



MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION  
County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

April 9, 2013

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Clay Neely.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Matthew Lehman (Town Mayor):**

- Coordinating ways to make efforts more efficient; in the area of Information Technology.

**Marianna Marysheva-Martinez (Town):**

- Mentioned letter via email (clerk to post online after meeting).
- Asking that the Board direct staff for Town and County IT to work together to develop contract for provision of IT services.
- They have some urgent needs that need to be addressed right away.
- This is an opportunity to be in partnership with county; already in such a partnership with Mono County GIS services.
- Supervisor Hunt: that seems to be trend – partnerships. Need to submit information to the clerk of the board to get item agendaized.
- Marshall Rudolph: for purposes of future agenda item and the topics it encompasses – should departments involved prepare info. now or wait to hear the Town's agenda? (Board wants to hear from Town first).

*Closed Session: 9:11 a.m.*

*Break: 10:33 a.m.*

*Reconvene: 10:42 a.m.*

*Lunch: 12:13 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 1:15 p.m.*

*Break: 2:00 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 2:05 p.m.*

*Break: 2:52 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 3:00 p.m.*

*Adjourn: 5:18 p.m.*

## CLOSED SESSION

*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.
- 1b) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: dispute related to Conway Ranch grant compliance.
- 1c) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: claim for damages presented by Jonathan Madrid.
- 1d) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph and Lynda Salcido. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

- 3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

*All deferred due to time constraints.*

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments  
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

### **Marshall Rudolph (Acting CAO):**

- Nothing to report.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

### **Sheriff Obenberger:**

- Found a pot of money for communications system; AB109 funding offsets.
- So far they have just under \$500,000 in the bank to spend in CCP funding.
- They should get \$347,000 each year ongoing (at least for 2013/2014). Can only be spent on certain things.
- CCP group came together to see how to spend money. (Sheriff getting approximately \$122,000) He wants to hire a new PSO (approx \$87,000); reclassification of four different employees, difference in salaries would come out of this funding; \$250,000 to replace the Orbacom system.
- He will put together a staff report in a month or two and bring back to board.
- Supervisor Hunt: What is sustainability of funding?
- AB109 is stable – may be bumped up again and then will be fixed.

### **Nate Greenberg:**

- Gave updates on Digital 395; a lot of work almost done.
- A lot of electronics should be fired up late May/June; testing needs to be done.
- Ridgecrest is almost complete; will see portions of segment (not Mono) come online in next few months.
- Wiggle room for late July date?
- Verizon issue: as of yesterday, still not providing service in Crowley; there are letters going out; he'll keep us posted.

### **Jeff Walters:**

- Update on fishing season opener: everything on track.
- All roads are on schedule to open prior to fishing weekend.
- Supervisor Alpers asked him to contact Mark with Western Outdoor News.

### **Steve Marti (Fisheries Commission):**

- Fishing Commission yesterday; successful.
- Agreed that County needs to move forward with process to free up 75 acres.
- Thanked Board, Marshall for their efforts.
- A lot of facts came about after yesterday's meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

## CLERK OF THE BOARD

5a) "Year of the Child" Resolution - As part of the current CSAC President's initiative, he has asked that 2013 be declared "The Year of the Child" in California counties. This resolution will recognize the critical importance of placing children at the core of our plans. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Johnston.

**M13-73** **Action:** Approve proposed resolution proclaiming 2013 as "The Year of the Child".

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

## REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED  
(INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

- 5b) Bridgeport RPAC Regarding Economic Development Opportunities - Letter dated 3/21/13 from Steve Noble, Vice Chair for the Bridgeport RPAC encouraging Board support to generate economic development opportunities at Bryant Field.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked if Tim Fesko was going to agendize; thinks it's worthwhile to pursue.  
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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**

- 6a) Agricultural Department Workshop (George Milovich) - Conduct workshop for Agricultural Department (including Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area).

**Action:** None.

**George Milovich:**

- Handouts distributed (powerpoint will go onto website; remainder of packet available for viewing in the clerk's office).
- Gave brief update regarding Agriculture Department/Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area.
- There is still funding available but some has been lost.
- Supervisor Alpers: Some of the penalties that can be imposed are ridiculous.
- Supervisor Johnston: Discussion about Great Basin's water levels, what's being done, what's not.
- Supervisor Stump: Is the funding job specific? (George: yes.) Car compliance? (George: some exemptions are dwindling) Fixed equipment pumps need to continue to have a voice.
- Spoke about unrefunded tax revenues.
- This job is not only local counties; it is state law to promote and protect agriculture.

