



AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

Regular Meeting February 9, 2021

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

As authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Order, N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Board attending from separate remote locations. This altered format is in observance of recommendations by local officials that precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

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9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

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. Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Departments: Sheriff

California Penal Code Section 4025 (e) states: The money and property deposited in the inmate welfare fund shall be expended by the sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail. An itemized report of these expenditures shall be submitted annually to the Board of Supervisors.

Recommended Action: Receive the Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Reimbursement Agreement for Trash and Snow Removal at Civic Center

Departments: Public Works

Proposed Reimbursement Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes pertaining to snow removal and trash service at the Civic Center in Mammoth Lakes.

Recommended Action: Authorize Public Works Director to execute 'Town of Mammoth Lakes Reimbursement Agreement' on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact of this Agreement will depend on the severity

of a given winter, anticipated to be approximately \$15,000-\$35,000 per year, primarily for snow removal. The anticipated costs for additional trash services is anticipated to be less than \$1,000 per year. The costs are anticipated in the Operations and Maintenance budget of the Civic Center, and expected to be dispersed among Department budgets as with other Civic Center costs.

C. Letter of Support - Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Governor Newsom's proposed 2021-22 budget, released in January, includes funding for wildfire prevention and forest health programs along with an expenditure plan for this funding. The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is supporting the Governor's proposed Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan, and has asked member counties to send letters of support to the appropriate state senate and assembly budget committees. If passed by the Legislature, the proposal would allocate a total of \$1 billion to forest health and wildfire prevention programs between the current and 2021-22 budget years.

Recommended Action: Approve attached letter to the California Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees expressing Mono County's support of Governor Newsom's proposed Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan.

Fiscal Impact: None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Letter of Appreciation for Mono County Planning and Building Department Staff

A letter of appreciation for Mono County Planning and Building Department staff from Chalfant residents, Michael Godbe and Dylan Kaufman-Obstler.

B. Letter of Appreciation for Mono County Public Works Staff

A letter of appreciation for Mono County Public Works staff from Paradise Estates resident, Deanna Ing Campbell.

C. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letter re: Submitted 2020 Eastern Operations Emergency Action Plan Status Report and Annual Update

A letter from Frank L. Blackett, P.E., Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regional Engineer, to James A. Buerkle, Southern California Edison Company Director of Generation, in response to a letter from Wayne Allen submitting the 2020 Eastern Operations Emergency Action Plan Status Report and Annual

Update.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

1 hour

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

20 minutes

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

Recommended Action: Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts and determine need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: Continuation of the emergency declarations is necessary for the County's eligibility to receive disaster assistance funds to reimburse on-going expenditures incurred for Category A - Debris Removal and Category B - Emergency Work.

C. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

Departments: CAO, Finance

15 minutes (5 minutes presentation; 10 minutes discussion)

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Report and discussion regarding the budget calendar, outlining the sequence of events culminating in adoption of the County's FY 2021-2022 final budget.

Recommended Action: Receive budget calendar. Discuss and reach consensus about critical dates.

Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Recreation Program Update - Accomplishments and Future Projects

Departments: Public Works

20 minutes

(Matthew Paruolo, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator) - Presentation by Matthew Paruolo on current recreation efforts, with discussion of proposed projects under Proposition 68 funding and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership.

Recommended Action: Receive update, provide direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. 2021 Conway Ranch Agriculture Management Project and Lease Agreement

Departments: Public Works

1 hour (15 minutes presentation; 45 minutes discussion)

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Proposed Lease Agreement with Hunewill Land and Livestock Company, Inc. pertaining to seasonal grazing of cattle on Conway Ranch in the Mono Basin, related land and water uses, and the minor construction/reconstruction of fences.

Due to their size, all exhibits have been made electronically available on the Mono County website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/facilities/page/conway-ranch-conservation-easement>

Recommended Action:

1. Find that the County's entry into a five-year lease agreement for the seasonal grazing of cattle on Conway Ranch in the Mono Basin, related land and water uses, and the minor construction/reconstruction of fences, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction), or both; and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk's Office;
2. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to enter into a five-year seasonal grazing lease with Hunewill Land and Livestock Company, Inc. for the Conway Ranch Property; and
3. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$3,875 of annual rental revenue to the County's general fund for the first and second grazing seasons of the lease; and up to \$6,285 of annual rental revenue to the County's general fund for the third, fourth, and fifth grazing seasons of the lease. The rental rate provided in the lease is \$5.00 per animal unit month. Accordingly, rental revenue to the County in any given year will depend on (1) the number of cow-calf pairs that the lessee moves onto and grazes at the Conway Ranch properties and (2) the duration of the grazing season.

F. Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch

Departments: Public Works, County Counsel

10 minutes

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Proposed ordinance amending Mono County Code chapter 13.40, Public Use of Conway Ranch, to implement public access restrictions to cattle grazing areas during grazing season.

Recommended Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

C. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases:one.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act Funds

Departments: Economic Development

PUBLIC HEARING: 1:00 PM (20 minutes)

(Jeff Lucas, Community Development Services; Alicia Vennos/Jeff Simpson, Economic Development) - Public hearing regarding request to approve by resolution an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act Funds, Rounds CV2/CV3 in the amount of \$234,654 for a financial assistance program for small business in Mono County.

Recommended Action: Conduct public hearing. Approve an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act Funds in the amount of \$234,654 for an assistance program for Mono County small businesses.

Fiscal Impact: If successful, award provides \$204,149 for local business assistance and \$30,505 for administrative costs to operate the program. Not included in the FY 2020-21 budget. Budgetary impacts will be included upon award and execution of a grant contract.

B. Budget and Fiscal Policy Workshop

Departments: CAO, Finance

1 hour (30 minutes presentation; 30 minutes discussion)

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - Conduct budget and fiscal policy review workshop to discuss current policies, possible changes to existing policies, and recommendation of new policies. This workshop will review a recommendation to replace the existing budget policy with an updated framework and the addition of a separate General Fund Contingency Policy. No changes are recommended at this time to the County's Debt Policy.

Recommended Action: Receive presentation. Discuss. Provide direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact. Fiscal policies provide the framework for making financial decisions.

C. 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Requests and Recommendations

Departments: Finance

2 hours

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - Present mid-year budget requests from Departments, discuss, and advise Board regarding

staff recommendations.

Recommended Action: Consider motion to approve recommended mid-year budget adjustments, as presented or amended (4/5th vote required).

Fiscal Impact: Increase in General Fund appropriations of \$150,165, after reducing contingencies by \$218,874 to a balance of \$321,050. Increased spending is funded with additional revenues of \$150,165. There is no impact on the amount of spendable carryover balance, which remains at \$5,283,147. Increase in non-General Fund appropriations of \$1,951,028 is funded with additional revenues of \$2,585,998, and the resulting net surplus of \$634,970 increasing carryover balances, primarily in the Disaster Assistance fund to recognize FEMA and CARES Act receivables accrued from prior year spending.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

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