



**MEETING MINUTES  
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.

Meeting Location: Mammoth Lakes Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2021**

9:13 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (Corless, Duggan, Gardner, and Peters attended via teleconference).  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

**The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Held a Management Team meeting to discuss upcoming JEDI training
- Participated in several meetings with Frontier, Alpine County officials, CPUC representatives
- Anticipate the restoration of incoming/outgoing services to Coleville/Walker area by August 20
- EOC has resumed its weekly meetings
- Participated in another meeting of the JEDI working group with Supervisor Gardner and Acting County Clerk Dedman

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Nathan Reade, Agricultural Commissioner:**

- Update on Hammil Valley flash flood that occurred in July

**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 - July 19, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on July 19, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on July 19, 2021.

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-178**

**B. Reappointments to Assessment Appeals Board**

Departments: Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

Reappointment of two regular members and one alternate member to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board (AAB).

**Action:**

1) Reappoint John Migliore and Paul Oster as regular members of the Assessment Appeals Board for three-year terms effective September 6, 2021 through September 1, 2024.

2) Reappoint Jeff Mills as an alternate member of the Assessment Appeals Board for a three-year term effective September 6, 2021 through September 1, 2024.

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-179**

**C. Conflict Waiver - Goldfarb and Lipman Representation of Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA)**

Departments: County Counsel

The law firm of Goldfarb & Lipman LLP has requested that the Board waive any potential conflict of interest related to the firm's representation of Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) in the preparation of agreements for placement of certain of the trailers provided by Los Angeles

to IMACA in mobile home parks, and to facilitate the occupancy of those trailers by eligible individuals/families.

**Action:** Approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, proposed conflict waiver.

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-180**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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. Letter from Altice USA/Suddenlink in Response to the Joint Letter Sent on July 9, 2021**

A letter from Altice USA/Suddenlink in response to the joint letter from Mono, Placer, and Nevada Counties and the Towns of Mammoth Lakes and Truckee sent on July 9, 2021.

### **B. Community of Interest Public Input Meeting for Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne**

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission is launching the second Community of Interest (COI) public input meeting for Zone G (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne) on August 20, 2021.

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

### **A. Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Open Fires on Private Property and County Operated Campgrounds in Unincorporated Mono County**

Departments: CAO

(Various) - Review of need for Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Open Fires on Private Property and County Campgrounds Within the Unincorporated Area of Mono County.

**Action:** Adopt Urgency Ordinance prohibiting open fires on private property and County-operated campgrounds within unincorporated Mono County.

**Gardner motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**ORD21-08**

CAO Lawton:

- Presented item

**Supervisor Peters**

- Reminder that that Mountain View Fire ignited on November 17, 2020. Do not let the ordinance lapse until we are certain that it would be a safe time to do so.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Noted that BLM Bishop Office and Town of Mammoth Lakes both have similar fire restrictions, outlier is Inyo National Forest – still allowing campfires in developed campgrounds.

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Direction to staff for review every 30 days

**B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(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.

**Action:** Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-181**

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- 100% of the properties that were participating in CalOES assistance remediation program have been completed
- Assisting residents with rebuild process
- Intermediate housing
- Recommendation to continue local emergency and health emergency

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Leaders of the Antelope Valley Paiute Tribal Families
- Determination of the cause of Mountain View Fire

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Our experts have conducted an independent evaluation of the cause of the fire and have determined that the fire was sparked by a Liberty powerline

**C. California Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant**

Departments: CAO, Board of Supervisors

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Supervisors Corless and Gardner) - CAO Lawton, along with Supervisors Corless and Gardner, is recommending

that Mono County apply for one-time grant funding to secure a contract County Wildfire Coordinator position. Over the 18-month period, the coordinator would work with county staff and partner organizations to improve Mono County's wildfire prevention and response capacity.

**Action:** Authorize CAO to submit the California Fire Safe Council County Wildfire Coordinator grant application on behalf of Mono County.

**Gardner motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-182**

**CAO Lawton:**

- Presented item

**Supervisor Corless:**

- This is clearly something the County needs to do in order to improve our overall County wildfire prevention and response capacity
- Noted that at the recent ESCOG meeting, learned that Inyo County will also be applying. This could be a great opportunity to improve our overall regional capacity.

#### **D. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Action:** None.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-126>) – June/July case rate, Mammoth Hospital status, vaccine effectiveness, booster shots, school opening, vaccine and testing schedule
- Compliance with mask order
- Smoke
- Vaccination numbers
- Follow up regarding lab error tests

**Public Comment:**

- Lee Strong

#### **E. Agricultural Commissioner's 2020 Crop Report**

Departments: Agricultural Commissioner

(Nate Reade, Agricultural Commissioner) - The 2020 Inyo and Mono Counties Crop and Livestock Report and the associated presentation submitted in accordance with section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

**Action:** None.

**Nathan Reade, Agricultural Commissioner:**

- Presentation
- Cannabis production in Mono County

*Break: 10:45 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:57 AM*

**F. Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Workshop**

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - On June 8, 2021, the Mono County Board of Supervisors approved resolution R21-42 suspending operations of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission and directed Economic Development staff to return to the Board with a workshop addressing future direction for the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

**Action:** Approve staff recommendation to permanently disband the existing Commission and create a grant application program administered by the Economic Development Department for F&G Fine Fund Expenditures.

**Gardner motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-183**

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:**

- Presentation

**G. Appeal of Planning Commission Decision on Use Permit 21-003/Voss for a Short-Term Rental in June Lake**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Michael Draper, Planning Analyst II) - Appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny Use Permit 21-003/Voss for a short-term rental permit in June Lake.

**Action:**

- 1) Conduct an appeal hearing, receive all relevant evidence and testimony in considering the appeal; and
- 2) Adopt resolution R21-58 as modified affirming the Planning Commission's decision denying Use Permit 21-003/Voss.

**Gardner motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-58**

**Public Comment:**

- David Voss, Applicant

- Nancy Voss, Applicant
- Thomas Schaniel
- Eric and Jo Kajiwara
- Barbara Miller

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Introduced item
- CEQA

**Michael Draper, Planning Analyst II:**

- Project overview
- Reviewed denial and basis

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Clarified that the motion is to adopt the resolution as stated in the agenda packet which would deny the appeal and deny requested use permit.
- Recommend approving resolution as modified – change the language of Section B referencing “The Commission” to “The Board.”

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

None.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 12:57 PM*

*Reconvened: 1:40 PM*

No action to report out of Closed Session.

**A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

**B. Closed Session – Existing Litigation**

Departments: County Counsel, Code Enforcement

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: *County of Mono v. Rock 'N Dirt*, Mono County Superior Court, Case No. CV200373.

**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments: air service update; approval of agreement with CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife for \$3.3 million grant for "Eastern Sierra pace and scale accelerator" project; redistricting letter approved; discussion of housing summit; Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership memorandum of understanding/Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative updates.

- Wildfire & Forest Management Task Force
  - fire situational update from Cal Fire and USFS
  - budget: State budget - 2021—1.5 billion. Two phases: \$536 million in early action (speed), \$958 million (scale) approved by leg in July. Historic investment this year. Legislature will work in coming weeks on bill to appropriate the \$958 million. Federal budget includes more funding for USFS, and there is funding for USFS wildfire prevention efforts in infrastructure bill. Updates on action plan goals, working groups and efforts to ease permitting burden for fire prevention work;
- Upcoming: RCRC and Golden State Finance Authority Board meetings-- creation of a new JPA focusing on broadband development is on the agenda, and joining the JPA will be something that comes back to our board for consideration.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 8/11 & 12 – I participated in the third and final session of the CSAC New Supervisors Institute. Sessions included Labor Relations, Media Relations, and Intergovernmental Collaboration and Shared Services. Thursday morning's session concluded with a case study from Mendocino County officials and staff on Preparing, Responding, and Recovering from Disasters. It was insightful to hear how other counties dealt and coped with incidents that are now part of daily life.
- 8/12 – I participated in Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting. Staff presented GSP budget assumptions that included implementation of the entire plan and a large funding allotment for a possible groundwater model development for the Tri Valley/Fish Slough area of the basin. The budget was designed to extract certain items should they not be need without reworking the entire budget. Future implementation of any portion of the GSP would need approval of the active OVGA board.
- 8/13/21 – I attended the ESTA regular Board meeting along with Supervisor Gardner. Public comment included remarks from incoming Mammoth Mountain CEO Ron Cohen on innovative transportation options for Mammoth and June Lake. Financials and fleet issues were discussed (maintenance and new vehicle purchases.) Driver recruitment efforts have been unsuccessful to date and the Board will be examining the ESTA efforts and policies to assist with this priority for the fast-approaching winter season.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Last Wednesday August 11 I participated in several calls and meetings. These included:
  - A call with Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools, and a consultant, about planning for a Children's Summit next summer.
  - A webinar sponsored by the White House and NACO with President Biden about the Infrastructure legislation recently passed by the Senate. Information about this bill is on the NACO website.
  - A meeting with Supervisor Corless, CAO Lawton, and Holly Alpert and Rick Kattelman from the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program about the grant application for the County Wildfire Coordinator.
  - The monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics discussed included the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, the Mono Basin Community Plan, the RPAC Housing Subcommittee, and a COVID update.
- On Thursday August 12 I joined other ESCOG members in Bishop to meet with Derek Kirk, from the California State Governor's GoBiz Office. Derek is the regional representative for our area and provided much information about possible state support and assistance in economic development and other programs.



- Also, on Thursday I spoke with Becky DeForest from the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce about our dispersed camping project.
- Friday, August 13, I participated in the regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board of Directors. We covered several topics, including an update on both the Bishop and Mammoth Airports (service to begin in Bishop in December with charter service at Mammoth to start about the same time), an agreement with the California State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for a grant to ESCOG of \$3.3 million for the Eastern Sierra Pace and Scaler Accelerator, a letter to the Redistricting Commission, a proposal to hold a Regional Housing Strategy Roundtable in October, and an update on the Strategic Recreation Tourism Initiative.
- Also, on Friday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors. Topics at that meeting included regular operations and financial reports, approval of selected grants and purchase of an electric bus. ESTA is struggling to hire drivers and will be working to find better methods to recruit and retain drivers this fall.
- Finally, yesterday I observed a meeting of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group. This group continues to develop plans for programs that will move forward on the Board's Racism and Equity Resolution passed last fall.

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Last week on the 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Housing fundraising subcommittee – focus on the access apartments and capital campaign to raise money
- On the 12<sup>th</sup>, participated in the Treasury Oversight Committee meeting
- Yesterday evening, met with Congressman Obernolte, Councilmember Wentworth, and Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director Patricia Robertson to discuss affordable housing in Mono County and the Town.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Missed several County meetings due to State of California labs testing results discussed earlier – impacted nine employees
- Current situation in Antelope Valley related to Frontier and their disruption of service in and out of the Valley on their network
- Participated in WIR Public Lands meeting – focus on local assistance fund

**ADJOURNED AT 2:01 PM.**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**QUEENIE BARNARD  
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**