



**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 Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
May 21, 2019**

9:05 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Peters.
Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: Halferty.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream all of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To listen to any meetings from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – NONE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Krista Cooper, Social Workers Supervisor

- Audit of the In Home Support Services (IHSS) program.
- Wants to recognize staff - 98% compliance rate for timely reassessments. Received a plaque, which she showed.
- Continuing to make improvements.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Not successful for the long valley hydrologic model grant and the Caltrans grant for the June Lake multimodal plan.
- Projects discussed at the Planning Commission: Walker River Farms, microbusiness in Antelope Valley; Tioga Green in Lee Vining. Walker River Farms Application coming to

the Board soon. Tioga Green project has some water issues that need to get resolved and require action by LAFCO.

- Five-unit development in June Lake.
- With pump storage issues, have had to delay other issues. Housing and SB2 conversations.

5. **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. **2019 County Maintained Mileage**

Departments: Public Works

A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Specifying Additions and/or Exclusions to the Maintained Mileage Within the County Road System and Establishing Maintained Mileage for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. R19-33, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Specifying Additions and/or Exclusions to the Maintained Mileage Within the County Road System and Establishing Maintained Mileage for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

Corless moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-33

B. **Appointment to the Mono County Child Care Council**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Mono County Child Care Council seeks the appointment of Brittany Nelson by the Mono County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2019 and terminating May 31, 2021.

Action: Appoint Brittany Nelson to a two-year term in the category of Discretionary Appointees from June 1, 2019 and terminating May 31, 2021.

Corless moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-104

C. **Letter to the CADFW Requesting Workshops for the Statewide Regulation Changes of Trout Season**

Departments: Economic Development

Letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CADFW) asking Director Charlton Bonham to schedule workshops in Mono County regarding the proposed fishing regulation changes.

Action: Approve the letter as provided.

Corless moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M19-105

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Chamber Music Unbound Music Festival 2019 Notice

Notice of the 2019 Chamber Music Unbound Music Festival in Mammoth Lakes, July 25 - August 3, 2019.

B. Comments on Emergency Response Procedures at Devils Postpile

A letter from Deanna Dulen, Superintendent of Devils Postpile National Monument in Mammoth Lakes, discussing emergency response procedures in Devils Postpile and the surrounding recreation area, which includes Reds Meadow Valley and Madera County.

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked Deanna for her thoughtful comments that reflected the testimony she gave the Board here last month.

Supervisor Stump:

- Confirmed that Madera County and Kevin Carunchio also received copies of the letter.

C. LADWP Response to County Comment Letter Concerning Proposal to Install Monitoring Wells

A letter from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) replying to Mono County's comment letter dated May 7, 2019 regarding LADWP's proposal to install 40 groundwater monitoring wells in Long Valley. The letter advises the County that LADWP will retract the April 5 Notice of Exemption and will not proceed with monitoring well installation at this time.

D. Inyo National Forest Response to Objections Filed on the Draft ROD, Revised Plan, and FEIS

The written response from the Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan revision process reviewing officer to the objections filed on the draft Record of Decision (ROD), Inyo National Forest Revised Land Management Plan (Revised Plan), and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

E. FERC Notice of License Expiration and Request for Information Regarding Process Selection

A letter to project operators providing advance notice of 29 hydropower projects with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses which will begin relicensing process between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022, including Lee Vining and Rush Creeks.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Amendment to Premium Energy Holdings, LLC's, Owens Valley Pumped Storage Project application filed with FERC

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Michael Draper) - Comment letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the Amendment submitted by Premium Energy Holdings, LLC, on the Owens Valley Pumped Storage Project application, and appointment of two Supervisors to meet with Premium Energy.

Action:

Authorize the Board Chair to sign the discussed letters to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as modified.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-106

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Discussed item, updates, and amendments (available in additional documents).
- Received several comments from Swall Meadows (available in additional documents) - mostly noting asking that Senators Feinstein and Harris be added to the CC list.

Break 9:19 AM

Reconvene: 9:33 AM

Granicus is down – no live stream.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Issues raised in the letter regarding the second amendment letter:
- Project passes through areas of critical environmental concern.
- Passes California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) ecological reserve.
- Upper reservoirs in Inyo County in USFS areas, not in wilderness though.
- Multiple fault lines in the area.
- Sensitive native American cultural resources. Suggested local tribes be contacted for consultation.
- Listed previous comments still unaddressed.

Jason Ganger, Deputy County Counsel:

- There is a stipulation that governs the instream flows into certain parts of the Owens River Gorge where the lower reservoirs are proposed for location between the County, County District Attorney, CDFW, and LADWP.
- Supervisor Stump asked language to be included in the letter to address this.

Appoint Supervisors Corless and Stump to meet with Premium Energy Holdings, LLC, if a meeting is scheduled, in lieu of Premium Energy coming to meet with the Board.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-107

Wendy Sugimura:

- Request sent via email with the transmittal of the last letter to meet with Premium Energy.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Asking him to meet at a Board meeting limits the day, two board members is an ad hoc committee that offers more flexibility. But the Board can decide its preference.

B. Civic Center Update

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding the Civic Center Project on Thompson Way .

Action: None.

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Permit submittals: Received package 2 of 3. Currently being reviewed. Expect no outstanding problems with permits being issued.
- Construction –Concrete is being poured. Delays due to weather. Anticipate catching back up to main line schedule.
- Interagency coordination – working on development agreement with the water districts.
- Design – review proposal for security and access control.
- Budget – had meeting with design build team. Project did increase over budget by \$150,000. Meeting with them May 29 to go over spreadsheet, identify additional money saving opportunities.
- RFP – for project managers. Made contact with two short-listed firms on retainer. Will be exchanging drafts and scopes of work. Getting a proposal out to them by the end of the week.
- Beth Cohen – anticipatory anxiety relating to this project, echoing comments from Bill Chiat. Board may not realize Public Works (PW) is focused on the operational side. Feels that he is not the best person to engage in this effort of scheduling and planning the move, and getting people on board with the move.
- Parking issue – There is not enough space on South side of building to meet Town standards for parking. Grady Dutton, Town of Mammoth Lakes PW Director, has a provision to deviate from Town standards. Asks Board to not hand out direction and allow him to continue working with the Town to find a solution.

Break: 10:16 AM

Reconvene: 10:25 AM

C. Fish and Game Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson; Matt Paruolo) - Presentation by Matt Paruolo, Sustainable Recreation Coordinator with Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership regarding Tangle-free Waters "Adopt a Tube" Program.

Action: Consider and approve the recommendation of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission to allocate \$5,000.00 from the Fish and Game Fine Fund to Mammoth Lakes Recreation for the Tangle Free Waters (TFW) "Adopt a Tube" program.

Halferty moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-108

Jeff Simpson:

- Introduced item.

Matt Paruolo, ESSRP:

- Went through presentation on “Tangle Free Waters.”
- Showed sign and receptacle for monofilament waste collection.
- ASKING Board to consider allocation.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Would support adopting a receptacle in June Lake.
- Suggests downplaying monofilament - fishing line is the issue here. Suggests leading with fishing line as much as possible.

Janet (Unknown):

- Thanked Board and Wildlife Commission for their support.
- Update – have built eight tubes with Bridgeport Elementary School. Thanked Peters for contribution of paying for five signs.

D. Letter in Support of DWR Draft Reprioritization of Owens Valley Groundwater Basin as Low Priority

Departments: County Counsel, Community Development Department

(Jason Canger, Wendy Sugimura) - Receive presentation on the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) 2019 Draft Basin Prioritization and its implications for the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA); consider approval of letter in support of DWR's 2019 Draft Basin Prioritization.

Action: Approve letter in support of DWR's 2019 Draft Basin Prioritization.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-109

Jason Canger, Deputy County Counsel:

- Introduced item.
- Comment deadline is May 30, all member agencies are getting together to send their own support letters.

Glenn Inouye, President Wheeler Crest, OVGA:

- Thanked Board and its efforts up this date, especially staff and what they have done.

E. Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution approving and adopting the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Action: Find that the project qualifies as an Exemption under CEQA guidelines 15262, 15306, and 15061(b)(3) and instruct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

Corless moved; Halferty seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M19-110

Adopt Resolution R19-34, Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) as the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Corless moved; Halferty seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-34

Wendy Sugimura:

- Content of the plan is available online.
- Board received presentation on content in July of last year.
- Provided a brief overview of action today.
- The local hazard mitigation plan is required by law in order for the County to receive funding for certain types of hazard mitigation and pre-disaster mitigation funds.

F. California State Association of Counties Executive Director Graham Knaus

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Introduction to Graham Knaus, Executive Director of California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

Action: None.

Graham Knaus, CSAC Executive Director:

- Introduced himself and CSAC.
- Core Mission of CSAC: advocacy. One strong voice for CA Counties.
- What CSAC fights for is to make sure that counties have the resources to do what they need to in their community.
- 2019 is a transition year. Moving from the longest serving Governor Brown to Newsom. Begin in a positive place with this administration.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Returned to Department Reports.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 12:04 PM

A. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer (CAO).

B. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Dave Wilbrecht,

Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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.

C. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 71 Davison Street. Agency negotiators: Stacey Simon, Erik Ramakrishnan (Goldfarb Lipman LLP) and Jenn Lopez (Project Moxie). Negotiating parties: Mono County and Silver State Investors, LLC; Mono County and Sami Abdelatif and Tyler Malotte. Under negotiation: Price and terms of sale.

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: *Michael Hallum v. County of Mono* (Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV170088).

Reconvene: 1:18 PM
Supervisor Peters left before Closed Session

Vice Chair Corless reconvened.

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- NACo WIR Conference in Spokane, WA
- Updates from USDA Undersecretary Jim Hubbard, Dept of the Interior Deputy Sec. Joe Balash
- Presentations from Washington state officials, including Sec's of State and Transportation
- NACo Board meeting, orientation, discussion of strategic plan
- Moderated a workshop discussion of working w/ federal land managers on outdoor recreation
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting—update on outdoor recreation grant from Sierra Nevada Conservancy, waiting for contract with SNC, discussion of public meeting schedule (part of the grant deliverables)—forming what Inyo Forest Supervisor Randall-Parker calls the “Table of Trust”
- Upcoming SNARL Seminars of note to county: tonight, 5/21, CADFW's Tim Taylor presenting on the proposed wildlife crossing project/vehicle collision mitigation; next week, 5/28, “Can California's Wildfire Problem be Solved?” film screening and discussion of forest health; tomorrow attending workshop on fire and forest health/CA

Fire Science Consortium. And even more fire—if Sonora Pass opens, will attend a Rim Fire Restoration Tour with SNC board next week.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday May 15 I participated in a webinar about the availability of Fire Insurance for California property owners. Many homeowners, including myself, have recently had fire insurance cancelled and have had a difficult time searching for new coverage. The webinar was helpful in providing information to assist homeowners in how to navigate this process. I suggest we include this information as a part of our town hall meetings next month.
- On Thursday May 16 I attended Mono County's First 5 Commission meeting. We reviewed the annual First 5 Evaluation Report which includes much information about the progress we are making ensuring our youngest residents get a strong start to a successful life.

Supervisor Halferty:

- On Tuesday May 14th, I attended the showing of The Quiet Force at Mammoth Middle School. Many thanks to MLR and Mammoth Middle School Principal, Ms. Rinaldi for hosting. A great movie, with even better genuine community conversation about how difficult it is to raise a family here on low wages, and no housing options. A reminder that not everyone in our community has the same opportunities as others, such as being able to buy a home. We need grass roots movements and political candidates that will work for a clear and reasonable pathway to citizenship for those in our society without legal status.
- On May 15th, I spent the day with the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC) to work on developing a strategic plan for addressing the regions homeless population and those on the verge of homelessness. Partners from Inyo and Mono Counties, IMACA, Mammoth Lakes Housing, The Salvation Army, and Northern Inyo Hospital all participated. The region has 453 people experiencing homelessness annually. Mono County lacks motels that are willing to take vouchers to temporarily housing those experiencing homelessness, which is something the CoC will be looking to address. Homelessness is not a crime.
- Later that evening, I attended the Town Council meeting. The Town is grappling with community frustration over the year-over-year multi million dollar funding of Marketing and the almost decade worth of nominal funding of workforce housing which came to apparent light at the meeting. The Town did set aside \$2 million for workforce housing from their projected \$6.5 million TOT budget revenue surplus. There is no plan on how to spend that money as of Wednesday's meeting.
- Request a joint meeting with the Mono County Planning Commission regarding our priority for housing for our community members.
- The Governor has a billion dollars in his May revise budget for addressing homelessness and \$750 million for planning and production grants. Mono County needs to be ready for this funding, it's coming and we need to all be on the same page, with staffing ready if we want to be complete to bring to our county funding to address our housing shortfall. And there's the link between Transportation funding and the production of housing coming, too.
- Sustainable Recreation - needs to be balanced with community investment - housing and childcare.

Supervisor Peters:

- 14th BP RPAC
- 15th LAFCO
- 16th Planning Commission

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- 20th ATV Jamboree
- 20th Paramedics
- **Upcoming:**
- Thursday SWTF and IMACA
- Budget Workshop 28th and 29th
- June 2 Governor's Office on Emergency Services Summit
- June 19th Town Hall – Radio, Fisheries,
- June 27th CSAC Regional Meeting in Fresno

Supervisor Stump:

- 5-20 : Attended the LDTAC - GPA to convert RR property in Hammil to Ag was on the agenda.
- Community Center in Chalfant has had vandalism. I have reached out to the community for help stopping it.

ADJOURNED at 1:18 PM

ATTEST

JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

SCHEEREEN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD