



**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  
September 1, 2015**

12:00 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

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

*Closed Session: 1: 37 p.m.  
Reconvene: 1:50 p.m.  
Adjourn: 1:51 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

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

*No one spoke.*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

**3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- 8/21 - Attended the ESTA Board of Directors meeting held in Bishop at the Bishop City Council Chambers. The Board unanimously approved a Joint Powers Agreement Amendment which permits each of the member entities to appoint up to one of the two governing Board positions from a member of the public at large. The amendment also indicates that the new subsection remains in effect only until June 30, 2017, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that date (sunset language). Dan Holler, Mammoth Lakes Town Manager, presented the Mammoth Lakes Strategic Alignment Workshops schedule to the ESTA Board. The Mammoth Lakes Town

Council is in the process of reviewing and developing goals and priorities for the Town. While building off of previous work, this year the Town plans to have an important focus on "strategic alignment" between the Town and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are supported by and partner with the Town. All work sessions have been scheduled for Suite Z in the Minaret Mall. The first 2 sessions were held on 8/27 & 31. The next 2 sessions will be on 9/10 and 10/8.

- 8/21 - Attended the Mammoth High School Gym Floor Dedication Ceremony. The floor was officially presented to the MHS students, staff, administration, school board, invited guests and the community in general by Lou Marguiles, President of the Mammoth High School Booster Club. Shields Richardson and Supervisor Alpers represented the County and the Town respectively at the Ribbon Cutting event. The beautiful maple floor is a long overdue, functional addition to the school as well as the community.
- 8/24 - Attended a Special Meeting of YARTS video conference to the BOS Chambers at the Sierra Center Mall. The only agenda item was to initiate an action plan to increase revenue to the YARTS operation. The Board directed Dick Whittington to pursue and research a variety of alternatives and to report back to the Board at its October meeting.
- June Lake Signage: Monument signage is temporarily put on hold; new signage put up by Caltrans took the spot where the monument sign was going to go. Some folks think signs should be placed differently. He will be reporting on that at June Lake CAC tonight.
- June Mountain update: need to resurrect meeting schedule.
- Big thank you to Jeff Walters and Joe Blanchard for getting Lee Vining road shop painted. It's awesome.
- Would like to adjourn meeting in name of two additional people: Jerry Allendorf, Chief in June Lake and Connie Black, Double Eagle Resort owner.
- Spoke a few words about Gordon Alper and his loyalty to Mammoth; very good friend to him.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 8/21: Attended CPUC hearing and spoke to some of the county's points around the need for providers to connect to D395.
- 8/24: Special YARTS meeting with the JPA board of directors and advisory committee to discuss long-term planning issues financial future, great discussion of several different potential directions we could take; that will continue at our October regular meeting.
- Mariposa Cty/tree kill: Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe contacted her regarding Mariposa's effort to declare a state of emergency in the county (and possibly other westside counties) due to tree kill caused by bark beetle—in Mariposa, over 50% of trees. She's involved CSAC and we'll likely see a request to support this effort. Told her she certainly would, as we are affected by smoke from fires fueled by the dead trees.
- 8/31: BH Advisory Board meeting, getting board recommendations and a work plan together. The Advisory Board will review and comment on the department's state-required three year plan before it comes to the BOS later this fall for approval.
- SCE: meeting with Jon Lum and Debbie Hess of SCE, and Grady Dutton of TOML to inform us of upcoming cable testing that will necessitate power outages in Mammoth Lakes.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- August 18<sup>th</sup> – Budget Hearing
  - Would like to thank fellow Board Members for their cooperation and efforts during this year's budget discussions. Would like to especially thank all of Mono County's staff for making a budget that was easy to

do in one day. Thank you!

