



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
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MINUTES September 2, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Dobson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM with Supervisors Mecak, Griffith, Dobson, and Woodrow present. Supervisor Jim was absent.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Alpine Watershed Group Executive Director Kimra McAfee announced the upcoming Creek Day Community Workday and gave an update on staffing.

Former California Public Information Officer Ronald F. Owens, Jr. addressed the Board regarding concerns related to the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. Owens urged the County's health officer to reconsider the promotion and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Markleeville resident Bill Young spoke in support of additional funding for the Alpine County Library. Young discussed volunteer work at the library and emphasized the essential role of professional staff to provide services beyond volunteer capacity.

Hung A Lei Ti Community Member Katherine Rakow expressed concerns regarding District 3 representation. Rakow stated that Supervisor Irvin Jim's frequent absences and reliance on remote attendance prevented effective communication with constituents.

Arts and Culture Executive Director January Riddle gave an update on recent activities and upcoming events.

District Representative for Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil Valerie Spake reported ongoing work on issues related to Rite of Passage and noted the Senator's concerns on the matter.

Mesa Vista resident Lenny Sue Tinseth presented a petition that requested county action against Rite of Passage (ROP). Tinseth highlighted safety and welfare issues and stated that the current environment of ROP was unsafe for the juveniles housed there. Tinseth requested that the County consider civil action against ROP as a public nuisance.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library, Museum & Archives Director Rita Lovell announced that the redesign of the County website has moved forward, with a target launch date near the end of October. Lovell also read a thank you letter from the Friends of the Library regarding the Wine in the Garden event.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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 was absent.

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

County Clerk Teola Tremayne announced a minor correction to Item 7.1 and that the corrected minutes were distributed to the Board.

Supervisor Mecak pulled Item 7.3 for separate discussion.

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

AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim

MOTION PASSED.

7.1. Regular meeting minutes of 08/19/2025, as amended. - County Clerk

7.2. County Claims. – Director of Finance

7.3. This item was pulled for separate action.

7.4. **Contract No. CC2025-61** between Alpine County and Calaveras County to facilitate the disposal of solid waste generated in the Bear Valley, Mt. Reba, and Lake Alpine areas of Alpine County. – Assistant Auditor/Controller

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

7.3. **Approve an Amended and Restated contract with CG Celio & Sons Co. to amend and restate Contract CC2022-14, including Amendments 1 through 6, with a term from December 31, 2026, to May 31, 2027, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$751,167. – Community Development Director**

Supervisor Griffith noted a typographical correction to the signature line.

Supervisor Mecak raised a concern regarding the contract term ending prior to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) grant completion date of May 31, 2027.

Community Development Director Sam Booth clarified that the contract may end before the grant ended and any remaining work or funds could be handled either through an extension of the contract or another contractor.

MOTION Evan Mecak / SECOND David Griffith approving Contract No. CC2025-60 Amendment No. 7 with CG Celio & Sons Co. to amend and restate Contract CC2022-14, including Amendments 1 through 6, with a term from December 31, 2026, to May 31, 2027, as amended.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.1. Public Hearing, make a finding that the issuance of the revenue bonds will have a significant public benefit, and approval of Golden State Connect Authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the construction of a high-speed fiber-optic network in certain unincorporated areas of the County. – Supervisor District 5**

Chair Dobson opened the public hearing at 9:40 AM.

Supervisor Griffith introduced Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Operations Lead Kyle Zimbelman who provided a presentation on the project. Zimbelman outlined the background of GSCA, the partnership with Utopia Fiber and Tilson Engineering, and the open-access model that allowed multiple internet service providers to utilize the network. The project aimed to deliver fiber directly to each home within the project areas, which reflected GSCA's mission to expand access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband in rural counties.

In response to Supervisor Mecak and Griffith's concerns about certain service coverage areas (e.g., Crystal Springs and parts of the Mesa Vista), Zimbelman noted that funding limits prevented inclusion of all areas but suggested that future expansions may be possible. In response to Supervisor Mecak's inquiry about internet service providers, Zimbelman confirmed that several were expected to participate once requests for proposals were completed.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

Chair Dobson closed the public hearing at 10:00 AM.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Terry Woodrow approving to make a finding that the issuance of the revenue bonds would have a significant public benefit, and approved Golden State Connect Authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the construction of a high-speed fiber-optic network in certain unincorporated areas of the County.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

- 8.2. Public Hearing and Presentation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561 and Government Code Section 3502.3 regarding Alpine County's Job Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention efforts in Fiscal Year 2024/2025. – Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management**

Chair Dobson opened the public hearing at 10:00 AM.

Personnel Technician PJ Albert gave a presentation pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561 that covered county obligations, workforce information, vacancy and recruitment data, hiring challenges, and retention statistics. Albert explained that Assembly Bill 2561 required public agencies to publicly disclose vacancy and retention efforts. In response to Supervisor Griffith's inquiry about the discrepancy between posted vacancies and the County's vacancy rate, Albert clarified that the difference stemmed from the hiring freeze and that departments had to initiate each recruitment. Supervisor Griffith suggested that the County may be overstaffed and should reduce authorized positions to better align staffing levels with the budget.

Consensus among the Board was to have the CAO review the staffing structure and report back with potential recommendations.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

Chair Dobson closed the public hearing at 10:23 AM.

9. REGULAR AGENDA – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding cancellation of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 2, 2025. – CAO/County Counsel

CAO/County Counsel Charles McKee noted that the scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting fell on the same date as the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) conference this year. McKee explained that in previous years, this Board, along with most other Boards of Supervisors, had taken the action to cancel the meeting to avoid any overlap with the CSAC conference.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND David Griffith approving cancellation of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 2, 2025.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;

NOs: Evan Mecak;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

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

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of September 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:

Charles Dobson

Charles Dobson (Sep 16, 2025 12:02:04 PDT)

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

Michelle Minder

Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Michelle Minder, Deputy County Clerk

A complete audio/video recording of this meeting is available on the County website

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7.1 Approved BOS Minutes 09-02-2025

Final Audit Report

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