



**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 Mammoth Lakes BOS Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra Center Mall, Suite 307, 452 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
March 18, 2014**

9:00 AM Meeting called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

*Lunch/Closed Session: 10:45. a.m.
Reconvene: 2:40 p.m.
Closed Session: 3:44 p.m.
Adjourn: 4:15 p.m.*

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Colleen Phillips:

- Came to speak about the drought. Introduced Board to a product called Echo Grid (gave out an informational pamphlet and brought out a physical example).
- Less expensive way to landscape, there are paving and agricultural applications.
- Wanted to make sure all contractors know about it; she's given information to the Building Department.
- This material solves a lot of water retention problems.
- Supervisor Johnston: these can be passed along to the Public Works Department, gave other suggestions who she could contact.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Last Wednesday, Mono Basin RPAC; variety of issues to deal with; Leslie Chapman and Jim Leddy in attendance for Mid-Year Budget Review discussion; update on Conway Ranch MOU – RPAC decided to get more information and see what footprint will be. Met with subcommittee and went through Tony Vaught plan; pleased with meeting.
- Yesterday, Alice Suszynski and he met with Forest Service regarding changing location of June Lake information signs and dressing them up a little bit. Steve Conick helped them find six locations on the right of way map. Community will work on application process. This is part of the June Lake CAC, long term strategic planning.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Last Thursday, went to Reno for the Outdoor Show on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Jamboree and the North Mono Chamber of Commerce. Had great turnout; people were signing up and actually buying things. Thanks to people that volunteered their time: his wife Mary Fesko; Gary and Leslye Cabodi, Bob Lewellen, Pastor Jim Ricks.
- At the Outdoor Show shared space with the Mono County Tourism booth, all staffed by volunteers: Pam Hamic, Chris Along, Sam Foster.
- Spoke with Tom Hallenbeck of CalTrans about opening Bodie Road; will begin work on SR108 on April 1st.
- Sgt. Major Jim Kirkland – shout out; he's retiring after 29 years.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Last Friday, Conway/Caltrans subcommittee meeting – discussed strategies to get things finished up by July 1st.
- Last Wednesday and Thursday went to Sacramento for Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting; there are a lot of reasons for water problems, not just drought. Water source for the most part is Sierra Nevada, looking at ways to cooperate with Delta group; lots of good speakers there, including legislators. During board meeting on Thursday, passed four more grant designations.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended Agenda Review meeting on 3/12.
- Yesterday IMACA meeting
- ESCOG meeting on Friday; there will be somebody new taking minutes.
- Kathy Peterson showed him around the new digs in the building.
- New legislation by Bigelow regarding Walker River, proposing to change water code sections: unconstitutional for water to be going out of the state. (Marshall: to be discussed in closed session.)

Supervisor Stump:

- Last Wednesday attended Tri Valley Water Commission Meeting – thanks to CD Ritter, that meeting was noticed on website, people were at the meeting. The Tri Valley Commission might be a model to look at in the future with drought problems.
- Last night – community meeting in Chalfant with Garrett Higerd, Jim Leddy and Forest Service representative, lots of topics covered including new flood legislation.
- Received document this morning – handout of the weekly drought update for State of California (to be posted as additional documents online).
- Thank you: Walt Lehman (development issue), Shannon Kendall (agenda item), Kathy Peterson (letter on agenda), Tom Hallenbeck (emails about 120 east).
- Last week made aware that BLM is pursuing grant to see about building a road on the east side of highway 6. Proposal is actually to request funding to conduct a study to find out if this is viable. Conference call with BLM manager; asked BLM manager to appear today at public comment (he has not so far); asked that this be placed onto the agenda April 1st. He has concerns about this potential road. A discussion needs to be had.
- He is gone between April 1st (after the meeting) and April 7th. He'll be in Colorado.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Jim Leddy:

- Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting with Leslie Chapman; gave presentation on Mid-Year budget.
- Held first North County coffee with the CAO last Thursday, fairly good turnout. Will be monthly. First Thursday in Mammoth, Second Thursday in Bridgeport.
- Inducted into Rotary on Thursday; thanked Supervisor Hunt and Marshall Rudolph for sponsoring him.
- Held another Strategic Planning Committee on Thursday; had new faces and have had over 60 employees total at various times; next meeting on 3/27 in Bridgeport. Looking at April 30 – May 1 to have all employees come together to work on this. Save the date. There will be ambassadors who can go to employees with information who can't make it to this meeting.
- Thanked Dan Holler for allowing him to participate in the Town's Public Works Director interviews. Now has leads for our Engineer application.
- Thanked Garrett Higerd and Brent Calloway.
- Follow up on work for Sage Grouse appropriation efforts: Spoke with Corey Hunt; draft letter to Congressman Cook soon.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

No one spoke.

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. Letter of Appreciation to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors provides services to our senior citizens and has offered support to this program over the past year. This letter is to the Inyo Board of Supervisors from our Board of Supervisors expressing appreciation for all their support and efforts in regards to Mono County's Senior Services program. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Stump.

Action: Authorize the signatures of all Mono County Board members on the letter of appreciation to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, recognizing their efforts for providing services to our senior citizens and the Mono County Senior Services Program.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-45

B. ICEMA Letter in Support of Mammoth Fire Request

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Support letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Mr. Tom Lynch, ICEMA EMS Administrator, asking that ICEMA support a request from Mammoth

Lakes Fire Protection District for a variance in the electronic patient care (ePCR) ICEMA Policy Directive, specifically flexibility to accommodate both their staffing and fiscal realities. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Stump.

Action: Authorize the Mono County Board Chair to sign a letter to ICEMA supporting a request by Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District for a variance in the electronic patient care (ePCR) ICEMA Policy Directive.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-46

C. Allocation List - Environmental Health Specialist

Departments: Human Resources, Public Health

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Kathe Barton as Environmental Health Specialist, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R14 -14, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to reflect the addition of an environmental health specialist in the Public Health Department and to authorize the County Administrative Officer to fill said allocated position.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R14-14

D. Conway Ranch MOU extension

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed Second Amendment of the Conway Ranch MOU between the County and Caltrans. The amendment would extend the deadline for implementation of MOU provisions until July 1, 2014.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed Second Amendment of the Conway Ranch MOU between the County and Caltrans, and authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Second Amendment on behalf of the County.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-47

E. Part-Time, Temporary, Un-Benefited Rehabilitation Specialist I

Departments: Departments: Human Resources and Behavioral Health

Proposed resolution #R14-_____, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Reflect the Addition of up to one Temporary Appointment Rehabilitation Specialist I in the Behavioral Health Department and to Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Fill Said Allocated Position.

Action: Adopt Proposed resolution R14-15, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions

to Reflect the Addition of up to one Temporary Appointment Rehabilitation Specialist I in the Behavioral Health Department and to Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Fill Said Allocated Position. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R14-15

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Inyo Board of Supervisors to Secretary Jewel

Copy of a letter from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to Secretary Jewel of the U.S. Department of the Interior, dated February 4, 2014, regarding the Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of Greater Sage-Grouse.

B. Verizon Letter to California Public Utilities Commission

Copy of a letter from Verizon dated February 7, 2014 to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding Notification Letter for West Portal, Cellco Partnership (U-3030-C) California 6-Mono RSA.

C. Congressman Paul Cook Regarding PILT

Letter dated February 12, 2014 from Congressman Paul Cook to CAO Jim Leddy regarding the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program Funding.

D. Inyo Board of Supervisors to U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Copy of a letter from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to Douglas Krofta of U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding Proposed Listing and Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Kudos to the Inyo Board for their letter; they made a lot of good points.

E. California Department of Public Health Annual LPA Evaluation Report

Letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, dated March 4, 2014 enclosing the Annual Local Primacy Agency (LPA) Evaluation Report for FY 2012-2013. The actual report, not submitted here, is available for viewing in the Mono County Clerk's office.

F. McGee Creek Pack Station Letter of Kudos

Letter from Jennifer Roeser of the McGee Creek Pack Station to Jim Leddy, Mono County CAO (and copied to the Mono County Board of Supervisors), giving kudos to the Mono County Tourism Department staff and the Economic Development Department. In the letter, Ms. Roeser specifically recognizes both Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson for their great work.

Jim Leddy:

- Mentioned he wrote a letter to her, thanking her.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. High Sierra Tri Club Proposed Road Closure on Pinecliff Drive

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Alana Levin) - Proposed resolution #R14-_____, granting permission and temporary closure of Pinecliff Road in June Lake, CA for the June Lake Triathlon scheduled for July 12, 2014. Alana Levin of the High Sierra Tri Club will present information to the Board about the Triathlon and requested road closure. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Alpers.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R14-16, granting permission and temporary closure of Pine cliff Road in June Lake, CA for the June Lake Triathlon scheduled for July 12, 2014.

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R14-16

Alana Levin:

- Gave background on her item, explained the event she's promoting.
- Gave statistics on these types of events that occur in our area.
- Coming here today to make sure that the Triathlon scheduled for this year remains as safe as possible.
- Athletes swim, then bike, then run. This is an open course to vehicles but looking specifically at the area between North Shore and Pine Cliff Intersection all the way down to the beach area to see how it can run smoother.
- Oh Ridge Campground check-ins as well as people turning left to the kiosk is where highest vehicle congestion occurs.
- CHP has historically helped with some of the congestion. It was thought it would be helpful to limit in/out traffic; close traffic off from Pine Cliff Store to the beach, the road would be closed there.
- Only 500 can really compete at once, different days with different events and different athletes. She feels they've maintained the quality of the event.
- Intermittent in the sense that people can access Pine Cliff, there would be short delays and be facilitated by CHP.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Met with her last year to discuss logistics; is he correct that this event will be doubling in size this year (to 1000 participants)? How are we dealing with extra numbers?
- Admires her energy level to pull this off.

Supervisor Stump:

- Is this the first year she's asking for road closure?
- Verified that this road is a county road.

- What does intermittent mean? Would emergency vehicles have access?

Supervisor Hunt:

- Amazed with the way she pulls this off; always runs smoothly.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Agrees this is a good idea for safety reasons.

B. Mono County Active Transportation Program Grant Applications

Departments: Community Development, Finance, Public Works

(Gerry LeFrancois, Wendy Sugimura) - Presentation on potential Mono County Active Transportation Program projects.

Action: Approve priorities for developing Mono County Active Transportation Grant applications with caveats to consider safe routes to school components in Chalfont and Crowley Lake. Additionally staff should investigate joint projects and applications with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including a connector path between Owen's Gorge Road and Benton Crossing.

Alpers moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M14-48

Scott Burns:

- New grant program; looking at priorities proposed by local groups.
- They're trying to get out ahead of this; applications will be due in May.
- Just looking for board priorities today, no real action.
- Projects that staff has brought forward are fairly monumental. It's a big deal to have Caltrans on board with some of these things; hasn't always been this way.

Gerry LeFrancois:

- Gave overview of program.
- Hopefully guidelines to be adopted Thursday with a call for projects Friday?
- There's about \$24 million dollars to compete for our county; there is almost a 12% match; there's a scoring component.
- They're still getting training on this; District 9 will do training.
- Application will be due May 21st.
- They will start "shopping lists" as we go forward.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Asked that board refer to Attachment One on the staff report.
- Explained the ATP Priority Project List.
- Eventually came out with two priorities: Complete Streets – Bridgeport and Lee Vining Main Streets (Caltrans is supportive); next step would be a project study report.
- Other project would be June Lake Recreational Trail, would also need a project study report.
- Wants specific direction from the Board on what was in the staff report and for anything else the Board wants them to look at. They need to begin project study reports soon.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about safe routes to school; also does this include private schools and routes to school bus stops?
- We can't combine efforts with the Town? He finds it regrettable that we can't bundle with the town on efforts.
- The way the state is organizing this is disappointing.
- Is staff asking for Board endorsement to Items 1 and 2? It's not his intent to give so many potential projects that nothing gets done.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Why is no district in Mono County considered "disadvantaged"? Clearly, we do have

disadvantaged communities although District 9 says we don't. Asked Wendy for Caltrans report.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Is the Town currently doing the same review?
- Owens Gorge Road connection to Benton Crossing Road – a paved connection there would make a great riding loop. Not sure if this fits into this type of grant.
- Today the Board is just giving general direction on which way to go during application process.
- Need to leave the idea of working with Town jointly as an option.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Can't stress the importance of the June Lake Recreational Trails.

Garrett Higerd:

- This is a competitive process; this is why the Town is applying separately.
- They've already coordinated with Caltrans; a lot of proposed improvements are in Caltrans right of way; requires MOUs. Caltrans is open to the projects we're prioritizing.
- A lot of things won't get worked out before application is due.
- Owens Gorge/Benton Crossing Road is on the list but isn't most competitive.
- Time is an issue here; need to really focus in on the two items brought forward.

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--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.

B. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Superintendent of Solid Waste.

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Public Works Director.

D. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government

Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two.

E. 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

Leigh Gash (Guide Dogs for the Blind):

- Here today with her third guide dog puppy Filbert.
- Here to give update on her second guide dog – graduated and has been paired with a blind person.
- She gave a few handouts to be made part of the record.

Rick Phelps (High Sierra Energy Foundation):

- Gave a handout to Board (to be posted on the web).
- Successful program they've been able to do: non-residential direct install.
- There have many small businesses retro-fitted. There has been a huge savings in kilowatt hours.
- Please use his phone number on the handout if there are questions.

Beck Brook (BLM):

- Here at the request of Supervisor Stump regarding an Off-Highway Grant Application.
- Trying to provide access to the public on public lands.
- She's here to make the board aware of the project.
- Supervisor Stump: thanked her for coming, this will be on our April 1st agenda for further discussion, asked that she please make sure someone from BLM comes.

Scott Burns:

- Clarified what Caltrans had agreed to from the previous item.

13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Mono County Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

Departments: Finance Department, County Administrator's Office, Community Development, Planning.

(Gerald Frank, Finance Department,) - Presentation by HERO regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.

Action: Direct staff to engage the Town of Mammoth Lakes to seek Town participation as to ensure Town residents have the option of a PACE program; Direct staff to agenize a Resolution and a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) sub agreement for the implementation of the HERO program following discussion with the Town of Mammoth Lakes in their potential interest.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Gerald Frank (Finance)

- Introduced item and Barbara Spoonhour with Western Riverside Council of Governments; here to do a presentation.
- Asked for Board direction on getting Town involved and in getting a resolution brought to

the Board.

Barbara Spoonhour, Western Riverside Council of Governments (Powerpoint, copy to be kept with file folder for today):

- Saving energy and water through property retrofits: The California HERO Program.
- Program Partners.
- Guiding Principles.
- Benefits to Property Owners.
- Benefits to Participating Jurisdictions.
Examples of Eligible Improvements.
- Results in Western Riverside County (January 2012 – February 2014).
- Types of Projects being Funded.
- Economic and Energy Benefits.
- Who Qualifies to Participate?
- How does it Work for the Property Owner?
- Are there Fees?
- Contractors are Key.
- Participating Contractor Locations.
- How do Jurisdictions Join the
- Expanding the HERO Program Statewide.
- Recently Launched California HERO Program (by location).
- Summary.
- Questions?

Additional Comments:

- If Mono County came on in April, could probably get launched in September/October.
- They have sufficient staff willing to work with local contractors.
- Discussed parcel fees.
- Likelihood of someone being foreclosed upon on an assessment most likely would never happen.
- As far as whom they've reached/contracted with; they contacted everyone that has reached out to them.
- Fees can be rolled into the loan.
- They are moving forward with their commercial program.
- They have not seen problems with the 10% equity.
- Appraisals are not required; they use a different system and take into account the property values of the Assessor's Office?
- Labor is not paid for, residential owners can do the work themselves or use a contractor on their list (can register a new one if necessary at no cost). Materials must be used from their list.
- There is no minimum number of projects required per year to stay going.

Supervisor Fesko:

- How long would it take to launch Mono County?
- What could be the burden on our staff?
- Discussion about resolution that was passed waiving permit fees for certain projects. Might need to be revisited.
- Is there a fee for a contractor to join?

Supervisor Hunt:

- What a great initiative; could allow for more people to afford solar energy.
- Discussion about fees; delinquencies.

Supervisor Stump:

- Would Debt Limit be affected?
- Have you done a similar presentation to Inyo County? San Bernardino?
- Asked about engaged contractors.

- Does this program have sufficient staff?
- Asked about neutrality. What if there's a deficit?

Supervisor Alpers:

- Are you slow out of the gate to work with counties vs. cities?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Wanted to do a PACE Program since he first became a Supervisor. That we're at this point now is significant.
- He's hoping this will open up opportunities for those that couldn't otherwise afford this; maybe create some new jobs.
- Discussed Geothermal, alternative systems; the Resolution previously adopted.
- Hopes the Town is going to be on board with this; if not, he'd like to move forward without them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Harvey (Mammoth Lakes):

- Looks like a great program; he'd be disappointed if the Town didn't get involved.
- He looks forward to embracing the program.

Rick Phelps (High Sierra Energy Foundation):

- Asked about fees rolled into the loan.

Bob Peters (Bridgeport):

- Is HERO in the commercial business?
- If County signs up for HERO, is the county then obligated to use HERO on all projects?

Gene Kinum:

- Asked about folks that have lost a lot of value in their homes.
- Determining equity – will that require an appraisal?
- What about folks that want to do a portion of the work themselves or use their own contractors?

Vianey White (Public Works):

- If doing a self-install, do they have to meet certain requirements?

Leslie Chapman:

- She feels this is a great program; she's a huge supporter.
- Would take minimal effort to get this onto the tax bill.
- She sees no downside.

ADJOURN at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

LARRY K. JOHNSTON
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD