



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
Markleeville, CA 96120
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MINUTES May 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Dobson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:02 AM with Supervisors Mecak, Griffith, Dobson, and Woodrow present. Supervisor Jim was present via teleconference.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Markleeville resident Walt Gentry announced retirement and resignation from the Fish and Game Commission, expressed gratitude to the Board and other County employees. Executive Director of Alpine Watershed Group Kimra McAfee announced the termination of AmeriCorps grants and listed options given to current staff to complete the Americorps Program; McAfee announced an upcoming event on River Monitoring Training.

Director of the Alpine Outdoor Association Andy Lovell announced [moving forward with the approval of](#) disc golf course [construction](#) and announced the restoration of trails affected by the Tamarack fire.

Alpine Watershed Group member Isabella Kurtz reported the success of past events and announced an upcoming event at Turtle Rock Park.

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Meghan Wolff announced the reopening of the Chamber Center, gave an update on Death Ride registrations and announced upcoming Chamber events.

Executive Director of Arts and Culture Director January Riddle announced the upcoming artist reception.

Eastern Sierra Fishing Reporter Doug Busey commented on Alpine County fishing opportunities.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Economic Development Director/Public Information Officer JT Chevallier announced the upcoming opening of Market of Markleeville scheduled for May 31, 2025, sponsored by the Tobacco Free Fund.

County Library/ Museum/ Archives Director Rita Lovell announced upcoming events at the Library.

- 4.1. **Update on Alpine County Bear Box Grant program, Turtle Rock Park Tennis Court construction, and Hot Springs Road construction - Community Development Director**

Community Development Director Sam Booth announced the road project bid deadline would be extended to May 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM, gave an update on the Bear Box Grant Program, and stated that the Turtle Rock Park tennis court project would be done by the end of June 2025. Booth explained details of different projects built in Turtle Rock Park and reported that the reconstruction on Hotsprings Road would be finalized in 60 days.

4.2. **Update on Desolation Hotel's work towards completion of an on-site wastewater treatment facility and their request for Alpine County to authorize wastewater discharge to the South Tahoe Public Utility District's modified pipeline and transmission facilities to Harvey Place Reservoir (C-Line).**

Community Development Director Sam Booth gave an update and background information on projects related to the Desolation Hotel wastewater treatment facility. In response to Supervisor Griffith's concerns related to the County's involvement with the C-Line agreement, Booth stated County Counsel would be consulted. In response to Supervisor Dobson's question related to reimbursement fees, Booth responded that language existed in the contract under annual monitoring fees. County Counsel Charles McKee stated the County was responsible but not liable in the agreement.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Counsel Charles McKee gave an update on museum inspection and maintenance projects.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

Supervisor District 1 Charles Dobson gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 2 Evan Mecak gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Jim reported on the collaboration with tribes in California.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Mecak pulled item 7.9 for separate action.

Supervisor Griffith pulled item 7.3 for separate action.

Supervisor Griffith clarified that the wording of item 7.6 "Forest Health Community Working Group" was correct.

County Clerk Teola Tremayne announced the Sheriff requested to pull Item 7.4 from the agenda.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND David Griffith Approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

**AYES: Charles Dobson, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;
MOTION PASSED.**

- 7.1. Regular meeting minutes of 04/15/2025. - County Clerk
- 7.2. County Claims. - Director of Finance
- 7.3. Item pulled for separate action
- 7.4. Item pulled from the agenda
- 7.5. **Resolution No. R2025-10** authorizing an application with CalRecycle for grant funding to Alpine County Environmental Health as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) to carry out the Solid Waste Facilities Permit and Inspection Program. (Requires 4/5 vote). - CAO/Director of Human Services
- 7.6. 2024 Alpine County General Plan Progress Report, including the Housing Element Annual Report, and direct staff to submit the Report to the Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development. - Community Development Director
- 7.7. Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 in 382-382-517850 REPAIRS AND OVERHAULS to fix Engine 422 for Bear Valley Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department using unappropriated Fund Balance in Fund 382 - Bear Valley Fire Department Mutual Aid Fire Impact Fund. Fund balance as of 03/31/25 \$54,276 (requires 4/5 vote). – Sheriff
- 7.8. Appointment of Jema Kimmel to the Library Commission representing District 4 for the unexpired term ending 06/30/2027. - County Clerk
- 7.9. Item pulled item for separate action.

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

- 7.3. **Approve a contract with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis Campus Continuing and Professional Education for training and education for the Social Services Department for the term 07/01/2025 -06/30/2028 in the amount of \$237,150. - CAO-HHS Director.**

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to the amount spent on the contract, Fiscal and Administration Supervisor Chad Cooney responded that \$20,000 was the amount spent on average, funds were shared with other counties and, historically, had never reached the amount of \$80,000. Supervisor Griffith commented that the contract was missing insurance requirements and an insurance waiver. Cooney stated that an insurance waiver would be added. County Counsel Charles McKee stated the Board could approve the contract with direction to waive or reduce insurance requirement.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Evan Mecak approving Contract No. CC2025-20 with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis Campus Continuing and Professional Education for training and education for the Social Services Department for the term 07/01/2025 -06/30/2028 in the amount of \$237,150, contingent on adding insurance waiver.
AYES: Charles Dobson, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;
MOTION PASSED.

7.9.

Amy Mecak to the Library Commission representing District 2 for the unexpired term ending 06/30/2025. - County Clerk

Supervisor Mecak recused himself and left the Board room.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND David Griffith appointing Amy Mecak to the Library Commission representing District 2 for the unexpired term ending 06/30/2025.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
RECUSAL: Evan Mecak;
MOTION PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission bylaws, structure of the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission and Commissioners serving on the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission - Economic Development Director

Supervisor Mecak suggested the continuance of the item and a change in the Committee memberships. The Board's consensus was to obtain comments from Commission members in the audience. No comments by Commission members were made. Fish and Game Commission Liaison JT Chevallier presented the revised bylaws and summarized background dialogue between the County and Fish & Game Commission. County Counsel Charles McKee expressed thanks to staff for work on the Fish and Game Commission and suggested bylaws be approved contingent on correct grammar and format. In response to Supervisor Mecak's comment related to removing board members, Chevallier suggested the commission remain intact and be given a chance to unite. Markleeville resident Phil Elfstrom suggested the Board focus on fishing activities.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Evan Mecak approving proposed amendments to the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission bylaws, as amended.
AYES: Charles Dobson, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;
MOTION PASSED.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. **Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Alpine County Annual Financial Statements Audit Report and Single Audit. The presentation will be led by Anthony Gonzales, CPA, Audit Manager at Price, Paige & Company. - Director of Finance**

Audit Manager at Price, Paige & Company Anthony Gonzales gave a presentation on the Alpine County Annual Financial Statements. The presentation went over the scope of the audit, including financial statements, government audit standards, and type of audit performed. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to deficiency, Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer explained the deficiency was due to misinformation regarding reimbursements. In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to ratios of revenue and expenses, Gonzales responded that the graph was normal. In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to the general fund deficit, Leitenbauer stated that the Tamarack Fire and COVID impacted the general fund. County Counsel Charles McKee explained that multiple counties in California had a deficit in the general fund related to COVID funds.

- 10.2. **Presentation and update regarding the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project and the Markleeville Public Utility District system upgrades; including a history of the project, partnerships, funding sources, and design. - Community Development Director**

Director of Community Development Sam Booth gave a presentation on Markleeville Creek Restoration Projects and gave detailed background of the project. Booth announced the completion of design plans for Turtle Rock Park and explained the benefits of the project. Alpine Watershed Group Executive Director Kimra McAfee gave explanations of plan details related to trails. In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to project funds, Booth clarified that no county funds were needed.

Markleeville Public Utility District (MPUD) Engineer Dave Harden gave a presentation on MPUD system upgrades. Harden explained the scope of the project, project funding, and details on construction.

- 10.3. **Request approval of an operating agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the Hope Valley Fishing Access - Community Development Director**

Director of Community Development Sam Booth pulled the item from the agenda.

- 10.4. **Discussion and possible direction regarding participating in the regional Golden State Connect Authority Digital Equity Grant Program allocating \$215,000.00 to Alpine County - Economic Development Director**

Economic Development Director/Public Information Officer JT Chevallier explained the background and purpose of the Golden State Authority Digital Equity Grant Program. Chevallier explained the breakdown of costs for devices, stating the school district, Health and Human Services, and the library could benefit from the program. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to the County accepting funds directly, Chevallier responded that the possibility would be inquired about. Supervisor Griffith commented on concerns related to participation in the program. The Board's consensus was to take no action on the item.

11. ADJOURN TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITS AS OFFICERS: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, WATER AGENCY

The Board adjourned to the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:00 AM and reconvened to the Board of Supervisors meeting.

12. CLOSED SESSION

1. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation - County Counsel— Government Code section 54957 - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management**

No reportable action.

2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Chief Administrative Officer/ HHS Director— Government Code section 54957 - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management**

No reportable action.

3. **Public Employment/Appointment - Title: County Administrative Officer— Government Code section 54957 - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management**

No reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Alpine County Government Center, Markleeville, California.

Charles Dobson

Charles Dobson (May 21, 2025 07:47 PDT)

ATTEST:

Charles Dobson, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

Teola L. Tremayne

Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Miriam Andrade, Deputy County Clerk

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