



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

Regular Meetings: The  
First, Second, And  
Third Tuesday of each  
month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

February 8, 2011

9:00 AM Meeting called to Order by Chairman Hazard.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**  
***No one spoke.***

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- 2/2 - Mono County Mental Health / Alcohol Advisory Board meeting; some interesting discussions took place regarding cutbacks, medical marijuana issues. Ann Gimpel is going to retire Jan. 1, 2012.
- He got notice that we got \$135,000 for health grant.
- Solid Waste Fund meeting yesterday in Town Manager's office, interesting discussion.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- 2/3 – Antelope Valley RPAC: community center, Public Works Survey,
- 2/4 – DWP meeting, we are going to have to continue to pursue.
- Yesterday, Walker River Irrigation meeting; IMAAA meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- Supposedly some major road work coming up (Bodie Road and in town).
- Tomorrow at Lee Vining RPAC, Praxis will come and talk about 395.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Last Tuesday night went to June Lake Women's Club installation dinner – they have a new president every month.
- 2/3 – listened in on CSAC meeting.
- NAACO Courthouse Awards just went out to bid – she was thinking of doing a write up on our 23 county survey project.
- She has started on her work for her trip to D.C. which is in 3 weeks. Her work is limited: she is going to try to get Mt. Andrea reinstated; in the transportation realm everyone is trying to do more with less.
- Redistricting Commission: they picked an executive director; next week they are picking the rest of the staff. Board needs to write formal request letter for public hearing and comment.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Had request with local dentist to look at Ogden; passed along to Brian.
- Attended ML Housing Board meeting – financial conditions o.k., working on some forecasts, hoping for more escrows to be closed. They have grant monies; report on what's happening with the mountain.
- Local Governance in California – attended training on this.
- He will be attending the second new supervisors' training with Supervisor Hansen in February.
- There is a neighborhood Public Workshop and Listening Session in Suite Z on 2/23/11 at 5 p.m. hosted by the Town.
- Solid Waste issues: Materials Recovery facility.
- Received a lot of correspondence regarding Bodie Hills.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- 2/4 office hours in Benton, discussion about delayed escrows and maps.
- Was going to attend IMAAA but was unable to due to technical difficulties with videoconferencing.
- Solid Waste meeting.
- RPAC last night in Chalfant: discussed cell phone issues with AT&T; 57% voted no expansion of the shooting ordinance. Second issue coming back to Board – people on eastside are raising animals on their property for food and then killing them with guns.
- Next week is Bodie Hills issue – very clear from emails, etc. we will have a full house. This item will happen over at Memorial Hall. IT will be setting up sound systems, etc.
- Donald Sebastian passed away on Thanksgiving Day. This meeting dedicated to him.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

- 1) **CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht):** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**Dave Wilbrecht:**

- Went to Monterey for County Administrator meeting; spent time there with CSAC representative discussing realignment and what will happen if the voters don't vote for it in June – basically the money will come out of services within the counties.
- Yesterday, series of meetings. He spent time with Howard Pickett and others from MMSA to talk about next steps in process of air service. The mountain is still very interested in partnership. Money they are talking about now isn't due until 2012 which gives us some time. Mammoth Lakes Tourism is now the contractor with the airline.
- Solid Waste discussion – town's concern about equity and everyone's participation in helping them reach longer goals.

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M11-20 Action:** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 18, 2011.

**Hunt/Hansen 5-0**

**Closed Session: 9:01 a.m.**  
**Break: 10:02 a.m.**  
**Reconvene: 10:08 a.m.**  
**Lunch: 12:02 p.m.**  
**Reconvene: 1:08 p.m.**  
**Closed Session: 2:42 p.m.**  
**Reconvene: 3:40 p.m.**  
**Adjourn: 3:45 p.m.**

#### CLOSED SESSION

***There was nothing to report out of either closed session.***

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, and Jim Arkens. 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), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

##### **Sheriff Scholl:**

- Cory Custer just graduated from the Sheriff's Academy with honors; he is now in field training phase for next 3-4 months.
- There have been some questions raised about grants, etc. He'd like to do a full presentation regarding the grants in the future, apart from what is on the agenda for today.

