

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Lee Vining Community Center**

Members present: Lisa Cutting, Paul McFarland, Chris Lizza, Margy Verba, Bartshe Miller and Duncan King.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Gary Nelson, Tim Hansen, Lynn Boulton, Glenda Bayless, Kristie Nelson, Joel Ellis, John Ljung, Mary Ljung, Alex Aguilar, Dan Face, Kyle Kimbrel, Rudy Gonzales, Bob Gordon, Joe Blommer, Sarah Rea, Geoff McQuilkin, Megan Mahaffey, Emilyn Sheffield.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:43 p.m.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Review Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2016 were approved with the following change – Item 6a should read "Mono Basin Community Plan" and not "General Plan". Chris Lizza proposed, Lisa Cutting seconded. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Tim Alpers introduced CAO Leslie Chapman.
5. **Chairperson's Report:** Paul reported PUC approved rate increase for Lee Vining. Application to establish a secondary water supply to comply with the requirement for two sources of water.
6. **Members' Reports:**
 - a. Chris Lizza: The Planning Commission meetings have been moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month.
7. **Caltrans Update (Joe Blommer):** 930 anchors in; 400 to go. Progress a little slower than anticipated. Have done some seeding on 10 acres; 5 acres left.
8. **SCE Update (Alex Aguilar, Dan Face, Kyle Kimbrel, Rudy Gonzales):** Mission is safe, reliable, affordable power. Don't know root cause of our power line issues. Stepped up patrols on lines. Alex Aguilar explained the monitoring process. 84 structures between Lee Vining and Lundy in cue to be replaced. Permitting is an issue. County will work with SCE to facilitate permit. Arc flashes are unusual for mountain areas. Some discussion of salt corrosion as a possible cause ensued as arcing is more typical in a beach area. Paul informed SCE the ice fog was above the pole line. Need to ascertain whether replacing insulators will work. Pole replacement/repair work scheduled through 2019. Supervisor-elect, Bob Gardner, requested monthly updates from SCE. SCE described the PUC regulated maintenance process designed for fair geographic distribution. Discussion ensued about what qualifies as emergency work with respect to permitting. SCE contact person for this issue is Rudy Gonzalez.
9. **Scenic Byway Report (Emilyn Sheffield, Megan Mahaffey):** Presented two separately funded but related projects on same timeline: 120 Corridor Plan and 395 Corridor Plan. Described projects; 120 under consideration to expand to gateway communities. Requested community input to see if there is interest in coordinating projects. Loop driving opportunities are being explored. Discussion of management of increased visitation ensued. Emilyn and Megan explained how Corridor Management Plans are an opportunity for funding (e.g. via Clean Air and Clean Water Acts for mitigation), and that community support is critical in order to compete for funding.
10. **Scott Burns Update:** Environmental Scoping Meeting for Tioga Inn, October 27th, 4:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center. Proposing 120 hotel rooms and 3 stories instead of 2. No update on internet.
11. **Upcoming Agenda Items:** Paul McFarland leaving RPAC due to new job conflict. New Chair person, and grow RPAC.
12. **Adjourn:** 8:56 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday 11/9/2016.