



Clerk Recorder's Office

Elections Division - Election Day is just a partial reflection of how much time is involved in staging an election. Since most of the work is done behind the scenes, people have no idea about the amount of effort it takes to prepare for an election, nor do they know how many people are involved to make Election Day run smoothly. The June 3rd election was one of the smoothest ever thanks to the hard work and long hours given by many unsung heroes. In addition to our dedicated poll workers who keep the polling places operational, there are also many county employees working behind the scenes who are equally dedicated and do not receive the recognition they deserve.

Election after election these remarkable people help ensure that the voters are served and that Election Day will be a success. I truly appreciate and honor the following Mono County Employees who made June 3rd the best election ever: Linda Romero, Shannon Kendall, Ruth Hansen, Dorothy Cummings, Debra VandeBrake, Nate Greenberg, Cameron Cary, Peter Kobylarz, Steve Connett, Jami Peterson, Ryan Goodner-Belli, Kirk Hartstrom, Greg Newbry, Tony Iniguez, John Hauter, John McKnight, CD Ritter, Brent Calloway, Wendy Sugimura, Nick Criss, Courtney Weiche, Cedar Barager, Marshall Rudolph, and Robin Roberts.

It was a privilege to work with this great team of people.

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Community Development

June Lake CAC – On Tuesday evening, the CAC received a trails committee report from Jill Stark announcing the upcoming June 21 Trails Day, Hwy 158 speed limit concerns for cyclist safety from Silver Lake to Grant Lake, and news that the Hwy 158 overlay project next summer will eliminate the rumble strip concerns of cyclists. Supervisor Alpers provided an update on BOS matters, and with the assistance of Alice Suszynski, reported on progress with the Forest Service in permitting community entry signs on Hwy 158. Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson's overview of the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan was well received, and Courtney Weiche reported on planning matters, including the upcoming main street design process in July.

Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee (LVHAC) – At Wednesday's meeting, Nick Criss and Brent Calloway filled the staffing vacancy left by Dan Lyster. The LVHAC reviewed the past administrative functions handled by the County, discussed the process for reviewing data, previewed upcoming events, including a planning commission workshop in Mammoth, and discussed the status of current geothermal expansion and environmental monitoring projects, including the permitting process for a new monitoring well and aerial thermal surveys. The LVHAC will discuss adjusting its monitoring role to account for potential future projects on federal land at its next meeting in August.

Antelope Valley RPAC – On Thursday evening, Stacey Simon provided an overview of Walker River water rights program, Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson reviewed the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan, Supervisor Fesko gave a BOS update, Jeff Ulrich discussed pinyon tree removal project for sage grouse conservation, Arden Gerbig and Vienay White discussed Mountain Gate project, and Gerry Le Francois provided an update on Main Street design process status.

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County Administrator's Office

Congratulations to Lynda Roberts! – Our incredible Clerk of the Board and Registrar of Voters Lynda Roberts is headed to Marin County as their new Registrar of Voters! Marin's gain is so much our loss and they are so fortunate to have stolen away Lynda.

Lynda has served our County for seven years and thanks to her leadership and commitment. Lynda's work has ensured everyone's vote has been counted, that people have easy access to vital records and is an absolute professional. We will miss you, Lynda!

Coffee with the CAO South County! - June 12th in Mammoth Lakes at 8:30am – come on by and coffee and donuts always a staple of these great meetings. I promise I will not be in pajamas...

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! –On June 12th the Steering Committee will next meet with some of our new Ambassadors – we had four people sign up! Thank you for their agreement. We will be discussing next steps to train the ambassadors and start gathering more input on the plan.

The next Steering Committee will be June 12th at Lee Vining Community Center.

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Economic Development

Mono County Economic Development Strategic Plan – Staff attended the June Lake CAC and Antelope Valley RPAC meetings this week to present a summary of the ED Strategic Plan and to solicit input from community members. The RPAC Tour continues next week with Mono Basin, and the weeks following with Bridgeport, Benton, Long Valley and Hammil Tri-Valley. The entire 72-page plan can be found at http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/economic_development_and_speci_al_projects/page/1809/monocoeconomicimpactvisitorprofilestudy.pdf. A survey requesting feedback on the nine recommended key strategies will be sent out through the RPACS, following each meeting.

