



AGENDA

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 at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION County Courthouse, Bridgeport, CA 93517

February 5, 2013

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: 1) First and Second Meetings of Each Month: Mammoth Lakes CAO Conference Room, 3rd Floor Sierra Center Mall, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California, 93546; 2) Third Meeting of Each Month: Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main, 2nd Floor Board Chambers, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Board Members may participate from a teleconference location. Note: Members of the public may attend the open-session portion of the meeting from a teleconference location, and may address the board during any one of the opportunities provided on the agenda under Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board.

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9:00 AM

Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

Approximately thru
10:30 a.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) **Closed Session - CAO Position** - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.
- 1b) **Closed Session - Public Employment** - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Interim/Acting Public Works Director.
- 1c) **Closed Session--Human Resources** - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph and Lynda Salcido. 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.

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2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 22, 2013.

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Approximately 10 Minutes **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

10:30 a.m. Approximately 15 minutes **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES** (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Approximately 5 minutes for Consent Items

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.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 5a) **Reappointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Members** - Supervisor Alpers, District 3, requests Board consideration of his recommendation for memberships / terms for the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (11 members total).

Recommended Action: Consider reappointment of six members, Bartshe Miller, Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza, Steve Connett, and Ilene Mandelbaum, to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impacts are expected.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- 6a) **Resolution for D.A.'s Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant** - The Mono County District Attorney's Office has applied for and administered the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for many years. In applying for this year's grant it was determined that an updated resolution was needed authorizing the District Attorney's office to sign for and administer said grant.

Recommended Action: Approval of Resolution #R13-_____, authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and

Authorize the District Attorney to Sign for and Administer the Grant.

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact. This money was anticipated and included in the 2012-13 budget.

FINANCE

Additional Departments: Human Resources

- 7a) **Recruit/Fill FTS III/IV Position in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office** - Authorize recruitment/hiring for FTS position to be vacated February 21, 2013 due to current employee relocating to North Carolina, her husband's tour at the MWTC is over and he is being re-assigned to Camp Lejeune.

Recommended Action: Authorize recruitment and hiring for position to be vacated on February 21, 2013 in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office due to employee relocating to North Carolina.

Fiscal Impact: Approximate cost for the remainder of FY 12-13 is \$26,399.29, of which \$14,168.00 is salary; \$2,701.41 is employer portion of PERS, and \$9,529.88 is the cost of benefits and is included in the approved budget. Cost for full year is \$79,197.87, of which \$42,504.00 is salary; \$8,104.24 is the employer portion of PERS, and \$28,589.63 is the cost of the benefits.

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 8a) **Lee Vining Community Center Landscaping Project** - Email correspondence dated January 29, 2012 from Ilene Mandelbaum, Mono Basin RPAC Member requesting the Board's assistance in facilitating moving forward on the Lee Vining Community Center (LVCC) Landscaping Project.
- 8b) **Letter of Support from Liz O'Sullivan** - Letter dated January 27, 2013 from Liz O'Sullivan to Bernadette Lovato, BLM in support for the Ormat Nevada Inc. Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9a) **Certificate of Appreciation** (Byng Hunt, Chair) - Present Certificate of Appreciation thanking a departing employee for their service.
5 minutes

Recommended Action: Read and present Certificate of Appreciation.

Fiscal Impact: None.

- 9b) **Bridgeport Public Utility District Presentation Regarding Arsenic Levels** (Ken Reynolds, BPUD President and Kent Neddenriep, Anderson Engineering) - The Bridgeport Public Utility District will provide the Board with information regarding unacceptable levels of arsenic in Bridgeport's drinking water and discuss the situation facing the town of Bridgeport. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Tim Fesko.
15 minutes

Recommended Action: None. Informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

- 9c) **Fisheries Commission - Commissioners and Management Plan** (Steve Marti, Mono County Fisheries Commission Chair) - Introduction of current Fisheries Commission Commissioners and presentation of currently revised Fisheries Management Plan. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.
20 minutes

Recommended Action: Informational only; receive presentation and provide desired direction to Fisheries Commission.

Fiscal Impact: None.

9d)
20 minutes

Mono County Fisheries Commission - Fishing Regulations for the West Walker River (Steve Marti, Dan Anthony) - Presentation on requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River. The Commission is requesting support by the Mono County Board of Supervisors in a written letter. Supervisor Fesko is sponsoring this item.

Recommended Action: Approve the requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River and authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for these changes.

Fiscal Impact: None to the County of Mono; potential positive economic impacts to the Antelope Valley businesses.

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9e)
20 minutes

Annual Reports for Inland Aquaculture Group and Conway Ranch Foundation (Raven Angeles) - Presentation of Inland Aquaculture Group annual report, and presentation of Conway Ranch Foundation annual report. Supervisor Tim Fesko sponsored this agenda item.

Recommended Action: None. Informational Only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

9f)
10 minutes

Mammoth Nordic Non-Profit Organization Funding Application (Brian Knox, Mammoth Nordic) - Consider and potentially approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic. This item is being sponsored by Supervisors Hunt and Johnston.

Recommended Action: Approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic in an amount to be determined from contingency.

Fiscal Impact: Any amount determined will be from available contingency funds.

ADJOURNMENT

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Closed Session - CAO Position		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
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TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Closed Session - Public Employment		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Interim/Acting Public Works Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Closed Session--Human Resources		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Clerk of the Board
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Board Minutes		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

A. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 22, 2013.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Lynda Roberts
PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5538 / lroberts@mono.ca.gov

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

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Special Meeting

MEETING LOCATION
 Mammoth Lakes BOS
 Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra
 Center Mall, 452 Old
 Mammoth Rd., Mammoth
 Lakes, CA 93546

January 22, 2013

Flash Drive	Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M13-08 through M13-16
Resolutions	R13-04 through R13-05
Ordinance	Ord13-01 NOT USED

9:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Chair

- Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston, and Stump
- Supervisors absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- **Richard Luman:** Distributed and read a copy of a letter from Katie Bellomo, attorney representing Mr. Luman in a personnel matter. Also distributed and read a copy of his letter pertaining to the cost of the administrative record prepared for his legal case.
 - Supervisor Fesko: The Board can't make a decision today because this is not agendized. If Mr. Luman picks up the record tomorrow, he will have to pay the balance due.
- **Raven Angeles, Conway Ranch:** Distributed a copy of a letter dated January 9, 2013, regarding an overdue invoice; asked the Board to provide direction to staff.

Closed Session: 9:15 a.m.

Break: 10:32 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:38 a.m.

Closed Session: 12:00 Noon

Reconvened: 1:08 p.m.

Break: 2:50 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:02 p.m.

Closed Session: 3:20 p.m.

Reconvened: 4:55 p.m.

Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from morning or afternoon Closed Session.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.
- 1b) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.
- 1c) Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 71 Davison Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA. Agency negotiators: Marshall Rudolph, Robin Roberts, and Jim Arkens. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Alek Cvetkovic. Under negotiation: terms of payment.
- 1d) Closed Session - Existing Litigation - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Luman v. Mono County *et. al.*
- 1e) Closed Session - Finance Director Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Finance Director.
- 1f) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, and Jim Arkens. 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M13-08** A. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2013.
Fesko moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No
- M13-09** B. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2013, as corrected.
Johnston moved; Stump seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No
 - Supervisor Alpers: Agenda Item #6a, Board of Supervisors Strategic Planning Workshop, use the exact language from his list.

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- Supervisor Johnston: Board Member Reports, Johnston's report, 1) bullet point two should read, "Talked to people at City of Tracy about how they handle the investment pool; 2) bullet point four, should be **Andrea** Lawrence.
- Supervisor Fesko: Agenda Item #6a, Board of Supervisors Strategic Planning Workshop, Closing Comments, Fesko bullet point two, should be directives **log**.

3)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers

1. Attended YARTS and ESTA board meetings.
2. Attended RCRC conference. Membership includes 33 counties, and this organization does great things for the counties. Items discussed: 1) Three bills are pending to terminate the SRA fees; they will most likely fail. 2) Upcoming legislation that will impact various taxes and fees.

Supervisor Fesko

1. RCRC follow-up: Concurred with Supervisor Alpers, there is tremendous passion amongst the legislative staff. Visited the state capitol building; spoke with Ted Gaines. There is concern about the supermajority in the legislature; the SRA fee may be turned into a tax.
2. The Antelope Valley CERT training is completed; 34 people certified.
3. The Eastern Sierra Jamboree is progressing; about 70 people have signed up so far.
4. Will be attending a meeting to discuss Bodie Road paving.
5. Complimented ESTA; bus stops have been installed in Walker and children can use them while waiting for the school bus.
6. The courthouse has been really cold; heat doesn't seem to be circulating.

Supervisor Hunt

1. January 18: Attended the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting, 1) Honored an employee of the quarter. Would like the County to start doing that; it is important to recognize people for their hard work. 2) The ESTA employee organization has reorganized without outside labor unions; they will negotiate for their own benefits. 3) Considered a short-range transit plan.
2. January 17: Danna Stroud made a presentation at Rotary about the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. She was very informed and is a good speaker.
3. Last Saturday night: Attended a performance at the Mammoth Lakes Reparatory Theatre; they do incredible work.
4. Sunday: The San Francisco 49ers won their game and will be going to the Super Bowl.
5. Went skiing yesterday morning and the snow conditions are good.

Supervisor Johnston

1. Attended the RCRC installation of officers.
2. Attended a meeting along with Supervisor Alpers in June Lake about opening of the ski area.
3. Attended an Inyo Advocates meeting; it was well attended. State tourism gave a presentation about promoting the State of California.

Supervisor Stump

1. Last week: Met with the owner of Benton Hot Springs. He is considering long-term planning for the property, such as constructing a small hotel and brewery, and is working on habitat creation, studies of fresh-water snails, economic development, and is considering creating a non-profit. He feels a strong sense of stewardship for the land and plans to solicit support from the County for the planning process. At the appropriate time, Scott Buns will send a planner to look at the property.
2. Chalfant citizens would like to get a bus stop installed. Citizens have also brought up the \$5.00 dump fee for manure. Since the fee covers any amount, people are letting it accumulate, which attracts flies. Manure dumping should be free in order to avoid this problem. Also, the wood waste voucher should be year round.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Jim Arkens

- 1. Continued with status meetings with direct reports.
- 2. Started MCPE negotiations last Friday.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

- Ralph Obenberger, Sheriff: 1) Last Thursday, Wes Hoskin graduated from the academy in Riverside; he finished first in his class. 2) Will be moving forward with the purchase of the sprung structure at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department; the offer is fair.

CONSENT AGENDA

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PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE DIVISION

- 5a) Adjustment to Service Fee floors for Solid Waste Haulers - Proposed amendment to contracts with Mammoth Disposal and D&S Waste, increasing service fee floors following December 11, 2012 gate fee increase.

M13-10 **Action:** Approve County entry into amendments to contracts with Mammoth Disposal and D&S Waste, increasing service fee floors following December 11, 2012 gate fee increase, and authorize CAO, Jim Arkens, to execute said amendment on behalf of the County.
Johnston moved; Stump seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Jim Arkens Resignation Letter - January 9, 2012 letter from Jim Arkens to the Board of Supervisors giving his resignation as CAO of Mono County.
 - The Supervisors expressed their appreciation for the service Arkens provided over the last 3 years, and wished him the best of luck.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

SHERIFF CORONER

- 7a) Approval of the Mono County Emergency Operations Plan (Sergeant Jeff Beard) - The Mono County Emergency Operations Plan was revised per the guidelines set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). The plan was written with input from all co-operators with a review process by the co-

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operators and CalEMA. The current plan was revised to include: Access and Functional Needs; Animal Care and Shelter; and Incident Command System (ICS) during any Mono County event.

R13-04 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R13-04, a resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing and approving a revised Mono County Emergency Operations Plan.

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Sergeant Jeff Beard, Sheriff's Department: Talked about the update process; various agencies have had the opportunity to give input.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Hunt: This is an extensive document.
- Supervisor Stump: Requested the inclusion of an informational addendum about Rock Creek Lake Dam and Convict Lake Dam; the Town EOC also needs to be mentioned in the report. The Sheriff's Department should consider providing training to pertinent County staff.
 - Beard: CalEMA offers training; he can look at grant funding to provide training.
- Supervisor Alpers: It has been good to see this evolve and grow. Asked 1) who makes the call to bring in other agencies; 2) why was there no notice to the residents of Lee Vining about the areas the Forest Service planned to occupy; 3) what is the Board's role in an emergency.
 - Beard: The call to bring in other agencies is a joint effort based on complexity of the event and personnel needs; escalation is usually determined when Beard gets to the scene, but on-site agencies can make the call as needed. The Forest Service determined what they needed to do in Lee Vining; the County made the Community Center available for their use. Their PIO should have been in contact with the Sheriff's Department; Beard will work on communication efforts between the two agencies. The Board's role in an emergency is to be present to make decisions that require Board action.
- Supervisor Johnston: The document is thorough and well done. Would like to make sure that lessons learned from other disasters (i.e. Superstorm Sandy) are incorporated, such as the need to ensure access to sufficient supplies of fuel.
- Supervisor Fesko: Complimented the work, and made the following notes, 1) page 25 mentions distribution of natural gas, which is not an energy source in Mono County; fuel deliveries should be pertinent to Mono County; 2) acknowledge the CERT teams; 3) page 48, the "Walker Community Center" is actually called the "Antelope Valley Community Center", which is on the sign.

PROBATION

8a) Appointment of Supervisor to the Community Corrections Partnership (Karin Humiston, Chief Probation Officer) - With the recent election in November 2012, the Board of Supervisors committee member on the Community Corrections Partnership is vacant. An appointment needs to be made to fill the Board of Supervisors membership on this committee.

No Motion **Action:** Supervisor Hunt will fill the vacancy on the Mono County Community Corrections Partnership; Supervisor Stump will be the alternate.

- Karin Humiston, Probation: Hap Hazard had previously served on the Community Corrections Partnership. Since he is no longer a Supervisor, the Board needs to appoint another member. The program is running smoothly. Humiston reviewed the

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background of this committee, which was established as part of AB109, and outlined the responsibilities of the executive committee. She outlined the impact of realignment to Mono County; in 2011, the CCP had submitted a plan to the Board addressing the realignment act.

- Supervisor Hunt volunteered to be appointed, and Supervisor Stump volunteered to be appointed as an alternate.

FINANCE

- 9a) Quarterly Investment Report (Rose Glazier) - Report on the Mono County Investment Report for quarter ending 12/31/2012.

Action: None (informational only).

- Rose Glazier, Auditor/Tax Collector: Distributed a copy of the investment report, and reviewed the portfolio as of December 31, 2012.
 - The yield includes the accrued interest.
 - Her office is notified about a week in advance when a bond is called, so she can shop for a comparable investment.
 - The Auditor's Office has historically overseen this function.
 - Reviewed the cash flow report. Bonds mature at various times so the cash flow comes in gradually.
 - Discussed LAIF; the bank pays more interest than LAIF.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Johnston: The City of Tracy manages over \$200 million in funds; their opinion is that smaller amounts should be managed in LAIF due to handling costs.
- Supervisor Stump: Would like ideas about how Glazier's office can bring in a "second set of eyes".

Glazier's Response

- The County is currently collecting more than double what LAIF collects. Her administrative costs are deducted from the interest, and are calculated to be about \$11,000 per quarter. Even with this cost, her office still apportions over \$200,000 each quarter. However, she will contact the City of Tracy and get more information. She will also make an interest comparison chart between the current system and LAIF.
- Regarding an oversight committee, there has been a committee in the past. Glazier will agendaize this issue for discussion.
- As a courtesy, a PMF advisor reviews the County's quarterly investment report and portfolio, and makes recommendations.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Additional Departments: HR

- 10a) Approval to fill vacant Program Manager Position and Make Limited Term Appointment prior to filling Vacancy (Julie Tiede and Kathy Peterson) - Request for approval to hire Program Manager and make a Limited Term Appointment under Mono County Personnel Rules Section 170.F.5 prior to hiring said Program Manager.

- M13-11** **Action:** Approve the Department of Social Services hiring a Program Manager and allow a Limited Term Appointment for the Program Manager position prior to such hiring.

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Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Julie Tiede, Social Services Director: The Program Manager has resigned, so this is a request to fill that vacancy. Social Services is required to use the state personnel system, but they also go through the County system. After Board approval, Tiede will get state approval. The cost to fill the position is \$132,939 benefits and wages; this is a union position so the salary must conform. The County share of cost is 8%, which is considered to be low. While the department is in the process of filling the vacancy, they need to hire a limited-term employee for 6 months since it is not feasible for existing staff to take on these extra work duties. Tiede requested approval to hire the limited-term employee. After completing the recruitment for the Program Manager, the contract will come to the Board for approval.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Additional Departments: CAO, Public Works

11a)

Bridgeport Board Chambers Renovation - Discuss status and details of Bridgeport Board Chambers renovation. This item was requested by Supervisor Johnston.

Action: None.

- Supervisor Johnston: Over the last several years, the County has been bringing the Board chambers back to historic conditions. A recent proposal is to upgrade the dais with a new wooden countertop; apparently new microphones have already been purchased at the cost of \$5,000. Johnston wanted to find out if new microphones are necessary.
- Jim Arkens, CAO: Since becoming CAO, he has been working with staff to upgrade the Board room. The current countertop does not fit with the period of the building. Rita Sherman has been researching this project, but they do not yet have a design or cost information. Money was budgeted in the facilities budget for this purchase. Also, the prior Board expressed a preference for wireless microphones; the cost of ten microphones came to \$4,500. Arkens authorized the purchase of the microphones about 3 months ago so it is not likely they can be returned, but the County should be able to use them in other areas, such as community centers.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Hunt: Questioned the need to replace the countertop at this time. This should be a long-term project; there are other short-term needs right now.
- Supervisor Stump: It is not essential at this time to replace the countertop, so he would like to defer this purchase. There are higher priorities for County facilities.
- Supervisor Fesko: The new Board didn't authorize the purchase of new microphones. The current countertop is sufficient and is a want, not a need. The larger issue is how the County decides to spend money and who decides. He is responsible to his constituents and the County as a whole. In talking with Rita, she clarified that money for a new countertop would have to be approved by the Board.
- Supervisor Alpers: Concurred with Stump about a new countertop. He is not opposed to having a period countertop installed as included with the overall restoration of the building and plaza, when the budget warrants these upgrades.
- Supervisor Johnston: Agrees with the idea that the room should be brought back to historic design, but he was concerned about the purchase of new microphones when it didn't seem necessary. He would like to discuss this again with the mid-year budget.

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Staff Comments

- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: The Board has delegated spending authority (up to a certain amount) to the CAO and it is specified in County code, so legally the CAO is designated as the County's purchasing agent. However, the Board can revise this authority if they so choose.

Additional Departments: County Counsel

11b) Lin Koester Employment Agreement (interim CAO) (Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed resolution approving a four-month at-will employment agreement with Marlin L. "Lin" Koester as Interim County Administrator, commencing January 30, 2013.

Action: None.

- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Mr. Koester has decided not to accept the position.
- Supervisor Fesko: Spoke with Mr. Koester last night; he sends his apologies

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No one spoke.

COUNTY COUNSEL

12a) Contract with Rossmann and Moore, LLC for Legal Services (Stacey Simon) - Proposed contract with Rossmann and Moore, LLP pertaining to legal representation related to the Mammoth Pacific Replacement Project.

M13-12 Action: Approve County entry into contract with Rossmann and Moore, LLC for legal services, and authorize the County Counsel to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fesko moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

M13-13 Action: Modify the previous motion to add the stipulation that the final agreement will specify logistics concerning reimbursement of costs.

Hunt moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: She is working with legal counsel for Ormat regarding reimbursement of cost, which will avoid confusion and conflict later. County Counsel will sign the final agreement when the payment logistics have been included.

12b) Emergency Standby Officials (John Vallejo) - Consider nominations and appoint standby officials to serve as members of the Board of Supervisors and key County positions in the event of a disaster where a Board Member or key County officer is unavailable as a result of the disaster.

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Action: Approve nominations and appoint standby officials to serve as members of the Board of Supervisors and key County positions in the event of a disaster where a Board Member or key County officer is unavailable as a result of the disaster. Direct the Sheriff, as Director of the Office of Emergency Services, to aid in the background investigation of the nominees.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Jim Arkens, CAO: The stand-by officials are appointed for emergencies when the regular official is incapacitated; the standby fills in for crises situations when needed.
- John Vallejo, Deputy County Counsel: Standby officers can be from outside the County. The Board can approve additional appointees via the consent agenda.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Stump: Has added Dale Schmidt as his 2nd backup.
- Supervisor Hunt: Changed the order of his standby appointments to, Don Sage, #1; Norman Anthony Taylor, #2; and Neil McCarroll, #3.
- Supervisors Stump and Fesko: Would like a 2nd and 3rd standby for the Sheriff's Department.
- Supervisor Alpers: Will be designating two additional standby appointments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

13a)

Initiation of a Comprehensive General Plan Update (Scott Burns, Wendy Sugimura) - Adopt Resolution 13-__ initiating General Plan Amendment 13-1 to comprehensively update the General Plan and approval to sign a Grant Agreement which will partially fund the update.

M13-15
R13-05

Action: Adopt Resolution #R13-05 initiating General Plan Amendment 13-1 for a comprehensive update of the General Plan with public engagement through the Regional Planning Advisory Committees. Approve the County Administrative Officer as the authorized official to sign the Grant Agreement and future grant documentation required by the State.

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Scott Burns, Community Development Director: Prop 84 made \$94 million of funding available for planning. Community Development received funding so this is an opportunity to make updates to the General Plan and focus on an environmental plan that will allow for a more streamlined process. Per mandate by the Attorney General, elements are supposed to be updated so none of them are over eight years old.
- Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department, outlined the following:
 - Most of the updates pertain to on-going policy work, such as the energy policy.
 - The Mono Basin Community Plan will be incorporated into the General Plan. CDD's procedure is to develop policies after the community work has been done.
 - The Regional Transportation Plan will incorporate applicable parts of the Bridgeport Main Street project.
 - Each task in the work plan includes a budget page, which must be submitted as part of the grant agreement; however, they retain flexibility.
 - This grant does not require a match.
 - Costs for updates to the Regional Transportation Plan, Noise Element, and CEQA Analysis will be paid by other funding sources and in-kind contributions.

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Board Comments

- Supervisor Johnston: Questioned the need for the General Plan Update at this time since some state requirements do not apply to small counties, and nothing is really happening in various communities (Benton, Chalfant, Paradise, Crowley, Antelope Valley). The community of June Lake needs the “fire power”, and some things need to be done right away, such as 1) revising the downtown parking ordinance so people can take advantage of street parking, 2) completing the biomass feasibility study, 3) completing a campus plan in Bridgeport to determine need for public facilities, 4) implementing solarization, 5) addressing the Benton Crossing landfill. Johnston expressed uncertainty about whether or not Community Development had enough people to get the work done. Believes the priority work should be done first separate from the work that would be funded by the grant. They need to consider sustaining service levels and focus on issues that create jobs.
- Supervisor Hunt: The General Plan is a dynamic document; he supports getting underway.
- Supervisor Alpers: June Lake is a top priority.
- Supervisor Stump: Agrees that June Lake is a priority. However, Benton Hot Springs may become an issue in the future.
- Supervisor Fesko: Agrees with the previous comments. Asked staff to be sure that the list showing dates of Plan updates is not accurate.

Staff Responses

- Scott Burns: 1) Some of the projects have been completed, such as the Mono Basin plan and Bridgeport Main Street project. 2) Work can be redirected to a consultant if necessary. 3) The grant is configured so they can focus on community needs, such as June Lake. 4) The Planning Commission had a workshop about the parking ordinance. 5) Wendy spoke with department heads about space needs for Bridgeport. 6) This is an opportunity to assist RPACs and the Board with planning priorities. 7) Adjustments are made yearly, but some updates need to be made now to address mitigation issues. 8) The update will allow for environmental coverage so the County can avoid challenges. 9) Solarization could be addressed at the mid-year budget. 10) Some past activities are being shown as a match for purposes of the grant.
- Wendy Sugimura: 1) Most of the General Plan is sufficient, but policy areas mandated by the state need to be updated; these will be targeted updates. 2) The Department has an aggressive internal deadline to complete the housing and EIR elements by next June. 3) Particular projects are currently underway (i.e. biomass feasibility). 4) They will have flexibility to focus their efforts on areas of higher priority. 5) A lot of the grant money will go for environmental work. 6) Funding is available for consultants. 7) They intend to continue moving forward on individual projects. 8) Within six months, they can probably update the downtown parking ordinance; the biomass process will be well underway within 6 months; the Bridgeport facilities study is in progress—progress will depend on Board direction; the June Lake Area Plan will be completed within the next 6 months; they can incorporate the opening of June Mountain into the Plan when they have more information. 9) The process will remain flexible enough to divert staff time to top priorities.
- Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: There is not a specific time frame about the age of a general plan document, but over time it becomes legally inadequate. This creates a potential challenge for project opponents. The County’s General Plan needs to stay in compliance with state laws.

PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES DIVISION

- 14a) Old Sheriff's Sub-Station Property (Joe Blanchard/Rita Sherman) - Review of estimates for sub-station remodel.

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Action: Allow the current tenant use of the interior of the Old Sheriff's Substation for equipment storage (such as sleds and related equipment); and use of the existing restroom (non public access), with appropriate indemnification. Proceed with solicitation of a new lease at the appropriate time.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- Rita Sherman, Director of Facilities: The Board packet includes the history of this issue. Several local contractors have reviewed the proposed project. There is also a bid showing the cost to do some of the work in-house; roofing and a new well would have to be contracted out. The substructure of the roof is a problem and four different contractors have recommended redoing it. The internal bid includes the breakout costs for staff labor and materials; the bids from local contractors are not much more than the internal bid. The cost for materials (approximately \$46,000) could be higher due to unknown factors, such as asbestos. The problem with doing the job in-house is staff has other duties for which they are responsible, so this may double the amount of time needed to complete the project. The information presented does not address DWP's concerns. Also, when a public entity creates space to be rented, the law requires ADA compliance.

Board Discussion

- Supervisor Hunt: In January of 2010, the Board received a breakdown of options for the property, specifying what could and couldn't be done with it. Hunt reviewed the history of Board actions; cost and liability have been contentious issues among Board members. The Board needs to determine the best use of the property. Other groups have expressed an interest in using the building for storage, so there are options. However, the dog team is valuable to the recreational aspects of the County. He can support allowing Ouimet minimal use of the building. Eventually, he would like to see the museum operational again.
- Supervisor Stump: Wondered if DWP would look at all County leases, including the dump, if the Board takes action contrary to DWP.
 - Sherman: The County owns two parcels; one has water rights.Stump agrees about the uniqueness of the business and finding a way to accommodate it, but does not agree with spending \$79,000+ to remodel the building. The housing money is intended to fund housing in general and not fund housing for a specific person; this is close to the line of subsidizing one particular business. He would like to see a plan allowing Ouimet to develop on the County's other parcel, but will consider a work-around so he can store equipment in the building and use the bathroom. Stump expressed concern about DWP and opening up to their scrutiny. The Board should put aside the remodel discussion and focus on a work-around solution for storage and bathroom use. He wants to keep the building on the bottom of the demolition list; at this time it's not worth the money to demolish. Stump thanked Sherman, Joe Blanchard and all the contractors who took time to submit bids.
- Supervisor Johnston: This site is the best place for this particular use. The County's substation is a solid structure. If they tear it down, it should be because there is another intended use for the site. In the meantime, the County has leased the site for a recreational use, and the Board needs to figure out how to accommodate the use without a lot of cost. Ouimet wants to be able to make minimal improvements for office space, and store dogsleds and equipment inside; also the lease designates Ouimet as the caretaker, but he doesn't have access to the building. Johnston outlined the enhancements made by Ouimet. There has been no vandalism since he has been on the property. He should be allowed limited use of the interior for storage of equipment, tools, dog food, etc., and should be allowed to access the bathroom. The latest water

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test shows no problems with arsenic or coliform. The County can use housing funds to upgrade the space so there would be no impact on the general fund. Lastly, the lease should be a five-year lease. Johnston would like to revisit the museum idea at some point, but that needs more discussion.

- Supervisor Alpers: Ours is a unique county with unique recreational opportunities, and the County uses Ouimet's business in its marketing information. It would be difficult to get a new facility; Ouimet is paying rent, so Alpers would like to see if the Board can accommodate his basic request.
- Supervisor Fesko: This is a unique business. The building already contains office space so he can support that use; Ouimet should also have access to a flushable toilet and should be able to store his equipment and tools inside. Fesko would like to view the roof structure from the inside. He does not agree with spending a lot of money on remodeling the space.

Staff Response

- Scott Burns, Community Development Director: The public facilities designation gives the landowner a lot of flexibility. The Planning Commission could repeal the use permit if the Board so desires.
- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Ouimet has remained on site under an expired lease. A new lease will require a public process so others can bid on use of the space. Rudolph's office would need to research some of the public land issues and review the original lease.
- Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: Briefly reviewed the history of the lease arrangement. As part of the public process of getting proposals for lease of the property, the Board can put reasonable limits on the acceptable types of uses. Ouimet is a hold-over tenant, but at some point the County needs to go through the public process and issue a new lease. The existing, hold-over lease allows the Public Works Director to authorize uses; storage is an allowed use. Building code issues will require research.

ADJOURN: 4:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

BYNG HUNT
CHAIR

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Community Development - Planning Division
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Reappointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Members		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Supervisor Alpers, District 3, requests Board consideration of his recommendation for memberships / terms for the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (11 members total).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consider reappointment of six members, Bartshe Miller, Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza, Steve Connett, and Ilene Mandelbaum, to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impacts are expected.

CONTACT NAME: Heather deBethizy

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING

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Heather deBethizy

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

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February 5, 2013

To: Mono County Board of Supervisors
From: Heather deBethizy, Assistant Planner, for Tim Alpers, Supervisor
Subject: Reappointment of Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee Members (Consent Item)

Action Requested

Consider reappointment of six members to the Mono Basin Regional Advisory Planning Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Alpers.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact

No fiscal impacts are expected.

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections

No impact is expected on current fiscal year budget projections.

Discussion

Supervisor Alpers, District 3, requests Board consideration of his recommendation for memberships / terms for the Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (11 members total).

Current members recommended for reappointment:

Terms to Expire (all two-year terms):

Bartshe Miller	12-31-12 12-31-14
Katie Bellomo	12-31-12 12-31-14
Zane Davis	12-31-12 12-31-14
Chris Lizza	12-31-12 12-31-14
Steve Connett	12-31-12 12-31-14
Ilene Mandelbaum	12-31-12 12-31-14

Other existing members (for information):

Lisa Cutting	12-31-13
Alex Flores	12-31-13
Mark Logan	12-31-13
Lucy Parker	12-31-13

Molly Desbaillets (term 12-31-13) resigned from the RPAC and her position is currently vacant.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Supervisor Alpers or Heather deBethizy at 924-1812.



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	District Attorney
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Resolution for D.A.'s Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The Mono County District Attorney's Office has applied for and administered the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for many years. In applying for this year's grant it was determined that an updated resolution was needed authorizing the District Attorney's office to sign for and administer said grant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of Resolution #R13-_____, authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to Participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and Authorize the District Attorney to Sign for and Administer the Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional fiscal impact. This money was anticipated and included in the 2012-13 budget.

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YES NO

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Tim Kendall - District Attorney

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Tim Kendall, District Attorney

Date: January 4th 2013

Subject:

Contract between the Board of State and Community Corrections and Mono County.

Recommendation:

To authorize the execution of a grant contract between the Mono County District Attorney's Office and the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Discussion:

The Anti Drug Abuse Program Federal Fiscal Grant period is October 1st 2012 through September 30th 2013. Mono County is to receive a total of \$88377.00 for this grant period. These funds are used to target street to mid level narcotic offenders within Mono County and is used to fund all Mono County Narcotic Enforcement Operations. The participating agencies are The Mono County District Attorney's Office, the Mono County Sheriff Department, Mono County Probation and Mono County Mental Health.

Fiscal Impact:

Revenue to the general fund of \$88377.00



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RESOLUTION NO. R13-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN FOR AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Mono County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Anti Drug Abuse Enforcement (ADA) Team Grant Program supported by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as BSCC). The grant period for the ADA team Grant Program is October 1st 2012 through September 30th 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mono County District Attorney's Office is authorized on behalf of this Governing Board to submit the grant application for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments or modifications thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementing agency/organization and partnering entities agree to abide by the statutes and the regulations governing the federal Justice Assistance Grant Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the Governing Board of Mono County in a meeting held on this 5th day of February 2013, by the following:

AYES :

NOES :

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Byng Hunt, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY COUNSEL



**Board of State and
Community Corrections**

Anti-Drug Abuse Program
FY 2012/2013 Application

APPLICANT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

A. APPLICANT AND CONTACT INFORMATION			
APPLICANT NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
County Of Mono	(760) 932-5550	956005661	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
278 Main Street	Bridgeport	CA	93517
PO Box 617	Bridgeport	CA	93517

B. PROJECT TITLE	C. PROGRAM PURPOSE AREA	D. AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED
Mono County Drug Suppression Program	N/A	88377.00

E. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Monet is a cooperative multi-agency narcotic task force team and is the primary narcotic enforcement agency in Mono County. The Monet team consists of one Officer from MCSD and one from MLPD. The main objective of the Monet task force team, is to illicit illegal drug activity and bring all perpetrators to justice. The task force will operate under goals set by the steering committee and address new problem areas as they arise.

F. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY			
AGENCY NAME		OFFICE NUMBER	
Mono County District Attorney's Office		(760) 932-5550	
NAME, TITLE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR		CELLPHONE NUMBER	
Tim Kendall/District Attorney		(760) 616-0606	
STREET ADDRESS		FAX NUMBER	
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G. DESIGNATED FINANCIAL OFFICER			
NAME, TITLE		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
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H. DAY-TO-DAY PROJECT CONTACT PERSON			
NAME AND TITLE		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
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STREET ADDRESS		FAX NUMBER	
278 Main Street		(760) 932-5551	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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I. APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT				
By submitting this application, the applicant assures that it will abide by the laws, policies and procedures governing this funding.				
NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (PERSON WITH LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SIGN)			TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Tim Kendall/District Attorney			(760) 932-5550	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	FAX NUMBER
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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE 12-5-12

BUDGET INFORMATION

BUDGET SUMMARY

Complete the budget summary table below. Indicate the amount of JAG funds allocated to each budget category. Report amounts in whole dollars.

1. Salaries and Benefits	██████████
2. Services and Supplies	██████████
3. Fixed Assets/Equipment	█
4. Other	██████████
TOTAL	██████████

LINE ITEM DETAILS: For each line item provide the details requested.

1. SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

Yearly

The grant pays the overtime for one DA investigator to assist the Sheriff's department in the activities of MONET. We have allocated 10,000.00 for the Overtime for the DA investigator. 164.88 hours of overtime @ 60.65 per hour = 10000.00

2. SERVICES AND SUPPLIES:

The grant pays the overtime of 1 Deputy from the Mono County Sheriff Department for the Activities of MONET. 179.08 hours of overtime @ 55.84 an hour = 10,000.00. 10000.00

The grant pays 5,000.00 towards the DPO II for his involvement with MONET. 5,000.00 = 11 % of his yearly salary. His yearly Salary with benefits is 46000.00 5000.00

MONET office rental = 346 sq ft including CAM fees @ 1.55 per sq ft. = 536.30/month x 12 = 6435.00

Storage Units for MONET Case evidence = 2280.00

Security for Office rental 29.50/month x 12= 354.00/year 354.00

Experian (legal Search charges) 52.00/month = 624.00 year 624.00

Office telephone/fax machine = 145.00/month x 12 = 1740.00 yea 1740.00

Misc. Office supplies postage, copying, utilities, computer supplies = 408.50/month x 12 = 4902.00

Wireless telephone service for two officers 365.00/month x 12 = 4380.00

Satellite and sprint phone charges for tracking devices – 64.00/month x 12 = 768.00

Misc. Phone supplies wireless cards, tracking devices, ect. 71.00/month x 12= 852.00

Drug testing supplies 600 probation Nik test kits @ 5.00 each = 3000.00

Fuel/Maintenance for MONET vehicles 2 cars @ 526.00/month = 1052.00 x 12 = 12626.00

Confidential Funds : funds used to illicit illegal drug traffickers = 18000.00

DARE: 1000.00 goes towards the DARE program to purchase supplies and advertising for the Mono County School System. See DARE description in the Budget Narrative. 1000.00

3. FIXED ASSETS/EQUIPMENT: 0

2. OTHER:

Training: CNOA 5 officers @ 500.00 each for registration =	2500.00
Lodging for CNOA 5 days @ 84.00/night per five rooms –	2100.00
Per diem 5 days @ 40.00/day x 5 officers =	1000.00
Project Director Mandatory Meeting in Sacramento – 4 attendees	
Lodging 84.00/night x 4 attendees =	336.00
Per diem for 4 attendees for 3 days @ 40.00/day =	480.00

TOTAL: 88377.00

Sustainability Plan

The ultimate goal of the MONET Task Force is to promote and also sustain an Anti-Drug Abuse program(s) within Mono County. We will accomplish this by a continued and on-going building of trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities. This will be done by enforcing all laws both by the "spirit of the law" mentality when the opportunity arises, and also the "letter of the law" when necessary.

MONET will continue to advance the relationships with allied agencies such as the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Bishop Police Department, Inyo Sheriff's Office; Federal agencies such as Forest Service Law Enforcement, Bureau of Land Management, etc. and State agencies such as California Highway Patrol, CalEMA, etc. This will be done by educating and informing them of the roles and responsibilities of not only the task force itself but also their parent agencies and how collaboration can benefit all involved. The exchanging of information is necessary in order to improve lines of communication.

The task force will ensure that we utilize existing resources of the community and with those, branch out to all areas of the respective populations. This will require educating the community of the consequences of drug abuse and how it affects them personally, financially and for the long term.

MONET will educate the public of the consequences of other illegal drugs and the effect on the education system due to the abuse of these drugs by students. The team will continue to develop Citizen Informants through outreach when contacting the public at incidents where drugs are involved in any way.

The task force routinely has meetings with various organizations along with school groups to explain the drug issues affecting their communities. One area we continue to expand is our outreach to the

minority community. There are pre-scheduled meetings with this portion of the community that are on-going and the task force is always aware of both sides relating to drug use. This is relating to anti-drug beliefs with the population itself, so open communication is a must.

Due to our county being very remote and isolated on the eastern side of the sierra mountain range, the task force will inform the public on ways people cultivate marijuana in the remote areas of our county through presentations to employers, businesses, community groups, middle schools, high schools and colleges. This will promote citizen awareness along with knowledge to assist the task force itself with possible narcotic information.

The task force has in the past, and will continue to, seek out other grant funding on the Federal and State levels. This funding will augment the operation opportunities of the task force to better serve the communities and will ultimately have a positive effect and impact on the drug use within our county. Currently we have received grant funding from CalEMA which is directly relating to use against the methamphetamine. The more funding sources we obtain, the better the ultimate outcome will be for the communities involved.

Relating to public safety realignment, the task force is aware that narcotic arrests and sentencing guidelines could have a larger impact on county jail housing issues. It is the task force's position that their ultimate goal is to curtail narcotic usage within the county. With that in mind, if the increased arrests have an impact on jail population then that is what has to be done. Our county jail has a very limited population cap, but even so the task force will continue to work at taking the narcotic users and suppliers off the streets to provide safety for the residents and visitors of our county.

Mono County Budget Narrative

Mono County Drug Suppression Program

Services and Supplies/Participating Agencies:

Through the efforts of all persons assigned to the task force team, it is the intent to impact street level narcotic traffickers primarily through the use of informants contracted to provide information to purchase narcotics. Mono County is a rural County with a large geographical area. Task force agents require extra hours to aggressively impact narcotic trafficking. Through specialized training and experience, our task force agents understand that most narcotic trafficking occurs during the night time hours. Overtime reflects the costs associated with the needs of the agents to accomplish these goals and objectives. Additional personnel is used as back up to assist the agents in the field while serving search and arrest warrants but are funded by their agencies. A Deputy probation Officer is assigned to track and administer convicted narcotic offenders and to conduct random drug testing as ordered by their terms and conditions of probation. This year the grant is allocating 11% of the Probation Officers salary to the Probation Department to offset his costs.

Services and Supplies/Operating Expenses:

Funds are allocated in an effort to minimize administrative costs and utilize funds for direct field personnel. The District Attorney's Office administers the grant, however, does not get reimbursed for any of the clerical work incurred from the grant.

Operating costs consists of all the costs needed to have the program run smoothly. In 2009 we entered into a contract to house the MONET agents with their own office space. This office space is 346 square feet and is in the town of Mammoth Lakes. The rental fee includes the common area fees as well as the square footage costs. The grant covers the cost of all utilities/Security and telephone expenses incurred. The task force has two commercial storage units one in North County (Bridgeport) and the other in South County (Mammoth Lakes). These storage units are used for storing evidence seized by law enforcement through case filing to adjudication. Just recently the Sheriff's department purchased two new vehicles for the MONET officers to use. The fuel and maintenance costs are covered by the grant. The probation department purchases drug testing NIK supply kits to do field drug tests and the grant reimburses them for this cost.

Next to the overtime costs, the biggest expense is used for Confidential funds. These funds are used to illicit illegal drug activity from drug traffickers.

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has incorporated a program called DARE (Drug, Abuse, Resistance and Education): which was originally developed in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department. It's purpose is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary and junior high school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Training:

Training and education is of utmost importance in order to establish the highest level of expertise for the field. Training funds are limited to the yearly CNOA. This year it will be held in Anaheim and we are sending 5 Officers. The only other training allotted for this fiscal year will be the mandatory training put on by the Board of State and Community Corrections slated to take place some time during January 2013 in Sacramento.

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

MONET is a cooperative multi jurisdictional task force and is the primary narcotic enforcement in Mono county. This agreement stands as evidence that the Mono County District Attorney's Office along with Sheriff Dept., Mammoth Lakes Police Dept. Mono County Probation and Mental Health intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum narcotic investigation and apprehensions of all illegal drug trafficking within Mono County. The grant period is October 1st 2012 through September 30th 2013. All agencies herein will further this goal:

The law enforcement components work together at the task force level to generate narcotic cases that are successfully prosecuted by the District Attorneys's office. The coordination and communication between the task force agents and the District Attorney assigned to MONET cases has ensured a 98% plus conviction rate. The roles and responsibilities of the District Attorney's Office starts with the administration of the ADA grant. However, the grant does not fund any portion of the secretaries job duties. The District Attorney will attend all steering committee meetings and help law enforcement with all narcotic investigations through case adjudication.

MONET agents coming from different law enforcement agencies bring a variety of experience and knowledge. This has been a factor in the successful drug awareness presentations given to schools and the public each year. The training that the agents have yearly prepares them for new illegal narcotic trends. The task force agents will work together to investigate all illegal drug activity within the county. Their duties include but are not limited to the following: Prepare and serve search warrants, prepare crime reports and deliver them to the Mono County District Attorney's office, testify in court when needed, statistical reporting for quarterly and annual report and the main goal of protecting the public from illegal drug activity.

The addition of the Probation officer has enabled MONET to locate probationers suspected of selling and using drugs. The team approach of MONET agents and probation when making unscheduled searches and chemical testing has had a positive effect in ensuring probationers compliance with their probation court ordered terms and conditions.

The addition of the Mono County Drug and Alcohol Administrator has brought a new dimension to the education program and public awareness. It has increased the lines of communication with law enforcement and the public in a positive way.

With all entities working together MONET will have the ability to gather information to measure the achievement of the project goals. Sources will include data collected and input into the MONET data base for all statistical reporting. Although we do not have a specific data base program at this time the District Attorney's office is in the process of implementing a Case management system that will be useful in many ways to the MONET task force.

Please see attached signature page for all participating agencies.

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Expenditure of Grant Funds: Grant funds will be utilized for project operating expenses and activities and for the reimbursement of participating agencies as approved by the MONET Council, as funds are available. Reimbursement to the funded participating agency will occur quarterly upon receipts of reported regular and overtime hours expended on grant specific projects.

The Mono County Sheriff Department and the Mono County District Attorney's Office will invoice to the District Attorney's office for overtime hours associated with the activities of MONET on a quarterly basis. The DA office will white claim the invoice to the Mono County Finance department for payment.

Source Documentation: The Mono County District Attorney's Office will maintain reports which will serve as source documentation for statistical reporting purposes. All Participating agencies will provide statistical data to the implementing agency upon request during the grant period. The District Attorney's office will compile all of the statistics and implement them into the mandated progress and yearly reports.

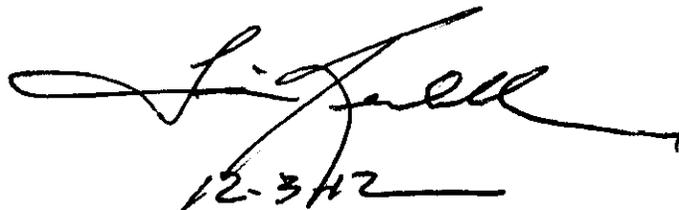
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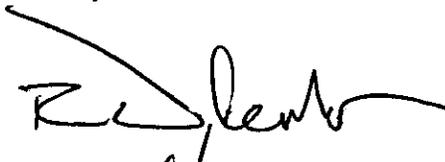
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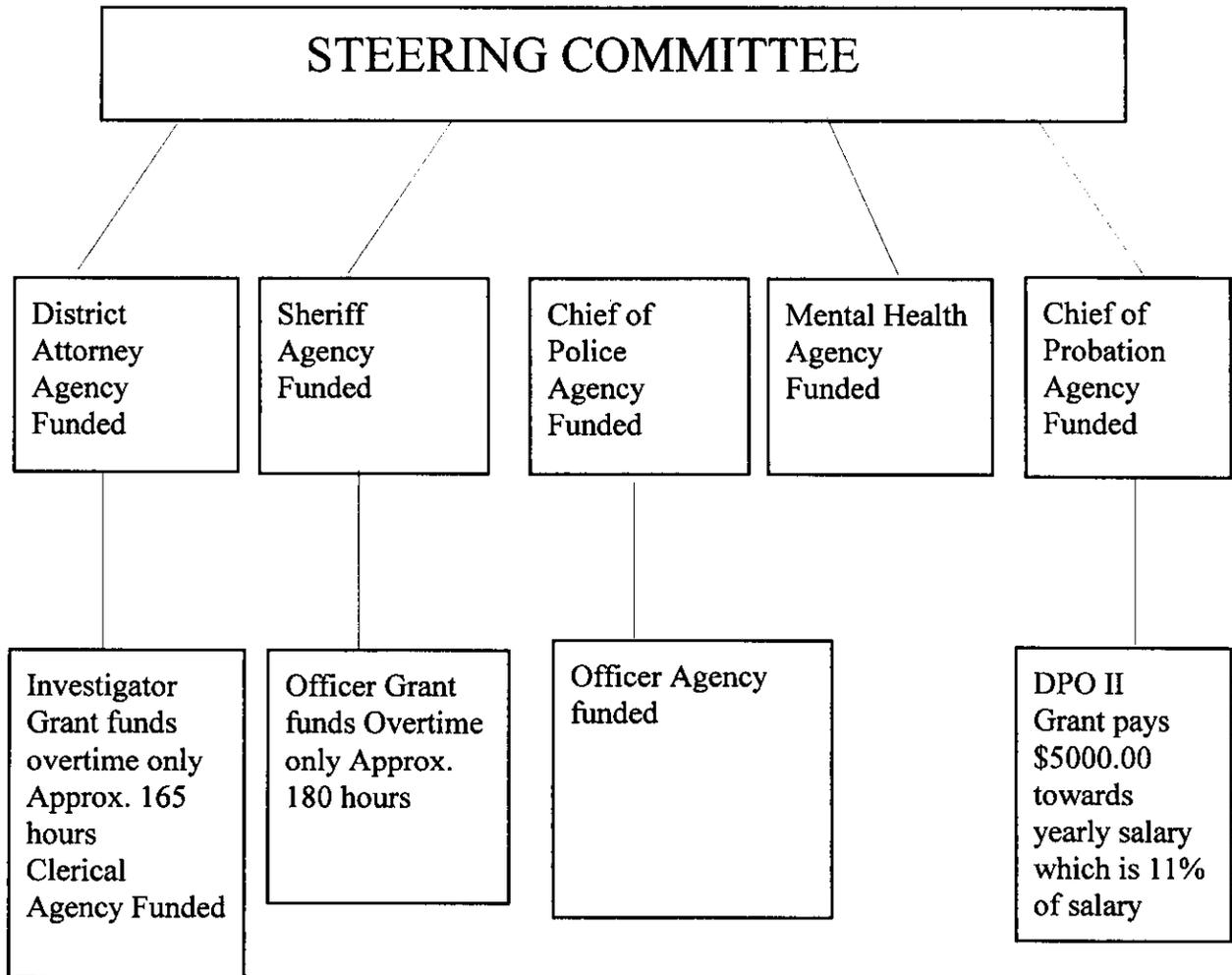
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Organizational Chart



Project Narrative

1) PROBLEM STATEMENT

Description of Jurisdiction for Mono County

Mono County is located in the Eastern Sierra Mountain region of California, north of Inyo County and bordered by the State of Nevada to the east. Mono County is approximately 3,300 square miles and has two major highways traveling through it. US Highway 395 traverses our county from north to south. US Highway 6 runs east into Nevada. US Hwy 395 is a major thoroughfare between southern California and the Carson City/Reno/Tahoe Nevada area. US Highway 6 enters Mono County approximately 6 miles north of Bishop California and ends approximately 45 miles later at the Nevada/California border. US Highway 6 intersects with US Highway 95 in Nevada approximately 60 miles from the California/Nevada border. US Highway 95 is a major thoroughfare between Las Vegas Nevada and the Carson City/Reno/Tahoe area. The combination of Highways US 95 and US 6 are commonly used by Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Arizona travelers as a gateway to the Eastern Sierra and Mono County. Mono County is extremely rural with only 14,202 residents spread out over it 3,300 square miles. Within our boundaries we encompass parts of Inyo and Humbolt-Toiyabe National Forests, Yosemite National Park, John Muir Wilderness area and the largest ski resort in California, Mammoth Mountain. Our elevation ranges from over 14,000 feet to 5000 feet. The Sierra Nevada and White Mountain Ranges are arguably some of the most rugged and remote mountain ranges in the world and present many challenges to law enforcement agencies, specifically Task Force members who struggle to maintain a safe environment for its citizens and visitors by combating narcotic related crimes within our county.

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Mono County has a population of 14,202, 9687 of these residents are Non-Hispanic White, 3762 are Hispanic, 239 are American Indian, 270 are other races, 191 are Asian, 42 are Black and 11 are Pacific Islander. The population of Mono County fluctuates throughout the summer and winter months but visitor rates in the winter and summer seasons push or population numbers over 60,000 on a regular daily basis and over 1,000,000,000 annually, additionally there is a large influx of seasonal workers that provide essential services to the tourism related businesses within Mono County, unfortunately this transient work-force is responsible for over half of the narcotics brought into Mono County. During the 11/12 fiscal year MONET conducted approximately ½ of its narcotics investigations in the town of Mammoth Lakes, specifically within the transient work-force population. At this time current Law Enforcement staffing levels within Mono County are less than 60 sworn personnel, making it difficult to keep up with narcotic related property crimes and active investigations. This fact, combined with the fact that Mono County has two major thoroughfares dissecting its jurisdiction, ensue that there is a constant influx of illegal narcotics in and around our county.

The Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team was originally formed in cooperation with the Inyo County Narcotic Enforcement Team in 1991 and named the Mono-Inyo County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MINET). Because of logistical and geographical challenges, and the formation of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, the two task forces separated and in 1993. The Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET) was formed. MONET was started with Byrne Grant fund monies distributed by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). Historically MONET has operated with two fully sworn police officers acting as Narcotics Investigators, one from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the other from the Mono County Sheriff's Department. The Investigator's salaries are paid by their respective agencies. Byrne

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Grant funds were used to purchase equipment, rent office space, provide transportation for the investigators, management and supervision of the grant and funding for the probation department in the form of partial salary compensation and drug testing supplies. Byrne Grant funds also pay for the MONET Investigators over-time when conducting narcotics investigations and training of MONET members. During the recent fiscal downturn the Mammoth Lakes Police Department has stopped providing a police officer within the task force. This reduction in staffing assistance from the Mammoth Lakes Police Department began mid December 2012. This has placed an additional financial burden on Mono County at a time when our own Board of Supervisors has asked for budget reductions. Recently the Mono County District Attorney's Office has placed a Deputy District Attorney Investigator in the task force as a MONET Investigator. MONET's office is located in Mammoth Lakes California which is Mono County's largest community. In addition to the two Investigators staffed by Mono County we have participants from the Mono County Probation Office, a Lieutenant from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, a Deputy District Attorney and a Legal Secretary from the Mono County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, during the 11/12 fiscal year, we were able to purchase a Narcotics Detection K-9 with insurance funds from the death of another K-9 we previously had. This K-9 program is expected to fully operational by January 1, 2013. One of the two MONET Investigators has been assigned as the K-9 Handler. Mono County now shoulders the entire manpower burden of the MONET Task Force. Despite these difficulties MONET had another successful year with the number of cases investigated in 11/12 totaling 35, with 36 arrests. Nine of these arrests were directly related to methamphetamine. Mono County continues to see a wide spectrum of drug use and abuse; we believe several factors contribute to this wide spectrum. Mono County has no metropolitan or urban areas; it is a recreational destination rural county with a high transient population of seasonal employment. Our current wide spectrum of

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drug usage can be attributed to these factors. Over the 11/12 fiscal year MONET has seized .44905 Kilograms of powder cocaine, 9 pounds of processed Marijuana, 524 Ecstasy pills, .241 Kilograms of powder methamphetamine and .032 Kilograms of "Ice" Methamphetamine. Drugs seized by MONET in 11/12 totaled nearly \$87,000.00 based on current street values. MONET seized \$5000.00 in property during the 11/12 fiscal year.

The creation of MONET through ADA Grant funding has brought all of Mono County law enforcement together in a team approach and continues to provide the public with the most effective narcotic enforcement strategy available.

Problem and Trends

Mono County and the State of California are still experiencing increased availability of illicit drugs. The Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET) has conducted narcotic investigations in every town in our vast county. The drug of choice in the outlying towns appears to methamphetamine, in either powder or crystal form. It is readily available and inexpensive. Within our county the southern and northern communities are located closer to higher problem drug areas. The southern communities of Mono County are located very close to Inyo County where methamphetamine is more readily available. Northern Mono County Communities are close to the Carson City/Reno/Tahoe communities where methamphetamine is more readily available. Their close proximity to these communities and major thoroughfares allows the drug supply to remain constant and the price remains low.

Mono County continues to see a wide spectrum of drug use and abuse in all of it's communities, however in our more densely populated towns we see all types of drugs being used, abused and sold we believe several factors contribute to this wide spectrum. Mono County has no metropolis or urban areas; it is a recreational destination rural

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county with a high transient population of seasonal employment. Our current wide spectrum of drug usage can be attributed to these factors.

Another recently observed drug trend is prescription medication abuse and sales. Due to the fact that Mono County has a large transient workforce population that is routinely involved in outdoor activities, it is common that these employees are injured at work. The Mammoth Mountain Ski Area employees, several of which are transient workforce employees, are involved in recreational activities including ski patrol, ski instructor, snowboard instructors, mountain host/guide and mountain bicycle instructor. Mono County is home to a prestigious Orthopedic Clinic that regularly performs surgeries on these injured employees and subsequently prescribes pain medications to them. Mono County has seen an increased level of prescription fraud, prescription pain medication abuse and illicit sales of prescription medication over the past fiscal year. The Mono County Sheriff's Department Coroner has investigated five deaths associated with the abuse of prescription medication. MONET routinely purchases pain medication at the street level.

Plan

MONET will operate primarily within Mono County and target street to mid-level narcotics offenders. Due to the remoteness of Mono County and the abundance of mountain streams, MONET will target marijuana cultivators. MONET will assist all of the allied agencies within Mono and Inyo counties; we will also work closely with Nevada based law enforcement on our eastern and northern borders as needed. We will continue to assist other jurisdictions with narcotics investigation originating in our county. MONET will provide information and assistance to neighboring states when it has been determined that pipeline drug interdiction or other narcotics investigations lead to those jurisdictions. During the grant year MONET will reduce illegal activities of targeted

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offenders through law enforcement, prosecution, and probation efforts by conducting special investigations using multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, integrating federal/state/local drug enforcement agencies, prosecution and probation departments In addition MONET continues to participate in several multi-jurisdictional investigations with the California Department of Justice, the United States Forest Service and Inyo County Narcotics Task Force. MONET, in cooperation with Child Protective Services (CPS) and Mono County Social Services, continues to facilitate our Drug Endangered Children (DEC) protocol within Mono County. If incidents of drug use and sales place children in harm's way MONET, the Mono County District Attorney's Office and Mono County Child Protective Services work closely together to ensure the safety of the children and the prosecution of the offenders.

Program Description

Project Title: The project will be a cooperative, multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force known as the Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team. The task force will operate under the long range goals set by the MONET Steering Committee. The MONET Steering Committee meets quarterly to monitor the progress of the task force and to address new problem areas as they arise. The project will focus on meeting the goals set by the MONET Committee by using the multi-disciplinary approach focusing on apprehension of narcotic violators.

Long Range Strategy

The MONET Steering Committee has determined that cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana sales, cultivation, use and manufacture is the most significant threat to Mono County citizens. The amount of cheap marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and other illicit drugs that have been imported into Mono County has had a devastating effect on

families and increased narcotic related arrests. Based on these facts, the MONET Steering Committee has set a goal to dismantle the organizations involved and arrest offenders through combined law enforcement efforts. Long term activities include the infiltration of the organizations and suspects through the use of informants, the continued monitoring of probationers for marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine related violations, vertical prosecution upon arrest and a request for formal deportation of violators when applicable.

The MONET Steering Committee has also determined that abuse and illegal sales of prescription medication pose a significant threat to our communities. MONET has contacted all of the pharmacies within Mono County and formed committed relationships with the pharmacists and aids. These relationships and open lines of communication ensure that MONET keeps a constant vigil on the potential for prescription drug abuse. The drug education of parents, teachers and local companies should have a long range effect of lowering drug use among students and employees. If students and employees are aware that someone who is responsible for supervising their day to day activities is capable of recognizing when they have ingested drugs, they will be less to do so for fear of sanctions. Another outcome of drug awareness training is the interaction between law enforcement, substance abuse programs and the community. MONET will notify schools that drug awareness training is available to them and provide the training when requested.

Impact

The project, when successful, will increase the price of drugs, decrease their availability, production and consumption, thereby increasing public safety. Following the DEC Guidelines, MONET will also remove children from drug environments thereby lessening the chance they will follow in the footsteps of their parents/guardians.

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Project Design

MONET is a cooperative multi-agency narcotic task force and is the primary narcotic enforcement agency in Mono County. The MONET office is in Mammoth Lakes located in the heart of our most heavily populated community, Mammoth Lakes. The implementing agency is the Mono County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney is currently assigned MONET cases and utilizes vertical prosecution on MONET generated cases. The Mono County District Attorney's Office is located in Bridgeport California, 51 miles north of Mammoth Lakes.

At the current time MONET has two Investigators staffed by Mono County. We have participants from the Mono County Probation Office, a Lieutenant from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, a Deputy District Attorney and a Legal Secretary from the Mono County District Attorney's Office. Additionally, during the 11/12 fiscal year, MONET purchased a Narcotics Detection K-9. This K-9 program is expected to fully operational by January 1, 2013. One of the two MONET Investigators has been assigned as the K-9 Handler.

The MONET Steering Committee consists of the Mono County District Attorney, Mammoth Lakes Chief of Police, Mono County Mental Health, Mono County Probation Chief and the Mono County Sheriff. The Mono County District Attorney's Office administers the grant.

Roles

The projects past and current cooperative structure has ensured a smooth travel of cases through the criminal justice system. The law enforcement components work together at the task force level to generate cases that are successfully prosecuted by the Mono County District Attorney's Office. The coordination and communication between

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the task force and the District Attorney assigned to MONET cases has ensured a 98% conviction rate, nearly all of the convictions come by way of pleas rather than trials. The funds provided through this grant to the Mono County Probation Department ensure that probationers suspected of selling and using drugs are located and identified. The team approach of MONET agents and Mono County Probation Officers making unscheduled searches and chemical testing has had a positive effect in ensuring probationers compliance with their terms and conditions. The Probation Officers also have a clear understanding of the probationer's terms and conditions, which eliminates mistakes in the field. MONET also works closely with the California State Parole Officer who is assigned to Mono County. An open line of communication exists between Parole and MONET, which usually prevents the public's exposure to a long string of crimes by parole violators.

Source Documentation

Working in conjunction with Mono County Probation Department and the Mono County District Attorney's Office, MONET will have the ability to gather information to measure the achievement of the project goals. Sources will include data collection and input into the MONET database, hand and computer searches of data collected by the Mono County Probation Department, and statistics gathered from case adjudications from the Mono County District Attorney's Office are entered into the RIMS Case Management System and are accessible to the agents via the internet. MONET will gather data on drug prices and availability from informants and arrestee's. Data will be gathered from the Mono County Sheriff's Office and the Mammoth Lakes Police Department as well.

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2) Objective and Outcome Measures

Law Enforcement Objective #1: During the grant year, reduce illegal activities of targeted offenders through law enforcement, prosecution and probation efforts by conducting special investigations using multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. Integrating federal/state/local drug enforcement agencies, prosecution and probation departments.

Activities:

The MONET Task Force will work together conducting vigorous investigations resulting in arrests and prosecutions of drug offenders. MONET will be comprised of the following: Mono County District Attorney's Office, Mono County Sheriff's Department, Mono County Probation Department. Law enforcement members assigned ti the task force will work closely with the District Attorney's Office to increase the number of arrests and successful prosecutions. A Deputy Probation Officer will work alongside MONET members while maintaining a selective case load of narcotics offenders. The Mono County District Attorney's Office will prosecute all cases generated by MONET.

Outcome Measures Include, but are not limited to:

Number of investigations initiated: 45

Number of investigation closed: 45

Total amount of drugs seized by type and quantity:

Methamphetamine	12 Grams
Cocaine	10 Grams
Heroin	2 grams
Marijuana Plants	5,000 plants

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Processed Marijuana	4480 grams/10 pounds
Hash	15 Grams
LSD/Psilocybin	5 pills
Ecstasy	100 pills
Assorted Pharmaceuticals	100 pills

Number of clandestine methamphetamine labs discovered: 0

Total number of EPIC cards submitted for clandestine meth labs discovered: 0

Total number of clandestine meth labs dismantled: 0

Total number of EPIC cards submitted for clandestine meth labs dismantled: 0

Number of other clandestine drug labs discovered: 0

Total number of EPIC cards submitted for other clandestine drug labs discovered: 0

Total number of other clandestine drug labs dismantled: 0

Total number of EPIC cards submitted for other clandestine drug labs dismantled:0

Total number of clandestine lab dump sites discovered:0

Total pounds of waste discovered at lab dump sites: 0

Total number of EPIC cards submitted for lab dump sites discovered: 0

Total number of referrals to the Dept. of Toxic Substances Control for lab dump site clean-up: 0

Law Enforcement Objective #2:

Arrest and incarcerate those responsible and use state and/or federal law to identify and seize the assets of those responsible for the sale and supply of illegal drugs.

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Activities:

MONET members will increase the number of arrests and be cognizant of any assets associated with those arrests that can be legally seized. District Attorney Personnel assigned to the task force will continue training on asset seizure laws, both State and Federal. District Attorney Personnel will file all appropriate assets seizure cases to discourage potential suspects from being involved in the drug trade. The Sheriff's Department in collaboration with the task force will use forfeited monies to help support the cost of the task force operations, such as training and equipment when possible.

Outcome measures include but are limited to:

- Number of drug investigations resulting in arrest: 45
- Number of suspects arrested: 49
- Total number of weapons seized: 5
- Number of search warrants served: 20
- Number of cases referred for prosecution: 45
- Number of investigation resulting in asset forfeiture: 2
- Dollar amount of cash and property seized N/A

Law Enforcement Objective #3:

Focus on the safety and well-being of children by removing children who are found in the presence of clandestine meth labs and other clandestine drug labs and/or who are found in settings involving the use, possession, sale or transportation of illicit drugs, pursuant to California Penal Code (PC) sections 13879.80 and 13879.81.

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Activities:

MONET will continue to enforce our Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Protocol in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, Child Protective Service(CPS), Public Health and County Counsel. Ant tine children are encountered during a narcotics investigation; they will be taken into protective custody and turned over to CPS. CPS will have those children tested for exposure to controlled substances. The District Attorney's Office will aggressively pursue charges and prosecution for child endangerment as well as controlled substance violations. Mono County Public Health Department has personnel trained to assist with children who are endangered by the use, manufacture and sale of controlled substances. The Public Health Physician has made himself available to testify in court as to the effects of controlled substances on children.

Outcome Measures include but are not limited to:

Total number of investigation initiated which result in finding children living in or exposed to illicit drug environments: 0

Total number of children removed jointly with Child Protective Services (CPS) from illicit drug environments as a result of investigations: 0

Total number of children removed without CPS involvement from illicit drug environments as a result of investigations: 0

Total number of children who were provided services: 0

Total number of children who were tested for exposure to drugs/chemicals: 0

Total number of children who were detained pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions (W&I)

Code section 300: 0

Total number of children testing positive for controlled substances: 0

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Law Enforcement Objective #4

Hold accountable those individuals who endanger the safety and well-being of children by arresting these individuals who willfully create a situation and/or environment where the life or limb of a child may be endangered or his/her health injured, pursuant to PC Sections 273a and 273b.

Outcome measures include but are not limited to:

Total number of defendants with arrests referred for 273a: 0

Total number of defendants with arrests referred for 273b: 0

Prosecution Objective #1

Reduce the illegal activities of targeted offenders through coordinated law enforcement, prosecution, and probation efforts by prosecuting and convicting those identified by special investigations using multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, integrating federal/state/local drug enforcement agencies, prosecution and probation departments.

Outcome measures include but are not limited to:

Number of cases referred from task force for prosecution: 45

Number of defendants convicted of any charge: 50

Method of conviction: Plea agreements and/or trials

Number of defendants not convicted of any charge: 5

Disposition:

Prosecution Objective #2

Forfeit the assets of sellers, suppliers and distributors of illegal drugs.

Outcome measures include but are not limited to:

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Number of forfeiture proceedings initiated: 1

Number of forfeiture proceedings completed: 1

Dollar amount ordered: 3300

Dollar amount forfeited: 3300

Prosecution Objective #3

Hold accountable those individuals who endanger the safety and well being of children by prosecuting and convicting those individuals who willfully create a situation and/or environment where the life or limb of a child may be endangered or his/her health injured, pursuant to PC Sections 273a and 273b.

Outcome measures include but are not limited to:

Total number of defendants with criminal charges referred for 273a: 0

Total number of defendants with criminal charges referred for 273b: 0

Total number of defendants with criminal charges filed for 273a: 0

Total number of defendants with criminal charges filed for 273b: 0

Total number of defendants convicted of child endangerment 273a: 0

Total number of defendants convicted of child endangerment 273b: 0

Total number of defendants who were not convicted of any charge because of an acquittal: 0

Total number of defendants who were not convicted of any charge because charges were dropped:
0

Total number of defendants who were not convicted of any charge because the case was referred to another jurisdiction: 0

Disposition of case: N/A

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Finance
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS	Human Resources		
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Recruit/Fill FTS III/IV Position in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Authorize recruitment/hiring for FTS position to be vacated February 21, 2013 due to current employee relocating to North Carolina, her husband's tour at the MWTC is over and he is being re-assigned to Camp Lejeune.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize recruitment and hiring for position to be vacated on February 21, 2013 in the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office due to employee relocating to North Carolina.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approximate cost for the remainder of FY 12-13 is \$26,399.29, of which \$14,168.00 is salary; \$2,701.41 is employer portion of PERS, and \$9,529.88 is the cost of benefits and is included in the approved budget. Cost for full year is \$79,197.87, of which \$42,504.00 is salary; \$8,104.24 is the employer portion of PERS, and \$28,589.63 is the cost of the benefits.

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1/23/2013 12:54 PM	Finance	Yes

TO: Mono County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jim Arkens, CAO/Director of Human Resources
Rose Glazier, Assistant Director of Finance
DATE: January 23, 2013
SUBJECT: Approval to recruit and fill Fiscal & Technical Specialist III/IV in Treasurer/Tax Collector office

DISCUSSION:

Lisa Hayes, who has been working as an FTS III since November, 2010 is resigning her position due to her husband's end of his tour of duty at MWTC. Her last day worked is February 21, 2013. The Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office has a need to fill this allocated and budgeted position.

Your approval is requested to recruit and fill this position as a Fiscal & Technical Specialist III/IV. Below are some of the duties for this position:

- Assist in the annual tax roll turn over processing.
- Prior day reconciliation of all county bank reports.
- Balance and maintain records on all trust account activity.
- Receive and reconcile daily credit card receipts.
- Collect all unsecured tax collections.
- Collections officer for delinquent unsecured collection. File tax liens, process bank seizures, process state tax intercepts, process DMV registration holds, process personal property seizures. Maintain interest bearing and interest free installment agreements.
- Process secured, supplemental, escaped property tax batches.
- Daily reconciliation of all tax registers.
- Receive and verify over the counter cash deposits.
- Balance all daily cash deposits and delivery to the bank.
- Assist taxpayers both on the front counter and over the phone.
- Perform estimated taxes prior to Lot Line adjustments
- Research and correct erroneous tax bills with the assistance of Assessor's Office and Auditor's Office personnel.
- Research and process tax collectors tax refunds.
- Maintain and report funds held in tax collectors suspense file.

This position is budgeted for in the FY 12-13 budget.

Salary Range 59: FTS III: \$3,542 – \$4,305 Salary Range 63: \$3,910 – \$4,753

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost for the remainder of FY 12-13 is 26,399.29, of which \$14,168.00 is salary; \$2,701.41 is the employer portion of PERS, and \$9,529.88 is the cost of the benefits and is included in the approved budget. Cost for a full year is \$79,197.87, of which \$42,504.00 is salary; \$8,104.24 is the employer portion of PERS, and \$28,589.63 is the cost of the benefits.

Thank you,

Submitted by: Rose Glazier Date: 1-23-2013



OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Clerk of the Board
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Lee Vining Community Center Landscaping Project		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Email correspondence dated January 29, 2012 from Ilene Mandelbaum, Mono Basin RPAC Member requesting the Board's assistance in facilitating moving forward on the Lee Vining Community Center (LVCC) Landscaping Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE/EMAIL: /

SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING

SEND COPIES TO:

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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History

Time	Who	Approval
1/29/2013 2:40 PM	Clerk of the Board	Yes

Shannon Kendall

From: Ilene [monogreens@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 9:49 AM
To: Shannon Kendall
Cc: Lynda Roberts
Subject: Fwd: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project
Attachments: Attach#1.LVCC.landscape.invite.10.26.12.docx; Attach#2.LVCC.June.July.2012.docx; Attach#3.LVCC.landscape.nov.dec.2012.docx

Hello Shannon,

I just sent this correspondence via email to the BOS. I received a response that Lynda Roberts is out of town. Would you kindly see that this document is part of the Record of Correspondence sent to the BOS along with the attachments? Would you like me to send a hard copy? (Apologies that the attachments are 15 pages!)

Thank you very much,
Ilene Mandelbaum
760-647-6644

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
To: talpers <talpers@mono.ca.gov>; timalpers <timalpers@schat.net>; bhunt <bhunt@mono.ca.gov>; ljohnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>; fstump <fstump@mono.ca.gov>; tfesko <tfesko@mono.ca.gov>; lroberts <lroberts@mono.ca.gov>
Cc: bartshe <bartshe@monolake.org>; greenacres <greenacres@schat.net>; pamalpers <pamalpers@schat.net>; yvettster <yvettster@yahoo.com>; rose <rose@monolake.org>; lisa <lisa@monolake.org>; monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>; hsshrimp <hsshrimp@qnet.com>
Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2013 9:39 am
Subject: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project

January 29, 2013

To: the Mono County Board of Supervisors

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to ask for the Board's assistance in facilitating our moving forward on the Lee Vining Community Center (LVCC) Landscaping Project.

Last fall the Mono Basin RPAC decided to sponsor a committee to identify what further landscaping work needs to be done at the LVCC and to re-involve the community in this project. (Please see Attachment 1.) This action was spurred, in part, by recognition that there is a noticeable lack of survival of previous plantings at the site, and weed problems. The Mono County Facilities Department sprayed herbicides at the LVCC in June 2012, further raising issues about the adequacy of the landscape installation to date and viable maintenance at the site. As a result, community members requested and had a meeting with Rita Sherman and Jim Arkens to inform them of a pre-existing moratorium on herbicide spraying on county-managed lands and facilities in the Mono Basin. Mr. Arkens then confirmed the county's commitment to upholding the moratorium. (Please see Attachment 2. for relevant correspondence.)

The LVCC Landscape Committee organized in October 2012 and requested background information from the county regarding the history of the landscaping project to date. (See Attachment 1.) Although the committee had not yet received the information, it met in November and determined that there are funds still held by the Lee Vining Chamber that could be applied to the site. We proposed to Sherman and Arkens that the Mono Basin Community proceed with the development of a plan for the completion of the landscaping at the LVCC and install the landscaping by using community funding and volunteers. (This applies to the "soft" vegetative landscaping at the site. We requested that Mono County would remain responsible for the work and funding of the completion of the hard-scaping at the site, i.e., pavement, sidewalks, etc.)

In order to proceed we asked for 1) clarification and documentation of any claim by Mono County of any debt owed by the community for previous work at the LVCC, and 2) permission to work on the site.

After we received a response from Sherman on December 11th, the Mono Basin RPAC recommended that the committee ask for a meeting with her and Arkens, because the information she provided considerably differed from our own in claiming that the community owed the county funds for previous work at the LVCC. As you can see from the correspondence in December and January our committee continued to have difficulty obtaining the information requested and were unable to obtain a meeting with Sherman and Arkens. (Please see Attachment 3.)

Now that we are entering a New Year, we propose starting with a clean slate--in particular, with regard to any claim of debt owed by the community to the county-- so that the we can be as effective as possible in moving the LVCC Landscaping Project forward.

The Landscape Committee is proposing to draw up a landscaping plan to submit for your consideration, and to be drafted in cooperation with county staff designated by the Board, that addresses the landscaping desires of the community and the many uses of the site, is sustainable over the long term and minimizes the need for maintenance interventions. There are several skilled and experienced community volunteers who have offered to assist with a plan, obtaining materials and installation. We also ask that you consider and propose how we can resolve liability issues, so that we can take advantage of the generous offer of community volunteers to work on the site.

I and other members of the Landscape Committee would be happy to discuss this proposal with you and try to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for your time and attention,

Ilene Mandelbaum,

LVCC Landscape Project Committee Chair

Mono Basin RPAC Member

760-647-6644

Attachment 1: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>

To: jarkens@mono.ca.gov; sherman@mono.ca.gov; booyer@mono.ca.gov

Sent: Fri, Oct 26, 2012 4:45 pm

Subject: Fwd: MB RPAC Landscape Committee Meeting

Dear Jim and Rita,

I want to extend an invitation to you both to a meeting the Mono Basin RPAC is sponsoring on the Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project (please see below.) We are currently trying to gather as much information as possible on the history of the project to inform us in moving forward. We are hoping that your office will be able to find in county files the following information and documentation and provide it to us before or at the meeting:

1. What decisions were made, (when and by whom?) documents prepared (such as site maps, bid solicitations, etc.) and commitments of funds, regarding site and landscaping activities for the community center.
2. What was implemented and what were the associated costs and expenditures.
3. What is the yearly maintenance budget for the community center and how does that compare to other county facilities.
4. Any other information that you find relevant to moving forward on this project.

Thank you very much for your assistance,

Ilene Mandelbaum
760-647-6644

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

Dear Mono Basin Community Member,

The Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) has identified the need to review the status of the landscaping project at the Lee Vining Community Center. We are inviting you to participate in this review and to join a Committee that will work with Mono County to develop a proposal for completing the landscaping at the site as well as a maintenance plan.

**What: Lee Vining Community Center
Landscaping Committee Meeting**

**When: Tuesday, November 13, 2012,
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Where: The Lee Vining Community Center

We want to hear from you!

What should be done to finish installing a landscape and a site plan at the Community Center that meets the needs and desires of the community and Mono County? How can we create a landscape that can be maintained as easily as possible and that supports the many uses of the site?

Please come to the first committee meeting to give your feedback. Be sure to walk around the area sometime before the meeting! If you cannot make the meeting, please call or write to share your ideas.

