



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

Special Meeting

Crowley Lake  
Community Center,  
Crowley Lake, CA  
93546

August 17, 2010

6:06 PM Meeting called to Order by Chairman Hunt.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Hunt.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNTY COUNSEL

1a) E-Verify workshop (Marshall Rudolph) - Informational presentation by County Counsel regarding E-Verify and proposed County policies or requirements for its usage. (This item was requested by Supervisor Hazard.)

**Action:** None.

**Marshall Rudolph (Powerpoint, full copy kept in file folder for tonight's meeting):**

- Workshop purpose – requested by Supervisor Hazard
- Workshop overview
- E-Verify overview
- What is E-Verify?
- E-Verify background
- Verification process
- Enrollment
- Obligations of Enrolled Employers
- Statistics and Reports
- Proposed Local Policies
- Nationwide Trends and Activities
- Questions?

Discussion:

- Protects employers who use it if an employee is later found to be unverifiable.

- Only for new employees, not existing employees.
- You have to be a full employee of the county.
- You have to be enrolled to use E-Verify.
- It is free to sign up.
- To summarize: he heard general consensus that county should enroll but small business owners should not be required. What about contracts?

**Board Comments:**

Supervisor Hazard:

- Has background with these types of computer searches, etc. In his experience they have been anything but reliable.
- We need to make sure we are not denying anyone to work without reason.
- He sees this as true documentation, not a perception that Hispanics are here illegally.
- When we get to the ordinance, it entails a national discussion/debate.
- He believes our current system is probably better than E-verify; he thinks contractors that are getting county monies should be subject to E-verify.
- Suggests that County Counsel and Staff talk to Department Heads, etc. This is only a workshop.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thinks it's a good tool to verify that our employees are legally here.
- He's opposed to forcing private employers to register in a federal government program where it becomes increasingly more controlled.
- He's for enforcing what's in place now.
- He thinks we should check with other counties, etc. that are doing this.
- He would not want this imposed on independent contractors.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Can I not enroll and still use E-verify?
- He supports the idea, but there are a lot of questions. At the same time, he really wants people here working legally.
- At a minimum he'd like to see the county enroll in E-verify.

Supervisor Farnetti:

- He doesn't have a problem with the county enrolling but has lots of problems with small businesses being required to do so.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Buck McKeon has worked very hard on this.
- How much is it?
- What is Texas doing?
- Would be good for the County but it's probably not needed.
- The D.A. has told her that he will do this type of verification for anyone.

**Public Questions:**

- Where are photos from? (passports, green cards, etc.)
- Perceived advantages for employers?
- If the County does this, will it only be for new employees?
- Implementation now would not really change any contracts, etc.?
- This is an American topic vs. a political topic.

- 1b) Mobile Home Rent Control (Marshall Rudolph) -  
Informational presentation by County Counsel regarding mobile home  
rent control. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Had everyone introduce themselves so public knows who they are talking to, etc.

**Marshall Rudolph (Powerpoint, full copy kept in file folder for tonight's meeting):**

- Workshop Purpose
- What is Mobile Home Rent Control?
- Background
- Components
- Legal Issues
- Questions?

**Bill Wisehart (owner of Crowley Lake Trailer Park):**

- Was unaware that the Board was addressing this issue on June 15, 2010.
- His park is not a low income park; the rents are free market value.
- Would have appreciated his tenants talk to him about issues and asked that they do this now.
- Due to poor economy, people are suffering. He feels no communication will make everything worse.
- He feels his park is an "affordable housing" option.
- At his park, water and trash is included in the rent which averages \$513.00 pr month.
- Gave the Board a hand out on other types of affordable housing rents in the area. These were the lowest prices he could find and still feels that renting at his park is affordable.
- A lot of his tenants here have lived in his park for over 20 years.
- Rent Increase Notices he sends out are vague and encompass many costs. There were many years when the increase was large due to capital improvements in the park. He doesn't anticipate many capital improvements in next 2-3 years.
- In discussing rent control, the park owner should have freedom to increase rent to make improvements.
- He encourages park owners that are there to please speak with him.

**Public Comments:**

- Media asked each Supervisor how many mobile home parks they have in their districts.
- The owners understand there are costs associated with improvements; they are asking for a detailed explanation of what those costs are.
- The owners have put improvements around their homes and feel they should get resale value from those improvements.

**Board Comments:**

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Determined that everyone in audience lives in the Crowley Lake Trailer Park.
- He was called by a tenant asking about rent control. He hasn't had any

involvement with mobile home parks except he lived in the one being discussed today and at the time, he also got rent increases.

- Not much has changed over the years, but the park itself has changed significantly.
- It's his responsibility to give these tenants a voice, a platform.
- He calls this "workforce" housing, "stepping stone" housing. It's difficult to jump from mobile home upward.
- There's a very unique relationship between tenants and the owner of the park; delicate balance to make it mutually beneficial.
- To him, it's a landlord/tenant issue to be solved on both sides. It's a communications issue.
- Getting a consultant is not a good idea; he is not in favor of county getting involved. Also agrees a Homeowner's Association for tenants is a good idea.

Supervisor Peters:

- Always an advocate of legal, safe free markets.
- He's opposed to any type of rent control anywhere, anytime.
- He believes there is a failure on the part of the management to communicate effectively and fairly. He suggests the owners put together a Homeowner's Association.
- The mobile home renters need to know exactly why they are getting increases.
- He's against the county getting involved.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Complex issue but not a new issue.
- Rent control ties the hands of the owner of the property.
- He's a free market advocate. This is one of the lower cost housing options in the county.
- He'd like to see hard evidence of a need before any county money is spent. He's against it at the moment.

Supervisor Farnetti:

- Is there anything in Wisehart's contract that says what increases might be?
- He agrees with Vikki.
- He doesn't think average space rent is unreasonable. He thinks it is reasonable to ask owner to give specifics on why rent is increasing.
- Not sure this is a county wide problem; might just be this park.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She owns small motel in June Lake and there are always improvements to be done.
- These owners don't only have the park rent, they have mortgages too.
- A lot of homeowner fees on condos in Mammoth are as much as the rent in this park; it's happening everywhere.
- There's a good chance we could get consultants only to end up paying \$20 less in the long run; would be good to get one spokesperson to be involved.
- She suggests this goes to all RPACs to see if it's this park only or a lot in the county. No consultants yet.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

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**BYNG HUNT**  
Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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**SHANNON KENDALL**  
Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board

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