- **Economic Development Facebook Page** – Just launched this week to increase awareness of local services and products, to help promote small businesses, new and existing programs, events, services, etc. and to provide resources to the business community. Please help us grow our fan base and “like” us at: <https://www.facebook.com/MonoCountyEconomicDevelopment>.

- **Fish Stocking** – The Fisheries Commission has approved the annual fish stocking schedule, developed by Jeff Simpson, and the first of the early season stocking has begun with over 2,000 pounds of 3- to 5-pound Trophy Trout planted thus far. Happy fishing!



- **Film Commission** – AB 1839, a bill to expand the existing California Film & Television Production Tax Credit program, passed unanimously in the Assembly on May 28, 2014: <http://variety.com/2014/biz/news/californias-assembly-passes-expansion-of-film-and-tv-tax-credit-1201195224/> The first Senate hearing before the Governance and Finance Committee may take place as early as June 18, 2014.
- **Film Productions** – Independent film, *Saturn Returns*, begins filming this week and stars Mammoth Lakes, Bodie and possibly other places within Mono County.
- **PR** -- Trip Advisor featured Mono Lake in “Twenty Surreal Places You Need to See to Believe” - http://www.tripadvisor.com/TripNews-a_ctr.surrealplacesEN

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Information Technology

Review of phone bills yields \$30k annual savings - Over the past couple months, Kirk Hartstrom has been digging into the detail of the County’s phone bills with various other departments trying to gain a better understanding of what we are paying for and why. The effort was well worth it, as the results of just the initial review and termination of unneeded services resulted in an annual savings of approximately \$30k. IT is now talking with a couple of different phone carriers about purchasing new ‘dial tone’ service to replace our existing Verizon service. Preliminary findings are that we stand to save up to another \$30k/year by making a move to a new phone carrier, though more research is still needed.

IT Department election support thanks - I would personally like to thank my entire team for their hard work leading up to and during the election this week. IT staff were at polling locations at 6:30am on Tuesday to help open the polls, were involved in closing the polls at 8pm, and several were engaged in the tallying of results until after 11pm in Bridgeport. Coupled with the hard work and amazing organization skills that Lynda Roberts and Linda Romero dedicate to every election, this was another successful one that went off without a hitch. Nice work everyone!

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Public Health

Paramedics Update - Last Friday at 2:49 PM, Medic Unit 2 from June Lake responded to a severe allergic reaction at Lee Vining High School. Upon arrival they found a 17 year old female student whom had eaten a strawberry, and immediately had severe swelling of the tongue and difficulty breathing. Members of the High School staff, ironically enough, had completed an American Heart Association first aid class the previous week, which was taught by Mono County EMS.



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During this class, they learned the necessary steps to take when encountering just such an emergency. 911 was immediately called, and an “Epi” pin was found. Staff injected the medication just prior to Medic 2 arriving. Upon arrival, Benadryl and a breathing treatment were initiated by the crew. After a

“code 3” transport to Mammoth Hospital, the patient recovered fully and was sent home that evening. After review, the Mammoth Hospital Paramedic Liaison Nurse commented that all involved that day definitely saved a life. Kudos to the Staff at Lee Vining High, and to our EMS staff Julien LeCorps and Kyle Rose, whose professionalism that day definitely helped save a young woman.

EMS also partook in yearly mandatory training last week, at Mammoth Fire’s Station 2 and Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickle Meadows. The training involved proper usage and deployment of self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and personal protective equipment (PPE). This training is needed to assure readiness amongst EMS crews, and to react quickly to life safety issues of both the public and our counties first responders.

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Social Services

Red Cross Shelter Exercise - There is still room for more participants at the American Red Cross Shelter Exercise training tomorrow, Saturday, June 7th. All are welcome - feel free to join us from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Social Services conference room.

Extreme drought conditions lead to increased risk of fires this year - and the possibility of having to open an emergency shelter. Mono County employees and community volunteers may soon be called into action. Best laid plan is to BE PREPARED!

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