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**LASSEN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**July 10, 2023**

221 S. Roop Street – Admin Conference Room

Susanville, Ca 96130

5:30PM

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda – Action
3. Approval of the Minutes –April 2023
4. Public Comment\* - Information
5. Mobile Crisis Unit
6. MHSA Plan
7. Department Report
8. Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)
9. Cultural Competence
10. Housing
11. Judy's House
12. Board Report
  - a. Board Recruitment –
13. Lassen Community College
14. Suicide Prevention
15. CAMHPRO
16. Susanville Police Department
17. Lassen County Sheriff's Department
18. Consideration of Future Agenda Items
19. Next Meeting Date and Time
20. Adjournment

- \* Any person desiring to address the Board shall first secure permission of the presiding officer.
- \* 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. Cards are available on the table by the door and shall be completed and presented to the Secretary in advance of speaking.
- \* Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the Agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the time provided in the Agenda under Public Comment. The Board limits testimony on those items to three minutes per person and no more than three individuals shall address the same subject.

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**Michele Yderraga**

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**Subject:**

FW: LTSA Notice of Cancellation 7-10-23

## **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

**THE JULY 10, 2023, *REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING* OF  
THE LASSEN TRANSIT SERVICE AGENCY HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED.**

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**LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

707 NEVADA STREET, SUSANVILLE, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

SUSANVILLE, CA 96130

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris O'Brien at 7:00 p.m.

Representation: Dist 1 - Chris O'Brien; Dist 2 - Tony Ardito; Dist 3 - Christian Siemer;  
Dist 4 - Chase Dahle; Alternate Dist 3 & 4 - Jesse Midgley

Absent: Paul Smith

2. Commissioner Siemer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Approval. Commissioner Ardito moved to approve the June 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Midgley, motion carried.

4. Minutes Approval. Commissioner Siemer moved to approve the May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes with one change on page 9. The Commissioners agreed to table the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman until the July, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Midgley, motion carried.

5. Public Comment. Chairman O'Brien welcomed a new District 4 Commissioner to the Commission, Mr. Chase Dahle.

6. Old Business

- a. Subcommittee Regarding Input to the CA State Fish and Game Commission/Joining With Other County Commissions on Issues - Chairman O'Brien, Commissioner Midgley and Commissioner Siemer, Alternate: Commissioner Ardito. Commissioner Siemer said he's working on the contact list. He suggested inviting the Modoc County Commissioners to a future Lassen County Fish and Game Commission meeting.

- b. Subcommittee Regarding Marketing Strategies to the Community and to Other Fish and Game Commissions - Chairman O'Brien and Commissioner Ardito. Commissioner Ardito said he got a quote for polo shirts, in forest green or black, up to XXL for \$34.00. Hats are \$16.00 each, and a 12 hat is \$15.00 each. They could provide button up shirts. That price is with a logo on it. Commissioner Ardito said he can get more quotes. Another shop hasn't replied.

6.b. (cont'd) Commissioner Siemer said they could also buy the shirts and hats, and take them to Mr. McCourt for printing.

Mr. McCourt said they need a minimum order of six.

Chairman O'Brien said they could meet and discuss the details on the shirts and hats with Mr. McCourt, and he will draw up a concept. They'll bring it to the next meeting.

c. Wildlife Strike Prevention and Crossings. Chairman O'Brien said they'll table this topic until the July meeting.

## 7. Matters Before the Commission

### a. Discussion Items

1) Lassen County Natural Resources Tech Cortney Flather - Ms. Flather said that Eagle Lake has risen 9.6 inches over the past month. The lake elevation was 5,094.42 feet on June 1, 2023. That is 2.24 feet above where it was one year ago. Pine Creek was still flowing, at about half the amount of flow as the prior month. Year to date the lake is up 3.88 feet since January. It's still below the 2017 lake elevation after a wet winter.

Ms. Flather said, regarding their bird survey, there were 2 pelicans, 15 Western Grebes, and 2 cliff swallows. There were a lot of people and boats there.

2) CDFW.

3) BLM Tech Matthew Gianni said he just started a beaver project, he's trying to locate their active colonies in this area. They're an important species with the way they change wetlands.

Mr. Gianni said they're continuing to monitor eagle nests.

4) Forest Service.

5) Budget Reports. Chairman O'Brien said there has been no revenue since the prior month. There is \$20,000.00 for raptors. Above that, there is a little over \$9,000.00 in the Fish and Game fund.

### 7.b. Action Items

1) Raptor Research Funding Options. Chairman O'Brien said there are a couple of projects on the table. One is the funding of a guzzler or two, which would help raptors in that area. The Chukar Chasers would be willing to assist with installation.

Commissioner Siemer said the big, dome topped drinkers are \$6,500.00. The big

7.b.1) (cont'd) flat topped guzzlers, for big game, are \$6,000.00. The smaller bird guzzlers are \$2,050.00 each. Commissioner Siemer said they may be able to do a significant amount of guzzler revival. Delivery is \$1,000.00, unless we can find someone with a flat bed trailer to drive to French Camp and pick them up there. The company is called Bostank, and they have examples on their website. He said they're quality items. BLM uses their company for ordering other products, too.

Commissioner Siemer said that if they used part of the raptor money for guzzlers, there would also be money for raptor rehab for injured birds. If the volunteers request the funds for reimbursement of transportation expenses, or for care of the injured birds, perhaps CDFW Wildlife Biologist Brian Ehler, could field those requests, and distribute the funds if that is a feasible avenue.

Chairman O'Brien agreed with that idea.

Commissioner Ardito suggested that some of the money could be allocated as reward money for turning in people who kill raptors. It could be a deterrent for others who might kill a raptor. Maybe it could be done through CalTip.

Mr. Gianni said he looked at some of the literature, and didn't find research done specifically on raptors and guzzlers.

Ms. Flather said she'd read that predators (raptors) get their water from their prey.

Mr. Gianni and Ms. Flather both said they had seen raptors drinking from guzzlers, though, on trail cameras.

Chairman O'Brien suggested they allocate some of the funds for raptor rehab and possibly for a reward system.

Commissioner Midgley said the smaller guzzlers don't hold water that long. But they are easy to set up.

Commissioner Siemer said the new bigger guzzlers are for very arid places. They have new technology, and hold the water longer. The rain fills a basin, and the basin fills a small drinker. He said he has a list of non-functioning guzzlers. The Chukar Chasers are willing to help install them. They'd like to do it in the spring, when the snakes aren't out, and the chance of fire is less. It'd be good if the Commissioners participated, and helped set them up.

7.b.1) (cont'd) Chairman O'Brien suggested that they buy one big guzzler, and 3 small ones, which would cost \$12,650.00 plus delivery. There would be about \$6,000.00 left that could be used for raptor rehab and a reward system. Chairman O'Brien asked if they had a guzzler priority list of where to locate them.

Commissioner Siemer said he'd check with Ms. Missi Nelson and Mr. Ehler. Commissioner Siemer said he thought Shaffer Mountain and the Skedaddles would benefit.

Commissioner Ardito made a motion to purchase one large guzzler for \$6,500.00, and 3 small guzzlers (\$2,050.00 each) for \$6,150.00, plus a delivery fee of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Midgley, motion carried.

Commissioner Ardito said he will contact Warden Kinnard regarding a reward system.

2) Letter to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Keeping A-1 Open Until the End of Fishing Season for Access to Eagle Lake. Commissioner Siemer said at the June meeting they'd decided to provide a letter to remind them, that it's something that is very important for the county. The Commission agreed to send the letter in the fall.

3) Letter to the Board of Supervisors in Support of Enforceable Ordinances Regarding attacks on Wildlife by Loose Dogs in Lassen County and the Recruitment of a County Animal Control Officer. Chairman O'Brien suggested they remove this item for now, and if a letter is needed later, the Commission will provide one.

4) Finalize Discussion of Proposed Changes Regarding Lassen County Fish and Game Commission's By-Laws and Forward to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors. Chairman O'Brien said they do need to go through the proposed changes. Mr. McCourt stated that in other groups you give the information at least 72 hours in advance to review. Then people can review and think about the proposed changes and come with their suggestions. Mr. McCourt said you're probably bound to discuss it all together. He said the first draft is when everyone does their edits.

Chairman O'Brien asked the Commissioners to review it, and write down their comments on any areas they think should be edited and need further discussion. If they'll email their comments back to Chairman O'Brien, he'll collate them, and they'll discuss the proposed changes at the August meeting. Then they'll write up their recommendations. After that, it goes to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

## 8. Announcements by Commissioners

- a. Commissioner Ardito asked if the Commission still wants to go to the radio station as part of their marketing strategies to the community. The announcer could announce the Commission meetings during their PSA time.

Chairman O'Brien agreed.

- b. Commissioner Siemer said he won't be able to be there for the July meeting. And the BLM office will be closed from October until they complete a remodel of the building. Call the front desk if they need to contact a BLM employee.  
Commissioner Siemer said last week BLM and NDOW conducted a significant sling operation on both the California and Nevada sides of the border. They worked on riparian restoration projects. They'll use some pipe fencing that holds up against horses better than barbed wire fence. That's the same type of fencing Ms. Janyne Little put up at Five Springs, and she wants to put it up at Hall Springs, too.  
It was a four day operation, they slung out materials at various sites. Now they just need to put it together.
- c. Commissioner Ardito said the road where you turn toward Big Spring near the Shinn Ranch is in bad condition. Two trucks got stuck out there on Memorial weekend.  
Commissioner Siemer said he'd been on the road recently, and they were aware of it. He said they only have one equipment operator right now.  
Chairman O'Brien said that a lot of roads on the Plumas are hammered right now because of slides.  
Commissioner Siemer said there was a rather large landslide on the south side of Skedaddle that you can see when you're driving on Wendel road.  
Commissioner Siemer said Dodge Reservoir is open. And there is access to Buckhorn Reservoir, but there is a small washout. Crater Lake is open.  
Commissioner Ardito said Silver Lake is open, but some of the camp sites are still snowed in.  
Commissioner Siemer said the water is at the top of the head gate at Caribou Lake. He said there is more water in that lake than it can handle right now.

## 9. Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

10. The next Lassen County Fish and Game Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at 707 Nevada Street in Susanville, CA.