##### **Brian Muir:**

- Still moving forward to funding solid waste COPS, next week they will have basic documents to review and authorize. There is minimal exposure to the county; going from public to private placement.
- Mid-Year review: in terms of presentations, intention is to have complete package available and within that all operational requests will be taken; idea is to have everybody available to answer questions, etc. Scheduled for 3/3/11 and any input/questions from Board that he can get ahead of time would be appreciated. Maybe we should start the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> and then go into the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brian will be gone on the 1<sup>st</sup> but his staff can handle it.
- Board: Supervisor Johnston expects to have a lot of questions and is not sure one day is sufficient. Supervisor Hansen: he's all for more communication. Supervisor Hazard: do the Bridgeport Departments on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the Mammoth Departments on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. He suggested keeping regular board meeting items on the morning agenda and then addressing mid-year budget beginning the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Board feels it needs to be department by department. General consensus is that the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be in Mammoth Lakes, CA.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Walker River Water Leasing Demonstration Program update: in July a letter was sent to the irrigation district expressing an interest to engage with them, they requested letter not be sent (she handed out past correspondence from both parties). She spoke to Ken Spooner asking how Mono County could engage and obtain information; he suggested a letter from the board to the district, she will be drafting the letter for board consideration at an upcoming meeting.

**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.)

8d pulled from agenda  
5a,b,c,d pulled for further discussion

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

- 4a) Amendment to ESTA JPA Re: the Separation of the Duties and Functions of the Treasurer and the Auditor-Controller - In order to complete an agreement for services with Inyo County, it will be necessary to further amend ESTA's JPA to define that the Treasurer would be responsible for the duties and functions of the Treasurer, and the Auditor-Controller would be responsible for the duties and functions of the Auditor-Controller. Dave Wilbrecht, County CAO, requested to have this item agendized.

- R11-03** **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-03 amending Section 2.2 of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Joint Powers Agreement to separate the duties and functions of the Treasurer and the Auditor-Controller.  
**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

**SHERIFF CORONER**

- 5a) FY 2010 California Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) - The California Emergency Management Agency, Grant Division, has requested a supplemental governing body resolution for participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for 2010. The resolution should specifically identify Sheriff Richard C. Scholl or Sergeant Jeff Beard as authorized agents to sign for and administer the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for 2010.

- R11-05** **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-05 authorizing the Mono County Sheriff's Department to participate in the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and to name Sheriff Richard C. Scholl and Sergeant Jeff Beard to sign for and administer the EMPG grant for the Mono County operational area. The Emergency Management Performance Grant will not exceed \$150,000.00.  
**Hunt/Johnston 5-0**

**Sergeant Beard:**

- Explained the necessity of having a resolution naming both himself and the Sheriff as being authorized to sign.
- This is a dollar for dollar match.
- Explained the need for a third party added to Homeland Security grant. By having an additional signature it will make it easier for him to get the paperwork back to Sacramento

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Questioned lack of information in Staff Report.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Why are you including a third party in some of the grants?

5b) FY 2011 California Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) - The California Emergency Management Agency has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The resolution should specifically identify Sheriff Richard C. Scholl, Sergeant Jeff Beard, and Lynetta Fuerst as authorized agents to sign for and administer the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for fiscal year 2011.

**R11-06 Action:** Adopt Resolution R11 – 06 authorizing the Mono County Sheriff's Department to participate in the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and to name Sheriff Richard C. Scholl, Sergeant Jeff Beard, and Lynetta Fuerst as authorized agents to sign for and administer the EMPG grant for the Mono County operational area. The Emergency Management Performance Grant will not exceed \$150,000.00.

**Hunt/Johnston 5-0**

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Asked about the match.

**Sergeant Beard:**

- Explained this is also a dollar for dollar match.
- Sheriff's Dept. always exceeds the match.

5c) FY 2011 California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program - The California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Division has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program. The resolution should specifically identify Sheriff Richard C. Scholl or Sergeant Jeff Beard as authorized agents to sign for and administer the California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program for fiscal year 2011.

**R11-07 Action:** Adopt Resolution R11- 07 authorizing Richard C. Scholl, Sheriff,

or Sergeant Jeff Beard, Emergency Services Coordinator, to apply for and administer the California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program for fiscal year 2011. The California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant will not exceed \$100,000.00.

**Sergeant Beard:**

- They go through Public Hearing process through OLGA which is an online application. We are no longer required for “public hearings”
- Explained the match which is 25%.
- This year they have are asking for approximately \$82,000 – almost double what they got last year.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Are we required for public hearing?
- Was concerned about lack of background included with item submitted.
- Explained the need to have all documentation in front of the Board to review ahead of time, without it they aren't exactly sure what they are obligating themselves to.

5d) Office of Homeland Security FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program - The California Emergency Management Agency has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Homeland Security Grant Program. The resolution should specifically identify Sheriff Richard C. Scholl, Sergeant Jeff Beard, and Lynetta Fuerst as authorized agents to sign for and administer the Homeland Security Grant Program for fiscal year 2011.

**R11-08 Action:** Adopt Resolution R11- 08 authorizing the Mono County Sheriff's Department to participate in the Office of Homeland Security FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program and to name Sheriff Richard C. Scholl, Sergeant Jeff Beard, and Lynetta Fuerst as authorized agents to sign for and administer the Homeland Security Grant. The Homeland Security Grant will not exceed \$150,000.00.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Is there a grant match on this?
- At some point he would like Sergeant Beard to come before the Board to explain the summer program.

**Sergeant Beard:**

- No match, no employee salaries out of this grant.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION**

6a) Reappointment / Appointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Members - Recommend Molly DesBaillets to be appointed to the board as a new member. Current members recommended for reappointment are Bartshe Miller, Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza, Steve Connett, and Ilene Mandelbaum.

- M11-21**      **Action:** Reappoint of six existing members and appointment of one new member to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Hansen.

**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

PUBLIC WORKS

- 7a)            Board of Supervisors Appreciation Letter - During the month of December, 2010, Mono County experienced a lengthy period of severe weather that created difficult winter conditions. The Mono County Public Works snow removal crews worked very hard during this period. A letter from the Board of Supervisors recognizing the crew's efforts has been drafted.

- M11-22**      **Action:** Approve and sign letter to all snow removal employees who assisted the county during the December storms.

**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8a)            Appoint Patti Heinrich to the June Lake PUD - A member needs to be appointed to the June Lake Public Utility District to fill a vacancy per the resignation submitted to the District Board by Chris Jackson effective November 11, 2010. The remaining members failed to make the appointment pursuant to Government Code Section 1780(d)(1) within 60 days after the effective date of vacancy. Therefore, the Mono County Board of Supervisors per Government Code Section 1780(f)(1) may appoint a person to fill the vacancy within 90 days of the effective date of the vacancy. Supervisor Bauer requested this item be put onto the agenda.

- M11-23**      **Action:** Appoint Patti Heinrich to the June Lake Public Utility District board to fill an unexpired term ending November 2012.

**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

- 8b)            Appointment of Joan Stern to Birchim Community Services District - Appointment of Joan Stern to the Birchim Community Services District Board of Directors. She takes the place of Rocky Scholl who was appointed on December 21, 2010 and resigned on December 22, 2010. This term will expire November 30, 2014. Supervisor Hazard requested this item be put onto the agenda.

- M11-24**      **Action:** Approve appointment of Joan Stern to the Birchim Community Services District Board of Directors.

**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

- 8c)            Appointment to Lee Vining Fire Protection District - Appointment of Shanda Duro to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District pursuant to her application in addition to a recent vacancy on said District. Supervisor Tim Hansen requested this item be on the consent agenda.

**M11-25**      **Action:** Appoint Shanda Duro to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District as a vacancy exists.  
**Hunt/Bauer 5-0**

8d)            Resolution Temporarily Changing Location of Third Regular Meeting of Each Month - Proposed Resolution R11 – 08 temporarily changing the location of the third regular Board meeting of each month (to a location in the Town of Mammoth Lakes). This item was originally discussed at the regular meeting of January 18, 2011 and the Board voted 3-2 conceptually in favor of this change for a twelve-month trial period. This resolution effectuates that discussion/vote and this meeting change will commence with the third meeting in March, 2011.

