



**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 just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
December 10, 2013**

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko.

*Closed Session/Lunch: 11:38 a.m.
Reconvene: 2:12 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:53 p.m.*

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- This Friday will be a grand day for June Lake, publicity for opening of June statewide. June Mountain is the only program offering free skiing for 12 and under; he's been asked by media to talk about this. Proceeds from opening day will go towards funding the miscellaneous events planned for the June Lake community. All going to come together this coming weekend.
- He will not be at next week's board meeting; will be experiencing silicone reduction in his eyeball.

Supervisor Fesko:

- After last meeting; headed to Sacramento and attended RCRC meeting – He'll give a

- better update after January meeting.
- Attended Antelope Valley RPAC.
- Attended LTC yesterday.
- Courthouse decorations look great: recognized Claude Fiddler, Ed Nolan, Don Nunn, Joe Swager, John Hauter, Tony Iniguez, and Joe Blanchard.
- Cross training in facilities division: a great thing; keep going with it.
- Christmas Tree Lane (Memorial Lane) next door to Ruby Inn in Bridgeport – he suggested people visit it.
- Two places in Antelope Valley that have great Christmas lights: Bob Musil's house and a new residence, Holden.
- Health clinic in Walker to open up; award with grant monies. To be fully staffed by March. Providing medical, dental and family service to everyone.
- Attended Owens Valley Housing Authority Christmas dinner last Saturday.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Attended Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting in Jackson, CA – appointed Vice Chair for next year.
- 12/7 – Attended Mammoth Lakes Foundation celebration, held at Sierra Center Mall.
- Yesterday – skied Mammoth Mountain, snow is great.

Supervisor Johnston:

- LTC meeting yesterday; public comment- person from Lee Vining area asking to have future board item regarding having access into various locations open as long as possible. Adopted financial element to plan and the plan itself; sent a letter regarding Sage Grouse requesting extension as well; ESTA in full operation in Town. Mentioned several counties that may be considering joining the YARTS system.

Supervisor Stump:

- LTC; adoption of financial element which continues Mono County's involvement.
- Attended Long Valley RPAC Meeting – policies coming along.
- Recognized: Deputy John Estridge; PSO/Dispatcher Nicole Hallum – missing person incident in Benton; concluded with the person found and safe.
- Last week – Christmas gift discussion: he is going to opt out this year. He'd be interested next year in a one gift, maximum \$25, draw numbers, also feels that gift should be produced locally.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Jim Leddy:

- Met with Mono County Energy Efficiency Task Force; thanked all involved. Board request to be addressed in January.
- Attended Unified Command meeting in Mammoth on Friday as well as quarterly PIO meeting; discussion about training exercise recently conducted. Thanked Jenn Hansen. Next meeting in March.
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Foundation celebration with Supervisor Hunt.
- Special guest – his wife here as member of the public. She heads home today; she'll be back for Christmas holidays.
- Sunday afternoon email – Inyo CAO; redesigning workshop on 12/18 and 1/23; will meet with various departments; see how money might be saved; services might be combined? Will report back to the Board.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Scott Burns:

- Sage Groups update; sent letter to Mammoth Times to clarify issues. Wendy in conference yesterday in Reno – she spoke to Ted Koche, still no word on extension. Item on agenda for next week – have board direct staff to prepare another letter. Will ask for another public hearing.
- Supervisor Stump: if no extension, item needs to include all resources needed from the Board.

District Attorney Kendall:

- Update on employees/new hires: He's been able to fill the contract Investigator position – hired Paul Robles. Filled vacant prosecutor position at lower level – Kevin Christensen. Finally will be fully staffed, just not at the experience level he had hoped.

Steve Marti (Fisheries Commission):

- Update on Delivery Ditch (the diversion at Virginia Creek to Virginia Creek Road) – work to be completed.
- Eastern Sierra Land Trust overview of easement – saw no problems with that at all.
- Vision Plan – questions brought up.
- Marshall Rudolph: We cannot get into deep discussion about this; it will be on a future board agenda for discussion. Will occur in January.

