



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

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

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517
Regular Meeting

October 4, 2011

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hazard.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bauer.

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

Closed Session: 9:03 a.m.

Break: 10:28 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:35 a.m.

Lunch: 12:15 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:17 p.m.

Closed Session: 1:51 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:57 p.m.

Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.

Reconvene at Lee Vining Ranger Station for Field Trip: 4:05 p.m.

Adjourn: 5:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.
- 1b) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: four.
- 1c) Closed Session--CAO - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

- 1d) 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. Facts and circumstances: Implementation of Mono County Mountain Gate Project.
- 1e) Closed Session--County Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: United States v. Walker River Irrigation District (C-125-B and C).
- 1f) 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.
- 1g) Closed Session--Performance Evaluation, County Counsel - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M11-237 **Action:** Approve minutes of Special Meeting held on September 7, 2011.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

M11-238 **Action:** Approve minutes of Special Meeting held on September 8, 2011.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

M11-239 **Action:** Approve minutes of Special Meeting held on September 9, 2011.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

M11-240 **Action:** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2011, as corrected below.

Hansen moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Supervisor Hazard:

- Under General Plan amendment workshop, p. 7 under Letter "I" supervisor comments: should read 'lawn sheds', not 'cargo containers'.

3)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Bauer:

- She's been in Idaho the last couple of weeks moving her son.
- CAC meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m.
- In regards to meeting about State Park Closure – potential operating agreement handed to Marshall. Reminder is that 10/6/11 special meeting is a no-action item.
- Mentioned Secure Rural Schools request.

Supervisor Hansen:

- 9/22 – attended the Pickle Meadows 60th anniversary; there were a lot of people in attendance; it was a privilege to be there.
- 9/26 – Ted Gaines came to the coffee shop in Bridgeport and met with some local people; he came for the Tufa Reserve Issue.
- 9/27 – Meeting here with Rita and Joe Blanchard regarding gun range closures due to leasing and safety issues.
- 9/29 – To Sacramento, met with Secretary of Resource Agency to discuss the Mono Lake issues. They think AB42 will pass and they will close Tufa Reserve.

Supervisor Hazard:

- 9/20 – to RCRC; Raised over \$8,100 with gift baskets this year.
- Update on State Responsibility Area Fees – we managed to get through the close of sessions without it passing. State wants to cut back budgets for Cal Fire inmate crews. State Park Closure updates.
- 9/26 – Met with Tom Hallenbeck from CalTrans about variety of issues.
- Met with Senator Gaines at Whoa Nellie Deli; will get together for follow up at a later date.
- 9/28 – met with Crowley Lake RPAC – with Digital 395 coming along, the library would like to reconsider moving to community center.
- 9/29 – meeting with NTIA, Dept. of Congress – grant managers for Digital 395. Last night – update with Michael Orr about Digital 395.
- Gave some grant information to Brian Muir.
- Everest Challenge – after critique with the promoter, his feedback was that the racers were happy with it. He's asked for a meeting to debrief the event. There still wasn't signage up.
- Redistricting update, upcoming election candidates.

Supervisor Hunt:

- 9/24, attended a Geo-Thermal social evening; potential donors were invited.
- FYI, he will be missing the 11/15 meeting.
- In January, going to South America with family; will miss two meetings.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Tioga Pass Heritage Highway Concept – will make a future presentation. Scheduled to go to Cal Trans, Tioga Road tomorrow. May postpone due to storm.
- Last night, Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting. Working on a report regarding the latest housing assessment.
- Continuing with Biomass discussions, looking at several different things.
- Received calls on the Everest Challenge due to conditions placed on that particular race – requested future agenda item; not a rush but he does want it on an agenda.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

4)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (Jim Arkens)
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO)

regarding his activities.

Jim Arkens:

- Went to the CPAC meeting; held in Lodi for 2 ½ days, 48 counties were represented. All counties have the same issues as we have.
- Continued with Status Meetings.
- Building Official will report directly to Jim; Engineering will report to Rita Sherman.
- C-4 held on Monday.
- Hwy 395 will be on the 12th of October, not tomorrow.
- Met with Stacey Adler – wants more involvement with Board to keep school issues out in front. Will come to meeting in November to make a presentation.
- Continuing personnel issues.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Tracy Neil:

- Attended CPPCA Annual Conference where Dillon Whitmore received the Deputy Probation Officer of the Year, Small Counties. Acknowledged by organization.
- Passed around booklets and award received.

Brian Muir:

- Need to get approval of budget on the calendar; usually takes a day. Suggested Monday, 2/20/11 in Bridgeport at 9:00 a.m.

Dan Lyster:

- Bid opening of Conway Ranch Pipeline, pre-bid meeting this Friday then hoping to get it started mid-October.

Sheriff Scholl:

- Red Flag Warning in effect from 2 a.m. Wednesday to 5:00 p.m. Thursday.
- Citizen's Survey Form – send out 10 per month, they get about a 20% return every month. Went over one of the returned surveys.
- Mentioned to Board that a career criminal (campground thief) was recently caught; the result of a lot of teamwork.
- Supervisor Hazard acknowledged Lt. Weber and Sgt. West for their attendance at the annual Coroner's conference.

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.)

FINANCE

5a) Audit Services Contract - Proposed contract with Gallina, LLP pertaining to audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

M11-241 Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chairman to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 No

COUNTY COUNSEL

Additional Departments: CAO/HR

- 6a) New Personnel Rules (MCPE/DPO) - Proposed Resolution R11-___, adopting and implementing a revised set of personnel rules (personnel system) with respect to employees whose positions are represented by the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) bargaining units.

R11-68 Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R11-68, adopting and implementing a revised set of personnel rules (personnel system) with respect to employees whose positions are represented by the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) bargaining units.

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

- 7a) Letter from Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Letter addressed to Sheriff Rick Scholl (Cc: Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, County of Mono) regarding the pre-opening inspection of the Mammoth Lakes County Courthouse.

Sheriff Scholl:

- Has some additional letters from the Department of Corrections.
- Deputy Jeff Gordon has been instrumental in getting the new courthouse coordinated, etc.
- There are a few issues being ironed out.
- Jail inspection in Bridgeport: no areas of non-compliance.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked how the roof was doing?

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8a) Resolution of Appreciation for Robyn Delaney - Resolution of appreciation honoring Robyn Delaney upon her retirement from Mono County.

M11-242 Action: Approve resolution of appreciation for Robyn Delaney's retirement.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Supervisor Hazard read the resolution. Robyn Delaney accepted the resolution from the board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

Additional Departments: County Counsel

- 9a) Notice of Order for Standard Industrial Minerals (Nick Criss) - Public hearing regarding a Notice of Order for Standard Industrial Minerals addressing non-compliance with Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).

M11-243 **Action:** Approve Mono County's Notice of Order requiring that Standard Industrial Minerals commence and complete reclamation for both Hot Creek Kaolin and Pacific Sericite mine sites within the time limits specified in the order.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Nick Criss:

- Went over some background information including his staff report detailing the history of the Notice of Violation sent to Richard Harmon.
- The 2011 inspections have revealed that reclamation activities still have not begun. Notice of order served on August 30, 2011; he recommends that the Board approve this order.
- He hasn't calculated what the fines will be.
- Recontouring of cut slopes and revegetating would be part of necessary reclamation process. The way the reclamation order is written requires it to be completed within one year of the day it commences.
- The Office of Reclamation is putting pressure on the County and he's trying to get it to a close.
- He's open to exploring options to keep mines operational.
- We need financial assurances that are acceptable and an interim management plan to address stabilization plan.

John Vallejo:

- Not focusing on the fines at this point but rather on compliance; that will come later. This includes fines initiated by failure to comply with the order. Need to wait until Order is actually violated.
- Asked Nick to explain the reclamation activities.
- There is discretion written into the code for what financial assurances are acceptable.
- Bonds would be adequate assurances moving forward.
- If values of applicant's properties are sufficient, would a lien on the properties be a possibility? Might be something the operator might be willing to do? There will also need to be an interim management plan in place if the mine is going to remain idle.
- Would need financial assurance and a management plan in place if Board decides to not go forward with the Notice or Order.
- Could explore an interim management plan in the next month but he's not sure whether or not a lien on property is an adequate financial assurance.
- Either go forward with the Order or the Board can go in a completely different direction.
- Fines don't go into place until Notice is violated. Code Compliance needs some

leverage on enforcement, so confirming the order issued by Code Compliance would be appropriate at this time. He's recommending approving the order today and making a change to the order by November 1, 2011 if appropriate.

Supervisor Johnston:

- What will the fines be if applicant does not comply by deadline?
- Are both of the applicant's properties privately owned?
- Are the resources still available? Is it only economics that's preventing progress?
- Kaolin mine site – how would you reclaim walls to 3:1 slopes? Estimate for a reclamation?
- In 10 or 15 years, the County will need a solid waste site. This mining site would be an ideal site to use as solid waste facility. If eventually the site could be turned over to the county once the mining use is done, that would be worth exploring.
- He is in favor with trying to work with the applicant on getting a suitable bond in place; encouraged staff and applicant to look at solid waste future site. He feels that the Order needs to commence to get the ball rolling but remain open to innovative solutions.

Supervisor Hansen:

- How many bonds are held? How can you keep this from happening in the future? Hates to see resource go away.
- Didn't know that applicant was not currently operating the mines.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Any discussion held with BLM? Hate to see this continue.
- What if we go forward with the Order?
- If mine were up and operational again, what does that mean for the county?
- He's not sure about looking at this site for a different future use. He is in favor of going forward with the Order.
- Likes flexibility to change Notice of Order if necessary.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Concerned that the system failed. There doesn't appear to be money available when it's needed. It's going to create problems with future projects.
- He's not comfortable with the current process and asked if there are any solutions to it.
- Thinks this is a valuable resource, hate to see it wasted.
- To Finance: are taxes current?
- Not seeing a lot of pros at this point.
- To eventually convert to a landfill is a good solution.
- He feels the mineral is too valuable to cover up; he'd like to see Mr. Harmon show some good faith. The delay by Mr. Harmon is not acceptable.
- Start January 1, 2012, end January 1, 2013?

Supervisor Bauer:

- Thanked Mr. Harmon for being here. She thinks a lien could work.
- She would just as soon work with an operator that's in place (Mr. Harmon).
- She would like Mr. Harmon, John and Nick to work on lien and management plan.
- Not ready to pull the trigger on the notice or order commencement.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN: 11:19 A.M. (John Vallejo explained that technically this item is not a public hearing.)

Rich Harmon (applicant):

- Apologized for not having the bonds in place first. They were told there would be no problems and found out later that was not the case.
- They have plenty of assets to cover the reclamation, not cash.
- His mine fully intends to reclaim the properties. They would start prior to the November 1st deadline, however he is worried about the weather.
- Explained reclamation process.
- He would love to be in the position to put up the bonds.
- Would be about \$60,000.
- They'd be willing to put up some other property.
- At Sericite mine, there are two spots needing work, the stability is good.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Can have both the order in effect and make changes. Either a reclamation plan and/or changes.

Brian Muir:

- CDs are a perfectly reasonable assurance; it has more to do with the institution than the mechanism (whether bonds or CDs).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10a)

Monthly Agenda Item for Tourism & Film Commission (Alicia Vennos / Tourism Commissioners) - Pursuant to Minute Order # M11-152, the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission representative(s) and/or the Economic Development Manager will appear before the Board of Supervisors at the first meeting of each month to convey and discuss information and strategies relevant to tourism and economic development.

Action: None.

Alicia Vennos:

- Referenced two visitor guides.
- Went over various projects/promotions.
- They have posted various fall photos on their Facebook page.
- Discussed Public Relations coverage (magazines, newspapers, etc. – passed around examples of what is circulating).
- Discussed tourism presence in the U.K.
- Found a way to use grant monies to place ad/promote Mono County.
- Housekeeping issues: Sarah McCahill is back working on web page. Working for HR to create job description for interim position.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Fishing magazine – is it free?
- If Fishing Derbies are publicized then you have a better way to gauge whether or not they are successful.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

11a) Great Basin Water Forum (Stacey Simon) - County attendance at annual Great Basin Water Forum.

