

# **Additional Documents**

**January 22, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

**Item # 7b**

## **State of the County**

**Agricultural Commissioner**

**Community Development**

**Economic Development**

**Sheriff**

**District Attorney**

# Counties of Inyo and Mono Agricultural Commissioner's Office

The mission of the Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office is to promote and protect the agricultural industry of the counties, protect the environment, and to ensure the health and safety of all of its citizens. The department is also responsible for fostering confidence and equity in the marketplace. The following are the main program areas:

## HUMAN SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office protects the health and safety of all Inyo/Mono residents, its agricultural industries and its environment with a series of comprehensive regulatory programs designed to prevent the introduction of exotic pests and to ensure the safe use of pesticides. The five programs that exist to achieve these goals include:

- Pest Exclusion
- Pest Detection
- Pest Eradication
- Pest Management
- Pesticide Enforcement

## CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PRODUCT QUALITY

Product quality programs are designed to ensure the production and sales of quality eggs, honey, fruits, vegetables, and nursery and seed products. Quality standards that these programs ensure include maturity, grade, size, and weight. Packaging and labeling are also examined to ensure consumer expectations are met. The six programs include:

- Fruit and Vegetable Quality Control
- Organic Food Production
- Egg Quality Control
- Certified Farmers' Markets
- Nursery Inspection
- Seed Inspection

## SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

The Agriculture Department also provides other mandated services, including:

- Apiary Inspection
- Crop Statistics
- Sustainable Agriculture

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND EDUCATION OUTREACH

Staff participate in a wide range of special projects intended to benefit Inyo/Mono citizens such as the legislative process, public information, education outreach efforts, as well as joint multi-agency and inter-county cooperative activities. Continuing education efforts sponsored by the Agriculture Department for pesticide safety help to ensure that local license-holders maintain adequate training.





## INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

This division of the Agricultural Commissioner's office consists of 15 federal, state, county, and local agencies and entities. The Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area is dedicated to the eradication and control of invasive plant species in Inyo and Mono Counties through the cooperation and coordination of participating entities. The Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area participates in public outreach and education activities to ensure that people understand the threat of non-native weeds on our environment and agriculture industry.



## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A gallon of gasoline, a cord of firewood, a loaf of bread, or a pound of fruits or vegetables...any item purchased is sold by weight, measure, or count. We protect the public from purchasing goods that are short weight or measure, and we protect businesses from giving their products and profits away when they use devices that could be inaccurate. We also verify that prices are scanned correctly at the counter, petroleum products meet quality standards, and weighmasters provide their customers accurate weighing devices. The eight programs in this category include:

- Weight Verification
- Measurement Verification
- Petroleum
- Transaction Verification
- Electronic Meters
- Compressed Gas Meters
- Weighmaster
- Device Repairman Regulation

## MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

The purpose of this program is to provide the public with a consistent level of mosquito control that reduces the threat of disease transmission and the spread of large nuisance populations of mosquitoes. The Inyo/Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office administers the Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program and (under contract) the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District.



## COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT OFFICE

In Inyo County only, our office acts as the lead department issuing commercial cannabis business licenses. The business license works in concert with a conditional use permit (issued by Inyo County Planning) to ensure that cannabis businesses have all needed local approvals to conduct business. Once licenses are issued, we conduct inspections of commercial cannabis facilities to ensure conformance with state and local regulations.

Inyo county has 110 cannabis business licenses currently authorized by the Board of Supervisors but only 24 of these licenses have so far been issued. The licenses include retail, manufacturing, distribution, testing, and microbusiness types.



**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
*Strategic Priority Update*  
*As of December 31, 2019*

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**IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH**

- There has been little work on this tactic due to different agency priorities. Some initial ground work has been done with the MLPD and CHP but not with MCSD. We will attempt to continue to get agreements and set priorities with the hope of moving the tactic forward.

**IMPROVE COUNTY OPERATIONS**

- Enhancing Victim Services –
  - We will be hiring a full-time Victim Advocate who will be trained in Mass Victimization Advocacy Response.
  - We are in the process of implementing a new case management system which will help us to keep more accurate statistics, keep our cases organized and allow for our program to continue to expand.
  - Attend community events such as the Health and Safety Fair here in Mammoth to give the public more information on what our program has to offer.
  - All our Advocates are scheduled to attend multiple trainings through out the year so that we can better serve our victims and stay up to date on the latest practices and procedures.

Department Name	Strategic Priority	Tactic	Measurement / Outcome / Output	Mandated?	Midyear Progress
Office of the District Attorney	4B	Improve the operational efficiency and increase customer service as it relates to our Victim/Witness Program.	<p>We plan on additional Victim Advocate training, implementation of a software program to help manage victim services. Advocates will be reaching out more frequently during a case and providing more services from the beginning. They will also be required to attend hearings and trials with our victims. The program will be required to do a minimum of four community outreach events for visibility. Measure outcomes by the number of victims served and the types of service provided to each victim and witness compared to previous years.</p>	Yes	<p>We have hired a part-time Victim Advocate and are in the process of hiring a full-time Victim Advocate. Our new Advocate will be trained in Mass Victimization Advocate Respose. We are implementing a new case management system to help our program function better. We have attended one community event so far and plan to attend more this summer. We are currently collecting more restitution then prior years as well as serving more victims on a day to day basis. We attend court hearings and are present in all victim interviews. Our advocates have a number of trainings scheduled this year to keep our program up to date on the latest practices and procedures.</p>
	1B, 2D	Develop a Law Enforcement Strategic Plan to help direct all Mono County Law Enforcement Agencies in the protection of the health and safety of our citizens.	<p>In partnership with Sheriff, Chief of Police and CHP develop strategic Goals, Objectives and Tactics to best address a collaborative effort to protect citizens of Mono County. The first measurement will be the implementation of the plan followed by training to agencies, community education and a uniform measure of responding and handling investigations.</p>	No	<p>There has been little work on this tactic due to different agency priorities. I have met with MLP and CHP and had initial talks. Will attempt to meet with MCSD to gauge their interest.</p>

# Mono County Strategic Plan & Priorities: Community Development

January 22, 2019

Priority	County Strategic Plan	Description
Mandated	1A	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
Mandated C – other (short-term rentals, cannabis)	2D, 4C	Permits & Planning Commission (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Permits = 64 issued/18 finalized</li> <li>• Use Permits = 10</li> <li>• Cannabis / Short-Term Rentals @ Board + cannabis authorization = 7</li> <li>• CEQA documents = 10</li> <li>• Other: Lot Line Adjustments = 3, Director Reviews = 2, Parcel Map = 1</li> <li>• Specific Plan Amendment (in progress) = 1</li> <li>• Inquiries (ongoing)</li> </ul>
Mandated B – second	2D & 4B	Capital project planning & execution: CEQA, building & planning permits
Mandated C – other (STR)	2D, 3A	General Plan Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-Term Rental Regulations</li> <li>• North County Water Transactions</li> </ul>
Mandated A – Highest	2A	Housing Element Update & update opportunity site database
Mandated	1E	Local Transportation Commission (LTC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Airport Land Use Commission</li> <li>• Overall Work Program: transit, wildlife collisions, transportation planning projects, project initiation documents</li> </ul>
Mandated	4B	Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
Mandated	2D, 4C	Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee (LVHAC)
Mandated C – other	1D, 2D, 4C	Code Enforcement: Cannabis, short-term rentals, other
Mandated B – second (water)	2D, 3A, 4C	Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) / Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Mandated	4C	GHG emissions via CEQA, fee waivers for “green” projects
A – highest	4A	Mono County Civic Center – CEQA, project development as needed
	2A	Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory changes to improve housing production potential: GPA for MFR LUD</li> <li>• Identify future opportunities for CEQA streamlining</li> <li>• Pursue partnerships with other agencies in the County: investigated shared staffing/consultant opportunities with Town, investigated deed restrictions and CDBG grant with Mammoth Lakes Housing</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPAC outreach, Planning Commission and Board workshops, Board prioritization</li> <li>• Work with Behavioral Health &amp; Social Services on transitional housing as needed</li> <li>• Fielding developer inquiries</li> </ul>
B – second	3A	Recreational economy support (3A): Trails planning via LTC, SR 158 grant application, meet with new staff
	2D & 3A	Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LADWP dewatering and litigation: hydrogeologic model grant, sage-grouse partnership, support legal action as needed</li> </ul>
C – other	2D, 3A, 4B	Communication and Public Outreach: RPACs, CPT, LDTAC
	2D	Hemp: slotting into workflow, may be able to initiate later this year
n/a	2D & 3A	Wildlife/environment issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sage-grouse conservation efforts and USFWS listing</li> <li>• Federal Lands Planning: Inyo National Forest Plan Objection process, general collaboration</li> </ul>
	4B	Customer Service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide County Clerk services in South County: filing for dba's &amp; marriage licenses, voting assistance/ballot return</li> <li>• Provide Treasurer/Tax Collector services in South County: property tax (and other) payments, intake of business license applications</li> </ul>

#### Staffing:

#### Planning

- 6 planners (half hired in last year, two in the last 3 months)
- 1 Administration/Planning Commission Secretary
- Finance/Grant Administration (80% FTE on maternity leave)

#### Building

- Building Official (20% FTE)
- 2 Building Inspectors
- 1 Permit Technician/Administration

#### Code Compliance

- 2 code enforcement officers
- Shares Planning Administration

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
***STRATEGIC PRIORITY UPDATE***  
***As of December 31, 2018***

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Sheriff's Office	1A / 5D	Hire qualified law enforcement professionals to fill vacant Deputy Sheriff positions
Sheriff's Office / Information Technology	1A / 1E	Improve, repair and replace aging Radio and Communications systems
Sheriff's Office	1C	Partner with District Attorney and MLPD to address narcotics concerns
Sheriff's Office	3D / 5B	Develop and improve safety and prevention efforts to reduce Workers' Compensation liability
Sheriff's Office	2B	Build school partnerships to reduce potential of school violence
Jail / Public Works	1A / 1E	Partner with Public Works in design and plan of new grant-funded facility
Sheriff's Office	4E	Update Court Security plans and agreements
Sheriff's Office	1A / 4B	Support County and Town efforts for an All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT)

Measurement / Outcome / Output	Mandated?	Midyear Progress
Successful hiring and completion of probation for all vacant positions	Yes	All budgeted positions filled and employees progressing well
Reduced radio outages and fewer first responder complaints of radio problems	No	This is an ongoing process under continual assessment
Creation of an Interagency Narcotics Team - contingent upon MLPD participation and filling vacant Sheriff's Office positions	No	Neither MLPD nor MCSO have sufficient staffing at this time.
Reduced Workers' Compensation claims	No	Continued work with Risk Management to implement strategies
Maintain School Resource Officer position and invest in Explorer Program	No	SRO position staffed and Explorer program in full operation
Selection of Architect/Construction Management Team and completion of design documents	No	In Progress with Public Works
Completion of security plan and updated MOU	Yes	Pending approval from Mono Court
Provide training and include Sheriff's Office staff in AHIMT activities	No	Sheriff's Office employees integrated into AHIMT

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**Item # 12**

**Sup. Corless Board Report**

**RCRC January Board Meeting Highlights**



**To:** RCRC Board of Directors  
**From:** Greg Norton  
President and CEO  
**Date:** January 22, 2019  
**Re:** RCRC Board Meeting Highlights (January 16, 2019)

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### **Administrative Matters**

#### **RCRC Resolution 19-01: RCRC Board Travel Policy – ACTION**

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the proposed Board Travel Expense Policy, Resolution 19-01. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved policy can be accessed [here](#). The 2019 Delegate Expense Claim form can be accessed [here](#).

#### **RCRC Resolution 19-02: Board of Directors Code of Conduct – ACTION**

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the RCRC Board of Directors Code of Conduct, Resolution 19-02. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The approved Code of Conduct can be accessed [here](#).

#### **RCRC 2019 Investment Policy Renewal – ACTION**

The RCRC Board of Directors reviewed and approved the RCRC 2019 Investment Policy. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The policy can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Services of Mary Pitto as a Retired Annuitant – ACTION**

The RCRC Board of Directors approved a Resolution to allow Mary Pitto to provide services of two months commencing on January 16, 2019, approving the findings and declarations to allow for the waiver of the six-month sit out. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Resolution can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Executive Committee Vacancies – ACTION**

The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 4 selected Supervisor Jack Garamendi (Calaveras) to represent them on the RCRC Executive Committee. The RCRC Board of Directors from Region 5 selected Supervisor Kuyler Crocker (Tulare) to represent them on the RCRC Executive Committee. The memo can be accessed [here](#). Details on the 2019 Executive Committee can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cannabis Regulation Enforcement – ACTION**

Supervisor Matt Kingsley (Inyo) and Paul A. Smith, RCRC Vice President of Governmental Affairs, reported on findings from the RCRC Ad Hoc Advisory Committee



on Cannabis Enforcement, and requested the RCRC Board of Directors approve a number of recommended next steps. The memo and RCRC Board approved recommendations can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker: Ajay Goyal, Manager, Statewide Infrastructure Investigations Branch, California Department of Water Resources, provided an overview on Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR). Mr. Goyal's presentation can be accessed [here](#).

## **Governmental Affairs**

### Overview of the State Budget

The RCRC Governmental Affairs team provided an overview of the key issues and changes for RCRC member counties in Governor Gavin Newsom's 2019-20 proposed State Budget. The Governor's 2019-20 proposed Budget:

- Continues to provide \$644,000 for the State's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program for 2018-19;
- Includes significant funding to support wildfire recovery and prevention efforts, including:
  - new funding and programs to address a broad spectrum of wildfire response and recovery issues
  - property tax backfill for counties impacted by devastating wildfires in 2018
  - waiving of the local cost share of debris removal for the November 2018 wildfires
  - \$200 million from Cap-and-Trade revenues for forest health and wildfire prevention programs
- Proposes a one-time investment to enhance and improve the State 9-1-1 system;
- Implements a comprehensive, statewide public education campaign on disaster preparedness and public safety;
- Reduces county financial obligations for the In-Home Support Services program;
- Provides funding to allow first time students enrolled full-time at a California community college to attend the second year tuition-free; and,
- Includes significant one-time General Fund support for a variety of affordable housing programs.

*The Rural Rundown* can be accessed [here](#).

### Adoption of RCRC's 2019 Policy Principles – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors approved the draft 2019 Policy Principles, including amendments and edits proposed by RCRC member counties and staff. The approved 2019 Policy Principles can be accessed [here](#).

### 2019 State Legislative Crystal Ball

Mr. Smith and the RCRC Governmental Affairs team provided an overview of the key issues RCRC staff will be engaging in during the 2019-20 Legislative Session, including:

- Senate Bill 901 (Dodd) Implementation
- Land-Use Restrictions/Fire
- Status of Investor-Owned Utilities
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- Senate Bill 1383 (Lara) Organics Implementation
- Reboot of Senate Bill 623 (Monning)
- Revisiting Redevelopment Agencies
- Housing
- In-Home Supportive Services

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

#### Forest Management and Wildfire Update

Staci Heaton, RCRC Regulatory Affairs Advocate, and Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Senior Legislative Advocate, provided an update of several efforts underway in the Legislature and various state and federal agencies aimed at addressing California's persistent catastrophic wildfire events. Ms. Heaton and Ms. Warmerdam also discussed RCRC's involvement and advocacy efforts in this space. The memo can be accessed [here](#).

Guest Speaker: Rick Brush, Chief Member Services Officer, CSAC EIA, presented on the CSAC EIA [Crisis Incident Management Program](#). Mr. Brush's presentation can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Legislative Committee**

##### The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act – ACTION

The RCRC Board of Directors adopted a "Support" position on the Forest Management for Rural Sustainability Act in an effort to gain a permanent, stable revenue stream for California's forested counties. The memo can be accessed [here](#). The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act can be accessed [here](#).

#### Federal Issues Update

Mr. Smith introduced Sheryl Cohen, Partner, American Continental Group, to the RCRC Board of Directors. Ms. Cohen provided an update on a number of issues both currently being addressed, and expected to be addressed at the federal level, including:

- 2018 Farm Bill
- Forestry and Wildfire Funding
- Rural Infrastructure
- Water
- Rural Broadband
- Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes
- Secure Rural Schools Program
- Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Regulatory Committee**

##### Waters of the United States

Ms. Heaton provided an overview of two regulatory actions impacting Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The memo can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Water and Natural Resources Committee**

##### Water Issues Update

Ms. Warmerdam provided an update on a number of issues involving California water policy at the state and federal levels, including:

- Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Siskiyou County Groundwater Litigation
- California WaterFix

The memo can be accessed [here](#).

*Please refer to the Board Packet and Supplemental Packet for further details related to the items above, as well as all items covered during the January 2019 RCRC Board of Directors meeting. The January 2019 Board Packet can be accessed [here](#).*