



**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

August 3, 2010

9:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Chair

Supervisor Farnetti was unable to attend the afternoon session due to an appointment.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt

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

Joe Parrino (mammothmotocross.org): The goal of his organization is to open the Mammoth Motocross Track for four months out of the year so people can use it on the weekends. Also, this is an official grand prix track, so could host many events. Parrino has been working with the Forest Service on issues of stewardship, maintenance, and signage; the information Mr. Upchurch provided to the Board recently about the status of the track was very helpful. Parrino said it would take government assistance to move forward with his goal.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

1. Missed the July 20 Board meeting due to attendance at the NACo conference in Reno. While there, spoke with Michael Blake, Whitehouse staffer, about digital 395; received information about redistricting, which is a difficult process but consultants can help (asked the Clerk to check into the redistricting process); was reappointed to the Transportation and Rural Caucus committees.
2. July 22: Attended a June Lake Trails meeting. There is a need for ADA access on some parts of the trail.
3. July 26: Attended several YARTS meetings. The route system needs to be changed to better accommodate North County; for example, creating a hub from Lee Vining into Yosemite would provide transportation for hikers into Tuolumne Meadows. Would like to agendize this for a future meeting to discuss the issue of better Eastside access.
4. July 28: Attended a meeting of the June Lake sign committee. The visitors' center kiosk is working well, but the junction needs better signage. Would like to use kiosk money to advertise June Lake at the junction.
5. The number of real estate signs in June Lake has been an issue recently, but the pertinent group of people is working together to find a solution.
6. Tourism commissioner Cheri Bromburger is stepping down; Andrew Jones, Silver Lake Resort, has volunteered.
7. The June Lake ball field looks great; Public Works has done a good job.
8. The June Lake Main Street gardens are looking good; Public Works assisted where needed.

9. Attended an ESTA meeting; discussed eliminating part of the dial-a-ride schedule.

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

1. Has been unable to attend committee meetings due to family business out of town.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

1. July 21: Attended a meeting regarding proposed use of biomass.
2. July 22: Attended an event in Ontario at the speedway.
3. Attended the State Fair; Mono County's booth was very nice.
4. Met with members of the Governor's Office about the upcoming special election to fill the vacancy in Senate District 1. They are aware that the clerks in the affected counties want to have an all-mail election for the January 4<sup>th</sup> special general election. Legislation granting this request would need to be submitted immediately and would need to be uncontested. Three groups oppose an all-mail election: the Republican Party, the Hispanic Caucus and the Oriental Caucus. Many legislators aren't affected by this election so won't want to upset their voters. Hazard asked the Clerk to agendaize this item for Board discussion.
5. Two Assemblymen contacted Hazard to lobby support for SD1 candidates; met one candidate's chief of staff. Candidates may visit Mono County to talk with community members.
6. Attended the Crowley Lake RPAC meeting; discussed the no-shooting zone. A modified ordinance may come back to the Board for consideration.
7. Attended the Chalfant RPAC meeting; discussed the shooting ordinance. Response from the community is split 50/50 for and against the ordinance; there has been poor public attendance at the meetings. Hazard will make recommendations to staff about the shooting issue, and bring the issue back to the Board.
8. Read an email from Praxis about Digital 395. There are no announcements yet about infrastructure approvals, but the project is still being considered.
9. Needs to meet with CAO and Public Works about a development in White Mountain area.
10. The Veteran signs on County-boundary signs are in place.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

1. Attended Mono County Mental Health and Drug Advisory meeting. Staff is working with Inyo County on strategies to combat the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health issues. Funding from the Mental Health Services Act has been decreased, but should remain at its current level. An external quality review organization has been reviewing activities.
2. July 28: Attended a design workshop pertaining to the Eastern Sierra Land Tenure project.
3. July 30: Attended the ESTA Board of Directors meeting. Discussed budget adjustments; delayed discussion about fixed routes in Bishop; talked about expansion and enhancement of service in Mammoth Lakes.
4. July 31: Attended Villagefest in Mammoth to help Noon Rotary sell root beer floats and brownies; the event was very successful. There are music festivals in Mammoth Lakes scheduled for the next 5 weeks.
5. August 2: Attended a meeting about sustainable energy planning for the Eastern Sierra. This was an informational meeting; no action was taken.
6. Last night attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board of Directors meeting. Rick Wood will now be the Town Council Member on the Board. The board will be discussing housing strategies for the future.
7. Raised the idea of having a youth commission that is involved with the Board. This could be a good civics exercise for youth, and they could provide ideas.

