



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION  
County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

March 12, 2013

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Marshall Rudolph.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked for a moment of silence for Christina DeGeorge who recently passed away; Christina was the former Mono County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

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

*No one spoke.*

*Closed Session: 9:02 a.m.*

*Break: 10:47 a.m.*

*Reconvene: 10:55 a.m.*

*Lunch/Closed Session: 12:33 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 1:35 p.m.*

*Closed Session: 3:25 p.m.*

*Adjourn: 6:16 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1a) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.
- 1b) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

- 1c) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: three. Facts and circumstances: disputes pertaining to Conway Ranch.
- 1d) Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Sierra Center Mall. 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Agency negotiators: Lynda Salcido, Marshall Rudolph, Vianey White, and Roberta Reed. Negotiating parties: Mono County and 452 OM Rd LLC and Highmark Mammoth Investments LLC. Under negotiation: price and terms of lease.
- 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 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.

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

### **Hector Gonzales:**

- Here to advise Board and County residents that due to budget reductions (summarized by press release handed out), one of the two days a week of office hours in Bridgeport will be closed. They will still be here on Tuesdays, not Thursdays.
- Explained budget cuts and potential future furloughs.
- Supervisor Fesko: finds it disheartening to see the continual move of county services to the south.

## 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

## 3) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

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

**Lynda Salcido:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

**Karin Humiston (Probation):**

- Introduced Paula Winn, Probation employee since 2004.

**Paula Winn:**

- She's worked for the county since 1991; gave history of departments she has worked in.
- She's sole support in the Probation Department; she's first contact for anyone coming in.
- Explained her job description.

**Roberta Reed:**

- Property Tax Admin. Report came back from consultants; will be brought to Board in April for discussion. She will be sending notices out to the departments.

**Sarah Messerlian:**

- Gave update on upcoming training:
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> – roads safety
  - April 11 – managers training re change in the workplace
  - May 23 – workers comp training.
- She thanked the Board for continued support of training; any recommendations for other training, please give her your suggestions.
- Supervisor Johnston: discussed board priorities – seems to be a consensus on creating a teamwork kind of training protocol. Asked her to keep a lookout for those types of available training.

**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.)

**FINANCE**

- 5a) Creation of Special Revenue Fund - Authorizing the Establishment of a Special Revenue Fund for the Collection of District Attorney Pre-Filing Diversion Program Fees and Education.

**R13-18 Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-18, authorizing the establishment of a special revenue fund for the collection of District Attorney Pre-Filing Diversion Program fees and Education.

**Fesko moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

- 6a) Resolution Authorizing Application for a Household Hazardous Waste

Grant - Proposed resolution authorizing application to CalRecycle for a Household Hazardous Waste Grant.

- R13-19**      **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-19, authorizing application to CalRecycle for a Household Hazardous Waste Grant. Provide any desired direction to staff.  
**Fesko moved; Johnston seconded**  
**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

#### CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 7a)      No Correspondence -  
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#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8a)      Board of Supervisors Planning Workshop (Board of Supervisors) - The Board of Supervisors will hold a planning workshop to discuss their projects list and goals for the next 12-24 months. This item was requested by Supervisor Hunt, Chair.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Explained nature of item.
- One of the goals of this strategic planning: pre-budget priority planning.
- Asked Board members to weigh in on how they see this progressing.
- Found out from workshop in January that there are some common areas of priorities between supervisors.
- Each priority needs to be refined and defined; that is the goal prior to putting dollars and cents to them.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- The strategic planning is a high priority; the hard task will be actually setting the priorities and getting a funding trail for them.
- Personally, his priority is economic well-being of the county and all aspects of this.
- He's anxious to hear from the public as well.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- This is an opportunity for the new Board to prioritize.
- The Board has put forth their ideas but are anxious to have open discussion with staff members to see what their priorities are. Next step is to get public input.
- As we get closer to the budget, we will need to prioritize.
- Look at Economic Development not just from tourism standpoint but from a diverse standpoint as well.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Complimented Lynda on the organization of the data.
- He's happy to see there is an overlap between Supervisors on the priority of the

data.

