

**April 21, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Department Report**  
**Community Dev.**

**Scott Burns -**  
**Sage Grouse Talking**  
**Points**

## Bi-State Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Greater Sage-Grouse Listing Mono County Talking Points

- Mono County has been involved since the inception of the Local Area Working Group about 15 years ago.
  - We were at the table for the 2004 Bi-State Action Plan and participated in the 2012 update, and have regularly attended the LAWG meetings.
- A listing would have been devastating to Mono County. The proposed critical habitat blanketed 82% of private lands in Mono County, and would have been a very real and perceived regulatory burden that could have crashed our land values and shattered our fragile rural economy.
- We had a choice when the proposed listing was issued. We could entirely commit to the conservation effort based on the belief that the bird should not be listed for the right reasons, or we could “fight” the listing by causing a political ruckus.
- In an almost unprecedented move in the history of rural conservative counties, **we chose conservation and the power of partnerships and collaboration over political grandstanding.**
- Why? **Because we value our vast expanses of pristine land and diverse wildlife, and believe our small, intimate communities can co-exist with a healthy landscape. And, because we are “Wild by Nature.”**
  - Healthy landscapes and conservation were our goals.
- Today, we are proud partners in an historic conservation effort that proves that the **voluntary commitment and dedication of people on-the-ground can be effective and does not need intervention by federal regulation.**
- Mono County has taken a leadership role and helped to:
  - Develop a summary report of conservation actions and future agency commitments for the entire Bi-State,
  - Support and host outreach and education forums on topics such as pinyon-juniper management and critical habitat,
  - Encourage and enhance interagency communication and coordination,
  - Work with private landowners to mitigate impacts, follow best practices, and secure resources for conservation work, and
  - Count leks with agency biologists to assist with population monitoring.
- If the bird had been listed, Mono County would have been forced out of a conservation role and into a regulatory role.
  - We would refer landowners to the appropriate Federal agency and let them work it out.

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- We would not be able to engage as effectively in the conservation work because we'd be focused on complying with regulations and avoiding legal exposure.
- This is not a threat – it is just a reality of how private land regulation works.
- **We realize this is a long-term commitment and a significant burden, and we are prepared to follow through.** Our dedication and effort has been not only for today's decision, but to ensure the future existence of the Bi-State sage-grouse and it's habitat.
- **We are very concerned about potential lawsuits** against the decision. These parties bringing the lawsuits have **not** been involved in the on-the-ground conservation effort and have **not** engaged with the Bi-State partners.
  - **Lawsuits at this point will only detract from the real conservation effort and the only loser will be the Bi-State Sage-grouse.**
  - We challenge those litigious parties to come work with us. We challenge you to be part of the solution. We challenge you to stop grandstanding and focus on real issues on the ground. Stop sucking off the resources we need to protect the birds.
- When the Bi-State population was first becoming a marquis species, it was named the Mono Basin sage-grouse after an iconic lake and scenic area in Mono County. We take that original name to heart and are committed to ensuring this namesake remains a part of our landscape.

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- We applaud all of our Bi-State partners, agencies and stakeholders that are part of this unprecedented effort. Only together have we been able to achieve conservation on such a significant scale.
- We applaud the US Fish and Wildlife Service for their participation as well, and their courageous decision to support and validate this conservation effort.

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**US Dept. of the Interior**  
**Media Advisory re:**  
**Important Conservation**  
**Announcement**

**Jim Leddy**

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# Media Advisory

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## **TODAY: Secretary Jewell, Gov. Sandoval to Make Important Conservation Announcement**

*Will Highlight Successful Partnership in Nevada, California*

**RENO, NV** – Today, Tuesday, April 21, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will make an important conservation announcement for Nevada and California. Secretary Jewell will be joined by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, USDA Under Secretary Robert Bonnie, California Natural Resources Agency Secretary John Laird, and local and state partners to highlight an effective partnership for the conservation of the bi-state population of greater sage-grouse.

