



**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  
February 11, 2020**

9:06 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor by Peters.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Asked to adjourn the meeting in memory and honor of Dave McCoy, community leader and founder of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.
- Quote from "Tracks of Passion": So many times in my life I've been told that my ideas were crazy, that I wouldn't be able to achieve them. But I loved what I was doing so I went ahead anyway. Some things came out like I planned. Some made a turn of direction. Some I'm still working on. But life isn't about the outcome of an idea. It's about what happens every day. The key is to wake up every morning on the positive side and put your heart into whatever it is you are doing. Set small achievable goals. One man does little on his own, but if you truly have an upbeat and encouraging attitude, then others will want to follow your ideas ,and you become a leader. Try to make every day better than the day before, not just for you, but for everyone around you because people are the most important part of the ride."

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

No one spoke.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

### 3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Steve Barwick, CAO:**

- Absent.

### 4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Mono Basin RPAC meeting on Elections Day.
- Planning Analyst hired, hoping to start Monday, February 24. Permit Technician Melissa Bell has decided to resign. Made offer to another candidate.

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Colitas Farm decision not on agenda this week, taking some time to put together.

**Jason Canger, Deputy County Counsel:**

- Walker River Litigation – two proceedings going on at the same time.

**Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:**

- Events last week, over 100 people attended.
- Increased events on Mammoth Wellness calendar.
- Friday, attended elder Tribal Council meeting about Water Walk in July.
- Creating a restructure in her department, every employee has a pathway to move up in their system - hoping to provide retention opportunities.

### 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. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on January 7, 2020.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on January 7, 2020.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-32**

#### B. Resolution Finding that Colin Tams is Industrially Disabled

Departments: Risk Management

(Jay Sloane) - Proposed resolution determining that Colin Tams is eligible for industrial disability retirement.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R20-18, Determining that Colin Tams is eligible for industrial disability retirement.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R20-18**

**C. Resolution Finding that Michael Hallum is Industrially Disabled**

Departments: Risk Management

(Jay Sloane) - Proposed resolution determining that Michael Hallum is eligible for industrial disability retirement.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R20-19, Determining that Michael Hallum is eligible for industrial disability retirement.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R20-19**

**D. Resolution approving use of a three-year audit cycle for Mono City Fire Protection District**

Departments: Finance

Resolution approving use of a three-year audit cycle for Mono City Fire Protection District in lieu of an annual audit.

**Action:** Approve Resolution R20-20, Approving use of a three-year audit cycle for Mono City Protection District in lieu of an annual audit.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R20-20**

**E. Letter of Support for Inyo National Forest's Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Application**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) is a grant program for local communities and stakeholders looking for new ways of funding healthy forests, project developers who can help connect investment capital to forested landscapes, and Forest Service managers and collaborators with projects that are ripe for private investment capital. The Mono County Board of Supervisors will issue a letter in support of the grant application from Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, on behalf Inyo National Forest,

**Action:** Approve letter of support. Authorize Board Chair to sign.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-33**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

## **A. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Notices of Public Hearings**

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Public Hearing notices for (1) the review of 2020-2021 General Fund and SB 270 Budgets and Order; and (2) consideration of amendments to Rule 411 wildland vegetation management burning in wildland and wildland / urban interfaces and the smoke management program, both to occur on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

### **Supervisor Stump:**

- The first notice deals with their budget and SB270.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of employees are paid for by LADWP with direct correlation to activities at the Owens Dry Lake. LADWP will be proposing groundwater pumping beneath the Owens Dry Lake far in excess of what was originally talked about. Great Basin is responsible for dust control there.
- Second notice is for a Public Hearing on the New smoke management plan. Believes the meeting is March 5. If you wish to make any comments on the plan prior to the meeting, Tori DeHaven will receive any comments that you wish to make.

## **B. Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District's Request to Withdraw from the OVGA**

At its regular meeting held on January 29, 2020, the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors unanimously voted to request withdrawal from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA).

## **C. Notice of Petitions for Temporary Transfer and Change Involving Rights Established Under the Walker River Decree**

The Walker River Irrigation District has submitted petitions for the temporary transfer of water and change, including instream flow dedication. Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 4:30 p.m. on March 9, 2020.

### **Supervisor Peters:**

- Attended the Walker River Irrigation District Meeting last week. What they are doing is nothing different than what was done the year before; just an annual renewal. Part of a three-year plot program and they are required to do this each year.

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Update and Proclamation**

Departments: Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance

(Rosie Graves, Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance) - The Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance (ESCA) will provide an update including changes to their Board, upcoming events, and this past October's festivities. ESCA is also requesting

Board approval of a Proclamation recognizing National Colorectal Awareness Month.

**Action:** Adopt proposed proclamation.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-34**

**Rosie Graves, ESCA:**

- Presented item. Provided a summary of activities from community pink day.
- Read proclamation for National Colorectal Awareness Month.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Motion made in honor of his sister, who just finished a year fighting colorectal cancer.

**B. Legislative Platform 2020 Update**

Departments: CAO

(Steve Barwick) - Presentation by Steve Barwick regarding Legislative Platform.

**Action:** None.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Went through document.
- Board recommended changes.

*Break: 10:43 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:51 AM*

**C. Community Corrections Partnership Update**

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Informational update on the progress of the Community Corrections Partnership.

**Action:** None.

**Jeremy Ibrahim, Public Defender:**

- Provided update.

**D. US Fish and Wildlife Service Proposed Listing of the Sierra Nevada Distinct Population Segment of the Sierra Nevada Red Fox as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act**

Departments: Community Development

(Kelly Karl) - Workshop to review the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) proposed listing the Sierra Nevada distinct population segment of the Sierra Nevada red fox as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, January 8, opening a 60-day public comment period through March 9, 2020. Information on how to submit comments is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching under docket number FWS-R8-ES-2019-0006.

**Action:** None.

**Kelly Karl, Analyst:**

- Presented item.

### **E. Civic Center Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Progress update on the County's Civic Center project at 1290 Tavern Road in Mammoth Lakes (note new permanent address: former construction address was 96 Thompsons Way).

**Action:** None.

**Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:**

- Presented update.

**Nate Greenberg, IT Director:**

- Team still working on electronics purchases to support network structure in the new building.

### **F. Project Review Committee Project Update**

Departments: Public Works - Facilities

(Joe Blanchard) - Presentation by Joe Blanchard regarding Project Review Committee review of current Project request forms.

**Action:** None.

**Joe Blanchard, Facilities Superintendent:**

- Presented item.

Moved to item 10, Board reports.

## **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

### **B. Closed Session - Public Employment**

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

### **C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Claim for damages filed by Joan Wenger against Mono County.

### **D. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two.

*Closed Session: 12:12 PM  
Reconvene: 1:05 PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Thank you to Antelope Valley community members who attended last week's meeting, and for their follow-up.
- 2/5 Long Valley HAC—update on monitoring of MCWD wells, seems to indicate there is no geothermal mixing.
- Suicide Awareness/Community Healing—thank you to the MCBH team, and all who attended.
- 2/10 State Forest Management Task Force – full task force meeting and meeting of the new local government advisory group. Continued focus on project prioritization, sharing best practices, research on forest health/climate change,
- 2/10 Behavioral Health Advisory Board—hoping to appoint three new members, appointed new chair, Carolyn Balliet, discussed follow-up from community events, announcement of partnership with nonprofit organization SHINE to provide mental health first aid training, starting March 24 and in other county communities throughout the year.

### **Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Feb. 5 I attended the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The CAC decided to support the formation of a June Lake Water Committee focused on determining if there was enough water for the existing community, snowmaking at June Mountain, and any future development in the Loop. The Committee will include representatives from the June Lake PUD, June Mountain, the Chamber of Commerce, and other interested community members.
- On Friday June 7 I attended a meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council in Lee Vining. The tribe is planning a walk this summer on July 22 from Long Valley to Mono Lake. More information will be forthcoming about this event. The tribe continues to seek federal recognition. I told them we would work on this with our Congressional representatives when we are in Washington DC later this month. We also talked about increasing visibility of their tribe through noting native place names in the County.

- Last night I attended the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council meeting. The Council is working on several projects for this year, including chipper days, home hardening meetings for residents, and various fire prevention programs.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- February 5, I participated in the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Foundation viewing event down in Inyo County. That evening I attended the Mono County Behavioral Health Department Suicide Awareness event.
- Yesterday, I participated in the Local Transportation Commission meeting. CalTrans is working on the Governor's executive order to review the agency's excess land in District 9 for addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Some highlights:
- Caltrans District 9 is also working on their Zero Emission Vehicle changing stations in the Eastern Sierra. The nearest to Mono County is in Bishop at the Caltrans District Office and these are open to the public
- YARTS - The LTC Choose to go to a June 15- Oct. 15 season this year as the 123 days of service with the existing contract for services. There is no extra cost.
- Later yesterday evening, I attended a special meeting of the MLH Board where we received a presentation from Nolan Bobroff, Town Housing Coordinator on the Town's proposed changes to their local housing density bonus policy. The MLH Board approved a letter to the Town Planning Commission on the proposal. The Town Planning and Economic Development Commission will consider and make a recommendation to the Town Council on Wednesday, February 12th at 2PM. MLH was awarded another Rural West Internship Program. As such MLH is looking for a part-time candidate for this summer through May 2021. A great opportunity to learn and grow. Contact MLH 760-934-4740 for more information.
- Tomorrow evening there is a Brews and Ballot event at 6PM at the Mammoth Brewing Company. This is an opportunity to register to vote and help get the vote out for the upcoming primary election on March 3rd.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> AV BOS
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Little
- 5<sup>th</sup> CSAC Resiliency Advisory Board Call
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mammoth Voices
- 6<sup>th</sup> Amerigas
- 6<sup>th</sup> RPAC AV – Permit Process for events
- 7<sup>th</sup> WRID – Jason Canger / Chase Paisley
- 10<sup>th</sup> LTC
- **Upcoming:**
- BP RPAC and Chamber
- BOD Meeting and Resiliency Advisory Board (Co-Chair) Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting with Borgeas and Bigelow.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 2-6: Attended the Mammoth Voices Candidate Forum
- 2-6: OVGAs Agenda review
- 2-10: Local Transportation Commission - The Commission voted to give YARTS an additional \$5000 yearly stipend which brings the yearly contribution up to \$40,000. The Commission also voted to change the YARTS service dates to 6-15 to 10-15. The Commission declined to appropriate an additional \$19,200 to cover additional service either in the first two weeks of October or June.
- 2-10: Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council - Future of the County Wood Waste Voucher Program discussed.

Moved to item 9 Closed Session.



**ADJOURNED in memory of Dave McCoy at 1:05 PM.**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREN DEDMAN  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**