



Board of Supervisors

Midyear Budget – At 9:00am on Monday March 2nd, the Board of Supervisors is having a special meeting to address the Midyear Budget adjustments. Unlike last year which was a discussion regarding the structural deficit, this year’s midyear, which anyone can view at the link below will be focused on a few key areas of concern.

Due to busy schedules abound, this is a special Board meeting and will be in Mammoth. However, people may watch it from Bridgeport in the Board Chambers via teleconference.

http://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_supervisors/calendar_event/3774/2014-15_mid-year_budget_web.pdf

Special Meeting in Crowley - The Board of Supervisors is holding another special Board meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm to provide information and action to help the residents of the fire impacted communities of Swall Meadows and Paradise. The meeting will be at the Crowley Community Center at 6:00pm.

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County efforts to attain state support a success – Thanks to multiple efforts across every Board member and many levels of County staff, Governor Brown has issued a State Declaration of Emergency. This will allow Mono County to seek needed state resources to help those impacted by the Round Fire event of February 6-9. The following text is the Governor’s Press Release.

Also, you can see the Proclamation at:

<http://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18871>

Governor Brown Directs Assistance for Mono County Wildfire A Proclamation of a State of Emergency

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency proclamation yesterday for Mono County due to the effects of the severe fire that started on February 6, 2015 burning thousands of acres, destroying over 40 structures, including residences, necessitating the evacuation of residents, the opening of emergency shelters; creating a substantial amount of hazardous debris over a large area, and affecting the community of Swall Meadows.

Yesterday’s proclamation directs all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities related to this state of emergency consistent with the direction of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan.

This proclamation also directs the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services to provide local government assistance, as appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act; the Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency to use sound discretion in applying this order to ensure that the suspension

serves the purpose of accelerating cleanup and recovery, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment; to assist local governments as necessary and for the protection of public health and the environment and state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly remove dangerous debris and repair damaged resources.

Additionally, state agencies and departments within the Governor's administration shall work with local officials to assist them in establishing and implementing a comprehensive debris removal plan. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services continues to work with Mono County impacted to complete damage assessments and evaluate the need for additional action to help communities respond to and recover from the effects of this fire.

The full text of the emergency proclamation is provided by clicking on link [HERE](#).

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Community Development

Long Valley RPAC – At Wednesday's meeting, **Jim Leddy** presented the Mono County Strategic Plan, **Supervisor Stump** reported on BOS activities, and **Courtney Weiche** gave a planning update.

Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee – At Thursday's meeting chaired by **Nick Criss**, representatives from agencies such as BLM, Ormat, US Geological Survey, and Mammoth Community Water District met to discuss water resources and potential monitoring wells. Attendees also reviewed the group's bylaws. Afterward, retired Mono County Economic Development Director **Dan Lyster**, founder of the group, joined attendees to honor retiring geologist **Bill Evans**, who has actively participated on the Long Valley HAC for decades.

Sage Grouse – Analysts **Wendy Sugimura & Brent Calloway** attended the Bi-State Pinyon-Juniper Expansion Forum in Minden, NV. This two-day event included open discussions and presentations from a diverse group of researchers, agency scientists and land managers in an effort to better understand the complex issues involved with conifer expansion, an important identified threat to the Bi-State Sage Grouse population. Following often-intense discussions, the event culminated in a field visit to several sage grouse mitigation projects in the Pine Nut Mountains.

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County Administrator's Office

Mono County's first ever Strategic Planning Framework Heads to the RPACS – Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework.

This unprecedented effort is circulating out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback. On Wednesday, February 25th, the Long Valley RPAC received its first review of the Strategic Planning Framework. On Thursday, February 26th, First Five received a presentation and Supervisor Tim Alpers was there serving as the County's Liaison to the First Five.

Also, please note we will be bringing back Laree and Beth to host a special Board meeting date to be determined for a Strategic Planning Board session! Stay tuned as we get the details put into place.

Please feel free to come on by the following RPAC meetings:

- Chalfant** **March 2nd**
- June Lake** **April 8th**
- Antelope Valley (2nd Review)** **March 5th**
- Benton** **March 16th**
- Mono Basin RPAC (2nd review)** **April 8th**
- Bridgeport (2nd Review)** **March 19th**
- First Five (2nd Review)** **April 16th**

Thank you all very much for being a part of history and building our future!

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Open House to Solicit Comments for Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications - The public is invited to an informal open house to review Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant applications for the Inyo National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office.

The agencies have submitted preliminary applications for grant funds from the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to enhance and manage motorized recreation. The agencies invite comments on the preliminary grant applications.

The two agencies will hold an informal open house on Thursday, March 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the U.S. Forest Service and BLM office located behind the Department of Motor Vehicles at 351 Pacu Lane in Bishop. You may drop in any time during those two hours to review and discuss the grant applications. Representatives from the two agencies will be there to answer questions and receive or facilitate comments on changes, concerns and support for the final grant applications, which will be submitted by May 4, 2015.

These and all other applicants' grant requests, as well as detailed instructions about the process and how to comment can be viewed from March 3 until April 6 on the OHMVR website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/. Comments can be submitted directly through the division website and/or sent directly to the responsible agency. Comments must be received by April 6, 2015.

For more information or to provide your comments through other means, please call Inyo National Forest Trails Coordinator, Marty Hornick at (760) 873-2461 or mhornick@fs.fed.us; or BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner Rich Williams at (760) 872-5033 or rdwillia@blm.gov

CONTACT: Deb Schweizer, Public Affairs Officer, Forest Service, (760) 873-2427



Creating a Workplace of Equal Opportunity and Respect: California Sexual Harassment and Abusive Conduct Training -- California AB 1825 and AB 2053 Required Training – for all managers and supervisors.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Lee Vining Community Center

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 am OR 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Space in each class is limited to the first 40 RSVPs – Please save your spot with me. You must have department head approval to attend.

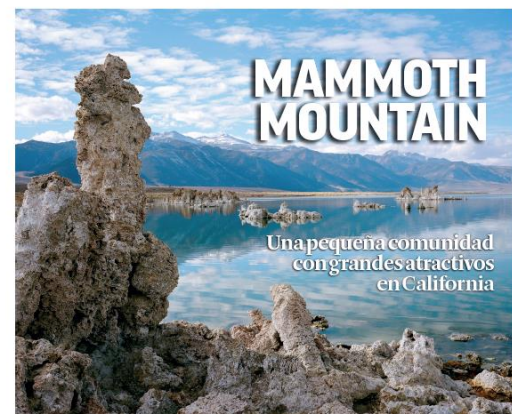
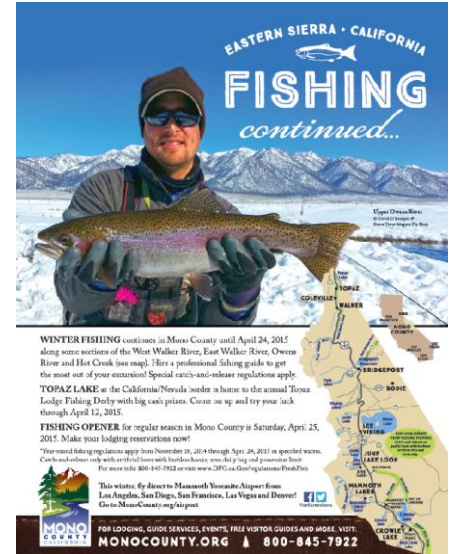
CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405

Economic Development

- **Tourism Conference:** Staff attended Visit California's Outlook Forum this week – 550 tourism industry members attended from around the state. Travel trends and statistics from all markets were reviewed, highlights here: <http://industry.visitcalifornia.com/Find-Research/California-Statistics-Trends/>. The conference program was intensive and interesting:

http://industry.visitcalifornia.com/pdf/2015_OUTLOOKFORUM.pdf

- **Travel Trade Shows:** The Travel & Adventure trade shows wrapped up in Long Beach last weekend – San Diego and the Bay Area were earlier in the month. Staff is now preparing for the massive and popular Fred Hall Fishing Shows, coming up next weekend in Long Beach and in two weeks in San Diego, as well as the Reno Outdoor Expo. So far the travel shows have been well attended and we have made contact with hundreds of people, from those who have never heard of our part of the world to folks who come many times per year.
- **Advertising:** Winter fishing advertising continues in fishing publications such as California Sportsman and the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide:
- **PR:** Excellent media results from a familiarization trip for travel writers from the Mexican press, hosted by Mammoth Lakes Tourism:
- Staff attended a special joint Mammoth Lakes Town Council/Planning & Economic Development Commission meeting on February 26th from 10-12 which summarized the EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District) financial tool for economic development stimulus.



- Mono County Fisheries Commission meets on Wednesday, March 18th at 10:00am at the June Lake Community Center. All are welcome to attend.
- Mono County Tourism & Film Commission meets on Tuesday, March 24th at 10:00am at the June Lake Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

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CENA, CERVEZAS Y BOLSOS

El Mammoth Village se junta con sus socios comerciales, locales y regionales para celebrar un evento de recaudación de fondos para el Centro Comunitario de Mammoth el 20 y 21 de febrero. El evento incluye una cena, cervezas y bolsos de recaudación de fondos. El evento será un éxito y se espera que ayude a recaudar fondos para el centro comunitario.

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Public Health

Ice Rescue Training Held - EMS Medics and EMT's participated in a technical ice rescue class, held in Lee Vining and Twin Lakes Mammoth over Feb. 24th and 25th. The first day encompassed heavy technical rope rescue techniques and classroom time. The second day involved actual ice rescues of members in dry suits, including instruction on self-rescue. Ice Rescue is an important aspect of the EMS mission, and the training was a complete success, once ice was found!

CONTACT: Rob De Forrest, (760) 924-1832

Public Works

The Mountain Gate Phase II project has begun. The construction schedule is from Feb 23 through May 18.