**Supervisor Peters:**

1. Attended a meeting in Fresno to meet with Senator Feinstein's and Senator Boxer's

staff members about the Bridgeport Indian Colony request for Trust Land status; they requested a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors. Will attend a meeting tonight with the Bridgeport Public Utilities District to provide an update about the Tribe's request.

2. Received an email from NACo last week about an award program offered by Motorola Broadband; the County may want to consider applying for this grant (up to \$30,000).
3. Yesterday met with the Eastern Sierra Unified School District to discuss bond amortization; they plan to meet with the Finance Director this week.
4. Received recent inquiries about bicycle safety issues on Twin Lakes Road; people have concerns about drivers unwilling to yield. There is no signage about sharing the road; asked staff to check into this issue.

## 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:**

1. Continuing status meetings.
2. Been working on the Lee Vining Airport issue.
3. Working on the budget.
4. Been working on Measure R with the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
5. Working on issues with Mammoth Hospital.
6. Will be out of town for two weeks (August 9—22).

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 6, 2010, as corrected.

**M10-166 Hazard/Peters, 4-0; Farnetti abstain**

Supervisor Bauer corrected her Board Member report on page 1. Bullet point #4 should read: "Tomorrow she starts moving the June Lake Visitors' Center."

B. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 13, 2010.

**M10-167 Bauer/Farnetti, 5-0**

***Closed Session: 9:05 a.m.***

***Break: 10:05 a.m.***

***Reconvene: 10:13 a.m.***

***Lunch: 12:10 p.m.***

***Reconvene: 1:16 p.m.***

***Break: 3:13 p.m.***

***Reconvene: 3:24 p.m.***

***Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.***

## CLOSED SESSION

**The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.**

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) Closed Session--County Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential

cases: one.

- 3b) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Jim Arkens, Rick Scholl, and Mary Booher. 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.
- 3c) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph, and Jim Arkens. Unrepresented employee(s): Assistant County Counsel.
- 3d) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph, George Booth, and Jim Arkens. Unrepresented employee(s): Assistant District Attorney.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

**Beverlee Bryant, employee picnic committee:** Update about the annual County employee appreciation picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 11:30, Gus Hess Park in Lee Vining. The picnic will be catered at the same price at the same price as last year. The picnic is funded by donations from Department Heads and Supervisors. Service awards will be presented to employees.

**Mary Booher, CAO's Office, and Kelly Garcia, Public Works:** Submitted a pre-application for a discretionary grant to relocate the Lee Vining road shop to the lee airport; the full application will be submitted later in August. The RPAC supports this; the information will be presented to LANTAC since environmental factors are involved. A second grant will be submitted that addresses widening the second half of Benton Crossing.

**Brian Muir, Finance:** 1) Received \$1.90 from Williamson Act funding. 2) Provided an update about investments. 3) Update about AB 811, which allows energy improvements to be included on tax bills. Been talking with other auditors about including Mono County in their programs. However, counties have temporarily discontinued their programs because of issues at the federal level. 4) Outlined the process for the upcoming budget workshops. The Board will have difficult decisions, but alternatives are limited; they probably won't need three days for meetings. Problematic areas include the Solid Waste Fund, the Road Fund and the Capital Improvements program. The Board agreed to hold workshops for two days in Bridgeport, with the option of meeting a third day if needed.

**Lynda Roberts, Clerk's Office:** 1) The reimbursement for the May 2009 Special Election is still in the Governor's budget; the County will receive \$59,500 if approved. 2) Information about the upcoming special election to fill the vacancy in Senate District 1: the special primary will be held on November 2, 2010; if necessary, a run-off election will be held January 4, 2011. Clerks in the affected counties would like the run-off election to be all mail; the clerk of El Dorado County is taking the lead, and has asked all clerks to sign a letter of support. Roberts will need to bring this back to the Board for further discussion about supporting an all-mail election.

**Jeff Walters, Public Works:** Update about the Hammil Valley flood channel. Started work yesterday, and a lot was accomplished by the CalFire crew. Will avoid working on properties of homeowners who did not approve access.

## 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.)

### COUNTY COUNSEL

- 4a) Law Library Report - Annual Report by the Mono County Law Library Board of Trustees.
- M10-168** **Action:** Acknowledge receipt of said report.  
**Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0**

### FINANCE

- 5a) 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.
- M10-169** **Action:** Approve Mono County Investment Policy and delegate authority to invest funds and sell or exchange securities to the Finance Director.  
**Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0**

### CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Veteran Services - Annual Certificates of Compliance for Veteran Services. This is a standard renewal of the Certificates of Compliance as filed in the past by the County. They certify to the State that in fact a Veterans Service Officer has been appointed and the duties of the VSO are in compliance with code.
- M10-170** **Action:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the Subvention and Medi-Cal Certificates of Compliance for 2010/2011 fiscal year.  
**Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0**

### SHERIFF CORONER

- 7a) Amendment to Board Resolution #R09-04 to Clarify Authorized Grant Amounts of the FY 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant - On February 10, 2009, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Mono County Sheriff's Department to participate in the Homeland Security's Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program. The grant was written for both Mono and Inyo Counties with the understanding that the Mono County Sheriff's Department would administer and pass through to Inyo County all grant funds. Mono County was awarded \$40,000 and Inyo County was awarded \$100,450 for projects in both jurisdictions. Through a clerical error, the

Resolution reads that only \$40,000 would be administered by the Mono County Sheriff's Department. The Resolution should have indicated that the Mono County Sheriff's Department would administer \$140,500 on behalf of both counties. This mistake has created problems in paying contractors and seeking reimbursement from the Santa Ana Urban Security Initiative Area who oversees the entire grant program.

- R10-56**      **Action:** Adopt **Resolution 10-56**, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors amending Resolution R09-04 that will authorize Sheriff Richard C. Scholl and/or Lieutenant David O'Hara to administer all funds in the FY 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program."  
**Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0**

### 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-RECORDER

- 8a)      Letter from Office of Attorney General - Letter addressed to Board of Supervisors from California Attorney General's Office regarding Department of Fish and Game Appeal of Tentative Parcel Map 32-56 (aka Mead Project).
- 8b)      Letter from Al and Patti Heinrich - Letter addressed to the Mono County Planning Commission (cc: Mono County Board of Supervisors) regarding Rock Creek Ranch (aka Paradise C & L Development).

**The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence.**

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#### **PROBATION**

- 9a)      Juvenile Hall Contract with Inyo County (Beverlee Bryant) - Proposed contract with Inyo County pertaining to use of Inyo County Probation Department's Juvenile Hall.
- M10-171**      **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chairman, Mono County Board of Supervisors, to execute said contract on behalf of the County.  
**Hazard/Bauer, 5-0**  
Beverlee Bryant, Probation: This contract with Inyo County would allow continued use of juvenile hall. The new contract is open ended; it would take effect July 1, and remain in effect until either party cancels. The daily rate stays the same.
- 9b)      Resolution for Participation in the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (Beverlee Bryant) - Proposed resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer of Mono County to sign and approve the Mono County Juvenile Accountability Block

Grant administered by Corrections Standards Authority.

**R10-57**      **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R10-57** authorizing the Chief Probation Officer of Mono County to sign and approve the Mono County Juvenile Accountability Block Grant administered by Corrections Standards Authority.

**Bauer/Farnetti, 5-0**

Beverlee Bryant, Probation: The Probation Office plans to submit an application for a youth accountability block grant; the state will award three technical assistance grants. The resolution is required in order to continue with the grant application process.

**SHERIFF CORONER**

10a)      Public Safety Officer attendance at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department 181 Basic Peace Officer Academy (Sheriff Richard C. Scholl)

**M10-172**      **Action:** Approve and authorize Public Safety Officer Cory Custer's promotion to Deputy I and to attend the Riverside County Sheriff's Department 181<sup>st</sup> Basic Peace Officer Academy August 2010 – January 2011.