- He's seeing commonality emerging.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Will keep it short; need to hear from staff and public.
- He thinks the Sheriff's Substation could be taken off the list as it has finally been taken care of.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

**Karin Humiston:**

- Introduced the idea of Search Conferencing, a strategic planning process designed by Marvin Weisbord.
- It brings everyone together and establishes a commonality; a big feat. This process takes three days. These days should be consecutive; can be a retreat-type setting or doesn't have to be.
- Working towards the goal of establishing what's important to this county and everyone in it.
- She has facilitated several of these and it can be surprising what rises to the top of importance.
- It's strategic planning in the strictest sense while bringing people together.
- She offered to provide an outline.
- Supervisor Hunt: three day process? Retreat type thing? Also need to keep Brown Act in mind.
- Supervisor Johnston: we should take advantage of staff expertise.
- Supervisor Fesko: this is a great opportunity, especially since we have a staff member willing to do it.

**Kirk Hartstrom:**

- Was asked about live streaming. He doesn't have a lot of input regarding this or how useful it would be.
- He has updated pricing on this: \$11,000 up front and \$12,000 per year or \$1000/month. Kirk explained how the \$1,000 breaks down. (Granicus is the company that the Town uses.)
- IT strongly recommends we wait until Digital 395 gets implemented prior to tackling live streaming.
- Data from the Town of Mammoth Lakes suggests that very few public actually watch it.
- You can have a video recording and make it available to the public.
- Costs quoted include an indexed agenda where you can jump point to point in meetings.
- If you cut out live streaming and have only video; no additional savings.
- Supervisor Stump: maybe record meetings and make available later on?
- Supervisor Johnston: Is it possible to utilize the Town's system when we meet in Mammoth? It would be nice to experiment.

**Lynda Roberts:**

- Asked for direction going forward with the Strategic Planning: should she put on the 4/9/13 meeting? Will this be public's opportunity to voice their opinion?
- Should she be proactive by putting information in the paper or just agendize it?
- Supervisor Johnston: does involving the public work with the search conferencing idea? Probably ok to do some notification in the paper; will morph into the three day event. He thinks a little bit of money should be spent out of Supervisor budget. Suggested to Scott Burns to email his RPAC lists too.
- Lynda can email to our group lists; advertise in the paper. Radio? How much do they want to spend? She'll come up with a draft announcement.
- Karin Humiston: It may be helpful to have a baseline for the public. She thinks subcategories need to be narrowed down. How about a survey on the website?

She recommends three days in a row for the search conferencing. It integrates everybody.

- Supervisor Hunt: explained list that has been created and the items that overlap. Maybe need to agendaize specific items (i.e. economic development) down the line. Suggested we keep the afternoon open for this purpose. He would like something on the table by middle of May if possible.
- Supervisor Fesko: doesn't want to let this sit too long. Needs to be moved forward.
- Supervisor Stump: Need to be clear that we're looking at a priority list.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He sees a lot of department employees here; they don't have to speak but should know Supervisors are here to listen.

**Joe Blanchard:**

- Community Development/Public Works: Project list – need a process for this. Tony Dublino suggested a flow chart/spread sheet.
- Supervisor Stump: need to spend the money where the liabilities are. Fine to set goals as long as it's not a standard to which the program is being evaluated.
- Supervisor Fesko: need specific items to add to the list.
- Supervisor Johnston: What's the number one thing he thinks needs to be done and does the Department have enough horsepower to accomplish it?
- Priorities: ADA items, facilities (asset protection) becomes a log jam. When he sees county facilities, they aren't all equal. They should be great but there are budgetary limitations.
- Supervisors asked Joe to come up with overall idea of what level public facility standards are. We basically need a vision of where we'd like to be vs. a standard.

**Scott Burns:**

- The idea of programming projects started with LTC; it's a tool we can use in the General Plan process.
- There is value to having a list; you never know when a funding source will come along.
- Supervisor Johnston: should ask Planning Commission what they think is needed? Their input should be taken into consideration. Can Scott take this to them?

**Steve Marti (Fisheries Commission):**

- The commission just met and went over their plan again; will be further input in May. If they can schedule something a bit after then, he can update Board.
- Supervisor Fesko: for next meeting, maybe bring some short term goals back to the Board. He looks as Fisheries Commission as part of staff. Will be looking to Steve as part of the economic development plan.
- Supervisor Hunt: understands the need for an action plan.

**Lynda Roberts:**

- Reminded Board that new election equipment will need to be considered at some point; will need to be brought forth in a couple years.
- She plans to do a presentation in April regarding these needs.
- Supervisor Stump: he sees elections as another county service. Should be added to the list.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- He would like to see input from various commissions.

