



Community Development

Mono Basin RPAC - Following a three-hour special meeting last Friday night, the RPAC concluded its review of the proposed conservation easement for Conway Ranch. The RPAC recommendation was forwarded by Chair Bartshe Miller for consideration by the County and Eastern Sierra Land Trust.

Antelope Valley RPAC – On Thursday evening, following a report on the latest Mountain Gate improvements, the RPAC decided to engage in additional trails planning with Gerry Le Francois. The RPAC received an update on Mountain Warfare Training Center activities by Doug Power; Jeff Ulrich provided an in-depth update on Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest matters; and the RPAC reaffirmed its position on membership terms and the role of the local supervisor.

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County Administrator's Office



**MAY 1st Mono County Strategic Planning
Launch a Huge Success thanks to all of you!!**

171 Employees come together to start building a Better Mono - On May 1st, 2014 for the first time in County history, a majority of the staff came together and spent an entire day discussing the future of the County. They launched the process to re-invent how we serve the community. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who participated.

The upcoming Quarterly Newsletter will have more information on this amazing day were employees from every department met in Lee



Vining, filling the hall to the brim with enthusiasm and their expertise, and began the needed process of creating a long term Strategic direction for our County organization.

This day was completely funded by non-County funds. The majority from the Trindel Insurance Fund of which we are a member for leadership development and the rest through private donations from staff. The next steps will be to get a draft report and then begin sharing that with all employees who did not attend to get their feedback.



Special thanks to those who helped our logistics of the day happen:

Stacie Klemm, Don Nunn, Nate Greenberg, Ted Shepard, Nick Curti (son of Judy!), Greg Newbry, Jaime Pearson, Andy Liu, Kirk Hartstrom, Steve Connett, Neil Pieterse, Cameron Cary, and Jason Davenport. Also thank you to every person who attended the Steering Committee meetings and helped shape this great day AND Laree Kiely and Beth Conley who facilitated the meeting!

The next Steering Committee meeting will be May 15th and will see the first draft of the report which came from May 1st's work.

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County Budget Town Halls begin next week – The 2014 public Budget Town Halls begin next week. All staff are invited to attend. These presentations were started last year and go through the entire county to provide budget information and an opportunity for questions and ideas from the community.

All meetings are from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and here is the calendar of the when and where:

Monday, May 5th

***3rd Floor of the Sierra Center Mall
452 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 307(Board
Chambers)
Mammoth Lakes***

Wednesday, May 7th

***Lee Vining Community Center
296 Mattly Avenue, Lee Vining***

Monday, May 12th

***Antelope Valley Community Center
442 Mule Deer Road, Walker***

Tuesday, May 13th

***Bridgeport Memorial Hall
73 North School Street, Bridgeport***

Monday, May 19th

***Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake***

Tuesday, May 27th

***Benton Community Center
58869 Highway 120, Benton***

In addition to these, Finance Director Leslie Chapman and I will be hosting two employee budget briefings on **May 27th** and **May 28th** during the day in order to provide more information on the budget directly to employees.

If people are unable to attend those, we are also able to meet with people at their convenience to answer questions and receive feedback on on ideas to help us with our Budget development.

Please stay tuned and we will send out an invite – one for south county and one for north county.

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Tioga Re-Opens! – Good news from CHP – “On Friday, May 02, 2014, at 0900 hours, Yosemite National Park opened Route 120 west of US 395. All three trans-Sierra passes (State Route 89, Monitor Pass – State Route 108, Sonora Pass – State Route 120 West / Route 120 and State Route 120 East) are now open.

R. D. COHAN, Commander
Bridgeport Area”

All I can say is “woo hoo!”

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May Employee Roundtable on May 8th! - The south County Employees Roundtable (formerly Coffee with the CAO) will be Thursday May 8th from 8:30 to 9:30 at the the Mammoth Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Sierra Center. The North County Roundtable was eclipsed by the all employee strategic planning session.

Please come on by and bring any questions, ideas and concerns.

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Information Technology

IT Move Complete - With the exceptional help of Mono County IT staff, and support from the Mono County Sheriff and a small inmate crew, the Mammoth based IT office was successfully moved to Minaret Mall on Friday April 25th. The move included over 50 pieces of furniture and our entire server room which is substantially improved thanks to Public Works staff Ed Nolan, Tony Iniguez, Jason Davenport, and Don Nunn who lent their expertise at electrical and HVAC improvements. Feel free to drop by the new digs and check them out.



Digital 395 Sites Online - IT staff have been busy bringing additional community center sites online with Digital 395 over the past couple weeks. Recently the Lee Vining Community Center and June Lake Community Center were added to the list of active sites, leaving Benton, Chalfant, and Crowley Lake left to go.

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Public Works

Mono City Emergency Access Road online! - Public Works has installed two gates and moved boulders for the Mono City Emergency Access Road. These two gates will allow the route to be available in an emergency. The project will be completed later this summer/fall with the construction of an additional road segment, installation of another gate, installation of a pullout, and reclamation of old roads etc.



Bodie Road improvement underway - Work has also begun on the Bodie Road to improve the rough conditions. Up to \$28,000 will be spent by the County on this project. These funds were taken from other already budgeted road projects so this is not a new expenditure. The State Park is assisting with their excavator with a rock hammer.



On May 5th in Bridgeport the Great Basin Air Pollution Control Board will discuss how to spend \$1.2M received from LADWP for air pollution reduction projects. I am attending as is a State Park staff to discuss the Bodie Road as a potential applicant. Obviously not sufficient funds to completely resolve the issues on the road but perhaps it may provide funds sufficient to purchase and haul in road base.



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Sheriff's Office

1. Multiple employees attended the Mono County Strategic Planning Session on Thursday. With a great attendance by all Mono County employees this should enable the county to move into the next decade and further.
2. Staff met with Mountain Warfare Training Center regarding a base exercise they are having in the next several months.
3. Numerous employees attended a training which was brought in-house to save \$\$\$ (instead of sending employees out of county).

4. Jennifer Hansen and Dep. Hernandez attended an every 15 Minute Program meeting for the exercise that will be held in Mammoth towards the end of May.
5. I attended a Southern California Edison meeting with the CAO on efforts that SCE is taking to ensure greater energy reliability to the regions of Mono County.

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Social Services

May is National Foster Care Month - Foster Parents provide an essential service to children in need in Mono County. They give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love to



children in our

communities. In an effort to recognize the

work of foster families, social workers, and others who are improving the lives of young people in foster care across the county, the Department of Social Services has asked the Mono County Board of Supervisors to proclaim May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Mono County. We will also be honoring our two foster homes at the May 6, 2014 BOS meeting in Bridgeport. We encourage all citizens to help by participating in efforts to serve these children throughout the year.



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