



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Mammoth Lakes Suite Z, 237 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2017**

9:00 AM Meeting called to order by Board Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: Johnston.*

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for a moment of silence for those individuals in Charlottesville, Virginia whose lives have been affected by tragedy. Added that everyone should feel safe in Mono County.

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<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

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

Anne Grandy (Forest Service PIO):

- Gave brief update on status of fires.
- Supervisors discussed; thanked Forest Service for action.
- Stacy Powells (Mammoth Times) posed question.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

**Leslie Chapman, CAO:**

- Met with Behavioral Health, Mammoth Unified School District, EMS Chief Bob Rooks; attended SB 844 kick-off meeting, Assemblyman Bigelow lunch meeting, biomass boiler tour.

#### 4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Jeff Walters:**

- Received award for biomass project from Assemblyman Bigelow – thanked Don Nunn and all county staff.

**Nate Greenberg:**

- Radio site update; brief board discussion.

**Bob Rooks:**

- EMS update – Chief recruitment, current student program.

**Janet Dutcher:**

- Update on Jail meeting in Sacramento, discussed next steps.
- Chaired group – 11 counties for a one day seminar done once a year.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Further update on radio site, formation of dispatch working group, new fire in county.

**Robin Roberts:**

- Update regarding Narcotics Enforcement issues: Lynda Salcido will be a new Special Project Coordinator which will help address this.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

##### A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

##### **PULLED by Supervisor Stump**

**Action:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on August 1, 2017 as corrected.

**Stump moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

##### **M17-175**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- P. 4: Move the sentence "He abstained from that vote" from the second bullet point to the first bullet point.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- As an aside, she mentioned new agenda formatting.

##### B. No Place Like Home Technical Assistance Grant

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts or Amanda Greenberg) - Proposed resolution authorizing application for, and receipt of, No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant funds of \$75,000 from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development Department. This application will be filled out by Mono County Behavioral Health staff.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R17-67, Authorizing application for, and receipt of, No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant funds. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

**R17-67**

**C. Ordinance Amending Section 3.04.040 of the Mono County Code**

Departments: CAO

(Jay Sloane) - Proposed ordinance amending section 3.04.040 of the Mono County Code pertaining to the purchase procedures for equipment and supplies.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance, Amending Chapter 3.04 Section 3.04.040 of the Mono County Code pertaining to purchase procedures for equipment and supplies.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

**ORD17-11**

**D. Ordinance Temporarily Designating Roughly Graded Roads**

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - The Sierra Safari is a three-day guided off-highway vehicle tour starting in Mammoth Lakes, continuing to Hawthorne Nevada, and entering the Bridgeport area and the community of Bridgeport. The event takes place on roads and trails throughout Mono County, and Mineral County in Nevada. The Eastern Sierra ATV/UTV Jamboree is a four-day off-highway vehicle event taking place in the Antelope Valley. Both events include some dirt roads that are part of Mono County's maintained mileage system.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance designating certain unpaved county roads throughout the unincorporated area of Mono County as roughly graded roads within the meaning of Vehicle Code Section 38001 for the purpose of facilitating the short-term use of those roads for the 2017 Sierra Safari Off-Highway Vehicle Tour and the 2017 Eastern Sierra UTV / ATV Jamboree.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

**ORD17-12**

**E. Letter of Support for Mammoth Lakes Firesafe Council Grant Application**

Departments: CAO

Letter of support for Mammoth Lakes Firesafe Council's grant application to Sierra Nevada Conservancy for Hazardous Fuels Reduction in the Mammoth Lakes basin area.

**Action:** Direct staff to prepare, obtain Board Chair Corless' signature and submit a letter in support of Mammoth Lakes Fire District's grant application for Hazardous Fuels Reduction in the Mammoth Lakes Basin

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

**M17-176**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Thinks it would be a good idea to have a meeting about RPACS and their purposes.

### A. Letter from Tilth, LLC

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from Eric Edgerton of Tilth, LLC discussing local approval of commercial cannabis.

### B. Letter from Antelope Valley Fire Protection District

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter to Mono County CAO Leslie Chapman from the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District regarding the possibility of outsourcing dispatch / communications.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

## 7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

### A. Friends of the Inyo Trails Maintenance Program

Departments: Economic Development

(Wendy Schneider - Executive Director, Friends of the Inyo) - Presentation by Wendy Schneider, Executive Director of the Friends of the Inyo regarding the Mono County trails maintenance program report for summer 2017, and the expanded scope of work for summer 2018.

**Action:** None.

**Alicia Vennos (EDD):**

- Introduced Wendy Schneider

**Wendy Schneider, Executive Director, Friends of the Inyo:**

- Power point (previously submitted with packet); provided report.

**Board Members:**

- General discussion; suggestions.

*Chair Corless called break: 10:12 a.m.*

*Reconvened: 10:24 a.m.*

### B. Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Action Plan

Departments: Community Development

(Jennifer Halferty, Mammoth Lakes Housing) - The Mammoth Lakes Community Housing Action Plan: will specify housing goals and priorities identified by the community, strategies and policies to meet the identified goals, funding

mechanisms, a timeline for implementation and assign responsibilities to carry out the plan. Project website: [www.housemammothlakes.com](http://www.housemammothlakes.com).

**Action:** None.

**Jennifer Halferty, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Housing:**

- Power Point (previously submitted with packet); went over goals and priorities.

**Board Discussion:**

- Need easily measurable and specific goals, should engage Latino community, although not all Supervisors can attend the scheduled meetings, some would like to contribute productively when time is right.

### **C. Mono County Housing Needs Assessment**

Departments: Community Development

(Jen Garner, BBC Research and Consulting) - BBC Research and Consulting will present the study methodology, preliminary research findings and policy options resulting from the Mono County Housing Needs Assessment.

**Action:** None.

**Jen Garner, BBC Research and Consulting:**

- Power Point (previously submitted with packet) giving finding and policy options.

**Board Discussion:**

- Infrastructure is missing, although there are district specific visuals, for north county, it's purely seasonal. Discussed how housing equals basic quality of life,
- Asked clerk to post presentation separately and send to Board via email.

**Scott Burns:**

- Discussion about "tool box" – focus is action-oriented, broader policy.

### **D. 2017 Emergency Road Repairs – Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten) - Update on emergency road repairs.

**Action:** 1. Receive update on emergency repairs to low water crossing on Upper Summers Meadow Road in the Bridgeport Valley and Crowley Lake Drive near Tom's Place. 2. As established by Public Contract Code Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 2.5 "Emergency Contracting Procedures", review the emergency action taken on August 1, 2017 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Upper Summers Meadow Road, and that continuation of the action to replace the washed-out bridge on that road is necessary to respond to the emergency (A 4/5 vote is required). 3. Direct the County Engineer to continue procuring the necessary equipment, services, and supplies to make emergency repairs to Upper Summers Meadow Road, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. 4. Find that work has been completed on Crowley Lake Drive and that the conditions resulting in the emergency no longer exist.

**Substitute Action:** Make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Upper Summers Meadow Road, and that continuation of the action to replace the washed-out bridge on that road is necessary to respond to the emergency (A 4/5 vote is required). Direct the County Engineer to continue procuring the

necessary equipment, services, and supplies to make emergency repairs to Upper Summers Meadow Road, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. Find that work has been completed on Crowley Lake Drive and that the conditions resulting in that emergency no longer exist. Delegate authority to CAO to sign contracts relating to this emergency which might be above her signing authority.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston**

**M17-177**

**Paul Roten:**

- Gave update on emergency road repairs.

**Janet Dutcher:**

- Gave funding correction. Recommendation: we've got \$300,000 left over in emergency fund as result of Round Fire, feels we should save SB 1 monies for other projects.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- All part of budget process – no one is asking you to make definite decision now on where money is coming from, just that there are choices.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Provided clarification on PR.

**General Board Discussion**

## **E. NACo Conference Report**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Corless) - Supervisors Gardner and Corless will give a report from the 2017 National Association of Counties Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Gave report on their attendance at NACo conference (entire report previously submitted with packet).
- Supervisor Corless – added additional details.

**General Board Discussion**

**Robin Roberts:**

- Gave additional information.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 12:24 p.m.

## **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

*No one spoke.*

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.*

*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

## **A. Closed Session--Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section

54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

## **B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

Departments: County Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Administrative citation, APN # 012-050-004: Gloria Ma.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.**

## **10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

*No one spoke.*

## **11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

### **A. Mammoth Lakes Tourism Air Service Presentation**

Departments: Economic Development

(John Urdi, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Tourism) - Presentation by John Urdi of Mammoth Lakes Tourism regarding commercial year-round Air Service at Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

**Action:** None.

**John Urdi, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Tourism:**

- Prior to presentation, gave out additional air service information regarding Jet Sweet-X.
- Power Point (previously submitted with packet), gave update on air service in Mammoth Lakes over past year.

**Board Discussion:**

- Use of available funding, discussion of potential JPA, importance of pooling resources, market strategies.

## **12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 8/15/17 YARTS FLAP grant received, for free ridership on fee-free entrance days to the park.
- 8/8/17 NACo Public Lands Steering Committee call: federal legislative updates – Westerman forest management/fire borrowing bill stalled; possible senate forest management bill coming in Sept.; Dept. of the Interior review of sage grouse conservation program delivered to Sec. Zinke, expected that any changes will mean heavier emphasis on state-local coordination/consultation, not sure what this will mean for us: <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-interior-ryan-zinke-statement-sage-grouse-report>
- Butte Fire: Thanks to forest service staff and Chief Frievalt in Mammoth for working to

improve communication/information sharing, and thanks to firefighters; residents are concerned over smoke impacts from multiple fires; she was concerned about proximity of Butte Fire to Mammoth/Reds Meadow Valley.

- 8/10: Dinner with Assemblyman Bigelow: appreciate the time he spent in Mono County.
- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments: Update from Bishop City Manager on new low-income housing project called "Silver Peak," a partnership with IMACA that involves land purchase from DWP; updates on cannabis regulation and short-term rental policy; all updates on complex issues demonstrated need for a clear way to capture what each agency's policy is, in one place.
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board: review Mental Health Services Act three year plan, public meeting on the plan 8/22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. The link can be found here: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health/page/public-comment-sought-mhsa-three-year-plan>.
- Shakespeare in the Woods continues, don't miss it next weekend!
- Thank you to Supervisor Peters for attending this week's RCRC board meeting this week!

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Last Friday, attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) with Board Chair Corless. The agenda included a presentation from Bishop on a proposed housing project, an update on the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium, and discussion of regional cannabis activity, short term rentals, and regional economic development activities.
- On Friday and yesterday, attended meetings of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board in Bishop. Topics included approval of a grant application for a new ESTA facility at the Bishop Airport and reviews of current operations.
- Finally, tonight at 6:00 PM, there will have another Town Hall meeting at the June Lake Community Center to hear from Southern California Edison about their current operations and plans for the Rush Creek Dam System.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Absent.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Code Enforcement Burned up Apartments and Kingsley Cleanup.
- Helicopter Dipping in VL fire mitigation.
- 8<sup>th</sup> CSA #5.
- NMCC Meeting.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fisheries Commission Meeting.
- 10<sup>th</sup> MC Rec Task Force.
- Bigelow Lunch Biomass (Don Nunn).
- Recycling Center/Thrift Store Justin Nalder.
- Visited with Jesse Hale and Tony Iniguez at AV CC regarding the new heater install
- AV CERT Team Meeting.
- 11<sup>th</sup> REC Task force strategy meeting with Supervisor Corless & Tony Dublino.
- 14<sup>th</sup> LTC meeting.
- CTC organizational meeting with Gerry LaFrancois, Brent Green, and Ryan Dermody.

**Upcoming:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> RCRC meeting.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tour of Upper Owens Archelarius Ranch by Tim Alpers (with CAO Chapman).
- 18<sup>th</sup> Hospice, Bishop – Pat West with Pioneer Home Health Care (with Kathy Peterson, Patti Hamic-Christenson(AV)).

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 8-9 : Telephone meeting with Bob Harrington - Inyo County Water Director - SGMA issues including the new JPA - As of that day 11 parties have conditionally joined -



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DWP is not one of them.

- 8-10 : Lunch and tour of biomass facility with Assemblyman Bigelow. Had an opportunity to discuss Water issues with him.
- 8-11 : Met with the Chair of the Long Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners - A couple of issues she wanted to discuss.
- 8-14 : LTC - Presentation by a company contracted by Cal Trans to study truck activity on Hwys 395 and 6 - Also planning for the California Transportation Commission meeting in Mammoth September 13 and 14. - YARTS was just notified of a grant award that will allow three day a week free service into Yosemite, full details not out yet. - FLAP grant of \$24.25 million awarded to rebuild Reds Meadow/Devils Postpile Road.
- 8-14 : Planning meeting for the Haz Mat removal on the conserved property in Chalfant. If all goes well it will happen on Thursday - Thanks to Environmental Health, Social Services, and the SO for making this happen.

**ADJOURNED AT 1:56 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SHANNON KENDALL**  
**CLERK OF THE BOARD**