



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
February 3, 2015**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: Alpers.*

*Break: 10:48 a.m.
Reconvene: 11:01 a.m.
Lunch/Closed Session: 12:06 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.
Adjourn: 3:31 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2015, as corrected.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

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Supervisor Johnston:

- On p. 3 of draft minutes, under his board report, first bullet point, should say Peter Bernasconi is from the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Supervisor Stump:

- On p. 5 of draft minutes, under item #9a, his second bullet point, after “step up”, should add, “and make the address corrections”.

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Absent.

Supervisor Corless:

- Communication/Outreach Efforts: Monthly KMMT regular program segment, invite all to join, schedule through her. Holding office hours at Sierra Ctr. Mall.
- 1/22, Broadband Consortium: inspiration, important messages and connections that reinforce the need for Mono to continue to lead on leveraging D395 in many ways, on all levels. Important takeaways for us to communicate to our constituents is online presence—possible 3rd round of grant funding from the consortium (if it stays funded); making sure we use this resource and communicate need to legislators; recognize healthcare as a driver of broadband.
- 1/29, Collaborative Planning: pleased to chair an inspiring meeting, great update from bi-state sage grouse working group, Devils Postpile general plan final decision.
- Congratulations to Chloe Kim X Games Gold, Mammoth snowboard team member,
- Shirley Blumberg, longtime Mammoth resident, passed away Friday, condolences to her family.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Tuesday 1/20 – Thanks to the Board for keeping the 20ths agenda light. Allowed him time to get to Sacramento at a reasonable time.
- Wednesday 1/21 – attended the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting in Sacramento. At the request of the Counties in our region, nominated and approved to sit on the RCRC Executive Committee for our region. Being on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will mean that he will have to travel to Sacramento almost monthly.
 - Some of the items discussed during the Board meeting were: Governor’s proposed budget, adoption of RCRC’s 2015 Policy Principles, Federal PILT and SRS status, Groundwater update, the State Water Board’s “Grazing Regulation Action Project” (GRAP). Some thought that Cattle should be substituted for Grazing as that would make for a better acronym.
- On Wednesday evening, attended the RCRC Installation of Officers. Lee Adams, Sierra County, is now Chairman of the Board. John Viegas, Glenn County, is 1st Vice-Chair and Bob Williams, Tehama County, is 2nd Vice Chair and Nate Beason, Nevada County, is the Past Chair.
 - At this evening gathering, was able to speak one on one with both State Assemblyman Tom Berryhill and Assemblyman Frank Bigelow. He had the opportunity to discuss DFW’s reduction in fish for 2015. I also had the opportunity to prime each of them on the situation in Chalfant regarding Highway 6. Requested they carry legislation which would allow CalTrans to reduce the speed below the 85th percentile. Since then, our staff has been in contact with their respective staffs.
- Spent a few days down through the Central Valley and Coastal region discussing California’s dryness with many ranchers and farmers. Was able to have conversations with a few water districts on their situations. Very enlightening.
- Wednesday 1/28 – attended the ARC meeting; had a great session working thru some requests by Supervisors for the February 3rd and 10th agendas. Thanks to staff for

- working on these requests and making them happen.
- Monday 2/2 – met with Matt Turville, with DelSol Energy. They are a solar company that is part of the FigTree PACE program. Had a great discussion on how to better utilize FigTree's PACE funding for Solar, but also for other uses such as windows, insulation, air conditioners, water heaters. Their suggestion was to take care of low hanging fruit first (a/c, windows, etc) then look at solar. By taking care of these other items it will reduce the amount of solar that is required. The PACE funding can be used for all of these items in addition to the solar.

Supervisor Johnston:

- 1/26 – Great Basin meeting; recruiting for new Director.
- 1/26 – IMACA meeting, working on various items.
- 2/2 – Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting, gave Board a handout of activities.
- Attended Adventure Trail Hearing – 7 of 36 road segments approved.
- There is ATV high marking occurring at the Auchoberry Pit; someone needs to check into this and report back to Board, is this what we intended?
- CSAC – Transportation infrastructure financing to be focused on this year;
- Governor's budget is out. For a future agenda item: departments need to look at state/federal budget and see how it would affect us both positively and negatively.