Joe Blanchard:

- There have been freezing issues throughout the county; frozen water in the courthouse. Everything is being taken care of. Lower bathrooms are not working right now.

Stacey Simon:

- Recent occurrences regarding Walker River Irrigation District Petitions – filed last spring; Board sent a letter in April asking for information; she feels their response isn't satisfactory; Board needs to send up a follow up letter. She'll be back in front of the board soon. She has copies of response that she will email to Board members.

Sheriff Obenberger:

- Saturday, participating in Shop with a Cop – students are identified that need sponsorship, law enforcement has breakfast for kids and families; then go to Kmart to purchase gifts for families.

Drafted letter to Board regarding last week's discussion on the Saturation Patrol during the Burning Man weekend. Read letter in response to this discussion:

- Supervisor Fesko: when he said a discussion was needed, it was because the saturation patrol wasn't ON the agenda. He comes to the defense of the Sheriff's Department more than they know. He will work on communication with the Sheriff's Department.
- Supervisor Johnston: wasn't questioning techniques, he stated he doesn't like being stopped at sobriety checkpoints, a lot of people don't. That's his opinion. Asked Sheriff not to take offense. Sheriff has a lot of good things going on in his department.
- Marshall Rudolph: doesn't think Board is confused but just in case – the Sheriff is correct: it is his call how to run his department, not the Board's call. On the other hand, the Board has a right to discuss and have an opinion on law enforcement issues.
- Supervisor Hunt: Should clarify when they are offering opinions vs. dictating.

7. 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.)

A. Appointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Member

Departments: CDD

Appointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Member, replacing resigned member Steve Connett.

M13-253 Action: Appoint one new member, Duncan King, to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

B. Approval of Contract for David Anderson's Promotion to ADA

Departments: District Attorney

Proposed resolution approving a contract with David Anderson as Assistant District Attorney, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

R13-107 Action: Approve Resolution #R13-107, approving a contract with David Anderson as Assistant District Attorney, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

C. Approve Letter to the California Highway Patrol Requesting Offices Remain in Bridgeport

Departments: Community Development

The Bridgeport Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) passed a Resolution at its Nov. 21, 2013 meeting requesting the California Highway Patrol retain its offices within the Bridgeport community, as search parameters for the new office have included external areas. The RPAC is requesting the Board of Supervisors send the attached letter and RPAC Resolution to the State Commissioner. This item is being brought to the Board at the request of Supervisor Fesko.

M13-254 Action: Authorize the Board Chair to sign and send the attached letter and RPAC Resolution to the State CHP Commissioner.

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:

- Brief discussion about the importance of CHP here in Bridgeport.
- Looking at other locations for the CHP office; nothing concrete.
- There is an economic benefit to having them here.

Supervisor Stump:

- Important to send a letter to Sacramento; decision will come out of there.
- Discussed CHP pulling out of Digital 395.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Does it help having office local so that they can easily testify in court?

District Attorney Kendall:

- A lot of locations being looked at; South County would not be a great location because it's so close to Bishop.
- Trying to keep it more North.
- Bridgeport office is a priority of needing to be updated, possibly relocated.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

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

for review.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. County Service Area Annual Report

Departments: Public Works

(Jeff Walters) - There are four County Service Areas (CSA's) in Mono County. The Countywide CSA covers the entire county; CSA 1 covers the Crowley Lake, Tom's Place, and Sunny Slopes areas; CSA 2 covers the Benton, Chalfant and Hammil areas; and CSA 5 covers the Bridgeport and Twin Lakes areas. Funds derived from tax revenues allow these CSA's to propose projects to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Action: None.

Jeff Walters:

- Update on CSA's throughout the county.
- #1 Crowley/Sunny Slopes/Tom's Place – ball field concession facility, community programs/classes, Crowley Lake Library, providing TV station to local residents, Crowley Lake Park improvements, Crowley Lake Skate Park.
- #2 Benton/Hammil/Chalfant – Provide 3 TV station service to Tri-Valley residents.
- #3 Bridgeport/Twin Lakes – Community garden, Memorial Hall remodel (beginning), Digital 395 last-mile provider assistance, sound system for Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, provide TV transmission to local residents, other small project.

Supervisor Stump:

- Pointed out how CSA #2 is funded – they don't get much money other than via the television stations.
- These CSA's are able to reap the benefits of property taxes; might be hard for other communities.
- CSA #2 isn't interested in doing anything other than what they're doing.
- Not the Board's job to micromanage the CSA projects but the projects need to be fiscally sustainable.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Went over some of CSA #5's accomplishments.
- There is a lot of money going toward the Memorial Hall remodel. Looking to get internet into Twin Lakes.
- Hats off to them and how far their dollars are stretching.
- He agrees that these communities are doing great things; makes him feel bad that Walker isn't supporting itself in the same way.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Question about RimRock Ranch; are we going to continue monitoring wells?
- These CSA's have morphed into much more than television things. Seems like an opportunity for other communities to participate in something similar. Not sure how that would occur.

Garrett Higerd:

- Gave an explanation about RimRock Ranch.

Steve Noble:

- He's with CSA#5 – Once funds depleted, although their balance is

great right now, it won't always be that way.

- They are doing projects that will last and have an impact on our community for a long time (Memorial Hall). Looking at doing some work at the cemeteries, veteran's memorial, etc.

Marshall Rudolph:

- The Board has total control over the CSA's. The Board is more advisory in nature at this point.
- At the end of the day, the Board can make decisions.

B. 2014 Mono County Legislative Platform

Departments: CAO

(Jim Leddy) - Presentation and discussion regarding draft 2014 Mono County Legislative Platform.

Action: Review and adopt the 2014 Mono County Legislative Platform.

Jim Leddy:

- This is the first time to his knowledge that the county has looked into adopting a Legislative Platform.
- Brief discussion about the "why". For staff to be empowered and citizens to understand what the Board is fighting for, it's good to have a playbook that allows staff to be proactive rather than reactive.
- A lot of counties have gone in this direction. The platform is not set in stone.

Power point (to be uploaded to web and kept with file folder for today's meeting):

- Platform Development Process.
- Platform Elements.
 - General Guidelines.
 - State Priorities.
 - Federal Priorities.
- Requested Actions.

Additional Comments:

- Thanked Sarah Messerlian for her assistance with this project.
- Discussion about the Bodie Road – gave alternate wording for this section.
- Mono will put itself on the map with these kinds of decisions with a lot of Supervisor representation at all the annual meetings, etc.
- He'll appropriate changes and put onto agenda in January.

Supervisor Hunt:

- This is a real opportunity to be proactive; it's exciting.
- Agrees we need to advertise what a unique place this is.
- This is something to be reviewed/revised periodically.
- Thanked Jim for his efforts.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Agrees this is the way we need to go; from recent meetings, he's learned that Mono County needs to grow up and have a legislative voice.
- This is a great start. Gave suggestions for revisions.

Supervisor Stump:

- Mentioned agenda building – need flexibility to get things onto agendas quickly.
- Gave suggestions for revisions.

Supervisor Johnston:

- The idea for this platform has evolved out of work done with ESCOG. They are moving toward this as well.
- This is a great start. He gave suggestions of revisions.
- Energy source discussion.
- Public Access/Public Land discussion.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Discussion regarding the opening of passes, dates, etc.
- This is a great document; our county is quite possibly one of the most important recreation destinations; he feels we should build up the introduction with additional statistics.
- The package we could put together is so overwhelming, we need to do that.

Scott Burns

- CEQA discussion.

(complete discussion available on audio if desired)

C. General Plan Amendment 13-004

Departments: Community Development

(Courtney Weiche) - Public hearing to amend the General Plan Land Use Designation Map to establish a Transient Rental Overlay District to allow for nightly rentals at four parcels on Boulder Drive in June lake (APNs 015-14--035, -034, -033, and -032) and approval of associated Addendum to General Plan EIR.

M13-255 Action: (1) Approve Addendum #13-04 to the Mono County General Plan EIR; and (2) adopt proposed resolution #R13-108, approving a Transient Rental Overlay District for four parcels on Boulder Drive in June lake (APNs 015-14-035, -034, -033, and -032).

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Courtney Weiche:

- Gave introduction of item.
- Gave staff recommendations.
- Parking to be maintained on property that is to be included/rented.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Asked about parking.

Supervisor Fesko:

- A number of these have come up; is there a way to bunch these up so there are less items?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Still an experimental program; appears to be working.
- Someday, this shouldn't be a GPA, it should be at the permit level.

Scott Burns:

- Explained how these items come before the board, the number they can bring forth, etc.

Public Hearing Open: 11:36 a.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 11:36 a.m.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

A. 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 on October 30, 2013, by Harold Mark Huddleston.

B. 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: two.

C. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, Bill Van Lente and Jim Leddy. 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.

D. 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.

E. Closed Session - County Counsel Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: county counsel.

F. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC v. Mono County et al.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION COMMENCES AT 2:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Claim For Damages

Departments: County Counsel

(John-Carl Vallejo) - Claim for damages presented by Mark Huddleston.

M13-256 Action: Take no action regarding Claim For Damages (Claim No. CL 13-07) presented by Mark Huddleston and direct County Counsel to return claim to claimant because it was not presented within the time required by law.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

John Vallejo:

- Explained item.
- Recommended claim to be returned to claimant.

B. Mono County Strategic Planning Process

Departments: County Administrator

(Jim Leddy) - Presentation by Jim Leddy, County Administrative Officer, regarding advancing the Mono County Strategic Planning effort.

Action: None.

Jim Leddy:

- Introduced item.

Mono County Strategic Planning (power point):

- Long term planning has been absent.
- Mono County Strategic Planning Elements.
 - Vision
 - Mission
 - Values
 - Results
- Mono County Strategic Plan Development.
 - Schedule and Engagement of Constituencies
 - All Employee Sessions
 - Board Sessions
 - Public and virtual town halls/align with budget
 - Host series of Public meetings to receive feedback
- Integration/Commitment
 - Ensure integration of existing identified projects and long term issues
 - Ongoing commitment to review and update of Mono County Strategic Plan
- Establishing Outcomes, Demonstrating Results and Tools.
 - Possible outcomes, measurements
 - Constituent/customer survey

- Employee annual survey
- Aligning Budget to Strategic Plan
 - Bringing all agenda items under one of the Strategic Goal Areas
 - Tracking investments in each Strategic Goal Area
 - Budget and Department efforts part of a designated Strategic Goal Area
- Bringing it all together.
 - Sonoma County example
 - A two page document: this is what we're doing and why.
- Requested Actions.
 - Review and Amend Strategic Planning Process
 - Direct Staff to Initiate Planning Process

Additional Comments:

- Possibly looking at the idea of the least resistive and regulatory environment for permits. Need to make it as easy as possible for a family to build a home in Mono County.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Thinks we're on the right track.
- If we put our minds to it, we can do amazing things.
- There are limited opportunities at the county level for strategic planning.
- It will be better for citizens here to know we have a strategic plan in place.
- Would be nice to have this underway by budget time.

Supervisor Alpers:

- All the issues discussed are fantastic.
- In his district, he's going to take on a June Lake General Plan update.
- He would like to work with Jim on this update.
- He has a lot of expectations for this strategic planning.
- If we don't take advantage of this, it might not come around again.

Supervisor Stump:

- Talked about grading permits; something that would be good for the public.
- Idea of moving forward and integrating so much of what we already do – we asked Fish and Wildlife last week to not trample over what we do.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Anxious to get this going; hard to believe it's been 11 months.
- Long term liabilities need to be kept up front.
- There are some costs associated with this.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Public doesn't really think government is all that good; Mono County has a unique opportunity.
- Vision should be: great government, good place to work, good county to live in; need to be responsive, get things done quickly.
- If we start this large level vision, a lot of things will lead from that.
- Interaction with the town is really going to be essential.
- Excited about this process.

ADJOURN 2:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD