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August 18, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by District 3 Supervisor Merita Callaway

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Merita Callaway	District 3 Supervisor	Present	
Benjamin Stopper	District 5 Supervisor	Present	
Gary Tofanelli	District 1 Supervisor	Present	
John Garamendi	District 2 Supervisor	Present	
Dennis Mills	District 4 Supervisor	Present	

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Upon joining the meeting, your audio will be muted until the appropriate time to make your comment. After your comment, you will be removed from the meeting. Please note that the telephone numbers are for making comments, not monitoring the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was done at the beginning of the Special Meeting at 9:00 am this morning.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1 will be a joint discussion with the City of Angels.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (ID # 5518)** Receive an update presentation from staff on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

County Public Health Officer Dr. Kelaita provided an update on COVID-19, below is his update:

Several significant developments in our coronavirus situation have occurred in the past week.

CA has confirmed 628,031 cases COVID-19 with 11,242 deaths. Approximately 10 million tests have been performed statewide to date.

Calaveras County has confirmed 174 cases with 1 death. Of these cases 150 have recovered, 23 are classified as active, and there are 3 currently hospitalized. ICU capacity is at 75% and 100% ventilator availability.

Three additional residents were identified this morning from Avalon nursing home in San Andreas, bringing to a total of 5 residents confirmed positive within at the facility to date. An additional round of testing is being conducted on all residents and staff this week, and infection prevention measures are at maximum capacity to prevent additional cases.

On Monday August 17th the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) confirmed that Calaveras County was added to the County Monitoring List. This means that starting Thursday August 20, 2020, at 1:00AM, the following industries or activities will be required to shut down unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up.

- Gyms and fitness centers
- Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals
- Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons, tattoo and body waxing
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Shopping malls

In addition, any schools that have not yet started the school year will not have the option to conduct in-person learning and will be required to conduct distance learning only until Calaveras County remains off the County Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days. Schools that have already started the school year will not be required to move to distance learning educational only.

Once a county appears on the County Monitoring List for three consecutive days, indoor operations in the sectors listed in Section 3 of the July 13th state Public Health Officer Order must close, as I detailed.

The July 13th order specifies that these indoor operations shall remain closed, even when a county is removed from the County Monitoring List, until the State Health Officer modifies the Order and authorizes reopening.

The State of California tells us they are actively reassessing the July 13 order in light of evolving scientific evidence regarding disease transmission and the risk of transmission in different settings and will provide updates in the coming week

Calaveras County has been added to the monitoring list because we are experiencing increased disease transmission and hospitalization levels that exceed the metrics outlined by CDPH. We specifically have seen increased 14-day rates of COVID-19 cases of over 100 cases per 100,000 population for more than 3 consecutive days (103.9). Additionally, our testing positivity percentage has increased to 6.2% (we can't get over 8%).

Amador County is seeing a significant surge in cases in the past 3 weeks, and was also placed on the monitoring list yesterday. Their increased disease transmission rates are primarily driven by an outbreak of coronavirus cases at Kit Carson skilled nursing facility in Jackson. Because Calaveras residents cross into neighboring jurisdictions such as Amador, San Joaquin, Sacramento and Stanislaus counties for many essential activities, increased rates of disease in our neighbors is something we need to be conscious of as well.

As I've discussed, my goal as Health Officer for Calaveras remains to keep our residents safe during this pandemic, and to continue our public health interventions and messaging intended to move us back off the state county monitoring list. Here is what we need to redouble our efforts to make this happen.

The best ways to avoid exposure to the virus are to:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from people outside of your household
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when around others

No-cost testing for COVID-19 is available to anyone who would like to get tested. The OptumServe COVID-19 testing site located at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds is

open Tuesday-Saturday from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Testing is now available to those age 3 and older. People are highly encouraged to register online. People without Internet access should call (888) 634-1123. To receive information and resources related to COVID-19 visit the Calaveras County COVID-19 website.

Wearing a face covering is an important tool in the fight to keep corona virus in check. Preventing further infections is not only keeps us healthier and reduces the risk of overwhelming our local hospital system, seniors in our nursing care home, and is critical in preventing us from suffering further business closures and will allow us to re-open all business and get our kids back to school. My hope is that vaccine development currently underway yields a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine by early next year.

SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

In compliance with Govt. Code § 53232.3(d), Board members shall provide brief reports on any meetings attended at the expense of the local agency, and may make other announcements or report out.

Supervisor Announcements will be heard at the end of the Special Meeting later today.

The meeting was closed at 2:26 PM


Merita Callaway, District 3 Supervisor 8/18/2020


Rebecca Turner, Clerk to the Board 8/18/2020

ATTEST