Supervisor Stump:

- 1-22: Met with Mammoth Fire Chief Frievalt. Discussed EMT Training and the fact that the current local training available has trouble meeting local needs. Also spoke with Cathy Peterson who is going to check and see if there is a way to use "Workforce Training" dollars to help create a more sustainable program since both Mammoth Hospital and Mono County Medic Program hire EMTs.
- 1-26: Attended the Great Basin Air District meeting in Bishop. Received update on Owens Dry Lake dust control project. Recruitment process to replace the retired Air Pollution Officer underway.
- 1-27: Attended the CSA 1 Board meeting. Work continuing on the Crowley Ball Field Bathroom project. CSA 1 now looking toward a skate park project.
- 1-28: Visited Chalfant Park to see how goat head treatment is progressing. Public works staff are using a propane torch on burn days to scorch plants and hopefully kill them.
- 1-29: attended meeting with Scott Burns, Courtney Weiche, Vianey White, two CSA 1 Board members, and a representative from Triade Engineering to look at potential plot plans for the Crowley Community Center site to accommodate a skate park. Meeting recommended a plan; Vianey will run by County Staff to see if there are concerns. Having a plot plan is necessary so Community Development can adopt a "use permit" for the site as directed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 1-30: Attended Marshall's surprise birthday party. He does not look 50.
- 2-2: Brief meeting with Robin Roberts to check on Benton programs now that Ellen Thompson has retired.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Jim Leddy:

- January 21st** – Met with Justin Alder and John Glazier about possible opportunities to partner with the Bridgeport Colony on Shared Services. Wendy Sugimura and Jeff Walters also in attendance. Topics included the plans by the Tribe to build a community center and possible wellness center; trails around town and pedestrian paths. The Tribe has donated 200 snow poles to the County for use on County roads around the Reservation.
- January 21st** – Conference call with Caltrans Staff, Terry Erlwein and Ryan Dermody, to

clarify Highway 6 legislative request. Letter sent into Assemblyman Bigelow and Senator Tom Berryhill on January 23rd per Board's request of January 20th requesting possible legislation. Senator Berryhill's staff acknowledged the letter but no decision yet as to whether Senator Berryhill will be the author.

- **January 22nd** - Strategic Planning Steering Committee met and discussed updating the PowerPoint and documents endorsed by Board on January 20th. Scheduling of visits to all RPACS is first step. In addition, will be engaging other agency partners and members of the Public to bring back additional feedback.
- **January 23rd** – Conference call with Caltrans Staff, Terry Erlwein and Ryan Dermody, along with Scott Burns, John Vallejo and Jeff Walters regarding the SR 108 process. We collectively divided up the to-do assignments and the process should expect to take 6-8 months per Caltrans. Most of this time will be review by Caltrans. County will be working to fully engage public about proposed project including bringing to both Bridgeport and Antelope Valley RPAC.
- **January 27th** – Attended the ADA Taskforce meeting. Transition Plan under review by staff before bringing it to the Board. Projects proceeding and will be folded into the Project Approval process to ensure that all projects regardless of origin are being reviewed.
- **January 28th** -- Mono County Energy Taskforce interviewed Dan Modisette with Sky Engineering. Third firm to present a proposal on solarization county facilities. Most of discussion looked at Shared Solar process however, upon later review, the regulation on Shared Solar still not in effect. The Taskforce has received three presentations on ways to get to Zero Net Energy for County facilities and will be bringing to the Board options for their consideration in March.
- **January 30th** – Participated in Panel interviews for the HR Manager/Deputy CAO position. 7 applications. Five offered interviews, four showed up. Panel narrowed applicants to two who will be brought to the Board for Interview.
- **Attended** Linda Arcularious' retirement party; resolution presented to her from Mono County.
- **Thanks to Bridgeport Reservation** – they've donated 200 snow poles.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Ingrid Braun:

- Introduced Undersheriff Michael Moriarty.
- He spoke a few words about his experience. He just moved to Crowley Lake and has spent a lot of time in the area.

7. 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.)

A. Resolution Honoring Retired Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Dan Watson

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed resolution recognizing Dan Watson for his years of service to the people of Mammoth Lakes as Police Chief.

Action: Approve proposed resolution.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M15-21

B. Resolutions of Support for Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural School Funding

Departments: County Administrator's Office

Proposed resolutions requesting Congress to fully fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (PILT) and the Secure Rural Schools funding due to Mono County.

Action: 1. Adopt proposed Resolution #R15-05, Requesting Congress to Fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program and Resolution #R15-06, requesting Congress to Fund Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000; 2. Forward to Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Senator Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Representative Paul Cook.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

R15-05

R15-06

C. Recycling Rangers Volunteer Agreement

Departments: Public Works / Solid Waste

Consider Recycling Rangers program and provide any direction to staff.

Action: Approve, and authorize the Environmental Services Manager to execute, Recycling Ranger Volunteer Agreements on behalf of Mono County.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M15-22

D. June Lake CAC Appointments

Departments: Community Development Department

Consider appointment of four new members and reappoint three existing members to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.

Action: Reappoint Jil Stark, Pattie Heinrich, and Connie Black (terms to expire 12/31/18) and appoint four new members Carl Williams, Jeffrey Ronci (terms to expire 12/31/18) and John Logue and Bob Gardner (filling unexpired terms to expire 12/31/16) to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M15-23

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

A. Fish and Game Commission Notice

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Notice dated 1/13/15 from the Fish and Game Commission regarding the

prohibition on the use of lead projectiles and ammunitions using lead projectiles for the take of wildlife with firearms.

B. Southern California Edison Notice

Departments: Clerk of the Board

SCE letter dated January 15, 2015 regarding notice of their California Public Utilities Commission Application (A.)14-12-007 filed on December 10, 2014.

C. American Lung Association

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from the American Lung Association regarding release date of the 13th annual American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control report on 1/21/15.

D. Helene and Randall Frakes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Frakes, summer residents of Twin Lakes, encouraging the board to support truck restrictions on SR 108 outlined in the Caltrans letter of 12/22/14.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Department of Fish & Wildlife Reduction in Fish Stocking

Departments: Economic Development

(Gaye Mueller -- Chair, Mono County Fisheries Commission) - Discussion on proposed reduction of fish stocking state-wide from Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Mono County Fisheries Commission recommendations.

Action: None.

Gaye Mueller (Fisheries Commission):

- Introduced Jim Erdman to Board.
- Reminded Board of what the purpose of the Fisheries Commission is.
- They are very concerned with the decrease in stocking in Mono County – it's a loss of recreational opportunities with a significant economic impact.
- Went over the pounds of fish previously stocked and what will be stocked this year.
- We are losing 218,000 pounds of fish this year, about \$1million.
- Mono County is a world class fishing destination – we really need quality fish (over quantity).
- Went over various things the Fisheries Commission would like to do to mitigate the stocking issues – spawning, education to others, cage culture programs, working with Bridgeport Fish Enhancement to cage their fish.
- Sustainability is the Fish Commission's role.
- Would like to see: Trout in the classroom (K-12), would like to spend \$7,000 - \$10,000 to add aquariums to our county.
- Would like to help expand Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Program, would like to give

additional \$8,000 that they need.

- Asking for Board's opinion on whether or not to spend their remaining funds of \$29,500 on fish stocking or on the classroom education and Bridgeport Fish Enhancement.
- They'd like to Board to consider additional funding from mid-year budget coming up to put back into fish stocking.
- Fisheries Commission is very grateful to have Jeff Simpson as their County representative; he is doing a great job.
- Invited Stacy Corless to next Fisheries Commission meeting. Would like Board to readdress the idea of having a board member be allowed to come.
- Also pursuing increase in fish license and hydraulics.

Jim Erdman (Department of Fish and Wildlife):

- Gave Board handouts (to be posted to the web).
- Handout – CDFW R6 Inyo/Mono Stock Talk:
 - Statewide Pounds
 - Inyo/Mono Pounds
 - Planting Schedule
- Handout – Why is DFW planting fewer and smaller fish in 2015?
- Other factors: work on dams due to drought.
- He attends both Mono and Inyo Fisheries Commission meetings.
- They are currently trying to acquire more money for fish stocking.

Jeff Simpson (Economic Development):

- Reminded Board of their Trophy Fish Stocking program, gave some history and stats.
- Introduced Tom McDonald from Desert Springs Trout Farm.
- Is the board asking for a policy request at mid-year at the recommendation of the Commission?

Tom McDonald (Desert Springs Trout Farm):

- They have one of the most unique hatcheries anywhere.
- Gave some background on his operation.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Does Desert Springs have more capacity if the county wanted to purchase more fish?
- Thanked Mr. Erdman for his efforts.
- Very sad situation considering our economy is tourist based a lot of which is fishing.
- Brought up the fact that the Board does have contingencies; may need to look at this at mid-year.
- Suggestion: Fund BFEF fund, look at trout in the classrooms. We will look at this at mid-year and ahead to next fiscal year. And we need to keep on top of the legislative end of this.

Supervisor Stump:

- Supervisor Alpers sent his regrets for not being able to attend today.
- Spoke with Chairman in Inyo, Matt Kingsley, and he was unaware of the fish stocking situation.
- State of California always has sufficient funding when it comes to regulations; concerned about priorities.
- Finds it ironic that a few months ago Fish and Game Warden came to Board looking for scopes, which were approved to protect land. Now we're being asked to perform a function the state should be performing.
- Cautious about budget; doesn't know if there's anything more we can do. He resents being put into this position.
- This isn't just about Mono County people; we're a major destination for lots of others.
- Hears both long term and short term goals/issues.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Thanked Mr. Erdman for all his efforts.
- Suggests that this fish stocking issue is outrageous. He realizes that Mr. Erdman is

only the messenger.

- He doesn't accept this with fanfare at all; feels this is senseless.
- The State is forcing counties and other agencies to take over fish business. The state is touting recreation but taking away stocking of fish. Cutting the fish in half is not acceptable to him.
- Mr. Erdman's superiors need to get real and fight for this money, more so than they've been doing.
- Thanked Gaye Mueller for her work on this. What about Mammoth Lakes Recreation Funding sources? Have we tried to apply for money through that program?
- Asked that the Commission let Board know how their meeting goes tomorrow.

Stacy Corless:

- Thanked the Fisheries Commission for their invite to attend their meetings; she'd be happy to.
- This is an astonishing reduction requiring triage mode, but at some point we need to accept/embrace the new normal.
- Took some time looking at the Fish and Game Strategic Plan, although it has not been recently updated.
- How do we find some middle ground here and do the best we can? Maybe that's focusing on quality and trophy trout.
- What are the rules around private fish stocking?
- Interesting to note: summer TOT has increased even though stocking has decreased.

Leslie Chapman:

- We don't usually do policy items at mid-year but she could work with Jeff to add this to possible contingency list.

B. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

(Leslie L. Chapman) - Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended: December 31, 2014 and monthly transaction reports for November and December 2014.

Action: None.

Leslie Chapman:

- Introduced item; handed out information.
- Doing things in Treasury office to try to redistribute allocations.
- Trying to create a portfolio that has steps in it.
- Introduced Joanne Werthwein.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about 4th quarter drop – consistent year over year?
- Did she inherit the 17-18 investments?
- Thanked her for her work and common sense approach.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Thanked her for work on this; if we needed to we could sell some things but we'd take penalties. He thinks her approach is good.

Supervisor Fesko:

- The philosophy she's showing is in tune with what the Board wants.

C. Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation Project CEQA Approval and Agreements

Departments: Public Works, Community Development

(Garrett Higerd) - This project will rehabilitate 2.75 miles of Convict Lake Road and add bicycle lane improvements. The Convict Lake Road Project is a high

priority for the FHWA and it would like to construct the project in 2015. The following actions are required to keep the project on track.

To view the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (too large to attach to the agenda), please follow the link below:

http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/Board%20of%20Supervisors/calendar_event/3563/convict_lake_-_final_initial_study_and_mnd.pdf

Action: 1. Approve and adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation Project consisting of the Federal Highway Administration's Categorical Exclusion, and supplemental Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared by Mono County, finding on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; that the MND reflects Mono County's independent judgment and analysis; and that the record will reside with the Mono County Clerk. 2. Approve implementation of the Project and direct Public Works staff to submit the MND and a Request for Authorization to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for \$584,000 in STIP construction match funds. 3. Approve amended Reimbursable Agreement and authorize the Public Works Director to execute said agreement on behalf of the County. 4. Adopt resolution #R15-07, authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and consent to recordation of a Highway Easement Deed offered by the United States of America for Convict Lake Road.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

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R15-07

Garrett Higerd:

- Project has been in the works for some time, finally going out to bid and moving forward.
- We will be providing a match using some STIP funds.
- Project has gone through the Environmental phase – only one comment from Caltrans, very run of the mill.
- Asking Board to approve MND.
- Explained minor change to reimbursement agreement.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Mentioned that Mary Booher was still listed as a contact, make sure they know the correct contact on Exhibit A.

Stacey Simon:

- Easement deed in packet is in draft form – accordingly the resolution says the Public Works Director can approve the FINAL version once it's done.

D. Workshop for Cemetery Ordinance and Potential Plot Fees

Departments: Public Works

(Vianey White) - The Department of Public Works currently manages the three public cemeteries in Mono County: Bridgeport Cemetery, Mono Lake Cemetery and Southern Mono County Cemetery (also known as the Mt. Morrison Cemetery). Public Works staff, the Office of the County Counsel,

along with several community members have been working towards an update of the Cemetery Ordinance (Chapter 7.32 of the Mono County Code) to gain compliance with State law and address issues raised locally. Staff has also been researching the potential to assess a cemetery plot fee.

Action: None.

Vianey White:

- Introduced item, explained it and offered some history.
- Thanked all community members that have helped her get this to this point.
- Explained DRAFT ordinance and changes proposed. Goal was to keep as simple as possible.
- Pointed out a few items in Ordinance:
 - P. 3,
 - P. 4, item 3 – size of plot
 - P. 4, item (e) – number of plots that can be reserved.
 - P. 5, section 7.32 – after five years if can't reach representative the plot can be considered abandoned and be reused.
 - P.8, item 11 – ornamentation issue.
 - Exhibit 2 – Fee discussion.
- Some of the cemetery land is owned by BLM.
- Community has stepped up many times to do maintenance. It's just been minimal.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Brought up the “no reservations” being taken.
- Could this be turned over to a local district? Are we mandated to do this?
- Do we need to enter in an MOU with the Tribe regarding their land, etc?
- This can all be brought back at once, ordinance including fees, the first reading.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He doesn't have a problem with some subsidies; he's happy with where the suggestions are headed with a reasonable fee.
- If fee is adopted, CPI should be considered.

Supervisor Stump:

- Feels the issue of historical plot reservations is our problem, not the person who believes they have a reservation for a plot.
- Fees based on what it costs to provide service; in past, county has spent considerable amount of money.
- Asked about fee structure, how is it based?
- Agrees that we move forward with suggestions as discussed.

Supervisor Corless:

- P. 2, item g, line 11 – maybe missing a word?
- P. 4, item b, line 9 - add more detailed information?

John Vallejo:

- Not sure if there is a mandate for the county to provide cemeteries or if private entities can take over.
- Looking at waiving fees for historical plot reservations? It's not complete. In some cases there is no paperwork.
- Next step will be to bring to the board for a first reading.

Leslie Chapman:

- This is a business type program; we run it like one. Not bound to complete cost recoveries.
- Fee structure is based on history.
- Need to look at what the market is going to bear?
- Only reason to wait until the fee schedule workshop to adjust fees is because historically that's the way we usually have done them.

Ron Barrett:

- Grew up here; he's fine with paying a little extra.
- He has been waiting to make reservations.

Steve Noble:

- This is a big deal for the community of Bridgeport.
- He appreciates Vianey's work on this; she's made tremendous headway.
- This helps provide a backbone.
- Doesn't see a private entity taking this over but feels it's not entirely the county's responsibility either. He likes the idea of the Ordinance.
- Thanked the Sheriff's Department with the maintenance they've provided. Need to emphasize that the community also needs to step up.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Jim Leddy. 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.

B. Closed Session - Conference With Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Mono County v. Schat.net.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION COMMENCES AT 1:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Danna Stroud:

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant update.
- Finalizing grant guidelines right now.
- Webinar 3/18 in Bishop to learn about grant guidelines.
- 3/4 in Sacramento, SNC 10th Anniversary Celebration.
- Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WHIP) – how to better enhance and store and preserve Eastern Sierra watersheds.

13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative Workshop and Forest Plan Update

Departments: Community Development Department

(John Wentworth and Danna Stroud) - Workshop presentation by John Wentworth and Danna Stroud regarding Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) proposed recreation strategy for Inyo Forest Plan Update (requested by Supervisor Corless).

Action: Approve proposed letter requesting that the Inyo National Forest extend Forest Plan Update timeframes to allow for consideration of proposed ESRC recreation strategy, changing the percentage of public lands in Mono County to 94%.

Corless moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

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John Wentworth:

POWER POINT:

- 2012 Planning Rule for Land Management , Planning
- Collaborative Alternative Team (CAT)
- Lakes Basin Special Study
- Land and Resource Management Plan (currently 26 years old)
- Southwestern Sustainable Recreation Strategy
- Drafting a Recreation Strategy
- Reasonable extension of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)?
- www.eastsierrarec.org
- What is the next Collaborative Opportunity for Mono County and the Eastern Sierra Region?
- Signing the letter doesn't necessarily mean you have to support everything being proposed.

Supervisor Stump:

- Have copies of this draft EIS been sent to all forests?
- Will Conservancy weigh in with support letter?

Supervisor Corless:

- There are some items in the proposed strategy that are at the project level, maybe to be looked at down the line by others.
- The draft is not project or activity specific; it gives a way to approach management.
- Embellished on the "access for everyone" language.
- This collaborative is focused on recreation. We're not reinventing the wheel with forest service issues.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Question about extension being asked for.
- Public lands make up 94% of the county, not 97%.
- What are we buying into by signing the letter? Doesn't support everything as it applies to Mono County.
- How far along are they in the Draft EIS?
- What does "access for all" mean?

Danna Stroud:

- Extension being asked for is to allow an extension on the front end of the DRAFT EIS, not the back end. Asking that work be allowed to be done up front.
- Not appropriate for Conservancy to send a letter of support; they are providing support through the development of the WHIP.

B. CARB Compliance

Departments: Public Works - ROAD

(Jeff Walters) - Public Works has been refining their California Air Resource

Board (CARB) compliance requirements and associated costs for Mono County's fleet of diesel powered heavy equipment. A proposed plan is attached that lays out the schedule and approximate costs. Also attached is an invitation to bid with specifications to repower an engine in a grader.

Action: Authorize Public Works to advertise for an engine replacement for said vehicle described in staff report as to a cost of the engine replacement and to apply for the incentive available with the hope of receiving it.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M15-26

Jeff Walters:

- Explained history of item.
- Went over list of vehicles and replacement schedule/potential costs.
- Discussion of CARB Compliance Plan.
- We've gone from over \$20 million to under \$3 million.
- In order to maintain low use designation, operators need to keep tabs on hours. Patterns of use will need to be changed.
- They did find some funding incentives through GBUAPCD.
- All figures on staff report are rough estimates.
- If Mother Nature comes back with a fury and it comes down to not running machines or plowing, of course they will choose to plow. Board agrees.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Hats off to staff for getting the total amount lowered. They've done a great job looking at this and keeping things in check.
- Realizes that the hours are going to change, staff needs to come back in front of the board with any problems that come up. Board can be flexible as long as they are kept in the loop.

Supervisor Stump:

- Good work to staff.
- We need to keep on top of records and not become compliant.
- We need to remember that we still do have some vehicles to deal with.
- He's supportive of this.

Supervisor Johnston:

- It was the goal of this board to get this taken care of and figure it out. Thanked Staff for work done on this.
- Asked about money for grader.
- Right now we have an unwritten policy to replace vehicles when we can, it's not systematic but it is being done.

Supervisor Corless:

- She thanked staff; appreciates staff and work done on this.

Leslie Chapman:

- There is over \$300,000 in the CARB set aside fund which is where the grader is being paid out of.

C. Conway Ranch Update and Workshop

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino updating the Board on issues relating to Conway Ranch, and requesting direction on short term and long term management approach.

Action: None.

Tony Dublino:

- Introduced item.
- Gave detailed information on staff report.
- With Conway Ranch Conservation Easement now in place, it has created a new paradigm for the management of Conway Ranch, and provides certainty about the potential of the future.
- Went over details of projects for future; potential steps moving forward including long term plans and ideas.
 - We could work on RFP right now, throw it out there and see who might respond.
 - Focus on developing programs: outreach, angling education, smaller scale – not so much production but education/outreach.
 - Seek partnerships with willing organizations and individuals that might be willing to do aquaculture at no cost to the county.
 - Make investments now regarding surface and ground water.
 - Operate Conway In-House, using staff as necessary. He would not be logical person to take on this role. There are probably people out there that could do this and would be interested.
- The list of projects found in the staff report are not meant to be completed in 2015. List could grow longer, there is not a real timeframe on any of these.
- This document as it is, does not fulfill obligations under 1600 permit that we have. There are ideas of what to do to become compliant.
- Email from John Boynton: he had very thoughtful and thorough comments to this, wanted to draw attention to this.
- Discussion about Sierra Nevada Bighorn and grazing on Mattly; a buffer needs to be provided. There has been interest about this by Fulstones.
- Need for increased flow data – a request received by two individuals.
- The Conway Ranch Specific Plan is going to be repealed as part of the General Plan Update; plan now is to designate the area to open space.
- Consensus for data collection; outreach for goals, not hearing we need an RFP out there right now.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Thanked staff; thinks this documents has a lot of great information in it.
- Needs to go to Planning Commission then to RPACS, etc.
- Worried about current Specific Plan that's already in place (golf course)?
- Spoke about idea for Hatchery: grazing, irrigation, and the water testing should be a priority. Not sure we move forward; needs to know legalities going forward.
- We need to have a visionary discussion that starts here and gets rolled out to the RPACS. This will require more future discussion.

Supervisor Johnston:

- There is a planning matter that needs to be resolved; right now there are plans for a golf course at Conway Ranch.
- We need the plan to be specific, not open space. Revise Specific Plan, this is the process; at end we'll have an idea.

Supervisor Stump:

- Are we prepared to honor obligation with regard to livestock?
- Need to be concerned now with data collection, livestock grazing and irrigation – those are things that are going to occur.
- Never having a document like this, it's great to look at.
- Wonders if we are getting bogged down in semantics.
- Supports the initiation of a process – We need some cost specifics. Not sure why we can't move forward AND deal with rescission of Specific Plan concurrently?

Supervisor Corless:

- Feels we need to involve public; involving revision of Specific Plan. Planning

Commission to be involved.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Reminded Board that there is also a Management Plan to consider; everything that had already been occurring will continue to occur.
- It's long been recognized by a lot of people that the Conway Ranch Specific Plan needs to be rescinded and amended. A golf course cannot be placed out there due to the Easement documents in place.
- In act of Land Use Process we could clean up the past Specific Plan.
- Don't worry about Specific Plan in terms of discussion.
- Easement really puts constraints on what can be done out there – it's already been thoroughly vetted. It may be that the Open Space designation might work.

Scott Burns:

- A Specific Plan requires a plan for development.
- Could convert current Specific Plan into an Open Space Specific Plan but they are at the end of their revision period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom McDonald (Desert Springs Trout Farm):

- Spoke about water temperature and issue of diseased fish.

Lisa Cutting (Mono Lake Committee):

- Through the time they've been in existence, they've been collecting current, historical and other information. Happy to share with staff.
- Headed towards our fourth dry year in a row; we're sitting at 23% and could go as low as 15% if it doesn't snow. The flow issue is extremely important.
- Important to develop an irrigation plan; good idea to prioritize where you're going to maximize irrigation which will maximize cover for grazing.
- Committee actively involved in education in the area; they extend any assistance required.

Fred Fulstone (FIM):

- Need to fix area at top where Webb will not allow them to go in and clean.
- Flat place – washed out years ago, needs to be repaired.
- They've been working on lower Mattly, using County's backhoe. Getting water from Edison to North end of Conway.

Carolyn Webb:

- Mr. Fulstone has misinterpreted what's been going on in the ditch. The Board needs to talk to Tony Dublino.

ADJOURN 3:31 p.m.

ATTEST

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