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**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 TO BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.
IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM 308, COURTHOUSE, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

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AGENDA

The Board of Supervisors welcomes you to its meetings which are regularly held on the first three Tuesdays of each month, and your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

Any item without a specified time on the agenda may be taken up at any time and in any order. Any member of the public may contact the Clerk of the Board before the meeting to request that any item be addressed as early in the day as possible, and the Board will attempt to accommodate such requests.

Any person desiring to address the Board shall first secure permission of the presiding officer. For noticed public hearings, speaker cards are provided so that individuals can bring to the attention of the presiding officer their desire to speak on a particular agenda item.

Any public comments made during a regular Board meeting will be recorded. The Clerk will not interpret any public comments for inclusion in the written public record. Members of the public may submit their comments in writing to be included in the public record.

CONSENT AGENDA: These matters include routine financial and administrative actions. All items on the consent calendar will be voted on at some time during the meeting under "Consent Agenda." If you wish to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda, you may do so by addressing the Chairperson.



REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact the Clerk of the Board at (530) 283-6170. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. Auxiliary aids and services are available for people with disabilities.

STANDING ORDERS

10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the Board of Supervisors. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Brief announcements by, or brief reports on their activities by County Department Heads

ACTION AGENDA

1. U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Presentation by Commander Keith White and Communications Officer Peter Rast regarding "Operation Safe Boat" and recognition of Sheriff Hagwood

2. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A) ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Jerry Sipe

Report and update on statewide onsite wastewater regulations (AB 885) and Environmental Health's development of the Local Agency Management Plan

B) PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING – Robert Perreault

Continued from November 03, 2015, approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Subdivision Agreement for Trailhead Unit 1; approved as to form by County Counsel

3. PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL - Robert Perreault

Consideration of Plumas County Coordinating Council recommended comments on the "Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation" proposed by the Plumas National Forest; discussion and possible action

4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign employment agreement between County of Plumas and Sharyl Preskitt, Human Resources Director, effective November 30, 2015; approved as to form by County Counsel

B. Discussion and possible action regarding transfer of Code Enforcement from the Building Department to Sheriff Administration

C. Discussion and possible action regarding green waste disposal and air quality issues, Chester

D. Correspondence

E. Weekly report by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations

F. Appointments

ALMANOR PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

Appoint Michelle Gosney and Shane Bergmann to the Almanor Park & Recreation District Board to form a quorum necessary to conduct their business

5. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel: Public employee performance evaluation – Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures
- B. Personnel: Public employee performance evaluation – Public Works Director
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation – Pederson, et al., v. County of Plumas, et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California Case No. CIV S-89-1659 KJN, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code § 54956.9
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code §54956.9 (Two Cases)
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- F. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Administrative Unit; Sheriff's Department Employees Association; Operating Engineers Local #3; Confidential Employees Unit

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn meeting to Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.



Plumas County Environmental Health

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Date: October 30, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jerry Sipe, Environmental Health

RE: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item for November 10, 2015

Recommendation: Receive a report and update regarding statewide onsite wastewater regulations (AB 885) and Environmental Health's development of the Local Agency Management Plan.

Background and Discussion: As the Board will recall, AB 885 directed State Water Resources (SWR) to develop statewide standards to regulate the treatment and disposal of onsite wastewater (septic systems). Originally those standards lacked flexibility, were overly prescriptive, and unnecessarily expensive for new and existing homeowners. After considerable opposition, SWR revised these standards and instead developed an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Policy. This OWTS Policy requires new mandates on local agencies and their wastewater disposal programs but, for the most part, it recognizes and accepts many parts of effective local programs.

As seen on the attached fact sheet, the OWTS Policy establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for septic system regulation. Tier 0 includes existing, properly functioning septic systems. Owners of these systems have no new requirements provided the system continues to function properly. Tier 1 applies to new, low risk septic system installations, but these are very conservative standards and not nearly flexible enough for the wide range of conditions found throughout Plumas County. Tier 2 allows local agencies to design and submit a Local Agency Management Plan, or LAMP, for SWR review and approval. Most counties plan to submit a LAMP, and that LAMP will be based on their existing local program. Tier 3 is advanced protection for systems near impaired water bodies (for nutrients or bacteria). Fortunately, Plumas County does not have any listed impaired water bodies. Finally, Tier 4 is for failing systems, and they should remain in that tier only until they are removed or replaced.

Environmental Health is currently preparing a LAMP for submittal to SWR. The LAMP must include existing ordinances, procedures and process used to permit, design, evaluate, install and inspect septic systems. It must also include measures taken to address new mandates such as data management and reporting, and groundwater monitoring and evaluation. The deadline to submit the LAMP is in May 2016. After submittal, SWR has one year to review and approval or recommend changes. If changes are required, local agencies have another year to incorporate them into procedures or ordinances as

As necessary. In addition to the above, annual groundwater monitoring must begin in May 2016 and an assessment report of OWTS impacts to groundwater must be completed and submitted to SWR every fifth year.

In summary, Plumas County administers a highly effective wastewater control program. Strongest evidence for this is the lack of contaminated surface or groundwater linked to septic systems. To help ensure local control and flexibility under the statewide onsite wastewater regulations, Environmental Health is developing a Local Area Management Plan which incorporates this effective program. At this time the Board is invited to ask questions or direct staff in completion and submittal of the LAMP.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 283-6367.

Thank you.

Enclosure



Fact Sheet

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD | 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 | Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 | www.waterboards.ca.gov

Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy)

General OWTS Policy Information

What are we regulating?

- Onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) commonly known as septic systems that primarily treat domestic wastewater and employ subsurface disposal.
- There are an estimated 1.2 million OWTS in California

When does it take effect?

- The effective date of the Policy was May 13, 2013.
- Except for Tier 3, local agencies may continue to implement their existing OWTS permitting programs for 60 months after the effective date of the Policy.
- Owners of OWTS with projected flow over 10,000 gallons per day (gpd) or receives high-strength wastewater shall notify the Regional Water Boards. These OWTS may be required to submit a Report of Waste Discharge for coverage of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) or a Waiver of WDR.

Why was the Policy adopted?

- To allow continued use of OWTS, while protecting water quality and public health
- Assembly Bill 885 amended California Water Code section 13290, which required the State Water Board to develop statewide standards or regulations for permitting and operation of OWTS.

Who is impacted?

- OWTS owners
- Local agencies that permit OWTS (county environmental health dept., etc.)
- Regional Water Boards
- State Water Board

OWTS Policy Tiers

The OWTS Policy establishes a statewide, risk-based, tiered approach for regulation and management of OWTS installations and replacements, and recognizes the effectiveness of local permitting agencies. Tiers are briefly summarized below, refer to the OWTS Policy for a complete discussion of the requirements.

Tier 0: Existing OWTS (OWTS Policy Section 6)

- Applies to properly functioning systems that do not need corrective action and are not near an impaired water body subject to TMDL, local agency's special provisions, or located within 600 feet of a water body listed on OWTS Policy Attachment 2.
- Maximum flow rate is 10,000 gpd.

Tier 1: Low Risk New or Replacement OWTS (OWTS Policy Sections 7 & 8)

- Applies to new or replacement OWTS that comply with conservative siting and design standards described in the OWTS Policy.
- Tier 1 applies when a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) has not been approved by the Regional Water Board.
- Maximum flow rate is 3,500 gpd.

Tier 2: Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for New or Replacement OWTS (OWTS Policy Section 9)

- Applies to new or replacement OWTS that comply with the siting and design standards in an approved LAMP. LAMPs are developed by Local Agencies based on local conditions; siting and design standards may differ from Tier 1 standards.
- Maximum flow rate is 10,000 gpd.

Tier 3: Advanced Protection Management Program (OWTS Policy Section 10)

- Applies to OWTS located near impaired surface water bodies that are subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan, a special provision contained in a LAMP, or is located within 600 feet of a water body listed on OWTS Attachment 2.
- Supplemental treatment requirements may apply to a Tier 3 system.
- Maximum flow rate is 10,000 gpd.

Tier 4: OWTS Requiring Corrective Action (OWTS Policy Section 11)

- Applies to systems that are not properly functioning (failing).
- Failure may be indicated by surfacing effluent, wastewater backing up in plumbing fixtures, OWTS component/piping structural failure, or significant groundwater or surface water degradation

The Policy and Substitute Environmental Document are available on the Internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/owts/index.shtml

For more information please contact:

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PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL

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AGENDA REQUEST

for the November 10, 2015 Meeting of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors

November 2, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Robert Perreault, Chair, PCCC 
Subject: Consideration of PCCC-Recommended Comments on the "Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation," being proposed by the Plumas National Forest

Background:

The Plumas National Forest Service has announced that it will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to designate over-snow vehicle (OSV) use on roads, trails and areas on lands within the Plumas National Forest. The EIS will also identify snow trails available for grooming on the Forest.

Plumas National Forest staff has been seeking Public Input on the initial proposed action. The Forest Service has extended the comment period on the proposed action from October 29, 2015 to November 13, 2015.

To facilitate public input on the proposal, the following meetings have been conducted by the PNF staff at the following locations:

- October 8 – Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds/Mineral Building, 204 Fairground Road, Quincy, CA
- October 14 – Chalet View Lodge Conference Room, 72056 Hwy 70, Portola, CA
- October 15 – Feather River Ranger District Office, 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA
- Tuesday, October 27 – Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds/Mineral Building, 204 Fairground Road, Quincy, CA 6:00 - 8:00 PM (added meeting).

In addition to the meetings previously scheduled to date, an additional meeting has been added to the schedule by the PNF:

- November 5 – Sierra City Community Hall, 14 Castagna Alley, off SR 49, Sierra City, CA 6:00 - 8:00 PM (added meeting).

Agenda Request to BOS, submitted on behalf of the PCCC
Subject: Consideration of PCCC-Recommended Comments on the "Over-Snow
Vehicle Use Designation," being proposed by the Plumas National Forest
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According to a "News Release," dated October 28, 2015, issued by the Plumas National Forest:

"[Parties interested] in the project have until November 13 to provide feedback during this phase of planning called project "scoping."

Following the scoping phase, an interdisciplinary team will be reviewing information about the project; including feedback received from the community, and will develop new alternatives, as needed. After analyzing the impacts of the proposed action and other alternatives and then packaging the information into a draft environmental impact statement, a second public comment phase will be conducted in the spring of 2017. Comments received at that time will be considered in the development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. A decision on the project will be made following the completion of a final EIS in fall of 2017.

*More information, including the proposed action and opportunities for comment, is available at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124> ... "*

Earlier this year, the staff of the Plumas National Forest requested the Plumas County Coordinating Council to conduct a "coordination" effort for this part of the project. The Coordinating Council agreed and a PCCC Sub-committee was created in response to the PNF request. Field meetings were conducted by the PNF staff and the PCCC Sub-committee, but then the field activity went dormant, although it was agreed that a final meeting was necessary with the PCCC Sub-committee. Sometime in late September, the PNF Staff abruptly published its present proposal to seek public input without benefit of final PCCC Sub-committee input or without benefit of the comments of the entire Coordinating Council. Thus, "coordination" for this part of the project was not completed.

As of the date of this Agenda Request, the Plumas County Coordinating Council is scheduled to consider the preparation of formal advice to the Board of Supervisors during the PCCC Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015. The formal advice will be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (and available for public review during normal working hours) as soon as it is finalized, in order to enable the Board of Supervisors to consider action at its Board Meeting of November 10, 2015 and submit comments to the PNF Staff before the November 13, 2015 deadline.

Recommendation:

Formal advice from the Plumas County Coordinating Council to the Board of Supervisors will be discussed at the PCCC Meeting scheduled for November 5, 2015 and thereafter submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for discussion and consideration at the November 10, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.