



**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  
January 19, 2016**

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9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Stump.

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

*Break: 10:10 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:24 a.m.  
Break: 11:13 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:16 a.m.  
Closed Session: 12:27 p.m.  
Adjourn: 1:08 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Johnston.

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<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.**

1. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
  - Rich Boccia (Mammoth Lakes Recreation):**
    - Here with an update; handout given
  - Bill Cockroft (Organizing Committee, Mammoth Gran Fondo):**
    - Here to discuss the Gran Fondo Bike Ride
    - Here to get board support to make event safer.
  - John Armstrong (Organizing Committee, Mammoth Gran Fondo):**
    - Up to 1500 riders for this event.
    - Gave history of event; discussed safety concerns.
    - This is the week after Labor Day; estimated approximately 2000 people to be in town.
    - They'd like to do a temporary road closure at Hwy 120 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
    - Asking for action in February. He will work with Shannon on the item and Leslie Chapman and Jeff Walters for specifics.

- Chairman Stump asked that he work with all appropriate people, wants to make sure they get the right approvals.
- Stacey Simon: the county does the first action through resolution.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

**3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- There is a lot of grooming of trail trails that haven't been groomed for years (near Deadman Summit).
- 1/13 - Attended the JLPUD meeting held at the JL Fire Dept. conference room. The meeting was packed with local residents and was very contentious with public comment in support of PUD Board member Patti Heinrich who could possibly be subject to a recall election in June of 2016. 20 year PUD Board member Juli Baldwin was honored for her service to the district with cake and refreshment. The Board was updated by PUD staff in regards to current audits, former general manager email record, and PUD project update. The meeting ended in orderly fashion and was highly informational.
- 1/13 - Attended the MBRPAC meeting held at the LVCC. Leslie Chapman was introduced as the new Mono County CAO. Her message was positive moving into the future with a "kick butt" management team in place to better serve the public. Board Clerk Bob Musil updated the RPAC on County election policies and procedures, especially those affecting the Mono Basin voters. Scott Burns updated the RPAC on BOS discussions regarding RPACs countywide. The highlight of the meeting was Board member Paul McFarland's presentation of the DRAFT Annual Plan of the Mono Basin Trails Group. The comprehensive plan included: Planning, Signage and Interpretation, Maintenance, Partnerships and Stewardship Projects.
- 1/15 - Attended the ESTA meeting held in the ML Town Council Chambers at the Minaret Mall. Agenda items included:
  - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program FY 2015-16 Funds. Approved a resolution allocating \$58,040 of LCTOP funds for expansion of Mammoth Express fixed route service. Approved price reduction for 10-ride pass for the ME Route. Approved expansion of the Lone Pine Express fixed route service.
  - Approved the revised ESTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy effective immediately.
  - Approved the donation of a 2008 wheelchair accessible minivan to Northern Inyo Hospital.
- Thank you to the following:
  - CalTrans for quick and efficient clearing of Hwy 395 through District 3
  - Mono County Road crews for great plowing work through LV and JL
  - L. Chapman, B.Musil and S. Burns for attending the MBRPAC meeting.
  - Paul McFarland for extensive MB Trails leadership.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Mammoth Trails Meeting: Well facilitated meeting by Joel Rathje, the town's new trail coordinator. Great attendance, updates from Inyo NF and other agencies, on topics such as forest planning, Over-snow-vehicle designation process, the new agreement between the Town and the Inyo for trail maintenance in the Mammoth Lakes Basin and adjacent areas. MLR

announced that it'll hold a winter recreation summit in early spring—hopes the county will participate. Clearly, the interest in trails is high.

- Winter Recreation in action: free groomed trails in Shady Rest campground area, Obsidian Dome, Sierra Club blue diamond routes, snowmobiling, etc.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Nothing to report.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Reported that the CSAC Executive Committee met recently with the Governor. He repeated his pledge to remain fiscally prudent in the face of the cyclical nature of the California economy, which is tied to volatile sources such as the stock market and capital gains. He also spoke regarding the drought, El Niño, transportation, and groundwater issues, among others. Looking forward to following the state budget and the forthcoming "May revision." CSAC will be considering this at their Legislative Session which is also in May.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 1-14 ; Attended the EMS Committee - Committee worked on language changes to the draft report for the Board.
- Announcement 1 - Peter Pumphrey of Chalfant was reappointed by the Governor to the LAHATON Board. Nice to have a County resident on this Regional Board.
- Announcement 2 - Resolution T-17477 (fiber optic internet capability for Benton, Old Benton, White Mountain Estates, Paradise, Swall Meadows, Mono City, and Lee Vining) was on the 1-14 PUC Agenda. The item was pulled. Do not know why yet.
- Asked that meeting be adjourned in memory of Bill Czeschin.
- Gave some information about current health issue and whether he's running or not. This will depend on whether he gets on top of the health issue or not.

**5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Leslie Chapman:**

- 1/13/16: Mammoth Association of Governments (MAG) Meeting – Presentation on how to provide leadership training to middle management and the next generation of leaders. Also heard reports on current events from other agencies.
- 1/13/16: Agenda Review Committee Meeting.
- 1/13/16: Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting, they asked for a budget update which will be planned for March after this Board hears the mid-year budget update.
- 1/15/16: Treasury Oversight Committee preparation meeting
- 1/15/16: Strategic Planning workshop for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is being planned for the afternoon of March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, after the LTC meeting.

**6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

*No one spoke.*

**7. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE**

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion

unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**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. ESCOG Update**

Departments: CAO/Supervisor Corless

(Supervisor Corless/Supervisor Johnston) - Update on activities of Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) and request for support for collaboration workshop.

**Action:** Support the priorities to identify and define a meaningful role for the ESCOG as it may relate to technology, recreation and regional air service. 2. Approve Mono County's participation in funding a collaboration workshop and facilitated discussion provided by the Institute for Local Government. Approve the amount of \$975.50 to be taken out of the CAO budget to cover Mono County's cost of the workshop.

**Corless moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-28**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Starting at our first meeting last March, discussions at ESCOG indicated that we wanted to explore intergovernmental collaboration more actively on regional issues, find projects or programs. These three emerged—as will be heard in the next item, technology is the issue in which there is opportunity to engage and take action.
- Stacey Simon did a presentation at the June meeting, clarifying history of the COG what type of entity it is, what formal authority it has, etc. We agreed to form a governance committee to further investigate. We'd hoped to get a presentation specifically on Councils of Governments in CA—but after she attended a really outstanding CSAC class with Martin Gonzalez and ILG on intergovernmental collaboration, she thought that would be a great format to move us forward. And the COG voted unanimously at our meeting in December to do the workshop, and co-fund this project.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He supports the workshop although it is expensive.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Looking like it will come out of the CAO budget.
- Good idea to have this workshop, he supports it.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Supports workshop.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked Supervisor Corless to explain reason for workshop; suggested that if legal counsel is needed, perhaps Inyo would be best since they are fully staffed.

**B. Letter of Support for ESCOG/Broadband Consortium Grant Application**

Departments: CAO, IT

(Nate Greenberg) - Letter of support for the Inyo/Mono Broadband Consortium's broadband grant application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

**Action:** Approve and authorize chair to sign letter of support as presented.

**Alpers moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-29**

**Nate Greenberg:**

- Gave background on the Eastern Sierra Broadband Consortium; explained where funding comes from.
- Closing out fourth year of operations; ends in February.
- He's been involved for three years now; a lot of great work has been done.
- Here to get Board support to submit grant application for continued funding.
- ESCOG would essentially serve as government structure for sub-consortium, focusing solely on Mono/Inyo – Bishop and Town of Mammoth. Seven member board – they'd be responsible for work plan.
- Needs letter of support; feels letter is drafted well and explanatory.
- Money is a little bit in question. Explained history; this cycle the budget will be tied to work plan. Being asked to determine what appropriate level of funding will be for project they are proposing. Maybe close to \$150,000.
- Money would be distributed to members of staff doing work; could be filtered to consultant if appropriate. Staff would most likely be Nate.
- Today's letter is not looking at nitty gritty although project will be scrutinized once it's vetted out.
- All consortia in California are competing for the money.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Does money only go to sub-consortia or bigger consortia?

**Leslie Chapman:**

- We don't know what the money amount will be. \$300,000 mentioned in staff report is incorrect.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked for further clarification on disbursement of monies.
- Who actually gets the work? Who is the staff?
- What does Broadband Adoption through Designated Work Plan mean? Educating public?

**Supervisor Corless:**

- This was discussed at last ESCOG; they fully support this.
- Still a lot of details to be worked out.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for specifics on the structure of consortia, involvement of ESCOG.

**John Wentworth:**

- Thanked Nate; they both sit on the current consortium.
- Timing was tough.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Funds are limited to one consortium per geographic region.

## **C. Solid Waste Gate Fees Discussion**

Departments: Solid Waste Division of Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino, Solid Waste

Superintendent, regarding proposed revision to solid waste gate fees.

**Action:** None. Information only.

**Tony Dublino:**

- Not here asking for action today; but wanted to put in front of board to get some discussion going. Doesn't feel this is particularly controversial.
- Here to go through proposed changes to gate fees that will later get brought back to board.
- Went over staff report and changes that were proposed in board packet.
- If the Board feels this is appropriate, he can take next steps as far as public notice, etc. and bring back to Board.
- Hasn't yet been to Contractor's Association.
- There is no charge for mattress recycling. Trying to work out details on how the county can get compensated but mattresses will be free.
- Gave additional information regarding the Mattress Recycling Council, etc. and how programs work with compensation.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Have you been to the Contractor's Association to explain this to them?
- Asked about mattress recycling prices.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Understand there is no charge for customer to drop them off but we are looking to go back to mattress recycling council to be reimbursed in some way?

#### **D. Solid Waste Long Term Planning Workshop**

Departments: Solid Waste Division of Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding the long-term goals and strategies for Solid Waste Management in Mono County.

**Action:** None.

**Tony Dublino:**

Powerpoint Presentation (complete copy to be posted to web site):

- Long Term Planning.
- Need for discussion – due to upcoming changes:
- Closure of Benton Crossing Landfill
- Pumice Valley Landfill Contract
- County Franchise Contract Expirations – renewal June 30, 2016.
- Transfer Station Operations.
- The Necessary Questions:
  - What are our priorities?
  - What services do we want to provide?
  - What services are we required to provide?
  - Future Models – from 'go it alone' to full regionalization.
  - AWI-AWO (Are we in or are we out)?
- Next steps.
  - What services?
  - What model?
  - AWI-AWO?
- Once questions are answered, we can request bids/procurement of services.
- Questions, Comments, Direction.

Additional Comments:

- The current equipment at transfer stations are owned by the county.
- Believes County can exercise a two year extension.

- In regards to current task force: everyone that spoke today is on the task force. Waste haulers are now non-voting members. This group meets February/early March. He thinks that it's important for group to engage in discussion to determine what they are willing to commit to.

**Public Comment**

**Grady Dutton (Public Works Director, Town of Mammoth Lakes):**

- Appreciates collaboration with Tony.
- Encourages County to keep moving forward.
- There is a strong support to continue looking into organics recycling. Due to location and wildlife in Mammoth, not sure how it works?
- They have their own franchise agreements which don't expire anytime soon. He thinks taking it first to current task force makes sense.

**Kevin Brown (D&S Waste Removal):**

- Gave Board suggestions for moving forward.
- Discussion about time for Franchise extensions. One year, five years?
- The cost of hauling organics would be enormous.
- We can be objective; it depends on what people are willing to pay.

**Rick Fall (Mammoth Disposal):**

- Discussed the extension times for franchise agreements.
- Looks forward to working with Tony and communities for best possible outcome.

**Evan Nikirk (Walker resident):**

- Tony encapsulated all the issues.
- He thinks regional approach is best approach in his own personal opinion.
- Happy to answer any historical questions.

**Karl Schnadt (MCWD):**

- Sludge discussion.

**Brian Robinette (Sierra Conservation Project):**

- He looks forward to participating in this process; appreciates working with Tony.

**Jeph Gundzig (Queen Valley Resources):**

- White elephant in the room is the amount of waste to be dealt with; we need to consider organics recycling; asked Board to please consider this in this equation.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- What is reasonable extension time?
- In next few weeks, we'll get report back on the Paramedics. In that report, the Board wants to see full analysis including what things didn't make the cut and why, etc. Then we'll be able to select alternative that board favors. Similarly to him, this Solid Waste topic is a public policy issue. He feels that a task force should be put together (like with the EMS AD Hoc Committee).
- He doesn't rule out anything right now; there is not enough information gathered. Feels that the public needs to vote on all these issues.
- He's looking at a completely separate task force aside from one in place.
- Feels we can reasonably work on extensions for franchise agreements currently in place?
- As far as giving direction, feels we shouldn't be too focused on direction. Direction needs to be broad enough to get good representation of all options.
- Feels this *is* something Board should fund. It's that important.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Who owns equipment at transfer stations now?
- Question to haulers: with lack of control by county do we end up seeing rates triple? How would any change in rate structure fiscally impact his constituents?
- Likes a five year extension with possibly two additional years more. Would like a way to be able to address issues that come up within that time period.
- This has been a priority for a long time. Ultimately it comes down to the cost of

things.

- Everyone needs to have a stake in this.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about sludge issues in other areas.
- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Sees immediate need to look at contracts that expire in a few months.
- Is Supervisor Johnston asking for additional task force besides the one already in place?
- Asked Tony to work on extensions/bring back to board.
- In regards to task force committee: the EMS committee had members that volunteered to serve. This has been a limitation. Not sure a new task force is needed; may need to tweak the one we have and the direction it's going. Would like Town participation.
- Since this is just board direction, he thinks idea of task force needs to be agendaized separately in near future. We'll need some sense of concurrence.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- His knee jerk reaction is that we get out of this business.
- When we decided to support the EMS committee, he felt very confident that they could get the job done.
- He feels that Supervisor Johnston has hit on something with the idea of a task force.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Agrees with the concept of forming a new one or utilizing current task force. Feels that Board needs to come to some type of agreement on priorities and directions, not give out a blank slate.
- Priorities for her are taking a regional approach. She wants us to support the green approach; knows there are obstacles but feels that the Board could take a leadership approach.
- Wants to support local businesses with whatever is decided.
- We should give direction and then give to task force; agrees and supports short term priority with contract extensions.
- Feels strongly that direction needs to be set out. Need to provide *some* objectives.

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

**Benny Romero:**

- Here to discuss getting a banner across Main Street in Bridgeport.
- Banner should deliver a message about what we do in our area.
- There are still permitting processes to go through. He has tower donated and some other materials.
- May be asking county for assistance with labor/installation costs.
- Feels it should match our courthouse in some way.
- Supervisor Stump: sounds like nice idea; cautioned him that Public Works is maxed out right now and have time to do this right now.
- Leslie Chapman: The County has a project review committee in place; suggests he put this project on the list. She'll get him the form.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

*There was nothing to report out of closed session; direction was given to staff as needed.*

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

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code



Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon and Leslie Chapman. 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: Workers Compensation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.  
Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case:  
Worker's compensation claim of Richard Luman.

**C. Closed Session - Performance Evaluation**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government  
Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

**D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.  
Name of case: U.S. et al. v. Walker River Irrigation District et al.

**E. Closed session - Existing Litigation**

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.

**ADJOURN at 1:08 p.m. in memory of Bill Czeschin, who recently  
passed away.**

ATTEST

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FRED STUMP  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD