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Agenda - Final-Revised

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The Fresno County Board of Supervisors welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The number of the item being heard is indicated on the Clerk's desk. Please see note below regarding consent agenda items. The Chairman will call for public testimony as each item is heard. For those who are present and wish to speak to an individual item please step to the podium during this time period and state your name for the record. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Presentations period at the end of the regular session.

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Roll Call**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Consent Agenda - Item Numbers 23-55

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the Board Members and the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of this Consent Calendar or set aside until later in the day

Board of Supervisors

3. Presentation of Retirement Plaque to Guillermo Cortes - Sheriff's Department - 20 Years of Service
4. Presentation of Retirement Plaque to Brian Melikian - County Counsel - 35 Years of Service

Supervisor Bredefeld

5. Proclaim December 5-7, 2025, as the 2025 Toys for Tots Marathon Weekend in the County of Fresno

Supervisor Magsig and Public Health

6. Conduct first hearing to amend Fresno County Ordinance Code, Title 10, to add Chapter 10.72, "Regulating and Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products in Unincorporated Areas of Fresno County", waive reading of the Ordinance in its entirety and set the second hearing for December 9, 2025; designate County Counsel to prepare fair and adequate summary of the proposed Ordinance; and direct the Clerk of the Board to post and publish the required summaries in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b)(1)

Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

7. Conduct first hearing to amend the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, Charges and Recovered Costs Ordinance by amending Subsection 2609 - Contract Service Fees, of Section 2600 - Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, waive reading of the Ordinance in its entirety and set second hearing for December 9, 2025; designate County Counsel to prepare a fair and adequate summary of the Ordinance; and direct the Clerk of the Board to post and publish the required summary in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b)(1)

Administrative Office

8. Confirm appointment of Humero 'Joe' Prado, effective November 24, 2025, to the position of Director of the Department of Public Health pursuant to Fresno County Charter Section 16
9. Receive report from State Legislative Advocates on the State of California's 2025 legislative session

10. Receive presentation by Municipal Advisor KNN Public Finance on rating agency scoring related to the issuance of municipal bonds to finance County facilities
11. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to create the Office of Housing and Homelessness within the County Administrative Office consisting of the assignment of operational management for the identified homelessness programs and associated positions to the County Administrative Office from the Department of Social Services; and Direct staff to return to your Board within 12 months for an update on the Office of Housing and Homelessness

Public Works and Planning

- 11.1 Receive verbal presentation from staff regarding the Measure C Steering Committee proposed allocations, formulas, and term for the renewal measure
12. Consider appeal of Planning Commission's denial of Variance Application No. 4156 proposing to allow the creation of a 1.27-acre parcel from an existing 39.38-acre parcel and allow a 10-foot side-yard setback for an existing garage on 38.11-acre remainder parcel in AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District; and if your Board chooses to grant the Appeal and overturn the Planning Commission's denial of Variance Application No. 4156, it would be appropriate to: a) adopt Negative Declaration prepared for the project based on Initial Study No. 8482; and b) make required Findings specified in Section 860.5.060.D for approval of a variance stating the basis for making the four required variance findings; and c) approve Variance Application No. 4156, with Conditions of Approval contained within the Staff Report to the Planning Commission (subject parcel is located on north side of E. Caruthers Avenue, approximately 0.25-miles east from intersection with south De Wolf Avenue, approximately 0.9-miles south of the City of Selma (APN: 385-102-02s) (8420 E. Caruthers Avenue) (Sup. Dist. 4))
13. Deny petition for partial cancellation of Agricultural Land Conservation Contract (ALCC) No. 2809 filed by Orlando Ramirez on behalf of Colin Kawano (Applicant), to remove a 1.27-acre portion of a 39.38-acre parcel from Williamson Act Contract to allow the 1.27-acres to be created as a separate parcel for residential use; and if your Board is able to make all five required findings listed under Government Code, Section 51282(b), take following actions: a) adopt and authorize Chairman to execute Resolution authorizing partial cancellation of ALCC No. 2809; and b) authorize Chairman to execute Certificate of Tentative Cancellation and approve recording Certificate of Cancellation when all contingencies and conditions included in Certificate of Tentative Cancellation have been satisfied (subject parcel is located approximately 0.25 miles east of intersection of S. DeWolf Avenue and E. Caruthers Avenue, along E. Caruthers Avenue, approximately one mile southwest of City of Selma (APN: 385-102-33S) (8420 E. Caruthers Avenue) (Sup. Dist. 4))

14. Conduct first hearing on an Ordinance amending title of Chapter 14.10 of Fresno County Ordinance Code (from “Water Service and Billing Procedures for County of Fresno Waterworks District” to “Water Service and Billing Procedures for County of Fresno Waterworks Districts and County Service Areas”), amending section 14.10.20 (Definitions) and section 14.10.080, including amending title of section 14.10.080 (from “Backflow Prevention Devices, Installation Requirements and Protective Enclosures” to “Backflow Prevention: Responsibility and Authority”) thereof, and adding sections 14.10.081 through 14.10.087 thereof relating to cross-connection protection requirements, water service termination for cross-connection hazard, cross-connection violation declared public nuisance, enforcement and administrative citations, appeal of administrative citations, and remedies, waive reading of Ordinance in its entirety and set second hearing for December 9, 2025; designate County Counsel to prepare a fair and adequate summary of proposed Ordinance; and direct Clerk of Board to post and publish required summary in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(b)(1)
15. Receive presentation from the Department of Public Works and Planning regarding current and future initiatives to enhance road safety throughout Fresno County

Board of Supervisors' Committee Reports and Comments

16. Board of Supervisors' Committee Reports and Comments - Receive and provide direction (this item is reserved for committee reports by members of the Board of Supervisors)

Board Appointments

17. Receive Boards, Commissions, and Committees Vacancy Report; and Appoint Applicants as necessary

Public Presentations

18. Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda - Pursuant to Administrative Policy No. 29, presentations are limited to 3 minutes per person and no more than 15 minutes total per topic

Closed Session

The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session

19. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code, section 54957.6): Agency Negotiator: Hollis Magill; Employee Organization: All Bargaining Units and Management and Unrepresented Employees - Hours, Wages and Terms and Conditions of Employment
20. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Victoria Johns: ADJ16254786
21. Conference with Legal Counsel - Initiation of Litigation; Government Code, section 54956.9(d)(4) (2 Cases)
22. Conference with Legal Counsel - Significant Exposure to Litigation; Government Code, section 54956.9(d)(2) (2 Cases)
- 22.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code, section 54956.9(d)(1) - Vincent Nelson v. County of Fresno, Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 23CECG01677
- 22.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - Government Code, section 54956.9(d)(1) - True North Detox, LLC v. County of Fresno, EDCA No. 1:25 cv 01281 JLT EPG; County of Fresno v. True North Detox, LLC, FCSC No. 25CECG04575

Adjourn**NEXT MEETINGS:**

December 9, 2025 - 9:30 A.M.

January 6, 2026 - 9:30 A.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Any Board Member may pull any consent item for discussion or separate vote)

Board of Supervisors

- 23. Approve minutes for November 4, 2025

Supervisor Chavez

- 24. Proclaim November 2025 as "National Adoption Month" in the County of Fresno

Supervisor Magsig

- 25. Adopt Resolution to Recognize the 100th annual Trek to the Nation's Christmas Tree

Supervisor Bredefeld, Supervisor Magsig, and Public Works and Planning

- 26. Conduct second hearing to amend the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, Charges and Recovered Costs Ordinance by amending Section 1500 - Parks and Recreation, waive reading of the Ordinance in its entirety, and adopt proposed Ordinance; and conduct second hearing to amend the Fresno County Ordinance Code, Title 13 Roads, Parks, Other Public Places, Chapter 13.16 Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 13.16.080 Vehicle entrance fee, waive reading of the Ordinance in its entirety, and adopt proposed Ordinance

District Attorney

- 27. Retroactively authorize the District Attorney's previous submittal of a grant application to the State of California, Department of Insurance (CDI) for continuation of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 (\$1,276,852); and Approve retroactive Grant Award Agreement, including any extensions or amendments, for continued funding of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program with the CDI, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 (\$1,215,001); and Adopt a Resolution retroactively authorizing the District Attorney, or her designee, to execute retroactive Grant Award Agreement, including any extensions or amendments, and accepting all liability arising out of the performance of the Grant Agreement (\$1,215,001)

Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator

28. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Western State Design, Inc. for laundry equipment services and maintenance at the West Annex Jail and Juvenile Justice Campus, effective November 18, 2025, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$275,000 for the West Annex Jail and \$150,000 for the Juvenile Justice Campus (\$425,000); authorize the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, or their designee, to add or remove equipment, or otherwise modify services and/or service levels at the West Annex Jail detailed in Exhibit A to the recommended Agreement, provided such changes do not modify the rates or increase the maximum compensation authorized by the recommended agreement; and authorize the Director of General Services, or their designee, to add or remove equipment, or otherwise modify services and/or service levels at the Juvenile Justice Campus detailed in Exhibit B to the recommended Agreement, provided such changes do not modify the rates or increase the maximum compensation authorized by the recommended agreement
29. Retroactively authorize the Sheriff's previous submittal of an equipment grant application to the State of California - Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways for the Sheriff's Office's Boating Safety Unit (\$55,980); approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Grant Agreement with the State of California - Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways for a supplemental grant, including all required certifications, effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2033 (\$55,980); adopt Budget Resolution increasing FY 2025-26 appropriations and estimated revenues for Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator Org 3111 in the amount of \$55,980 (4/5 vote); and authorize the Sheriff, or their authorized representative, to sign requests for reimbursement documents and any other documents necessary for the grant

Administrative Office

30. Receive Annual Boards, Commissions, and Committees Report pursuant to County Administrative Officer Management Directive 2714.4; and Eliminate the Community Parent and Guardian Review Committee based on State Legislation and Rescind Resolution Number 23-377
31. Approve petition for waiver of absences for Kevin Lisitsin to allow him to retain his position on the Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee
32. Approve revised Administrative Policy No. 76 - Grants to Non-Governmental and Non-Profit Organizations from the General Fund, which removes fixed dollar amounts noted for exempt organizations
33. Adopt Resolution proclaiming continuation of the local emergency status relating to the extremely high levels of tree mortality and hazardous conditions created by the drought and request that the Governor continue to provide resources and support to mitigate risk of falling trees and increased fire hazard
34. Accept the 2025 Annual Williams Lawsuit Agreement Report from the Fresno County Office of Education

35. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Cover Page Agreement-Amendment, a required administrative form, for Amendment II to Cooperative Agreement No. 13-767-1 between the County and the California High Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) to add a max contract amount of \$3,700,000 to be paid to the County, as well as any further documents required to complete this settlement, subject to review as to legal form by County Counsel

Behavioral Health

36. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Francisco - Fresno, Medical Education Program for psychiatric resident services provided at the Department of Behavioral Health facilities effective upon execution through June 30, 2030 (\$0); and Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Health, or designee, as signatory on behalf of the Board of Supervisors on the associated Program Letter of Agreement
37. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 23-295 with Kings View, effective November 1, 2025, with no change to the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, rolling over \$14,802 in unspent funds from FY 2024-25, and increasing the maximum compensation by \$8,448 to a total of \$4,169,968
38. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Kings View for Community Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services, effective December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, which includes a two-year and seven-month base contract and two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$51,200,693
39. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority for Quality Measures and Performance Improvement Program, effective upon execution through December 31, 2029, total not to exceed \$54,000; and approve and authorize the Department of Behavioral Health Director, or designee, to be the signatory and act as the Fresno County representative on behalf of the Board of Supervisors on associated California Mental Health Services Authority Quality Measures and Performance Improvement related reports and forms, without modifying the maximum compensation

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

40. Receive Retirement Administrator's certification to the Board of Supervisors that James E. Hackett, a duly nominated and eligible candidate for the 2025 Board of Retirement Election of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association ("Board of Retirement"), for Alternate Retired Member Seat No. 8, was unopposed at the close of nominations under the Board of Supervisors elections procedures for Board of Retirement elections ("Election Procedures"); as provided by the Election Procedures, order that no election be held for such seat; and as provided by the Election Procedures, direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code § 31523, to cast a unanimous ballot, in the form of the official ballot accompanying this agenda item, in favor of James E. Hackett as Alternate Retired Member Seat No. 8 on the Board of Retirement for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2028, and deliver the cast ballot to the Board of Retirement and a copy thereof to the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

Human Resources

41. Approve the successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Representation Unit 42 - Association of County Engineers, effective November 24, 2025, through November 22, 2026; and approve the related Salary Resolution Amendment as reflected on Appendix "B"
42. Approve Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Representation Unit 02 represented by Fresno County Public Safety Association, regarding a salary adjustment for the Security Officer classification; and approve the related Salary Resolution Amendments, as reflected on Appendix "C"

Information Technology Services

43. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute First Amendment to Agreement No. A-24-050 with GovernmentJobs.Com, Inc. dba NEOGOV to add an additional product and increase the maximum compensation by \$13,146 to a total of \$3,083,524, effective upon execution, with no change to the five-year term, which includes a two-year initial term with three optional one-year extensions

Probation

44. Approve and authorize Chairman to execute a retroactive revenue Agreement with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to provide partial funding to the County for services provided by two Deputy Probation Officers assigned to the Truancy Intervention Program, for the benefit of participating school districts, effective July 1, 2025, not to exceed three consecutive years, which includes a one-year base contract with two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$482,615; and Approve and authorize Chairman to execute a retroactive revenue Agreement with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to provide partial funding to the County for on-campus services provided by one Deputy Probation Officer assigned to Violet Heintz Education Academy, effective July 1, 2025, not to exceed three consecutive years, which includes a one-year base contract with two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$121,743
45. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive First Amendment to Agreement No. 24-621 with the City of Kerman to continue to assign one sworn Police Officer to the Public Safety Realignment Adult Compliance Team, effective July 1, 2025, with no change to the Agreement term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, increasing the Agreement maximum by \$172,494 to a total of \$349,874

46. Under Administrative Policy No. 34 for competitive bids or requests for proposals (AP 34) determine that an exception to the competitive bidding requirement under AP 34 is satisfied and a Sole Source - Suspension of Competition is warranted, and that the best interests of the County would be served by entering into an agreement with Lexipol, LLC (Lexipol), as Lexipol is the only vendor that provides a comprehensive policy management solution suite that meets the requirements of the Probation Department; and approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive sole source Agreement with Lexipol for subscription-based policy management and training services, effective November 1, 2025, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions, total not to exceed \$390,972
47. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a First Amendment to Agreement No. A-24-271 with University of Cincinnati Research Institute, to increase the allowable travel expenses for services, with no change to the term of June 4, 2024, through June 3, 2027, or compensation maximum of \$753,500

Public Defender

48. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive Revenue Agreement and all required forms and certifications with the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board for post-conviction relief services to be provided by the Fresno County Public Defender, effective July 1, 2025, not to exceed one year (\$45,000); and Adopt Budget Resolution increasing the FY 2025-26 appropriations and estimated revenues for the Public Defender Org 2880 in the amount of \$45,000 (4/5 vote)

Public Works and Planning

49. Adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of a Change of Organization application to Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for detachment of approximately 40 acres, known as Sobaje Parcels, from Waterworks District No. 42 (WWD 42), and authorizing Director of Public Works and Planning or their designee to act on the County's behalf, including execution and submission of all necessary documents to effectuate proposed detachment
50. Adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of a Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation Application to the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission for Waterworks District No. 41, incorporating County Service Area Zones 31C, 31D, 31F, and 31G and authorizing Director of Public Works and Planning, or his/her designee, to execute and submit all required applications and supporting documents to the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission and to act on behalf of the County during proceedings
51. Retroactively approve and authorize Director of Public Works and Planning's previous submittal of four applications to Fresno Council of Governments for Measure C Safe Routes to School Grant Program; and adopt and authorize Chairman to execute the Resolution required by Fresno Council of Governments stating the County's approval of and commitment to Measure C Safe Routes to School Program

52. Approve and authorize Chairman to execute retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Master Agreement No. 22-046 with American Refuse, Inc. and West Coast Rubber Recycling, Inc. for provision of waste tire hauling services, effective upon execution with no change to the original term of September 12, 2021, through September 11, 2026, removing annual contract limits and increasing the contract maximum by \$25,000 to a total of \$1,050,000
53. Approve and authorize Chairman to execute a Joint Powers Authority Agreement for implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agencies within Delta-Mendota Groundwater subbasin; and designate District 4 Supervisor as Director, District 1 Supervisor as First Alternate, and Department of Public Works and Planning's Water and Natural Resources Division Manager, as Second Alternate to serve as a member of Board of Directors for the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Joint Powers Authority

Social Services

54. Ratify the County Administrative Officer's approval of the Department of Social Services' Halloween festivities, pursuant to Administration Policy No. 81

Sitting as the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Governing Board:

55. Sitting as the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and as the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Governing Board: Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a Third Amendment to Agreement 25-316 with United Language Group, LLC, for continued written translation and telephonic interpretation services, extending the term by six months from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, and increasing the maximum compensation by \$257,100 to a total of \$4,260,645