



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

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

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2014**

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9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

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

*Break: 10:19 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:30 a.m.  
Closed Session: 10:45 a.m.  
Reconvene: 1:37 p.m.  
Adjourn: 1.37 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt.

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

**Carolyn Webb:**

- Attended Fisheries meeting: Jim Erdman told her there is going to be a New District Area Manager; also heard that Fish & Wildlife is looking at changing statewide regulations, to simplify them.
- Been reading through the Eastern Sierra Land Trust document again; in her opinion, building envelope listed is ½ acre too small; groundwater issues.
- Marshall Rudolph: not on agenda, can't be discussion but we have a working group that includes Supervisors Hunt and Alpers; his role is to create the legal document. In doing so, he defers to Supervisor Alpers in regards to Fisheries. He helped draft the document, RPAC had recommendations and there was input from the committee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

**3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

#### 4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

##### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- Monthly June Lake CAC Meeting – Forest Service has been evaluating the dead tree area at June Mountain. The spread of the beetle has stopped. They're going to do a fire prevention management plan.
- Met with June Lake folks regarding signage (monument signs) – to be replaced. Thanked Scott Burn's daughter for her drawings. Designs will go through public process.
- Collaborative Planning Team – Issue of who has Supremacy on the Land? This issue brewing in various locations, kind of close to our county. Hopes we will watch this very closely.
- Spent rest of time working on Conway Ranch and various issues; Conservation Easement – working through on day by day basis. Complimented Tony Dublino for coming on board and getting up to speed.

##### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Email from Nate – announcing Digital 395 Ceremony, Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00 at the Mammoth Mountain Conference Center (details to be posted online).
- 5/7 – attended CSA #5 meeting here in Bridgeport; main focus Memorial Hall project and funding for it (\$500,000 allocated towards that by CSA #5); moving forward but looking at how money will be spent.
- 5/12 – Attended LTC meeting; three projects to work on, choose from: north Conway passing lanes agreed to go forward; Bridgeport passing lanes, northbound passing lane north of point ranch also passed. Good compromise on projects passed.
- Antelope Valley Town Hall Meeting (budget): good attendance. Two hour workshop, great interaction. There's another one tonight here in Bridgeport.
- The birds are back at the courthouse and are finding places to attach their nests. Prior to nests being completed, they can be taken down. Needs to be done daily so that birds don't keep coming back.

##### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- Thursday, drive to Yosemite Valley to pick up cousin-in-law; spent some time in the Valley. It's been a great experience for her to be here and for him to show her around.

##### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Received a call about 7-10 bags of garbage on Lupin Street: there is now going to be a clean-up day in the town on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting last Friday evening; there are 30 families waiting on the list.
- Attended LTC – selected a MOU project. Thanked everyone that participated.
- Attended Treasury Oversight Committee meeting yesterday; very impressed with Rose and her knowledge in this area and Leslie and her staff.
- Attending CSAC Legislative conference the next couple days in Sacramento with CAO Jim Leddy. Supervisor Stump: asked about potential legislation. Jim Leddy: Deadline to get out of house of Origin is a couple weeks

##### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Last Thursday attended the Planning Commission meeting – Sierra Business Parks Specific Plan; complimented the Commission for flushing through various issues.
- Attended Joint Fire Commission meeting in Tri-Valley between White Mountain Fire and Chalfant Valley CSD; let them know what's going on in our county.
- He got a knock on his door Sunday about a leak in the bathroom at Crowley Lake Park; it was taken care of.
- New employee Bill Czeschin is now lead facilities person; will get cross-trained in various things; sent a shout out to him.
- Yesterday attended LTC, county project to move forward with Caltrans and inter-agency agreements we've been working on.
- New IT facility in Mammoth – they've utilized the space well, go see it if you have a chance: Thanked IT, Public Works, the Sheriff's Department for the use of inmates for

the move (true team effort).

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

#### **Jim Leddy:**

- Mammoth Lakes Town Hall Meeting.
- June Lake CAC meeting.
- Strategic Planning – steering committee on Thursday night; awaiting the draft report.
- Lee Vining Community Center budget meeting.
- Last Thursday, coffee with CAO – good attendance/conversation.
- Met with Animal Control staff; discussing reorganization of this program while maintaining the level of services. Will be bringing idea forward during budget time. Supervisor Johnston: are we coordinating with the Town in regards to Animal Control?
- Went on walking tour in Bridgeport looking at existing facilities; goal is to get out of old hospital.
- Antelope Valley Town Hall Budget meeting last night; people are getting more of a sense of what the county does with these meetings.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

#### **Scott Burns:**

Update on Sage Grouse:

- Learned that public hearings that were cancelled have been rescheduled for May 28, 2014 in Minden and May 29, 2014 in Bishop both at 6:00 p.m. Wants to coordinate with board members and prepare a draft comment letter. Need to build upon what's been submitted, not rehash everything.
- Steering committee meeting yesterday, working with local steering group. Looking at May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, for workshop.
- Deadline for latest group of comments is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Jeff Simpson:**

Gave update on Fisheries Commission meeting:

- Energy and enthusiasm at meeting was good.
- Discussion about stocking schedule.
- Supervisor Stump: heard there was a lack of ability to communicate with the Board; does he get a sense that that's a concern?
- Jeff reminded certain people that they can reach out to the Supervisors at anytime.
- Supervisor Fesko: in regards to press – need to look at getting announcements out that we do have fish here and that we stock fish. Pull out all the stops, put out press releases more regularly to people down south.
- Will agendaize additional PR at Fisheries Commission for next meeting.
- Supervisor Johnston noticed a T.V. announcement for Mono County. Jeff said this is great advertising, and relatively cheap.

#### **Alicia Vennos:**

- Thursday, Mono County Tourism Commission Open House at the June Lake Community Center from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Encouraged attendance.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Continue Rock Creek Ranch Public Hearing

Departments: Community Development Department

The Rock Creek Ranch Specific Plan and Tentative Tract Map amendment, initially continued to May 20 Board of Supervisors meeting, is being further adjusted to respond to the concerns of Cal Fire and the Paradise Fire Protection District and a hearing continuance is needed.

**Action:** Continue the public hearing regarding the Rock Creek Ranch Specific Plan and Tentative Tract Map amendment, initially continued to the May 20 Board of Supervisors meeting, to a future meeting, allowing time for project revisions to first be considered by the Planning Commission.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Johnston**

**M14-79**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Will abstain from this vote due to conflicts.

B. Encroachment Permit Fee Waiver - Convict Lake Road FHWA project

Departments: Public Works

Consider request from FHWA to waive encroachment permit and deposit fees for core sampling required on the Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation project.

**Action:** Waive encroachment permit and deposit fees for core sampling required on the Convict Lake Road Rehabilitation project.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-80**

C. Lundy Campground Lease Renewal

Departments: Public Works-Facilities

Proposed License Agreement with Southern California Edison pertaining to the Lundy Lake Campground.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute and administer a five year license agreement with Southern California Edison for the Campground at Lundy Canyon.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-81**

**Pulled by Supervisor Alpers:**

- Asked for clarification on the fees.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Eastern Sierra Regional First Five Meeting

Information about the Eastern Sierra Regional First Five Meeting, scheduled for May 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Mentioned that this meeting is a big deal for Mono County; anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ending: March 31,2014/March 2014  
Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

(Rosemary Glazier) - Report on Mono County Investment Pool as of March 31, 2014. Present Transaction Report for the month of March 2014.

**Action:** None. Information only.

**Rose Glazier:**

- Gave statistical information regarding the quarterly report.
- Encouraged questions and further discussion from Board members if needed; just give her a call.
- No contact from Town yet.
- Handed out "Transaction Summary by Action" report (to be posted online).

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Is cash sitting with Trindel reinvested?
- Has the Town contacted her at all?
- Spoke with Treasury Oversight Committee member after the meeting who was very pleased; it's something most of the public isn't aware of. We need better public relations regarding this.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Reiterated Supervisor Stump's comments and thanks.

B. Permit Fee Waiver Requests

Departments: Community Development

(Scott Burns, Gerry Le Francois) - Consider request for permit fee waiver for lot line adjustments by Fire Protection Districts and for expanded home occupation permits for disabled veterans.

**Action:** 1. Waive lot line adjustment fees for Fire Protection Districts, finding that such waivers serve a public purpose; and 2. Waive expanded home occupation fees for disabled veterans, consistent with Section 935 of the Military and Veterans Code.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-82**

**Scott Burns:**

- We have two requests for fee waivers. One: lot line adjustments for Fire Protection Districts and Two: expanded home occupation fees for disabled veterans.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Spoke briefly about Fire Protection District waiver and why he fully supports this.

- The veteran's fee isn't a case by case right?
- Maybe need to amend motion at a future date?

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked about fees; offered suggestions.
- Maybe we should wait until we have an application in regards to a broader spectrum.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Spoke about second part of the action; the home occupation fees for disabled veterans. County should be proud to do this for Veterans.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked for clarification as to temporary vs. permanent waivers.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Not case by case basis on Veterans fees; rather waiving these fees in general.
- Could take case by case on something involved a public agency (i.e. fire protection district).
- Might need to reagentize this to change the action listed or approve as it's currently written in the agenda.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Fee workshop on June 10<sup>th</sup>, could be brought up at that time.

C. Fish Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

15 minutes (5 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)

(Jeff Simpson/Alicia Vennos) - Staff, with approval from the Mono County Fisheries Commission, is requesting Board approval to utilize \$6,603.04 in the Fish and Game Fine Fund budget in order to enhance early season fish stocking. (Four-fifth vote required.)

**Action:** Approve the recommendation by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to use \$6,603.04 out of the Fish and Game Fine Fund for additional fish stocking before the end of this fiscal year. Appropriate \$3,603.04 from fund balance to increase special department expenditures by \$3,603.04. (Four-fifth vote required.)

**Fesko moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Alpers**

**M14-83**

**Jeff Simpson:**

- Explained item; request comes from the Fisheries Commission.
- 2200 pounds of fish for stocking.
- This would be for high priority lakes and rivers – Bridgeport Reservoir for example.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Where will fish go?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Abstaining from vote because of his involvement of future planning of fisheries and all related issues.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, Bill Van Lente and Jim Leddy. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC v. Mono County et al.

C. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Luman v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board et al.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION COMMENCES AT 2:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

13. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

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ATTEST:

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD