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Diane Freeman, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Doug Verboon, Kings County Supervisor, District 3, Chairman
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



II. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Kyria Martinez/Dave Robinson

Presentation to the Employee of the 4th Quarter of 2023.

THE BOARD RECOGNIZED SERGEANT KRISTINA MORRIS, KINGS COUNTY SHERRIF’S OFFICE AS EMPLOYEE OF THE 4TH QUARTER OF 2023.

III. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other item of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors stated that the Board received a hard copy and electronic copy of correspondence from Los Angeles County Sanitation District regarding the appointment to the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 trustee position and the letter will be made part of the permanent record of today's meeting.

Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer introduced Salvador Flores, Kings County Fire Chief. Mr. Flores thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in this role.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 5, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their March 5, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 5, 2024.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. District Attorney’s Office:

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney’s Office to submit a grant application for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Automobile Insurance Fraud Program; **[RESO 24-011]**
- b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney’s Office to submit a grant application for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. **[RESO 24-012]**

B. Public Health Department:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with the California Department of Public Health to continue to receive, use, and disclose Enhanced Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Case Reporting System data effective upon execution for a period of five years. **[AGMT 24-031]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RR, RV, RF, DV-Aye)



VI.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. County Counsel – Diane Freeman

1. Consider Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761's request for appointment of trustee and do one of the following:
 - a. Appoint Sherod Craig to fill the vacancy as a Trustee of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 for the remainder of the seat's term, which ends in November 2025;
 - b. Appoint Riley Jones to fill the vacancy as a Trustee of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 for the remainder of the seat's term, which ends in November 2025;
 - c. Appoint a qualified individual of the County's choosing to fill the vacancy as a Trustee of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 for the remainder of the seat's term, which ends in November 2025;
 - d. Order Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 to call an election to fill the vacancy;
 - e. Take no action

ACTION: APPROVED OPTION B AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RR, DV-Aye, RV-Abstain)

B. Elections Department – Lupe Villa

1. a. Consider approving a budget adjustment for the Elections Department for the administration of a special election for Congressional District 20;
 - b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RV, JN, RR, RF, DV-Aye)

C. Fire Department – Salvador Flores/Abraham Valencia

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with the City of Hanford for State Homeland Security Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the City of Hanford Fire Department's unmanned aircrafts and training for the performance retroactively effective from September 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025; **[AGMT 24-029]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)

- b. Approve the Agreement with the City of Hanford for State Homeland Security Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the City of Hanford Police Department's portable radios for the performance retroactively effective from September 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025. **[AGMT 24-030]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, RR, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

D. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Everardo Legaspi

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. **[RESO 24-013]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)

E. Administration – Kyria Martinez

1. Receive a presentation from the Rural Counties Representatives of California Strategic Plan.

THE BOARD RECEIVED THE PRESENTATION AND NO OFFICAL ACTION WAS TAKEN



VII.

STUDY SESSION

A. Administration – Kyria Martinez

Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo

1. a. Receive an overview regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Non-Congregate Shelter;
- b. Authorize the Chairman to sign letters of thanks to Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza Butler, and Representative David Valadao for their support in urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fully reimburse the County for non-congregate shelter expenses.

THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE LETTERS TO SEND A COPY TO ALL SIGNERS OF THE FINAL LETTERS. (RV, RR, JN, RF, DV-Aye)

VIII.

STUDY SESSION

A. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Receive an overview and update on County efforts for relief aid, closures, and repairs to roads damaged by the 2023 Winter Storm Events.

The Board received an update and the Chairman reopened the unscheduled appearances portion of the agenda for the public to address the board.

Laura Brown, J.G. Boswell Company discussed a map she produced showing which roads near and around the company's farmland they feel are priorities for repair before the upcoming harvest seasons.

George Wurzel, J.G. Boswell company stated that the company employs approximately 140 workers now and are currently paying stipends to some employees who must travel different roads due to the closures and flooding and would like to see the Board direct staff to repair and open priority roads before their harvest season opens.

Jason Proctor, Transportation Company stated that for the safety and economy of the Corcoran area the roads need to be repaired because there will be about 25,000 loads being hauled in the next few months.

Scott Daniels, Transportation provider stated that J.G. Boswell is a source of produce in Kings County and that his company provides transportation for them and within the next 90 days his company will have 4 or 5 million miles traveled for produce and support industries and need to have the roads repaired and open.

David Robinson, Kings County Sheriff stated that he would like to see the Board include temporary fixes to roads that have been damaged for use by safety personnel, including Sheriffs, Fire and Ambulance services. He stated that testing needs to be completed again so that staff can move forward with repairing roads for the safety of everyone in Kings County.

Dustin Fuller, Tulare Lake Drainage Storage District stated that the district has been going through the FEMA process and everyone needs to have a unified message on the losses and devastation from the floods on the roads and how it is hurting those who work and live in the area.

Dominic Tyburski, Kings County Public Works Director stated that heavy truck traffic will tear up the roads that are already damaged from the flooding and he will work with staff to look at prioritizing



roads for safety and see what can be done, but is concerned anything the County does may affect FEMA funding needed for the damage the roadways and bridges within the County due to the floods.

Duane Cooper, Kings County Roads Superintendent stated that the SB Project for Avenal Cut Off Road will cost approximately \$7 Million for the first year of the project and the repairs to the roads that have been damaged by the floods will require a contractor to be hired to complete the work and the costs for repairs will have to come from the general fund money due to other projects earmarked with the existing roads funds.

Erik Urena, Kings County Department of Finance Director stated the \$5 million CDAA funds from CalOES are an advancement and will have to be paid back to CalOES when FEMA reimburses us for the event.

Kirk Gilkey, Gilkey Farms stated that he would like the County to look at repairing 10th Avenue from Pueblo to Redding to create a thoroughfare, the current roadway has safety issues due to the erosion of the shoulders and damages from the floods.

The Board discussed their concerns and which roads needed repairs along with requests heard today and directed staff to come back with costs and a roadway priority list by meeting with landowners and growers to come up with the information.

Jake Joseph, Witt O'Briens stated that advocating as a united front would help to enhance the case for requesting FEMA funds but additional testing would not help with eligibility and would not be able for reimbursement.

IX.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A. Information Technology Department – John Devlin/Evan Jones

Conduct a re-hearing and make one of the following findings:

1. a. New Perceptions' protest lacks merit and Behavioral Health's recommendation to award RFP 2024-21 to Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. and Recover Medical Group, PC was reached in a fair and reasonable manner and, therefore, will not be overturned by the Board;
- b. New Perceptions' protest has merit and the Board finds that all proposals received in response to RFP 2024-21 must be re-evaluated by individuals other than those involved in the initial evaluation committee; or
- c. New Perceptions' protest has merit and the Board finds RFP 2024-21 a failure, rejects all proposals received in response thereto, and directs Behavioral Health to issue a new RFP for Adult Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.

SUPERVISOR VERBOON OPENED THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING. TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED FROM: DR. LISA LEWIS, KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, CHRISTI LUPKES, KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FLINDT ANDERSEN, NEW PERCEPTIONS CEO AND THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ACTION: APPROVE OPTION B (RV) MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND

ACTION: APPROVE OPTION A (JN, RR, RF, DV-Aye, RV-No)



X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

On their own initiative, Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Robinson welcomed the new Fire Chief to Kings County and stated that he attended homelessness meetings, participated in the Kings County Librarian interviews, and traveled on the roads that were damaged by flooding in 2023.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he helped cook at the Lemoore Liberty school band breakfast where at least 1400 people were served.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Board retreat meeting, attended the CalViva Public Policy meeting, participated in the Kings County blood drive, attended St. Johns Hall fish fry fundraiser, cooked for the Lemoore Liberty school band breakfast and thanked everyone who helped to serve over 1500 people that day and attended the Hanford Fraternal Halls 69th annual meeting.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he was in Arizona to help host a garage tour in honor of his father, William Verboon who passed away in April 2023.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence from the California State Water Resources Control Board on March 4, 2024, regarding a Notice of Petition Requesting Changes in Water Rights of the Department of Water Resources for the Delta Conveyance Project. The Board received correspondence from the California State Water Resources Control Board on March 6, 2024 regarding an Abridged Notice of Public Hearing Sites Reservoir Project. The Board received correspondence from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District dated March 8, 2024 regarding the Appointment of Riley Jones for the Vacant Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 Trustee Position. The Board received correspondence on March 8, 2024 from the United States Department of the Interior regarding a Notice of Decision relating to an application filed by the Santa Rosa Rancheria to have real property known as the "Alvarado Parcels" accepted by the USA in trust.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Veteran's Support Group on March 12, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Library Kettleman City Branch will host its Movie Time on March 13, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. refreshments will be provided. This program is free and open to the public. The City of Hanford and Valley Community Small Business Development Center will hold an open house and ribbon cutting on March 14, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Hanford Amtrak Station. Adventist Health will host a free Wellness Clinic on March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be medical and dental services, health advice, free haircuts and community resources to help keep families informed about feeling their best. Kings County will host Youth in County Government Day on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. where 60 high school students from Kings County will have the opportunity to job shadow different departments throughout the County. Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Family Member Support Group today, March 19, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford. Kings County Library Hanford Branch will host its Maker Monday on March 18, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. where participants will learn to make a Soaring Paper Kites, also while at the Library don't forget to view the Kings County newspaper microfilm online via Digital Reel which has a Kings County digitized newspaper collection from as far back as 1889.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Youth in County Government Day and Claim for Damages for**



LA Law Group; County Counsel -Advanced Promotion for Assistant County Counsel position; Community Development Agency - some grant applications Fire Department - Transfer of funds; Human Services Agency - Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round five grant application; Information Technology - Cloud annual renewal; Public Works Department - Local Transportation Funds Claim Resolution; Sheriff’s Office - Agreement with Trinity Services Group, Inc.

XI.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(4)]
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(2)]
Threat of litigation on Conditions at Kings County Juvenile Center
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: Library Director
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Kyria Martinez, Carolyn Leist, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - General Unit - CLOCEA
 - Supervisor’s Unit - CLOCEA
 - Blue Collar - SEIU
 - Detention Deputy’s Association
 - Firefighter’s Association
 - Deputy Sheriff’s Association
 - Probation Officer’s Association
 - Prosecutor’s Association
 - Unrepresented Management
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources and DOES 1-20, Sacramento County Superior Court No. 34-2020-80003517-CU-WM-GDS
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

XII.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers. This will be the Les Collins’ Memorial Youth in Government Day, sponsored by the Hanford Rotary Club.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 19	8:30 AM	Regular Meeting. This will be the Les Collins’ Memorial Youth in Government Day, sponsored by the Hanford Rotary Club.
March 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 9	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting

Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.



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March 8, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

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Diane.badasci@co.kings.ca.us

Diane Badasci
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, California 93230

Dear Diane Badasci:

Appoint Riley Jones for the Vacant Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 Trustee Position

On behalf of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts), I write to encourage the Board of Supervisors to appoint Riley Jones for the vacant Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 (RD 761) Trustee position. Mr. Jones has the necessary skills and experience to help manage a district that faces serious financial and administrative issues and is barely operational.

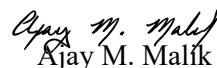
Mr. Jones has spent his entire professional career in this community, beginning in 1965 as a teacher and coach of both football and swimming at Lemoore High School. After 15 years as a teacher, Mr. Jones operated a successful newspaper business for more than a decade before selling the business. Following this Mr. Jones worked for GWF Power Systems, a privately owned energy producer, for more than 25 years in all aspects of the business, including as a Local Business Manager, Legislative Representative and Public Relations and Community Representative.

Mr. Jones also has held numerous community and voluntary positions over the course of his lifetime, which have only increased the knowledge and experience necessary to govern RD 761. These positions have included membership on the Kings County Planning Commission since 1983, Kings Economic Development Corporation, the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce, the Hanford Chamber of Commerce and as a cofounder of the Kings Industrial Group (KIG). The KIG was an organization originally founded to represent certain local industries in a single industrial park. Due to its success, it was subsequently expanded to include all industries in Kings County, including agriculture. It was eventually absorbed into the structure of the Kings Economic Development Corporation.

We at the Sanitation Districts have first-hand knowledge of Riley's expertise and abilities. He has ably supported us in our efforts to be good community citizens and partners in Kings County. Most recently, Riley acted as a local contact for the Sanitation Districts as the Tulare Lake community faced significant challenges due to flooding.

RD 761 is in need of someone like Mr. Jones. RD 761 faces serious issues and has not met the goals of a public agency to operate transparently and in the best interests of all of its members. RD 761 has not produced a budget in decades, and does not have the funds necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacant Trustee position, let alone the financial resources to perform the necessary functions of a reclamation district. Mr. Jones is the only candidate with the appropriate business and management skills and experience to bring about the necessary changes that RD 761 so clearly needs.

Very truly yours,



Ajay M. Malik
Department Head
Technical Services Department

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