- August 24<sup>th</sup> – EMS Ad Hoc
  - Things are moving along well. The members are in the idea phase and moving along. We are half way through the process.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Bodie Road Meeting
  - Meeting with Public Works, State Parks and BLM. Spoke about what we can do to maintain the road for the near future. What is needed to get the road into shape so we “all” can get into a routine maintenance mode, i.e. minimal yearly dollars? More discussion to take place soon.
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – Special morning meeting
  - This morning the entire Board attended the “Walker Water” pilgrim starting ceremony in Lee Vining Canyon. Special thanks to staff, Lynda Salcido, Marshall Rudolph, Leslie Chapman, Bob Musil and Stacey Simon for attending along with the entire Board. More information on “Walking Water” can be found at [www.walking-water.org](http://www.walking-water.org).
- Also asked that board meeting be adjourned in honor of James Bradley Marshall (“B-Rad”), owned Sierra Retreat up in Walker.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Appreciates all board members going to Walking Water opening ceremony, very well attended.
- Rode new shoulders on highway 6 – they are excellent; hopes that Caltrans will extend improvement so it connects up with Bishop.
- Toured Rock Creek Road/Convict Lake/June Lake Road Projects.
- Elementary School parking lot is completed; not sure what’s being done to evaluate its effectiveness.
- Participated partially in Town of Mammoth Lakes Strategic Alignment (as Mammoth Lakes Housing Board).
- CSAC – leading up Transportation Solutions at State level; current legislative session will end on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Inyo and Mono scored high on “Amenities Index”; Mono ranked 16<sup>th</sup>; Inyo ranked 35<sup>th</sup>.
- When will MMSA come back to us to report on JMSA improvements?
- Signing at June Lake junction?
- Burning man this week – hoping things are going well.
- Adjourn meeting in honor of Gordon Alper, longtime public servant and volunteer.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 8-12 : Attended the Tri Valley Water Commission Meeting - Commission voted to attempt to separate the Tri Valley Water Basin from the Owens Valley. Inyo County is going to do the same. The USGS did a study that supports the separation on scientific grounds. Submissions for separation due to DWR in first quarter of 2016. Thank you to Stacey Simon, Brent Calloway, and Bob Harrington of the Inyo County Water Department for attending. Inyo County gets over \$1,000,000 per year from DWP for their Water Department. Tri Valley Water Commission has no funding source.
- 8-20 : Attended the EMS committee - It is time to move out of the academic phase and spend serious time examining the different options to operate an EMS program.
- 8-21 : Attended the PUC hearing - Thank you’s to Supervisor Corless, Undersheriff Moriarty, the Mammoth Police Chief Al Davis, the Mammoth Fire Chief, Inyo Supervisor Griffiths, and all the public members that attended and spoke. PUC Commissioner Sandoval told him after the meeting that the

Mammoth hearing was the best attended of all the hearings the PUC has held across the State. She also told him that all our points about Verizon, lack of redundancy - lack of digital 395 usage - lack of investment in maintaining infrastructure - violation of PUC Resolutions, were well covered.

- 8-25 : Attended the CSA 1 Board meeting - They have scheduled a public workshop for 10-7 to give the folks a chance to review their project list.
- 8-26 : Attended the Long Valley RPAC - General Plan Update presentation - Staff did a good job.
- 8-28 : Attended the Mono County Office of Education Board Meeting : That Board, acting as the Library Board, is considering reducing library hours 25% to save money. Several public members spoke. That Board put off making a decision for two months so that the financial reasons forcing this decision can be made clear to the public. The MCOE stated that the Library Program has been operating with a budget deficit for several years and there are no longer reserves available to maintain the status quo.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Lynda Salcido:**

- 8/20 – attended EMS Ad Hoc Committee meeting; meets again Thursday to discuss moving process forward.
- 8/21 – attended the Verizon PUC meeting; very impressive. Looks forward to seeing how they react to comments given which they listened to very patiently.
- 8/24 – meeting to discuss parcel in Mammoth Lakes; Town is looking forward to moving the Police Department to a 4,000 square foot building.
- 8/24 – phone conference with SCE and advocates from Mono County, trying to impress about them about it not being the right time to test the lines due to smoke and heat.
- 8/25 – participated in short strategic planning meeting; later attended a meeting regarding clinic remodel – had hit a standstill due to addressing issues and permit issues. Our building official should now be able to certify the building is safe. MCOE is complete and ready to accept new tenants. Project is moving along.
- 8/26 – Met with various representatives from Inyo and Mono to discuss joint CUPA position.
- 8/26 – late afternoon, conversation regarding Davison House, there are still additional engineering things to be done regarding this. (Supervisor Stump: asked about timeframe with Davison House to engage town.)
- 8/27 – Mammoth Lakes coffee with CAO, well attended.
- 8/28 – Board update sent out.
- 9/1 – attended the Walking Water opening ceremonies down in Cattleguard Campground.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Sheriff Braun:**

- 8/20 – undersheriff attended funeral of Carson City deputy.
- 8/26 – Walker Fire transitioned back to local control; both this fire and Eagle Fire are contained.
- Group of 50 Hell's Angels camped this past weekend in Sherwin Creek; a watchful eye was kept on them. No problems.

**Tony Dublino:**

- Town of Mammoth Lakes – going to be hearing proposed ordinance about banning use of plastic bags in town. Since they are heading in that direction, the Board can assume he will be addressing it again within the rest of the county.

**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. Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Membership Appointment**

Departments: Community Development Department

Consider appointment of one new member, Christopher Klein, to the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee as recommended by Supervisor Stump.

**Action:** Supervisor Stump, District 2, requests Board consideration of his recommendation for membership / term for the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (6 members total). Appoint Christopher Klein to the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee, term to expire 02/01/2018.

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-181**

**B. Finance Department Hiring Freeze Variance Request**

Departments: Finance

Finance Department request for a variance to the hiring freeze to hire a Fiscal Technical Specialist.

**Action:** Approve the recruitment and hiring of an FTS II, III or IV position in the Finance Department, Treasurer-Tax Collector office.

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-182**

**C. 2015-16 Tax Rates**

Departments: Finance

Establishing the 2015-16 Tax Rates on the Secured Roll.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on proposed Resolution No. R15-61, establishing the 2015-16 tax rates on the secured roll.

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R15-61**

**D. 2015-16 Appropriations Limit**

Departments: Finance

Establishing the 2015-16 Appropriations Limit.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on proposed Resolution No. R14-62, establishing the 2015-16 Appropriations Limit and making other necessary Determinations for the County and for those special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors that are required to establish appropriation limits.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R15-62**

**Pulled by Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for some additional explanation regarding this item.
- Asked about population portion.

**Roberta Reed:**

- Explained that the highlighting in the report means something to her, they have no bearing on the report itself that's presented to the board.
- Explained the use of red dots on her reports, this is a once a year process.
- Gave details about GANN limit.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Asked about red dot on report.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Asked Roberta to back up and give further detail of the GANN limit.

**E. Amendment and Extension of Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Contract for Mono County Landfills**

Departments: Solid Waste Division of Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Proposed amendment to contract with TEAM Engineering of Bishop, CA pertaining to groundwater monitoring and reporting at Mono County Landfills.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed Second Amendment to Agreement with TEAM Engineering of Bishop, CA and authorize CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-183**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)**

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

**A. Stephen Kalish Letter**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence dated August 26, 2015 from Stephen Kalish regarding his requests in reference to broadband availability in our communities.

**Pulled by Supervisor Stump:**

- Intends to answer his question; need to make sure access is available on the website.
- He's not suggesting county do the speed test but that the county make results available online.
- Suggests we attempt to figure out which internet providers are available in each community.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- He understands what Mr. Kalish was trying to do, he thinks that some of what he's requesting is out of the realm of the county's responsibility.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He feels that due to budgetary constraints this is something outside of what the county should be doing.
- This is more the commercial side of things; not the county side.

**B. Fish and Game Notice**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Public Notice from the California Department of Fish and Game dated August 14, 2015 regarding a status review of the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

**9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. State and Local Transportation Infrastructure**

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - Due to the current pavement conditions across the state California's local streets and roads are in need of increased funding. In light of the Senate's special transportation hearings a resolution detailing Mono County's recommended priorities for funding California's streets and roads has been drafted.

**Action:** Consider and potentially adopt Resolution No. R15-63, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Urging the State of California to Provide New Sustainable Funding For State and Local Transportation Infrastructure."

**Johnston moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Fesko**

**R15-63**

**Jeff Walters:**

- Although Garrett Higerd has done a great job with the maintenance on certain roads, the funding sources for all county roads is not sufficient.
- All California counties are going through the same thing.
- This resolution is asking the state for more funding to be made available with a proposal but not on specific projects.
- We could write a more specific resolution.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- With these generic resolutions, would it be helpful at some point to write our own resolution more specific to our issues. Maybe for the future?

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Read an article about roads. He can pass on to board through CAO.
- Understands we need to do “something” but feels we may be taking the easy road; he understands it comes from CSAC.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Although Supervisor Fesko makes a good point, these diversions exist because we’re *in* California.
- He doesn’t know another way to address this other than this type of resolution.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- She supports the resolution; she has no desire to leave the State of California. We need to work with appropriate platform.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He’s been supportive of doing something at the state level; this resolution does that without being too specific.
- It’s good that there’s a limited time for it.

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

*No one spoke.*

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- The Board took action by unanimous vote to authorize County Counsel on behalf of Mono County to enter as an amicus curiae in litigation pending before the cal supreme court known as 926 North Ardmore Avenue, LLC v. County of Los Angeles (229 Cal App4th 1335).

**A. Closed Session--Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, 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.

**B. 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: 1.

**ADJOURN at 1:51 p.m. in memory of Gordon Alper, Jerry Allendorf, Connie Black and James Bradley Marshall.**



ATTEST

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TIMOTHY E. FESKO  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD