

Calaveras County BOS Meeting - 05.10.2022

Supervisor Callaway was not present.

Staff Announcements

- **Lisa Medina - Environmental Management Agency Director** - free microchip and rabbi clinic on May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon in San Andreas.

Recognition and Acknowledgments

2. Proclamation - Sheriff (ID # 6630) Adopt a Proclamation honoring Corporal Alan Serpa for his 23 years of service to the residents of Calaveras County as a Deputy with the Sheriff's Office and congratulating him on his retirement.

- **Sheriff Rick DiBasilio read proclamation.**

Public Comment

- **Alan Serpa** - Thanked everyone for being here and the support he received from all his colleagues.
- **Jim Macedo - Deputy Sheriff** - presented him a plaque for years of service. Thanked him for his dedicated service. He was very proactive, very well liked by outside agencies, state parole. Alan was always very respectful.
- **Nick Casci - Cal Fire TCU Chief** - thanked Alan for the great partnership. Alan kept firefighters safe. Appreciated all his work.
- **Barbara Yook - District Attorney** - wife of Alan. Very proud of his service to the County, always had an open door policy. He has had an excellent career. I couldn't be prouder of him.

Motion to approve Proclamation - Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

3. Proclamation - Health and Human Services Agency (ID # 6671) Adopt a proclamation declaring May 2022 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Calaveras County.

- **Robin Carter - HHS Program Manager** - read statement re CalFresh program.
- **Jen - HHS** - proud to work and live in County and honored to serve in this program.
- **Chair Folendorf read proclamation.**

Public Comment

- **None**

Motion to approve Proclamation - Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

4. Proclamation - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health Program (ID # 6668) Adopt a Proclamation Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Calaveras County.

- **Supervisor Stopper read proclamation.**
- **Wendy** - discussed mental health illness and asked everyone "to be the one" to assist them. Recognized all the mental health workers for all they do everyday and the daily sacrifices they make. Thanked law enforcement in their assistance when they are needed, appreciate their support.

Public Comment

- **David Woods Bartley** - Made a journey from mental illness to mental wellness. On August 31, 2021, I was going to kill myself due to depression. I was hopeless and I felt if I killed myself everyone would be better off. I typed out a suicide note to my loved ones and the pain I was experiencing. A sheriff's deputy from Placerville approached me and helped save me. People around me didn't know I was suicidal because I didn't fit the mold. Mental health

helped him with connection which was so helpful to him. He has hope now and takes care of his mind, body, and spirit. Appreciates all the help he has received from the sheriff's department and mental health agencies. Feels Calaveras County has done so well in helping suicidal people. I am honored to be here today with you.

- **Unknown Female** - was a 911 dispatcher and then worked at mental health in Calaveras County. My spouse is mentally ill and I wasn't doing well. I attended David Bartley's training and proud to work for both agencies and appreciate their collaboration.
- **Sheriff DiBasilio** - HHS mental health is fantastic and won an award. Our county does a fantastic job. I have nothing but praise for these folks. They support us on the public side, in the jail and with our staff.
- **Cori Allen - HHS Director** - appreciate David and Wendy's presentation today. Breaking the stigma of mental health is critical; especially over these past two years. I lost someone to suicide two weeks ago. We are a part of the connection and an effort worthwhile. We have 3 or 4 vacancies and crucial we continue to build and support the partnerships.

Motion to approve Proclamation - Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

5. Proclamation - Health and Human Services Agency (ID # 6672) Adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2022 as Military Appreciation Month in Calaveras County.

- **Supervisor Garamendi read proclamation.** We have a great many people in our county who serve in the military and I am proud of all of them and our county.

Public Comment

- **Brian Galicia - Calaveras County Service Officer** - National Military Spouse is one of these days; Friday before Mother's Day. Their spouses are working to build and maintain their families and homes. Spouses are strong enough to handle what occurs while their spouse is in the military. I want to honor them as well.

Motion to approve Proclamation - Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

General Public Comment

- **Scott Fishula** - addressed Deputy Counsel - read a statement re negligence at Moaning Caverns by placing staff at risk including death from staircase. I filed a code enforcement complaint. Deputy Counsel has been intentionally invoking a false narrative.

Consent Agenda

6. Minutes of Board of Supervisors – Regular Meeting – Apr 12, 2022 8:00 AM

7. Action Item - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (ID # 6674) Accept the 2021 Library Commission Annual Report.

8. Resolution - Agriculture (ID # 6653) Amend Resolution No. 96-284 to update the membership and other governing requirements of the Calaveras County Hardwood Advisory Committee.

9. Action Item - Agriculture (ID # 6681) Authorize a budget transfer increasing appropriations in the amount of \$4,000 in the Fish and Game Commission budget for FY 2020-21 for expenditures related to Kids' Fishing Day activities expenses and initiate a corresponding budget transfer out from Contingencies in the same amount. Requires a 4/5th affirmative vote of the Board.

10. Action Item - Public Works (ID # 6670) Authorize the Department of Public Works to apply for funding through the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2026-27.

11. Resolution - Sheriff (ID # 6656) Adopt a Resolution to accept an award from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Boating Safety for funding of the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Boating Safety Unit for FY 2022-23 in the Amount of \$174,926.

Public Comment

- None

Motion to approve consent agenda items 6 - 11 - Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

Regular Agenda

12. Informational Item - Human Services (ID # 6673) Receive a report from the County Veteran Services Officer.

- **Brian Galicia - Calaveras County Service Officer - presented power point presentation. Please review for detailed information.**
- I want to provide updates two times per year moving forward.
- We served 282 claims during Covid; brought in to county economy over 1.3 million in awards to our veterans. Average new award is \$4,697. ROI for every \$1 general fund was \$7.
- Success story - Calaveras County secured benefit for surviving spouse of decorated Vietnam veteran's spouse.
- Will be at the fair all four days to do outreach.
- Have a new outreach coordinate and hoping to do more outreach in the county.

Public Comment

- None

Informational Item Only.

13. Informational Item - OES (ID # 6669) Receive an update from the Office of Emergency Services, CALFIRE and the Sheriff's Office on 2022 Wildfire preparedness activity throughout Calaveras County.

- **John Osbourn - Director of Emergency Services.** Introduced Nick Casci.
- **Nick Casci - Cal Fire TCU Chief - Presented power point presentation. Please review for detailed information.**
- Been resident since 2006, 14 years in San Andreas.
- Average inches of rain is 38.86. 2021 - 14.57 inches of rain; this year 19.17 inches of rain. Probably closer to 21 inches of rain now. Significant rain in October and December. Very dry from January through March.
- Fuel moisture - grass - ready to burn when turns from green to brown. We take samples on manzanita trees. This year - 109%, last year 108%, critical level is 60% to 80%. On track for a typical year.
- In Calaveras County - have a professional relationship with our partnerships. Typically get 250 to 300 vegetation fires per year from May to November. Ranges from small to large fires. This is in the areas of Calaveras County, Tuolumne County, Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County.
- From January to April do defensible space inspections and fuels work, assist homeowners in land management.

- 2,200 defensible space inspections and ensures homes are safe and provides reduce fuel for fire.
- Resources and response - we have 2 battalion chiefs on duty everyday. 15 cal fire stations, 22 frontline fire engines, two bulldozers, two air tankers and one helicopter. Have exclusive use (helicopter) out of Columbia to help from June to November for initial attack response.
- Incident command post out in field and emergency operation center in Sheriff's Office. Strong interaction with both and OES. Have joint public information release.
- Have Calaveras alert system/program; evacuation tag program, completed multi-hazard plan.
- Community Information Center - on county home page. Will provide up to date information about Covid 19, PG&E outages, evacuation application, OES webcam system, 2022 Fire Incidents, weather tags - can monitor weather, air quality.
- Website has all the things you need to prepare for fire, go bags, etc.
- **Sheriff DiBasilio** - we rely on CalFire re evacuations and where to evacuate. Everbridge app is very helpful for people to stay informed on status of disasters, etc. Because of lack of prisoners, CalFire will have a harder time to get help. Residents will really need to do their part to make sure they have defensible space. Also, having neighbors assist others and informing neighbors will be very helpful. Citizens need to get prepared with upcoming fire season and stay informed.
- **Nick Casci** - we rely on our citizens to be good neighbors and help notify others, use of generators, social media, etc. Sign up for notification on their website.

Public Comment

- **Cori Allen - HNSA Director** - wanted to close the loop that we will be here to help in any way during emergencies - we got you!

Informational Item Only.

14. Informational Item - Administrative Office (ID # 6690) Board discussion regarding a letter of support to Governor Gavin Newsom for the temporary suspension of State of California gas tax.

- **Christa Von Lotta - CAO** - based on prior board discussion, bringing to you to get direction re whether you want to send letter to governor and what you want it to state. If state were to make reimbursement to residents, wouldn't do anything to offset our county's budget.
- **Sheriff DiBasilio** - the costs have gone up, amount of fuel we consume and how much more we will spend next year. A letter to the governor will be helpful, not sure it will do anything. If they do money back to the public, helps individually but not as a county.
- **Chair Folendorf** - concerned re public works expenses, PSPS, as well, many other concerns.
- **Supervisor Stopper** - I believe we should send letter but not optimistic re what response will be. Agrees refund would help individuals but not county.
- **Supervisor Tofanelli** - agrees with Supervisor Stopper.
- **Robert Pachinger - Director of Public Works** - agrees the gas tax hurts everyone. We don't have same transportation opportunities as in the city and we have to travel far to shop. Our costs are going up as well due to fuel expenses. Our mission is to deliver safe roads. I worry about how this will effect my department to deliver our services in the future. I'm in the middle, I'm stuck.
- **Supervisor Garamendi** - our citizens have to drive. Agree with Supervisor Stopper but I think it is important to say it anyway.
- **BOS agrees to have staff prepare letter to Governor and bring back to BOS to vote at next meeting.**

Public Comment

- **Jessie Fowler** - gas funds our mandated programs, this would be affected. We benefit from unclaimed gas taxes, wanted you to be aware.

Informational Item Only.

15. Resolution - Integrated Waste Management (ID # 6678) Adopt a Resolution accepting the Cal- Waste 6.49% rate increase for Contract Year 2022/23.

- **Paul Feriani - Integrated Waste Management - introduced Jack Fiori - California Waste Recovery System.** In the City of Angels, they agreed to adopt a program that is PG&E Cares Program. It is a system where a resident can submit an application with income as a factor and can be approved for a discounted rate. Could use Angels as a model. I believe they have to apply and renew annually.
- **Supervisor Tofanelli** - concerned re increases for people on fixed incomes and they can't afford it. I would like to move forward with the Angels model to help people with fixed income.
- **Chair Folendorf** - I was on council when we made that and it was a collaboration. Each year people register with PG&E for approval and then bring to City Hall to verify with CalWaste for billing and it needs to be done yearly.
- **Supervisor Garamendi** - in that situation, the CPUC has funds to cover that for PG&E, someone would have to make up that funds. This would be a broader conversation than this.
- **Paul Feriani** - that would be us, we would have to make up those funds.

Public Comment

- **None**

Resolution Passed - 4-0, 1 - absent.

Supervisor Announcements

- **Supervisor Garamendi** - Friday at 10 a.m. the CalFire, CCWD will cut a ribbon on the new fire suppression water tank in Sheep Ranch.
- **Supervisor Tofanelli** - COG meeting on Wednesday, Thursday special COG meeting, Friday Mountain Valley JPA Board Special Meeting, regular MS Valley Board Meeting, tomorrow I go to Stockton for Crown Water Authority Meeting at the new County Office, last Friday went to Calaveras and Bret Harte game in Angels Camp. I met a lot of nice people. Good game and Calaveras won. They start first playoff game today and I will be attending. Bret Harte made playoffs and will play on Thursday. Hopefully, BOS will support Calaveras and Bret Harte.
- **Supervisor Stopper** - Kids fishing day was a massive success, was spectacular to see all the kids and families, cooked over 203 hotdogs. Hoping to get more fish next year for stocking.
- **Chair Folendorf** - attended COG Wednesday and Thursday. Saturday attended Copper Car Show, yesterday attended meeting with CalWaste. Look forward to the Frog Jumps.