

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

Members present: Katie Bellomo, Steve Connett, Lisa Cutting, Zane Davis, Ilene Mandelbaum, and Bartshe Miller. **Absent:** Alex Flores, Tim Hansen, Chris Lizza, Mark Logan, and Lucy Parker.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Scott Burns, Joe Bellomo, Duncan King, Jim Leddy, and Jim Kerby.

1. **Call to order:** 6:37 pm
2. **Public comment:** Ilene commented that the deer are still very active so watch out for them on the highway.
3. **Review Minutes:** October 9, 2013: Revised item 2a. "he was present." 2b. "Heather." 3. "add "minutes approved." Motion by Mandelbaum; second by Connett; abstaining Bellomo, Cutting, and Davis (absent); passes unanimously.
4. **Supervisor's report:** Tim Alpers absent so CAO Jim Leddy relayed information. Mono County has revised a Mammoth Mountain working group that includes representatives from the County and Mammoth Mountain. The goal is to meet regularly and keep good communication going. The recent June Lake CAC meeting had approximately 85 people attending to hear about updates related to June Mountain. Mono County Fisheries Commission will be having a workshop with the County in January to define the Commission's duties and responsibilities.
5. **Chairman's report:** Bartshe Miller – Nothing.
6. **Member's reports:**
 - a. Katie Bellomo: In October SCE asked Mono County for an easement to access property for water conveyance from the Mill Powerhouse as part of a FERC relicensing requirement. Mono County denied the request. Scott Burns added that it was because of the costly environmental work that would be needed and the fear that the action would affect Mono County's water rights.
 - b. Steve Connett: Will be resigning from the RPAC effective January 2014 due to increased work demands.
 - c. Lisa Cutting: Nothing.
 - d. Zane Davis: Nothing.
 - e. Alex Flores: Absent.
 - f. Tim Hansen: Absent.
 - g. Chris Lizza: Absent.
 - h. Mark Logan: Absent.
 - i. Ilene Mandelbaum: Nothing.
 - j. Lucy Parker: Absent.
7. **Update on the BLM Environmental Assessment for the Mono City Emergency Road and the County's next steps (Staff)** Mono County met with BLM last week and Mono County has proposed revised the mitigation measures. BLM is reviewing and will approve changes. At that point, Mono County will take the Environmental Assessment and convert to a CEQA document, likely a Negative Declaration. The document will then be circulated for public comment. After right of way issues / permissions are granted, then BLM will issue the final approval. The boulders that are currently blocking access will be removed once the crash gates are installed.
8. **Discuss recommendation to County staff for seasonal plowing of the Lundy Lake Road, maximizing recreational use and other values in the context of the Mono**

Basin Community Plan The Lundy Lake Road is a class 5 road which means it is last in priority for plowing. The group discussed desired actions for plowing (or not); the locking of the upper and lower gates; public safety concerns; resort owner concerns; and the desire of the public to access areas for winter recreation. The group agreed that they did not want it changed from a class 5 road but did want more consistency in the way the County maintains the road. Establishing set dates for gate closures regardless of the snow conditions might be appropriate. The item was then continued to next meeting for further discussion.

9. **Review changes and provide input on the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Communication Chapter policies, and Mono Basin policies (Staff)** Reviewed RTP document with revised changes. This will need to be adopted by the Local Transportation Commission and will guide potential projects in Mono County. The communications policies will go to the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors for approval. It then becomes part of the Mono County General Plan.
10. **Information items: (Planning)**
 - a. A cell tower has been approved to be installed at the June Lake PUD site off of Highway 395 south of Lee Vining. Planning Commission meeting is tomorrow and has the Silver Lake Ski Area on the agenda for renewal to operate again this winter.
 - b. Mono County submitted comments on the proposed listing of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog and Yosemite Toad. Staff is also working on comments to the proposed listing of sage grouse and has requested an extension to the comment period. The current comment deadline is December 27, 2013.
11. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Wednesday, December 11, 2013
12. **Adjourn:** 8:30 pm

Submitted by Lisa Cutting