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**WHO:** Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior  
Brian Sandoval, Nevada Governor  
Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment  
John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency Secretary  
Tony Wasley, Nevada Department of Wildlife Director  
Neil Mortimer, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California Chairman  
Bryan Masini, Private Landowner & Rancher

**WHAT:** Important Conservation Announcement for Nevada and California

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
12:30 p.m. - Media Check-In  
1:00 p.m. - Press Conference

**WHERE:** Nevada Department of Wildlife  
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Reno, NV 89512

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**Item #9e**

**CAO Transition**

**Strategic Plan Spreadsheets**

Strategic Direction	Promote a Strong & Diverse Economy	Protect Natural Resources & Enhance Public Access	Understand & Address Community Needs	Support Healthy People in Healthy Communities	Reward Innovation	Effective Use of Resources	Workforce Wellness	Strengthen County Culture
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Methods...</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing in 21st century infrastructure including transportation, technology (D395), housing and economic systems;</li> <li>Providing stronger customer service for businesses;</li> <li>Creating business attraction and retention effort;</li> <li>Ensuring local goods access to marketplace;</li> <li>Investing in a world class education at local levels;</li> <li>Promoting responsible growth to complement local communities character;</li> <li>Developing and broadening economic sectors in addition to tourism – Year round, sustainable economy;</li> <li>Provide infrastructure to be a world class conference destination;</li> <li>Providing county supports for local businesses by purchase of local goods and services;</li> <li>Creating a reputation for excellence in public safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening community awareness of preservation and enjoyment of natural resources;</li> <li>Ensuring the County is an active partner with resource agencies</li> <li>Making natural resource stewardship a top priority;</li> <li>Investing in a world class transportation systems – road/bike/pedestrian and transit;</li> <li>Encouraging investments in infrastructure (roads, campgrounds, trails, etc.);</li> <li>Broadening alternative energy use;</li> <li>Practicing environmentally and fiscally sustainable energy polices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborating with other agencies to share services;</li> <li>Establishing stronger social media presence;</li> <li>County serves as convener of groups;</li> <li>Strengthening education and communication on County Services;</li> <li>Surveying community – use feedback to guide service improvement;</li> <li>Engaging and connecting remote areas;</li> <li>Increasing effectiveness of Regional Planning Advisory Committees and other County advisory bodies;</li> <li>Increasing civic engagement – town halls, satellite Board meetings, Online transmission of county meetings;</li> <li>Assuring the highest level of public safety is meeting community needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fostering community wide social emotional health across the lifespan for all residents;</li> <li>Ensuring communities have access to affordable quality child care;</li> <li>Accessing to affordable healthy housing;</li> <li>Addressing and preventing harmful and habitual addictive behaviors through environmental intervention and policy (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs);</li> <li>Providing access to youth internships for career exploration;</li> <li>Providing safe sustainable, accessible and affordable transportation;</li> <li>Assuring public safety concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing connection between offices;</li> <li>Promoting culture of opportunity built on healthy relationships;</li> <li>Supporting creative problem solving and effective program/project delivery;</li> <li>Providing career ladder opportunities;</li> <li>Becoming a nationally recognized model of local government for high quality services, innovation and pro-activity;</li> <li>Cross-training and creating leadership development and advancement opportunities;</li> <li>County serves as convener.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening County's Fiscal Standing by building reserves to weather downturns without service interruption;</li> <li>Enhancing use of technology for service provision;</li> <li>Eliminating redundancy and streamline systems;</li> <li>Creating organizational agility and responsiveness;</li> <li>Rewarding wise use of funds and investment in Strategic objectives;</li> <li>Providing public safety oversight to protect resources.</li> <li>Practicing environmentally and fiscally sustainable energy polices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing access to mental health services;</li> <li>Ensuring employees have access to affordable quality child care;</li> <li>Supporting policy initiatives and workforce collaboration that drive improved employee health, well-being, productive work place engagement and work satisfaction;</li> <li>Providing access to affordable and safe physical fitness;</li> <li>Encouraging provision of health food at employee functions;</li> <li>Providing safe work environments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing transparency;</li> <li>Strengthening interconnection between county offices;</li> <li>Hosting more All Employee recognition and appreciation events;</li> <li>Creating a countywide family climate;</li> <li>Assuring all county job positions have career ladder even if between departments;</li> <li>Ensuring all positions have accurate job descriptions to allow for best performance evaluation and recognition;</li> <li>Modeling behaviors to promote public safety</li> </ul>



Strategic Directions ... Methods... with Success measured...through resourced projects

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Success measured by:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All communities have Last Mile internet provider and Gigabit County;</li> <li>• Balanced housing stock in all communities with increase in the number of single family homes built;</li> <li>• Better transit options;</li> <li>• Consumer access to more goods;</li> <li>• Increased in diversity of business type increases;</li> <li>• Higher Road Pavement Indexes;</li> <li>• Increase and maintain school age families and in number of college ready High School graduates;</li> <li>• Increase in economic activity due to fishing industry;</li> <li>• Increase in number of home based businesses and year round open businesses and new business startups and retention and new job creation;</li> <li>• Increased north county winter season based recreational activities;</li> <li>• Increases in number of tourists;</li> <li>• Increases in year over year measured by quarter Tourist Occupancy Taxes, sales tax figures and property values;</li> <li>• Local business owners have full access to local markets without disruption;</li> <li>• Local employee pool of skilled workers increases;</li> <li>• Reduced unemployment, business bankruptcy rates;</li> <li>• Public has access to all goods and services needed for high quality of life;</li> <li>• Reduction in commercial vacancy rates;</li> <li>• Reduction in need for social, health and welfare services;</li> <li>• Year over year increase in conferences held;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better conditions on public lands even with greater use with sustainable user friendly opportunities;</li> <li>• Less violations for destruction of natural resources;</li> <li>• County's issues supported by and reflected in state and federal policy;</li> <li>• Support for revenues and resources for public land investments;</li> <li>• Enhanced access to public lands more miles of trails for sustainable activities;</li> <li>• Higher Pavement Index Roads – Less potholes;</li> <li>• Higher transit use rates;</li> <li>• Higher visitor satisfaction;</li> <li>• Increased public support for joint agency efforts;</li> <li>• Sustainable energy production in low impact distributed systems;</li> <li>• More investment in trails, bike and pedestrian routes and public access with outdoor amenities;</li> <li>• Reduced energy use/cost;</li> <li>• Zero Net Energy for County facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stronger support for county initiatives with higher public awareness and approval of County services;</li> <li>• Greater use of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) and more Shared Services regional agreements;</li> <li>• Increase web traffic to County pages;</li> <li>• More applicants for and increased attendance to RPAC meetings;</li> <li>• More attendance to county meetings;</li> <li>• More information provided to community through Annual Report and State of the County;</li> <li>• Better services tailored to individual community needs;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less crime with fewer arrests and public safety violations.</li> <li>• Higher health standards of residents;</li> <li>• Lower disease rates;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better County service systems;</li> <li>• Higher employees turnout at County recognition events;</li> <li>• County receives National and State awards for excellence;</li> <li>• Friendlier work environment with reduced stress among employees;</li> <li>• Greater employee awareness of all County provided services;</li> <li>• Greater skill set among employees with more cross trained employees through more county offered skill building</li> <li>• Lower employee turnover rate;</li> <li>• Mono County programs imitated in other jurisdictions;</li> <li>• More applicants for promotions;</li> <li>• More Inter/Intra Department work groups coming together to solve issues via isolated departments;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost reduction and elimination of redundancy;</li> <li>• All departments have online presence with more website visits, social media activity and online services;</li> <li>• Greater employee awareness of County functions across all departments;</li> <li>• Greater skill set among employees;</li> <li>• Sustainable financial standing with increased Budget reserves and lower long term liabilities and debt;</li> <li>• Cohesive and partnering departments;</li> <li>• Lower employee turnover;</li> <li>• More proactive on unexpected issues;</li> <li>• National/State awards for excellence;</li> <li>• Reduced response times;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees report adequate child care through annual survey Health outcomes;</li> <li>• Healthy work environment measured by employee survey;</li> <li>• Increase number of people participating in Snowcreek Athletic Club, Double Eagle and Bridgeport Health Center with increasing frequency of membership visits;</li> <li>• Monitor collaborative group efforts to supply quality affordable child care;</li> <li>• Less workers compensation claims.</li> <li>• Lower county healthcare costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendlier work environment/reduced stress among employees;</li> <li>• All departments have online presence with more website visits;</li> <li>• Higher employee participation at events;</li> <li>• More Board Update articles from Employees;</li> <li>• Greater employee awareness of County functions across all departments;</li> <li>• Greater employees skill sets with more cross training due to county offered courses;</li> <li>• Integrated departments and lower employee turnover rate;</li> <li>• Lower long term liabilities and less debt;</li> <li>• Mono County programs imitated in other jurisdictions;</li> <li>• More applicants for promotions;</li> <li>• More Inter/Intra Department work groups coming together to solve issues;</li> <li>• Organizational proactivity;</li> <li>• Stronger sense of one organization among employees – Less “Us vs. Them”;</li> </ul>
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<b>Potential Projects</b>	<p><i>Leverage D395</i> to connect communities and enhance broadband, support small businesses through grant/loan programs;</p> <p><b>Develop a Bridgeport “whole community” Plan;</b></p> <p><b>Simplify Permitting;</b></p> <p><b>Geothermal Unit Replacement;</b></p> <p><b>June Lake Downtown revitalization</b> - This includes new monument signage on Hwy 395 plus ideas and concepts presented in the Opticos report sponsored by MC Community Development.</p> <p><b>Conway Ranch Aquaculture Request for Proposal</b> - Develop a comprehensive, realistic RFP for the Aquaculture portion of the Conway Ranch. This would include the formation of a Blue Ribbon Committee made up of non-local public and private professional aquaculturists, water quality and aquaponic experts, university extension professionals, facility design specialists, as well as the public to guide the preparation of this critical document.</p> <p><b>Conway Ranch – Broad scale revision of specific Plan;</b> Planning commission led process;</p> <p><b>June Lake Down Canyon Trail completion</b> - Develop a comprehensive and collaborative plan with the USFS and the June Lake Trails Committee to complete the Down Canyon Trail System. This has consistently been the top priority of the JLCAC based on years of public and resident input.</p> <p><b>Diversify of economy and create at least one non-tourism Job;</b></p> <p><b>June Lake Rodeo Grounds future;</b></p> <p><b>Sierra Business Park</b> – Water and Sewer extension</p> <p><b>Bridgeport Nordic Center;</b></p> <p><b>Market County to small high tech. businesses</b> that utilize D395 – Stress quality of life for entrepreneurs and their employees;</p> <p><b>International Film Festival</b> akin to Sundance to obtain their support;</p> <p><b>Annual event with Mountain Warfare Training Center</b> on Memorial Day with Parade and exhibits;</p> <p><b>Bring in industry;</b></p> <p><b>Bring in Retirement communities</b> -- “village concept” – small lots with open space, walking trails; High end lots with some medium priced homes – clubhouse for activities;</p> <p><b>Eliminate “Diverse” from this category</b> – Play to County strengths;</p> <p><b>Become builder friendly and build more homes;</b></p> <p><b>High Speed Internet for all of Antelope Valley;</b></p> <p><b>Increase fish stocking;</b></p> <p><b>Development of equestrian facilities &amp; activities;</b></p>	<p><b>Engage in county-wide recreation planning,</b> partnering with federal agencies and using rec. framework through Collaborative Planning Team;</p> <p><b>Conway Ranch planning;</b></p> <p><b>Continue collaborative sage grouse work</b> through Comm. Dev.</p> <p><b>Conway Ranch Aquaculture Request for Proposal</b> - (also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy)</p> <p><b>June Lake Down Canyon Trail completion</b> (also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy)</p> <p><b>Sheep Fencing for Conway ranch;</b></p> <p><b>Sonora Junction Deer Fence;</b></p> <p><b>Wildlife Highway Safety Project Study report</b> – LTC</p> <p><b>Tioga Heritage Road Process and Project Study Report;</b></p> <p><b>Fix Aucheberry Pit;</b></p> <p><b>Bodie Hills Conservation effort;</b></p> <p><b>Countywide undergrounding District</b> – weather proofing of utilities;</p> <p><b>Open spaces around all communities;</b></p> <p><b>Enforce subdivision map requirements that river frontage access be dedicated as a condition as a 4+ Parcel divisions</b></p>	<p><b>Increase govt communication</b> through Granicus; Enhance communication and trust: Streaming Board meetings; Website Expansion;</p> <p><b>County govt classes online</b> (such as Reno has done);</p> <p><b>Monthly or quarterly reports at Town Council and Vice Versa;</b></p> <p><b>Support D395</b> – Advocacy; Last Mile providers in all communities;</p> <p><b>June Lake Downtown revitalization</b> (also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy and Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Public Access)</p> <p><b>Mono City traffic speed control</b> - Develop enforceable speed limit plan for Mono City - include signage, street striping and speed bumps.</p> <p><b>Lee Vining Community Center completion</b> - Develop an overall plan for completion of the LVCC including landscaping, parking and an all-purpose deck on the back (East) side of the building. Because of its central location in Mono County, this venue is ideal for Countywide employee functions and public events.</p> <p><b>June Lake Down Canyon Trail completion</b> (also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy and Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Public Access)</p> <p><b>Live Streaming of Board meetings;</b></p> <p><b>Rotation of Board meeting locations;</b></p> <p><b>Walking paths in Walker and Coleville;</b></p> <p><b>Stronger social media</b> – Facebook Page for Antelope Valley;</p> <p><b>Provide a Supervisor with a dedicated amount in each year’s Budget</b> as discretionary spending within his/her District;</p> <p><b>Increase Child Care</b> – Incentivize the opening of more licensed child care facilities with financial incentives; provide startup funds for new child care and preschool facilities in areas of need.</p>	<p><b>Water &amp; Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP)</b> - *Method: Ensuring access to safe, reliable and affordable water for all communities (per the Right to Water Act)</p> <p>*Project: Partner with the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program to identify and respond to priority community and ecosystem water needs, as well as secure state funding for a water-secure future for Mono County.</p> <p><b>Support local food access</b> (fees for farmers markets, for instance);</p> <p><b>Streamlining building permitting;</b> (Note: “Simplify Permitting” is under Promote a Strong and Diverse Economy)</p> <p><b>Fire/emergency planning;</b></p> <p><b>Work with CSA1 on community improvements projects;</b></p> <p><b>Support Tri-Valley Water Commission;</b></p> <p><b>Continue support of speed limit reduction in Tri-Valley;</b></p> <p><b>Round Fire Recovery efforts;</b></p> <p><b>Mono City traffic speed control</b> (Also under Under &amp; Address Community Needs)</p> <p><b>Lee Vining Community Center completion.</b> (Also under Understand &amp; Address Community Needs)</p> <p><b>June Lake Down Canyon Trail completion.</b> (also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy and Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Public Access)</p> <p><b>Include Health of Mono County Organizations;</b></p> <p><b>Educate people on homeopathic medicine</b> – Reference book called “Top 20 alternative Doctors in America can improve your health”;</p> <p><b>Retirement living with health as a key component;</b></p> <p><b>Increasing Child Care</b> – Incentivize the opening of more licensed child care facilities with financial incentives; provide startup funds for new child care and preschool facilities in areas of need.</p> <p><b>Encourage Early Literacy</b> – Fund Literacy Fair at all libraries to coincide with “Read Across America day.”</p>	<p><b>Communication:</b> More info. online and presentations to showcase staff work;</p> <p><b>Continuing education for employees;</b></p> <p><b>D395 leverage for safety;</b></p> <p><b>Explore regional partnerships and efficiencies;</b></p> <p><b>June Lake Downtown revitalization</b> (Also in Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy).</p> <p><b>Conway Ranch Aquaculture Request for Proposal;</b> (Also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy and Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Public Access)</p> <p><b>June Lake Down Canyon Trail completion;</b> Also under Promote a Strong &amp; Diverse Economy and Protect Natural resources and Enhance Public Access</p> <p><b>Improve quality of work life by improving county culture</b> so that employees have work life to match quality of life outside of work;</p> <p><b>Reward employees with time off for best suggestion during a quarter;</b></p>	<p><b>Facilities planning (long and short term);</b></p> <p><b>Fiscal Restraint;</b></p> <p><b>Apply the Project Approval process to all Board requested projects;</b></p> <p><b>Prioritization to all Departments;</b></p> <p><b>Long Term Solid Waste Solution;</b></p> <p><b>Mono City traffic speed control;</b> (Also under Understand &amp; Address Community Needs)</p> <p><b>Lee Vining Landscaping of the Road Yard</b> – (Also in Understand &amp; Address Community Needs)</p> <p><b>Paint the Lee Vining Road Shop;</b> protect the exterior integrity of the building as well blend it in with adjacent upgraded Caltrans structures is an immediate need. This project covers the outward need of Understand &amp; Address Community Needs. It would serve the Strategic Directions of Effectively Use Resources, Workforce Wellness, and Strengthen County Culture (i.e. nice looking functional buildings).</p> <p><b>Bridgeport Campus Plan</b></p> <p><b>Long term Solid Waste solution;</b></p> <p><b>Board Oversight Committees;</b></p> <p><b>County facilities Zero Net Energy;</b></p> <p><b>Government Center in Mammoth Lakes;</b></p> <p><b>Countywide initiative to improve health of all communities</b> with focus on communication, trust, collaboration, mutual gain. Invite key organizations such as Mono County, Town of ML, schools, tourism and hospitality.</p> <p><b>Use outside Counsel to reduce favoritism;</b></p> <p><b>Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) homes;</b></p> <p><b>Outreach to build volunteerism;</b></p>	<p><b>Improve and grow HR-run systems and programs</b> (EAP, trainings, Education opportunities such as CSAC)</p> <p><b>Paint the Lee Vining Road Shop</b> – (Also under Effective Use of resources);</p> <p><b>Contributing to the building and planning part of the economy</b> along with new residents utilizing local retail businesses;</p>	<p><b>Utilize Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc committees for oversight/planning</b> – Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS -Paramedics,</li> <li>• Emergency services and fire issues such as utilities underground, elections;</li> <li>• Conway Ranch;</li> <li>• Recreation;</li> <li>• Increasing Public Engagement -- town halls/increasing participation in Mammoth ;</li> </ul> <p><b>Lee Vining Community Center completion</b> – (Also in Effective Use of Resources and Understand &amp; Address Community Needs)</p> <p><b>Paint the Lee Vining Road Shop</b> – (Also under Effective Use of Resources and Workforce Wellness)</p> <p><b>Public Recognition events;</b></p> <p><b>Connecting retirement villages</b> to each other for activities throughout county.</p> <p><b>Increasing Child Care</b> – Incentivize the opening of more licensed child care facilities with financial incentives; provide startup funds for new child care and preschool facilities in areas of need.</p>

**April 21, 2015**  
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**Emergency Item**  
**Added to Afternoon**  
**Session**

**Request for Ltr. re:**  
**Urban Water**  
**Restrictions for**  
**MCWD**



Larry Johnston - District One   Fred Stump - District Two   Tim Alpers - District Three  
Tim Fesko - District Four   Stacy Corless - District Five

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Groundwater Management Program  
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**RE:    Urban Water restrictions for Mammoth Community Water District**

Dear Ms. Bean

The Mono County Board of Supervisors would like to comment on the most recently proposed draft emergency regulations for urban water use and the potential impact on the incorporated community of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Community Water District. The Board is requesting a change in the regulated water use level from Tier 4 to one which reflects the more accurate equivalent user number.

This Tier change would reflect the more accurate calculation of use based upon the MCWD's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan namely 16,400 people instead of 8,000 people. Further, this figure reflects the appropriate equivalent population and will help achieve the water savings needed.

The Board understands the extreme drought California is facing however, the tier which the Mammoth Community Water District has been placed in fails to understand the destination status for the community and the transient population which routinely swells the population well beyond the 8,000 figure. We urge SWRCB to reconsider using 16,400 as the basis for calculating MCWD water usage.

The SWRCB water conservation tiers are based on gallons per capita day, but the population numbers used to calculate usage are not accurate. The placement of MCWD into Tier 4 (requiring a 36% reduction) does not reflect the District's already mandated 30% reduction for 2015, nor does it encompass the full impact of the visiting public's water use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Stump,  
Vice Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors

CC:            Pat Hayes, Mammoth Community Water District

*Emergency  
Afternoon item*