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Sheriff's Office

Cops vs. Kids Basketball Fundraiser at Lee Vining High School -- We can say the weekend is almost here, right? If nothing else, it gets everyone thinking of the weekend! Are you still trying to figure out the perfect plans, especially with the weather calling for a chance of snow?

Here's an idea! On Saturday, February 28th at 5:00pm, join the Mono County Sheriff's Office as the deputies take on the Lee Vining High School boys' basketball team. That's right! It's Cops vs. Kids in a friendly competition to raise money for the Lee Vining High School Booster Club.

Bring the family, have some fun, cheer for your "team," and support your local school! Remember, the game starts at 6:00pm



at Lee Vining High School (51710 Hwy 395). Come on out and support a great cause! We will see you on the courts! - Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

Ingrid Braun
Mono County Sheriff-Coroner

Social Services



Special Enrollment Opportunity - Covered California announced that it is offering a special enrollment opportunity for consumers who did not know or understand there was a tax penalty for being uninsured in 2014 or who learned they may face a penalty for 2015. From February 23 until April 30, 2015, consumers are eligible to apply for health coverage during special enrollment by attesting that they did not realize there was a tax penalty. To attest to this fact, they can select “Informed of Tax Penalty Risk” when filling out an application at CoveredCA.com.

For the first time, consumers who are filing their taxes this year may be paying a penalty for not having health insurance. And the penalty for going without insurance in 2015 will go up significantly: Those who can afford insurance but choose not to buy it will be subject to paying \$325 per adult in a household or 2 percent of their income, whichever is greater.

What does that mean in real-world terms for people filing their taxes right now? According to the Internal Revenue Service, a single person earning \$40,000 a year will pay a penalty of nearly \$300 for being uninsured in 2014. A family of four earning \$70,000 a year will pay nearly \$500 for being uninsured in 2014. Those penalties increase for consumers without insurance this year. That same individual making \$40,000 will see their penalty jump from almost \$300 to nearly \$600. That family of four will see its bill jump from nearly \$500 to almost \$1,000.

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763

Training Opportunities



American Red Cross

With all of the recent fires and wind events that have recently affected our area the American Red Cross would like to provide training opportunities to assure we are all prepared for any potential future emergencies. They will be coming to Mono County to provide the following courses:

Name of Event: PREPARE U

What: During this 1-hour presentation, a trained Red Cross volunteer will let you know how you can be better prepared for disasters in 3 simple steps: Get

a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed

Where: *Antelope Valley Senior Center, 399 Mule Deer Road, Walker, Ca 96107*

When: *Friday, March 6th, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm*

Contact: Please RSVP to Cathy Young at Department of Social Services at 760-924-1780. Lunch is available for purchase but you must pre-order by Thursday March 5th. Contact Sandi Rustan at 530-495-2323.

Fee: None

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What: During this 1-hour presentation, a trained Red Cross volunteer will let you know how you can be better prepared for disasters in 3 simple steps: Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed

Where: *Bridgeport Indian Colony Administrative Bldg., 355 Sage Brush Drive, Bridgeport, CA 93517*

When: *Friday, March 6th, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm*

Contact: Please RSVP to Cathy Young at Department of Social Services at 760-924-1780

Fee: None

Name of Event: RED CROSS Volunteer Boot Camp

What: In this 3 hour Prospective Volunteer Boot Camp you will receive an overview of your local Red Cross and volunteer opportunities.

Where: *Mammoth Lakes Library, 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546*

When: *Saturday, March 7th, 2015 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Contact: *Jennifer Faux 310-405-2180*

Fee: None

Name of Event: Adult CPR and First Aid

What: Take advantage of this opportunity to get trained and certified in Adult CPR and First Aid by the American Red Cross

Where: *Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, 3150 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546*

When: *Monday, March 9th, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with a one hour lunch break*

Contact: Please RSVP to Cathy Young at Department of Social Services at 760-924-1780. Space is limited.

Fee: \$5

CONTACT: Cathy Young, 760-924-1780

The AARP Tax-Aide Foundation offers free tax help, preparation, and e-filing in the Bishop and Mammoth Lakes areas. This free tax help and preparation service, run by volunteers, serves low and moderate income taxpayers.



These sites operate from February 1st through April 15th with the following schedule (subject to change):

Mammoth Lakes Library	
Mondays	1 to 5
Wednesdays	1 to 5
Thursdays	1 to 5

For appointments*, call:

Mammoth 760.934.5674 Sue Stavlo

* The Mammoth site also accepts walk-ins, but appointments have priority Spanish speaking assistance must be requested at time of appointment.

- * What to bring when you visit our Tax-Aide site:
 - **Social security cards or ITIN documents for yourself and your dependents and a picture ID**
 - Tax statements; W-2 forms, 1099-G (unemployment), SSA-1099, 1099-R, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-MISC, broker statements, etc.
 - Medical insurance coverage information, including form 1095-A if insurance purchased through Covered California
 - If direct deposit desired, bring account information (routing and account numbers)
 - Copy of last year's income tax return (if available)
 - Child care provider information (name, employer's SSN or EIN, phone number)

CONTACT: Sue Stavlo 760/934.5674