



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

**Special Meeting**

Lee Vining Community  
Center, Lee Vining, CA  
93541

**March 16, 2010**

6:12 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti

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

Tim Fesko: Announced that he is running for Supervisor of District 4. Thanked the Board for holding evening meetings in the various communities.

Renn Nolan: Announced that she is running for Supervisor of District 4.

Katie Bellomo: Mono City RPAC addressed the issue of an escape route out of Mono City; a fire a few years ago brought this issue to the residents' attention. The RPAC has been discussing this issue, and there is almost unanimous support for a safety road that is limited to emergency use. The RPAC passed a motion on February 10, 2010, urging Mono County to work with agencies involved. Jim Kirby, Fire Department, needs the road in order to get mutual aid into the area.

Tim Hansen: Thanked the Board for their efforts to complete the parking project at the Lee Vining Community Center. Announced that he is running for Supervisor of District 4.

Teri Murrison: Running for 25<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, introduced herself and asked for ideas that she could address during her next visit.

Chris Lizza: Chairman of the Mono Basin RPAC. 1) The RPAC has five members that need to be appointed. 2) The RPAC reviewed the proposed bicycle ordinance and approved a letter opposing the ordinance. 3) The workforce housing issue does not have strong support from the community.

Supervisor Hazard addressed two of the issues raised above: 1) The Board is aware of the desire for the emergency road in Mono City; the late Supervisor Bill Reid supported this project. 2) Regarding the bicycle ordinance, it is targeted specifically for racing events.

Supervisor Bauer: There is progress being made on the emergency road.

## REGULAR AGENDA

- 0a) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**  
**Evan Nikirk**, Public Works: 1) Planning to bring the emergency access road in Mono City to the Board on April 6<sup>th</sup>. 2) Will hold interviews next week for a solid waste consultant who will review the program.

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 1a) **Intrawest Status Report (Scott Burns) - Presentation by Scott Burns regarding status of Intrawest project in June Lake.**

**Action:** None

Scott Burns, Community Development: This is a proposed resort development project on 90 acres of property in June Lake. Intrawest revised their specific plan and submitted a more general plan, which may trigger more environmental analysis and a public process.

- 1b) **Integrated Regional Water Management (Tony Dublino, Assistant Planner; Courtney Weiche, Assistant Planner) - Conduct workshop reviewing potential benefits and implications of Mono County involvement in the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group.**

**No Motion Action:** The Board directed staff to put this item on the next agenda for action.

Tony Dublino, Community Development: This is a follow-up of the initial presentation given at the Board's February 16, 2010, meeting. PowerPoint presentation provided the following information:

- History of IRWMPs and funding.
- Intent of IRWM group is to look at water planning on a regional level.
- Outlined the Inyo-Mono IRWM process and Mono County Involvement.
- Study of other IRWMPs in the state .
- Agencies have signed IRWMP documents in order to have access to Prop 84 funds, participate in the regional planning process and gain a larger voice in Sacramento.
- Some agencies (counties) did not sign because an appropriate agency had been appointed to represent the county's interest, or they hadn't had the time.
- Outlined lessons learned in other counties.
- Listed the pros and cons of participating in the IRWM group.
- Current status—the Inyo-Mono IRWM plan is being drafted; the Board hasn't given direction about staff involvement in the IRWMP meetings.

#### Board Comments

- Supervisor Hunt: The Board has been considering this and he would like to see the County move forward and participate. Projects on the IRWMP list have positive benefits for the region.
- Supervisor Bauer: Ready to move forward; agreed that the County should support projects rather than plans. The County should be involved so they can protect County interests.
- Supervisor Farnetti: This is a good avenue to capture resources. There are challenging issues to address. Many major players in Mono County have signed the MOU.
- Supervisor Hazard: Asked about Mono County's projects. His district is heavy in

agriculture as is the north end of the County, and people in his district are concerned; there seems to be concern in other agricultural areas in California about IRWMs. County should be in cooperative mode but not necessarily a signatory on the MOU. Concern that IRWM has authority to monitor a county's ground water. Believe water districts and others should participate in order to get funding. Dublino referred to studies and CIP projects currently in the County's general plan.

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Many of the questions being raised are policy questions rather than legal questions. The County will not give up any legal rights by signing the MOU. Although the plan isn't legally binding, it is setting the stage for actions with consequences that could affect the County. Without signing the MOU, the County won't have a vote, but having staff attend meetings does provide opportunities to get information. Legislation already exists for ground water monitoring whether or not the County joins the IRWM.

David Wilbrecht, CAO: If the Board does nothing, the IRWMP will come forward anyway. The benefit of being involved is having a voice and the ability to represent small water districts, or get water districts involved.

