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DRAFT MEETING NOTES July 27, 2017

Members present: Stacy Corless, Mono Supervisors; Jon Regelbrugge & Margie DeRose, USFS/Inyo; Jeremy Marshall, USFS/Humboldt-Toiyabe; Cleland Hoff & John Wentworth, Mammoth Town Council; Ryan Dermody & Austin West, Caltrans; Greg Loveland, LADWP; Dale Johnson, BLM; Deanna Dulen, Devils Postpile National Monument; Heidi Calvert, CDFW

Members absent: Doug Power, Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center; Erin Nordin, USFWS/Reno; Kathleen Morse, Yosemite National Park; Rana Saulque, Benton Paiutes; Jay Hall, Bridgeport Indian Colony

Public: Grady Dutton, Town of Mammoth Lakes; April Sall, Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership; Wilma Wheeler

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS: Chair Stacy Corless called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Town/County Conference Room at Minaret Village Mall in Mammoth Lakes. Attendees recited pledge of allegiance to the flag and introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No items

3. MEETING NOTES

MOTION: Approve draft meeting notes from April 27, 2017, as submitted (*Wentworth/Dermody. Ayes: All but Corless, who abstained due to absence.*)

4. AGENCY ROUNDTABLE: Agency planning issues & pending projects were presented.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Wendy Sugimura mentioned consultant Michael Baker is on board. Joint Town/County document is updated every five years. Minimizing risk, get approval by CalOES. Outreach scoping on issues. Feedback from agencies on what to cover. Survey as resident or agency perspective. No website yet. Pam Kobylarz is Town representative. Wildfire, flooding issues will be part of this. Cleland Hoff noted survey reminds us of what we do not have.

Problems for insurance coverage? No idea, but definitely a challenge. Specifically map certain hazards, like avalanche zones so understand risks to provide mitigation.

Meet with consultants? Yes. Stacy Corless noted insurance has come up with devastating fires elsewhere. Sugimura cited things to put in place for insurance ratings to reduce costs.

6. SAGE GROUSE WEBPAGE: Jake Suppa has been working under contract development since March. Difficulty going live. Based on idea of a thesis, geared toward novices. Navigation menu makes site user-friendly, dynamic atmosphere. Sustainable Ag grant and BLM shared costs. Edits not yet made. Calendar shows meetings. Create better component entry. Good reception to website so far. Relate a story, so have photos, local publications. Work in progress. Site can create more interactive atmosphere. Wendy Sugimura complimented Suppa on telling story better and making more available to public. Become part of story as well. Wanted info for website, but not create huge burden for agency updates. Provide permission to agencies to control their info on website. Sherri Lisius, Sheena Waters very helpful. NV Wildlife, NRCS participated, Local Area Working Group (LAWG), other entities. Suppa wanted to keep it basic to convey message. First effort on website, discovered unknowns. Sugimura stated volunteers from agencies welcome.

7. ROAD REPAIR & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017: Ryan Dermody showed crack sealing and wheel rutting. Base failure on US 6. Think roads great, but things are happening. SB 1 raises revenue over 10 years, with ZEVs paying partial fair share. Drivers pay 30 cents not 18 cents starting Nov. 1. Registration renewal will be percentage of vehicle value. \$54 billion over 10 years. County will get double current revenue. Caltrans is required to report on activities. Inspector general by governor's office to track. More lane miles than District 12 (Orange County) and District 1 where Brad Mettam relocated. Pavement preservation is big performance target. Not enough money for rehabilitation, other areas falling apart more. SB 1 covers rehabs. Caltrans has preliminary Mono County projects. Complete streets features in rehabs. 2024 for some. June Lake needs treatment. SB 1 focused on fixing existing, not improving/upgrading per se. California Transportation Commission has huge job to oversee all this. Impacts at airport are not the deer, but wetlands.

8. TOWN/COUNTY RECREATION TASK FORCE: John Wentworth noted outdoor recreation economy. Update of 2012 in 2017. Value of public lands. Utah leading state in advancing this. Oregon established outdoor officer, VT, CO, WY, MT, NM sit in governor's office. Framework for sustainable recreation should be done by October, maybe first part of next year. Local voter measures R and U, intentions for funds. Spurs conversations with federal, state and local agencies. County's interest is economic development strategy. Stacy Corless noted initial meeting focused on current budget cycle. Looking for short-term recommendations. Address issues through CPT.

9. HOUSING STUDY: www.housemammothlakes.com. Jennifer Halferty distributed handout on housing that highlighted challenges, changes and trends. County is participating in regional approach.

10. SHADY REST USE COORDINATION: Grady Dutton indicated ORMAT needs daily access to facilities, so preparing draft for Town Council by August. Town would manage Sawmill Cutoff Road. Contractor illegally groomed on basis of non-updated GPS info. Since then, moved blue diamonds for different trail to plow. Plenty of people out there, lots of snow. Coordinate for next year.

11. WALK/BIKE/RIDE PLAN: John Wentworth presented PowerPoint overview. Walk, Bike, Ride initiated. Reds Meadow Road FLAP grant in partnership with USFS/Inyo. Mammoth Lakes Recreation's new director starting soon. Jurisdictional map showed private, MMSA, USFS, Town planning area extensive. Balance visitorship with resource capacity. Be good stewards of land. Town Council accepted planning document, consultants departed, move now to action steps to prioritize best use of funds/resources. Density bonuses to developers, tell them how it's going to work. Wayfinding signage, ebikes. Work with partner agencies. Citizens need to get to public lands.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) wildlife/airport fence

13. ADJOURN at 11:55 a.m. to Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 9 a.m.

Prepared by CD Ritter, CPT secretary