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SUMMARY MINUTES - Draft

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	9:00 AM	Board Chambers, First Floor Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, California

REGULAR MEETING: 9:00 AM

Rollcall

The following Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District

Ed Scofield, 2nd District

Dan Miller, 3rd District

Susan Hoek, 4th District

Richard Anderson, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance led by District III Supervisor, Dan Miller.

Corrections and/or deletions to agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: No corrections and/or deletions to the agenda were noted.

SCHEDULED ITEMS: 9:01 A.M.

Public Comment:

ACTION TAKEN: No public comment received.

Public Health Director: Jill Blake

1. [SR 20-2064](#) Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH) update. (Ms. Kimberly Parker, CFRE, Executive Director, SNMH Foundation, & Dr. Brian Evans, MD, President/CEO SNMH Foundation)
Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Jill Blake, Public Health Director, introduced Dr. Brian Evans, CEO, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH), and Ms. Kimberly Parker, Executive Director, Sierra Nevada Memorial Foundation. Dr. Evans summarized conditions at the hospital, and gave an overview of the patients who have been seen who tested positive for COVID-19. He reviewed hospital preparation and training taking place. He provided an update regarding PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) at SNMH. All the hospitals in their organization are in contact daily to take stock and share the PPE, medical supplies, and equipment that is needed. He reported that SNMH is in good shape should a surge in patients happen. He reported that the testing situation has been slow. They have done over 200 tests and recorded very few positives. The test results take about two hours to get results. They do not have a lot of tests so they can only test patients who are in difficult need of testing. Dr. Evans reported that the hospital has taken steps to relay current and accurate information to the community through social media and the local radio stations. SNMH has cancelled elective operations and voluntary screening so they will be experiencing a significant financial hit and although he believes they are in a good position, they are working on a strong financial recovery plan. He thanked the community for their donations and the organizations and people who have volunteered to help.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Dr. Evans and Dr. Cutler recommended that social distancing continue. It is possible if we stop taking precautions now, there could be a resurgence in COVID-19 cases.

Chair Hall asked for public comment. No public comment was received.

Chair Hall thanked Dr. Evans for the presentation.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to accept the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital update. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

2. [SR 20-1900](#) Acceptance of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) informational presentation.
Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Jill Blake, Public Health Director, and Dr. Glennah Trochet, who is a retired Health Officer from Sacramento County, and is currently serving as the Nevada County Deputy Health Officer, and Dr. Ken Cutler, Public Health Officer, provided a presentation. Ms. Blake reported that 26 of the 34 Nevada County cases are not being overseen by County nurses any longer. She reported that due to its pro-active measures California and Nevada County seem to have helped keep the numbers of positive cases down. Ms. Blake reported on the current projections for the state and county, which look good and will continue to work if everyone sticks to the stay at home direction. She reviewed communication the County staff is having in support of Tahoe Forest Hospital.

Dr. Trochet is working with Nevada County regarding management of COVID-19 in nursing facilities and group homes in the County. She reviewed the steps Nursing homes will take should a patient be diagnosed with COVID-19. Dr. Trochet has also consulted with the jail to protect current and incoming inmates. She included that she has been helping translate information into Spanish, to be sure the Spanish speaking community in the County is also informed.

Dr. Ken Cutler, Public Health Officer, thanked the public for adhering to the social distancing guidelines. He also thanked Dr. Evans and SNMH staff, Tahoe Forest Hospital staff, Dr. Trochet, First Responders and health care workers for going above and beyond while providing care for Nevada County residents. He provided information on Nevada County COVID-19 numbers. He reported that Nevada County has had limited testing capacity and severe shortages of the equipment needed for testing. Therefore, we assume we do not have the correct numbers of cases in our community. He reported 34 confirmed cases, 24 in Eastern and 10 Western, from March 28 to April 2, we have only had two positive tests reported since April 2nd indicating the social distancing measures are effective. About 82 percent of the confirmed cases in Nevada County have been in people in the 18-64 years of age. He reported that from the information Public Health has received the best estimate is that about 900 tests have been done in Nevada County. Dr. Cutler recommended everyone wear some type of face mask along with all the other recommended precautions.

Board discussion and questioning ensued.

Ms. Jill Blake directed the public to the MyNevadaCounty website Coronavirus link and the Public Health department web page for a list of reliable websites where they can get current information.

The Board thanked Dr. Cutler, Dr. Trochet and Ms. Blake for their presentation.

Chair Hall asked if there is Public Comment: Ms. Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board, read the following received public comment into the record: Ms. Patty Lawrence, District I resident; and Mr. John Orona, Journalist, The Grass Valley Union. Dr. Cutler responded to public questions.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to accept the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital update. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Item: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Chair, and Dan Miller, Vice Chair

3. [SR 20-1986](#) Resolution authorizing \$100,000 to establish a Nevada County Relief Fund to support our local non-profits and small businesses due to COVID-19, authorizing the County Executive Officer to execute related documents, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Housing and Community Services budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-104

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall introduced the agenda item and Chair Hall and Supervisor Miller provided comments regarding the Relief Fund and in support of our community businesses and non-profits who are struggling during the COVID-19 closures. Mr. Caleb Dardick, Projects Administrator, provided a presentation with an overview outlining the need for the Relief Fund and how the fund resources will help non-profit organizations continue to serve the community, help people who have been laid off during the COVID-19 event and help small businesses apply for state and federal grants. The funds will act as a safety net for the community and will be applied to help with food, medicine, shelter, counseling and more. Mr. Dardick thanked the many members of the community who have helped create the fund and who will be managing the resources and beneficiaries.

Mr. Dardick introduced Ms. Kimberly Parker, Executive Director, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation (SNMHF), reported that SNMHF has been asked to be the fiscal sponsor of the Nevada County Relief Fund. SNMHF will review the funds allocated to be sure required guidelines are being followed.

Mr. Dardick introduced Ms. Stacy Caldwell, CEO Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF), who thanked the Supervisors for being included in this important philanthropic effort. The TTCF has close connections with the Truckee small business and non-profit community and she felt this is an opportunity to build new infrastructure with the ability to respond to these difficult issues.

Mr. Dardick introduced Mr. Steve Frisch, President, Sierra Business Council (SBC), reported that the SBC development center has been inundated with inquiries for help with applying to the state and federal loan and grant programs. However, SBC understands that many small businesses and self-employed individuals may not qualify for some of the existing programs. Mr. Frisch felt that "Bridge Loans" or "Micro-Grants" would help these people stay in business. He stated that the SBC goal is to work with the Relief Fund Community Advisory Council, establish guidelines and develop a program to deliver funding in the form of Micro-Grants.

Mr. Dardick introduced Ms. Jennifer Singer, President, Center for Non-Profit Leadership, thanked the Board of Supervisors for sponsoring this effort.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Ms. Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer responded to questions regarding the initial funding of the Relief Fund and the continuing challenge to the community to donate. She reviewed the Relief Fund website that has been set up and how the community can donate through the website. Mr. Dardick responded to questions regarding the structure of the Relief Fund including creation of an Advisory Council with Nevada County staff and community members to review applications and make recommendations .

Chair Hall requested Public Comment : Ms. Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board, read the received public comment into the record: Ms. Janet Maroletti, Executive Director, Gold Country Senior Services; Ms. Nicole McNealey, Executive Director, Food Bank of Nevada County, Ms. Ana Acton, Executive Director, FREED; Mr. Matthew Coulter, County Resident; Mr. John Orona, journalist for The Grass Valley Union; Anonymous Comment; and Mr. Lee French District II resident. Staff responded to public comment questions.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 20-104. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**Behavioral Health Director: Phebe Bell**

4. [SR 20-1842](#) Resolution approving Amendment 2 to Standard Agreement 17-94146 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Health Care Services for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding (Res. 17-584), increasing the maximum amount payable from \$2,119,365 to \$2,130,377 and modifying the terms and conditions, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-105

Public Health Director: Jill Blake

5. [SR 20-1830](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Kenneth Cutler, M.D. pertaining to serving as the Public Health Officer and Registrar for the County of Nevada (Res. 19-308), increasing the maximum contract price from \$211,300 to \$266,300 due to COVID-19-related work and emergency support, and revising Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-106

6. [SR 20-1828](#) Resolution approving Amendment 2 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Jennifer L. Winders, MSW, dba Winders Wise Services for the provision of crisis counseling, alcohol and other drug prevention, and nutrition education and obesity prevention activities for high-risk clientele (Res. 19-376), increasing the maximum contract price from \$54,200 to \$60,200, revising Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect the addition of new service deliverables relating to COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response efforts and revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the contract price, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-107

7. [SR 20-1846](#) Resolution approving the acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office, for COVID-19 Crisis Response funding, in the maximum amount of \$217,144, for the period March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021, and authorizing the Nevada County Public Health Director to sign any documents necessary in connection with this award.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-108

Interim Director of Social Services: Mali Dyck

8. [SR 20-1697](#) Resolution approving Standard Agreement 19-1020 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Social Services for the provision of access to CalWORKS CalFresh and General Assistance/General Relief Recipient Employment Development Department Base Wage Data, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-109

Sheriff-Coroner/Public Administrator: Shannan Moon

9. [SR 20-1833](#) Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Sheriff to submit an application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Grant Assistance Program, to aid in the prevention and illegal use of alcohol by minors, for reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$58,600, for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-110

10. [SR 20-1829](#) Resolution directing the Purchasing Agent to issue a Request for Proposals for providing Inmate and Detained Juvenile Healthcare Services at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility and Carl F. Bryan II Youth Center.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-111

District Attorney: Clifford Newell

11. [SR 20-1519](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the California Department of Insurance Worker's Compensation Fraud Grant, in the amount of \$669, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, ratifying execution of the agreement by the District Attorney, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the District Attorney's Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-112

Director of Public Works: Trisha Tillotson

12. [SR 20-1895](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Psomas to provide on-call construction management and inspection services for various projects (Res. 19-220), increasing the contract amount by \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$350,000, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment. (Dists. I and II)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-113

13. [SR 20-1897](#) Resolution approving Program Supplement No. F069 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Aid Projects No. 03-5917F15 in the amount of \$337,000 for the Purdon Bridge over South Yuba River Project, Federal Contract No. HIPL-5917(106), authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the document, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required) (Dists. I and IV)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-114

14. [SR 20-1899](#) Resolution approving Exchange Program Agreement No. X20-5917(107) for the Federal Apportionment Exchange Program (\$286,695) and State Match Program (\$100,000), for a total amount of \$386,695, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the documents.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-115

15. [SR 20-1549](#) Resolution approving bidding documents for the 2020 High Friction Surface Treatment Project - HSIPL 05917(103) - County Contract 225034, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the documents, and instructing the Purchasing Division to advertise for bids in accordance with the application regulations with the bid opening date to be set by the Director of Public Works. (Dists. I, II, III, IV)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 20-116
16. [SR 20-1893](#) Resolution awarding a contract between the County of Nevada and Sierra Nevada Construction Inc., for the 2020 Road Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. 450006 (Res. 20-016), in the amount of \$844,007, plus a ten percent contingency of \$84,400.70, for a total amount of \$928,407.70, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract. (Dists. I and II)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 20-117

Chief Information Officer: Stephen Monaghan

17. [SR 20-1650](#) Resolution approving bid construction documents and specifications for the Penn Valley Library Tenant Improvements Project, located at 11252 and 11254 Pleasant Valley Road, Penn Valley, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the documents, and directing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the Project. (Facilities) (Dist. IV)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 20-118
18. [SR 20-1845](#) Resolution approving bid construction documents and specifications for the Nevada County Roof Restoration and Replacement Project at Various Locations 2020, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the documents, and directing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for this Project. (Facilities)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 20-119

Director of Human Resources : Steven Rose

19. [SR 20-1894](#) Resolution approving the First Amendment to the contract between the County of Nevada and Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. pertaining to administrative services for the County's 457(b) and 401(a) Plans (Res. 20-027), amending Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to establish and maintain a Plan Expense Account and assessing an additional asset management charge against Plan assets for administrative services by County, effective April 2, 2020, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-120

Clerk of the Board: Julie Patterson Hunter

20. [SR 20-1898](#) Reappointment of Ms. Ann Guerra and Mr. Joe Heckel as public members to the Transit Services Commission, effective April 1, 2020, both for two-year terms expiring March 31, 2022.

Reappointed.

21. [SR 20-1843](#) Acceptance of Board of Supervisors Summary Minutes for March 24, 2020.

Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall introduced the consent calendar.

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Adopted.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to approve the consent calendar. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

At 2:24:28 during the roll call vote for the Consent Calendar the technical video recording froze. A short break was taken while the technical difficulties were fixed. Once the technical issues were fixed, the meeting reconvened. To listen to the missing portion of the meeting access the MP4 Video on the Board of Supervisors Streaming webpage.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTERS:*District Attorney: Clifford Newell**

22. [SR 20-0749](#) Resolution proclaiming April 19-25, 2020 as "Crime Victims Rights Week" in Nevada County.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-121

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Clifford Newell, District Attorney, spoke briefly about the proclamation. He introduced Ms. Trish Tanner, Senior Victim Advocate, who provided a presentation with an overview of Victim Advocacy services in Nevada County. Services are wide ranging and include: court accompaniment, emotional support, information about the criminal justice system, advocacy to ensure victims' rights are being addressed, and outreach and education in the community. She reported that the purpose of Crime Victim's Rights Week is to learn about victimization and how it affects individuals and their families, promote ways for victims of crime to access services, to renew the commitment that all victims have the rights and services they need, and to honor past and present crime victims.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Chair Hall requested Public Comment: Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that no Public Comment was received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Scofield, seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 20-121. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters: Gregory Diaz

23. [SR 20-1841](#) Resolution adopting the Certified Statement of Votes cast at the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020 with the County of Nevada as certified by the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-122

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Natalie Adona, Assistant Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, provided the Nevada County results of the March 3, 2020 primary election.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that no Public Comment was received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, to adopt Resolution 20-122. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Child Support Services, Collections, and Housing Director: Mike Dent

24a. [SR 20-1831](#) Resolutions approving a Community Services Block Grant funded contract between the County of Nevada and The Friendship Club related to providing low-income at-risk youth and their families within the community access to case management services in order to connect with services and resources to improve self-sufficiency, in the maximum amount of \$74,000, for the period April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract. (Housing and Community Services)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-123

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Mike Dent, Director of Child Support Services, Collections, and Housing, reviewed the items and the Community Action Plan priorities. He reviewed the two contracts provided for with funds from the State through Community Services Block Grants (CSBG); the first with The Friendship Club, and the second with Gold Country Community Services. Mr. Dent outlined the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for applicants. The Adult and Family Services Commission received eight applications and is recommending these two contracts to receive the CSBG funding.

Mr. Dent introduced Ms. Jennifer Singer, Executive Director, The Friendship Club, who spoke regarding the "Pathways Out of Poverty" program. The program is focused on families experiencing generational poverty, homelessness, and youth transitioning into adulthood. She outlined the services provided.

Supervisor Anderson requested Mr. Dent send him a list of the RFP recipients for the CSBG application.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that no Public Comment was received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to adopt Resolution 20-123. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

24b. [SR 20-2063](#) Resolutions approving a Community Services Block Grant funded contract between the County of Nevada and Gold County Community Services pertaining to providing low-income seniors with case management services in order to connect with services and resources to improve self-sufficiency, in the maximum amount of \$74,000, for the period April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract. (Housing and Community Services)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-124

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Mike Dent, Director of Child Support Services, Collections, and Housing, introduced Ms. Janeth Marroletti, Executive Director, and Mr. Keith Overbey, President, Gold Country Community Services (GCCS). Ms. Marroletti provided an overview of the case management and services they provide to senior residents of Western Nevada County, including helping apply for CalFresh, delivering Meals on Wheels and accessing Veteran's Services. Mr. Overbey reported they are in the process of purchasing a facility in Grass Valley which will become a Senior Center for Western Nevada County and will house a commercial kitchen for the Meals on Wheels and congregate programs they provide. He thanked the Nevada County staff for their ongoing support.

The Board thanked them for the work they do.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that no public comment has been received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hoek, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to adopt Resolution 20-124. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

25. [SR 20-1832](#) Resolution approving Standard Agreement 20-HCFC-00028 between the County of Nevada and the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to provide support to Continuums of Care, Large Cities, and Counties to protect the health and safety of homeless populations and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, in the maximum amount of \$74,408, authorizing the Director of Child Support Services, Collections, and Housing and Community Services to execute the Agreement, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Health and Human Services Agency Housing and Community Services Division's budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required) (Housing and Community Services)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-125

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Mike Dent, Director of Child Support Services, Collections, Housing, reviewed the Agenda Item providing California State funding directly related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Board questioning ensued.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported no public comment was received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Scofield, seconded by Supervisor Miller, to adopt Resolution 20-125. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Director of Human Resources : Steven Rose

26. [SR 20-1896](#) Resolution ratifying leave and reimbursement policies related to the COVID-19 pandemic on behalf of employees of the County of Nevada.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 20-126

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Mali Dyck, Assistant County Executive Officer, introduced the item and reviewed the leave and reimbursement policies. She thanked the Auditor and Information Systems staff for their help transitioning workers who are working from home.

Ms. Nancy Haffey, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the telework policy which allows employees to work remotely to reduce the exposure to COVID-19 of Nevada County staff, and she reviewed the emergency Federal Leave Regulations and the leave options available to staff due to the COVID-19 event.

Board questioning ensued.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that no public comment has been received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 20-126. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Information Officer: Stephen Monaghan

27. [SR 20-1908](#) Acceptance of the Office of Emergency Services' Wildfire Preparedness informational presentation. (Emergency Services)

Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Steve Monaghan, Director of Emergency Services, introduced Mr. Paul Cummings, Office of Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager, who gave a presentation and update regarding the Nevada County Wildfire Board Objectives. He listed the five OES goals regarding wildfires which are; improve evacuation routes, improve early warning systems, create more defensible space, community outreach, and build a more robust infrastructure. Mr. Cummings reviewed the State grant our Public Works Department has received that will fund a program of roadside hazardous vegetation removal throughout the County. He reported that one of the major early warning systems we have is "Code Red". Code Red was used when sending out the messages regarding the COVID-19 warnings, along with two Federal systems that send messages through television and radio; the Emergency Alerting System (EAS) and the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). Mr. Cummings reviewed the need for each Nevada County resident to establish defensible space around our homes and neighborhoods by reducing hazardous vegetation and he encouraged voluntary compliance with defensible space standards. OES is planning three weeks of green waste programs between May and June. There will be green waste drop off sites throughout Western and Eastern Nevada County. The dates, times and locations will be announced and COVID-19 social distancing guidelines will be followed. He reviewed the "Ready, Set, Go" mailer that OES sent to every Nevada County resident last year and provided information regarding when an updated "Ready, Set, Go" mailer will be mailed countywide this year.

Mr. Cummings reported on coordination with PG&E when planning for next year's Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) events. OES has been meeting with PG&E and representatives from the community and PG&E has responded with plans to have better community resource centers, have better access to resource centers for people with disabilities, and they want to reduce the footprint of social and economic impacts caused by the PSPS.

Board questioning ensued. Mr. Paul Cummings and Ms. Jenn Tamo, OES Administrative Analyst responded to the Board questions.

Ms. Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works, responded to questions regarding CalTRANS and the hazardous vegetation clearing along highways in Nevada County.

Ms. Patterson Hunter reported that one public comment had been received; Mr. Matthew Coulter, County resident. Staff responded to Mr. Coulter's questions.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to accept the Office of Emergency Services' Wildfire Preparedness information presentation. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Board members and County Executive Officer may make a brief announcement or brief report on his or her activities. Board members and County Executive Officer may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Updates were provided by members of the Board.

***CLOSED SESSIONS:**

[SR 20-1840](#) Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), County Counsel is requesting a closed session to discuss the following existing litigation case: Evans, et al. v. County of Nevada, California Court of Appeal, 3rd District, Case No. C087658.

[SR 20-1844](#) Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), County Counsel is requesting a closed session to discuss the following existing litigation case: Hyde, et al. v. County of Sutter, et al., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:20-CV-00577-KJM-DMC.

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Katharine Elliott, County Counsel, read the title of the closed sessions into the record and the Board entered into closed session.

Following closed session, Ms. Katharine Elliot, County Counsel, reported that direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 1:53 P.M.

Signature and Attestation

Heidi Hall, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board