#### Public Discussion

- Teri Murrison, Tuolumne County: Their county is part of the IRWM and they are watching the process very carefully; she understands that DWR won't fund projects outside of the IRWM. If her county's jurisdiction is threatened, they will no longer participate.
- Bruce Woodworth, Walker: The recently formed RCD has two projects; both agricultural members have suggested getting help from the IRWM. Mono County is represented by other members in the communities that are involved with local water issues. The County should consider some funding for the IRWMP.
- Garrett Higerd, Public Works: The flood plane mapping is a potential project.
- Harvey Vandyke, Wheeler Crest Water District: Water districts have needs and they are not sure how to get into the system. Supervisor Hazard: The Board asked the IRWM to reach out to the water districts.
- Tim Fesko: Perhaps Mono County should be separate from Inyo County. He supports Board action. Dublino: The Inyo-Mono IRWM has already been accepted by DWR.
- Mindy Pohlman, General Manager of June Lake PUD: The IRWM considers many water issues in addition to drinking water, such as drainage and flood control, that the PUD does not cover. She encouraged the Board to consider the benefits and opportunities available, and become a participant.
- Tim Hansen: Supervisors should differentiate PUDs from agriculture users, and review the pros and cons.
- Renn Nolan: It makes sense to have staff members attend the meetings and become informed without joining at this time.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

- 2a) Agreement for Lee Vining Streetscape Maintenance (Evan Nikirk) - Receive staff report regarding proposed revisions to a previously-approved maintenance agreement with Caltrans for the Lee Vining Streetscape project, which was never executed by Caltrans. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to execute and administer said agreement (as revised).

- M10-50** **Action:** Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to execute and administer a long-term cooperative maintenance agreement with Caltrans District 9 for the Lee Vining Streetscape project. This authorization shall include making minor amendments to said agreement from

time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

**Hazard/Farnetti, 3-1; Bauer opposed**

Evan Nikirk, Public Works: Outlined the history of the project. As part of this agreement, the County will be required to [assume full responsibility and liability for maintenance and repair of the sidewalks](#), not just trees, including snow removal and replacement; this [assumption of full liability](#) is a change from the original agreement. This new requirement is a condition of the encroachment permit for the trees; the County will lose recovery funds if they don't sign the agreement. As part of the agreement, the County will get 10 miles of striping free and 10 miles at cost; the benefit is about \$20,000 per year for striping. If so desired, the County can terminate the agreement with notice. Sidewalk snow removal costs are estimated to be \$7000-10,000 for contract services; Public Works does not have staff in-house to remove snow on sidewalks.

The public and the Board discussed the Issue of liability for sidewalks.

- The County can perform its own striping if they don't enter into this agreement.
- —The risk management aspect has been reviewed.
- Supervisor Hazard: The community has wanted the streetscape project for over 10 years.
- Supervisor Farnetti: The Board may have to face this issue in other communities.
- The Board asked to have this contract reconsidered annually.

2b) Authorization to Bid for the LV Streetscape Project (Mary Ellen Halpin) -Receive staff report regarding the proposed Lee Vining Streetscape Project. Consider and potentially approve bid documents, including plans and specifications. Potentially authorize Public Works to issue the project for bid. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**M10-51 Action:** Approve bid package, including the project manual and project plans, for the Lee Vining Streetscape Project. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise an Invitation for Bids for 30 days beginning on March 17, 2010, with the bid opening to be held on April 16, 2010, and to issue the project for bid.  
**Bauer/Farnetti, 4-0**

Mary Ellen Halpin, Public Works: The project is for the installation of trees and plantings along the main street in Lee Vining; \$174,000 will be paid through American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds, with the remainder to be paid from County transportation enhancement funds. Halpin asked the Board to approve the improvement plans and manual for the streetscape project and authorize the project to go to bid.

2c) Final Approvals for Parcel Map 31-95, Dunn-Pennington (Garrett Higerd) Receive staff report regarding approval of Parcel Map 31-95, which will subdivide a 16.88-acre parcel (APN 002-430-017) on Burcham Flat Road in the community of Walker into three lots of 5.05, 6.23, and 5.06 net acres in size, and an offer of dedication of 0.54 acres. Consider and potentially reject an offer of dedication for a street right-of-way and direct Public Works to record a Notice of Development Conditions.

**M10-52 Action:** 1. Reject on behalf of the public the offer of dedication for street, drainage, and public utility purposes that right-of-way for Mica Schist Court as

designated on said map; and, 2. Direct and authorize the Public Works Director to file and record a Notice of Development Conditions on Property for the project in the office of the County Recorder.

**Farnetti/Hazard, 4-0**

Garrett Higerd, Public Works: Reviewed the request to subdivide a parcel on the northern end of Burcham Flat Road into three lots. The applicant has complied with all the map conditions. The road won't be paved nor will a zone of benefit be created for long-term maintenance, so Higerd suggested the Board reject the offer of dedication. The County right-of-way established on Burcham Flat Road will not be impacted.

**Additional Departments: County Counsel**

2d) Mono City Alley Naming (Garrett Higerd) - Receive staff report regarding the naming of an alley in Mono City. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**M10-53 Action:** Name the alley off of East Mono Lake Drive, as created by the Mono City Subdivision Tract Map, "Mono Lake Court."

**Bauer/Farnetti, 4-0**

Garrett Higerd: Received this request from two property owners who could not get 911 service because there was no street name for the parcels. The Land Development Technical Advisory committee reviewed this request. The Streets and Highways codes allows a board of supervisors to name any unnamed county road. Public Works does not intend to maintain the road, nor do the owners have any expectation that the County will improve the road. This road is a single track dirt road that is lightly used. It has never been maintained by the County and is not shown on maps as a County road. Higerd recommend naming the alley Mono Lake Court as proposed.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

3a) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**Action:** None

No new information.

ADJOURN: 8:40 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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