

Board to consider Mt. Konocti purchase and hear quagga update

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LAKEPORT ‐ The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday is set to consider agreements that will put the county another step closer to owning a large portion of Mt. Konocti.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the board chambers at the Lake County Courthouse, 255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport. TV Channel 8 will broadcast the meeting live and rebroadcast it at 9 a.m. Sunday.

During the 10:15 a.m. public hearing the board is expected to approve the purchase of a 176-acre parcel on Buckingham Peak for \$1.2 million from Buckingham Peak LLC.

The board also will consider a purchase option agreement for 1,512 acres for \$2.6 million from Michael Fowler and Diana Madura, as well as a proposed memorandum of understanding between the county, Conservation Partners and Cal-BLMX Inc. regarding the acquisition of Mt. Konocti property for conservation purposes.

Later in the day, at 1:35 p.m., the board will receive an update from the Quagga Mussel Task Force and have a discussion regarding inspection stations and decontamination units in Lake County.

On Tuesday the board also is due to approve findings of fact in James Clement's appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a minor use permit for John and Joanne Van Eck's riding academy, commercial stables and clubhouse on Steelhead Drive in Kelseyville. Last month, the board denied Clement's appeal.

Other items on the Tuesday agenda include:

Timed items:

‐ 9:10 a.m.: Consideration of appointments to fill vacancies on Lower Lake Waterworks District No. 1 Board of Directors.

‐ 9:15 a.m.: Public hearing to review and receive public comment on the proposed 2008-09 Lake County Air Quality Management District Budget, in accordance with California Public Health and Safety Code Section 40131; and Proposed Resolution to establish Post Employment Health Benefits Designation in the amount of \$80,175.

‐ 9:30 a.m.: Presentation by Rev. Shannon Kimbell-Auth about the Innisfree Project to abate homelessness in Lake County.

‐ 10 a.m.: Public hearing on the intention to change the name of an existing road from "Scotts Creek Drive" to "Rue Du Bateau" located in the Blue Lakes Valley Estates Subdivision No. 1, Upper Lake.

‐ 10:30 a.m.: Discussion of the creation of a Special Assessment District for the bridge over Big Canyon Creek at Ettawa Springs, Middletown.

‐ 11 a.m.: Hearing, notice of nuisance abatement, 11809 Widgeon Way, Clearlake Oaks, owned by Joan Cornett.

‐ 11:05 a.m.: Hearing, notice of nuisance abatement, 11793 Widgeon Way, Clearlake Oaks, owned by Neil Bloomfield.

‐ 11:30 a.m.: Presentation of Annual Report from the Lake County Mental Health Board, continued from May 6.

‐ 1:30 p.m.: Public hearing, appeal of Heart Consciousness Church/Harbin Hot Springs of the Planning Commission's approval of a Minor Use Permit for Eagle Consulting on behalf of U.S. Cellular, for the construction and operation of a wireless communication facility on leased parcels, which will consist of a synthetic pine tree-type 62-foot high steel monopole with six panel antennas; project located at 19237, 19241, 19657, 19672 and 19682 Harbin Springs Road, Middletown (Clerk's notation: US Cellular has withdrawn its application for this Minor Use Permit).

Untimed items:

‐ Consideration of approval of findings of fact, appeal of vicious animal abatement order, located at 5012 Blue Court, Kelseyville (Frances Layton).

‐ (a) Consideration of proposed resolution approving the necessary documents to achieve the transfer of responsibility of the Fourth Floor of the Lake County Courthouse (the Court Facility) from the County to the State and provide for the continued maintenance thereof; (b) Consideration of proposed Memorandum of Joint Occupancy Agreement; (c) Consideration of proposed Transfer Agreement between the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the County of Lake for the transfer of responsibility for Court Facility; (d) Consideration of proposed Joint Occupancy Agreement between the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the County of Lake; and (e) Consideration of proposed Memorandum of Understanding between County of Lake for Court Facility services relating to Lakeport Court Facility.

‐ Consideration of request for approval of advanced step hiring (fifth step) of applicant for the position of chief probation officer.

‐ Consideration of proposed Agreement between the county of Lake and SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc for engineering services for Victoria Drainage-Lucerne Channelization and Culvert Upgrade in the amount of \$27,760.

‐ Consideration of Award of Bid No. 08-41 for one (1) new smooth single drum vibratory compactor.

‐ Discussion and request for Board direction regarding the Falconer Property Acquisition, Lampson Field.

‐ Consideration of recommended Bid Award for Clearlake Oaks Plaza Project.

‐ Consideration of requested amendment to uniform and clothing purchase policy to allow department to purchase such clothing and personal equipment for staff use while assigned to specialty units.

The board also will hold a closed session to discuss labor negotiations and anticipated litigation.

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