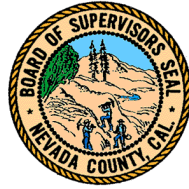


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SUMMARY MINUTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	9:00 AM	Board Chamber, First Floor Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200 Nevada City, California

REGULAR MEETING: 9:00 AM

Rollcall. The following Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District
Ed Scofield, 2nd District
Lisa Swarthout, 3rd District
Susan Hoek, 4th District
Hardy Bullock, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Scofield called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Corrections and/or deletions to agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board, reported that agenda item #32 was pulled from the agenda by staff.

Chair Scofield read the following statement into the record: Over the weekend, someone defaced a Pride sign in the window of one of our Nevada City restaurants, placed there to welcome all people. As Board Chair, I want to be clear that hate speech and hate incidents have no place in Nevada County. One of our core values as a County is equity and inclusion. We strive to be a community where all residents thrive, visitors feel welcome, and we care for one another despite our differences. Everyone is entitled to dignity and equality, no matter who they are, whom they love, or how they identify. Please join me in respecting the LGBTQ members, and members of our community, as together we take a stand against hate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[SR 23-1304](#) Public comment received.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Scofield opened the opportunity for general public comment, and comments were received from the public. There being no additional members of the public waiting to speak, Chair Scofield closed public comment.

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

1. [SR 23-0588](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Auburn Counseling Services, Inc. for the provision of Phone Triage Services for the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, Regional Telephone Triage Services for Other Counties' Adult System of Care and Children's System of Care (CSOC), New Directions Program Services, as well as Patients' Rights, Quality Assurance Services, Personal Services Coordination, and Mental Health Therapy in the jail (Res. 22-307), increasing the maximum contract price from \$1,507,945 to \$1,557,493, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-178

2. [SR 23-0585](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and Auburn Counseling Services, Inc. to provide a specific treatment program for transition home clients and daily operation of Odyssey House Transition Home (Res. 21-320), increasing the maximum contract price from \$2,800,673 to \$3,326,970 due to increased bed capacity, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-179

3. [SR 23-1302](#) Resolution approving a contract between the County of Nevada and Pro-ACT, Inc. pertaining to Professional Assault Crisis Training for Behavioral Health staff, in the maximum amount of \$66,534, for the period May 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-180

Interim Public Health Director: Erin Mettler

4. [SR 23-1354](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to Agreement 22-10183 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Public Health for funding to implement the County's Local Oral Health Program, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, increasing the total maximum amount by \$30,000 to \$825,345 (\$189,069 in Fiscal Year 2022/23, and \$159,069 per fiscal year beginning Fiscal Year 2023/24 through Fiscal Year 2026/27), and authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign the amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-181

5. [SR 23-0922](#) Resolution approving renewal Grant Agreement 22-11043 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Public Health pertaining to funding local immunization program services, for the five-year period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, in the maximum amount of \$1,599,456.22 (\$1,381,124.22 for Fiscal Year 2022/23; \$44,583 for Fiscal Year 2023/24; \$44,583 for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and \$44,583 for Fiscal Year 2026/27), and authorizing the Director of Public Health to execute the agreement, certifications and all associated documents.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-182

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

6. [SR 23-1060](#) Resolution approving a contract between the County of Nevada and AMI Housing dba North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services for the provision of housing support for eastern County residents experiencing homelessness in the North Tahoe-Truckee area, in the maximum amount of \$95,000, for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract. (Housing) (Dist. V)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-183

- 7a. [SR 23-1353](#) Resolution authorizing submission of an application for funding under the Local Housing Trust Fund grant program, certifying use of a future award of Local Housing Trust Funds (LHTF) in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws regarding the LHTF Program, compliance with any and all contracts with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, complying with matching requirements under the LHTF award, and authorizing the Western Nevada County Regional Housing Trust Fund to act as trustee in connection with the funds to eligible projects. (Housing)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-184

- 7b. [SR 23-2179](#) Resolution authorizing commitment of County General Fund and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used as matching funds for a Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) application, accepting an allocation of \$10,000 from the City of Nevada City, approving the appropriation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$500,000, approving the release of Economic Development Infrastructure assignment in the General Fund in the amount of \$500,000, and directing the Auditor-Controller to release fund balances and appropriate budget for the purpose of providing local matching funds for the 2023 LHTF application. (4/5 affirmative vote required) (Housing)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-185

Assessor: Rolf Kleinhans

8. [SR 23-1703](#) Resolution approving participation by the County of Nevada in the California County Assessors' Information Technology Authority, a state funded Joint Powers Authority (JPA) developing projects benefiting all 58 counties, and authorizing the Nevada County Assessor, in coordination with the County Executive Officer and County Counsel, to countersign the agreement and any other necessary documents.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-186

Sheriff-Coroner/Public Administrator: Shannan Moon

9. [SR 23-1603](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the contract between the County of Nevada and California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG), Inc. for medical, mental health, and dental services at the adult correctional facilities in Nevada County (Res. 20-508), increasing the maximum amount by \$171,503 to a total amount not to exceed \$13,899,671, for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, with a continued two 2-year option to renew, amending Exhibit A to allow CFMG to hire Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-187

Treasurer-Tax Collector: Michelle Bodley

10. [SR 23-2115](#) (Waive further reading/Adopt) An Ordinance amending Article 8 of Chapter 5 of the General Code of the County of Nevada regarding the Cannabis Business Tax. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

Adopted.

Enactment No: ORD 2523

Public Works Director: Heba El-Guindy

11. [SR 23-1919](#) Resolution adopting a list of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023/24 Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-188

12. [SR 23-1913](#) Resolution approving Amendment 3 to the agreement between the County of Nevada and HDR Engineering, Inc., for developing project plans, specifications and estimates for the McCourtney Road Solid Waste Transfer Station Redesign Project (Res. 19-528), increasing the contract amount by \$185,000, to a new total amount not to exceed 1,867,813.95, to allow HDR to provide support as necessary throughout the construction phase of the project, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-189

13. [SR 23-1711](#) Resolution approving and accepting Exchange Program Agreement X23-5917(112) for the Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program, in the amount of \$286,695 available for exchange and \$100,000 available of State Matching funds, for a total amount of \$386,695, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement.
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 23-190

Information and General Services Agency Director: Stephen Monaghan

14. [SR 23-1988](#) Resolution approving Amendment 1 to the Last Mile Broadband Grant agreement between the County of Nevada and Northern Sierra Broadband for the Buck Mountain-Oak-Adrianna FTTH Project (Res. 21-141), in the amount of \$120,000, extending the termination date to November 30, 2024, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2022/23 IGS Admin budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 23-191
15. [SR 23-1404](#) Resolution approving bid construction documents and specifications for the Nevada County Generator Installations at Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, Crown Point, and Brighton Greens, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the documents, and directing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for this project. (Facilities Management)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 23-192
16. [SR 23-1987](#) Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Director of Information and General Services to submit a grant application to the State of California Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) Building Forward Library Infrastructure Program for grant funding in the amount \$1,918,714, pertaining to construction of a library facility in the Truckee region of Nevada County. (Library) (Dist. V)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 23-193

Director of Office of Emergency Services: Craig Griesbach

17. [SR 23-1985](#) Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit a grant application to the USDA, United States Forest Service (USFS), Pacific Southwest Region, Fire and Aviation Management Grant for the Ponderosa Phase 1 Maintenance Project, in the amount of \$750,000, and authorizing the Director of Office of Emergency Services to execute additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-194

Director of Human Resources: Steven Rose

18. [SR 23-1981](#) Resolution amending Authorized Personnel Staffing Resolution 22-290 allocating positions to various departments revising the total number of FTE from 848.10 to 850.10, effective May 9, 2023.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-195

19. [SR 23-1980](#) Resolution amending Authorized Personnel Salary Resolution 22-291 allocating positions to various salary ranges, effective May 9, 2023.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-196

Clerk of the Board: Julie Patterson Hunter

20. [SR 23-1181](#) Acknowledge Supervisor Swarthout's appointment of Eric Koch as District III representative to the Airport Commission, effective April 24, 2023.

Acknowledged.

21. [SR 23-1969](#) Acknowledge the resignation of Teresa Dietrich as member from the Municipal Advisory Council (Penn Valley), effective April 21, 2023.

Acknowledged.

22. [SR 23-1911](#) Acknowledge Supervisor Sue Hoek's appointment of Shauneen Deschaine as Member to the Municipal Advisory Council (Penn Valley), effective April 20, 2023.

Acknowledged.

23. [SR 23-1303](#) Acceptance of Board of Supervisors Summary Minutes for April 18 and 25, 2023.

Accepted.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Scofield introduced the consent calendar, provided an opportunity for public comment on the consent calendar, and no comments were received. Chair Scofield closed public comment.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Bullock, and seconded by Supervisor Hall, to adopt the consent calendar. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER ITEM:

District IV Supervisor: Sue Hoek

24. [SR 23-2126](#) Certificate of Recognition for Music in the Mountains for 42 years of service supporting the arts and culture of Nevada County through the promotion of classical music and education.

Recognized.

ACTION TAKEN: Jenny Darlington-Person, Music in the Mountains Executive Director, and Julia Amaral, Board member, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding their organization, they work they do in the community, and upcoming events.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and no comments were received. Supervisor Hoek read the certificate of recognition into the record, and the Board members presented it to Executive Director Darlington-Person.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hoek, and seconded by Supervisor Swarthout, to approve the Certificate of Recognition. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

***DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTERS:**

Director of Human Resources: Steven Rose

25. [SR 23-2158](#) "Best in Class Organization" award presented to the County of Nevada by Gallagher International, based on the results of its 2022 Benefits Strategy and Benchmarking Survey, as an employer that excels in providing innovative solutions for creating organizational structures, workplace policies and total rewards, and inclusively engages and motivates its employees. (Tara Conley, Gallagher International)

Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Steve Rose, Human Resources Director, introduced Tara Conley, Gallagher International, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Best-in-Class" award presented to the County of Nevada, as an employer that excels in providing innovative solutions for creating organizational structures, workplace policies and total rewards, and inclusively engages and motivates its employees.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and comments were received. Tara Conley presented the award to the entire Human Resources Team.

26. [SR 23-2000](#) (Introduce/Waive further reading) An Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract between the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (to provide section 20439 [county jail, detention or correctional facility employees as "county peace officers"].)

First reading held.

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Scofield introduced the proposed Ordinance regarding an amendment to the contract between the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, to provide section 20439 county jail, detention or correctional facility employees as "county peace officers."

Steven Rose, Human Resources Director, read the proposed Ordinance into the record, and reported that today is the first reading. The item will return to the next Board meeting for adoption. Director Rose reviewed the CalPERS process requirements.

Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and no comments were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall, and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to introduce and waive further reading of the entire Ordinance. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Behavioral Health Director: Phebe Bell

- 27a. [SR 23-1912](#) Accept the presentation from the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Board on their activities over the previous year.

Accepted.

27b. [SR 23-2238](#) Resolution proclaiming May 2023 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Nevada County.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-197

ACTION TAKEN: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director, and Shera Banbury, Chair, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Board, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the role of the Advisory Board and their accomplishments over the past year. Chair Banbury spoke highly of the County's Behavioral Health Department and staff.

Director Bell thanked Chair Banbury for her work on behalf of the Advisory Board. The purpose of highlighting Mental Health Awareness Month is to help break the stigma surrounding mental health. Mental illness results in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. Director Bell urged individuals who are experiencing a crisis to call 988, 911, or (530) 265-5811.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and no comments were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall, and seconded by Supervisor Swarthout, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall, and seconded by Supervisor Swarthout, to adopt Resolution 23-197, proclaiming May 2023 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Nevada County. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff-Coroner/Public Administrator: Shannan Moon

28. [SR 23-1410](#) Resolution recognizing May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as "Police Week" in Nevada County.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-198

ACTION TAKEN: Sheriff Shannan Moon provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding National Peace Officer's Memorial Day.

Sheriff Moon read the names of the eleven police officers in California who lost their lives while in the line of duty in 2022. Sheriff Moon requested the Board adopt the proposed Resolution recognizing May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as "Police Week" in Nevada County. Sheriff Moon requested that all flags on Nevada County buildings to fly at half-mast on Monday, May 15 to honor the lives of those officers.

Chair Scofield led a moment of silence for the dedication and service of the 11 police officers who lost their lives while in the line of duty.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and no comments were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Swarthout, and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 23-198, recognizing May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as "Police Week" in Nevada County. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Building Director: George Schureck

29. [SR 23-1709](#) Acceptance of the informational presentation regarding the Housing Master Plans from the Nevada County Building Department.
Accepted.

ACTION TAKEN: Following a short break, Chair Scofield called the meeting back into order.

George Schureck, Building Director, and Nicholas McBurney, Supervising Building Inspector/Plans Examiner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Building Department's Housing Master Plans. The Plans are a regional partnership between Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties, along with the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, and the Town of Truckee. Their goal is to provide flexible housing options for the public and to expedite the permit process, with a reduction in plan preparation and review for single family or accessory dwelling units. The varied options were reviewed for the three floor plans: 1) 2-story 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom ADU dwelling; 2) single-story 2 bedroom 1 bathroom single-family/ADU dwelling; and 3) 3 bedroom 2 bathroom single-family/ADU dwelling.

Board questioning and discussion ensued. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and comments were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Swarthout, and seconded by Supervisor Bullock, to accept the report. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Information and General Services Agency Director: Stephen Monaghan

30. [SR 23-0450](#) Resolution approving contracts between the County of Nevada and Nevada County Builders Exchange dba Nevada County Contractors Association (NCCA), Hines EDM, Inc., and Sytech Solutions, Inc. for document scanning and indexing services, in the maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$175,000, for the period May 9, 2023 through June 30, 2024, authorizing the Purchasing Agent to execute the contracts, and authorizing contract renewals for up to two additional one-year terms. (Purchasing)

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-199

ACTION TAKEN: Desiree Belding, Deputy Purchasing Agent, introduced Tom Last and Barbara Bashall, representatives from Nevada County Contractors Association. Deputy Purchasing Agent Belding reviewed the staff report for the contracts with Nevada County Builders Exchange dba Nevada County Contractors Association (NCCA), Hines EDM, Inc., and Sytech Solutions, Inc. for document scanning and indexing services. The purpose is to accomplish efficient document retention practices for the Community Development Agency and other departments, by converting paper documents and files to electronic to make them more readily available to the public.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Tom Last and Barbara Bashall spoke in support of the proposed contract for scanning services with Nevada County. Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment and no comments were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hoek, and seconded by Supervisor Swarthout, to adopt Resolution 23-199, approving the contracts for document scanning and indexing services. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

***CLOSED SESSION:**

[SR 23-2125](#) Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, County Counsel is requesting a closed session regarding real property negotiations.

The negotiator for the County is Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer or her designee. Items under negotiation concern the price and terms of lease and payment. The properties in interest to be leased are APN 016-100-003-000 and 016-540-001-000, located at 15270 State Highway 89 and 15030 State Highway 89, respectively. The property owner is The United States, administered by the USDA Forest Service.

The negotiator for the property is agent Eliseo Llano, Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest.

Closed Session held.

ACTION TAKEN: Katharine Elliott, County Counsel, read the title of the closed session item into the record.

Chair Scofield explained that following closed session, the Board will recess for lunch and would report out upon returning for the 1:30 p.m. afternoon session. The Board members entered into closed session.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:30 P.M.

ACTION TAKEN: Following the lunch break, Chair Scofield called the meeting back into order at 1:30 p.m. Katharine Elliot, County Counsel, reported that the Board of Supervisors met in closed session and gave direction to staff related to negotiating for property lease.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER ITEM:**District I Supervisor: Heidi Hall**

31. [SR 23-1910](#) Resolution proclaiming support for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) "At Home" Plan, and directing staff to take necessary actions regarding its advocacy for the promotion and furtherance of the wellbeing of homeless populations.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 23-200

ACTION TAKEN: Supervisor Hall introduced the item, reporting that the purpose is to provide input on the Governor's current policies and budget proposals for addressing the state's homeless issue.

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding CSAC's AT HOME Plan. The Plan includes six pillars: Accountability - clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government; Transparency - integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness; Housing - increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum; Outreach - develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce; Mitigation - strengthen safety net programs; and Economic Opportunity - create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs.

Chief Policy Officer Wong-Hernandez requested the Board adopt the propose Resolution, providing support for CSAC's strategy. Ryan Gruver, Health and Human Services Agency Director, reported on the County's Homelessness Plan, which incorporates the State's Action Plan. Director Gruver noted that CSAC's AT HOME Plan addressed many of the issues that Nevada County is experiencing, and aligns with the County's direction.

Chief Policy Officer Wong-Hernandez responded to Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Chair Scofield provided an opportunity for public comment, and comments were received.

Supervisor Hall thanked her colleagues for their input; she believed that the County is ahead of other rural counties.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall, and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, to adopt Resolution 23-200, proclaiming support for CSAC's AT HOME Plan. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTER:

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

32. [SR 23-1908](#) Pulled from the agenda.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER ITEM:*District IV Supervisor: Sue Hoek**

33. [SR 23-1984](#) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and submit the Letter of Opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 338 (Aguilar-Curry).
Approved.

ACTION TAKEN: Supervisor Hoek reported on the proposed letter of opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 338, suggesting that requiring prevailing wage could negatively impact work being done on wildfire prevention.

Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst, supported by Trisha Tillotson, Community Development Agency Director, Craig Griesbach, Office of emergency Services Director, and Desiree Belding, Deputy Purchasing Agent, reported on the bill. Management Analyst Thorsby noted that the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is opposed to the bill, which would expand the definition of "public works" for the purpose of providing prevailing wages, to also include fuel reduction work done under contract and paid for, or in part by, public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project. Management Analyst Thorsby noted that currently the majority of Nevada County's contracts for wildfire management already pay their workers prevailing wage; it is likely that the legislation would increase the costs by 30%. AB 338 could impact and eliminate local jobs rather than create them by placing small, local contractors at a competitive disadvantage for fuels reduction work in Nevada County.

Staff responded to Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Supervisor Hall shared concerns about the importance of paying workers a living wage; when individuals are not paid a living wage, it ends up increasing the need for County services, which are provided at the taxpayer's expense.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hoek, and seconded by Supervisor Swarthout, to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Letter of Opposition. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows: Ayes: Supervisors Scofield, Swarthout, and Hoek; Noes: Supervisors Hall and Bullock.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Scofield adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Signature and Attestation

Edward C. Scofield, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board