**Hazard/Peters, 5-0**

Sheriff Scholl: This promotion process has been very successful for the department. Scholl introduced Cory Custer, who was hired two years ago. Custer has been doing an outstanding job, and he was the number one candidate after being interviewed for a recent opening. Custer is a resident of Coleville, and is dedicated to Mono County. Scholl asked for Board support. The cost for the training is approximately \$13,000, which is included in the 2010-11 budget.

The Board congratulated Mr. Custer.

**ASSESSOR**

11a)      Mono County Assessor's Office--Current Events (Jody Henning) - Presentation by Jody Henning about current events in the office including goals, objectives, accomplishments and personnel issues and concerns.

**Action:** None (informational only).

Jody Henning, Assessor: Provided an update about her office.

- Goals: close the tax roll on time and ensure accuracy; assess properties fairly; provide good customer service.
- Values: ensure accuracy, consistency, fairness, and accountability.
- Outlined the work flow: the Assessor's Office interacts with the Clerk's Office and Building Department. After the roll is closed, tax bills are created and mailed.
- Strategy: leadership that engages her staff in pursuit of the mission (goals); clear consistent management based on enforcing policies and rules; weekly management team and office meetings; email staff to highlight accomplishments and goals.
- Performance accountability: implement a team strategy to compliment skill sets between staff members; staff members will become generalists.
- Standards of practice: ensure consistency and compliance with Board of Equalization and Revenue and Taxation code. Revising operating standards by developing new policies, which staff members discuss prior to implementation. Currently revising job descriptions.
- Customer Service: user friendly website, community education, increase accessibility in Mammoth Lakes, improve assessment appeals program to better serve Clerk, Assessor, and County Counsel, provide more interaction with property owners.

- Professional development for staff through performance reviews and training. Training to include informal (in-house) and formal (provided by outside presenters). Cross-training will increase growth opportunities. Recognition will be tied to performance and growth.
- When initially elected as Assessor, Henning had many back issues to deal with and concentrated on problems with taxpayers, but should have worked harder on staff development. The initial issues have been addressed so efforts will now be redirected toward building a foundation in the office.
- Will provide the Board with frequent updates.

The Board supported Henning's efforts and approach.

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

**No one spoke.**

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 12a) Human Resources - Public Works (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors approving an employment agreement with Garrett Higerd and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.
- R10-58** **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R10-58** approving an employment agreement with Garrett Higerd and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.  
**Hazard/Bauer, 4-0; Farnetti absent**  
Jim Arkens, Human Resources: This is a contract renewal, which the Board has reviewed. The Board commended Mr. Higerd.
- 12b) Human Resources - vacancy report (Jim Arkens) - Presentation by Jim Arkens regarding vacancy report.  
**Action:** None.  
Jim Arkens, Human Resources: Distributed an updated copy of the vacancy report. Savings realized thus far in FY 2010-11: net departmental savings of \$67,708; general fund share of savings, \$20,148. Arkens referred to positions previously discussed and authorized by the Board to be filled, including two Public Safety Officers, Deputy County Counsel, a Paramedic position, and a Mental Health Counselor. Ann Gimpel, Mental Health: The position in her office will be fully funded by various outside sources.
- ## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**
- Additional Departments:** Board of Supervisors
- 13a) Letter of Support for Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust (David Wilbrecht and Supervisor Peters) - Proposed letter supporting introduction in the U. S. Senate of a companion bill to H.R. 5468, Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust,

Health and Economic Development Act of 2010.

**M10-173**      **Action:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.  
**Hazard/Peters, 4-0; Farnetti absent**

Supervisor Peters: This letter was requested at a meeting last Friday by staff members from Senator Feinstein's and Senator Boxer's offices. They wanted a formal request from the Board of Supervisors. Art Sam, Tribal Chair, the Tribe's attorney and the Tribal Vice Chair attended the meeting. The response from Feinstein's and Boxer's staffs was positive.

Art Sam, Tribal Chair: The bill was introduced on May 28<sup>th</sup> in the House. To expedite the process, the Tribe wanted Feinstein and Boxer to introduce a companion bill in the Senate. The Tribe is hoping to have action prior to end of year. Sam expressed appreciation for the Board's support in this process; it has been helpful.

13b)            Budget Committee Update (Mary Booher) - Presentation by Mary Booher regarding update on work of Budget Committee. In addition to this presentation, the Board may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**No Motion**      **Action:** The Board asked for this item to be included on the August 17, 2010, agenda.

Mary Booher, CAO's Office: Distributed a revised copy of the information presented to the Board last month. County Counsel will work with department heads to assign activities to the appropriate tier levels. Booher reviewed funding priorities, and reviewed new information pertaining to Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 activities.

Board Comments:

- This process has been beneficial. The Board will have tough decisions to make about Tier 4 services (Discretionary Services).
- Mandated services are clear, but activities listed in Tiers 2 and 3 seem to be arbitrary; for example, EMS services (Tier 3) are as important as patrol services (Tier 2). The Board needs to consider the role of these services in the community.
- There seems to be a lot of gray between Tiers 2 and 3 (Essential Services and Local Priorities); Essential Services should specify which mandates they support to help separate legal requirements from moral/ethical services. After mandated services, the Board will have to make political decisions about the level of service provided by the County.
- Services need to be reviewed between Tiers 2 and 3. The list needs to be refined and filtered to accurately reflect essential services that aren't mandated. Include an additional tier that specifies health and safety services.

David Wilbrecht, CAO: This is a long-term tool to assist the Board with budgeting.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Additional Departments:** Paramedic-Fire Rescue Department

14a)            Status Update on Proposed Hammil Valley EMS Facility (Garrett Higerd and Mark Mikulicich) - Receive staff report regarding the status of engineering and architectural services for the proposed Hammil Valley EMS facility.

**No Motion**      **Action:** Include this discussion as part of the budget.  
Mark Mikulicich, Paramedic-Fire Rescue Department, provided a review:

- Estimated cost of \$40,400 would pay for architectural and engineering services for a future paramedic station.
- In July 2009, the Board allocated \$189,000 to purchase land in Tri-Valley for future use by the County; at that time, the property was identified for use as an EMS station.
- Currently the volunteer fire dept provides EMS service; Symmons in Bishop provides advanced life support services.
- The Board supported additional funding for equipment in order to bring Chalfant to the ALS level.
- The Tri-Valley area is covered by Chalfant Fire Department and Symmons; during the summer, the June Lake unit can respond. Constructing a building on the Hammil property would reduce response time.
- Last year the call volume in Tri-Valley was 27 EMS combined calls; in previous years, the call volume has been 80-90 combined calls. By comparison, call volumes in 2009 for other areas were as follows: Antelope Valley, about 220 calls for EMS services; Bridgeport and June Lake, about 300 calls; Mammoth about 800-900 calls.
- In 2007, a Tri-Valley citizen's committee studied the issue and created a report containing various options ranging from having a squad available to providing a fully-staffed facility operating 24/7. The approximate annual cost for a fully-staffed facility would be \$400,000+ depending on the level of service (basic or advanced).

Garrett Higerd, Public Works: Referred to exhibits A and B in the agenda packet outlining the proposed engineering and architectural work. If the project is delayed too long, plans would need to be updated in the future. Asked for Board direction.

**Board Comments:**

- Supervisor Hunt: The Board needs to focus on true need, options, and financing. A real need may not exist as shown by the number of calls. This project should be added to the capital improvements list before any work is started.
- Supervisor Hazard: Not asking for funding approval at this time, but wanted options to be included in this year's budget. Hammil/Benton currently relies on one EMT volunteer, and Symmons' response time is 25-45 minutes. This area is poised to grow the most rapidly when the economy turns around, which would increase the number of calls. Now would be the time to plan for the future by creating a line item for this project and starting to set aside funding. Suggested including this in the upcoming budget process.
- Supervisor Bauer: Mono County population has not grown over the last 10 years. The Board needs to discuss the concept of spending \$40,000 on engineering and architectural services for a facility that could cost \$500,000 annually to operate. Response times in other parts of the County are similar to Tri-Valley. First consider improving the resident EMTs and paramedics to enhance communities. Need hasn't been proven for this project.
- Supervisor Peters: This issue needs to be discussed as part of the budget.

**Additional Departments: County Counsel**

14b) Old Sheriff's Substation Property Lease (Kelly Garcia) - Review of proposals received in response to Notice of Intent to Lease Property at the Old Sheriff's Substation.

