

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, 1:30 pm

To be held via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213930470>

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Introductions.**
- 3. Public Comment:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (3 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please.
- 4. Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2022 COA meeting.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Cathie Peacock
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Ted Michaud
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Melody Brothby
- 8. County Report:** Supervisor David Goldemberg, District 1/Liz Peterson, CAO's Office.
- 9. Committee Reports and Group Discussion on COA Goals and Strategy - all**
 - **Community Relations**
 - **Transportation**
 - **Education**
 - **Legislative**
 - **Governance**
- 10. Unfinished Business:**
Commission Membership Status.
- 11. New Business:**
In-Person Meetings.
Resolution for holding next COA meeting on Zoom, if needed.
- 12. Public Comment.**
- 13. Adjournment.**

Next COA Meeting:
Monday, August 8, 2022, 1.30 PM
Location: TBD

COA Executive Committee Meeting:
Monday, August 1, 2022, 2:00 PM
Location: Interfaith

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Minutes of Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair Cathie Peacock.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Ted Michaud, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Kristi Conforti, Catherine Driver, Jackie Sample, Cathie Peacock, Paula Burklin, Emily Fife. **Absent:** Zandra Bietz, Carleton Penwell, Harry Ohls, Melody Brotby.
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, Supervisor, District 1, Liz Peterson and Mark Fischer, County Administrator's Office.
Guests: Britne Gose, Southside Services.
3. **Public Comments:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (2 minutes maximum per speaker – no discussion, please). None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the May 9, 2022 COA meeting were approved unanimously with correction to item #9, which should say "Tuolumne County Systems of Care", not "DA's Office". JF/CD.
5. **Chair's Report:** The Elder Abuse Conference has been postponed, perhaps to the Fall. Harry Ohls has had a stroke, and Cathie has approved a 3 month LOA for him. Carleton Penwell is also receiving treatment and has been approved for a 2 month LOA. Catherine offered to send cards to Harry and Carleton, also Melody, who has undergone knee surgery.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No change in our balance with the County.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** No report.
8. **County Report:** David mentioned that Covid is still around, 12 people have been hospitalized this week. The homelessness area is quite active right now, with secure camping sites being assessed for use. The Fire Safety Commission is about to issue a draft ordinance on Vegetation Control. It was suggested that the Everbridge Early Warning System that was tested recently should be publicized more. John suggested that the Education Committee might do some outreach on that. Ted suggested that there should be more emphasis on Senior needs in the Fire Safety area, given the large number of seniors with medical issues. Liz Peterson mentioned that it was budget season, but unlike previous years, there were unlikely to be many structural changes this year. The Recreation Department may add new programs – Cathie asked if there was a Senior component planned, but apparently there are only a few programs for Seniors. Liz mentioned that the Veterans Office has been very active, and Cathie suggested that we should have a veteran on the COA.
9. **Blue Zones Update.** Kristi mentioned that they are in touch with the AARP to get a draft of an Elderly-Friendly Resolution for the County to review and hopefully pass. A social media campaign for the age-friendly resolution might be in order. Nationwide, around 200 jurisdictions have passed such resolutions, 25-30 of which are in California. Kristi asked whether the City of Sonora should have a rep on the COA, since it is a separate jurisdiction. In other news, there will be a Cal-Fresh workshop in Groveland in the near future, and a 2nd round of funding for Farmers Market vouchers is in the works, the first having been exhausted very quickly.

10. Unfinished Business:

Commission Membership Status: We are still at 14 members, but we now have 2 on Leave of Absence, and Melody recovering from surgery, so we are getting a little light. We have another application in hand, and will interview the candidate shortly. We need to do more recruiting! It was suggested that members of the veterans and disabled communities should be sought out.

In-Person Meetings: The Senior Center is now open, but we still have some members who may wish to join by Zoom, and this isn't practical at the SC. David Goldemberg mentioned that the County is looking into setting up a hybrid meeting room in the A.N. Francisco building, but its availability date is not known at present. It was generally agreed that we would stay on Zoom for the next Commission meeting in July, at least, so that we can get a better feel for the situation.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations – the committee has goals! They encompass 5 areas/topics, and will be prioritized. Malcolm will distribute them when they are available.

Transportation – Tim mentioned that his current focus is on providing shuttle buses for local events, including the Fathers Day Fly In at Columbia, and the Motherlode Fair. The proposed Groveland-Columbia route is also proceeding. Tim will be doing a presentation on local transport programs at the Senior Center – he has already done one at Adventist Health. He also mentioned the Trip Program, that reimburses neighbors and friends for providing seniors with transportation. The program only has one client at present, and he would like more. Britne mentioned that they could use it in Groveland!

Education – the committee has been meeting by email, and is trying to decide whether their thrust should be internal (within the Commission) or external (to the general public). Should we be a central point for information distribution in the County? The EdComm is responsible for obtaining speakers, also. Cathie asked that the meeting dates be published. Should we be looking at having brochures published or becoming active on social media?

Legislative – Malcolm talked about the contact he made with the Executive Director of the California Senior Legislature in Sacramento, and the report he obtained which lists bills that the CSL are sponsoring, and those that they are supporting. The difficulty with the bills is that they apply to the whole State, and we would need to figure out which would have a direct impact on Tuolumne County, and what that might be. But the list is at least a starting point. There are also approximately 2,500 other bills in circulation in Sacramento, some of which may affect seniors directly or indirectly, but it would be a huge task to go through and identify those. Malcolm will do more research.

Governance – nothing to report.

11. New Business:

Resolution on Teleconferencing - A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed, 10 votes for, none against, by the 10 Commissioners present at the time. TM/JF.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.40 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – TUESDAY, July 5, 2022, 2 pm, at Interfaith, with a Zoom hookup. (Monday, July 4, is a Public Holiday).

Next COA Meeting – Monday, July 11, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.

Commission on Aging

County of Tuolumne

**FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 11, 2022
PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

WHEREAS, all meetings of the COMMISSION ON AGING and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

WHEREAS, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which

1 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a
2 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
3 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which
5 set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020
6 and other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Findings, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
8 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of
9 emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent Findings the state Legislature; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
11 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
12 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
13 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can
14 travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, the COMMISSION ON AGING finds that state or local officials have imposed or
16 recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial
17 Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code
18 of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D); and,

19 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the COMMISSION ON AGING does hereby find that it shall
20 conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953
21 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements
22 to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by the COMMISSION
28 ON AGING, County of Tuolumne, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 11, 2022

1 does hereby resolve as follows:

2 Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this
3 Findings by this reference.

4 Section 2. State or Local Officials Have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote
5 Social Distancing. The COMMISSION ON AGING hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or
6 recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of
7 Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the
8 California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

9 Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The COMMISSION ON AGING is hereby
10 authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of these Findings
11 including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)
12 and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

13 Section 4. Effective Date. These Findings shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and
14 shall be effective until the earlier of (i) August 11, 2022 or (ii) such time the COMMISSION ON AGING
15 adopts a subsequent Findings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the
16 time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section
17 54953(b)(3).

18 ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2022 by COMMISSION ON AGING by the following vote:

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20 YES: 0

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22 ABSENT: 0

23 ABSTAIN: 0

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26 Attested by Malcolm Carden, Recording Secretary, COA
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