

Behavioral Health

Walker Wellness Center Community Garden almost completed – The Garden has been a collaborative effort. Community members, clients, County jail inmates and the Marine’s have helped this project come forward.

The project has been tough but rewarding for all of the participants. Once the plants are in the ground, photos will be forthcoming.

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Clerk of the Board

Property Tax Administration Fee Notices have been mailed - On Monday, July 15th, the Clerk of the Board mailed notices to all special districts that receive property taxes informing them of the Property Tax Administration Fee Report that will be given to the Board of Supervisors by the Finance Director on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse Board Chambers in Bridgeport.

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Elections Office scheduling informational workshops for special districts - The Elections Office is currently in the process of scheduling workshops with special districts to provide information about how The Clerk-Recorder’s Office and Special District interact. Topics will include maintenance of the roster of special districts, election process, appointments in-lieu-of election, open seats vs. vacant seats, and FPPC filing requirements.

This is an important outreach and public relations effort scheduled to be accomplished prior to the 2014 election cycle. The Clerk’s Office team will be meeting with special districts in locations throughout the County, ranging from Antelope Valley, Swall Meadows, Benton/Chalfant, and communities in between.

The schedule will include morning, afternoon, and evening times to accommodate the secretaries and members of the special district boards. This effort will help establish better working relationships between the Mono County Elections Office and the special districts.

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New Agenda Format - NOVUS Update – On July 16th, the Board approved a new format for the Board agendas. As part of this reformatting, the NOVUS Agenda Management System template will need to be adjusted.

The Clerk’s office has contacted Novus. According to Novus staff, Before Novus can change the template; the first step is to upgrade the software. They will be working with IT and then will schedule the upgrade for the week of August 5th-9th. The tentative date is August 8th. This Novus timeline means the new Agenda format will not be in place for August meetings, however, the Clerk’s office is working to expedite the issues as quickly as possible.

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County Administrator's Office

Budget summer fun continues – The County's Budget Public Workshops have completed this week with the final three being in Chalfant Valley (7/15), Mammoth Lakes (7/16) and June Lake (7/18). Although Walker remains the top turn champion (Congratulations to Supervisor Fesko for having the top audience numbers!), the three meetings this week were good first steps in improving outreach efforts on County issues. Moving forward, staff will collate all of the comments, questions and draft a report for Board consideration as part of the Budget process.

The Finance Director and I have been meeting with each department and discussing their budgets. 12 separate department level meetings happened this week. Thanks to the work of staff and department management, we are accurately ascertaining the finances of the county as well as seeking out every savings possible and, in addition, we are looking for every long and short term liability. This process will ensure a full public discourse about the challenges the county is facing and the opportunity to discuss the long term strategic direction of the organization.

Ride the bus and don't step in front of it – I met with John Helm of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and discussed ridership and how the County and ESTA can work together for better services to the community.

According to John, ridership is up and the summer season is in full bloom. ESTA has roughly 75 full time employees for this busy season and many routes, especially those serving around the Mammoth region out to the lakes are booming. John and I committed to keeping touch to ensure we are moving projects quickly.

Animal Control Check in – I met with staff from Animal Control and was updated on activities including the ongoing feral cat trapping effort in Chalfant Valley and Antelope Valley. This crucial program is annual effort for reducing the cat population which if left unchecked could create a Mono County landscape that is "kitty littered." Some communities may see an enhanced presence of Animal Control staff due to this program.

I want to send out a huge "shout out and thank you" to Angelle and the staff for their efforts during time of years. Due to the summer visitors who often have pet issues, it is a very busy time of year for the staff.

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County Counsel

Disabled Veterans Fees Waiver legislation moves forward – Assembly Bill 151 which the Board has repeatedly supported and would allow counties to waive fees for disabled veterans, made it through committee and is now in the State Senate. It has been read twice and is expected to be approved by the Senate.

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Economic Development

Mono County Finds Gold at State Fair

On Friday, July 12, Mono County's exhibit at the California State Fair County Exhibit competition was honored with a Gold Award as well as the award for Best for Use of Products, Produce or Artifacts. The county's exhibit this year showcases Devils Postpile, Mono Lake and Bodie State Historic Park – three of the region's most intriguing attractions and part of the reasons why pre-eminent travel publisher *Lonely Planet* named California's Eastern Sierra as one of the Top 10 Best US Destinations to visit in 2013. The California State Fair in Sacramento attracts an average of 38,000 visitors per day (2012 State Fair figures), and is open daily from July 12 – 28, 2013.

Some pictures were taken and are included here.

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Planning

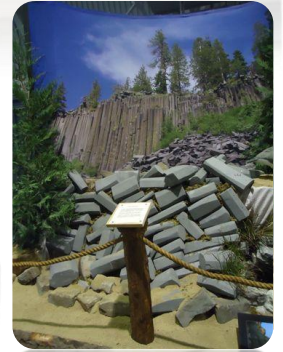
Fish and Wildlife Service grants Comment Period Extension - In response to requests of Mono County and others, the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) has granted an extension of the public comment period on the proposed listing and habitat designation of the Yosemite toad and yellow-legged frog under the Endangered Species Act.

A USFWS representative will be discussing the 120 day extension at next Thursday's Collaborative Planning Team meeting in Mammoth. Mono County has retained Dr. James Paulus, Consulting Botanist, to assist in the review of and comment on the proposed action, which includes designating portions of Mammoth Lakes and nearby areas accessed via Rock Creek, Convict, Tioga Pass, Virginia Lakes and Little Antelope Pack Station as critical habitat. The USFWS indicates two public meetings and one public hearing will be scheduled, likely in fall 2013.

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Probation

Governor declares National Probation Services Week for July 21 – 27th - Governor Brown recently issued a statement recognizing the National Probation Services Week for California probation officers and staff. Mono County employs six (6) probation officers tasked with the responsibility of supervising



over two hundred probationers along with a probation aide supervising 100-130 diversion cases (Penal Code 1000).

Mono County Probation staff also provides services directly to probationers by conducting and facilitating programs as well as ensure victims receive restitution. Fiscal oversight is provided by the Fiscal Technician IV. Probation staff works closely with justice partners (i.e., Superior Court, Sheriff Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, education and behavioral health) to ensure the supervision of probationers as well as ensuring compliance with new laws such as realignment (AB109 & 117).

Mono Probation recently collaborated with the U.S. Forest Service to provide youth work crews for trail management. This process not only contributes directly to citizens and visitors but allows youth to complete their community work service hours while learning vocational skills and forest ecosystem.

Mono County Probation staff is a vital element of our communities' safety services and a valuable branch of law enforcement.

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Public Health

Paramedic Final Report released - The California Healthcare Foundation, who has been working with the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), released their final report regarding the topic of community paramedicine. EMSA will be working with OSHPD to invite 10-12 pilot projects in California, with an RFP to be released shortly.

These concepts were discussed at the Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting on July 16th, and Dr. Johnson will be meeting with the Executive Director of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) on August 5th to discuss possibilities for a regional proposal. Please contact Dr. Johnson with any input which is welcomed!

For more information on the report, please use [Community Paramedicine Report](#) or go to:

http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/iphi/Programs/CAHPF/resources/IPHI_CommunityParamedicineReport_Final%20070913.pdf

Hantavirus preliminary report - A preliminary report of a Hantavirus infection in a resident of LA who recently visited Mono County has been completed. The person was hospitalized in LA for a few days over the July 4th holiday, and discharged. Mono County Public Health and Environmental Health will be participating with a team of biologists from the California Department of Public Health in doing a field investigation during the last week of July. If all is confirmed, this would be the 24th case with probable exposure in the Eastern Sierra, with a mortality rate of about 25%.

We will not be doing a press release until more information has been obtained, and a probable source of the infection has been established. More information about Hantavirus can be found at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/HantavirusPulmonarySyndrome.aspx>

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Public Works

Convict Lakes Road Project Update - Public Works was notified by the California Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) regarding the Convict Lake Road Project which was submitted to the Board and approved as a potential project at a prior meeting. The good news is that FLAP funding looks available.

The project is estimated to cost \$2,736,000 and it requires an 11.47% county match or approximately \$315,000. Because this is on FLAP's short list of potential projects, there is an immediate need for approval from the CAO and/or Board to fund the match requirement for the scoping required for this project.

Garrett Higerd will provide the required paperwork to the CAO next week. The scoping will not exceed \$10,000 for Mono County's portion and will only be billed for actual expenditures. If finally approved by FLAP the reconstruction work would not take place prior to 2015.

The FLAP representative will meet August 7th with PW staff on site to begin the analysis/scoping of the project.

Further details of the project are:

- The project area is to include preliminary engineering, construction and construction engineering of the Convict Lake Road from the intersection with US 395 to the Convict Lake Parking/ Turnaround for a distance of 2.75 miles;
- The project is to widen the roadway from the existing 22-24 feet to 26-28 feet as possible along the length;
- The scoping effort will assist in defining the limits of the increase in width;
- The project application notes replacement of retaining walls and correction of deficiencies on the single short span outlet structure;
- Slope stabilization is noted within the application and the scoping effort will assist in defining the needs for this work.

Mono County and Inyo National Forest will work with CFLHD to develop the frequency, number and configuration of the approach roads and pull offs along the route. Safety improvements are to include traffic calming elements, pavement markings and signage.

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Public Works Road crews assisting Qualcon with road reconstruction in Bridgeport - Jack Sawyer Road requires additional road base material to raise the surface sufficiently to avoid further degradation. The road grindings removed from other streets in Bridgeport have been stockpiled in the county yard and will be screened, hauled and compacted along Jack Sawyer Road beginning next week in preparation for future paving.

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