

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Lee Vining Community Center**

Members present: Lisa Cutting, Paul McFarland, Chris Lizza, Margy Verba, and Duncan King.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Scott Burns, Joe Blommer, Margie DeRose, Bob Gardner, Kristie Nelson, Dave Marquart, Adrienne Ratner, Kirstie Butler, Annamaria Echeverria, Nick Criss

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40 p.m.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Review Minutes:** No quorum at start of meeting (quorum later when Duncan King arrived).
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Tim Alpers was not present. Scott Burns reported the Planning Commission is drafting a letter regarding capital projects approved by the Board of Supervisors, some of which are in the Mono Basin.
5. **Chairperson's Report:** Paul reported on the Wilson Fire. Most likely started by a cigarette as it was so close to the road. He also reported on extensive illegal fire activity in the Parker Creek area. No signage.
6. **Members' Reports:**
 - a. Lisa Cutting: Attended the BOS meeting regarding the INF Draft Management Plan. She reported the County did a great job. The County is going to draft a plan for the Community section of the INF Draft Management Plan, and Lisa will cull pertinent items from General Plan to assist in this effort.
 - b. Chris Lizza: There is a shortage of employees in the Mono Basin, perhaps because of housing shortage. Possibly attributed to fact that mandate to do housing with projects was suspended. He will bring to BOS. PUC upcoming meeting on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. on proposed rate increases.
 - c. Duncan King: The road from the VC to the Old Marina is in really bad shape, and he had to help get a car unstuck. GPS takes visitors down this road. He closed off with a cone and barricade. The FS will fix the road.
 - d. Margy Verba: Attended BOS meeting on INF Draft Management Plan. Agreed the BOS and County staff did a great job. Expressed concern the speed limit signs in Mono City do not seem to make a significant difference.
7. **Election of RPAC Secretary:** Duncan King made motion to elect Margy Verba. Lisa Cutting seconded. Unanimous vote.
8. **Margie DeRose (Deputy District Ranger):** Informed us she will be doing a detail on another forest till mid-November and no one is filling in for her on the INF. She reported on: recreation season staffing issues; the INF is trying to keep the campgrounds open for fall color season; comments on INF Draft Management Plan due 8/25; the Clark Fire started 8/4, was 2800 acres, is 85% contained, and was started by lightning -- previous prescribed burns greatly helped the situation; Rock Creek Fire started 8/8, human caused, Swall Meadows evacuated; new fire in Horseshoe Meadows. The FS needs some clarification on PUD application for emergency well. Meeting 8/8 with MLC to discuss coyote fence.
9. **Adrienne Ratner (Deputy County Counsel):** Reported on how the County is working on responsibility for issues with SCE Power Lines. Leslie Chapman (CAO) instructed to write letter encouraging SCE to perform better inspection. Discussion ensued on Lundy Campground campfires. There is no camp host and no signage. Lisa Cutting encouraged the County to follow the agencies suit when it comes to campfire restrictions for consistency. Adrienne reported the County requested records on Round Fire and based on content, County does not have basis for lawsuit.

- 10. Caltrans update (Joe Blommer):** Update on Emergency Response to Fire project. Described proprietary rock net system used to catch falling rocks. Anchors are done. Discussion of stage 2 of the plan schedule. 50 mph speed limit implemented. Several RPAC members encouraged Caltrans to keep speed limit at 50 mph upon completion of projects.
- 11. Mono Basin Fire Safe Council (INF Staff Annamaria Echeverria and Kirstie Butler):** Described how to set up a Fire Safe Council. Suggested Lee Vining and Mono City combine. Described how June Lake Home Owners' Association very active on their Fire Safe Council. They described possible grant money available for prevention efforts once a Council is in place to apply.
- 12. Update on Transient Rental (Code Enforcement Officer Nick Criss):** Presented history of issue; tried to create TOT districts; did not go over well. New ordinance: two types of rental parcels: type I = rental on owner occupied parcel; type II = rent whole parcel. Owners need to apply for zoning and operation permit. Chris Lizza expressed concern for parcels being taken out of workforce housing. New ordinance is an improvement as will be evaluated on case by case basis rather than TOT Overlay Districts. Zoning, once approved in, permanent; operations permit has to stay current.
- 13. Scott Burns Update:** Nate Greenberg optimistic about local internet. Discussion of MB grading violation being restored. Report on LTC meeting.
- 14. Upcoming Agenda Items:** Fire Safe Council.
- 15. Adjourn:** 8:56 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday 9/14/2016.