

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers County
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MINUTES
October 21, 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 County resident and Unified School District Trustee Clint Celio gave a report of past activities and thanked the Health and Human Services Department for assistance in obtaining funds for the Wellness Center.

Executive Arts and Culture Executive Director January Riddle announced notice of the upcoming traveling art show and explained details about the event.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. Update from Alpine County Wildfire Coordinator Clint Celia regarding the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program grant funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.- Community Development Director

Community Development Director Sam Booth introduced Alpine County Wildfire Coordinator Clint Celio to present an update on the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP). Celio gave the background and purpose of the RFFCP grant and explained the opportunities that the grant provides. Alpine Watershed Group Executive Director Kimra McAfee gave an update on the past meetings and activities related to Alpine Watershed Group. Forest Health Coordinator Neil Mortimer gave an update on current tasks of collaboration with private landowners and tribal engagement. Celio explained future plans and projects of RFFCP.

Undersheriff Taylor Green introduced Battle Born Metevac as a medical helicopter flight service to replace Care Flight. Green explained the background on Battle Born Metevac care, the membership program, and stated economic impact to be \$4700 yearly for Alpine County. In response to Supervisor Woodrow's question related to Bear Valley coverage, Green stated Alpine residents would be covered. Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee requested that the item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

EMS/ Fire Chief Paul Washam gave an update on past activities and announced Cal Fire burn permits were available online.

Booth gave an update on the Markleeville Restoration Project in Heritage Park

with plans to complete the project by winter.

Library/ Archives Director Rita Lovell thanked maintenance for work done at library and reported on library statistics and upcoming events.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee gave no report.

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 no report, citing time restraints.

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim was absent.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave no report, citing time restraints.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Griffith clarified the timeline for updating governance manual.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND Evan Mecak Approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

ABSENT: Jim

MOTION PASSED.

7.1. Regular meeting minutes of 10/07/2025. - County Clerk

7.2. County Claims. - Director of Finance

7.3. Amended Alpine County Salary Schedule as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 570.5. - Asst. CAO to Personnel and Risk

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Continued update and presentation by USDA Forest Service regarding issues affecting Alpine County. (Ref. 04/18/2023 and continuing the second meeting of each month). - County Clerk

Chair Dobson read a letter on behalf of USDA Forest Service District Ranger Matt Zumstein reporting on the USDA Forest Service updates.

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee explained the background of the drafted letter. Assistant County Counsel Melissa Shaw outlined the contents of the correspondence to state. County Clerk Teola Tremayne reported that correspondence was received from Alpine County resident Lenny Sue Tinseth that was distributed to the Board. Supervisor Mecak spoke in favor of the letter.

Tinseth commented on legal issues related to Rite of Passage and requested details of the County's plan. McKee stated options that the Senator and the State could take and explained the County would report back regarding a response to the letter from the State. In response to Tinseth's question related to sending a follow-up letter, Supervisor Mecak advised a second letter would be sent at a future date pending consultation with counsel. Tinseth requested the Board to create legislature and asked for a response to a petition. Chair Dobson advised that the Board would address the petition at a later day. Upon Tinseth's recommendation to include El Dorado County's letter dated 08/13/2025 as an exhibit when sending the letter to the State, the Board agreed.

Alpine County resident Steve Martenson spoke in favor of the letter.

MOTION David Griffith/ SECOND Evan Mecak approving a letter to Community Care Licensing Division, Deputy Director Kevin Gaines regarding concerns the County has with two licenses for Short Term Residential Treatment Programs within Alpine County, including an additional letter from El Dorado County dated 08/13/2025, as amended.

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

ABSENT: 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

12.1. Public Employment/Appointment- Title: County Executive Officer- Government Code section 54957 - Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action.

12.2. Public Employment/Appointment - Title: County Counsel- Government Code section 54957 - Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action.

12.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator -(GC § 54954.5 and 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives: Charles McKee Interim CEO/County Counsel, Jack Hughes Lead Negotiator, Sarah Simis Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk; Employee Organizations; Unrepresented Employees, Deputy Sheriffs Association (DSA); Miscellaneous Employee Association OE3- Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action.

12.4. Conference with Legal Counsel -Potential Exposure to Litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(2)- One (1) Case-Interim CEO/County Counsel

No reportable action.

12.5. Pending and initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)(4), County of San Mateo v. State of California, Superior Court of San Francisco, Case No. CPF-25-519270. - County Counsel

The Board authorized joining of counsel in litigation with the County of San Mateo.

MOTION David Griffith/ SECOND Terry Woodrow approving joining the County of San Mateo initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)(4), County of San Mateo v. State of California, Superior Court of San Francisco, Case No. CPF-25-519270.

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

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next regular meeting of November 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:

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Charles Dobson

Charles Dobson (Nov 5, 2025 15:53:10 PST)

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

Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Miriam Andrade, Deputy County Clerk

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2025-11-06

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