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Tehama County
Thursday, May 28, 2026 11:00 AM
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

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Board Chambers



Robert Burroughs, District 1
Tom Walker, District 2, Chairman
Steve Zane, District 3
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Greg Jones, District 5, Vice Chair

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Present: Supervisor Matt Hansen, Supervisor Steve Zane, Supervisor Rob Burroughs, Vice Chair Greg Jones, and Chairperson Tom Walker

Chairman Walker presided. Present in the chambers were Clerk of the Board Sean Houghtby, Deputy Jillian Kelly, and Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick.

11:47 AM CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident presented a map on Agro-Tourism.

A resident commented about attending the meeting and listening to the budget presentations. The resident also spoke about an incident regarding personal belongings.

REGULAR AGENDA

FY 2026-27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

26-0872

a) INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - Presentation & possible direction regarding the Department FY 2026-27 Recommended Budgets:

1. Social Svc / PG-PA
2. Veteran Services
3. Ag Commissioner
4. Planning
5. Treasurer / Tax Collector
6. Public Works

Social Services Director/Interim Public Guardian Bekkie Emery presented the Social Services and Public Guardian/Administrator Budget units.

In response to Chair Walker, Mrs. Emery replied that if the age is changed to 65, the goal is to not have to drop anybody off and continue to provide services.

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In response to Chair Walker, Mrs. Emery replied that around 400 individuals will lose out on their frozen Meals on Wheels benefits and be moved to a waiting list. Mrs. Emery elaborated on the loss of funding streams amid rising operating costs.

Melanie Kain questioned the Public Guardian/Public Administrator being moved to the District Attorney's Office. Mrs. Emery explained that it was discussed but ultimately decided that the PG/PA was to be kept within its current function. Mrs. Kain additionally asked about the change of the Position Allocation List (PAL).

Jessica Clarke asked about a discrepancy of numbers regarding salary savings.

Veteran's Services Officer Shawn Bondon presented the Veterans Services Office budget.

Agricultural Commissioner Tom Moss presented the Agriculture budget.

In response to Supervisor Walker, Mr. Moss explained how State funding for pest control programs are distributed and how the program works when/if a tracked pest is found.

In response to Supervisor Walker, Mr. Moss gave an update on legislation regarding the testing of electric vehicle charging stations.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mr. Moss explained that the Wildlife Liaison position is not included in this budget, as it is currently vacant.

In response to Supervisor Jones, Mr. Moss explained the fees charged to certify the accuracy of different types of meters throughout the County.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mr. Moss and Office Manager Vanessa Sciarretta explained the increase in chemical costs for roadside spraying.

Supervisor Zane exited at 1:37 p.m.

RECESS: 1:39 P.M.

Supervisor Zane returned during the recess.

RECONVENE: 1:50 P.M.

Supervisor Burroughs returned at 1:51 p.m.

Planning Director Jessica Martinez presented the Planning budget.

In response to Supervisor Jones' question about the large increase in travel & training expenses, Ms. Martinez said that, historically, travel and training opportunities were rare for both Planning and LAFCO staff.

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Treasurer/Tax Collector Parker Hunt presented the Treasurer/Tax Collector budget.

In response to Chair Walker, Mr. Hunt replied they allocate using the average daily balance of dollars, and that they utilize the Auditor's accounting system.

In response to Chair Walker, Mr. Hunt replied that they must pay a listing fee for the parcels, and further explained the auction process. Additionally, Mr. Hunt confirmed that he is legally required, by Ordinance, to collect short-term rental tax regardless of if they are legally able to operate.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mr. Hunt replied that the increase in Professional Services is due to the upcoming tax sales.

Interim Public Works Director Tom Provine and Finance Manager Danielle Peterson presented the Public Works and Sanitation District No.1 budget.

In response to Chair Walker, Mrs. Peterson replied that the Professional/Special Service costs fluctuate depending on what projects are going on in the County at the time.

In response to Chair Walker, Mrs. Peterson replied that the current vehicle being used by Sanitation is outdated and in need of replacement, and keeping the Sanitation and Public Works' Budgets separate is proper procedure.

Mrs. Peterson confirmed that Public Works bills Sanitation for their time.

ADJOURN

2:37 P.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: [DATE]

APPROVED

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

SEAN HOUGHTBY, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

by _____ [TITLE]

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