



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Crowley Lake  
Community Center,  
58 Pearson Road,  
Crowley Lake, CA  
93546

March 3, 2015

6:00 PM Meeting called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.*

*Supervisors absent: None. Supervisor Alpers left this meeting approximately ¾ of the way through.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Fesko.

**These minutes are intended to be a summary of the special meeting that occurred on March 3, 2015. There is an audio recording of this meeting in the clerk's office if anyone is interested.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Expressed regret for the reason of this meeting; the entire Board joins in this sentiment.
- Everyone participated in getting the Governor's Declaration signed.
- Supervisor Corless – she managed to get a meeting with Deputy Cabinet Secretary to Governor Brown in Sacramento.
- Supervisor Alpers made phone call to Kristin Olsen and Scott Wilk who also contacted Governor.
- Supervisor Fesko contacted both current reps – both signed letters to Governor.
- Supervisor Johnston contacted Matt Cate at CSAC.
- This kind of a loss is a first for Mono County, he's proud of the way the County pulled together.
- Thanked Thaddeus Taylor for going to Sacramento last week and showing the video to a variety of state legislators.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Introduced staff to Board.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

0a) Review of Local Emergencies (Jim Leddy) - Review state of local

emergencies, which were proclaimed by the Sheriff as Director Emergency Services on February 6, 2015, and ratified by the Board on February 10, 2015 and the second local emergency proclaimed by the Mono County Health Officer on February 11, 2015 and ratified by the Board on February 17, 2015.

**Action:** Continue the state of local emergencies, as recommended by staff.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-48**

**Jim Leddy:**

- Explained the local emergencies that have been declared and ratified.
- Must be continued every 14 or 30 days; recommendation at this time is to continue the emergencies.

0b) Round Fire Report and Request for Recovery Actions (Jim Leddy, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, Jeff Walters, Garrett Higerd, Scott Burns, Tom Perry, Lynda Salcido, Tony Dublino and Leslie Chapman) - Status Report on Round Fire impacts by departments and request for actions by Board to advance recovery and re-building efforts.

**Action:**

The Board moves that the following actions be taken and items be approved:

**1bi** – Direct Public Works staff to continue to work directly with Planning and Building staff on erosion control issues.

**3a** – Waive of building permit fees on fire damaged properties for uses other than wells (which fees were previously waived by the Board); waive planning permit fees for temporary RV placement during reconstruction on fire damaged properties.

**3b** – Streamline processing of DR permits for temporary RV placement during reconstruction without notice to contiguous property owners.

**3d** – Expedite processing of reconstruction to former size and location under Director's Review (DR) procedures (with fees waived) 1and subject to all General Plan, County Code, and other applicable requirements, with consultation of Cal Fire and the Fire Protection District as additional DR standards, rather than the more involved Use Permit.

**3d** – Determine that accessory uses (e.g. gardens, chicken coops, outbuildings) surviving on properties where the principal structure was destroyed, do not constitute an "accessory use prior to a main use" (which requires a DR permit), unless rebuilding of the principal structure does not commence within a reasonable time (e.g. one year).

**3e** – Determine/interpret that reconstruction of damaged or destroyed homes fall within the emergency repair work exemption of the Rimrock Ranch Specific Plan, since it is necessary to ensure public health and safety.

**3e** – Authorize staff to work with the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee to implement an expedited design review process for Round Fire reconstruction projects.

**4** – Direct the Building Official to contract with additional vendors to enable expedited Plan review and inspections.

**6d** – Waive all well and septic certification fees as the rebuilding begins, along with any new septic system permit fees for impacted properties.

**9** – At the Budget 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter review tentatively scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> bring forward the full financial impacts with a recommendation on the potential need to declare a Fiscal Emergency under the State Budget Control Act for potential use of Reserves to cover only those unreimbursed County costs.

**10** – Authorize the CAO, with County Counsel review, to execute all documents needed to access state Federal disaster resources including the OES Form 130.

All of the above directions/approvals are only to be applied to existing property owners who suffered the loss from this disaster.

**Stump moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no 1 absent: Alpers**

**M15-49**

**Jim Leddy:**

- Plan was to come to this meeting with questions to be answered by Board that will most effectively assist those in need.
- There will be several presentations.
- We have an updated financial document today and we will have a final one in April.
- For information on the web, go to main page: Round Fire: then go to: <https://gis.mono.ca.gov/roundfire/>
- These updates include *all* parts of wind and fire disaster in county.
- Toll Free Number: 866-745-9719.
- There is a frequently asked questions page on the back table that people may take with them.
- Handed out updated Finance sheet (to be posted to the web).
  - Third quarter budget check in: board will be asked to access resources we are not getting assistance with.
  - As of today: \$426,000 to the county.
  - Even with CalRecycle, we're looking at over \$286,116.
  - Right now trying to enable rebuilding.
  - Roberta Reed:
    - Has been working with Department to reclaim overtime costs.
    - She will be setting up a new fund to track expenses and will make journal entries that don't affect budget, keeping them separate.
    - Has been checking with OES.
    - Any Special District within the County is eligible for reimbursement as well as using the OES forms.
    - She can send forms to those who request them.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Discussed specific items damaged: posts, signs.
- Erosion control and grading permits: if an owner wishes to reconstruct a home, these fees will not be required.
- Gave details of repaired items.
- Right of way and encroachment permits: storing storage materials in right of way is allowed as long as it doesn't impede traffic or other ongoing operations.
- Addresses are now all completed.
- Barricades at Lower Rock Creek Road taken out today.
- The road came through unscathed.
- Encouraged additional questions if anyone has any.

**Tony Dublino:**

- Everything changed once Governor's Declaration was signed. Revised recommendation as most don't apply anymore.
- Going to switch gears and try to get people signed up with CalRecycle and participate in that process.
- Reps from CalRecycle are here; they can best speak to their program.
- Financial Assistance has been freed up for county; CalRecycle will come in and

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remove all affected debris from the properties.

- Will need to forward insurance proceeds to the county who will then forward to the state. Homeowners will not be on the hook for anything additional except what insurance provides.
- Supervisor Stump: will everyone have a contact person at the end of tonight's meeting? And on county website?

### **Scott Burns:**

- Re-establishing use: they request to place an RV on property while they are building the house. Does board want to waive that fee and perhaps relax some of the standards?
- Active building permit on file to place an RV (might require GPA).
- Director Review Process: re-establish a non-conforming use? Use permit? Lengthy process. Streamline these requests to a downgrade? Consult with Calfire?
- Rimrock Ranch Specific Plan – very environmentally oriented plan: had plans for heavy construction; there was an exemption, exception for emergency purposes. Asking if Board interprets this as emergency?
- Consulted with James Pallace – toured area last couple days and will be coming up with some ideas for vegetation. Will have a pamphlet for property owners.

### **Tom Perry:**

- Preparing for facts in hand – 45 structures, 35 single family dwellings; researched what they would need: expedited reviews can be committed to.
- Fees: fairly common for fees and other associated permits to be waived, right now only electrical being waived; other jurisdictions have waived fees unless additional square footage gets added.

### **Lynda Salcido:**

- Mono County remains under a state of local health emergency.
- Asked Louis Molina to speak about specifics:

### **Louis Molina:**

- In line with building permit fee waivers: anticipates that there will be some septic systems needing to be replaced, he recommends these fees also be waived.
- Asked residents to contact him for exact septic system location due to a lot of heavy machinery being out there.

### **Sheriff Braun:**

- Nothing new to report; asked that residents keep an eye on each other's properties.
- Thursday afternoon bringing Cal OES officers to tour area so that they know what residents are facing.

### **Barry Beck:**

- Took tour of all homes with State today.
- If anyone is here that has property damage but hasn't heard from the Assessor's office, please contact him.

### **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

#### **Supervisor Stump:**

- These are things we can do; we can't change state law.
- Appreciates fellow board members and support being given.
- If there are bumps please contact him.
- His intent was for these things to benefit those that lost their homes and choose to rebuild and keep them.
- The residents that suffered the loss are who should be considered.
- Calfire has finished its cause/determination: they will provide a synopsis. Several weeks to completion.

### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Stuck on larger home question: what if they sell lot and someone buys it and rebuilds a huge home?
- The board is trying to figure all this out; make sure you let them know if they are missing something.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Only applies to existing property owners (add to motion)?

**Wes Minderman (Calrecycle):**

- All staff at Calrecycle gave sincere condolences to Swall residents and to the Board for all their assistance.
- As of Friday, once Governor signed declaration, everything changed.
- They can finally move forward and put plans in action. Ready to focus on recovery.

**Todd Talhammer (On-site Manager, Calrecycle):**

- The residents here have very good staff and people that care. It's an honor for him and his team to be here. It's a community and a community response.
- Gave overview of the clean-up system they use.
- Homeowners can either sign up for this program or they need to do a certain standard of clean up: make sure a three year old can walk across the property once it's clean.
- He wants to take enough soil from property to make sure it's clean.
- Numbered signs go up, second sign posted: photos, asbestos survey, removal, assessment sampling, erosion control, county approval. Process length depends on how many sign up. The more that sign up, the bigger crew.
- Answered various community questions.

**Melinda (Calrecycle):**

- Yes, special district structures are eligible.

**Various Community members asked questions:**

1. What is cause of fire?
2. What are requirements with fire sprinkler codes?
3. Disaster area vs. local emergency?
4. Water tank requirement?

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ADJOURNMENT 8:15 p.m.

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TIMOTHY E. FESKO  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD

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