



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

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

Regular Meeting

Mammoth Lakes BOS
Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra
Center Mall, 452 Old
Mammoth Rd., Mammoth
Lakes, CA 93546

August 16, 2011

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hazard, Chair

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bauer

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Closed Session: 9:04 a.m.

Break: 10:13 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:16 a.m.

Lunch: 11:53 a.m.

Reconvened: 1:00 p.m.

Break: 2:25 p.m.

Reconvened: 2:30 p.m.

Break: 3:35 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:39 p.m.

Adjourned to Mammoth Community Water District: 5:03 p.m.

Reconvened at Mammoth Community Water District: 5:31 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): 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.

- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Supervisor Bauer

1. August 10: Participated in a NACo Rural Action Caucus telephone call. Discussed various things including the White House Rural Economic Council Tour. Bauer is vice chair of the Rural Action Caucus; they are considering a retreat in California next year.
2. The June Lake Fireman's BBQ last weekend was successful.
3. August 15: Attended a hearing in Sacramento and spoke about Mono County's issues with AB 210; her address made a difference in the viewpoint about this legislation. The Board as a whole needs to monitor legislative issues.
 - Supervisor Hazard: Los Angeles County also has problems with AB 210.

Supervisor Hansen

1. Attended the Lee Vining RPAC; the visioning process is coming to a close.
2. August 11: Attended the Planning Commission meeting in order to observe.
3. August 15: Attended the Mono County Economic Development Strategies subcommittee meeting.
4. Was interviewed last week by the LA Times and Wall Street Journal.

Supervisor Hazard

1. August 12: Held Chalfant office hours; had two visitors.
2. August 15: Attended the Deputy Sheriff's Association negotiations.

Supervisor Hunt

1. August 10: Sat on the Personnel Appeals Hearing Panel in Bridgeport.
2. Attended Hot August Nights over the weekend.
3. August 15: Attended the Mono County Economic Development Strategies subcommittee meeting; discussed issues that have been reviewed previously and decided to use information that is in place. The main issues will be implementation, prioritization and focusing on a value system (identity).

Supervisor Johnston

1. August 15: Attended the DSA negotiations.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (Jim Arkens)
ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

Jim Arkens

1. August 10: Monthly C-4 management meeting was well attended.
2. Continue holding status meetings, which are going well.
3. Attended the Sierra Business Council dinner on August 10.
4. Working with Mammoth Hospital on their clinic lease in Bridgeport; they will pay for a sign if it is in place by September 15.
5. August 15: Attended DSA negotiations.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

- **Brian Muir, Finance:** Reported on the treasury pool; it is sound in spite of the stock market fluctuations, which have actually been positive for the bond market.
- **Joe Blanchard, Public Works:** Meet with representatives of Southern California Edison; they will no longer pay for labor and electricity for the 4th of July event in Bridgeport. The alternative is to upgrade the electrical panel in Memorial Hall, which the CSA will fund, and the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce will probably pay for electricity. He will keep the Board informed.

- **Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff:** Gold Rush Adventure Racing is planning a multi-day bike/run race in Mono County next month; it won't impact County services but will provide good publicity and will bring some money to Bridgeport.
- **Julie Tiede, Social Services:** 1) Regarding agenda item #10g, correspondence from California Department of Social Services pertaining to In-home Supportive Services funding for fraud prevention proposals, this funding is not applicable to Mono County. 2) Realignment is the biggest issue for social services, but the budget remains the same so there shouldn't be a big impact this year.
- **Kelly Garcia, Public Works:** During the first week of September, Garret Higerd will be attending a flood plain management conference.
- **Scott Burns, Community Development:** Responded to request from Supervisor Johnston about the stimulus package. Brent Calloway gave a detailed update about permit activity. The program has been popular and people appreciate the County's efforts.
- **John Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel:** At some future date, plans to agendize an item for Board action pertaining to nominations for standby representatives to attend committee/commission meetings when Board members are unavailable.
- **Lynda Salcido, Public Health:** Provided an update about her work as interim EMS chief since Mark Mikulicich's retirement. She is working on a couple of issues but otherwise things are quiet; she is also tracking legislation.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5a) Reappointment of Tourism Commissioner - Reappointment of Danna Stroud (District 1) to the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission.

No Motion Action: The Board postponed action pending Supervisor Johnston's review.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

6a) Appoint Jim Arkens to the CSAC-EIA and Trindel Insurance Fund Board of Directors. - Appointment of Jim Arkens to the CSAC-EIA and Trindel Insurance Fund Board of Directors.

M11-201 Action: Appoint Jim Arkens to the CSAC-EIA and Trindel Insurance Fund Board of Directors.

Hunt moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

In answer to a question raised by Supervisor Hazard, Brian Muir, Finance Director, explained that this action is necessary since Mr. Arkens replaced Dave Wilbrecht as CAO.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

7a) Reappointment of Rick Liebersbach to the Assessment Appeals Board - Rick Liebersbach's three-year term on the Assessment Appeals Board is due to expire on August 31, 2011. He has agreed to serve another three-year term.

M11-202 Action: Approve reappointment of Rick Liebersbach as a member of the Assessment Appeals Board. His new term will expire August 31, 2014.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

FINANCE

- 8a) Mono County Investment Policy - Consider Mono County Investment Policy and delegation of authority to invest funds and sell or exchange securities to the Finance Director.

M11-203 **Action:** Approve Mono County Investment Policy and delegate authority to invest funds and sell or exchange securities to the Finance Director.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Supervisor Johnston: Believes there should be a standing citizens' advisory committee to review investments and he would like staff to find out what other small counties, including Inyo County, are doing.

- Brian Muir, Finance Director: At one time, Mono County did have an investment oversight committee in order to comply with the law; however, that law is now optional. The Treasurer is authorized to invest; the previous committee basically reviewed the policy to make sure the Treasurer was in compliance. Muir is personally liable if he does something wrong, and he is not interested in investing by committee. The Board has the option of giving authority to someone else outside his office to be the investment officer. Muir noted that Mono County has one of the best performing pools in the State.

Supervisor Hunt: Supports the status quo at this time.

Supervisor Hansen: Agrees in concept with having an oversight committee.

Supervisor Hazard: Supports the status quo since the Board reviews and approves the investment policy.

Majority of the Board favors the status quo.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 9a) MCAH (Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health) FY 2011-12 Funding Application - Proposed contract between the California Department of Public Health, MCAH Division and the Mono County Health Department pertaining to services designed to protect and improve the health of Mono County's women of reproductive age, infants, children, adolescents and their families.

M11-204 **Action:** Approve County entry into contract between the California Department of Public Health, MCAH Division and the Mono County Health Department pertaining to services designed to protect and improve the health of Mono County's women of reproductive age, infants, children, adolescents and their families, and authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

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

- 10a) Letter from State of California, Fish and Game Commission - Acknowledging receipt of Supervisor Hazard's letter dated July 12, 2011, regarding sport fishing regulations on Lower Rush Creek in Mono County.
- 10b) US Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park - Letter thanking Jeff Walters and his staff, Mono County Public Works, for help with opening of the Tioga Road this year.
- 10c) Letter re Assembly Bill 109 - Letter addressed to Governor Jerry Brown from Sierra County Board of Supervisors opposing Assembly Bill 109, the trailer bill that implements Public Safety Realignment.
- 10d) Organization Activity Updates - Letters received from Yosemite Gateway Partners, Friends of the Inyo, and Ombudsman/Advocacy Services of Inyo-Mono providing updates about activities accomplishment with the help of funding provided by Mono County.
- 10e) Acknowledgement of Nancy Boardman - Letter from Pamela Treadwell expressing thanks to Nancy Boardman for help with an animal control problem.
- 10f) ENEL/Padoma Wind Scoping Comment Letters - Letters received from various agencies as comments to the ENEL (Padoma) Wind Energy Proposed Monitoring Towers, Right of Way Application.
- 10g) Letter re Funding for Fraud Investigations - Letter from State of California, Department of Social Services regarding funding for fraud investigations and program integrity efforts related to the In-home Supportive Services Program pursuant to the California State Budget Act of 2011.
- 10h) June Lake Historical Society Appreciation - Letter from the June Lake Loop Historical Society dated July 22, 2011 thanking Mono County for the opportunity to apply for additional future funding as a non-county agency.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

FINANCE

- 11a) Public Hearing to accept CDBG Project plan (Mary Booher) - Conduct a Public Hearing to receive the Business, Marketing, and Job Opportunity Plan created for the Geothermal Education and Outreach Project (GEO) as funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program. At the close of the public hearing, the Board will consider and potentially adopt Resolution 11-____, approving the Geothermal Institute of Mammoth Business, Marketing, and Job Opportunity Plan 2011-2016 as the final product for community development block grant (CDBG) 09-PTAE-6312.

R11-55 Action: Adopt Resolution R11-55 approving the Geothermal Institute of Mammoth Business, Marketing, and Job Opportunity Plan 2011-2016 as the

final product for community development block grant (CDBG) 09-PTAE-6312, with the understanding that the land use concerns associated with this development will still need to be addressed.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Mary Booher, Finance Department: After having been awarded the grant, the County followed the RFP process and the Board ultimately selected the Harvey Family Foundation to develop this plan; the Board must now accept the final document. This action will not accept or approve land use issues, which will be a separate process.

David Harvey, Harvey Family Foundation: The plan will allow the Foundation to stay focused and assist with achieving their goals. Recently, an annual event was held in Mono County and included a tour of the area; Mono County may be selected again to host the event next year. Harvey will be attending a meeting with the Executive Director of the Geothermal Energy Collaboration, UC Davis, to determine the location of next year's event.

Public Hearing Opened: 11:07 a.m.

No one spoke.

Public Hearing Closed: 11:08 a.m.

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 12a) Redistricting Public Hearing III (John-Carl Vallejo) - Public hearing regarding proposed supervisorial district line adjustments based off of the 2010 Census data. Proposed ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors revising Mono County Code Chapter 2.08 to establish new supervisorial district lines based off of the 2010 census data.

ORD11-10 Action: Adopt Ordinance ORD11-10 revising Mono County Code Chapter 2.08 to establish new supervisorial district lines based off of the 2010 census data.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 3 Yes; 2 No (Johnston and Hansen)

John Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel: Distributed revised copies of the ordinance with formatting changes; there were no substantive changes. Nate Greenberg, IT Department, provided copies of updated maps. This is the 3rd public hearing and the 2nd reading of the ordinance.

Supervisor Hazard: Asked about the border between District 5 and District 2.

- Nate Greenberg: This east/west border is the Town boundary on a section line.

Public Hearing Opened: 11:11 a.m.

- Steve Noble, Bridgeport: Plan B is the best option available, and has been the people's choice at public meetings. He encouraged the Board to support it.

Public Hearing Closed: 11:13 a.m.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Hansen:** No one in his district likes anything about this option. Hansen does not agree that this is the best option. Even though it meets the census criteria, it doesn't follow other guidelines, such as keeping communities of interest together. Believes this sends the wrong message, and there is the potential of having four supervisors from Mammoth, which is not fair to North County.
- **Supervisor Hunt:** This option is not the perfect answer, and moves areas out of his district that he has been working with for years. Shares Hansen's concerns about areas

in Mammoth moving to District 4, but hopes this will open the door to more conversations between the north and south ends of the County. He is not totally satisfied with this option, but can support it. Option B2 would have really split neighborhoods in Mammoth, and it wasn't a good option for District 5.

- **Supervisor Johnston:** Option B has fatal flaws because it disenfranchises the north side of Mammoth's Main Street and puts it in the north end of the County; he cannot support this option. Believes residents of the Knolls would not have supported this option had they been contacted directly. Prefers Option B2 since it would have less impact on Mammoth. Business owners believe the proposed option is ludicrous.
- **Supervisor Bauer:** Thanked those involved for their hard work; they met the goals. Most of the public comment supports re-unification of June Lake and Lee Vining; half of the positive comments were from Lee Vining. I know of people in the Knolls area that would be happy to have the ear of a Bridgeport Supervisor on Federal Issues. The proposed option is the best compromise.
- **Supervisor Hazard:** Agreed that this is not a perfect system. The Board directed the citizens' committee to bring them three options in order to avoid the appearance of gerrymandering, and the committee accomplished the goal. Option B seems to be the only viable plan.

John Vallejo: The ordinance will be published in the newspaper, and will take effect 30 days after the date of passage. District boundaries will change when the ordinance takes effect; Supervisors will continue to represent their district for the duration of their term.

Additional Departments: CAO/HR, Finance

12b) Amendment to Management Benefits Policy (Marshall Rudolph, Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution amending the policy regarding the benefits of management-level officers and employees.

R11-56 **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-56 amending the policy regarding the benefits of management-level officers and employees.

Bauer moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 Yes; 1 No (Johnston)

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Discussed Items 12b, 12c, and 12d as a group. The Board is familiar with the particulars of these items due to months of labor negotiations. The changes memorialized in the two MOUs will result in financial savings due to reduced benefits, freezes in wages, and other concessions. Also, both bargaining units have agreed to the new personnel rules as negotiated; the personnel rules will come before the Board for adoption at a future meeting. Changes to the management benefits mirror the changes negotiated in the MOUs referred to in Items 12c and 12d.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Bauer:** Had hoped for more savings, and hopes the County's fiscal condition can continue to support employees.
- **Supervisor Hunt:** Made every effort in negotiations to maintain the integrity of employee compensation and benefits; acknowledged the concessions made by employees.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** Agreed with Hunt, but suggested that management employees did not do as much as they could have, referring to the car allowance and 5% merit pay. For this reason he did not support the Management Benefits Policy.
- **Supervisor Hazard:** The employees have recognized the change in the economy and have negotiated with realistic expectations. There have been significant take backs and this speaks well of the County employees. The \$300,000 in savings will help solve variables in the budget. Mono County continuously works on staffing levels and costs

so these issues don't become a crisis. Hazard thanked the staff members who worked on the contracts and thanked the employees.

Jim Arkens, CAO: Thanked those who were involved in the negotiations, and thanked the employees for stepping up and understanding this was in the best interest of the County. Pointed out that even though management employees don't vote on changes, they are willing to take the same cuts as union employees. Arkens said he personally does not take the car allowance or performance pay at this time.

Additional Departments: CAO/HR, Finance

12c) New MCPE MOU (Marshall Rudolph, Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution adopting and approving a memorandum of understanding between the County and Local 39, majority representative of the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) bargaining unit.

R11-57 **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-57 adopting and approving a memorandum of understanding between the County and Local 39, majority representative of the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) bargaining unit.
Hunt moved; Hansen seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Additional Departments: CAO/HR, Finance

12d) MOU with Local 39/Deputy Probation Officers Unit (Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed resolution adopting and approving a memorandum of understanding with Local 39, majority representative of the Deputy Probation Officers Unit. The term of the MOU is January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012.

R11-58 **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-58 adopting and approving a memorandum of understanding with Local 39, majority representative of the Deputy Probation Officers Unit.
Bauer moved; Johnston moved
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

MENTAL HEALTH

13a) First Five Mono Contract Amendment (Ann Gimpel, Ph.D.) - Proposed agreement and first amendment to New Parent Support Group Services Agreement with Mono County Children and Families Commission (First Five Mono), to provide new parent support groups countywide using MHSA Innovation monies.

No Motion **Action:** Asked Gimpel to revise the contract amendment as discussed and re-agendize the item for September 6, 2011.
Ann Gimpel, Mental Health: The project specified in the agenda item is a countywide innovation project under the Mental Health Services Act. Her staff report includes statistics from the first year of operation; the participation was good. There is still \$50,000 available and Gimpel asked the Board to give \$25,000 to Mono County Children and Families Commission so they can continue the program in fiscal year 2011-12. Since this is a demo project, it will end next year if no funding is made available for fiscal year 2012-13.

Supervisor Hunt: The results of this project have been positive for the community.

Supervisor Hazard: The list of communities served is not complete for the south end of the County. Prior to Board approval, he asked to have the list revised to include all communities.

Board consensus: Amend as suggested by Supervisor Hazard and agendize for September 6.

LUNCH

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

COUNTY COUNSEL

Additional Departments: Economic Development

14a) Amendment to Conway Aquaculture Agreement (Marshall Rudolph, Dan Lyster) - Proposed ordinance authorizing County entry into a first amendment to the Conway Ranch Aquaculture Agreement.

ORD11-11 **Action:** Adopt Ordinance ORD11-11, An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing County Entry into a First Amendment to the Conway Ranch Aquaculture Agreement.

Hansen moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Inland Aquaculture Group requested the amendment because of the fish kill on Conway Ranch during the winter of 2010. They requested a temporary modification in the number of rent fish owed, and requested an option to extend the agreement for another 5 years. This issue was discussed by the Board in closed session (real property negotiations). Both parties have agreed to the amendment. The staff report outlines this issue in detail.

Supervisor Bauer: The Conway Ranch operation includes entities besides Mono County. Half of what IAG does on Conway Ranch is funded by other entities, yet the improvements benefit the County since it is County property. The County negotiated this agreement in good faith.

Supervisor Hansen: The negotiations were done in good faith and the proposal is a compromise.

Public Hearing Opened: 1:45 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Hearing Closed: 1:46 p.m.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Hazard:** Supports the agreement based on the loss of fish and the desire to work with the County's partner. But expressed concern with the request in item 15a to buy fish from IAG if the Board approves waiving rent fish in item 14a. The timing of these issues makes it appear that the Board is being asked to waive rent fish from IAG and then buy fish from the same source.
- **Supervisor Hunt:** Believes agenda items 14a and 15a are two separate issues: 14a addresses IAG's economic hardship because of the fish kill, and 15a addresses hardship to the County and public due to decreased fish in the lakes. The Board can help IAG by approving the amendment, and can provide fish for stocking by approving

the request of the Fisheries Commission.

- **Supervisor Hansen:** Agreed that these are two separate issues; he can support both.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** Considers 14a as a business action, and 15a as tourism enhancement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 15a) Requests for Fish and Game Fine Fund Monies (Dan Lyster and Tim Taylor, California Fish and Game and Fisheries Commission representative) - The Mono County Fisheries Commission (MCFC) is recommending funding for two projects from the Fish & Game Fine Fund. The first project utilizes DNA-based capture-mark-recapture methodology to determine black bear population numbers and density. The recommended funding for this project is \$5,000. The second project is the stocking of 1-1.5 lb. rainbow trout, supplied by IAG, into the same 17 locations as currently stocked under the auspices of the trophy trout program. The recommended funding for this project is \$6,000. This combined request of \$11,000 will reduce the existing balance of approximately \$21,000 in the fine fund by over 50%.

- M11-205** **Action:** Authorize \$5,000 expenditure from the Fish and Game Fine Fund for a project pertaining to DNA-based capture-mark-recapture methodology that will be used to determine black bear population numbers and density.

Johnston moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 3 Yes; 2 No (Hazard and Bauer)

- M11-206** **Action:** Authorize \$6,000 expenditure from the Fish and Game Fine Fund for purchase of trout for stocking into the same 17 locations as currently stocked under the auspices of the trophy trout program.

Bauer moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 Yes; 1 No (Hazard)

Discussion about DNA Project

Tim Taylor and Jonathan Pesaro: Requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for a DNA sampling project pertaining to bears; the funding will pay for genetic analysis of the bear hair collected in order to determine the number and gender of bears residing in the two study areas. Results will be used to develop population monitoring efforts and develop noninvasive methods to sample bear populations in urban areas. The goal is to promote sound bear management practices. Managers need to know more about the bears in order to more effectively manage them.

- Pesaro responded to a question about Steve Searles' bear management techniques: Searles tries to find a way to have bears and humans co-exist but he has no scientific evidence; his methods are trial and error. Studies in other areas show some of his methods don't work. The urban situation is detrimental to bears (diet, road kills, illegal killing).
- Taylor: The intent of this project is to gather scientifically-based data that will help determine better management practices. The Fisheries Commission supported the funding request.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Hazard:** Expressed concern that the state has pulled their funding so they have to request funding from the County. Also expressed concern with how the data will be used and how it might impact the County (i.e. creating a bear population determined to be unique to Mono County).

