



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
October 12, 2021**

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, and Kreitz (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: Peters.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2021 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Matias Bernal, Wild Iris Executive Director) - Proclamation designating the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Action: Approve proclamation designating the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

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Chair Kreitz:

- Read Proclamation

Matias Bernal, Wild Iris Executive Director:

- Provided background on Wild Iris – celebrating 40 years of service
- Seen a challenge in providing safe haven to those fleeing abusive relationships due to lack of additional funding
- Fundraising opportunities

Supervisor Gardner:

- Interested in funding needed to meet service demands

Supervisor Corless:

- American Rescue Plan dollars that have not been allocated

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Strategic planning work with Alicia Vennos, Robert Bendorf, Justin Caporusso
- Interview with HR Director candidate
- Redistricting Community Conversation
- ESCOG meeting
- Tour with Tony Dublino, key solid waste sites
- Civic Center opening

Chair Kreitz:

- Request from the Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Agency to place a kiosk for child support payments in the Civic Center lobby

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Civic Center – soundproofing, snow rails, electric vehicle chargers
- Facilities – transitioning to winter approach, funding through CalOES, solar project
- Recreation update
- Road division update
- Bridgeport Jail project

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. FY 2020-2021 County Audit Engagement Letter

Departments: Finance

This audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige & Company, and subject to an existing contract for services entered into on August 7, 2018, establishes an understanding

about the audit services to be performed and the responsibilities of each party.

Action: Approve Chair of the Board of Supervisors signature on the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige & Company.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

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B. Green Fox Events Contract Agreement for Services

Departments: Public Health

Mono County has been allocated \$350,000 through the WeVax+ funding opportunity for vaccine-related services to increase vaccination rates amongst communities that the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately burdened. \$100,000 of that funding has been allocated towards Outreach Events. Green Fox Events and Guest Services will provide event management and coordination for two (2) separate COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Events. The first is scheduled for October 17, 2021, with the second date to be determined.

Action: None.

Gardner motion, no second.

Motion Failed.

Chair Kreitz:

- Concerns about two events costing \$100,000
- Events in outlying areas vs Mammoth Lakes

Supervisor Duggan:

- Helpful to see a detailed budget and outreach plan

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

- WaVax Grant is based on incentives
- Deliverables are incentive related

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Request that item be withdrawn in its entirety at this time and resubmitted taking into account the concerns that have been discussed

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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. Letter from Fire Safe Councils of the Eastern Sierra Regarding Concerns about Wildfire Activity

Letter from Fire Safe Councils of the Eastern Sierra and members of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program regarding concerns about wildfire activity in and around our communities.

Public Comment:

- Juliana Olinka-Jones – intent behind the letter is to make the Board aware of entities within the community that are very involved in wildfire safety, promoting safety, reduce wildfire.
- Holly Alpers, Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program – process of getting letter together
- Robbie Di Paolo – excited about increased efforts, additional collaboration

B. State Water Resources Control Board Order Approving Petitions for Change and Issuing Amended Licenses 10191 and 10192

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights order approving petitions for change and issuing amended Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043) held by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

The petitions include a request to modify flow regimes in four creeks tributary to Mono Lake as recommended in the 2010 Mono Basin Stream Restoration and Monitoring Program: Final Report on Synthesis of Instream Flow Recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The change in flow regimes would trigger the need for construction of a new outlet at Grant Lake Reservoir (GLR) to achieve such flows. Other changes include implementation of conditions consistent with the 2013 Settlement Agreement Regarding Continuing Implementation of Water Rights Orders 98-05 and 98-07 between LADWP and interested parties for the continuance of stream and habitat restoration of tributary creeks to Mono Lake.

Supervisor Gardner:

- After the first of the year, as work starts on this matter, we should get updates from DWP as well as Mono lake Committee about impact, progress, and results

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Review and Declaration of September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election Results

Departments: Elections

(Scheereen Dedman, Registrar of Voters) - Presentation of certified election results. Request for declaration of results. To view the complete Statement of Vote (that will be submitted to the Secretary of State

electronically, when available), visit the link below:
<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/september-14-2021-california-gubernatorial-recall-election-results>

Action:

- 1) Approve as correct the Statement of Votes for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election; and
- 2) Pursuant to the Statement of Vote, approve as correct the total votes cast for the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

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Scheereen Dedman, Registrar of Voters:

- Presented item

Break: 10:12 AM

Reconvened: 10:21 AM

B. Presentation - Building a Financially Resilient Mono County

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - This is an updated version of a May 15, 2018, presentation given by the Finance Department about Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) identification of eight essential characteristics of a financially resilient system and the building blocks of long-term financial planning. This is a good opportunity to revisit this framework in advance of the October 19th workshop discussing Mono County revenues and revenue enhancement opportunities.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presentation – Sustainability vs Resiliency, Eight Characteristics of a Resilient Financial System, Building Blocks of Long-term Planning

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-130> – recent metrics, post vaccination infections, Mammoth Hospital status, Mono County

vaccination rate and data by ethnicity, zip code, COVID vaccine school mandate, booster shots, vaccine and testing schedule

D. 30-day Review of Campfire Ordinance Prohibiting Open Fires on Private Property and County-Operated Campgrounds in Unincorporated Mono County

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - The Board has requested that the Ordinance prohibiting open fires on private property and County-operated campgrounds within unincorporated Mono County (Ord. 21-08), adopted as an urgency measure on August 17th, be reviewed every thirty days for consideration of continuing need.

Action: Review Ord. 21-08 and determine there is no longer a continuing need to prohibit open fires on private property and in County-operated campgrounds. Give direction to staff to take down signs. Ordinance will be drafted to go on consent next week to rescind Ord. 21-08.

Sheriff Braun:

- Recommend rescinding ordinance

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- In light of weather, appropriate to rescind ordinance

E. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

Action: Determine there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020). Staff direction to return next week with a resolution terminating the declaration.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

M21-221

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Majority of affected families and properties have been addressed – most went through CalOES remediation and cleanup project
- Temporary and intermediate housing
- Looking at nine properties that have not been addressed – six are tribal properties, two are properties where the owners decided to opt out of the clean up program

but would have otherwise qualified, and one property that is a “no contact” property

- How to address the issues at hand outside of programs or County obligation

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Next week, if we get confirmation that there are no other outstanding reasons for keeping the declarations in place, it can be terminated then.

F. Approval / Delegated Authority to Write a Letter to State Assemblymember Bigelow and State Senator Borgeas Regarding Public Resources Trailer Bill (SB 155)

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Corless) - This item was requested by Supervisor Corless for the purpose of seeking the Board's approval/delegated authority to write a letter to State Assemblymember Bigelow and State Senator Borgeas expressing the Board of Supervisors' disagreement with their recent vote against Senate Bill 155 (Public Resources Trailer Bill).

Action: Authorize Supervisor Corless to draft and execute on behalf of the Board a letter to Assemblymember Bigelow and Senator Borgeas.

Gardner motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

M21-222

Supervisor Corless:

- Request Board consensus on exploring further and working with RCRC to develop a letter to send to State Assemblymember Bigelow and State Senator Borgeas

G. Letter to USFS Regarding Decision Memo Issued for KORE Mining Long Valley Drilling Exploration

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director; Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel) - Letter to the Inyo National Forest requesting input, a timeline and regular updates regarding KORE Mining Ltd.'s exploratory drilling project in Long Valley.

Action: Approve and authorize Chair to sign proposed letter as drafted with additional CC'ed recipients.

Duggan motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

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Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel:

- Reviewed proposed letter

H. Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Independent Hearing Officer

Departments: Public Health

(Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director) - Proposed Resolution would replace the current LEA Independent Hearing Panel with an Independent Hearing Officer.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution replacing the current LEA Independent Hearing Panel with an Independent Hearing Officer.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

R21-70

Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director:

- Presented item
- Provided background on LEA Independent Hearing Panel

I. Employment Agreement - Risk Manager

Departments: HR and County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jacob Sloane as Risk Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Adopt Resolution R21-71, approving a contract with Jacob Sloane as Risk Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The cost for an entire fiscal year is \$123,807 of which \$99,552 is salary and \$24,255 is the cost of benefits, and was included in the approved budget.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

R21-71

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:13 PM

Reconvened: 12:58 PM

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Anne Frievault, and Ryan Roe. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: two.

Action: The Board authorized staff to file comments on behalf of the County in the matter of the Petition of the Public Advocates Office for Rulemaking to amend General Order 133-D to establish minimum service quality standards for all essential communications services pending before the California Public Utilities Commission related to broadband and voice over internet protocol service in Mono County.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 10/5 - State Natural Resources Agency Biodiversity Council meeting, presentations on the Land Water Conservation Fund and how land management agencies use LWCF to acquire lands for conservation.
- 10/6 - Invited to Mammoth Lakes Lions Club meeting to talk about county redistricting
- 10/7 - Presented on redistricting at Mammoth Voices meeting, many thanks to Supervisor Duggan for attending, and special thanks to our Board Clerk Queenie Bernard for making an excellent overview presentation, and to Clerk-Recorder-Registrar Scheereen Dedman for attending and helping out with information.
- 10/9 - Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting - many administrative items, including contract with Executive Director, and issuing RFP for
- Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator Project Consultants (CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife grant awarded to ESCOG).
- Southern California Edison Government Advisory Panel meeting - meeting of local government representatives in SCE's northwest territory (Mono, Inyo, Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara counties and cities), presentations on three programs - Transportation Electrification (charging stations), Building Electrification, Public Safety Power Shutoff Readiness. See attached presentation for details on each program, all of interest to our communities, can ask SCE to schedule a presentation to our board as needed.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Several meetings this past week were cancelled and rescheduled, gave a great opportunity to work with staff on items coming before the Board. Upcoming review of the GSP for OVGA. Fabulous work from Community Development Director Wendy Sugimura and Deputy County Counsel Emily Fox.
- Attended and participated at Mammoth Voices about Redistricting – good for this particular group to see how the tool works, and what the goals are.
- Yesterday, I participated in the preliminary events at the WIR Conference in Salt Lake City, UT

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday Oct. 6 I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics discussed at the meeting included the Active Transportation Plan, a COVID update, and the status of continued remote meetings.
- On Friday Oct. 8 I participated in the regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. Agenda items included approval of several actions to support and continue ESCOG operations and approval of pursuit of selected recreation-related grant applications.

Chair Kreitz:

- Met with Robert Bendorf after our regular meeting last week, October 5th, to further discuss the County's strategic planning process.
- October 6th I met with MLH Executive Director Patricia Robertson to discuss various potential housing solutions, including ways to use the County's land holdings. Later that day I attended the Town Council meeting.
- Thursday, October 7th I met with Friends of the Inyo staff, Jora Fogg to learn about the Bodie Hills Conservation efforts.
- Later I attended the MLH Fundraising Committee meeting where we discuss the October 16th Access Apartment kickoff. Please join us on this Saturday at 238 Sierra Manor Road at 3PM.
- Also on Thursday, I met with staff from the State Treasury office and the Deputy Director of TCAC to discuss Mono County's activity, or lack there of, in applying for Low Income Housing Tax Credits.
- Lastly, I watched the community conversation on redistricting Thursday evening.
- Friday, October 8th I participated in the MLH Access Apartment weekly project update. We met with the architects to discuss some of the necessary changes in order to have the project ready for a HomeKey grant application.
- Yesterday, October 11th I attended a meeting with MLH and HCD staff for a HomeKey pre-application meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 1:15 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

QUEENIE BARNARD
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD