

AV RPAC MINUTES for the 12-03-2020 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Patti Hamic-Christensen, Co-Chair. Meeting was held in accordance with County's COVID-19 public meetings and held virtually on ZOOM.

Present:

RPAC: Don Morris, Katy Buell, Arden Gerbig, Mark Langner, Bruce Woodworth, Deb Bush, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Eric Edgerton, Ned Welsh

County: John Peters, District Supervisor, April Sall, Bob Lawton, Kathy Peterson, Justin Nalder, Louis Molina, Wendy Sugimura, Jason Davenport

MMWTC: Douglas Power

USFS: Jan Cutts

Public: Rick Wood, CJ Harramis, Orval Mosby, Evan Nikirk, Beca Buell, Jennifer (Baker?), William Osborne, Matthew Frantz, 2 others.

Votes: [No abstentions unless noted.]

- Minutes for November 5, 2020 AVRPAC for approval. Motion made to approve made by Buell, 2nd by Edgerton no changes. Passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Report: John Peters. Meeting with Governor about the Stay-at-Home order. Purple Tier restrictions. Mammoth Chamber of Commerce has raised ~\$85K for victims of the Mountain View Fire (MVF). The County is looking to the State for cleanup resources. County Supervisors are also looking to streamline processes for rebuilding homes lost in the fire. Justin Nalder is the EOC (Emergency Operations Coordinator) for MVF.
- Public Comment: Rick Wood, Attorney from Mammoth stated the Pacific Fire Attorneys would be holding a townhall at the Coleville High School on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 and again on Saturday, Dec 19th at Noon and 2PM.
- RPAC Member Reports: Patti discussed CERT's response to the MVF. Deb discussed the Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce meeting next Tuesday to create a committee to sort out how funds will be distributed to the fire victims. She gave a heartfelt thanks and acknowledgement to so many that have helped, from feeding the displaced, volunteers for charity distributions, Marines who grabbed shovels and helped keep even more of Walker from burning down. Saturday – distribution of Heart Hands Helping Horses teddy bears at the General Store, Giving Tree to have tags by the weekend. In January Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief, Frank Frievalt, will discuss fire insurance in the region and is soliciting specific questions.
- MWTC update: Doug Power expressed his condolences to the community. Base is in transition from summer to winter. Next exercise scheduled for late January
- USFS report: Jan Cutts, The Slink Fire was declared 100% contained on November 13th and completely extinguished on November 20th. The fire perimeter is still closed as well as BLM and Fish and Wildlife land. MVF 70% contained. A new Recreation Director, Nathan Betch, will be on-board January.
- Planning Update: April Sall. No planning updates.

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- Mountain View Fire Update from County Staff: Justin Nalder, EOC introduced Bob Lawton, CAO who did a brief overview of the County's response. The County is helping address issues with Housing, Environmental Health, Animal Services, and Economic Recovery. The application for Federal Assistance was denied and the County is looking to the State of CA to provide site clean-up. The County is streamlining the process to rebuild and waiving fees. Tax and parcel fees are being modified. The County has set up an online Local Assistance Center
<https://mountainviewfire.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/resources>
- Kathy Peterson, Director of Social Services. Kathy described how Social Services gets involved in the fire response when the Sheriff calls for a need to shelter. A temporary evacuation point was set up at the Carson Valley Inn. 172 people required shelter the night of the fire. The remaining 30 people are now being housed at Topaz Lodge as Social Services works with these people to get a more permanent situation. If people need support, Social Services is still available.
- Louis Molina: Discussed Phase I and II of remediation. Phase I will be done by the Department of Toxic Substances Control for the removal of hazardous wastes. Phase II will be debris removal. No date for work start set, yet.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05

Future agenda items:

Fire insurance*

Follow up on Walker Basin water transfers and the EIR

Next Meeting January 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Katy Buell, Secretary.