

Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center

Members present: Duncan King, Kristy Nelson, Bartshe Miller and Lisa Cutting (plus Chris Lizza from item 10 onwards.)

Public Attendees and Presenters: Bob Gardner, Shannon Kendall, Helen Nunn, Lynn Boulton, Bentley Regehr, Dan Amsden, and Wendy Sugimura

1. **Call to Order:** 6:36 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
3. **Review Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2018 were approved with the following corrections: Item 2 line 6, delete extra 'r' in Sherriff, item 6b line 1 replace 'i' with 'y' in Kristi. Kristie Nelson proposed, Bartshe Miller seconded. The vote was unanimous with Duncan King abstaining.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Bob Gardner reported that Tioga Road was open to the gate at the Park entrance. Attempts to contact the Park re opening have been unsuccessful. Crowley irrigation issues with DWP are ongoing. Chris Smallcombe of the Weather Service has an online analysis of the winter weather available.
5. **Chairperson Report:** Lisa Cutting reported that the Lee Vining Community Center still has \$2k in the fund raised for landscaping. Investigation is taking place with the major donors and this will be a future agenda item. A Board meeting of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is to be held in the LVCC at 10am on 5/10. Attendance is encouraged. Margy Verba is holding a meeting on 5/21 at her house in Mono City to gather residents' inputs on short term rentals. A project proponent is being sought for electrical charging station(s) in Lee Vining. Utility poles in Mono City are flourishing and Lisa is monitoring the situation.
6. **Member's reports:**
 - a. Kristy Nelson – The speed check sign north of town on 395 is still not working. Wendy will check on this with Caltrans. Encouraged by SCE's commitment to maintain the road west of town. Saw two Pronghorn Antelope near Black Point. First sighting since the 1990s.
 - b. Bartshe Miller – nothing to report
 - c. Duncan King – Also reported on the non-functioning speed check sign. The Pioneer Solar Pavilion project was given an enthusiastic go ahead by the Board of Supervisors. Fundraising is continuing and the first phase will be erected by August this year, with the solar panels to be added when dollars permit.
7. **USFS agency report:** No presentation
8. **Voter Outreach Presentation:** Shannon Kendall and Helen Nunn presented the county's plan for the elections on June 5th. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. For more information the website is at www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections
9. **Mono Basin Fire Safe Council Report:** Nothing to report as this month's meeting is to be held on 5/14
10. **Update on SCE Lee Vining Substation rebuild:** Bentley Regehr handed out a map of the future configuration. The main issue was the viewscape impact of steel poles on the hillside. Lisa Cutting will draft a letter requesting 'treated poles' for the next meeting of the RPAC.

11. Lee Vining Main Street Project Workshop:

- a. **Input on Survey and Engagement Plan:** Dan Amsden of IMG joined the meeting via Webex. He ran through the public engagement goals and the survey design and received input on summer versus winter inputs, Spanish speakers' needs, Bridgeport, wildlife crossings, school student delivery of information
- b. **Review of Mono Basin Plan for Caltrans Main Street rehab project:** Wendy Sugimura reviewed the project. The factsheet is available on the Mono County website.
- c. **Identification of project ambassadors:** These will be needed to represent demographic groups in the community e.g. Indian, Latino

12. Information items and provide direction to staff (Planning): Reminder of the GBUAPCD board meeting on 5/10. Bartshe Miller to attend. Frontier has admitted it is their cable crossing Lee Vining Creek and it is on DWP land. Permitting is being pursued.

Upcoming agenda items: Action plan update, dark sky letter, SCE project update, SCE letter re poles.

13. Adjourn: 8:48 - Next meeting Wednesday, June13, 2018

Prepared by Duncan King