



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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# MONO COUNTY, *California's Eastern Sierra*

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## **Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging seeks to fill Vacancies** *Mono and Inyo residents to serve as Advisory Council members*

**Mono County, Calif.** – The Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA) is currently recruiting Mono and Inyo County residents to fill Advisory Council Member vacancies. An active group of local community members and advocates from Inyo and Mono Counties, most of which are seniors, make up the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council has been, and continues to be, an essential part of the success of the Aging programs. Members make policy recommendations, and share their knowledge and insight which helps to ensure services are meeting the needs of the local seniors.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Larry Johnston commented, “Public participation on this and other similar advisory committees is key to ensuring the continuation of worthwhile services to the senior citizens in our communities. We encourage anyone interested to look into volunteering on this Council.”

Meetings of the Advisory Committee are held quarterly, three of which are held in locations throughout Inyo County and one in Mono County. For more information please see the contact Gina Ellis at (760) 873-3305, or go to the following website:

<http://www.inyocounty.us/aging/ESAAASite.htm>

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport. Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.