



## **Behavioral Health**

**Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) training** - Three members of the Behavioral Health Department— Salvador Montanez, Richard Bonneau and Debra Stewart—joined with members of Mono County Probation to attend a three day Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) training. MRT is a widely recognized evidence based program to address issues and “problem thinking” by those who are in the criminal justice system. This program can cut recidivism by 1/3 for those who have been or are currently in custody (jail). Having BH staff trained in MRT allows us to provide structured service to those who are involved with the Mono County justice system and work alongside the Sheriff, County Jail, and Probation departments.

On a similar note, Robin Roberts attended a conference in Sacramento put on by the California Institute for Mental Health called : “And Justice For All.” This conference had in attendance Judges, BH specialists, Probation officers, and other specialty service providers who work with the mentally ill and substance dependent who are involved with the court system to provide seamless services in an effort to keep those with a severe mental health diagnosis out of the criminal justice system when at all possible. Given the collaborative work within our great county of Mono, this was an opportunity to see how much we are already tending to and what we might want to pursue as we move these programs along.

**The Benton “Dinner and A Movie” will be where it’s happening on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Benton Community Center. Come on over and join us for a lasagna dinner and the movie Frozen (not to be confused with frozen lasagna). The event is held 3:00-6:00PM.

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## **Community Development**

**June Lake CAC** – A special meeting of the June Lake CAC was held Wednesday to continue discussion on regional transportation plan policies moderated by Courtney Weiche and Gerry Le Francois. Thanks to the CAC for putting time and energy into this important planning effort.

**Biomass for heat** – A biomass utilization feasibility study concluded with a presentation at Thursday’s Town/County Liaison meeting. Biomass (woody waste) for thermal heat only systems are the most viable, providing a return on investment in 2 to 12 years. The report provides extensive technical information that would help any interested party. Contact Wendy Sugimura if interested.

**Alternative Transportation Program (ATP)** – At Tuesday’s meeting the Mono Supervisors approved project concepts to be further developed into ATP grant applications. The complete streets/safe routes to school project focuses on continuing to implement the Bridgeport Main Street project and also touches several other communities. The recreational trails project focuses on June Lake’s down canyon trail from Gull Lake to Double Eagle Resort.

**Bridgeport Valley RPAC** – The RPAC further refined the scope of the Bridgeport Main Street project noted above. A cooperative effort by RPAC members, County Service Area (CSA) #5, and Wendy Sugimura has made progress toward beautification and landscaping of Main Street, including hanging flower baskets and design of a banner system across US 395.

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## County Administrator's Office

**Bodie Road dialogue with partner agency continues** – Supervisor Tim Fesko, Asst. County Counsel Stacey Simon, Acting Public Works Direct Jeff Walters and I met again with representatives from State Parks, Caltrans, and the Bureau of Land Management to address the issue of road maintenance of Highway 2070 Bodie Road.

This item will be coming to the Board on April 15<sup>th</sup> with some options to improve conditions through a mutually agreed upon solution between all parties for both a short term fix to improve conditions for this year as well as continue the dialogue for future longer term solutions.

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**Town of Mammoth Lakes and County Liaison Committee meets** – Supervisor Byng Hunt, Mayor Rick Wood, Councilwoman Jo Bacon and Supervisor Fred Stump met on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, to discuss issues in both jurisdictions. Items included the ongoing efforts to move forward on solid waste issues facing both governments (thank you to Tony Dublino for being there and for his ongoing efforts to keep our solid waste system in the black).

Town manager Dan Holler and I also discussed the new IT lease which is saving both jurisdictions critical funds and improving services. Thanks again to Nate Greenberg for his efforts to bring this to fruition.

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**Eastern Sierra Council of Government quarterly meeting in Mammoth** – Chairman Larry Johnston, Supervisor Byng Hunt, Inyo Supervisors Jeff Griffiths and Linda Arcularius, Councilman John Eastman and Michael Raimondo met and discussed a number of interregional issues. The ESCOG Board discussed ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration between all four jurisdictions (Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Inyo and Mono Counties).

The primary issue of discussion was our jurisdictions combined efforts to address the potential listing of the Sage grouse, the Yellow Legged frog and Yosemite Toad. Each jurisdiction is focusing on prevention efforts.

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**Next month's Coffee with the CAO times set!** – Thank you again to the employees who attended both coffees. The meetings are a great opportunity to receive feedback and share ideas about improving the organization. April Coffees will be:

### **North County Coffee with CAO**

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00am to 9:00 (we went extra last time and are able to if there is an interest!)

Bridgeport Memorial Hall, Bridgeport.



**South County Coffee with CAO**Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to 9:30am

CAO Conference Room at the Sierra Center Mall

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**Next Strategic Planning Steering Committee March 27<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeport Memorial Hall** – Thank you to the 20 employees who participated in the Strategic Planning Steering Committee on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We had many new faces at the meeting and that is great to see and representatives from most departments. At this point, these meetings have drawn over 70 distinct employees (some able to make a few of the meetings and few who have made one or two) representing the organization. Everyone is encouraged to attend if interested.

***The next meeting will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm to 6:30pm at the Bridgeport Memorial Hall. Next meeting we are asking folks to attend and bring a fellow employee.***

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**Mono Innovation groups collecting ideas from across the organization** – Last month we had the first of the Mono Innovation groups. These meetings are where employees can come together and think about new ways of providing service. We hold these meetings in both Bridgeport and in Mammoth.

Attached with the Board Update is the compiled list of all of the ideas offered at those meeting as well as those received through the web address [Innovationideas@mono.ca.gov](mailto:Innovationideas@mono.ca.gov). Working with departments, we will start to review these ideas, and ultimately bring to the Board the ideas that can help address ongoing challenges. Take a look and send in your ideas as well or if you can, please attend our next meeting.

**North County Mono Innovation Group**Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 9:00am

Bridgeport Memorial Hall

**South County Mono Innovation Group**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to 9:30 am

CAO Conference Room at Sierra Center

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**Inyo County Service redesign continues at Inyo Board on March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Attached along with the Board Update is the upcoming Inyo County discussion regarding redesigning county services to attain savings and better services.

Inyo County CAO invited Mono Department heads to participate in this effort and investigate ways we can better partner with other governments in the region. A huge \*Thank you\* to Inyo CAO Kevin Carunchio and his staff for the invitation and willingness to be part of a needed conversation about Shared Services.

Given Mono County's ongoing efforts to look at new, better and more effective ways to provide services, Inyo's efforts reflect the capacity to get out of our silos and work across the lines.

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## Economic Development

### Tradeshows

1. Staff attended the [Fred Hall Fishing Show](#) in Long Beach March 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Mono County Tourism, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Bishop Chamber of Commerce, June Lake Pack Outfit, Adventures in Camping, Parchers Resort, Mt. Whitney Portal, Convict Lake Resort, Lone Pine Pheasant Club, and Angel's Restaurant participated in the dedicated Eastern Sierra section. In addition, an Eastern Sierra Fishing Coalition panel was featured in the Mammoth Lakes seminar area daily and was moderated by "Let's Talk Hook-Up" Radio's Pete Gray. The goal was to inform and educate the public about world-class fishing in both Inyo and Mono Counties, as well as discuss the activities and sightseeing opportunities that can complement a fishing trip. Additional publicity included panels on two morning radio shows -- [Mighty AM1090's Let's Talk Hook-Up](#) (<http://www.hookup1090.com/uploads/archives/3-9-14%20hour%201.mp3>), and [Angels AM830's Radio Outdoor Expeditions](#). The Eastern Sierra Fishing Coalition will also be attending the Fred Hall Fishing Show in San Diego, California at the end of March.
2. A big thank you goes out to Chris Long and Pam Hamic at the West Walker Motel for volunteering and representing Mono County at our tradeshow booth at the [Reno Off-Road & Motorsports Expo / Reno Boat & Recreation Show](#).
3. Alicia Vennos represented the High Sierra Visitors Council, of which Mono County is an active member, at Visit California's New York Media Event on Tuesday – final attendance figures but approximately 75 key media professionals attended the event, representing the New York Post, New York Times, the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, Travel & Leisure, Rand McNally, AOL Travel/MapQuest, StarChefs, National Geographic Traveler, Conde Naste, and many more key outlets.
4. Staff will attend the first annual San Diego Travel & Adventure Expo next weekend; this event is modeled after the successful Los Angeles and Bay Area shows.