Thank you,

Ilene Mandelbaum,
RPAC Member, Landscape Committee Chair
PO Box 89, Lee Vining, CA 93541
760-647-6644

M O N O B A S I N

REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

October 24, 2012

Dear Mono Basin Community Member,

The Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) has identified the need to review the status of the landscaping project at the Lee Vining Community Center. Several years ago, when this project was initially being planned, you made a generous donation for landscaping at the community center. On behalf of the Mono Basin RPAC, I would like to thank you for your contribution, and because of your interest in this project, make sure that you know about an upcoming meeting on the Lee Vining Community Center Landscaping Project on November 13th. We hope that you can participate in this review and will consider joining a committee that will work with Mono County to develop a proposal for completing the landscaping at the site as well as a maintenance plan.

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Landscaping Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Thank you,

Ilene Mandelbaum, RPAC Member, Landscape Committee Chair

PO Box 89 • Lee Vining, CA 93541 • 760-647-6644

Attachment 2: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>

To: vbauer <vbauer@mono.ca.gov>

Cc: thansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>; ljohnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>; sburns <sburns@mono.ca.gov>; hdebethizy <hdebethizy@mono.ca.gov>; timalpers <timalpers@schat.net>; jarkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>; rsherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>

Sent: Sun, Jun 17, 2012 5:17 pm

Subject: Fwd: Lee Vining Herbicides

Hi Vikki,

I wanted to make sure you are aware, as our Supervisor, of this developing issue. Early last week I heard that Mono County was planning to spray herbicides at the Community Center. A history on this is that back in 2005-2006 and even earlier, Mono Basin locals worked at getting a moratorium on spraying pesticides in our community parks, first with Iver Evans, then Evan Nikirk, then with Kelly Garcia. There was an incident in which children were exposed to 2,4-D and other herbicides at Hess Park, and we were unable to use contaminated grass clippings from the mowing of the park for the compost and mulching in the school garden. Ultimately Kelly Garcia agreed to a moratorium, at least in Lee Vining, and prepared a Draft Integrated Pest Management Plan, which we commented on favorably in 2006, but a final draft was never produced. Nevertheless, county maintenance workers utilized alternative methods, especially weedwacking, which was very effective, we were able to utilize the clippings, and were under the impression that herbicides would no longer be used. This all happened before we had landscaping at the community center, so weed control there was never attempted, I believe.

After leaving a phone inquiry with Joe Blanchard, whom I heard was responsible for facilities management, I received the phone message from Rita Sherman she refers to below, in which she stated that "we are spraying at the community center and probably will in the community park, as well." Thinking that this was still in the future, I contacted Tim Hansen and Larry Johnson, who know the history on this, they contacted her, and her response to them was that they "already" sprayed at the community center and pre-school--which was while it was still in session-- please see emails below. I am hoping to be able to talk to Rita directly tomorrow, but need your assistance in communicating to her that we need to be assured of a continuing moratorium on herbicide spraying while we re-visit this issue with the county. Many are concerned and we need to know what chemical was sprayed, when, where exactly, the quantity, which individuals did she notify, where was it posted, etc. This should be a matter of public record.

At the last week's RPAC meeting, I proposed that we reconvene a citizens' committee to review the landscaping goals and issues at our community center and work with the county to develop an effective plan going forward with that project. This also illustrates the need to adopt an Integrated Pest Management Plan for Mono County. I have a copy of the draft IPM Plan, if one needs to be located.

Thank you very much,
Ilene Mandelbaum
760-647-6644

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>

To: thansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>; ljohnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>

Sent: Sat, Jun 16, 2012 7:22 am

Subject: Re: Lee Vining Herbicides

Tim, Larry,

I called for Rita again, left message asking her to call me back and tell me when and what they sprayed, but she did not return my call, even though I know from the secretary, Pam, that she was there. Also left message for Arkens to call me on Monday, as he was already gone. And emailed pre-school teacher, Barbara Fredell, asking what she knows.

Appreciate your help with this,

Ilene

647-6644

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Hansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>

To: monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Jun 15, 2012 4:15 pm

Subject: Fwd: Lee Vining Herbicides

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rita Sherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>

Date: June 15, 2012 2:24:21 PM AKDT

To: Larry Johnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>, Tim Hansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>

Cc: Jim Arkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Lee Vining Herbicides

Hi

The Community Center looked terrible with all the weeds. We trained our staff and filed the necessary paperwork (Health Schools Act notification), talked to the school and let them know that we were going to spray the weeds and posted a 24 hour notice. When I received the voice mail from Irene Mandelbaum I returned her call (left voice mail) to let her know we had sprayed the weeds and that if she had an alternative for taking care of the weed problem I would like to talk to her and get an idea or plan she would like to submit.

There has not been any alternative products used in Lee Vining and no record of a request to do so. There was a noted concern about spraying while children were present, hence, the training and notices.

Last year, because of the concern with the kids, they weeded by hand. Spring was 4 people 2 days and fall, 8 people, 2 days and had to have a large trailer and a tractor to clear the huge amounts of weeds. This year we have had 1 person 4 hours spraying.

Again, If there is a group that would like to submit a plan to do the weed control I would like to see what they suggest.

Thank you

Rita

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Johnston
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 2:44 PM
To: Rita Sherman
Subject: Lee Vining Herbicides

Hi Rita-

I got a call from Ilene Mandelbaum re: proposed spraying by the county. I strongly advise NOT to do this as this was a huge issue back a few years (herbicide was used when children were present... etc.). The result was a commitment on behalf of the county to use natural controls for which protocols were to have been worked out.

Please call her to get the full background. 647-6644

Thank you,
Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
To: jarkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>; rsherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>; thansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>; yvettster <yvettster@yahoo.com>; Monogreens <Monogreens@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jun 26, 2012 8:23 am
Subject: Meeting Summary, 6-20-12
June 26, 2012

To: Jim Arkens, County Administrative Officer

Cc: Rita Sherman, Yvette Garcia, Tim Hansen

Dear Mr. Arkens,

This memo is to commemorate our discussion of June 21, 2012, regarding the recent use of herbicides at the Lee Vining Community Center, the moratorium on pesticide use on county lands and facilities in the Mono Basin, the draft Integrated Pest Management Strategy for Mono County and the landscaping project at the Lee Vining Community Center.

Present at the meeting were Jim Arkens, Rita Sherman, Yvette Garcia, Ilene Mandelbaum and Tim Hansen.

I requested that the county provide us, as Mono Basin community members, a report on the recent use of herbicides at the Lee Vining Community Center, giving the date of application, name of the product used, quantity used, exact locations of application, and copy of the notice given. We would also like to know where written notice was posted before and after spraying, and for how long.

At the meeting I provided copies to all of documents regarding the history of community and county actions on the pesticide use issue from 2006:

--Minutes, Mono Basin RPAC, 9-9-06, in which a Resolution "supporting pesticide-free county parks and facilities" was tabled "based on a statement from Public Works that all applications of pesticides and herbicides would cease until a policy on these chemicals is in place."

--Letter from MB RPAC, 10-25-05 to Evan Nikerk and Kelly Garcia commemorating their commitment, along with Supervisor John Cecil, to discontinue the use of herbicide products in the Mono Basin, following incidents of exposure of children to 2,4-D, Dicamba, Mecocrop and Glyphosate at the community park and community center.

--Draft Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategy, Kelly Garcia, 9-7-06

--Comments on the draft IPM Strategy, Ilene Mandelbaum, 10-5-06

--"Glyphosate", Fact Sheet, Beyond Pesticides, March. 2001

--"Hazards of the World's Most Common Herbicide" (Roundup), Mother Earth News, Issue #212, Oct/Nov/2005

Mr. Arkens agreed to send me a letter by Wednesday, June 27th that:

1. Provides the information we requested on the recent herbicide spraying listed above,
2. Recognizes and honors the moratorium on pesticide use that has been in place on county lands and facilities in the Mono Basin since 2006,
3. Expresses the Mono County's intent to re-initiate the process of finalizing an Integrated Pest Management Strategy for Mono County, and
4. Expresses the understanding that the Mono Basin Community, through the RPAC, will re-initiate a committee to review the landscaping needs at the Lee Vining Community Center and collaborate with the county to develop a revised landscaping plan that addresses the landscaping desires of the community, is sustainable over the long-term and minimizes the need for maintenance interventions.

I agreed to provide Mono County with information I already have regarding alternatives to herbicide use and IPM strategies in place in other communities. Supervisor Hansen brought to the meeting a binder from Mono County Public Works 2006 entitled "draft Integrated Pest Management Plan." It is likely that many of the documents that I have previously given the county on this topic are contained in that binder. Could Mr. Arkens give me the Table of Contents and a Bibliography of that binder? That will help me avoid unnecessary duplication of documents.

Thank you for our meeting and for this opportunity to work with you on these issues of importance to the Mono Basin community.

Sincerely,

Ilene Mandelbaum

PO Box 89

Lee Vining, Ca 93541

760-647-6644

monogreens@aol.com



COUNTY OF MONO

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

P.O. BOX 696, BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA 93517

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James M. Arkens
County Administrative Officer

Ilene Mandelbaum

PO Box 89

Lee Vining, CA 93541

Dear Ms. Mandelbaum:

I appreciated you taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with County staff on June 21, 2012, regarding the use of herbicides at the Lee Vining Community Center. I believe the explanation of why the County used the herbicides was clear; lack of knowledge of the moratorium and also lack of resources to manually pull weeds in the Center's landscaping.

I received your email dated June 26, 2012, giving a general summary of the above mentioned meeting. I do want to state the following:

1. Mono County will continue to honor the moratorium on herbicides/pesticides at County facilities in the Lee Vining area. To accomplish this we will require coordination of volunteer assistance in maintaining those facilities to eliminate the weed eyesore.
2. Mono County will work with the area RPAC to develop a landscaping proposal that fits the needs of both the community and County. The RPAC will provide financial support for those improvements.
3. Mono County will work with the area RPAC on any initiative concerning Pest Management for the Lee Vining area.

You mentioned that you would like potential documents included in the binder that Mr. Hansen received from the Public Works Department. I would suggest you review the binder and we will provide you with any documents you wish to receive.

Once again, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

James M. Arkens,
Mono County CAO

CC: Tim Hansen, Rita Sherman, Vikki Bauer

Attachment 3. Correspondence: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
To: rsherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>; jarkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>
Cc: bartshe <bartshe@monolake.org>; pamalpers <pamalpers@schat.net>; yvettster <yvettster@yahoo.com>; rose <rose@monolake.org>; lisa <lisa@monolake.org>; monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>; timalpers <timalpers@schat.net>; thansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>; ljohnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>; mbooyer <mbooyer@mono.ca.gov>
Sent: Thu, Jan 3, 2013 8:46 pm
Subject: Re: LVCC Landscape Project

Rita and Jim, thank you for getting back to us.
As we would like to make progress on this project, too, we hope to hear from you again soon.

Ilene

-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Sherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>
To: Jim Arkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>
Cc: monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Jan 3, 2013 5:22 pm
Subject: RE: LVCC Landscape Project

Hi

We have interviews scheduled for the 16th so that will not work. Because there are several prescheduled projects that are being worked on I have not had the time to delve into your request. When we have the information together I will let you know and we can schedule a meeting at that time.

Thank you

Rita

From: Jim Arkens
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 4:29 PM
To: Rita Sherman
Subject: Fwd: LVCC Landscape Project

I could do the afternoon on the 16th
Sent from my iPhoneBegin forwarded message:

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
Date: January 3, 2013, 4:26:48 PM PST
To: Jim Arkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>, Rita Sherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>
Cc: "pamalpers@schat.net" <pamalpers@schat.net>, "yvettster@yahoo.com" <yvettster@yahoo.com>, "rose@monolake.org" <rose@monolake.org>, "lisa@monolake.org" <lisa@monolake.org>, "monogreens@aol.com" <monogreens@aol.com>, "timalpers@schat.net" <timalpers@schat.net>, Tim Hansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: LVCC Landscape Project

Jim and Rita: Would either Monday, January 14th or Wednesday, the 16th work for both of you?

Landscape Committee: please also let me know your availability.

Thanks,

Ilene

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Arkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>
To: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
Cc: Rita Sherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>
Sent: Thu, Jan 3, 2013 12:42 pm
Subject: Re: LVCC Landscape Project

Unfortunately I am out of town that day.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2013, at 12:41 PM, "Ilene" <monogreens@aol.com> wrote:

Hello Rita and Jim,

Greetings of the New Year! I am checking in to see whether it will be possible to meet on January 7th as suggested below regarding the information requested. Please let us know whether that will work for you or if you can suggest an alternative date in the near future.

Thank you,

Ilene

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilene <monogreens@aol.com>
To: rsherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>; jarkens <jarkens@mono.ca.gov>
Cc: bartshe <bartshe@monolake.org>; lisa <lisa@monolake.org>; monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>; timalpers <timalpers@schat.net>; thansen <thansen@mono.ca.gov>; ljohnston <ljohnston@mono.ca.gov>; mbooyer <mbooyer@mono.ca.gov>; yvettster <yvettster@yahoo.com>; pamalpers <pamalpers@schat.net>; rose <rose@monolake.org>
Sent: Wed, Dec 19, 2012 2:34 pm
Subject: Re: LVCC Landscape Project

Hello Rita,

Thank you again for your response to our questions re: the Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project. Our Landscape Committee, sponsored by the Mono Basin RPAC, would like to meet with you and Jim Arkens in the new year about this project. While we appreciate your effort to provide us information, as long as the Mono County is claiming that the Lee Vining Community owes the county for

work completed to date, then we need a greater level of detail, documentation and clarification with regard to the assumptions you have made regarding previous commitment of community funds, the work installed and expectations in the future. In various instances our information differs from yours.

The following is a list of questions for which we would appreciate documentation and clarification. We believe that it would be most helpful if you could bring this documentation to a meeting so we could resolve these issues and move forward.

It is possible that our committee could meet with you on Monday, January 7th. Please let us know if you and Jim are available on that date, or can suggest alternate dates.

Thank you very much,

Ilene Mandelbaum

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LEE VINING COMMUNITY CENTER LANDSCAPE PROJECT (in red our questions and comments)

1. What decisions were made, (when and by whom?) documents prepared (such as site maps, bid solicitations, etc.) and commitments of funds, regarding site and landscaping activities for the community center.

Your response so far:

"In response, to your e-mail of December 6, I have gone through some of the records. It looks as though the community raised \$2636.00 in March of 2009 to offset the cost of shrubs and trees and requested that a flag pole and bike rack be installed also."

Please bring the written documentation for these statements. Is the information in emails or meeting minutes? Were there budget spreadsheets prepared? Were not Grant Funds applied for, plans drawn up and budget spreadsheets prepared? How much grant funding was received? What fund amount was actually committed by the community for which work and by whom?

2. What was implemented and what were the associated costs and expenditures?

Your response so far: "The landscaping project for the Lee Vining Community Center is in the negative of about \$17,000."

Please bring details regarding the scope of work that was bid on and the actual work implemented: who got the contracts and what exactly was planted and installed? Are you including other items in this such as the bike rack and flag pole? (Our recollection is that these items were grant funded.) Please itemize the costs and expenditures. What does the # \$17,000 come from? Did the community sign off on the completion of the work and was the community ever billed for the work?

3. What is the yearly maintenance budget for the community center and how does that compare to other county facilities?

Your response so far: "You ask about the costs to run the Community Centers and it appears that we are spending about three times as much in Lee Vining as compared to other centers. Some of this is the percentage of utilities and we are looking into how to adjust those costs."

We are interested in assisting the county in whatever way we can in making sure the facility is operated as efficiently as possible (keep in mind that the community center is utilized regularly by many entities, including the county), however, here we are not referring to utilities, but to the maintenance costs for the landscaping.

And: "For the future, the first project that is going to be addressed is the outside lighting and we have discussed installing some rock work where some of the bark had blown away."

We appreciate that you are making a priority of addressing the outside lighting situation, which is more of a repairs, infrastructure maintenance and safety issue. Regarding installing rock work, that is the kind of suggestion that we look forward to hearing about as we work together to develop a plan to complete the landscape project.

And: " As we talked before, I will not weed spray if the weed had been pulled which you thought the community would volunteer to do. If not we treat the weeds in compliance with the State guidelines and the Safe Schools Act."

We are concerned that you are suggesting that you may still use herbicides on the site. We need to hear from you that you will uphold the moratorium on herbicide use on and at county facilities and county-managed lands in Lee Vining, as acknowledged by Mr. Arkens.

As community volunteers, we would do our best to organize and carry out alternatives to the use of herbicides, which includes planning and implementing the additional landscaping work needed to minimize maintenance issues on the site. But we will need your cooperation and assistance to do so. We do not believe that the weed maintenance issue can be solved without additional work to finish landscaping the site.

We would like to utilize community funds and volunteers to do this. Are you saying that do we have permission to work on the site? We need this to proceed with this project.

4. Any other information that you find relevant to moving forward on this project.

You state: "If the committee wants to supply a suggested design for the future I would be glad to look at it and assess the costs to implement. This would, need to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval."

This is the kind of collaboration to which we look forward.

Thank you very much for your assistance,

Ilene Mandelbaum

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Sherman <rsherman@mono.ca.gov>

To: monogreens <monogreens@aol.com>

Sent: Tue, Dec 11, 2012 9:24 am

From: Rita Sherman

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 9:23 AM

To: 'monogreens@ao.com'

Cc: Jim Arkens

Subject:

Good morning.

In response, to your e-mail of December 6, I have gone through some of the records. It looks as though the community raised \$2636.00 in March of 2009 to offset the cost of shrubs and trees and requested that a flag pole and bike rack be installed also. To date the County has not received any funds. The landscaping project for the Lee Vining Community Center is in the negative of about \$17,000. You ask about the costs to run the Community Centers and it appears that we are spending about three times as much in Lee Vining as compared to other centers. Some of this is the percentage of utilities and we are looking into how to adjust those costs.

For the future, the first project that is going to be addressed is the outside lighting and we have discussed installing some rock work where some of the bark had blown away. As we talked before, I will not weed spray if the weed had been pulled which you thought the community would volunteer to do. If not we treat the weeds in compliance with the State guidelines and the Safe Schools Act.

If the committee wants to supply a suggested design for the future I would be glad to look at it and assess the costs to implement. This would, need to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Thank you,

Rita Sherman

Director of Facilities and Risk Management

Mono County

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<mbooyer@mono.ca.gov>

Sent: Thu, Dec 6, 2012 9:48 am

Subject: Fwd: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project Meeting Update

Hello Jim and Rita,

I'm resending this as a reminder that our Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project meeting is coming up next Tuesday evening and it would be great to have the information requested below soon, so we know where we stand before going into the meeting.

Thank you for your attention and assistance on this.

Ilene

760-647-6644

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Sent: Mon, Nov 19, 2012 4:45 pm

Subject: Lee Vining Community Center Landscape Project Meeting Update

November 19, 2012

To: Jim Arkens, County Administrative Officer

Rita Sherman, County Facilities Director

Dear Jim and Rita,

I am writing to bring you up-to-date about the November 13, 2012 community meeting on the Lee Vining Community Center (LVCC) Landscape Project, sponsored by the Mono Basin RPAC.

Participants included Tim and Pam Alpers, Yvette Garcia, Rose Catron, Lisa Cutting, John and Marianne Denny and I. We also interviewed local residents prior to the meeting, including representatives of the Mono Lake Indian Community, the Lee Vining Pre-School and donors to the Community Center Building Fund which is managed by the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce.

At the meeting, we reviewed the information that we had about what work had been planned and discussed the effectiveness of the work that has been completed to date. Unfortunately, we have yet to receive the information and documents we have requested from Mono County regarding the history of the project, what has been implemented and what were the associated costs and expenditures.

We discussed what should be done to finish installing a landscape and site plan at the LVCC that meets the needs and desires of the community and Mono County, that can be maintained as easily as possible, and that supports the many uses of the site.

The consensus of the meeting participants was that the Mono Basin Community should proceed with the development of a plan for the completion of the landscaping at the LVCC and install the landscaping by using community funding and volunteers. This applies to the "soft" vegetative landscaping at the site. We request that Mono County would remain responsible for the work and funding of the completion of the hard-scaping at the site, i.e., pavement, sidewalks, etc.

In order to proceed we really need from Mono County the following:

- 1) clarification and documentation of any claim by Mono County of any debt owed by the community for previous work at the LVCC, and
- 2) permission to work on the site.

Our next meeting was set for Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 5:30-6:30, at the LVCC. We hope to hear from you before then with the information requested and hope that we can work together cooperatively to complete this project.

Thank you,

Ilene Mandelbaum, LVCC Landscape Project Committee Chair



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Clerk of the Board
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Letter of Support from Liz O'Sullivan		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Letter dated January 27, 2013 from Liz O'Sullivan to Bernadette Lovato, BLM in support for the Ormat Nevada Inc. Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE/EMAIL: /

SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
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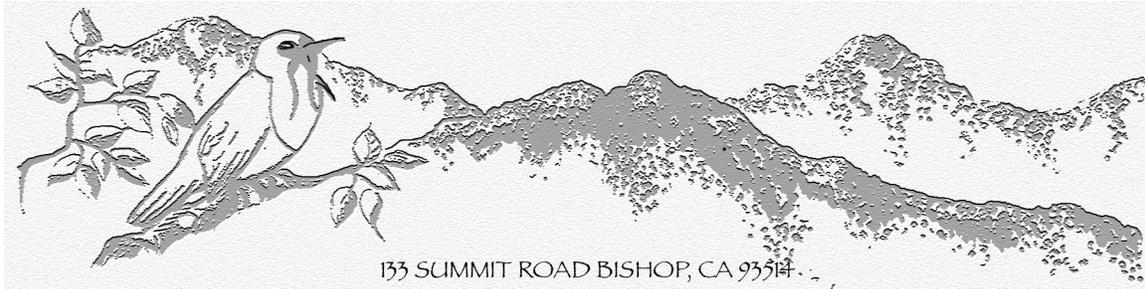
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January 27, 2013

Ms. Bernadette Lovato
Bishop Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100
Bishop CA 93514

Dear Ms. Lovato:

I fully support the Ormat Nevada Incorporated Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project proposal to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 33-megawatt geothermal power generating facility in the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, California.

I understand that some Mammoth Lakes residents are concerned with the impacts this project may have on recreationists' ability to fully enjoy the Shady Rest area. Over the last two decades, I have witnessed the degradation of the Shady Rest area due to increased vehicular use, new road and trail creation, trash dumping, use as a party location, and air pollution from road/trail dust and OHV/snowmobile exhaust. Shady Rest is far from a pristine area; therefore, I do not feel it will be unduly harmed by some new geothermal infrastructure and pipelines. Nevertheless, this area is a popular recreation location for Mammoth Lakes residents and the EIS/EIR should reflect a consideration for this use and an assurance that the project will not obstruct recreational access.

A closed circuit geothermal facility is far superior to all the other power generating proposals the BLM has entertained in the Eastern Sierra over that last few years, such as wind farms on the Adobe Range and solar farms on the Dry Owens Lake. Ormat has proven itself to be a conscientious corporation with a high-quality operation track record in the Mammoth Lakes area. I urge the BLM to fully approve the Casa Diablo IV Project. There is no better way to produce energy in the Eastern Sierra.

Thank you,

Liz O'Sullivan



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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	5 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Byng Hunt, Chair
SUBJECT	Certificate of Appreciation		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Present Certificate of Appreciation thanking a departing employee for their service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Read and present Certificate of Appreciation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	15 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Ken Reynolds, BPUD President and Kent Neddenriep, Anderson Engineering
SUBJECT	Bridgeport Public Utility District Presentation Regarding Arsenic Levels		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The Bridgeport Public Utility District will provide the Board with information regarding unacceptable levels of arsenic in Bridgeport's drinking water and discuss the situation facing the town of Bridgeport. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Tim Fesko.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. Informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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1/17/2013 1:00 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
1/29/2013 4:38 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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To: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Appearing: KEN REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT, BRIDGEPORT PUD AND
KENT NEDDENRIEP, ANDERSON ENGINEERING

Date: February 5, 2013

Time: 11:00 a.m.

**Subject: UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF ARSENIC IN BRIDGEPORT
DRINKING WATER**

Recommendation:

This discussion is to provide you with information and to make you aware of the situation facing the Town of Bridgeport and the Board of Directors of the District.

Discussion:

Bridgeport Public Utility District (BPUD) Board of Directors are looking into a stage rate increase to fund an Arsenic Treatment Facility to comply with a Non-compliance order issued February 13, 2009. This rate increase would also address existing deficiencies in rates to cover existing operations and maintenance costs, as well as maintaining new maintenance costs and long term replacement cost of new Arsenic Treatment Facility.

- **Stage 1** - stage one would take effect 30 days after the passing of the new rate structure as required by Proposition 218. This stage of the rate increase would cover existing operation and maintenance costs. BPUD proposes to implement a 14.9% increase in all water rates and change rate structure through the elimination of a 40% stand by rate which is currently allowed when water usage is not needed (winter) on a year round basis. This includes vacation homes as well as businesses.

- **Stage 2** - is required to generate revenues for loan repayment and operation and maintenance of the Arsenic Treatment Plant. BPUD has pursued grant and loan funds for the Arsenic Treatment Plant project and has a preliminary commitment from the California Department of Public Health, Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund for 80% grant funding and 20% no interest 30 year loan funding for construction of the plant. However, it is conditional with receipt of these funds that water rates be raised to sufficiently cover the existing operations and maintenance of the water system, as well as cover the operation and maintenance of the proposed arsenic treatment plant and provide funds for loan repayment. BPUD proposes to implement a 37.5% increase in all water rates over the Stage 1 increase. This rate increase must be in effect before the arsenic treatment plant is operational.

The Board of Directors has explored many ways to avoid building the Arsenic Treatment Facility and presented them to the California Department of Public Health. They have been unacceptable to the Department, except for **coagulation filtration technology**. It is also understood that water rates have not been increased since 2006 and we have identified numerous maintenance and operational projects that are needed.



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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	20 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Steve Marti, Mono County Fisheries Commission Chair
SUBJECT	Fisheries Commission - Commissioners and Management Plan		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Introduction of current Fisheries Commission Commissioners and presentation of currently revised Fisheries Management Plan. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Informational only; receive presentation and provide desired direction to Fisheries Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Mono County Fisheries Commission

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~ Meeting the Goals to Preserve Trout Fisheries in Mono County ~

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nancy Alaniz, Secretary-Fisheries Commission

Date: January 10, 2013

Subject

Introduction of Current Fisheries Commission Commissioners and presentation of currently revised Fisheries Management Plan.

Recommendation

Receive information and provide direction to Fisheries Commission, if so desired.

Discussion

Steve Marti, Fisheries Commission Chair, on behalf of the Fisheries Commission will welcome the new Board members. Additionally, he will present background information on the current Fisheries Commission Commissioners and present the currently revised Mono Co. Fisheries Management Plan.

Fiscal Impact

None

Mono County Fisheries Commissioners Biographies

Steve Marti, Chair

In 1955 my grandfather introduced me to Mono County. I was seven. Since then I have been an avid hunter and fisherman. I first became aware of the decline in the Mono County fisheries in 1980. Since then I have raised or purchased fish each year, in an effort to improve the fisheries.

I was the first aqua culturist on Conway Ranch. Currently, in cooperation with Calif. Department of Fish & Wildlife, I am raising wild Lahonton Cutthroat trout in a cage culture operation on Lower Twin Lake.

I have been a member of the Mono County Fisheries Commission for 2 ½ years and am currently commission chair. I am committed to helping Mono County improve its recreational fishing opportunities.

John Webb, Vice-Chair

Prior to arriving in the Eastern Sierra I worked as a numerical control programmer while attending Pierce Jr. College in the San Fernando Valley, and then attended UCLA School of Dentistry for facial restoration of cancer and war victims. Served in the Marine Corps and finally relocated to the Eastern Sierra with wife, Carolyn after purchasing Virginia Lakes Resort as owner/operator for 37 years. A member of the Mono County Fisheries Commission since 2003 when the Board of Supervisors appointed the Commission and have served as the Vice Chair for a majority of that time.

Dan Anthony, Commissioner

A retired Biology/Science and Agriculture teacher who has owned property in Mono County for 18 years and has resided here for over 6 years. An avid fly fisherman and fly-tier who has fished the waters of the Eastern Sierra for over 22 years. He has served on the Mono County Grand Jury and is presently the Chair of the Antelope Valley RPAC. He is also a Nevada Archaeological Site Steward. Besides fishing, he also enjoys hiking, archaeology, woodcarving and woodworking.

Jim King, Commissioner

Jim King from Rock Creek Lakes Resort. My wife and I have operated the store, cafe, boat rentals, and cabins at Rock Creek Lake for 34 years. We cater to bait, lure, and fly anglers in the Rock Creek drainage. I have been a fisherman over 55 years in fresh and salt water. I have been on the Mono County Fisheries Commission since (2003.) My personal goals are to encourage quality fishing experiences for families and kids, and to promote the outstanding and under-utilized wild trout fishery in the backcountry waters of the Sierra.

Robert Dunn, Commissioner

Education

BS – Business Management

MBA – Business Education

Professional/community Organizations

Commissioner – Antelope Valley Fire District

Member Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce

Member Antelope Valley Lions Club

Past Director of Institute of Supply Management (ISM)

Professional Experience

45 years in the field of procurement, logistics and supply management

Former Director of Procurement for Bank of America

Principal and Founder of Strategic Procurement Solutions, LLC - consulting firm

Over 25 years as college instructor, business courses

Personal Interests

Fishing in Eastern Sierra since 1962

Gaye Mueller, Commissioner

Gaye Mueller, Executive Director for Mono Council for the Arts since 2007. Served as MC Fisheries Commissioner since Spring 2009 (I think). My interest in being on the Commission is to help promote fishing and tourism in the Eastern Sierra through regional collaboration. I attend the Inyo Co. Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings as a liaison with our Commission. I am also involved with promoting and marketing events, such as the Kids Fishing Festival. I represent Mono County at trade shows, specifically Fred Hall.

Gary Jones, Commissioner

I have lived in Mono County, Mammoth Lakes and June Lake, for 35 years. My family and I have owned and operated Silver Lake Resort on the June Lake Loop since 1977. Currently my youngest son, his wife, and I operate the business. My wife was taken by cancer in the fall of 1994.

My older son is a Landscape Architect in San Diego County, and my two sons have given me four beautiful grandchildren.

I served for many years on the Mammoth Unified School District Board, and am a past president of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to moving to Mono County I had an Engineering firm in Orange County. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from California State University at Long Beach , I am a California licensed Professional Engineer, and hold California General Engineering Contractors license.

MONO COUNTY FISHERIES COMMISSION
Fisheries Management Plan 2012

1. Potential to raise eggs, to fingerlings, to cage culture programs.
 - A. Source of eggs: DFG-browns from Fillmore Hatchery,
Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Fdtn: Browns, triploid rainbows
LCT's: US Fish & Wildlife
Other
 - B. Hatched eggs to fingerlings: Conway Ranch & IAG
BFEF/Virginia Creek Settlement
Crowley Lake Bins
 - C. Cage Culture Programs: June Lake (LCT's)
Rock Creek, Silver Lake, Twin Lakes, Crowley Lake, Lake Mary, Other
 - D. Sources of Potential Funding: Fish Stamp, MCFC/Fine Funds, Other

2. Conway Ranch: Goal to have a self-sustaining hatchery that can raise 5-10 lb. "super trout"
 - A. Removal of Grant Restrictions--buy back grants (3)
 - B. Sponsors could "Adopt" raceways
 - C. Construction to include a barn for hatchery/interpretive center to raise "super trout"
 - D. MCFC assumes management of CRF, control of CRF Fund and acts as a liaison with MC Board of Supervisors
 - E. Improved management of water master
 - F. Raising of trout from egg to "super trout"
 - G. Communication with Lahontan Quality Water Control Board

3. Wild Trout and Backcountry Stocking: Goals are to encourage more research, aerial plants, and communication with DFG
 - A. Aerial stocking--use local knowledge, work with DFG on input
 - B. Communication between DFG and Public
 - C. Golden Trout
 - D. Aquatic Biodiversity Management Plans--DFG
 - E. Importance of Backcountry and Roadside angling for Wild Trout
 - F. Potential for College Research Projects
 - G. Sustainability of Wild Trout Populations
 - H. Add Wild Trout angling to ES Fishing Guide

4. West Walker River Restoration
 - A. Stream Restoration for W. Walker River: issues with ranchers, feds, RPAC, Antelope Valley Chamber
 - B. Regulation Changes: Add 1 month; Open Year Round C & R, single barbless
 - C. Grants: Potential for getting Stream Restoration grants, Federal flood restoration grants, work with DWP on stream restoration.

5. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout
 - A. Very few wild, no hatchery raised LCT's w/o disease
 - B. Currently only one LCT cage culture program at Lower Twin Lakes
 - C. Proposal to open specific areas to LCT fishing
 - D. USF&W promoting LCT's in certain Mono Co. areas

6. Other
 - A. Work with DFG on irrigation ditches around Mono Co. that dry up or freeze
 - B. Organize future annual meetings with Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties
 - C. Trout in the Classroom Projects around Mono Co. Schools
 - D. Importance of developing ongoing relationship with DFG, local and F & G Commission
 - E. Implementation of SB 1148
 - F. Private Stocking: Work with DFG stocking or in concert with



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	20 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Steve Marti, Dan Anthony
SUBJECT	Mono County Fisheries Commission - Fishing Regulations for the West Walker River		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Presentation on requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River. The Commission is requesting support by the Mono County Board of Supervisors in a written letter. Supervisor Fesko is sponsoring this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the requested regulation changes by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to the West Walker River and authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for these changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None to the County of Mono; potential positive economic impacts to the Antelope Valley businesses.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

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February 5, 2013

Mono County Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 2415
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Commissioners,

The Mono County Board of Supervisors strongly supports your proposed change in the fishing regulations on the West Walker River from the Highway 395 bridge (where the West Walker River and the Little Walker River meet at mile marker 96) North to the inlet of Topaz Lake.

In conjunction with the existing summer bait season (from the last Saturday in April through November 15), the addition of a catch-and-release winter season from November 16 through the last Friday in April would provide the angler with more fishing opportunities throughout the year.

Fishing is vitally important to the local economy, and we believe strongly that this change will greatly benefit Mono County, its residents and its visitors.

Sincerely,

Byng Hunt, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors



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MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	20 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Raven Angeles
SUBJECT	Annual Reports for Inland Aquaculture Group and Conway Ranch Foundation		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Presentation of Inland Aquaculture Group annual report, and presentation of Conway Ranch Foundation annual report. Supervisor Tim Fesko sponsored this agenda item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. Informational Only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Shannon Kendall

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MEMO

To: The Clerk of the Board

From: Raven Angeles

Date: December 11, 2012

Subject: Agenda Placement

Hello Lynda:

Supervisor Fesko has agreed to be our sponsor.

Inland Aquaculture Group LLC

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Persons making the presentation, John Frederickson and Raven Angeles.

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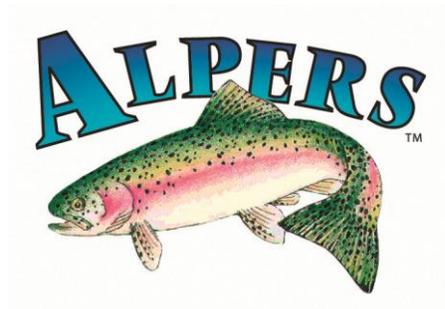
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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Inland Aquaculture Group LLC

Date: December 11, 2012

Subject:

Presentation of the Inland Aquaculture Group Annual Report for 2012

Recommendation:

Review Inland Aquaculture Group Annual Report for 2012. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

Discussion:

In August 2006 Inland Aquaculture Group entered an agreement with Mono County to build a hatchery on Conway Ranch to enhance the Mono County fishery and to benefit the Counties economy. Inland Aquaculture Group is years ahead of the proposed development plan however, in 2010 Inland Aquaculture Group was ordered by County Staff and Caltrans to cease development.

Fiscal Impact to the County:

None



Inland Aquaculture Group LLC

2012 Annual Status Report
Presented to the
County of Mono Board of Supervisors
February 5, 2013

Letter to the Board

Dear Supervisors:

We are pleased to present to you our "2012 Annual Project Status Report" per our lease agreement.

Our report includes the following:

Conway Ranch History,
Mono County & IAG Shared Vision,
Accomplishments,
Want More Trout Survey Review,
2012 Accomplishments,
2013 Projects,
Infrastructure Goals,
Economic Development and
Total Pounds Purchased by Entity.

Please let me know if I can offer any additional information.

Sincerely:

John Frederickson
Managing Partner Inland Aquaculture Group LLC

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Conway Ranch History

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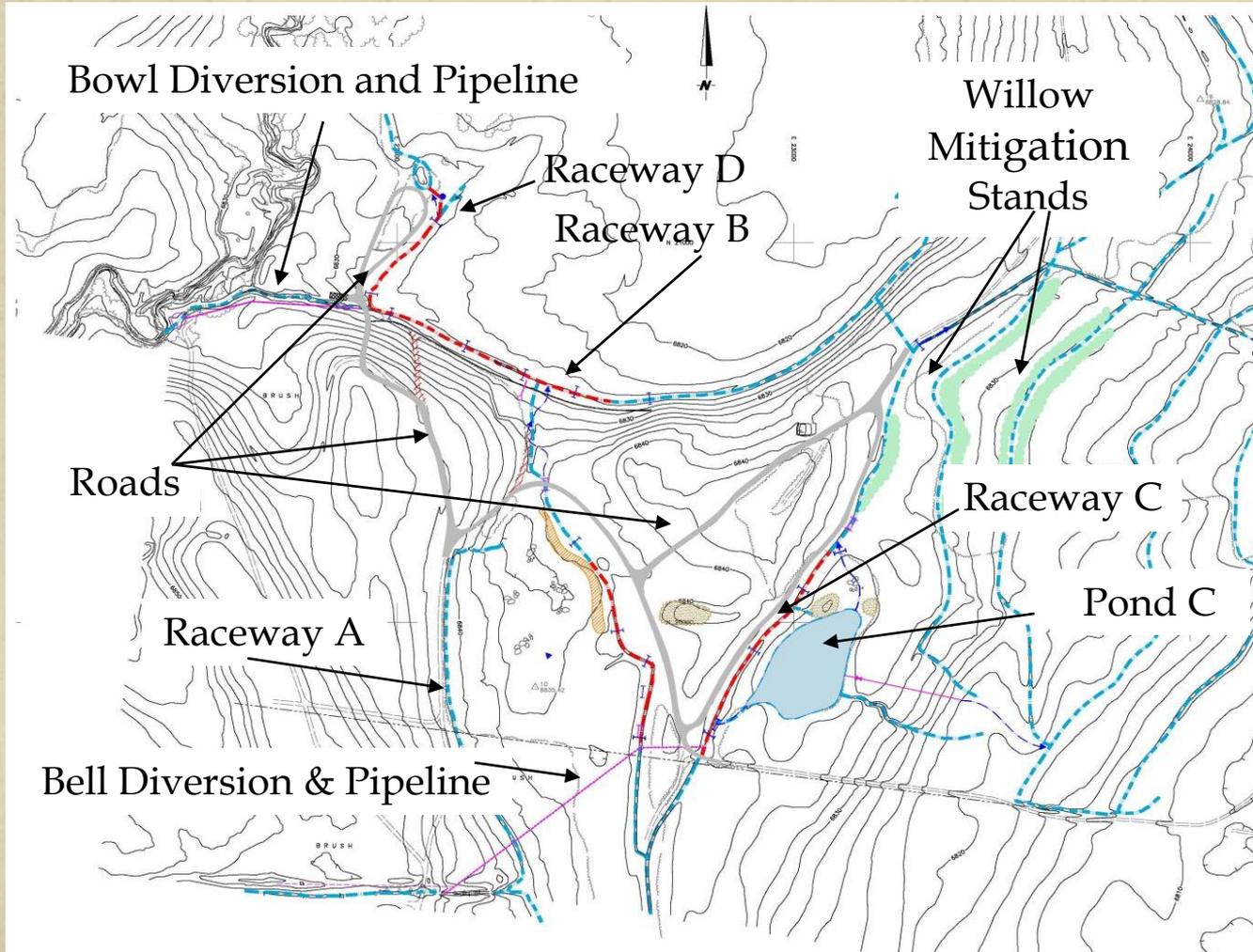
Mono County & IAG Shared Vision

- Create a Signature Aquaculture Facility for the benefit of Mono County and the angling public through a
- Public/private partnership and collaboration of working groups for improved fisheries; that enhances
- Fisheries management through species diversity programs and research to ensure long term sustainability of healthy fish populations and sport fishing opportunities; that offers
- Public education through interpretive programs for visitors of all ages; and serves as a
- Home base for Mono County Fisheries Commission.
- From Annual Report April 2007

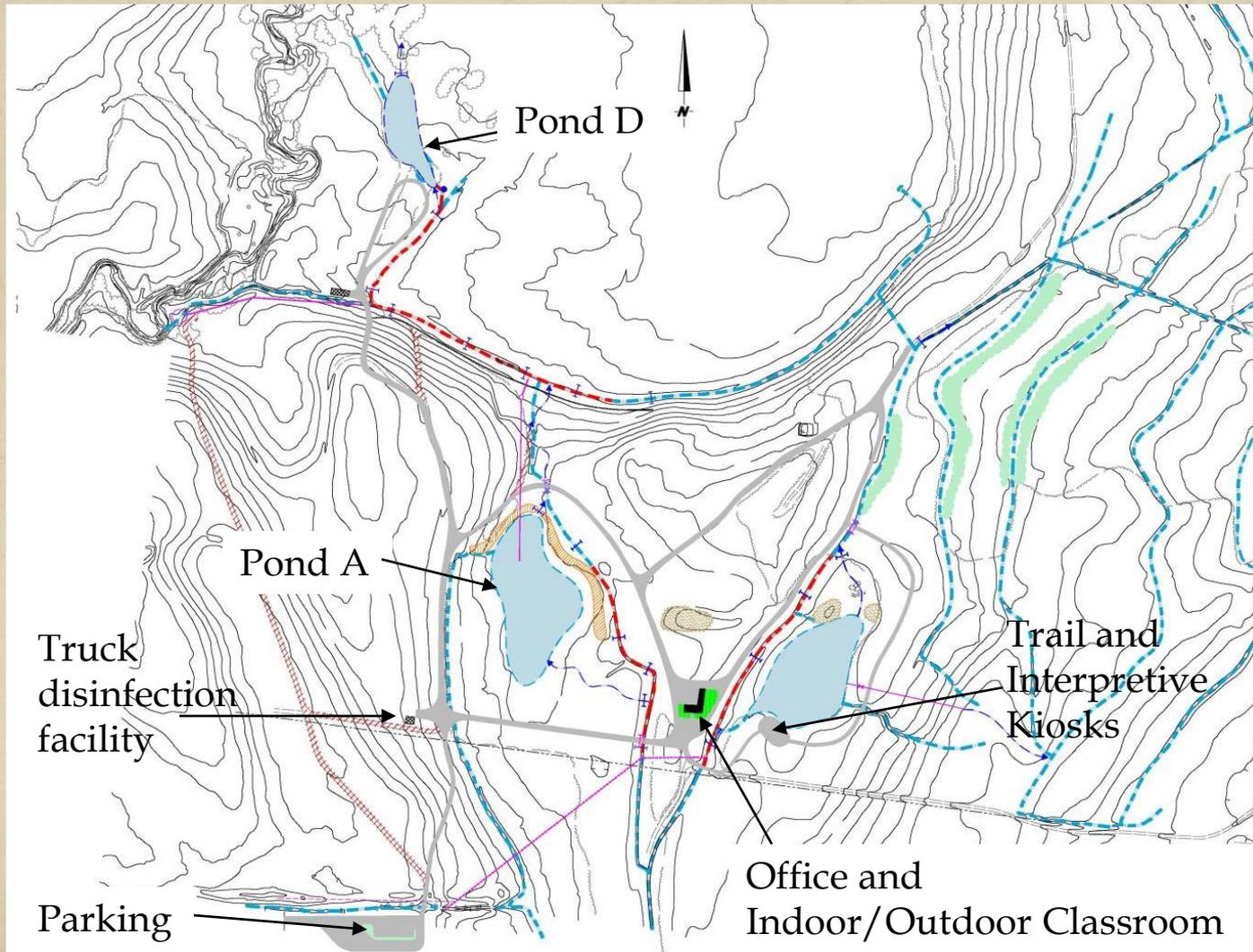
Accomplishments – 2007

- Site assessment
- County, State and Federal agency coordination and permitting secured
- Set Goals and Phasing
 - Short Term Goals (1-5 years)
 - Improve existing fishery infrastructure,
 - Raceways & Irrigation structures,
 - Bowl & Bell diversion pipelines,
 - Ponds, Roads, Truck disinfection facility & Employee Housing and Office
 - Interim Goals (6-10 years)
 - Public education and interpretive programs, Parking
 - Indoor/outdoor classroom
 - Information kiosks, Scheduled programs/tours
 - Exhibits – Mono Basin Visitors Center
 - Planning and permitting for Mattly Ranch
 - Long Term Objectives (11-15 years and beyond)
 - Maintenance of improvements
 - Future programs to meet new objectives and opportunities
 - Diversified fishery program
 - Lahontan Cutthroat Trout for sport fishing
 - Whirling disease-resistant rainbow trout
 - German brown trout
 - Distribution of fish to more streams and lakes to expand angler carrying capacity

Years 1-5 Plan View



Years 6-10 Plan View



Accomplishments – 2008

- **Bell Diversion Infrastructure Improvements**
 - Pipe inlet debris screen installed
 - Solar powered water measurements system installed
 - A raceway series – dirt & concrete elevation work completed, liner installed, rock lined cascade ditch connecting A raceway to A settling pond
 - C raceway series - dirt & concrete elevation work completed, three new structures built, irrigation system rock lined, liner installed , C settling pond erosion control completed



- Bowl Diversion Infrastructure Improvements
 - Concrete diversion structure with gate
 - Solar powered water measurements system installed
 - B raceway series – Irrigation system completed, Bird netting experimentation, B settling partially complete, water recirculation system complete
 - D raceway - Dirt & concrete elevation work completed, irrigation system completed, connection to D settling pond completed, SCE direct line bypassed, D settling pond return to Wilson Creek with recreation features completed, inlet and outlet erosion control structures completed



Accomplishments – 2009

- Improvements on B raceway series
 - Dirt & concrete elevation work completed, irrigation system completed, liner installed, continued bird net experiment, completed B settling pond including water feature and erosion control
- Partnered with the Conway Ranch Foundation Inc
 - To operate various educational, interpretive and recreational activities on Conway Ranch
- New projects placed on hold due to outside disputes

Accomplishments 2010

- Experiment - 30 days of Sheep & Bees - we consider the experiment a success, the following Spring we noted a substantial increase in flowering plants and shrubs
- 8,000 Lahontan Cutthroat trout were placed in the C raceway in cooperation with USFWS
- December 31, 2010 - Total freeze of Bell water supply resulting in the loss of 8,000 Rainbow trout and 4,000 Cutthroat trout



Accomplishments 2011

- **Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Update**

- May 2011 - The surviving Cutthroats were not thriving in the C raceway as it was designed for larger trout, they were moved to a smaller raceway the B series where they are doing much better
- September 2011 - Cutthroats were moved to the Challenge, Glory and Trophy Float Tube Ponds the request of USFWS.



- Due to the December 2010 Freeze we elected to keep both the A and C raceways empty during the 2011/2012 winter growing season to avoid further losses
- Twenty eight gallons of paint and stain were used to camouflage the ranch
- Due to Mono County Staff instruction, no infrastructure projects were started in 2011

Want More Trout Survey

*Readers Digest Version

99% Agree fishing is important to the economy of Mono County

97% Want more trout

99% Want fish rearing on Conway Ranch to continue

99% Want a self sustaining trout hatchery on Conway Ranch

92% Want a barn on Conway Ranch

86% Want more educational opportunities on Conway Ranch

73% Want more disabled access fishing venues on Conway Ranch

99% Recommend fishing the Eastern Sierra to friends

They come from near and far,
in all age groups,
as often as they can

* Complete 2011 survey is available upon request



Accomplishments 2012

- Evaluated screen enhancement project per California Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) requirements
 - Working on temporary solutions
- Irrigation project per DFW request
 - Implemented irrigation plan approved by DFW
 - Cleared debris from return ditch to Conway subdivision
 - Reactivated three historic irrigation ditches
- Removed two beaver complexes on Wilson Creek
- Repaired bear damage to covered feed containers
- Returned Conway water supply cutoff by Watermaster on Mattly
- Cleaned A, B and C raceway settling ponds

2013 Projects

- Work with Mono County Fisheries Commission to:
 - Develop a functional Master Plan
 - Determine specific grant boundaries and conditions
 - Understand shifts in hatchery boundaries
- Projects on hold due to outside disputes
 - Truck and equipment disinfection station
 - Broodstock & egg incubation station planning & construction
 - Early rearing facility
 - Shop/Garage/Fish Food Storage facility
 - Raceway Expansion
 - Revegetation and landscaping plan
 - Review of medium and long term goals

Infrastructure Goals

Remaining short-term goals

- Barn
 - Incubation facility
 - Early rearing facility
 - Truck and equipment disinfection station

Remaining long-term goal

- Work with the Mono County Fisheries Commission and other interested parties to protect Conway Ranch water supply and Wilson Creek

Economic Development

- Rent Fish
 - 10,000 pounds of Rainbow trout distributed annually between 21 bodies of water in the County of Mono
- Jobs created
 - Two full time year round positions
 - Two full time seasonal position
- Trade
 - All needed commodities, supplies and building materials are purchased locally when possible
- Regional business, educational and interpretive opportunities
 - School involvement
 - Local business participation
 - Public private partnership opportunities

Total Pounds Purchased by Entity in the County of Mono

Name	2010	2011	2012
Annett's Mono Village	2,000	1,800	1,800
Convict Lake Resort	700	400	900
Conway Ranch Foundation	1,000	2,654	730
Crowley Lake Fish Camp	2,480	0	0
Finest Annual Trout Invitational	140	316	308
Grant Lake Marina	0	0	200
Gull Lake Marina	0	500	500
Inland Aquaculture Group - Rent Fish	8,786	6,252	6,600
June Lake Marina	53	706	0
McGee Creek Ponds	882	951	633
Northern Mono Chamber	266	366	0
Private Ponds	425	819	442
Rock Creek Lakes Resort	150	200	350
Silver Lake Resort	600	154	392
Town of Mammoth Lakes	11,168	8,284	4,250
Twin Lakes Resort Bridgeport	0	0	400
Virginia Lakes Resort	700	1,165	1,100
Won Derby	0	637	0
Total Pounds	29,350	25,204	18,605
County of Mono	16,529	17,088	12,578
Grand Total	45,879	42,292	31,183

If you want Mono County to be a top rate fishing destination, you need to support Conway Ranch.



Thank you

Want More Trout? Survey Results

1. To better understand what the residents and visitors of Mono County want, Inland Aquaculture Group and the Conway Ranch Foundation developed a survey with advice from the Mono County Tourism Commission and the Mono County Fisheries Commission
2. The survey was available to take on line from September 24, 2011 through January 26, 2012.

Notifying The Public

3. News print –
 - a. Mammoth Times,
 - b. Orange County Register
 - c. The Sheet
4. Posted
 - a. Flyers were posted in all Mono County Post Offices
 - b. Tear Off Flyers were posted in various high traffic areas (Grocery Stores, Gas Stations and Resorts)
5. Email
 - a. Survey information was sent to all IAG and CRF customers and guests with a request they forward to everyone in their contact lists
 - b. The Mono County Tourism Commission posted a notification in their Newsletter
6. Best Effort
 - a. Every economical effort was made to inform the public of the surveys existence

Zoomerang Survey Results

Want More Trout?

Response Status: Completes

Filter: No filter applied

Jan 26, 2012 7:01 PM PST

1. Dear Mono County Resident & Visitors: Did you know as a visitor or resident of Mono County, the home of Alpers Trout, you have the opportunity to determine the future of Conway Ranch? Being your neighbors, Inland Aquaculture Group (Alpers Trout) and the Conway Ranch Foundation are asking for your assistance. Your participation will help determine the future of this historic ranch and trout stocking throughout Mono County. Survey results will be given to the Mono County Board of Supervisors. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. The Conway Ranch, located in the northern Mono Basin, was purchased by the Conway family in 1903. The Conway's were known as horse and livestock experts who, in 1907, expanded a freight hauling and stagecoach operation between Lundy and Bodie. In the late 1970's, the Conway family sold the property and water rights to a private investor. In 1997, the County of Mono and the Bureau of Land Management acquired the ranch through the Trust for Public Lands with grants from BLM, the State of California and CalTrans. In 2006, Mono County contracted with Inland Aquaculture Group (IAG) to construct and operate a trophy trout farm to enhance the local economy. IAG and the Conway Ranch represent the new home of the legendary Alpers Trout. In 2009, the Conway Ranch Foundation partnered with IAG to run various educational, interpretive and recreational activities on Conway Ranch. Do you feel fishing is important to Mono County's economy?

Definitely Agree	1005	96%
Agree	36	3%
Disagree	2	0%
Definitely Disagree	2	0%
Total	1045	100%

2. Would you like to see more Trophy Trout in Mono County waters?

Yes	1018	97%
No	8	1%
No Opinion	19	2%
Total	1045	100%

3. Conway Ranch is currently a "grow out" facility. In order for Conway Ranch to be a self-sustaining fish rearing facility able to provide quality trout for Eastern Sierra waters a barn is needed to house early fish rearing troughs. Do you feel fish rearing should continue on Conway Ranch?

Definitely Agree	926	89%
Agree	107	10%
Disagree	7	1%
Definitely Disagree	3	0%
Total	1043	100%

4. Do you feel it is important for Conway Ranch to house a self sustaining trout hatchery?

Definitely Agree	910	87%
Agree	122	12%
Disagree	11	1%
Definitely Disagree	2	0%
Total	1045	100%

5. Inland Aquaculture Group would like to construct a barn reminiscent of the Conway Family barn to house an egg hatching and early trout rearing facility and interpretive center. Would you like to see a barn on Conway Ranch?

Yes	961	92%
No	11	1%
No Opinion	71	7%
Total	1043	100%

6. Conway Ranch Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation that seeks to: provide educational and interpretive opportunities at the historic Conway Ranch, preserve and enhance the Conway Ranch fisheries resources, promote economic benefits for the Eastern Sierra communities and to enhance fishing opportunities at the historic Conway Ranch. The foundation runs several recreational fishing ponds as well, for more information please visit www.ConwayRanchFoundation.org. You should know all funds received from donations and fishing activities at Conway Ranch are used to restore this historic ranch. Would you like to see more educational and interpretive opportunities at Conway Ranch?

Yes	899	86%
No	18	2%
No Opinion	125	12%
Total	1042	100%

7. Conway Ranch has a disabled access fishing pond and facilities. Would you like to see Conway Ranch Foundation provide more disabled access fishing opportunities?

Yes	761	73%
No	46	4%
No Opinion	240	23%
Total	1047	100%

8. Please tell us about yourself. Are you a . . .

Full Time Resident of Mono County	81	8%
Part Time Resident of Mono County	63	6%
Visitor	850	82%
Full Time Resident of Inyo County	26	3%
Part Time Resident of Inyo County	12	1%
Total	1032	100%

9. If you are a visitor, how many days per year do you visit the Eastern Sierra?

1 to 5 days per year	97	11%
6 to 10 days per year	254	28%
11 to 15 days per year	216	24%
16 or more days per year	335	37%
Total	902	100%

10. Do you fish?

Yes	1011	98%
No	21	2%
Total	1032	100%

11. If you do fish, how often?

Daily	143	14%
Weekly	219	21%
Monthly	395	39%
Less than 10 times per year	268	26%
Total	1025	100%

12. Have you recommended fishing in the Eastern Sierra to anyone?

Yes	1026	99%
No	11	1%
Total	1037	100%

13. Please tell us which of the following age groups you fit best.

Under 25	10	1%
25 to 35	72	7%
36 to 45	123	12%
46 to 55	291	28%
Over 56	551	53%
Total	1047	100%

14. Inland Aquaculture Group and the Conway Ranch Foundation thank you for your time and input. To show our appreciation all survey participants will be entered in a drawing to win one complementary Trophy Float Tube session at Conway Ranch.

925 Responses

Summary

1. Survey open 4 months with 1495 visits and 1060 completes
2. Overwhelming consensus among residents, neighbors and visitors –
 - a. They feel fishing is important to the economy of Mono County
 - b. They want more trophy trout
 - c. They feel fish rearing should continue on Conway Ranch
 - d. They want to see a barn on Conway Ranch
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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Conway Ranch Foundation

Date: December 11, 2012

Subject:

Presentation of the Conway Ranch Foundation Annual Report for 2012

Recommendation:

Review Conway Ranch Foundation Annual Report for 2012. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

Discussion:

The Conway Ranch Foundation was established in 2009 to; Help support environmental education, aquaculture education and trout fishing activities at the historical Conway Ranch. Funds received from donations and fishing activities at the ranch are used to help restore and preserve this natural resource. In 2010 the Conway Ranch Foundation was ordered by County Staff and Caltrans to cease restoration activities.

Fiscal Impact to the County:

None



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Conway Ranch Foundation Mission Statement,
Our Accomplishments,
Startup Programs & Goals Update,
Current Goals & Projects,
Financial Report,
Economic Benefits,
Bell Diversion Pipeline Update,
Ordinance 12-04 Public Use of Conway Ranch,
2013 Permission Agreement.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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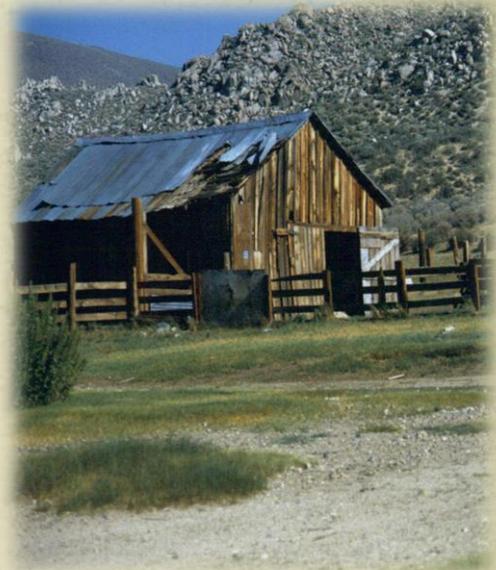
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Conway Ranch Foundation Mission Statement

Conway Ranch Foundation seeks to:

Provide interpretive and educational opportunities at
the historic Conway Ranch

Preserve and enhance the Conway Ranch fisheries
resources

Promote economic benefits for the Eastern Sierra
communities

Enhance fishing opportunities at the historic Conway
Ranch

Our Accomplishments - In Just 4 Years!

- Installed interpretive kiosk complete with easy access pavers for people with disabilities
- Replaced failing culvert at access point to the Catch & Keep Pond, revegetated disturbed area and installed easy access pavers for people with disabilities
- Retrofited Bowl diversion to comply with California Department of Fish and Game screen requirements (temporary solution)



- Repaired Fencing – South side completed, East & West sides partially complete – Peeler core posts installed, barbed wire replaced and repaired

South



West



East



- Installed the new Entry Gate complete with metal art sign, vintage barrels and wagon wheels and four trees all provided by Conway Ranch Foundation donors



- Installed an ADA approved restroom complete with easy access pavers for people with disabilities, covered with aged redwood to blend with the environment and decorated the interior
- Installed fishing platform with easy access pavers for people with disabilities
- Administered Cutthroat Trout Creel Survey for USFWS
- Completed irrigation system at the Catch & Keep Pond
- Installed four custom picnic tables one at each fishing venue
- Contracted with Certified Folder Display in April 2011, resulting in a 47⁰% increase in guests and visitors during the 2011 fishing season



- Initiated electrical hookup - Conspec install an SCE approved intercept vault, transformer pad, service pad with 200 amp panel, conduit sweeps and safety bollards
- Installed aerators and deicers in the Trophy Float Tube Pond, the Glory Pond and the D raceway
- Installed a new roof on the Trophy Float Tube Pond shed
- Removed just over 27 short tons of garbage from the ranch
- Installed eight dedication plaques at various locations on the ranch
- Provided Water & Property Master services for the Conway and Mattly Ranch's during 2010 & 2011



Programs & Goals

March 2009 – From our initial proposal to the Board of Supervisors

- **The Americans with Disabilities Act** - Programs designed specifically for people with handicaps are woefully short in the freshwater fishing industry. The historic ponds located at the Conway Ranch lend themselves to more adaptive angling opportunities for people with handicaps.
- **Kids Fishing Program** - With the success of the Mammoth Lakes Kids Fishing Festival, Conway Ranch Foundation desires to accommodate and expand kids fishing opportunities at the Conway Ranch.
- **Interpretive Visitor Center** - Given the interesting history and the operational complexity of the Conway Ranch, we desire to construct an Interpretive Visitor Center on the premises. The center will serve as an interpretive function as well as a focal point for organized guided tours and for the public in general.
- **Education** - The Conway Ranch Foundation desires to expand educational opportunities. And will be working with educational institutions, environmental and life history curriculums. Cooperative internship programs with educational institutions could be developed to promote interest in the fields of fisheries biology and aquaculture thus insuring a qualified employment pool for the future.

Where we are today



IMPLEMENTED! We are able to accommodate individuals and groups of people with varying degrees of handicaps. Our guests have requested more adaptive angling opportunities for people with handicaps therefore, we have opened the Challenge and Glory Ponds with limited access as we need basic infrastructure in place before we are able to move forward.

IMPLEMENTED! Our Catch & Keep Pond has proven a huge success. We host kids almost daily throughout the season. We host classrooms annually and desire to expand kids fishing opportunities in the future.

INTERPRETIVE KIOSK COMPLETED! The kiosk serves as a focal point for our guided tours and for our angling guests. The Foundation still desires to construct an operational Interpretive Visitor Center.

ON HOLD DUE TO OUTSIDE DISPUTES Once we are allowed to move forward various educational and internship programs will be implemented.

Current Goals & Projects

- Work with the Mono County Fisheries Commission to:
 - Protect Conway Ranch water supply
 - Protect Wilson Creek
 - Develop a functional Master Plan
 - Enhance the fishery resources on Conway Ranch
- Expand interpretive programs
- Expand fishing opportunities for people with disabilities
- Expand education and fishing opportunities for kids
- Construct interpretive center (Barn)
- Clear debris from homestead area
- Secure Conway family home to a state of “Arrested decay”

Conway Family Homestead

1996



2010



Conway Family Blacksmith Shed

1996



2010

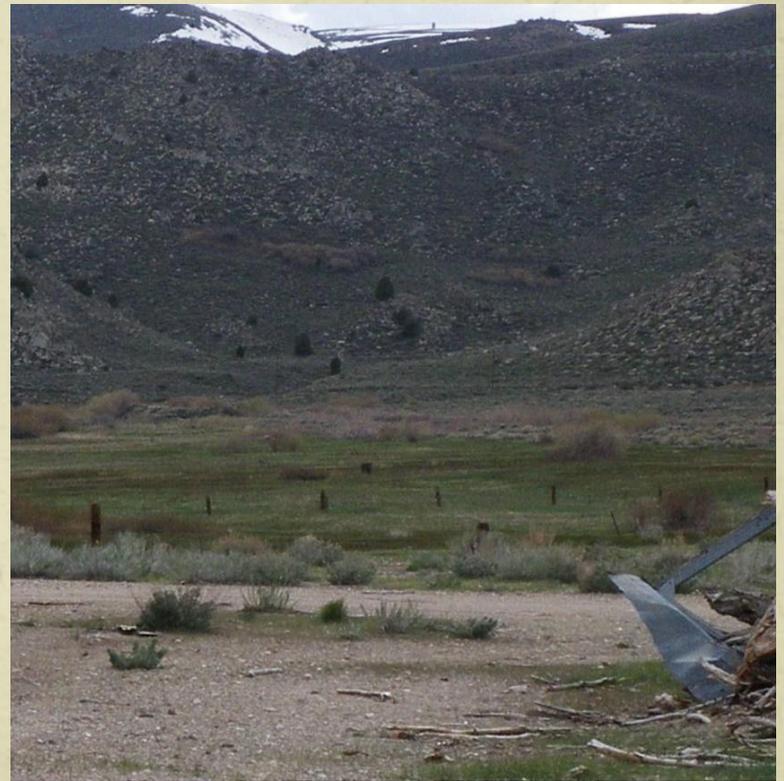


Conway Family Barn

1989



2010



Conway Homestead Debris Sampling



We always find it painful to learn that some historical treasure has been destroyed, either by vandalism, by accident or by neglect.



The residues of the past, we recognize, are both fragile and precious, things that need to be protected and preserved.



Financial Report

Profit & Loss - January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012

Income Direct Public Support

Donations	87,327.96
Grants & Endowments	18,344.34
Non-cash Donations	3,200.00
Program Income	
Float Tube Pond	31,025.00
Challenge Pond	10,139.75
Glory Pond	6,500.00
Catch & Keep Pond	14,893.73
Store Sales	3,539.98
Other Income	
Watermaster/Property Mgmt	<u>32,000.00</u>
Total Income	206,970.76

Expenses

Activity Expense	21,633.19
Auto Expense	3,417.21
Business Expense	6,753.86
Facilities & Equipment	19,933.38
Hatchery Expense	31,399.04
Operations	27,596.11
Insurance	21,686.81
Payroll	47,145.23
Store Expenses	2,174.15
Total Expenses	<u>181,738.98</u>
Net Income	25,231.78
Past Due Accounts Receivable	11,226.74

Just imagine what we could accomplish together.

Economic Benefits

- Jobs created
 - Three part-time seasonal positions – Infrastructure & Grounds Maintenance
- Volunteer positions
 - One part-time winter position - Clerical
 - One full time seasonal position – Clerical & Guest Services
- Trade
 - All needed commodities, supplies and materials are purchased locally when possible
- Guest information

	2009 *	2010	2011	2012 •
Season Days	160	185	186	142
Visitor Days	113	129	123	87
Angling Guests ∞	224	288	377	285

- * Started season late – waited for Mono Board of Supervisors to consent to start activities
- Closed season 45 days early for pipeline construction said to start October 1st 2012 (see next page)
- ∞ Angling guests counted once per season, returning anglers and tour visitors are not included in figures

Bell Diversion Pipeline Update

Before - September 2012



During - November 2012



Done and cleaning up - November 17, 2012

1. Per MC Staff, construction was to begin October 1st.
2. Construction began November 3rd.
3. Per MC Staff, contractor was responsible to keep water flowing to the Trophy Float Tube Pond.
4. Contractor did not assist with keeping water flowing to the Trophy Float Tube Pond.
5. Per MC Staff, CRF activities discontinued September 20th to allow time to relocate fish from the Catch & Keep Pond, the A and C raceways and the Bell and A ditches.
6. CRF invoiced MC for related expenses and lost revenue.



Ordinance 12-04

Public Use of Conway Ranch

- The State of California Habitat Conservation Fund granted Mono County \$592,500.00 in 1998 to acquire 312 acres of Conway Ranch. www.parkinfo.org Conway Ranch is listed as a California State Park
- “When donated land is used as the match, it becomes part of the project and can be used only for the purposes of the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. No other use, sale or other disposition of the area is permitted except by specific act of the Legislature”.
CA Department of Parks & Recreation August 1998
- California Resources Agency - Department of Parks & Recreation refers enforcement to California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Per California Department of Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Division – “No hunting is allowed in CA state parks (i.e., those lands owned by the state and or administered to by the CA Department of Parks & Recreation.” *CA DFW December 7, 2012*
- IAG and CRF are required to insure all of Conway Ranch. Allowing unsupervised year round hunting poses a significant danger to invited guests, visitors and staff.
- We respectfully request the Board revisit this ordinance to fully explore all areas of legality and concern.

Conway Ranch Foundation Permission Agreement

- Our current permission agreement is set to expire on April 21, 2013.
- Historically the agreement has been extended in one year increments.
- We respectfully request you consider extending our permission agreement for another year.
- Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



Conway Ranch Foundation invites everyone to
“Fish the Wild Side of California”



Thank you!



OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE	February 5, 2013	DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED	10 minutes	PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	Brian Knox, Mammoth Nordic
SUBJECT	Mammoth Nordic Non-Profit Organization Funding Application		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Consider and potentially approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic. This item is being sponsored by Supervisors Hunt and Johnston.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve a non-profit funding application for Mammoth Nordic in an amount to be determined from contingency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Any amount determined will be from available contingency funds.

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SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH
ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY
32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING

SEND COPIES TO:

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

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History

Time	Who	Approval
1/16/2013 12:13 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes
1/29/2013 8:54 AM	County Counsel	Yes
1/17/2013 1:05 PM	Finance	Yes



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January 16, 2013

Re: Mammoth Nordic Request

Dear Board Members,

It has come to our attention that a non-governmental entity, specifically Mammoth Nordic, was not notified or was otherwise unaware of the application process that occurred late last year regarding Mono County support for such organizations. As you may recall, we gave \$75,000 to various organizations, mainly non-profits (swim team, little league, arts council, etc.).

If Mammoth Nordic had been notified (and Brian Muir confirmed that they were not on the notification list), their application most surely would have been in the mix and most likely would have received a grant under the program. Some may remember Mammoth Nordic's presentations to the Board over the last couple of years with regard to potential Nordic skiing / economic development opportunities, such as in Bridgeport and other communities. This non-profit is a volunteer driven organization and is currently in full operation setting and maintaining track in the Visitor Center vicinity on the north side SR 203 in Mammoth Lakes. Use of this track is completely free to the public. As seen in the attached information, Mammoth Nordic also is leading efforts to involve school-age children in Nordic skiing programs ("SnowSchool") and has been instrumental in Nordic ski trail development.

Although Mammoth Nordic would have requested and is requesting \$9,000, to be consistent with the previous Board's reductions in requested grant amounts to other organizations, we believe it reasonable to grant \$5000 to this very worthwhile organization, thus correcting this oversight. Money for this grant could come from our contingency funds.

Thank you for your consideration,

Larry K. Johnston, District 1 Supervisor
Byng Hunt, District 5 Supervisor



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Good morning Ms. Reed,

January 16, 2013

Please find attached our request for Non-Profit funding from Mono County in support of our established *Nordic Grooming Program*. The **Mammoth Nordic Trail System** is an expertly groomed network of XC ski trails available free to Mono County residents and visitors alike.

We strive to improve the quality of life for those of us fortunate to call the East Side our home and to improve the experience for those who choose to visit Mono County. I look forward to working with Mono County to accomplish both.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Brian Knox, Founder & President
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Project Concept Plan:
 Mammoth Nordic Grooming Program, 2012/2013
 October 1, 2012

Mammoth Nordic Foundation was born in 2002, with the belief that a winter resort town the caliber of Mammoth Lakes *deserves* a community-based Nordic Trail System. Our Mission is to support, develop and promote Nordic Recreation. We have provided a free, high-quality, groomed Nordic experience to our locals and visitors alike since 2007. We genuinely believe the key to making our community a better place to visit is to focus on making it a better place to live.

Please find below a breakdown of the Capital Investment Mammoth Nordic Foundation has made in building our Nordic Grooming program, along with the Administrative and Operations & Maintenance costs we will fund this winter from Club dollars.

Capital Investment by Mammoth Nordic to date:	
Alpina Sherpa; our purpose-built grooming machine, nicknamed <i>the Nordoni</i> :	\$41,000
YTS 108" grooming implement, pulled by the Nordoni:	\$ 5,000
YTS track pan, which sets the Classic ski tracks:	\$ 1,400
YTS wheel kit, which prevents implement wear when not on snow:	\$ 1,000
12 foot Tilt Trailer:	\$ 1,800
Ford F-250 4x4 with plow blade:	\$17,500
Tools for equipment maintenance:	\$ 2,000
Website design and build:	\$ 1,000
<i>Sub-Total, Mammoth Nordic Capital Investment:</i>	\$70,700

Administrative expenses and Operations & Maintenance funded or provided by Mammoth Nordic , 2012-2013:	
Office space, \$1.50 x 800 sq. ft. x five months:	\$ 6,000
Cell phone plan, \$70 x five months:	\$ 350
Internet plan, \$70 x five months:	\$ 350
Utilities: \$75 x five months:	\$ 375
Office Supplies:	\$ 1,000
Printing & Marketing:	\$ 1,500
Liability Insurance:	\$ 1,750
Maintenance & Repairs on Nordoni and YTS grooming implement:	\$ 3,000
Fuel for Nordoni groomer and F-250 4X4:	\$ 1,750
<i>Sub-Total, Administrative and Operations & Maintenance expenses:</i>	\$16,075

In total, Mammoth Nordic Foundation will invest \$86,775 into the success of the 2012/2013 Nordic season. MN is committed to bringing the passion, expertise and equipment needed to assure this is our best Nordic winter ever!

Mammoth Nordic Foundation is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation

Our Nordic Grooming program is a seven day a week commitment, assuring the quality of experience meets and exceeds the expectations of our Nordic sportsters. This high Level of Service is integral to meeting our Mission. We will also provide our Volunteer Host program again this winter, with free refreshments available at the Nordic Trailhead on Saturdays. You can learn more about another volunteer-driven program we offer called [SnowSchool](#) , a free winter ecology experience on snowshoes for local elementary school-aged kids, at www.mammothnordic.com .

Below are job descriptions for the two primary positions required to provide the **Mammoth Nordic Trail System**. I perform all the tasks listed for the *Nordic Grooming Program Manager*. The physical nature of operating and maintaining our grooming equipment, combined with a lengthy list of additional organizational and administrative responsibilities, leaves me very little time to interact with Nordic trail users. We believe a key opportunity is being missed to invite, welcome and introduce as many trail users to the **Mammoth Nordic Trail System** as possible.

Job Description for Nordic Grooming Program Manager:

Oversees all aspects of Winter Grooming Program:

- ❖Coordinates with Inyo National Forest for pre-season trail preparation & planning, performs daily trail grooming, performs all equipment maintenance, administers safety protocol & risk management, event planning & coordination, administers weekend Host program, administers community relations and visitor outreach, and serves as liaison to Mono County Tourism, Town Recreation Manager and to Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

Job Description for Nordic Trail Steward:

- ❖Provides personal welcome at Nordic Trailhead and introduction to Nordic Trail System, organizes & promotes all events, coordinates weekend Host program, coordinates community relations and visitor outreach, works closely with Mono County Tourism, Town Recreation Manager and Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

- ❖Mammoth Nordic respectfully requests the following support:

Contract Budget for Mammoth Nordic Trail System, 2012-2013				
Budget Category	Budget Item	Billing Rate	Quantity (hours)	Item Total
Wages:	Nordic Trail Steward, 15 weeks, 20 hours per week:	\$30/hour	300	\$9,000
Total:				\$9,000

The Inyo National Forest endorses and fully supports our Nordic Grooming program. Letters of Support from the Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, Mono County Tourism Commission, Mono County Health Department and Mammoth Unified School District, Blaine County Recreation District in Sun Valley, Idaho, and the Aspen/Snowmass Nordic Council are on our website and available upon request. Mammoth Nordic Foundation will provide Mono County with a post-season report at the end of the 2013 winter

- ❖As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have. On behalf of our Club, Mono County residents and our visitors, thank you very much for your consideration of our Project.

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MONO COUNTY POLICY REGARDING APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF NON-COUNTY AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Supervisors desires to provide financial support for the activities of non-county agencies and organizations that promote economic development, enhance the lives of County citizens or improve the operation of County government.

PROCEDURES

1. Appropriation of funds.

As part of the annual budget process the Board of Supervisors will adjust the prior year's appropriation and set the maximum appropriation available for support of qualified activities in the current fiscal year.

2. Application for funding support.

Requests for funds will only be considered at one Board meeting during each fiscal year and must be submitted prior to September 15th. Requests must be in writing and include:

- Complete description of the project or activity;
- Amount of funding support requested;
- Detailed budget including any other County or outside funding anticipated;
- and
- Justification of the financial need for funding support.

3. Approval of funding.

The Board of Supervisors will consider applications during a regular public meeting after the budget process is completed. Applicants will be permitted to make brief presentations about their activity or project. The Board of Supervisors will prioritize each request based on the Board's assessment of its relative value to the County and its citizens. The Board will then determine the amount of funding, if any, to be provided in support of each applicant agency or organization. The Board will not duplicate support being provided to an applicant by another County agency such as the Tourism Commission.

4. Implementation.

Each successful organization will be required to enter into a County contract for services and:

- Provide proof of appropriate insurance as determined by the County Risk Manager;
- Mention the County's support in all advertising and promotional material associated with the contract activity;
- Use the funds for the designated project within the County's fiscal year; and
- Provide a detailed written report on the use of the funds within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year.