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Board of Supervisors to Hold Virtual Emergency Meeting at 3pm Friday, 3/27

LAKE COUNTY, CA (March 26, 2020) –Due to the rapidly-evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Lake County Board of Supervisors will be holding an Emergency Meeting tomorrow afternoon, Friday, March 27, at 3pm.

In response to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order 33-20, the State Public Health Officer recently designated a list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers,” those who must continue working despite the Statewide Order to Shelter-In-Place.

Many of the designations included were clear. The County staff protecting basic water and sewage availability were never in question, nor were the health and law enforcement personnel ensuring the public understands and complies with Orders designed to keep us all safe.

The Board of Supervisors was additionally given authority to define, “Critical government workers.” During Tuesday’s meeting, the Board began discussion of this topic, and assigned an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Department Heads toward final recommendations. Those recommendations will be considered during Friday’s Emergency Meeting.

“Developing these recommendations has not been easy for anyone involved,” notes Moke Simon, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “The Board and all County leaders recognize every person in the County workforce makes a unique and valuable contribution. However, determining which departmental functions and personnel are non-critical in the context of this emergency situation will ultimately help us be more resilient as the COVID-19 crisis unfolds.”

Friday’s Emergency Meeting will focus entirely on urgent needs that cannot wait until the Board’s Special Meeting of March 31, 2020, at 9am. The full Agenda is posted at: <https://countyoflake.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

“Anyone interested in providing real-time input during any upcoming Board meeting should write the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, PublicComment@lakecountyca.gov, to schedule Zoom Meeting access,” notes Simon. “The Board Chambers will be closed to the public and even Board members will be connecting remotely this time – this situation requires new ways of conducting business.”

Input on any Board item can likewise be shared via PublicComment@lakecountyca.gov, and will be included in the Public Record. Written comments are most effective when they note the Agenda Item they regard, and include the first and last names of the author.

“Our Board, Public Health Officer Gary Pace and his team, law enforcement, and so many others, have managed to be both proactive and thoughtful in the face of COVID-19, despite many challenges that stem from global scope of this disaster,” affirms Simon. “The many kinds of human and economic tragedy brought by COVID-19 around the world have shook us all, but I am very proud of the persistence and problem solving ability of so many in our communities. Tomorrow’s Emergency Meeting will be another step in our local response.”