



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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### **PRESS RELEASE** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **County Insights: Changes to Board Meetings in Light of COVID-19**

**LAKE COUNTY, CA (March 20, 2020)** – Due to COVID-19 concerns, and to facilitate Social Distancing, those planning to participate in Tuesday's (3/24) meeting of the Lake County Board of Supervisors are asked to establish contact in advance.

Please write the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, [publiccomment@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lakecountyca.gov), to schedule. Additionally, written comments regarding any agenda item may be submitted to [publiccomment@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lakecountyca.gov) by Monday, 3/23, at 5pm, for inclusion in the public record. Please note the item number addressed by any written comment.

"These are unprecedented times, and I know firsthand the severe effects this crisis is having on local businesses and families," shares Moke Simon, Chair of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, "but we have to adapt, and do all we can to keep people safe. That includes changing the way we conduct many aspects of County business."

"The vast majority of people are going to be watching and even participating in Board meetings from home in the coming weeks," continues Simon. "The vast majority of people are going to be watching and even participating in Board meetings from home in the coming weeks," continues Simon. "We need to appropriately space items that are most likely to draw strong public interest, to reduce the probability remote access to the meetings will be compromised, and that will mean continuing some to future dates."

A Public Hearing previously noticed for Tuesday, 3/24, will be continued to April 7:

- 6.5, PUBLIC HEARING - Industrial Hemp Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (AM 20-01) Categorical Exemption (CE 20-07)

For those interested in viewing any discussion item, Board and Planning Commission meetings will be accessible through the County website and Lake County PEG TV (TV8). Agendas and live and archived video are available at:

<https://countyoflake.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

"If you need a County service," notes Simon, "the best thing to do right now is call ahead, and staff will be able to assist you. Where possible, to keep everyone safe, we are trying to deliver services without in-person contact."

A County of Lake Department Directory is available at:

<http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Government/Directory.htm>

Board Chair Simon is particularly concerned that Lake County residents get informed, and be safe:

“Please heed the advice of our federal, state and local health officials. Unless you are going out to access Essential Services, like food or medical care, or going to work in an Essential Critical Infrastructure industry, stay at home. This is a time to draw close and support the people in our own households, and do what we can, from a distance, to make other people’s lives a little better, too.

“We’ve seen fire and flood, and sat without power for days on end, and we responded to all of those things. We’re responding to this, too.”

Recent Press Releases and Public Health Orders from Dr. Gary Pace and more Lake County-focused information are available at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus.htm>, and accessible through the County’s homepage, <http://www.lakecountyca.gov/>. A Dashboard was recently developed, and provides key data, such as confirmed cases in surrounding California counties.

If you have public health-related questions about COVID-19, please direct them to [MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov](mailto:MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov), or call Public Health’s COVID-19 line, at 707-263-8174.