

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 6:30 pm, remote/virtual meeting via Zoom/conference call

Members present: Lisa Cutting, Bartshe Miller, Elin Ljung, Duncan King, Chris Lizza, and Kristie Nelson

Public Attendees and Presenters: Virtual attendees list filed by staff. Please contact Bentley Regehr, if needed (bregehr@mono.ca.gov).

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 6:32 pm.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Review Minutes from June:** An edit of changing the word “revered” to “reversed” was made. Elin motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Kristie seconded. Unanimously passed.
3. **Supervisor Gardner’s report:** Bob reported on last board meeting which included lengthy discussions on Covid and industrial hemp production. Chris asked if the county was still taking public comment about the Tioga Inn project. Wendy responded that even without a formal meeting occurring, public comments are always welcome. Some further discussion on timeline between when new material regarding the project comes out and how long would the review period before the next hearings – answer ~ a week.
4. **Chair Persons Report:** Duncan reported that he and Ilene attended the SCE field trip to the LV substation area. Ilene has compiled a report about it. The speedometer on the north end of town is not working (again). Two additional flashy cross-walk signals are still planned to be installed. Wendy will check in about that with Caltrans.
5. **Members Reports: Elin:** Attended the two days of Tioga Inn meetings – thanks to Bob and BoS for listening to the complex issues and nuance, also thanks to Wendy and staff for managing the meeting. **Chris:** seconded Elin’s comments. The Planning Commission approved a short-term rental, and is still working on June Lake Highlands. Mono Market still in escrow still. There are overall shortages of certain products like domestic beer and paper products. **Lisa:** Also attended the Tioga Inn meetings and seconds’ Elin’s comments. She also thanked Duncan for doing such a terrific job chairing the RPAC meetings. **Bartshe:** also echoed appreciation to county staff and Duncan. Reported the Mono Lake Committee is hosting limited hours with an outdoor table to provide visitor information, field questions, etc. They are navigating how that will best work out.
6. **Fire Safe Council:** Meets after this meeting this month. Have banner and will soon place the truck. The green waste dumpster is full again.
7. **INF update:** Gordon reported that most campgrounds are open except group ones and Red’s Meadow. He gave an update on the recent hiring within INF which has included a second recreation officer and temp. Deputy DR. ESIA may open the Visitor Center store soon, but the VC overall will open only under certain Covid situations. The forest service is only in opening stage 1 of 3, but phone lines are operational for fielding questions and they are putting up more signs. Gordon gave update on recent SCE work projects. Chris asked about the situation at the Dechambeau Ponds. The FS is working on an environmental analysis plan and hope to have that done by next spring. In the shorter term they plan to increase ditch efficiency. He also mentioned the formal letter sent to the BoS on the Wilson/Dechambeau area. Someone asked about Grandview campground, but sounds like it will remain closed this year due to staffing.

- 8. Lee Vining SCE substation update:** Defer to next month when Ilene is here. The access road that was created – the part of it that is on Caltrans land will be removed and rehabbed, the part on SCE land will remain for parking and storage.
- 9. Pedestrian Connectivity:** Wendy mentioned more information on this may come up at the next Tioga Inn meeting. Efforts to encourage and promote this trail/route should be continued. The Hwy 120 pedestrian crossing continues to be on-going question.
- 10. Update on Covid issues:** There's been a recent increase of 8 cases in Mammoth, 30+ people in the contact tracing. 2.5% positivity rate. Tiger bar closed for a while due to Covid complaints, it is now open again.
- 11. Information Items:** Tioga Inn update was discussed at the beginning of this meeting
- 12. Future agenda items:** SCE sub-station, regular standing topics

Adjourned 7:28pm

next meeting Aug. 12

Respectfully submitted – Kristie Nelson