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**May 14, 2020**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**2:45 PM Call to Order**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	2:45 PM
Patricia Cullins	Supervisor District II	Present	2:45 PM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present	2:45 PM
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Present	2:45 PM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	2:45 PM
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Remote	2:45 PM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	2:45 PM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	2:45 PM

**Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

**1. Health Services Items:**

**1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Variance Attestation Form for Modoc County. (Behavioral Health)**

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, reported the proposed variance attestation plan has been signed by the County Health Officer, Dr. Edward Richert, attesting to the counties capabilities and capacity to move through stage two which is part of the Governor's Resilience road map. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported there needs to be a discussion if the board would like to consider to approve the variance attestation form as there are concerns if we go through the process will be delayed if there is more modification to the document. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported the document is flexible until approved by the State, meaning the document will be sent back and forth between Public Health and the State until the document meets all the

requirements of the State. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar stated in order to move forward quickly, she does not know if they show seek board approval but to ensure the board knows what the variance plan is. Interim Director of Health Services reported the next agenda item requires board approval to provide a letter of support.

Supervisor Cullins asked if the letter of support is in support of the proposed variance plan.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported the letter of support is for the Board to state they are conformable for the county to move into stage two.

Supervisor Coe asked Interim Director of Health Services Sphar if after her phone call with the State, she felt comfortable that the State was pleased with the attestation.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported they made some minor modifications to the COVID-19 variance attestation form and provided and updated copy to the board and the public present.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, requested to have it acknowledged in the public record that an updated document has been provided from the posted packet, and that the document is being made available to the board, the public, and the Clerk of the Board will post the document on the website once the minutes are approved.

Supervisor Cavasso asked if the County Health Officer, Dr. Edward Richert, has signed off on the updated form.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported Dr. Edward Richert has signed off on the updated form.

Supervisor Byrne recommend to accept the attestation as presented and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign if the document changes.

Supervisor Cavasso asked about potential changes to the variance attestation form.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported there is a third level of approval at the State level which may require changes to the variance form.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, requested Interim Director of Health Services Sphar to detail the changes to the document from the publicly posted document for the public record.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar provided an update of the current changes: 1) Testing capacity; 2) Surge capacity; 3) Testing sites; 4) Containment capacity; 5) Hospital capacity; 6) Triggers for adjusting modifications.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported the containment plan will provided at a later date as Public Health is currently working on the document. Interim Director of Health Services Spahr reported the containment plan is not required for the variance attestation form.

Supervisor Coe asked what the timeline will be for the containment plan.

Director of Environmental Health, Warren Farnam, reported they will wait and see what the State is going to require. Director of Environmental Health Farnam reported Modoc County is not like other counties with large gatherings and the next step in the process will be minor.

Supervisor Cavasso asked about the strategic plan and how does it relate to the containment plan.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported that when the variance attestation plan first came out it was called a containment plan which caused some confusion. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported that the strategic plan is in conflict with the variance request, not the containment plan.

Director of Environmental Health Warren reported the containment plan is a more detailed plan.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported the County Health Officer, Dr. Edward Richert, has requested to have the strategic plan rescinded as soon as the variance attestation form is approved due to the strategic plan being in direct conflict with the variance attestation.

County Counsel Long ask it there any concern with rescinding the strategic plan once the variance plan is approved due to the conflict.

Interim Director of Health Services Sphar stated she agrees with County Counsel Long.

Supervisor Cullins requested clarification on the strategic plan.

County Counsel Long stated from a legal perspective it makes sense to rescind the strategic plan so the county does not have two documents in conflict with each other.

**Motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve the Modoc County variance to stage two for COVID-19 plan with the Chair of the Boards approval of any edits required after reviewed by the State Health Officer.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

**INFORMATION PROVIDED AS HANDOUT - UPDATED CDPH COVID-19 ATTESTATION FORM**

**2. Board of Supervisors Items:**

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a support letter from the Board of Supervisors for the recommended California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Variance Attestation Form for Modoc County. (Board of Supervisors)**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 2.b. Requesting approval of a Resolution adopting the North Coast Resource Partnership Plan, Phase IV and Newell County Water District grant application. - *Item continued from previous meeting.***

**Resolution# 2020- 19**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

**FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2020-19**

- 2.c. Requesting approval for the Chair of the Board to sign an updated letter of support for the 7th Annual Survival Century Bike Ride. - *Item continued from previous meeting.***

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, reported she has been requested to review this event and have a joint decision with Siskiyou County Public Health.

**Motion by Supervisor Cullins, seconded by Supervisor Coe to provide authorization to the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support at the approval of the Public Health Directors for Modoc and Siskiyou County for the event to move forward.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

**3. County Counsel Items:**

- 3.a. To discuss and/or approve a proposed modified coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan. -**  
*Item continued from previous meeting.*

County Counsel, Margaret Long, reported this item was continued from the previous meeting and stated the board has several options which include the following: 1) Make minor changes proposed; 2) Not make the minor changes proposed; 3) Rescind the document in its entirety.

**Motion by Supervisor Cullins, seconded by Supervisor Coe to rescind the modified coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION TO RESCIND [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor District II
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion to adjourn the May 14, 2020 meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
<b>AYES:</b>	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM

**There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Tiffany A. Martinez  
Clerk of the Board

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Elizabeth Cavasso  
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors