



**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  
October 1, 2019**

9:09 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

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

No one spoke.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Domestic Abuse Awareness Month**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Matthew O'Connor, Wild Iris Director) - Proclamation designating October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Action:** Approve Proclamation designating October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Corless moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-219**

**Caitlin Rea:**

- Read the first part of the proclamation.

- Are able to counsel by phone, visit people in rural areas, or even provide safe shelter in extreme situations.
- Provide free domestic and sexual violence training.

**Matthew O'Connor, Director:**

- Continued reading the proclamation.
- Under the CASA program, always in need of volunteers. Can onboard as fast as people are interested.
- <https://wild-iris.org/>.

**B. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(ESCA Staff) - Presentation from the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance (ESCA).

**Action:** Approve proclamation declaring October 18, 2019 Community Pink Day in Mono County.

**Kreitz moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-220**

- **Rose Graves, ESCA Board Member:**
- Introduced the item with a brief summary, and other presenters:
- Dr. Kevin Flanigan, CEO Northern Inyo Healthcare District
- Cheryl Underhill, ESCA Vice President
- Rachel Kellemeyn, FNP Medical Provider, Toiyabe Indian Health Clinic
- Margee Neer, Public Health Director, Toiyabe Indian Health Clinic

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Read proclamation.

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Steve Barwick, CAO:**

- Attended RCRC Annual Meeting in Tahoe.
- Toured solid wastes facilities in Mono County with Tony Dublino, Public Works Director.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Karin Humiston, Probation Chief:**

- Update on Community Corrections Partnership.
- April 1, 2020 goal to have report done.

**Chad Senior, Public Works:**

- Road projects updated. Eastside Lane – will be scheduled for the Spring. Hackney Road – same contractor as Eastside Lane, will be started in Fall. South Landing Road will also be completed in Fall. Benton Crossing and Mono City are complete.

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- A meeting tomorrow to discuss the Inyo National Forest final plan.
- Bi-state sage grouse listing has been delayed by six months.
- Short-term Rental (STR) activity permits and Cannabis Operations Permits renewal period. The two cannabis permits have been renewed. STR – 4 have been renewed,

three pending compliance, including paving driveways, the department will need to deny permits for not meeting conditions.

**Nate Greenberg, IT Director:**

- Public Safety Power Shutoff update. Have a series of meetings with SCE and Inyo Mono PIO group.

**5. 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. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2019.

**Action:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2019.

**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-221**

**B. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2019.

**Action:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2019.

**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-222**

**C. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2019.

**Action:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2019, as amended.

**Corless moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-223**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Page 8, Item A: Corrected name spelling to Jolie Varela, founder of Indigenous Women Hike.

**D. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the special meeting of September 18, 2019.

**Action:** Approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 18, 2019.  
**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**  
**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**  
**M19-224**

**E. Appointment to First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission**

Departments: First 5

Request for Board of Supervisors to appoint Michelle Raust to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

**Action:** Appoint Michelle Raust to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission on October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022. Ms. Raust will serve as a person responsible for the management of the following county functions: children's services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**  
**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**  
**M19-225**

**F. Appointments to the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Kelly Karl) - Reappoint two expired members to the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee, which reviews architectural design of building permit applications in the Swall Meadows area.

**Action:** Reappoint two existing members, Judy Beard and Bob Weiland, to the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee for terms expiring October 2021, as recommended by Supervisor Stump.

**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**  
**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**  
**M19-226**

**G. Appointment to Lee Vining Fire Protection District**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

A vacancy was created on the Lee Vining Fire Protection District Board with the resignation of a commissioner. The Board of Fire Commissioners did not make a replacement appointment as provided by law within 60 days. In the absence of an appointment by the District, the Board of Supervisors may make the appointment.

**Action:** Appoint Dulce Pascetti to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District Board, term to expire November 30, 2020.  
**Stump moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-227**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- The only one with a Board of three. Wants to note that we should perhaps encourage them to find two more board members.

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Within 60 days of a vacancy, a special district has the authority to appoint its own Board members. A letter was sent to all special districts letting them know that they have this power and authority; continuing to do outreach.

## **H. Out-of-State Travel Authorization for NACo Rural Action Caucus**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Out-of-state travel request for Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Action Caucus (RAC) in Lake Placid, NY on October 10 - 12, 2019. Mono County has been selected by NACo and their partners at the *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps* program to participate in the 2019/2020 Rural Impact County Challenge Action Learning Cohort, which will kick off in person at the RAC.

**Action:** Approve out-of-state travel request for Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz to attend the NACo RAC October 10 - 12, 2019, in Lake Placid, NY.

**Corless moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-228**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

### **A. Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan Update**

A letter from Inyo National Forest Supervisor Tammy Randall-Parker advising that the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be published in the Federal Register, expected to run on September 20, 2019. An open house to share information about the land management plan will be on October 2, 2019, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M at Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop, CA.

### **B. Letter from Sharon and Malcolm Clark**

A thank you note from Sharon and Malcolm Clark for the assistance they received from Jacinda Croissant and the Public Health department.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Thinks that it's great that people take the time to thank Mono County Staff.

### **C. Proposal to Establish Special Use Airspace in Bridgeport**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal by the United States Marine Corps (USMC) to establish the Walker High and Low Military Operations Areas (MOA) in the eastern central California and western central Nevada areas, to support mountain training exercises conducted at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC).

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Letting colleagues know that she is going to send a comment thanking the MWTC for their partnership, but asking that they remember the wilderness quality around here.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Made the suggestion that the MWTC flight coordinator do a presentation on what all of this means.
- Not restricting any other planes. It is to heighten awareness of when they are doing trainings. Narrow window when this comes into play.

### **D. Inyo-Mono Intergrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Comment Letter for the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio**

The Inyo-Mono IRWM held multiple listening sessions in order gather comments throughout the region from multiple efforts in order to compile them into this one coordinated letter to the director of the Governor's Water Portfolio Program in support of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio with the discussion of overarching themes.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Not many people are aware of the Governor's order for a Water Resilience Portfolio.

**Jason Canger:**

- This is a letter in draft form. Holly has finalized a letter and submitted it on behalf of the IRWM to the governor. This is the first comment period.

*Break: 10:15 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:26 AM*

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. Letter of support for the June Lake Loop Active Transportation Plan**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Kelly Karl) - Letter of support for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities Grant application to develop a bicycle and multi-modal improvement plan for the June Lake Loop (SR 158).

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support for a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant application.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-229**

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Introduced item. Arose from CalTrans coming to June Lake CAC talking about project to resurface in June Lake Loop area.

**Kelly Karl:**

- Mono County is resubmitting the application for a sustainable transportation planning sustainable communities application, which will create improvements in the June Lake Loop.
- If awarded, implemented through Local Transportation Committee.
- Application is due Friday, October 11. Asking the Board to provide a letter of support.

**B. Mono County Radio System Strategic Engineering Study**

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg) - Over the past several months, County staff and other system users have been working with Federal Engineering to identify system use cases, coverage needs, and more clearly define technical requirements. The result of this work is summarized in a report which provides the County with a set of alternatives, rough order of magnitude costing, and recommendations for next steps. This agenda item will provide a brief review of how we got to where we are at today, then review the report itself and recommendations contained therein.

**Action:** None.

**Nate Greenberg, IT Director:**

- Introduced item. Went through PowerPoint (available in additional documents).

**Chief Frievalt, Mammoth Lakes Fire Departments and Fire Chiefs' Association**  
**Sheriff Braun**  
**Chief Mokracek, EMS**

**C. Portable Emergency Operation Center Demonstration**

Departments: Sheriff / Information Technology

(Ingrid Braun; Nate Greenberg) - The meeting will adjourn to the Bridgeport Courthouse parking lot at this time. This item will provide a walk through and basic demonstration for anyone interested in the County's new portable Emergency Operations Center.

**Action: None.**

**Nate Greenberg:**

- Introduced the item.
- Meeting adjourned to the Bridgeport Courthouse.

*Adjourn: 11:53 AM*  
*Reconvene: 11:58 AM*

- Meeting adjourned back to Board Chambers.

*Adjourn 12:11 PM*  
*Reconvene: 12:14 PM*

## 8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

## 9. CLOSED SESSION @ 12:14 PM

### A. Closed Session – Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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 – Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

### C. Closed Session – Personnel

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (two positions).

*Reconvene: 12:54 PM*

#### Supervisor Peters:

- Nothing to report out of Closed Session.
- He had to recuse himself from item 9c and Supervisor Corless confirmed that there was nothing to report out of that Closed Session item, as well.

## 10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

#### Supervisor Corless:

- 9/18 - County Picnic—thanks for great food and conversation. Lottie wanted me to express her gratitude too.
- 9/19 - Town-County Liaison Committee—solid waste, coordinating policy re: possible flavored tobacco ban, parcel planning and exploring possible housing financing partnerships, other housing issues including town's planning zoning changes to allow density bonuses on smaller projects; possibility of leveraging town/county prop 68 funding; next liaison committee meeting 12/19, looking at 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in February for possible joint BOS/Town Council meeting.
- 9/20 – Interview on Long Valley/DWP issues with Arte, a German and French TV channel
- 9/25-27: Over \$60K raised at auction/basket drawing, all for Inyo County charitable organizations. Action-packed three days at the Rural County Representatives of California annual meeting in South Lake Tahoe, starting with the first meeting of the Golden State Natural Resources Board (RCRC's new organization focused on

developing a sustainable forest product industry to address forest health needs and economic development in rural forested counties); inspiring presentations on community building (through local journalism and by learning what NOT to do); presentation from CEO of Visit California, partnerships and destination stewardship; FBI/Sacramento presentation on terrorism, domestic and otherwise and what local government can do to prevent; state librarian Greg Lucas.

- Co-hosted a roundtable on status of wildfire prevention/forest health projects in counties, with Sierra Nevada Conservancy staff, to see what's working, what's not—not surprisingly, many counties have issues with capacity of fire safe councils, coordinating among agencies, etc.
- Board meeting: Presentations from State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Board of Equalization President Malia Cohen, CA USDA Rural Dev Dir Kim Vann—message is (except for BOE!) that funding and assistance are available, for housing, infrastructure, equipment, and they want to help. Updates on wildfire/insurance issues, including RCRC comments on CPUC de-energization (PSPS) rule-making; state and federal legislative updates; water issues including water/resource bond(s) still in the works.
- ESSRP Meeting—first public recreation stakeholder meeting was a success, next one 10/17.
- Other items of note: DWP has committed to assist with funding \$60,000 for the Lakes Basin fuels reduction project. SCE wildfire safety meeting in Bishop this Thursday, 10/3, 6:30 at Tallman Pavilion/Fairgrounds.
- SCE Wildfire safety meeting in Bishop at 6 PM Thursday, Will have clerk forward the flyer (available in additional documents).

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Sept. 18 I attended with the other supervisors the Mono County Employee Appreciation Picnic. Thanks to Meg Hawkins and others who made this a great event!
- On Thursday Sept. 19 I attended a meeting of the First 5 Commission in Mammoth. The Commission is moving rapidly to expand its Home Visiting Program based on the additional funds made available this year by Mono County. This will enable more frequent contact by trained home visitors to parents with infants and young children, thereby ensuring they get a better start to life.
- Yesterday I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership in Bishop. There was much discussion about progress in moving ahead with the tasks in the recent grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- September 18th, in the morning I attended the Community Health Improvement Plan workshop at Mammoth Hospital. This workshop was focused on Behavioral Health. It was a packed room and seemed to display the importance to the region's agencies providing services. And later in the day I attended the Mono County Employee Appreciation Picnic at Hess Park in Lee Vining.
- On September 23rd, the Mono County Rural Impact County Challenge team had an initial Zoom meeting with our Coach, who lives in Louisville, Kentucky.
- September 25th, I attended the Community Corrections Partnership meeting. The meeting went long and I wasn't able to stay for all of it, but one of the suggestion that seemed to have some traction within the group was that of adding a new position that would pick up and fill in gaps that are currently occurring. I suggested that prior to recommending a new position a thorough review of why there're cracks in services be analyzed.
- Yesterday, September 30, I attended my first Mammoth Lakes Housing Governance Committee meeting. The committee discussed the appraisal process for the Executive Director as well as the process to establish the performance objectives for the coming six months.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Employee Picnic
- 18<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting Eastside Lane
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Cutts
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> RCRC Annual Conference
- 28<sup>th</sup> Autumn Festival Bridgeport
- EMS Chili Contest Winner
- 28<sup>th</sup> ATV Jamboree Dinner
- Museum Roof Replacement
- PSPS update
- Upcoming:
- AVFD Mono County EMS Golden Rotor Award Tonight
- HT Forest Service Regional Meeting This week
- AV RPAC 3<sup>rd</sup>
- CSAC Regional Sonoma 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Resiliency

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 9-18: County Picnic - Thank you to Meg, Cara and whoever else helped.
- 9-18: Special Board meeting
- 9-23: Tri Valley Water Commission - That Body, like others, is waiting for DWR to issue a final water basin rating.
- 9-24: CSA 1 - Community improvement projects update - plan to cease TV service at the end of October.
- Many emails and phone calls about the SCE PSPS process. Many unhappy frustrated folks. Some have filed damage claims against SCE.
- There is a building next to Hwy 395 between the Long Valley and McGee exits that had considerable graffiti. The latest graffiti appeared the weekend after the Burning Man event ended. Since then additional graffiti was added. The building is In the Scenic Highway corridor. The County Graffiti ordinance appears not to be able to respond fast enough, get the graffiti covered up, to discourage additional graffiti being added. I have requested that the graffiti ordinance come back to the Board to see if the Board has an interest in modifying it to speed up graffiti removal. The graffiti was covered up last Thursday afternoon.
- Structure Fire in Paradise on Saturday left the involved building not habitable. Thank you to Cathy Young for facilitating a Red Cross debit card to the inhabitants. They were not at the residence at the time so all their belongings were impacted. Their dog was there and was not harmed. They were renters without rental insurance. Thanks to the Paradise, Wheeler Crest, Long Valley, and Bishop Fire Departments for their response.
- I will be missing the meeting next Tuesday. I will be in Reno for family medical reasons.

**ADJOURNED at 1:20 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**JOHN PETERS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREN DEDMAN**  
**SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**