



AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MEETING LOCATION Suite Z, 2nd Floor Minaret Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA
93546

Special Meeting

April 19, 2018

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3:30 PM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1 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.)

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

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.

B. Letter to Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti regarding LADWP Agricultural Leases
Departments: CAO, County Counsel, Agriculture

30 minutes (10 minute presentation, 20 minute discussion)

(Leslie Chapman, Jason Canger) - Proposed letter to Los Angeles mayor Garcetti regarding current-year reduction and proposed future elimination of irrigation and stock water on lands owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power located within Mono County which have historically been used for agricultural purposes.

Recommended Action: Approve proposed letter as drafted or as modified by the Board. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time. However, the reduction and/or elimination of irrigation water on irrigated lands in Mono County, if implemented, will negatively impact the County's economy, jobs and tax base.

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE	April 19, 2018	DEPARTMENT	
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS			
TIME REQUIRED		PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD	
SUBJECT	Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME:
PHONE/EMAIL: /

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4/18/2018 12:20 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes

4/18/2018 1:41 PM

County Counsel

Yes

4/18/2018 2:06 PM

Finance

Yes



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SUBJECT	Letter to Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti regarding LADWP Agricultural Leases		

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve proposed letter as drafted or as modified by the Board. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time. However, the reduction and/or elimination of irrigation water on irrigated lands in Mono County, if implemented, will negatively impact the County's economy, jobs and tax base.

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Approval

Yes

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jason Canger

Date: April 19, 2018

Re: Proposed Letter to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Regarding Decision by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to Eliminate Irrigation and Stock Water from Ranch Leases in Southern Mono County

Recommended Action

Approve proposed letter as drafted or as modified by the Board. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Focus Area(s) Met

Economic Base Infrastructure Public Safety
 Environmental Sustainability Mono Best Place to Work

Fiscal Impact

None at this time. However, the reduction and/or elimination of irrigation water on irrigated lands in Mono County, if implemented, will negatively impact the County's economy, jobs, and tax base.

Discussion

At its April 10th meeting, this Board heard from ranchers in Southern Mono County regarding proposed leases which they received from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for existing agricultural operations in Mono County. The proposed new leases would completely eliminate both irrigation and stock water, essentially making those operations infeasible. The impacts of this proposal, besides direct impacts to the lessees include damage to wetland habitat, wildlife (including the bi-state sage grouse), and the loss of a part of the cultural heritage and tradition of Mono County.

At the April 10th meeting, the question of LADWP's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prior to making this significant change was discussed. Subsequently, LADWP staff informally notified ranchers that they planned to conduct environmental review related to the new leases and that those ranchers could continue to operate under their prior leases this season, but with significantly less water than has historically been provided. The amount proposed is insufficient to sustain current operations.

Staff met with several ranchers on Monday, April 16th to discuss the best approach(es) to address this potentially devastating change to Mono County's agricultural economy and natural environment. The result of that discussion is a draft letter which will be presented at the meeting for consideration and potential approval by your Board today.

If you have any questions on this matter prior to your meeting, please contact me at (760) 924-1712 or jcanger@mono.ca.gov.