**R11-04**      **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution.  
**Hunt/Bauer 3-0; 2 against: Hansen, Hazard**

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Mentioned that he has had a lot of opposition to this via correspondence and emails.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Asks that Board reconsider their vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

### CLERK OF THE BOARD

9a)            Birchim Community Services District Resignation Letter - Letter from Rocky Scholl, dated December 22, 2010 wherein he resigns from the Birchim Community Services District Board during his term.

9b)            Fish and Game Commission - Letter from the Fish and Game Commission enclosing a Notice of Receipt of Petition to list The Cedars wild buckwheat as endangered.

9c)            Snowlands Network - Letter from the Snowlands Network alerting the Board to a lawsuit which they recently filed challenging the State of California's recent approval of its over snow vehicle grooming and trailhead plowing programs for the next ten years. A copy of the press release is also attached.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Felt some of the content included in this is out of line.

9d)            U.S. Department of the Interior - Letter dated January 19, 2011 from the

U.S. Department of the Interior regarding the "Finding of No Significant Impact for the Environmental Assessment for the Walker River Basin Cloud Seeding Project".

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***The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.***

## PROBATION

10a) Agreement with Fresno County to purchase STRONG & PACT assessment tools through Allvest, Inc. (Beverlee Bryant) - Proposed contract with Fresno County pertaining to agreement to purchase STRONG & PACT assessment tools through Allvest, Inc.

**M11-26** **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract with Fresno County pertaining to agreement to purchase STRONG & PACT assessment tools through Allvest, Inc. and authorize Chairman of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to execute said contract on behalf of the County.  
**Hansen/Bauer 5-0**

### **Beverlee Bryant:**

- She explained her request to have the Chair sign the contract before the Board.
- Agreements have been pushed through nine separate counties, would like our county to have a contract signed and in place.
- Our contract costs will vary depending on the optional costs.
- They have money funded and approved for the juvenile portion; the adult portion is also funded.
- Total cost of system is approximately \$655,000 shared by nine counties; our county is lowest amount due to usage. Training would be at a central location, which was assigned by someone else.
- Assessments done "off the cuff". It has been proved that the more involvement, the better result. Currently, there hasn't really been any official assessment.
- She went over start up costs and then maintenance costs.
- There are no assurances on future funding past each governor's budget.
- Our county will lose out on future funding if we don't participate in this.
- This program is necessary to go forward with realignment.

### **Supervisor Bauer:**

- Why would you go to a central region instead of southern for training?

### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- He likes the way this is set up to avoid negative impacts on the counties. Hopefully this is a future trend.

### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- What is being done now for assessment?
- What are start up costs?
- Are there assurances that funding sources are going to be there in the future?
- Are we losing sight of keeping these types of jobs local?
- If we are going to go Digital 395 job diversification we need to address these things as they come up.

- Is ALLVEST “turn key”? Will I.T. need to be involved?
- Are there going to be training sessions via video?

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- It appears right now that the funding source is part of Governor’s realignment process.
- Is this going to be a tool for your department that you think you’ve addressed to go forward with that realignment?
- Is this the State recognizing what’s needed to “run” departments?
- He was extremely happy with the staff report submitted and thinks all departments need to use it as a model.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

11a) Allocation list (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the Director of Human Resources to amend the County of Mono list of Allocated Positions to reflect changes approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**No Motion Action: NO ACTION.**

**Jim Arkens:**

- Was asked by the Board to go through the list and make changes where necessary.
- All Department heads were contacted and various adjustments were made to list.
- Positions still will require Board approval.
- Principal Planner position will maybe go before Board in March?
- He is going to ask the Board in the future about filling positions: right away, not at all? Interested in looking at long term savings, the vacancy report will look much different than it has.

**Supervisors Comments:**

- Supervisor Hunt: Public Health Nurse? Cut back from state?
- Supervisor Hansen: Boating Officer?
- Supervisor Johnston: The principal planner position? When will it come before the Board? Building Official, there are currently two?
- Supervisor Bauer: as long as everything comes to board prior to every position being filled, she’s good with it.
- Supervisor Hazard: eliminate the Environmental Health position, same thing on Solid Waste positions – would like these brought back to the Board. He has asked that OES Sergeant’s position be reviewed for a possible change. Alcohol and Drug counselor – is there clear future funding to that, maybe need to pull off list.

**Brian Muir:**

- Addressed the psychiatrist mandate (through Mental Health).
- There are some options if Ann Gimpel can’t hire one (i.e. skyping).

11b) Human Resources - Undersheriff (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and

conditions of said employment.

- R11-09** **Action:** Approve Resolution #R11-09 approving an employment agreement with Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.  
(after second closed session) **Bauer/Hunt 5-0**

#### PUBLIC WORKS

- 12a) June Lake Storm Drain Fund Project Discussion (Garrett Higerd) - Proposed drainage projects in the community of June Lake that may qualify for use of the June Lake Storm Drain Fund.

- M11-27** **Action:** Approve the suggested drainage projects for the use of the June Lake fund in an amount up to \$20,000.  
**Hunt/Hansen 4-0; 1 Abstain: Bauer**

**Supervisor Bauer: Recused herself from item as she has property in designated area.**

#### **Garrett Higerd:**

- He explained Figures 1 and 2, part of original agenda packet.
- Talked about installing “french drains”, storm drains and gutters.
- Discussed funds.
- Went over study done in 2005 and amounts collected in Development Impact Fees.
- Two alternatives: increased maintenance program to potentially maintain the ditch that was installed in 1983; also get a start on improvements in the upcoming STIP project.
- It would be nice to not have puddles in certain areas in the spring; hoping to not impact the creek short term.
- Funds collected from Developer’s at one point? Not associated with Development Impact Fees?
- LDTAC has looked at this.
- CDD will develop reports.

#### **Supervisor Hansen:**

- What are the goals?
- Does water go into Gull Lake?
- Glad this is being addressed – due to health issues as well.

#### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Where is drainage plan for June Lake? Is this part of it?
- Work being proposed is consistent with current plan?
- Where have funds come from?
- Where does this fall in the Capital Improvement Fund?
- Most of this is on private property? Any easement for maintenance? Just going to negotiate with property owners?
- Has LDTAC looked at this?
- Encourages local and in house solutions.
- Who will prepare Environmental documents?

- This area was once a wetland area between Gull and June Lakes.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Same issue as out in Chalfant except there are wetland issues in this case that weren't present in Chalfant.
- Make sure community is engaged in this. He supports this.

**Kelly Garcia:**

- This is to be addressed at Mid-Year budget, it's not currently part of the CIP.
- This was brought to the Board last fall with the Board asking for prioritization of projects.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Funds collected from developers for this purpose, there isn't much more to it.
- It was thought it best to spend these funds than to just have them on the books.

12b) Purchase of Portions of Graves Property - Mountain Gate River Parkway Project (Mary Ellen Halpin) - Proposed purchase and sale agreement with the Olive Mae Graves Family Trust pertaining to the purchase of 15 acres adjacent to the Mountain Gate Fishing Access.

**M11-28** **Action:** Authorize County entry into a purchase and sale agreement with the Olive Mae Graves Family Trust for approximately 15 acres of APN 002-140-038 and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open escrow and sign any necessary escrow papers, including noted staff changes.

**Hunt/Hansen 5-0**

**Mary Ellen Halpin:**

- She explained nature of item.
- \$77,000 with closing costs of approximately \$500.
- There is nothing else to acquire.

**Tara McKenzie:**

- Making sure there is a cap on \$2,500.
- Added language to method of payment to describe
- Would like to change date from 4/15 to 4/1 to better reflect the short time frame reflected.

**Kelly Garcia:**

- Tentative parcel map was approved six years ago.
- There are unusual conditions in it.
- Very concerned about changing conditions. She's not sure the processing of the map will go as smooth if anything is changed.

**Scott Burns:**

- Right way to do that would be to do a new map.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Ways to modify map?

- Adjusting lot sizes?
- Legal description to be acquired? Notice of Intent?

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Our practice has been to put the deal together in writing, which commits the Seller and allows us to get escrow opened, perform due diligence, CEQA, and other activities before the Board considers consummating the purchase. Then if the Board does give final approval, escrow can close shortly after purchase.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Couldn't this be done case by case?
- More parcels to be acquired?

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 13a) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**Action:** Discuss issues if necessary; provide staff direction if so desired.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- He gets a lot of emails every day from the County Counsels Association. A lot of work is being done by the Association to ensure that counties will be protected in any measures to be submitted to the voters.

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

- 14a) New Entry Sign for the Town of Mammoth Lakes (Supervisor Byng Hunt and Elizabeth Tenney) - Presentation by Elizabeth Tenney regarding a volunteer project to install a new entry sign at the entry to the Town of Mammoth Lakes utilizing a portion of County owned property on the corner of Highway 203 and Thompsons Street, near the new Superior Court Building.

**Action:** None.

**Elizabeth Tenney (powerpoint presentation, copy was included in packet):**

- Here representing herself, not the Town but she is on the Planning Commission.
- She started by addressing a map and discussing the Mammoth Gateway Park Community Project.
- This project would benefit county/town, she's here to pitch the project and if the Board supports it she is going to go everywhere she can to raise money for it.
- Discussed article in Sunset magazine that quoted Mammoth has a "Are we there yet" feeling.

- Talked about current sign.
- Location will be near where the new courthouse is going in.
- Showed photo of proposed sign in proposed location.
- Discussed size of sign, materials, etc.

She's here asking for five things:

- Would Board allow use of property?
- An electrical hookup?
- A water line?
- Pay for a portion or all of irrigation for the park's landscaping?
- Providing in-kind help for bringing in dirt, grading, etc?

Additional Comments:

- Not to camouflage courthouse but to enhance the entrance to the town.
- She feels she WILL need some money, especially for materials.
- New sign would be compatible to old sign, not matching.
- She would have to go back to the planner to see if a change in location would be feasible.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Location is important – needs to be not too far out of town and not too far into town.
- The new courthouse is not very attractive; residents have been looking at ways to camouflage it.
- The Town entrance statement is very important. The proposed corner is property the county owns and isn't really being used for anything.
- Potential pocket park is a great addition to the sign; could be a great place for workers to hang out.
- Likes that this is being proposed as a private project.
- He supports project and most of Elizabeth's wish list.
- He is also concerned with the various sign issues.
- Goal is to create a major entrance statement, not only to town but for the county offices as well – it needs to be big. Moving sign up will make it not exactly across the street from the other sign.
- Should we agendaize for future Town/County Laision meeting?

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- He likes idea and is in support of right-of-way and use of electricity, etc.
- He thinks people in Mammoth would offer to help; it would be great to have most of the work done by volunteers.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- She thinks the courthouse is pretty, she likes modern architecture.
- She inquired into the other sign being proposed.
- She thinks this proposed sign is designed to block the new courthouse.
- She would support project and portions of assistance.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- How many signs do we need saying "You're in Mammoth"?
- If this were replacing the entrance sign, that would be better than adding a new one.
- Who exactly owns the property?
- Proposed sign isn't really a gateway, it looks very different than the other one.
- Setback – does the zoning allow for this?
- Seems like it will be isolated south.

- He's o.k. with a lot of it, assuming we are the right people to be asking.
- Won't there be a conflict with this new sign and the other proposed entry sign that's to be planned in the coming years further into town.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Not happy with the new courthouse design.
- 3-4 years ago, went to Town and found out they had done planning on county property without engaging us, here we are again not being included in the loop until way into the project. We should be the first ones involved.
- Doesn't think courthouse should be blocked.
- He doesn't think the new sign should be anywhere near the size and scope being discussed; this needs to be scaled down.
- He thinks a row of trees could be just as effective as a park.
- Location needs to be a little different in order to ensure visibility to the future county building.
- Have staff come back with additional information and also agendaize for Town/County Liaison meeting.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- If this is really county property, it would then be our sign and our park on our property; a county facility.
- There wouldn't be the need for easements.
- Sign would go on part dedicated to the town? They would agree to it? Sounds like a portion would be on dedicated land (the Town's land) and part on undedicated land (our property). If someone falls and trips in the park, it would potentially be the county's liability.
- Technically, the county is immune from the Town's zoning and building ordinances but we might want to voluntarily comply with those ordinances due to our relationship with the town.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:45 p.m. in memory of Donald Sebastian, Chalfant resident.

ATTEST:

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DUANE "HAP" HAZARD, CHAIR

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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