



## Animal Control

Mono County Animal control was excited to participate in the 153<sup>rd</sup> annual Fourth of July celebration here in Bridgeport. We found one of our dogs her new forever home. This was our second year and we look forward to many more

Animal Control also be participated in the “Give me Shelter” Carnival in the town of Mammoth on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.





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### **Clerk-Recorder**

At the June 2, 2015 Regular Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting, live video streaming became available through a software program called Granicus. The video feed which appears live during meetings on the internet and is later archived for future viewing has now been in use for approximately two months. The feedback received in the Board of Supervisor's office has been positive and the system is working very well. The use of Granicus allows the public and members of Mono County Staff to watch a board meeting in real time and then review details of that same meeting long after it's over. This saves County Staff time and money as it reduces time away from the office and time spent travelling across the County to attend meetings. It also saves the public time if they are interested in seeing only one or two items as it eliminates the need for them to attend meetings in person, unless necessary. With the help of the Mono County Information Technology Department working closely with the Granicus team and with input from the Clerk of the Board, this system was set up fairly easily and rather quickly. The Mono County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the Granicus System in last year's budget seeing it as a benefit for the public that would provide flexibility and enhance the experience of "attending" a meeting. The Board of Supervisor's staff has experienced no difficulty incorporating the use of Granicus into their work routines and sees a large benefit to having the videotaped meetings archived for future use in creating and enhancing minutes. For those interested in streaming a meeting live or viewing an archived meeting, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

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## **County Administrative Officer**

County Begins Important Recruitment Process – we are pleased to announce recruitments for two open management positions, County Administrative Officer and Human Resources Director. Recruitment services are being provided by Ralph Anderson & Associates. For additional information about either positions please visit their website: [www.ralphandersen.com](http://www.ralphandersen.com).

Electronic submittals are strongly preferred via email at [apply@ralphandersen.com](mailto:apply@ralphandersen.com) and should include a compelling cover letter, comprehensive resume, and current salary. The positions are open until filled, with an initial application review planned in early September.

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## **Community Development**

**Bridgeport Valley RPAC** – The RPAC, at its July 16 meeting, received a report of BOS activities from **Supervisor Fesko**, Mountain Warfare Training Center update from **Doug Power**, and a Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest report from **Jeff Ulrich**. **Wendy Sugimura** reviewed design concepts for a banner above Main Street and discussed sidewalk encroachments.

**June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee** – At its July 7 meeting, the CAC received a status report from **Supervisor Alpers**, a sheriff's briefing from **Ingrid Braun**, and an update on June Lake Streets Project with **Garrett Higerd**. **Courtney Weiche** and **Nick Criss** conducted a well-received informational workshop on transient rental planning and enforcement processes. **Jil Stark** reported on the status of trails and another successful June Lake Trails Day.

**Mono Basin RPAC** – The status of the Lee Vining Rockfall Project was thoroughly reviewed at the July 8 RPAC meeting by Caltrans' Joe Blommer, and Margy Verba reviewed efforts in forming a local fire safe council. Paul McFarland led a discussion on forming a local trails committee, with the RPAC agreeing to quarterly review of trail improvements and related activities. **Supervisor Alpers** also reported on BOS matters.

**LDTAC** – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (LDTAC) met July 22 to review an application for an amendment to the June Lake Highlands Specific Plan to allow future transient rentals on select properties, and took action on a lot merger in Mono City. The LDTAC also conducted preapplication review with **Brent Calloway** for a cell tower at the Chalfant transfer site, and reviewed an alternative building envelope for a property in the Antelope Valley. The status of several approved subdivision maps, upcoming expiration dates, and time frames for filing extension requests was also reviewed by **Gerry Le Francois**, **Walt Lehmann**, **Courtney Weiche**, and **Louis Molina**.

**Planning Commission** – On July 9, the Planning Commission approved a use permit for a year-round mobile food trailer adjacent to June Lake Brewery. This action allows for Ohanas to continue serving its popular food selection to locals and visitors. The Commission also conducted a General Plan workshop on the Circulation Element with **Gerry Le Francois** and **Wendy Sugimura**.

**Local Transportation Commission** – At its July 13 meeting, the LTC allocated Regional Surface Transportation Program funding to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, as recommended by **Megan Mahaffey**. **Gerry Le Francois** provided a thorough update on the Eastern California Transportation Planning Partnership, the status of collaborative projects in the Eastern Sierra, and an overview of potential programming opportunities. Agencies provided quarterly reports, including an update provided by **Garrett Higerd** on a number of Mono County transportation projects.

**Sustainable agricultural grant** – Mono County received word that the California Strategic Growth Council has approved \$100,000 in grant funding for a Mono County Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy. Congratulations to **Wendy Sugimura** for her efforts in submitting another successful grant application.

**Wildland fire seminar** – **Tom Perry** reports that the wildland urban interface training session conducted by **Van Wilfinger** of Interwest Consultants was well attended by architects, designers, engineers, contractors and staff. Thanks to **Jim Shoffner**, **Gerry Le Francois** and **Tom** for their participation.

**Round Fire recovery** – **Brent Calloway** and **Jim Shoffner** report significant building permit activity in the Round Fire area. A total of 12 building permit applications for home reconstruction have been submitted, with eight permits issued and four in processing/plan check. In addition, three permits for new single-family homes (not reconstruction) have been issued in the Wheeler Crest area in recent months.

**New Fire Safe regulations** – Analyst **Brent Calloway** completed a new draft of Mono County's fire safe chapter in the General Plan to reflect new Cal Fire requirements that take effect Jan. 1, 2016. The changes are summarized below: 1) Road width increased from 9 ft to 10 ft, not including striping or shoulder; 2) road surface design capacity increased from 40,000 lbs to 75,000 lbs; 3) roadway turnouts increased from 10 ft to 12 ft wide; 4) minimum turning radius for turnaround can no longer include parking areas; 5) clarification of bridge construction standards (AASHTO HB-17); 6) total horizontal and vertical clearance at gates is specified as 14 ft and 15 ft; 7) security gates now require local jurisdiction approval; 8) clarification of emergency water system standards (NFPA 1142 standards); and 9) 8-ft-wide driveway fuel modification zones are required on each side of driveway including vertical clearance zones of 15 ft. Cal Fire will provide an overview of these new requirements July 30 at the Collaborative Planning Team's quarterly meeting.

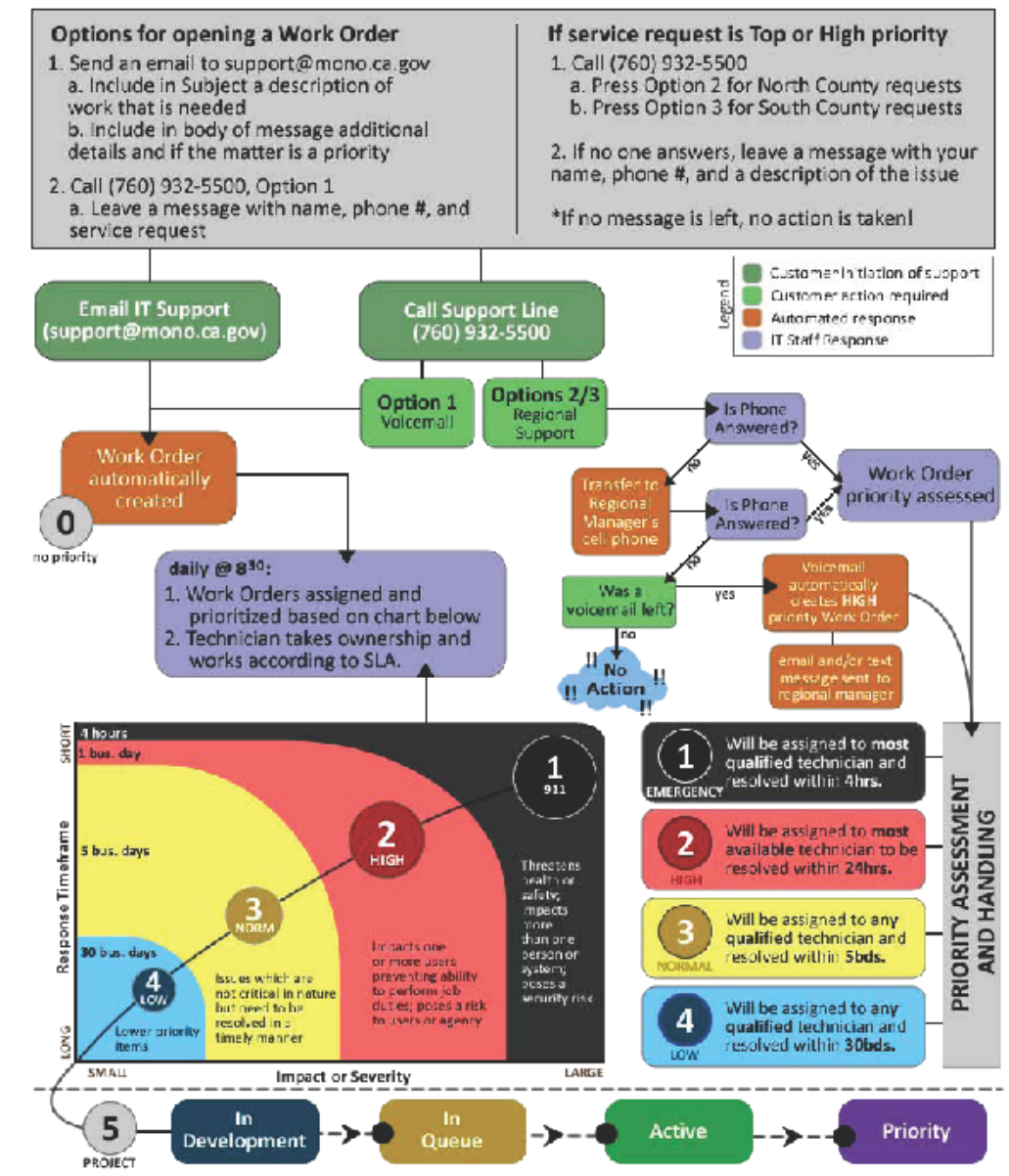
**Planning conference comes to Mono County** – The Association of Environmental Professionals will hold its second recent conference in Mono County Sept. 24-26. The focus of the conference is California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and related topics, including the Endangered Species Act. The conference scheduled several distinguished speakers, including County staffers **Stacey Simon** and **Wendy Sugimura**. All interested persons are encouraged to register (see attached information). Thanks to **Courtney Weiche** for her assistance in conference planning.

**Building permit action** – Building Official **Tom Perry** reports a significant upswing. At this time last year, 97 permits had been issued as compared to 157 this year, a 38.21% increase. Over last year inspections are up 24.11% and total permitted valuation is up \$1 million. These are all non-fire statistics.

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**IT**

**IT WORK ORDERS : INITIATION AND HANDLING**



Over the past month, IT staff have been working to improve the way in which we intake, process, manage, and track requests for support (Work Orders) and special projects. While most of our staff are aware of the general process for initiating a support request with IT, we recognize that very few understand what really happens once the request has been made. At the risk of complicating matters, the attached PDF is intended to document what happens once a Work Order is created within our system.

In order to ensure that all work is completed in a timely and effective manner, a Work Order is required for all IT support requests (and we greatly appreciate all staff adhering to the protocols for doing so).

In simple terms, support requests can be initiated as follows:

### Options for opening a Work Order

1. Send an email to support@mono.ca.gov
  - a. Include in Subject a description of work that is needed
  - b. Include in body of message additional details and if the matter is a priority
2. Call (760) 932-5500, Option 1
  - a. Leave a message with name, phone #, and service request

### If service request is Top or High priority

1. Call (760) 932-5500
    - a. Press Option 2 for North County requests
    - b. Press Option 3 for South County requests
  2. If no one answers, leave a message with your name, phone #, and a description of the issue
- \*If no message is left, no action is taken!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact myself or other IT staff.

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## Paramedics

On July 8, 2015, Mono County EMS, Sheriff, Antelope Valley Fire Department, MWTC, CHP and Cal Trans responded to a two vehicle collision in the Walker Canyon. MCEMS arrived first on scene to find two Ford trucks blocking the highway, after a head-on collision. A total of four patients were deemed critical, and a request was made for four air ambulances to also respond.



Extensive extrication was involved for one victim, which Antelope Valley Fire spearheaded and with help from MWTC was accomplished. Patient care was handled by Mono EMS ground crews, with a total of four Paramedics and one EMT, and patient care was subsequently transferred to flight crews. Three helicopters from Careflight and one from CalStar used Highway 395 for a landing zone, and arrived within 10 minutes of each other. All victims were flown to Renown Medical Center in Reno, three with major injuries and one with moderate.

It is important to remember the scenes and circumstances all Mono County First Responders face on a daily schedule, and how our County comes together to offer professional emergency response for residents and visitors alike. When one comes upon a scene this horrific in nature, we remember how essential emergency services are to this county. We are fortunate to have the paid and volunteer services that we do, and thank them for their service.

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## **Public Health**

**California Children’s Services and Medical Therapy Conference Report** - The California Children’s Services Medical Therapy Conference, held in the Eastern Sierra each spring and fall for Inyo and Mono County Special Needs Children, brings together specialists in Physical and Occupational Therapy; Nutrition; orthopedic surgery; orthotics; and durable medical equipment. The purpose of this clinic is a team approach to evaluate and prescribe therapies and equipment so that these families do not have to make multiple separate trips to these providers.

Dr. Rick Johnson has been the pediatrician and team leader of these conferences since 1996 and has been the key source of information and oversight for both Inyo and Mono County children in this program. Our children and families are so grateful for his guidance and love over the years and, now, Dr. Johnson passes on the ‘baton’ to the next pediatrician team.

Dr. Charlotte Helvie, Bishop Pediatrics and Allergy, will see Inyo County children in the role of Pediatrician; while Dr. Amy Conrad, Sierra Park Pediatrics, will see Mono County children in the role of their Pediatrician. Familiarity with the patients from each county will give both experienced and excellent pediatricians an advantage in their new roles as they join the Medical Therapy Conference Team. We welcome Dr. Helvie and Dr. Conrad and know that our families already appreciate their expertise.

A big “Thank you” to Dr. Johnson for his dedication to these special children and families.

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**Smoke Free MUH Complexes in Mammoth Lakes** - The Health Department surveyed managers/owners of 74 multi-unit housing (MUH) complexes located in Mammoth Lakes. Of the 74 MUH complexes, 49 owners/managers (66%) reported that all units at their complex are designated 100% smoke-free. The 74 MUH complexes represented a total of 4,400 units, Of the 4,400 MUH units, 2,509 (57%) are 100% smoke-free. In addition, 42 of 74 MUH complexes included other areas that are designated 100%

smoke-free. Examples of those areas include the entire campus, balconies and 20 feet away from entrances/exits, and balconies and porches. Several managers requested information for their Home Owners Associations for them to consider going smoke free inside of all units. Previous surveys have shown that 100% of rentals through agencies require the unit to be smoke free, some include balconies also.

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## **Public Works**

Ambulance remount is due for delivery next week. This ambulance was remounted by Burton's Fire in Modesto, California, and will replace the old unit in Mammoth.

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The facilities division is busy on multiple fronts including;

- Mono County Office of education remodel which is part of the Bridgeport campus relocation.
- Twin Lakes Annex remodel which is also part of the campus relocation.
- Completing the Annex II ADA project.
- Completing an estimate for the next phase of the Memorial Hall project.
- Planning, permitting, and preparing an RFB for the Bridgeport Biomass Project.
- Failed A/C unit at Minaret Mall.
- Maintaining existing facilities.

Also keeping an eye on the weather as fall will be here before we know it.

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## **Project Updates:**

- **June Lake Streets Rehabilitation Project is Nearing Completion** – The road rehabilitation portion of this project started at the end of May. Despite a heavier than normal rains in June and July, the access to June Lake Beach and the streets in the Village area are nearing completion. The concrete ribbon gutters and curbs are now installed and the roads have been ground out, graded, and paved. The following team members are doing a great job and deserve recognition for making it happen:
  1. **Phil Touchstone** for inspecting the work and coordinating with the contractor and residents.
  2. **Paul Roten** for reviewing submittals and solving problems as they arise.
  3. **The Lee Vining and Crowley Lake Road Crews** for crack sealing North Shore Drive and the Highlands.
  4. **Stacey Simon and Walt Lehmann** for easement document support.
  5. **Mary Clark and Judy Curti** for accounting support.
  6. **Qualcon Contractors, Construction Specialty, and Sierra View Equipment** for constructing the work.









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**Project Updates (Continued):**

- **Rock Creek Road Rehabilitation Project** – Progress continues to be made and the upper portions of this approximately nine-mile project are now paved. Five concrete beams that widen the bridges to allow for the up-hill bicycle climbing lane have been placed. Project completion is scheduled for this fall. The following team members are doing a great job and deserve recognition for making it happen:
  1. **Paul Roten** for solving problems as they arise.
  2. **The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) project team including Wendy Longley and Sharon Armstrong** for managing the contract.
  3. **ACE General Engineering** for constructing the work.
  
- **Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation Project** – Construction has started on this project that will reconstruct 2.75 miles of road and replace retaining walls along the east side of Convict Lake this summer. Project completion is scheduled for this fall. The following team members are doing a great job and deserve recognition for making it happen:
  1. **Paul Roten** for reviewing submittals and helping to secure construction water.
  2. **Stacey Simon** for drafting and reviewing many important documents.
  3. **The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) project team including Wendy Longley and Sharon Armstrong** for managing the contract.
  4. **LB Civil Construction** for constructing the work.

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**Veterans Services**

# Antelope Valley Vet Center



READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICE

## Mobile Unit

### August 29, 2015

**Lone Pine VFW Post 8036 8 am – 11 am**

**Bishop VFW Post 8988 2 pm – 5 pm**

Vet Centers are a community-based counseling program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. They provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to eligible veterans and their families.

For more Information Contact your Veteran Service Office at  
**760-873-7850**



*"Proudly serving veterans and families since 1979"*



*Veterans and Families invited*

## “VA Health Care”

*Coming to Bishop*

**August 7, 2015**  
**9:30 am to 3:00pm**  
**Bishop City Hall**

Information: *VA Health Care System*  
*Non VA Care - “Choice Program”*

*Come and get all your Questions Answered*

Please RSVP to:  
[icvso@inyocounty.us](mailto:icvso@inyocounty.us) or call 760-873-7850

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