

AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

Special Meeting May 14, 2020

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

As authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Order, N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Board attending from separate remote locations. This altered format is in observance of recent recommendations by local officials that precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

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10:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (The clerk will read comments received via email at this time.)

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update, Discussion of Economic Recovery, Governor's Roadmap to Recovery and Variance Process, and Fishing Opener

Departments: CAO

(Mono County Staff, EOC Staff, Stakeholders) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Continued discussion regarding State guidelines for accelerated Stage 2 business openings as part of California's Roadmap to Recovery and update on Mono County's variance eligibility status; (2) Consideration of small business grant/assistance program; and (3) Timing of fishing opener.

Recommended Action: Hear update and provide desired input or direction, including potentially directing staff to send letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting that fishing season be opened in Mono County prior to June 1, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE ADDITIONAL	May 14, 2020	DEPARTMENT	
DEPARTMENTS TIME REQUIRED	COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update, Discussion of Economic Recovery, Governor's Roadmap to Recovery and Variance Process, and Fishing Opener	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Mono County Staff, EOC Staff, Stakeholders
SUBJECT			

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hear update and provide desired input or direction, including potentially directing staff to send letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting that fishing season be opened in Mono County prior to June 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR **PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY** 32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING SEND COPIES TO:

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

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ATTACHMENTS:

NFRA Letter

History

Time	Who	Approval
5/13/2020 9:13 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
5/13/2020 9:08 AM	County Counsel	Yes
5/13/2020 9:22 AM	Finance	Yes



May 12, 2020

Via Electronic Mail

Stacy Corless Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 715 Bridgeport, California 93517

Matt Kingsley Chair, Inyo County Board of Supervisors P.O. Drawer N Independence, CA93526

Dear Supervisors Corless and Kingsley:

On behalf of the National Forest Recreation Association and its campground concession members, I am writing you to provide clarification of several rumors and mis-truths regarding the operations of campgrounds on the Inyo National Forest, including those in Mono County.

Over the past several months, the concessionaires have been in frequent contact with the Inyo Forest Supervisor and her staff with inquiries as to when they could bring in hosts and maintenance staff to clean and prepare the campgrounds for opening. The pre-season work entails removing hazard trees, activating and testing water systems, cleaning winter debris, repairing storm damage, cleaning restrooms, sweeping and raking the campsites, and performing maintenance projects. Normally this work is completed by personnel who have their own RV's and are self-contained. In addition to completing the readiness work, the employees also serve as eyes on the ground to prevent vandalism, trash dumping and damage to the natural resources. Due to various local restrictions, the concessionaires were told they could not bring in employees to conduct this work. The opening dates have been a moving target, with no confirmation of when that could occur. As you can imagine, the companies are receiving hundreds of inquiries from campers and fishermen as to when the sites will be open and blaming the concessionaires for the delays.

To date, the control of the opening dates for the campgrounds is out of the hands of the concessionaires. It is not an option for the companies to choose when they will open. With dispersed camping allowed on the forest at large, there are many visitors coming and going to use the forest with virtually no controls, no trash collection, and no restrooms available, which is a serious issue with the spread of COVID19. We believe that a phased opening of campgrounds would help to provide a healthy alternative to the situation of unmanaged use. If the concessioners are allowed to have their hosts enter the closed campgrounds, they could get the campgrounds ready to open. The companies believe their employees will be isolated and safe in the closed campgrounds while they perform the work. They are ready to come to work and

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could begin quickly. Providing managed recreation with proper garbage disposal, clean restrooms, and control of unattended campfires is what our members' companies can provide for you and your communities.

If you or any of your staff have any questions, I would be glad to assist in any way I can.

Thank you Stacy and Matt, and we hope the summer can begin soon!

Very truly yours,

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Marily Reese Executive Director National Forest Recreation Association

cc:

Jon Peters Bob Gardner Fred Stump Jennifer Kreitz Dr. Tom Boo Alicia Vennos Dan Toheroth Rick Pucci Mark Tillemans Leslie Chapman Dr. James Richardson