**Nathan Reade, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner,**

**Deputy Director of Weights & Measures** (Went through Powerpoint, to be posted online):

- Functions of the Agriculture Department (organizational structure).
- Agriculture Functions.
  - Human Safety and Environmental Protection.
  - Consumer Protection and Product Quality.
  - Special Agricultural Services.
  - Education and Outreach.
- Weights and Measures Functions.
  - Device Registration and Inspection.
  - Petroleum Quality and Labeling.
  - Quantity Control and Transaction Verification.
  - Weighmaster and Device Repairman Registration.
- Invasive Weed Control Functions.
  - Monitoring and Detection.
  - Management and Eradication.
  - Interagency Collaboration.
  - Public Outreach and Education.

## COUNTY COUNSEL

- 7a) Madrid Claim For Damages (Marshall Rudolph) - Claim for damages presented on or about March 4, 2013, by Jonathan Madrid.

**M13-74** **Action:** Reject claim in its entirety to the extent it refers to events or occurrences on or after September 4, 2012. Direct County Counsel to notify Claimant of said rejection. Take no action and direct County Counsel to return the claim to the extent it refers to events or occurrences prior to September 4, 2012, because it was not presented within the time prescribed by law.

**Johnston moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- This has been discussed and reviewed in closed session.

## FINANCE

- 8a) Property Tax Administration Fee (Roberta Reed) - 2012-13 Property Tax Administration Fee.

**Action:** None.

**Roberta Reed:**

- Explained fee report; no one has contacted her with questions.
- At beginning of year, board had elected to refund the six smallest fire districts their tax admin. fees.
- Can go back before Board if that is desired; will let new Finance Director (Leslie Chapman) know.
- She will check to see if there was a policy change. The fee is set up; no one has questioned it yet.
- Lynda Roberts had sent out a letter at the direction of Brian Muir regarding this; she will look at it.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Will intention be to repeat public hearing regarding property tax admin. fees (for fire districts)?
- Did prior Board enact policy change? Is there any opportunity for Special Districts to come and make comments?
- If policy change wasn't done, he's in favor of it so special districts can comment.
- Do we need to agendize this?

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Doesn't think there was a policy change.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Maybe not so much policy as just an opportunity to comment.
- Observation: Because school districts cannot be charged by law, do all other districts subsidize school districts?
- Maximus is a non-local firm that we pay to do this? Isn't it only a spreadsheet?
- Shouldn't we try to keep the money local?
- Roberta to work with new Finance Director to re-address this.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9a) Support for SB 740 Relating to Telecommunications (Supervisor Fred

Stump) - Passage of Senate Bill 740 (Padilla) will benefit telecommunications in Mono County. SB 740 allows potential providers access to grant funding to support the construction of last-mile provider infrastructure.

**M13-75** **Action:** Authorize Chair to sign a letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors supporting SB 740.

**Alpers moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Explained nature of item.
- Asking that letter in packet gets supported by Board and signed by chair.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Letter is fine, but he believes there should be someplace one can escape from cell service.

#### PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION

10a) Request for Snow Removal Assistance - Yosemite National Park (Jeff Walters) - Upon its opening each spring State Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park (YNP) provides a significant benefit to businesses and visitation in Mono County. In prior years, The Board of Supervisors has actively supported and assisted the National Park Service and Caltrans with snow removal and opening of Highway 120. The Park Service may request assistance from Mono County again this year. In order to promptly respond, should YNP request assistance, the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize Public Works to provide snow removal assistance.

**R13-20** **Action:** Consider and potentially adopt Resolution No. R13-20, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute and Administer Cooperative Agreements and to Utilize Department of Public Works Personnel and Equipment to Assist with Snow Removal Activities Associated with the 2013 Opening of Highway 120 Within Yosemite National Park."

**Alpers moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Jeff Walters:**

- It's that time of year again to clear snow in Yosemite.
- He has heard no snow removal until May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ski resort would be willing to assist with Snow Removal if there was a guarantee to have pass open by Memorial Day.
- Park said that Memorial Day is goal, but from May 15<sup>th</sup> to Memorial Day is only 8 days.
- Park would like assistance if we can provide; formal request may come later.
- Asking to be allowed to assist the Park, as we have always done (if it's needed).

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- If they call for our help, it won't be extensive/expensive. He likes updates and likes to hear from Public Works each year, wouldn't want it a standing resolution.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Why isn't this a standing resolution?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- He hopes media is listening in and will report these snow removing efforts.

10b)

Sale of Surplus Ford Expeditions to the Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District and the June Lake Fire Protection District (Jeff Walters) - Two surplus Ford Expeditions are available to Special Districts. There were four requests from Special Districts for these two vehicles. The Mono County Department of Public Works, with authorization from the Mono County Administrative Officer, determined the Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District and the June Lake Fire Protection District were to each be sold one of the units.

**M13-76**

**Action:** Find that the 2009 Ford Expedition (Unit SO751, VIN 1FMFU16569EB03958) is in good condition but is excess and/or unneeded property. 2. Find that the 2008 Ford Expedition (Unit SO702, VIN 1FMFU1165588LA07825) is in good condition but is excess and/or unneeded property. 3. Authorize the Acting Public Works Director to prepare, process, and execute applicable documents on behalf of Mono County to transfer ownership on Unit SO751 to the WCFPD and Unit SO702 to the JLFPD.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Jeff Walters:**

- Request sent out to all Special Districts; there were four requests for these vehicles.
- It was decided that Wheeler Crest and June Lake Fire Protection Districts were most deserving of vehicles as they hadn't received anything recently.
- \$13,000 will be lost but it's going to a local entity, a good cause.
- These vehicles were given to him by Sheriff's Department; he doesn't oversee their vehicle replacement.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Why are these surplus? Only two should be if we're following our targeted mileage which is 130,000.
- All five vehicles listed are under 130,000 with the exception of two.
- We should use the vehicle until it meets our standard or has some major complication.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Doesn't the Sheriff's Department replace vehicles sooner than the norm? That is what he recalls.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Maybe we should have Sheriff give more explanation.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Since we hold the purse strings for the Sheriff's Department, maybe in the future, we don't approve the vehicles being replaced.
- It's a worthy cause in as much as seeing local agencies get the vehicles, but he feels the Sheriff can get more use out of vehicles.
- He has made some very political statements; having said them he does support the motion before the board today.

**Roberta Reed:**

- If it is the board's desire to extend mileage, Public Works has to set up a formula or else there will be trouble with the state.

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## LUNCH

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

### Ron Day:

- Thanked Fred for his work on the letter; thanked the county.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

11a)

Board of Supervisors Planning Workshop (Board of Supervisors) - The Board of Supervisors will hold a planning workshop to discuss their projects list and goals for the next 12-24 months, and receive feedback from citizens. This item was requested by Supervisor Hunt.

**Action:** None.

\*Taken after item 12a

### Supervisor Hunt:

- Explained history of strategic planning workshops; how things were prioritized. This is the third meeting on this subject; now asking for citizen input.
- Anything can go on this list.

### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

1. **Steve Marti** (Twin Lakes Resort): Economic Development (handout).
2. **Benny Romero** (Bridgeport Valley RPAC member and business owner): Economic Development Ideas: Implementation of Bridgeport Street Revitalization Project; snowcat/backcountry skiing; Bodie State Park trail network for summer; Multi-Agency visitor's center; Gateway Monument and Community Character; beef/wine event at Barns and Terrace this summer; Eastern Sierra Photographers Jamboree. (Supervisor Stump asked if he's working with Tourism Commission? Supervisor Fesko suggested getting info. posted on county's website.)
3. **Bob Peters** (Bridgeport business owner, RPAC): Expand the economy of Mono County (all communities) so property values will come back up; Economic Development Strategy: Assistance for growth for existing business, new businesses, focus on small business; solarization needed; Inter-Agency Center; improve access to health services; creative financing of long term obligations. County staffing (need complete review and redo of organization).
4. **Ilene Mandelbaum** (Mono Basin RPAC, Coordinator of LV garden): handout; Implementation of Mono Basin Community Plan and Local Regional Food System.
5. **Lori Beardsley** (Executive Director, Friends of the Inyo): Look at opportunities in public lands; Need to work to maintain infrastructure we already have.
6. **Dan Lyster** (Economic Development Department): handout from Strategic Marketing Group: he is requesting Supervisor Hansen's position on subcommittee be filled by someone else (to be agendized); list of economic strategies need to be fleshed out. (Supervisors would like more information about "frustration" referred to in handout.)
7. **Paul** (Mammoth Lakes): Water quality issue at Crowley Lake; June bloom gets worse every year – how can we provide a better experience for visitors?
8. **Ron Day** (Fire Commissioner, Crowley Lake): Look at one system water system.

### Supervisor Hunt:

- Next step is prioritizing amongst ourselves. Should be fleshed out soon as to



what board's priorities will be. Current things on list:

- Solid Waste
- Economic Development
- Employee Recognition
- Organizational Restructuring
- Conway Ranch
- Utilizing substation in Mammoth
- June Lake Ski Area/Rodeo Grounds.
- Facilities/Communities outside of Mammoth.
- Need for more oversight/committees.

**Lynda Roberts:**

- She will add today's comments to the public comments section on master list.
- When do they envision another workshop? (Supervisor Hunt to work with clerk).

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- List isn't totally prioritized yet.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- A reminder that each Supervisor's list doesn't necessarily reflect all of their priorities (i.e. Johnston's list might be longer).

**PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION**

12a)

Heavy Equipment Replacement (Jeff Walters) - Mono County has 68 diesel powered heavy equipment vehicles that must comply with the California Air Resource Board diesel emission regulations. CARB considers Mono County a small county with low population thereby CARB's deadlines must be met beginning in 2019 and 2025. The attached Mono County equipment replacement schedule complies with all CARB regulations.

**Action:** None.

\*Item taken at 1:00 p.m. (out of order).

**Jeff Walters:**

- Explained item including CARB requirements, etc. (handed out revised lists, will be posted online).
- There are 70 vehicles that fall into the CARB requirement.
- Discussion regarding deadlines and the types of vehicles that apply.
- Can delay replacing some; final cutoff is 2028 for off-road equipment.
- Discussion of cost on replacing vehicles now vs. waiting. His anticipated figures are on the high end; significant expense regardless.
- These need to be replaced no matter what; they are old.
- Initial CARB deadlines were delayed – was supposed to be 2015 but is now 2019.
- Total of \$26,000,000 which is quite significant (for all necessary vehicles to be replaced.)
- There has been no lift or delay in any CARB requirements as was originally hoped.
- Fines per day are significant; doesn't have exact figures.
- Requirements for us are less stringent than some other counties.
- He can put together a list of priorities of vehicles by year.
- Any reduction in fleet relates to a decrease in a level of service.
- The money received from State for maintenance of county roads doesn't cover any vehicle replacement.
- There are vehicles that could be replaced prior to 2018.

**Supervisor Fesko**

- Asked for clarification; asked about replacement timing.
- Showing replacements as soon as 2018 –are there any vehicles in the fleet that should be replaced before 2018? If yes, that needs to be put into chart.
- Not knowing exact needs of Public Works, do we need as many dump trucks as we have?
- Not sure he agrees with the current budget process, but we're looking at 2018 to come up with approximately \$2 million per year.
- 2018 is right around the corner, we need to get serious about this. Are we going to need to cut services? Salaries?

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- What are the penalties if we don't comply?
- Reviewing this in our budget process this summer makes sense.
- Some of these services are discretionary.
- Asked Jeff to put together a report.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- If we start with this year, would that vehicle stay in compliance till 2028?
- Does he have a list in mind for which vehicles to do first?
- Different vehicles have different weight carrying capabilities, need to keep in mind.
- Thinks we need to get going on this; deferring to Public Works to determine whether or not vehicles need replacing now.
- Agrees with Supervisor Fesko; need to get going now out of current budget with replacements.
- Thanked Jeff for the "thankless" job he's doing.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- We have a lot of vehicles here; do we use them all to capacity?
- If we can do without some of them, we need to know so we don't spend unnecessary monies.
- If CARB wasn't telling us what to do, there's a replacement factor here. We were going to have to spend a lot of money anyway.
- The CARB effect isn't as severe as it might seem. This is kind of a moving target because CARB changes things so often.
- We should begin this during budget cycle. We should begin setting money aside so that when a vehicle does need to be replaced we will be able to. Doesn't mean replacing them now.
- Who decides what is dedicated snow removal equipment?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- When service levels start dropping, it could become issue.
- We need to get out to our RPACS, etc. and make sure everyone knows county's responsibilities.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

13a)

Discussion on the Re-Opening of June Mountain Ski Area (Rusty Gregory, MMSA CEO and MMSA Staff) - Board appearance by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area CEO, Rusty Gregory and staff to discuss the future of June Mountain Ski Area. This item is being placed on the agenda at the direction of Supervisor Alpers.

**Action:** None.

*\*Audio of this item available.*

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- This item has been a major interest for quite some time; the item today is Rusty

Gregory's and his turn to speak.

- There is another June Lake item on next week's agenda for discussion on new topics related to June Mountain.
- We will take public comment after Rusty Gregory speaks, limiting comments to three minutes only.

**Rusty Gregory (MMSA):**

- He is here to be publicly accountable for the actions concerning June Mountain.
- Hopes to set the stage to answer questions; would like to address public's concerns.
- Closed June Mountain to produce an operating budget satisfactory to lenders.
- Suffering largest year over year decline in visits ever.
- Mammoth went from 1.3 million visits down to 922,000 visits.
- When snow came back, demand did not due to national coverage that there was "no snow in Mammoth".
- Not providing stats as an excuse, more of a fact. As a result, MMSA was carrying more debt than he'd like to; forced to restructure.
- Ended up closing up June Mountain saving over a million dollars.
- He's accountable to everyone for those decisions. Going forward, he's committed to a three point plan:
  1. Reopen this summer (with businesses that were started last summer). Open next winter as Christmas holidays start; stay open until Easter vacation.
    - Subject to continuation on community commitment on how to reposition resort. Positioned to be an entry level family level resort. The initial strategy to use June as overflow for Mammoth may have been a mistake.
    - Entry level family resort plans: events to do in town that are family friendly (and not just on the mountain).
    - In process of doing Maintenance Capitol planning – will take a lot of money to get up and running.
    - Marketing to be done by May.
  2. Install snow making and detachable lift up the face.
    - January 2014 – Start updating master plan, work with Forest Service on Regulatory Plan, test drill to locate water for snow making,
    - Fall 2014 – with positive results from submittal, move for construction.
  3. Community Planning.
    - Create viable winter local economy in June: June needs about 1000 hotel room equivalents to make that happen (in his opinion). This will get people to stay in June.
    - Use of rodeo grounds?
    - Need more critical mass to make winter work.
    - Neither the community, county, nor Mammoth owns land to make that work.
    - Items 1 and 2 aren't dependent on item 3.
    - 40,000 MVP holders committed to opening up June.
    - Mammoth is having a good year, not a perfect year. Dramatically up from last year which isn't saying much.
    - 1.1 million visits this year; gave history of past year's number of visits.
    - Will need to address what Snowboard park looks like at June.
    - What market ARE we focusing on?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for clarification on lift installation.
  - Rusty: January 2014: update master plan and update previously submitted documents for snowmaking and documentation for approval of a lift (winter 2014); summer of 2014 will get out on land to do surveys, etc.; fall 2014 – construction approval for lift and snowmaking, final drawing on lift and construct as soon as operations stop (April 2015);

Winter 15/16 is when it would be open and running.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Can he comment on ski industry in general? With family plan in mind, will paradigm shift?
  - Rusty: there are 450 resorts now, there are ½ the number of providers that there used to be; it has been very focused on trial retention; it's important for ski industry to focus on trying it for the first time at a reasonable price.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Was he talking rooms, beds, pillows?
  - Rusty: hotel room equivalents.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public spoke/asked questions:

**Bob Peters**

**Ann Tojer**

**Stacy Powell**

**Don Morton**

**Alice Suzynski** (handout, to be posted on website)

**Jean Dillingham**

**Sarah Tomsy, Forest Service**

**Curt Mays**

**Al Heinrich**

**P.K. Edwards**

**Connie Black**

**Tracy Mays**

**Patty Heinrich**

**Michael Bodash**

**Ralph Lockhart**

**Chris Edwards**

**Jeanine Hayward**

**SUMMARY OF RUSTY GREGORY'S ANSWERS TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

- When June reopens, there has been talk about opening only four days a week, but he doesn't see that as a real benefit. Also, that could be viewed as lack of commitment on Mountain's part which is not the intention.
- New Chairlift would be replacing J1 up to Chalet.
- Repositioning of resort as entry level family – not just talk. One idea - maybe ski school could be different; there could be stations around the mountain that could be accessed *with* the lift ticket price.
- Parking lot needs repaving – will need to spend \$750,000 to get place up and running.
- He's not sure how mountain biking would work with mountain being open in summer.
- Still not interested in buying rodeo grounds, but is interested in collaborating with the developers.
- Won't bring back \$10 Wednesdays.
- Whistler/Blackcomb in the early days, capital came together, bought by Intrawest, very profitable. Not sure about naming it Mammoth/June but there is going to be a different strategy – not just an extension of Mammoth but something special and different.
- Thinks June is a great opportunity for things like zip lines, etc. They will be submitting applications for new summer activities.
- Issue of kids on J-1 lift and all lifts is a safety concern, even with safety bars. For

- new chair (Doppelmeyer): could be a chair lift, a chondola or a full gondola.
- Rusty thinks airing this out is going to be helpful in working with the Forest Service on the permitting effort.
  - There is nothing he can say today to earn trust; it's not given that way. To begin to earn trust back, actions will speak louder than words.
  - Maintenance Capital items - what money will be invested into; not useless things.
  - Opening June and snow making/lift up face will take place before increase in bed base.
  - Doesn't need a real script to know the base of what they're trying to do; he knows a lot about financing of resort; he knows how to raise capital, he's committed to doing this to get line moving correctly.
  - Re-grading road down to parking lot isn't as easy as it sounds but it does need improvements.
  - If they want to see Mammoth financials they can. No trying to be leader in June community; wants to follow their lead. He's sorry that it doesn't feel good, not sure what else they can do.
  - He cares about how people feel; he doesn't want to do token things. If there are things that they want him to do that are consistent with MMSA's plans, throw into planning now.
  - Aware of the things June Lake community has done with board funding; otherwise MMSA probably wouldn't be making this decision; they see lots of reasons to cooperate.
  - In support of Marketing Plan, Ron Cohen showed poster; public can see marketing/operating plans anytime after end of May.
  - He feels MMSA went through very hard economic times. When Mammoth has a big year, June also had a good year. He thinks June has a unique quality that should be invested in, need to march towards trust. June needs to be differentiated from Mammoth.
  - MMSA is not for sale, not having discussions with Vail, trying to draw more capital in.
  - Committed to staying open on the way to improvements. If in this economic situation again, not sure about June's fate, but they are in good position with debt paid down; and they have reserves now.
  - MVP is low hanging fruit; pass holders bring people with them. Bring your friend campaign in early stages.
  - Will work with June Committee on lift/lodging packages. Marketing has not been Mammoth's strength, production has.

**Rusty Gregory (closing comments):**

- Thanked everyone for opportunity to speak to them directly; he cares deeply about the stewardship of public lands.
- Not having June Mountain operating weighs heavily on him.
- He appreciates everyone listening.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Thanked everyone for coming; communication is the key.
- Commends June Lake community; sees the money Board put into it as an investment.
- Opportunity often comes dressed in work clothes; going to take work to pull it off.
- Trust issue: stepping towards each other. Actions rule the day.
- Believes in fair and thorough hearings, no back door deals. Believes county government is only viable level of government left.
- Place marked agenda time next week for June Lake. He intends this to be the last chance for new information; not to hear repeating information. After that, he will take all combined information and bring recommendation to board on what, if

any, action to take.

**Larry Johnston:**

- Thanked Rusty for coming; we're on the right track; feels everyone has been diligent in this process.
- He thinks there are some bold steps that board could take to help.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Wasn't sure if June community could pull off what they did this winter.
- This is a great opportunity, even minus the mountain, for what they want June to be.
- It's up to the community to keep moving forward and find common ground.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He is less skeptical this week; thanked Rusty for coming.
- He agrees that trust is about actions speaking louder than words.
- He's had some concerns that there might be misinformation about the board's authority on all of this; in reality, the Board is very limited on what they can do.
- He'd like to see list of maintenance and improvements for 2014; he feels this would be important information.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Thanked Rusty for coming.
- He sees this as a chance for improvement for June.
- With follow through; trust can be rebuilt.
- June Lake is an economic driver for this county; it's in our best interest that June is successful and mountain is successful; he'll do whatever he can to assist.

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