tom Bosenko gave an update of the Carr Fire and the different agencies that have been supporting law enforcement and fire.

Jake McCormick, a representative of Team Rubicon Response, offered their services in the community.

Monique Welin thanked the first responders and agreed that the Carr Fire response is strengthening our community.

BOARD MATTERS

LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY “CARR FIRE” **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-068**

Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Branch Director, Terri Fields-Hosler gave a brief presentation on the local health emergency. She recognized the first responders for their ongoing efforts to keep the community safe. Ms. Fields-Hosler introduced the newly-appointed Health Officer -Extra Help Karen Ramstrom to the Board.

Health Officer Andrew Deckert gave a presentation on the local health emergency declared August 1, 2018. Dr. Deckert explained the health risks of various materials that have been burned and the different particles in the air. He expressed the importance of disposing hazardous material in an appropriate manner. He stated that on August 4, 2018, the Governor passed the emergency proclamation on to the President who proclaimed a major disaster. Thus, the County will be eligible for federal aid.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Dr. Deckert described ways in which physical, mental, and community health need to be addressed during the fire recovery time.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Donnell Ewert spoke in regards to Health and Human Services Agency's staff providing mental health services at the evacuation shelters.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Dr. Deckert stated that returning to a burn site must be done in steps. This needs to be done systematically so that hazardous materials are disposed of properly.

County Executive Officer (CEO) Larry Lees explained how the County is being proactive in responding to the situation. He described next steps for residents affected by the fire.

CEO Lees gave a break down on the percentages of funding the County anticipates receiving from State and Federal agencies. Reimbursements could be a lengthy process. The County has pushed legislation for cash flow assistance in the interim. He discussed the contacts he had with various government agencies and representatives regarding offers of aid.

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In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, CEO Lees stated that the resident will sign a waiver if they choose to clear their property themselves. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will require the County to provide proof that the individual's insurance covers the debris removal. There will be no cost to the land owner for assistance from the Department of Toxic Services.

County Counsel Rubin Cruse, Jr, stated that his office has completed the review of the right of entry for the property owners that would like to voluntarily have the State come in and do the debris removal; the City of Redding Attorney has also reviewed this. There is language within the right of entry notice that states the property owner is responsible for assigning their insurance to the county.

Supervisor Baugh thanked CEO Lees for all his efforts and excellent job leading his team.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors, adopted Resolution No. 2018-068 which, in summary: Ratified the August 1, 2018, proclamation by the Shasta County Health Officer declaring a local health emergency due to immediate threats to public health and safety based on the expected presence of fire-generated hazardous debris and toxic ash from the Carr Fire in Shasta County; and ratified the August 1, 2018 County Executive Officer's letter to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting direct assistance from the State of California to remove hazardous waste and debris from the property sites within the Carr Fire areas in Shasta County and that such cleanup and removal be commenced as soon as possible.

In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, CEO Lees stated that along with Redding City Manager Barry Tippin, a Disaster Recovery Team has been developed. A press release would announce a County/City website with all the forms needed. A link to this website will be on the Shasta County home page. The County and City will continue to meet to keep things aligned and consistent.

(See Resolution Book No. 60)

9:45 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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