



Board of Supervisors
 ALPINE COUNTY
 Board Chambers
 County Administration Building
 Markleeville, CA 96120
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MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Terry Woodrow called the Special Meeting to order at 3:03 PM with Supervisors Donald Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, and David Griffith present. Chair Terry Woodrow, County Counsel David Prentice and Sheriff Rick Stephens attended via telephone.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy reported that the information was not available when the agenda was posted; action may be needed before the next Board meeting.

MOTION Woodrow / SECOND Hames approving consideration of urgency item: Conference with Sheriff's Office Pursuant to GC 54957(A) threat to security of essential Public Services;

AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION CARRIED.

See Item 4.1

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Request adoption of a resolution ratifying existence of a Local Emergency per Alpine County Code Section 2.56. - Director of Emergency Services - Deputy CAO to Personnel and Risk Management

Undersheriff Spencer Case reported that severe weather began on 1/5; an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was formed with Undersheriff Spencer Case, EMS/Fire Administrator Terry Hughes, CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy, Deputy CAO to Personnel and Risk Management Sarah Simis, Health and Human Services Director Nichole Williamson and Health and Human Services Health Education Coordinator Tim Streeper regarding concerns for flooding on the East Fork Carson River and West Fork Carson River. Case reported that sandbags were provided to the public at the fire stations located in the County. Case reported that weather conditions had deteriorated by 1/8; Case reported that expected increase in flow on the East Fork Carson River had occurred but the West Fork Carson River had little increase in flow. Case reported that Sergeant Minder and Deputy Hartootunian conducted an investigation on Blue Lakes Road; three beaver dams were found impeding water on the West Carson River. Case reported that

flooding in Alpine County as well Douglas County, Nevada was a significant concern; Douglas County was informed about the potential threat. Case reported that engineers estimated that approximately 1 million cubic feet of water was held by the beaver dams on 1/9. Case reported that while monitoring water flow on the rivers, a spike in water flow was observed; further investigation found flooding in Hope Valley and one beaver dam had breached. Case reported that the Forest Service was notified for safety concerns on public land in Alpine County as well as downstream, in the event the remaining beaver dams breached.

Case reported that Highway 88 at the spur and Red Lake were closed on 1/9; Carson Pass at the spur was scheduled to be opened on 1/14. Case reported that Kirkwood Resort had no resources due to heavy snow, avalanches and road closures; diesel and propane was delivered on 1/12. Case reported that risk of avalanche and difficulty to evacuate the resort continued to be a concern. Case reported that many contacts were made with Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (KMPUD) Assistant General Manager Rick Ansel and KMPUD was stable. Case reported that avalanche risk on Carson Pass was moderate. Case reported that in the event of an avalanche, Kirkwood housing would be in the Carson Valley. Case reported that California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Chuck Brothers was a great asset, taking the lead with communications with Kirkwood and Caltrans.

Case reported that there was concern for a possible identical weather event next week with warm weather and snow melt.

EMS/Fire Administrator Terry Hughes reported that there were three incidents in Kirkwood Resort with a structure fire and two properties with structural damage from two avalanches; all properties were unoccupied and there were no injuries. Hughes reported that there was high concern for injury of skiers and snowboarders due to snow conditions with layers of snow covering sink holes.

Supervisor Jardine reported that ratifying existence of a Local Emergency per Alpine County Code Section 2.56 was an important first step for resources to County and individuals; the full extent of damage was not yet known.

In response to Supervisor Hames' concern for beaver dams on Red Lake, Undersheriff Case reported that there were more controls in the Red Lake area. In response to Supervisor Hames' concern for snowmobilers' safety and consideration of closing the area, Case reported that the Forest Services had been contacted but had not yet responded. Case reported that warning signs may be placed.

In response to Supervisor Jardine's request for County Counsel input regarding the resolution, County Counsel David Prentice reported that the resolution was stating the existence of an emergency following the EOC committee findings on 1/9; the resolution was limited, lasting two weeks unless it was renewed.

Supervisor Jardine read the resolution.

MOTION Hames / SECOND Griffith adopting Resolution R2017-04 ratifying existence of a Local Emergency per Alpine County Code Section 2.56. - Director of Emergency Services

AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION CARRIED.

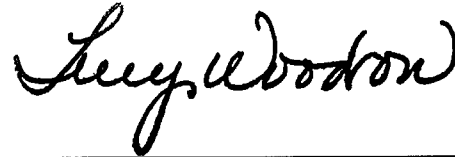
4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Closed Session: Conference with Sheriff's Office Pursuant to GC 54957(A) threat to security of essential Public Services. – CAO/Director of Finance

Direction was given to staff.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 9:00am at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleeville, California.



Terry Woodrow, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

ATTEST:



Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Stephanie Fong, Assistant County Clerk

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