**Kathy Peterson:**

- Head's up: implementation of health care reform. Down the line, Supervisor support will be needed.
- This will happen under Affordable Care Act; expansion of medical program.
- All of this will have a large impact on social services and what services are

provided.

- Briefly explained program. Timing is quick: will begin enrolling people in October 2013. Will be affecting all health departments.
- Supervisor Johnston: can we add this to the list?

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Wants to make sure that all staff that wants to give input has had an opportunity to do so. Not everyone is here today.
- Supervisor Hunt supports this. Goes beyond the budget process.
- Supervisor Fesko: maybe an email from chair to all county employees needs to be sent.

**Mary Booher:**

- Potentially there are ways we will need to respond with health care reform in regards to medics.

**Nancy Boardman:**

- Possibly try to find places in different districts where we can plant a body from Animal Control to answer questions and be available to accept complaints, etc.
- Board supports, especially if there is no cost.
- Supervisor Johnston: microchip services? Maybe make some money for the county? Maybe a vaccination/micro chip discount; or discounts for micro chipping at a vet's office?
- Microchip services would be require training and would take business away from local veterinarians.

**Benny Romero:**

- He thanked the Board for the strategic planning; he thinks the way they are approaching it is great.
- Participation as far as actually coming to meetings and being very up front with people? To him, videoconferencing wouldn't facilitate this type of communication. There are pros and cons.
- Supervisor Johnston: Benny inspires him to add to the list – need to recognize staff AND public for great things they are doing.

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

*No one spoke.*

**PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

- 9a) Solid Waste Planning Workshop (Tony Dublino) - A presentation detailing the current state of the county's Solid Waste system and related issues, and a look at future alternatives. This item was requested by Supervisor Fesko.

**Action:** None.

**Tony Dublino (powerpoint, posted online in its entirety):**

Workshop #1 – Status of Existing System, Conceptual Alternatives, Direction of Concepts:

- The Solid Waste System
- Collection
- Walker Transfer Station

- Bridgeport Transfer Station
- Pumice Valley Transfer Station
- Benton Transfer Station
- Chalfant Transfer Station
- Paradise Transfer Station
- Disposal
- Benton, Chalfant and Bridgeport
- Walker Landfill
- Pumice Valley Landfill
- Benton Crossing Landfill
- Debt
- Liabilities
- 2012 Budget – Revenue
- 2012 Budget – Expenses
- Future Alternatives – Revenue
- Future Alternatives – Collection
- Future Alternatives – Disposal
- Discussion and Direction for Workshop 2:
  - Which alternatives should be vetted?
  - Additional information?
  - Establish trigger points and contingency plans for Benton Crossing?

**Supervisor's Comments:**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- It would be helpful to see projections of different levels of waste.
- Asked about gate fees in other jurisdictions.
- Mentioned solar solutions.
- Trying to find ways to make it more economical for closures.
- Sees solid waste as more of a utility fee, not so much a service fee. It's an enterprise fund. User should pay what it costs to operate it.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- We have many unfunded liabilities down the road.
- How many residences are full time vs. part time?
- Solid Waste is probably the largest service the county provides; maybe it isn't out of the realm of possibility for the Board to subsidize it.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- With anything new that requires power; there would be an additional cost to install that.
- Does next week's agenda allow Tony to come back for twenty minutes or so to receive board feedback as opposed to doing it now?
- Appreciates Patrick Fenton's (Mammoth Disposal) comments and coming to meeting. Explained that we are in a bind right now but realizes Patrick is not the enemy.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Agreed with discussion being postponed until next week.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- There are legal issues with some of the ideas.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Acquiring site from DWP would not change anything with respect to their liability.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Patrick Fenton (Mammoth Disposal):**

- In regards to MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) for Town, there would initially be at least a 30% waste diversion.



- He's comfortable with what this baseline MRF can do.
- Household waste would still go through county landfills.
- Cannot give you a waste diversion number way down the line but they will find every way they can to deal with most of the waste stream.
- Not going to put a price tag on it, but it can be done for less than \$74.
- MRF will be locally built; it's being constructed with entire county in mind.

**Kevin Brown (D & S Waste):**

- They have a lot of plans to offer county but need to know the direction the county is going. He feels they can offer a lot and make it affordable.
- The model could be a lot like what Douglas County does.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:16 p.m. in memory of Christina DeGeorge.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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