

Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee

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April 8, 2026 Mono Basin RPAC Minutes:

1. Call to Order 6:34p
2. Public Comment- Dave Carle from MBHS announced Lee Vining Centennial celebration and handed out flyers. Recommended a Caltrans booth and an opportunity to engage and compliment the community efforts.
3. Action:
 - a. Review and Approve Minutes for March 11, 2026- 3/0 approved
4. Information:
 - a. Caltrans LV rehab update- Mike Collins, PM Robin duSaint. (ATP Handhout) Failed bids with 28% over the lowest estimate, with a contingency of 10%. Continuing with the road diet, bike land, sidewalks, and ADA improvements. This design reduction will delay the contruction. With contract constraints and seasonality, staging will likely not occur. A variance is approved with GBAPCD, providing a longer season. New asphalt in town vs. milling. Mono County CDD pursuing alternative funding to replace the additive bidding items removed. Self autonomy for enhancements, ie monument signage gateway sign, public art, benches, etc. Safe routes to school.
 - b. Community Center Beautification- County center and high level of engagement. Internal in-house county facilities, such as the oven, fridge, HHS SCE grant. Inside and outside attainable things: visitor center landscaping natives. Generator placement constraints, road access. Pest/rodent removal. Steel countertops. Spray faucet, steam clean chairs, ceiling tiles, lighting, cleaning after events deposit/contract?, toilet plumbing, painting, Communal picnic tables, gravel permeable drive, responsibility signage, plates, time vs. bidding, volunteer waivers for committee improvements (autonomy of approved project), Prop 68.
5. Standing Reports:
 - a. MLKT- Parking needs at the community center and tribal office. Hard to keep up with tribal needs. Future development of a health clinic.
 - b. USFS-Local staffing: 5 seasonals in visitor center. BLM & Forest have 16 firefighters. FMO- Craig B., Rec Staff-Ethan, Wilderness ranger. Lower LV campground opening, TPR, store, Pinecliff resort, Caltrout restoration crooked and horse meadow October. June Mtn. fuels &NFWF ground based. Saddlebag rd. 3x overbid 2028/2029 starting work. Wildhorse gathering and contract for July operating period. E. Mono Lake, Adobe, 120 E, Dobie meadows rd. w/ private land inholding access.

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- c. Supervisor McFarland- KORE mining request HR490, YNP pass open first week of May. Park update. Gate operations and international visitor fee, traffic congestion YARTS funding w/o the gate fee is 35m retained for YNP. April 18th town clean up.
 - d. Chair- NA
 - e. Member reports- March 17 H2O diversion criteria
 - f. Firesafe council- Whitebark grant proposal
 - g. Mono Basin Housing – NA
 - h. Project Updates- D&S specific plan adoption
6. Adjourn 8:34