**No Motion Action:** Continue reviewing both proposals for compatibility; review the time lines of each applicant.

Kelly Garcia, Public Works: Two proposals were received in response to the Notice of Intent to Lease: Mammoth Dog Teams and Mammoth Brewing Co. The leased area would be less than 25,000 sq feet; the Board has a range of options in approving a least. Garcia asked the Board

for direction.

Joyce Turner, Mammoth Brewing Co. and licensed civil engineer: Mammoth Brewing does not intend to displace the dogs, and believes the property can accommodate both activities for a period of time.

- Mammoth Brewing wants to relocate so they can enlarge their facility up to 25,000-30,000 sq. feet; the current facility is nearing capacity.
- Yosemite National Park is one of their biggest customers.
- Projecting will need up to 40 employees full time all year.
- No location is available in Mammoth Lakes, but they plan to maintain a presence in Mammoth.
- Would like 2-3 developable acres.
- Water quality at the County site is treatable; however, this issue requires more civil engineering investigation.
- Mammoth Brewing could phase in their project over 5-10 years.
- Outlined future plans for regional distribution, manufacturing, tasting rooms, and retail.

Jim Ouimet, Mammoth Dog Teams: He is waiting for the Board's decision about this property before moving forward with funding. He has checked on other sites, but they fell through. His operation currently has 6 employees and 40 dogs. This site is a good location for the dogs and has been the most successful for his operation.

Board Comments:

- Suggested staff explore whether or not the property can accommodate both proposals.
- Since there are issues with water, would this site be conducive to a brewery? Scott Burns, Community Development: The brewery would have to go through a process of rezoning and environmental studies, as noted in the RFP. This project may trigger the need for an Environmental Impact Report. There will be issues to deal with regarding the creek and scenic byway. Incompatibility issues with the dogs would be a site-planning issue.
- Supervisor Bauer: Would like to help foster the proposal submitted by Mammoth Brewing Company. Brian Muir, Finance: The Board could specify a lease rate, and then forgive a portion of it based on the number of employees since employees provide economic stimulus.

### **Additional Departments: Community Development**

14c)

Lee Vining Airport Reconstruction Project (Kelly Garcia) - Receive staff report regarding current status of the Lee Vining Airport Reconstruction Project and issues associated with grading activities. Receive Resolution from the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee regarding impacts of project.

#### **Action: None.**

Kelly Garcia, Public Works: This presentation was prompted by a resolution passed by the Mono Basin RPAC addressing the impact of airport reconstruction. PowerPoint presentation summary:

- Project background.
- Project construction accomplished to date.
- Community concerns; primary concern is height of stockpile at north end.
- Addressing concerns by holding weekly meetings with community members; people are interested in moving forward.
- Photo of construction site from the public park.
- Plan view showing extent of grading.
- List of efforts to date—contract with Integrated Environmental Restoration Services;

compilation of design and environmental data; identification of locations for measuring visuals; photo renderings.

- Majority of vegetation should be established within 5 years.
- Visual analysis showing impact to the view.
- Proposal for mass grading to reduce height of stockpile; would be done under a change order.
- Conceptual cost estimate, \$165,000 this year; consultant willing to contribute due to their error with the ditch excavation, also have FAA funding available. Estimated cost for 2011, \$100,000, using FAA funds; 2012, \$22,500, using FAA funds; 2013, \$12,500 using FAA funds.

The purpose of today's agenda item was to inform the Board and get concurrence with the proposed plan.

Chris Lizza, Mono Basin RPAC Chair: Public Works attended RPAC meetings to discuss this work, but discussions did not include information about a stockpile of excavated material. Re-vegetation in Mono Basin in difficult.

Ilene Mandelbaum, RPAC member: Acknowledged the hard work of county staff to address community concerns; presented a letter signed by community members. Mono County should be held to the same standards required of private developers and citizens; degradation could have been avoided by following its own general plan requirements. Proposed remedy will not entirely remediate the impacts, but she supports these efforts and urged Board support.

Geoff McQuilkin, community member: Concurred with Chris Lizza's comments. The meetings with the community have been productive. The proposed re-vegetation program should be successful over time.

Supervisor Peters: Supported the plan, subject to funding. The County is taking this issue seriously. Expressed appreciation for work done by staff.

Supervisor Bauer: Urged the community and staff to continue working together.

**ADJOURN: 4:00 p.m.**

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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