**Filming:** Interest in filming has picked up significantly this month. Some of the notable location scouts are from a clothing commercial by Engelbert Strauss and a FOX reality show called "Utopia." In Sacramento on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Association of Independent Commercial Producers has organized a lobby day to advocate for a commercials tax credit. The delegation is meeting with Asm. Bigelow at 11am; unfortunately Alicia Vennos cannot attend in person but since commercials constitute



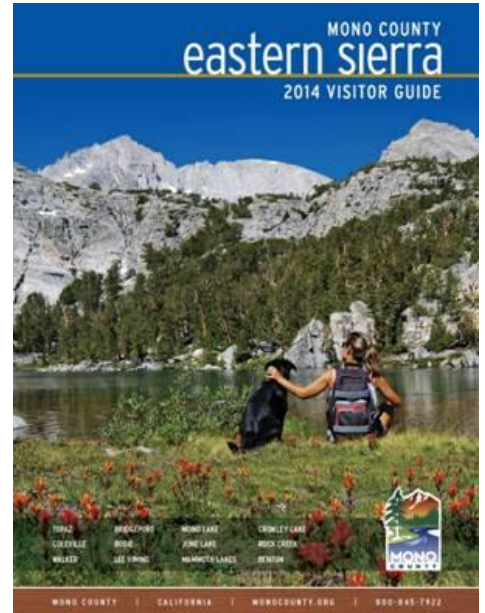
95% of all filming in Mono County, the Film Commission will be showing its support for this tax credit initiative by letter

**Website Updates** – Lots of changes to our tourism website! Staff created a new hiking section with tabs that include information on the top 10 trails throughout the county, gear and rental locations, hiking essentials, rules & regulations, permits and fees, trail conditions & reports and information on Mt. Whitney, the John Muir Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. All will help increase search engine optimization (SEO) and bring more internet traffic to our website. Your feedback and input are welcome. Details here: <http://www.monocounty.org/static/index.cfm?contentID=858>

**Merced River Plan:** The Merced River Film Plan and EIS were released last week. Details can be found here: [http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mrp\\_finalplan.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/mrp_finalplan.htm)

**2014 Visitor Guide:** Staff is already beginning to work on updating the Mono County Visitor Guide for next year. Your input is welcome so please take look at the version available on line here: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk//launch.aspx?pbid=0b4c206a-64cd-4934-96e6-8bdfca65de58> and send along any feedback to [avenenos@mono.ca.gov](mailto:avenenos@mono.ca.gov) or [jsimpson@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jsimpson@mono.ca.gov).

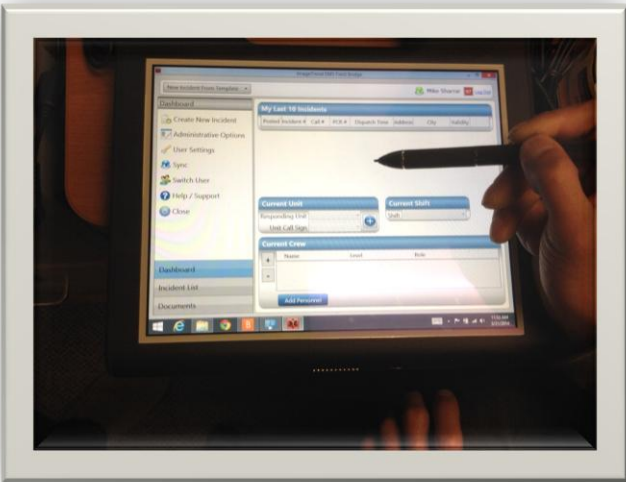
**Society of American Travel Writers Conference:** Mammoth Lakes is hosting a 4 day conference for the Society of American Travel Writer’s in June. The SATW members consist of writers, photographers, editors, film lecturers, broadcast/video/film producers, bloggers, website contributors and owners, creators of mobile apps and public relations representatives. This conference gives us a unique opportunity to highlight our region and position ourselves in magazines and newspapers, travel books and guides, radio and television programs. These writers work for National Geographic Traveler, Westways Magazine, LA Times travel section, Boston Globe travel section, San Francisco Chronicle travel section, Travel + Leisure, Afar magazine, several other AAA magazines, Chicago Tribune, Travelscope e-magazine, Dallas Morning Star, Islander magazine and many others.



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**Information Technology**

**Digital 395 Status Updates** - IT continues to turn up Mono County sites with Digital 395 service. Since the last update, Medic 3 and the Crowley Lake Road Shop have been brought online. The service has been working well overall, with just a few issues that we continue to work through with the provider.



**New tablets for Paramedics** - For the past month, Medic 3 has been testing a new tablet computer made by Motion Computing for use in the ambulances. The tablets are ruggedized to meet the demands of EMS providers, run the Image

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Trend software they need for billing, as well as read EKG strips and perform the other necessary functions natively in a Windows 8 environment. The testing has gone well, resulting in the Paramedic program purchasing three additional units that will be rolled out to the medics next week. A big thank you goes out to IT's Andy Liu, Rob DeForrest, Mike Sharrar, and Lynda Salcido for making this project a success.

**DA Case Management software coming online** -Thanks to the hard work of Neil Pieterse, the District Attorney's Case Management software is about to go live for deputies and clerical staff. This past week, Cameron Cary and Neil moved the Case Management server from Bridgeport to Mammoth to improve the performance of the application, and installed all of the workstations with the necessary software. Training on the program should begin next week.

**Social Services server room**- Last week Greg Newbry assisted Social Services and the State with cleaning up and re-routing of some power in their server room in Sierra Center Mall. Kathy Peterson applauded Greg for going above and beyond the call of duty, stating that "Lesser IT souls would say 'Hey, that's not my problem, it's the State's!'" Ensuring uptime for the technology supporting that department is imperative in for them to continue to provide service to the community they support.

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**Sheriff's Office**

1. Several members of the Sheriff's Office attended the Annual KEYS Jail Conference this past week. Very informative breakout sessions and the conference was well attended by agencies from around the State.
2. We are still currently working on updating several MOU's with allied agencies such as MWTC, Mammoth Hospital, Cerro Coso College along with Douglas County Sheriff.
3. Several MONET arrests were made this week, with press releases going out to the local media.
4. We met with CHP, County Public Works, and others relating to pre-planning for the Bridgeport 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

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In two to three days; 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, they want pick up their UPS. Everything will go down when this happens.

The Rack for mostly CWS routers/switches and two servers on the floor. The county also has router on this rack.

Note the power strip (white) under the Verizon router. Most of the routers and both servers are plugged into this power strip. (this is mostly CWS setup with one county owned/maintained internet router also).

The white UPS is county owned but I is non-functional. The UPS to the left was installed by Verizon contractor when they installed the Verizon router. Several Verizon devices are plugged into this UPS.

The router to be removed by Child Support is at the bottom of the picture and that's where the power strip is plugged in

In a pinch, there are four vacant plugs on the new large cws UPS and two on the small new UPS just behind the larger one. There are eight devices on the power strip. One could plug in five of the devices to the UPS, plug in the power strip to one socket and leave two of the less important devices plugged into the power switch.



Close up of power strip.

All the switches/routers and two servers are plugged into the power strip.

Servers: 2012106 (new one closest in the picture, 829137 (the older one under the rack)

- Switch: SFIS 2601 Mammoth Lakes OSI 760240 (HP 2510-24)
- ISAWS switch, none of the five used ports seem to be in use (never light up).
- CWS cisco 3750G switch.
- ISAWS CWS/CMS SFIS Cisco 2600 router (asset 012837
- County maintained switch which provide internet/email to state pcs.