- **Supervisor Hansen:** Would also like to see Town involvement with this project.
- **Supervisor Hunt:** The information could be beneficial to bear management efforts; he supports factual data. Also, the Fisheries Commission supported this request. Asked if the information will be shared publically.
 - Pesaro: As soon as data is finalized and ready for publication, the data will become public.
- **Supervisor Bauer:** The relationship between data and bear management is confusing.
 - Pesaro: In order to evaluate management practices, they need conduct a survey of bears in order to assist with finding solutions.

Discussion about Purchase of Trout

Dan Lyster, Economic Development: This is an unanticipated request, and even though the purchase will not result in a huge amount of fish (since they will be spread out over 17 locations), it can be used as an enticement through Economic Development marketing efforts.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Bauer:** Perhaps there are ways to educate the public so they move towards catch-and-release and away from catch-and-keep.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** The request as a designated funding source and \$6,000 will enhance fishing in Mono County.
- **Supervisor Hazard:** Asked for a report at a future meeting about the status of the fine fund over the last five years.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional Departments: Social Services

- 16a) Human Resources - Social Services, Proposed Resolution (Julie Tiede and Jim Arkens) - The Mono County Department of Social Services is requesting to fill a Vocational Trainee/Assistant position that is currently vacant. This position is allocated and budgeted. It is a support position and was identified in the State and Board of Supervisors' approved Mono County Child Welfare Services' System Improvement Plan as being critical to the effective delivery of services by Child Protective Services (CPS). This position will provide CPS transports and clerical support to the Social Workers. This relieves the higher paid Social Workers of such tasks and allows them to focus on the more critical field work and services. It has recently become vacant. Accordingly, Mono County Department of Social Services is seeking the Board of Supervisors' approval to open this position for recruitment and hiring.

- R11-59** **Action:** Adopt Resolution R11-59, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Hiring of a Full-Time Vocational Trainee/Assistant.
Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Julie Tiede, Social Services: Asked for authorization to recruit for a vocational trainee. The Board approved this recruitment in January, but the person hired was released during probation. This is a low-level, but valuable position that transports for CPS and performs low-level office work. The General Fund pays only 8% of the cost.

PUBLIC WORKS

- 17a) Landfill Gas Monitoring Well Installations Contract (Matt Carter) - Proposed

contract with successful bidder pertaining to Landfill Gas Monitoring Well Installation.

- M11-207** **Action:** Authorize the County Administrative Officer, in consultation with County Counsel, to award and execute on behalf of the County, and in the best interest of the County, the Landfill Gas Monitoring Wells Installation contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.
Hunt moved; Hansen seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Matt Carter, Public Works: The bids for the landfill gas monitoring well contract are due by the end of the week; the cost is not to exceed \$70,000 and will be paid from the fiscal year 2011-12 solid waste enterprise fund. The monitoring network is required, and in addition, the Benton Crossing and Bridgeport locations need to be monitored due to a problem with migrating gases. Because of timing, Carter is asking for approval prior to the bid award since they need to install the wells at four different landfills before winter.

- Supervisor Johnston: Asked if there is enough methane gas to capture and generate power. Carter: No, there is not enough to capture.

- 17b) Authorization to Bid for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation Project (Garrett Higerd) - Consider and potentially approve bid documents for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation project and authorize Public Works to advertise and issue the project for bid.

- M11-208** **Action:** Approve bid package, including the project manual and project plans, for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation Project. Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise an Invitation for Bids and to issue the project for bid.
Bauer moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Garrett Higerd, Public Works: This project came before the Board previously at which time the estimated cost was \$175,000. With the engineering and surveying work that has been done, plus the cost estimate for materials testing, the project total will be closer to \$190,000. The project will be funded with Prop1B funds. After bids are received, Higerd will bring this back to the Board so they can award the contract. Higerd responded to a question about guardrails; there are no guardrails associated with this project.

Supervisor Hazard: Expressed concern about poor workmanship of road projects in the County and Town that have been done by the same contractor, and asked if there is a way to track which contractor has done the work, and track the quality of that work. This poor quality work is being accepted by CalTrans.

- Higerd: The project manual asks for a list of the last three successful projects, and includes tight specifications in order to avoid questionable materials. The department also checks references, and performs quality control checks during construction. Bids have a one-year warranty bond that withholds 10% of the payment to ensure that the work is not deficient. The County has had a series of very good projects.
- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: The County could have a company declared as non-responsible, but this procedure requires due process.

- 17c) Public Works, Staff Vacancy in Road Division - Maintenance Worker (Jeff Walters and Brett McCurry) - The Road Division of Public Works has an existing vacancy in District 3. This vacancy is a Maintenance Worker working out of Lee Vining. Filling this position would ensure roads are appropriately maintained.

No Motion

Action: Defer this request to the upcoming budget hearings.

Jeff Walters, Public Works: Because of an employee retirement, a vacancy exists in the Lee Vining Road Division; Walters recommended filling this position with a full-time employee. Currently, facilities staff members are used to help with winter storm season, but because they are not experienced in snow removal, the work is not done as quickly and equipment is damaged, which costs more in the long run. The Public Works budget includes this position, and filling it would bring staffing to a more comfortable level.

Board Comments

- **Supervisor Hansen:** Lee Vining seems to be short-handed in the summer months as well as winter. He can support this position. Mono County should plan on heavy winters, and have the necessary staffing to accommodate the work.
- **Supervisor Bauer:** Wants to make sure Public Works has sufficient staff but is not over staffed.
- **Supervisor Hazard:** Questions the timing of this since the County is in a soft hiring freeze and the position is not funded from an outside source. He requested a policy discussion about new staffing and suggested that staffing issue be discussed during the budget.

17d)

Public Works, Staff Vacancy in Road Division - Mechanic (Jeff Walters and Jerry VandeBrake) - The Road Division of Public Works has an existing vacancy in Fleet Services. This vacancy is an Equipment Mechanic working out of Bridgeport. Filling this position would ensure vehicles and equipment are appropriately maintained.

M11-209

Action: Authorize Public Works to begin recruitment procedures to fill a Mechanic position in the Road division.

Bauer moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Jeff Walters, Public Works: The Board previously approved the recruitment for a temporary employee to fill an existing vacancy due to military service; there will now be an additional vacancy due to an employee retirement. Walters requested authorization to fill the full-time mechanic position as soon as possible so the department can maintain vehicles as required. This position is currently budgeted.

Jim Arkens, CAO/HR: This position needs to be filled. The Board agreed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

Additional Departments: Economic Development

18a)

Energy Policy Workshop (Scott Burns and Dan Lyster) - Energy Resource Policy review.

No Motion

Action: Direct staff to initiate the update as discussed, and bring the revised copy to the Board at a future meeting.

Scott Burns, Community Development: The Energy Policy is contained in the General Plan. It was prepared in the late 1980s, early 1990s, and focused on geothermal energy. The Policy broadly outlines goals regarding alternative energy sources and transmission lines, and even though it is dated, the plan still applies to existing situations.

Dan Lyster Economic Development: Discussed the geothermal portion of the plan—the history of geothermal projects, and committees associated with geothermal energy. He answered questions about future geothermal projects.

Board Feedback

- **Supervisor Hazard:** Talked about wind energy activity taking place on federal land; the Forest Service and BLM have indicated a desire for Mono County to provide policy guidelines to help address requests for alternative energy projects. County guidelines could address issues such as transmission lines, efficiency of wind developments, performance standards and requirements, and energy access to citizens and communities in Mono County. The current policy needs to be expanded to include guidelines about wind, solar, hydro, biomass, nuclear, and natural gas.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** The current policy regarding geothermal energy is too complex now that new laws are in place. He would like the geothermal section to be simplified, and would like to eliminate the density bonus. Large-scale projects, such as large wind generators, are incompatible with Mono County's visual quality, and the County should adopt a strong policy about large-scale projects. The Planning Commission should be the body to oversee projects.
- **Supervisor Hansen:** It would be nice for the County to have a voice, but BLM reviews the projects proposed for construction on federal land. He agreed that visual impacts should be considered since the Mono County economic base is heavily dependent upon quality of viewshed.

Burns: There is a statewide push to deal with large-scale projects, and increase policy guidance. Burns mentioned that he is awaiting word on a biomass block grant.

- 18b) General Plan Amendment Workshop (Tony Dublino; Scott Burns) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding General Plan Amendment 11-002. Discussion will include a brief background and presentation of Amendment items, as well as a description of the RPAC and community outreach and input to date.

No Motion Action: Direct staff to begin making changes to Exhibit A, sections A and D as discussed, and defer the remaining issues to a future meeting.

Tony Dublino, Economic Development: Reviewed the proposed amendments.

- Origins of amendments/policy level items: 1) Code enforcement issues: cargo containers, roosters in residential areas, RV storage on vacant land, and commercial use of residential property. 2) Recommendations from RPACs, Mountain Warfare Training Center, Inter-Agencies, and Staff. 3) Re-designation of certain parcels.
- Background/Outreach: 1) Planning Commission workshop January 2011 with Resolution of Initiation adopted March 2011; January-August RPAC and community meetings; contact with individual citizens and Indian Tribes. 2) Identified controversial/problematic issues. 3) Summary of public comments (Exhibit A in the agenda packet).
- Additional suggestions: Ideas specific to Antelope Valley; stream encroachments; width restriction for mobile homes; variance and setback on non-County maintained roads.
- Emerging items: Mono Basin area plan; noise element update; energy policy update; flood maps incorporated into safety element; property re-designations.
- Direction/Action from Board: Need to define projects for CEQA; amendments to Exhibit A; may consider adopting a Resolution of Initiation after Exhibit A is solidified, although it is not required.

Public Comment

- Representatives from Mountain Warfare Training Center: They would like a military influence overlay in order to accommodate their training needs. They support the amendment and want to help facilities transparency in the process.

Board Discussed Exhibit A
Section A—Antelope Valley

- Suggestions from staff are on target; refine the suggestions made by Antelope Valley RPAC.
- Incorporate customized solutions for specific communities, i.e. home occupation (business).
- Planning Commission should deal with controversial requests for home occupations.
- Review home occupation requests on a case-by-case basis.
- Circumstances in the North County are different than in areas like Mammoth and June Lake.
- Streamline the process where possible.
- General Plan should identify industrial park areas in Antelope Valley.

Section D—Marine Warfare Training Center

- Support for the overlay for the Marine Base and include public education.
- Concern about an overlay being *de facto* base expansion with a significant environmental impact that should be reviewed.
 - Clarification: Use would not encroach on private property; operations would stay within base boundaries. Some forest service land will be exchanged so the base will own the land on which it sits. They have entered into a partner agreement with the Wilderness Conservation District for some property in the area of Burcham Flat.
- Investigate Mono County's appropriate response to the situation since the base is on federal land.
- Apply the same concept as "right to farm", so potential property buyers are informed.

Board deferred the remaining discussion to another meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 19a) Federal and State Budgets (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss the Federal budget and the California State budget and potential impacts to Mono County.

Action: None

Supervisor Hazard: The SRA bill is struggling, and there is a great deal of pending litigation.

Supervisor Bauer: There is a move toward making AB210 a two-year bill.

- Hazard: A two-year bill won't address Mono County's issues. He will contact RCRC for a follow-up conversation and keep the Board updated.

The Board adjourned at 5:03 p.m., and reconvened at Mammoth Community Water District at 5:31 p.m.

- 19b) Mammoth Community Water District (Supervisor Johnston, Supervisor Hunt, and Greg Norby) - This is the last agenda item for this meeting. When it is time for this item, the Board will adjourn to the Mammoth Community Water District, located at 1315 Meridian Blvd. in Mammoth Lakes where they will reconvene for a tour of the project area. Individuals should go to the MCWD Board Room upon arrival. Greg Norby, Mammoth Community Water District Manager, will provide information about the District's solar installation project, and answer questions. Supervisor Larry Johnston and Supervisor Byng Hunt requested this agenda item.

Action: None

Greg Norby, Mammoth Community Water District, distributed a copy of their press release,

information about the California Solar Initiative, and a copy of the District's solar cash flow analysis.

- MCWD uses a lot of electricity and this solar project will save money—savings which can be passed on to the consumer.
- This solar project will provide about 80% of their power needs, and will provide financial security.
- Led a tour of the site.

ADJOURN: 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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