M11-245 **Action:** Approve and designate Supervisor Tim Hansen to attend the Great Basin Water Forum in Ely, Nevada on October 14, 2011.

(taken after 14a) **Bauer moved; Hunt seconded**

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Stacey Simon:

- Explained what the forum is and that someone from our county should go.

Supervisor Hunt:

- What is the county's benefit to this?

Supervisor Bauer:

- You'd be surprised at who attends; provides a lot of goodwill.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Keeps avenue open at a relatively low cost.

Supervisor Hansen:

- We do have water problems; this is a privilege.
- He'd attend.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Feels it's beneficial.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Additional Departments: Community Development

12a) Human Resources - Building Official (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Tom Perry and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment (as the Building Official).

R11-69 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R-69, approving an employment agreement with Tom Perry and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment (as the Building Official).

Johnston moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Jim Arkens:

- Explained that Tom Perry was selected as Building official; Tom has seen the contract, etc. He recommends that the Board approve this.

PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

13a) California River Parkways Grant Application for Mountain Gate Phase III (Mary Ellen Halpin) - Potentially authorize application to the California River Parkways Program for the Mountain Gate Trail and Restoration Project and approve and authorize the associated resolution.

R11-70 **Action:** 1. Approve and Authorize the Department of Public Works, in

conjunction with the Community Development Department, to prepare and submit a grant application to the California River Parkways Program for development funds associated with the Mountain Gate Trail and Restoration Project. 2. Approve and Authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution No. 11-70, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Approving the application for Grant Funds from the California River Parkway Grant Program Under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)".

Hunt moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Mary Ellen Halpin:

- Explained Grant Application/potential project.
- Grant due 10/14/11.

13b) Final Payment to Marzano & Sons for Lee Vining Streetscape (Kelly Garcia) - Consider final payment to Marzano and Sons for Lee Vining Streetscape project.

M11-246 **Action:** Approve claim by Marzano and Sons in the amount of \$24,240.40 relative to sawcut and removal of concrete associated with the Lee Vining Streetscape project and authorize payment of claim.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Kelly Garcia:

- There was a discrepancy in bid documents originally prepared.
- Has met with contractor several times and came up with proposal before the Board: to pay their claim.
- Explained fiscal impact.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Kelly has been able to come to a middle of a road agreement. We have an obligation to honor it.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Appears to be justified in light of the entire project.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked about using the bicycle/pedestrian set aside account for extra monies required.

13c) Rejection of Bids for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation Project (Garrett Higerd) - Receive and reject all bids for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation project.

M11-247 **Action:** Reject all bids for the Aspen Road Rehabilitation project.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Garrett Higerd:

- This project has been in the works for some time; put out to bid but received

- bids significantly higher than expected.
- Recommends we reject all bids; he'll come again in two weeks to discuss the Prop 1B funding and decide whether or not to commit additional funds. Project would be completed next fall.
- He'll bring a list back in two weeks with additional information.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She thought there were problems with the doing of the culvert; is this same discussion?
- Benefits to putting it out to bid vs. doing it ourselves?
- She doesn't want project lost.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 14a) Board of Supervisors--Change to Agenda Format (Supervisor Hansen) - Consider a recent request to add an additional opportunity for the public to address the Board after closed session, as shown in Exhibit 1. Supervisor Hansen requested this agenda item. (taken after item #12a)

M11-244 (taken after #12a) **Action:** Move to add an additional opportunity for the public to address the Board after closed session with the right to change or adjust it should it become a problem.

Hansen moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 Yes: Bauer, Hansen, Hunt and Johnson; 1 No: Hazard

Supervisor Hansen:

- Explained his reasons why he'd like this change incorporated.
- He doesn't see that this problem has presented itself very often; he'd just rather side with the community.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He agrees with Supervisor Hansen. Since we've been having extended closed sessions, it makes sense to incorporate this change. Time will be well spent.

Supervisor Hunt:

- This formalizes letting the public speak as often as they would like to.
- It makes it more convenient.
- This isn't a real problem but the chair *can* limit speaking if it becomes a problem.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She thinks the Board should do it.

Supervisor Hazard:

- He disagrees due to time constraints and timed agenda items.
- Doesn't support it from a management point of view – as in chairing the meeting.

- 14b) 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.

ADJOURN: 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

DUANE "HAP" HAZARD
CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 14c) Lee Vining Canyon Field Trip (Mike Schlafmann, Deputy District Ranger, Mammoth and Mono Lake Districts Inyo National Forest) - The Board will adjourn their meeting in Bridgeport at 3:00 p.m. and will reconvene at the Lee Vining Ranger Station on Highway 120 West at 4:00 p.m. Mike Schlafmann will provide a brief overview of the field trip and objectives. He will then take the Board on a tour of Lee Vining Canyon, which encompasses the lower portion of Tioga Pass along the banks of Lee Vining Creek. They will visit campgrounds and other sites in the lower canyon (this will require some walking on roads, nothing strenuous). Car pooling will be required in order to facilitate parking for field trip sites. Supervisor Hazard requested this agenda item.

Action: None.

4:05 p.m.: The Board reconvened their regular meeting at the Lee Vining Ranger Station on Highway 120 West. Mike Schlafmann, Deputy District Ranger, Mammoth and Mono Lake Districts Inyo National Forest, led the field trip.

Overview

- Purpose of this meeting is to share ideas and begin a discussion about future plans for facilities in Lee Vining Canyon. Plans include upgrades to employee housing and the ranger station; improvements to existing campgrounds; and possible development of new campgrounds.
- At some point Yosemite National Park may become involved with campground plans in Tuolumne Meadows.
- Some campgrounds in Lee Vining Canyon have been closed at this time to overnight use, and some improvements have been made in other campgrounds.
- There may be funding opportunities from internal grants and a scenic byways grant.
- Will continue the dialogue with the community about proposed plans for development.
- Currently looking for potential partnerships, such as public/private partnerships, and/or partnering with Yosemite National Park.

- Addressed questions raised about collection of TOT from campers.

4:25 p.m. drove to Aspen Campground. Schlafmann reviewed issues pertaining to Aspen Campground and possible improvements, such as:

- Relocating sites away from the river and falls so there is more public access for day use.
- Orienting sites for tent camping.
- Improving the roads.
- Addressing drainage problems.
- Developing camp sites in the interior space.
- Developing better group accommodations.

Schlafmann pointed out that campgrounds in lower Lee Vining Canyon have the same issues as Aspen.

He answered questions about revenue generation through fees, occupancy rates and campground closures, and law enforcement issues.

4:55 p.m. drove to the former Southern California Edison headquarters camp. Schlafmann reviewed the possibilities of developing new campground facilities at this location.

- They are considering whether to open the area for medium-type camping or RV camping.
- They will have to consider historic and cultural issues pertaining to this site.
- There is a potential business opportunity for a concessionaire to operate this site.

Public Comment

- Ilene Mandelbaum, Lee Vining resident, expressed concern about developing this area for the following reasons:
 - It is currently a wild area and development would potentially block public access.
 - The area is wildlife habitat.
 - There are springs and creeks in this area.
 - The area is used for year-round recreation.
 - There is a location in Lee Vining that could potentially be developed as an RV park, which would boost business in Lee Vining.
 - The need for development should be demonstrated before pursuing this project.

Summary

- Today's field trip was an introduction and overview about plans under consideration.
- Next steps: Schedule a future meeting with the Board of Supervisors for additional public discussion; share a more detailed plan; start improving the Aspen Campground.
- Supervisor Bauer pointed out that YARTS is moving forward with transportation plans for more trips through the canyon.

Adjourn: 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

DUANE "HAP" HAZARD
CHAIR

LYNDA ROBERTS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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