4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.04 COVID-19 Phased Reopening - Public Health Attestation, Local Plan, and Letter to Governor Newsom and Dr. Angell – Governor Newsom made two announcements last week that positively impact some local businesses and activities. In his announcements, he stated that certain Stage 2 businesses and activities would be able to reopen statewide on May 8th, provided they incorporate specific mitigations into their operations as defined by the State. He also stated that he would allow some discretion for local Health Officers to attest that their county has met State-specified criteria, which then provides local authority to allow businesses and activities to reopen sooner than would be allowed statewide. The Public Health Department took the following actions in anticipation of a change in the State Orders and to align the County with the Governor's requirements: 1) established a local health expert team to establish local measures for when to loosen and tighten restrictions, and 2) requested the County's Emergency Operations Center Liaison assist with establishing multiple public and private sector teams to review health and safety mitigation measures and provide feedback for their specific sector. The efforts of the health expert team and sector teams have led to the local we call Reopen Butte County. Supervisors Lambert and Ritter represented the County on the Local Jurisdiction Team. Per State direction, Dr. Miller, as the local Health Officer, must submit his attestation that the County meets the State criteria, letters of support for the attestation from the Board of Supervisors and local hospitals, and a copy of the local plan to the California Department of Public Health, and must "engage in a phone consultation regarding the county's intent to seek a variance." Dr. Miller has submitted the required documents and, along with Supervisors Lambert and Ritter, requests that the Board of Supervisors ratify the letter of support to the attestation signed by the Chair. In addition, Dr. Miller, Public Health Director Danette York, Sheriff Kory Honea, and Chief Administrative Officer Shari McCracken recommend the Board submit a letter to the Governor and Dr. Angell requesting an expansion of the sectors and businesses allowed to open with appropriate mitigations under Stage 2 – action requested – 1) ACCEPT THE HEALTH OFFICER’S ATTESTATION AND LOCAL PLAN FOR INFORMATION; 2) RATIFY THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HEALTH OFFICER’S ATTESTATION; AND 3) APPROVE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND DR. ANGELL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN. (County Administration)