



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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: None.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Attended Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Summit
- Communication from Census Bureau – the data that the County will be relying on to carry out redistricting will not be available to the states until September 30, 2021, leaving the County with about 8 weeks to do the actual work of redistricting.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Krista Cooper, Adult Services Supervisor:

- Introduced Amber Rassler, new Social Services Aide

Rose Martin, Child Welfare Supervisor:

- Introduced Samantha Strazdins, newly promoted Social Worker I

5. 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. Board Minutes - January 5, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2021.

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-46

B. Reappointment to the Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

Mono County Child Care Council seeks the re-appointment of Pam Heays by the Mono County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term beginning February 28, 2021 and terminating February 27, 2023.

Action: Appoint Pam Heays to a two-year term in the category of Consumer of Child Care beginning February 28, 2021 and terminating February 27, 2023.

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-47

C. Appointment to County Service Area #1 Advisory Board

Departments: Clerk of the Board

The County Service Area #1 (CSA1) Advisory Board recommends the appointment of David Titus to its Board effective February 16, 2021, for a term expiring November 30, 2024.

Action: Appoint David Titus to the CSA1 Board effective February 16, 2021, for a term expiring November 30, 2024.

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-48

D. Authority to Hire WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician at Step B

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician position at Step B (75B).

Action: Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Stephanie Riley-Stai at a B step in the position of WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician.

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-49

E. Authority to Hire Two Community Health Outreach Specialists at Step B

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill two (2) Community Health Outreach Specialist positions at Step B (63B).

Action: Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Maria Vega and Mr. Juan Rios into the positions of Community Health Outreach Specialist as a Step B (63B).

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-50

F. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

Action:

1. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]

2. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-51

Supervisor Peters:

- Brief update on project and thanked Kevin Julian and team for all their work

G. Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch

Departments: Public Works, County Counsel

Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code related to public use of portions of Conway Ranch dedicated to livestock grazing during grazing season or for other future uses.

Action: Adopt proposed Ordinance ORD21-01, Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch.

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD21-01

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Notice Of Petitions for Change for Licenses 10191 And 10192 (Applications 8042 And 8043) of The City of Los Angeles, Department of Water And Power

On November 14, 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board received Petitions for Change from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 791, subdivision (e) requesting incorporation into its water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 the Mono Basin Settlement Agreement Regarding Continuing Implementation of Water Rights Orders 98-05 and 98-07.

Public Comment:

- Bartshe Miller

B. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding responses to FERC Comments on the 3rd Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam, responses to FERC Comments on 11th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam, and Revised Semi-Quantitative Risk Analysis (SQRA) Report for Rhinedollar Dam.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. First 5 Fiscal Year 2019-20 Evaluation Report

Departments: First 5

(Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Executive Director) - Evaluation of services provided to families and children prenatal to five years old in Mono County for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Action: None.

Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Executive Director:

- Presented item

B. Revolving Loan Update

Departments: Finance

(Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director) - Mammoth Lakes Housing has utilized the Mono County Revolving Loan Fund for a total of five (5) purchases of deed-restricted properties between September 26, 2017 and December 31, 2019. There have been no new loans issued since December 2019. There is one outstanding loan that received a 6- month extension for Unit H101 located on 550 Mono Street.

Action: None.

Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director:

- Provided quarterly update as required by resolution passed by Board of Supervisors

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, school guidelines, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements, vaccine administration concerns, transitioning platforms for vaccine registration

Supervisor Peters:

- CSAC Rural COVID Working Group update

D. Mountain View Fire Update

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- 13 weeks since incident occurred

- Winter weather caused delays for on-the-ground work – on standby, will mobilize crews to begin the work for Phase 2 soon
- Continue to process Right of Entry forms – 106 total ROE forms received
- Intermediate housing mission objective

Break: 10:31 AM

Reconvened: 10:41 AM

E. Legislative Platform Workshop

Departments: Administration

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Workshop for the Board of Supervisors to review changes suggested by County departments for the 2021 Legislative Platform

Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Reviewed redline version of Legislative Platform
- Revised redline version based on direction given at today's meeting will be circulated and presented for approval at the March 2 meeting

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:07 PM

Reconvened: 1:10 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: Abshire et. al, v. Newsom, et al. (US Dist. Ct. for the Eastern District 2:21-cv-00198-JAM-KJN).

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. New Statewide Inland Trout Fishing Regulations for the 2021-2022 Fishing Season

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - The California State Fish and Game Commission approved new Statewide Inland Trout Fishing Regulations for the 2021-2022 fishing season. The current 2020-2021 regulations remain in effect through Feb. 28, 2021. The new regulations will go into effect on: March 1, 2021.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Presented item
- Shared draft chart showing fishing locations in Mono County and new regulations effective March 1, CDFW flyer

B. Discussion of MediCal Managed Care and Presentation from Inland Empire Health Plan

Departments: Social Services; Public Health; Behavioral Health

(Kathy Peterson, Mono Social Services; Meaghan McCamman, Inyo HHS) - A brief presentation on the upcoming procurement of new MediCal managed care plans through the state Department of Health Care Services will be provided, followed by a presentation from Inland Empire Health Plan.

Action: None.

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Introduced item

Meaghan McCamman, Inyo HHS:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – Medi-Cal Managed Care background, Rural health care in California, procurement steps, upcoming decision points

Jarrod McNaughton, CEO of Inland Empire Health Plan:

- PPT presentation – overview of Inland Empire Health Plan

C. Housing Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, County Administrative Officer) - In 2018, a toolbox matrix consisting of strategies to address Mono County's housing challenges was established and vetted through extensive community outreach. The toolbox matrix proposed integration of goals and strategies into potential programs and actions.

In the absence of a dedicated County housing office, staff in a range of departments have stepped in to provide momentum. Their efforts have enabled the County to be proactive and responsive despite the other demands on their time, especially during the Pandemic.

The County is now recruiting for a dedicated Housing Coordinator, and a new Supervisor has been elected to the Board since the toolbox was last reviewed.

Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Reviewed housing toolbox prioritization
- Will review documents and come back to the Board and provide summary of progress made since 2018

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Housing Authority Meeting will be held in June – summary and status update would be provided, development activity summary, funding from the housing mitigation ordinance, other grants

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Still monitoring progress of Davison house which was sold with deed restriction for redevelopment as affordable housing
- Birch creek condo sold to IMACA
- Two houses in Benton to be transferred to the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe to maintain as affordable housing

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 2/10: RCRC meetings--board formally appointed Pat Blacklock as the new CEO/President; RCRC executive committee meeting.
- 2/11: Wildlife stewardship team meeting and presentation (video of presentation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQvLk6-O3_Y)
- Dispersed camping summit--thank you to Supervisor Gardner for organizing.
- 2/12: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting: approval of resolution for grant application to California Dept of Fish and Wildlife, renewed contract with Elaine Kabala for staff support.

- Coming up this week: Visit California Outlook forum, participating in a panel on sustainable tourism.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 02/09/21 – Hilton Creek Community Services District – I attended the HCCSD meeting to meet the Board and hear their financial reports and the Sewer Facilities Update.
- 02/10/21 – Long Valley Fire District - I participated in the LVFD monthly meeting to discuss outstanding issues with agreements and funding. I will be following up with the Finance Team and other departments for more information and next steps.
- 02/11/21 – OVGA – I participated in the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Board meeting. Outreach has begun in Southern Inyo districts that are members of OVGA, and comments to the GSP are being collected for all areas, including the Tri-Valley Area and Fish Slough.
- 02/12/21
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Benton – I volunteered with MLT at the Vaccine Clinic last Friday. Eligible Tri-Valley residents along with others that work or live in Mono County were vaccinated and their feedback was they were pleased with the efficiency and organization demonstrated by the Mono County Public Health staff and volunteers.
 - ESTA – I participated in my first Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board meeting. Executive Director Phil Moores gave a Ridership Report, plans for Reds Meadow service this year (pending on COVID-19 restrictions) and shared their Strategic Business Plan.

Supervisor Gardner:

- 2/10: Participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC – topics discussed included grazing on Conway Ranch, Lundy Lake road closures, pedestrian connections in Lee Vining
- 2/11: Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Summit – about 65 participants representing federal public land agencies, local governments, nonprofits, recreation and environmental groups, and one tribal council. Five subcommittees were established to begin work aimed at making the dispersed camping experience better this summer. Those five subcommittees include Outreach and Education, Consolidated map, Stewardship, Infrastructure, and Law Enforcement. Recording is available by going to the following link:
http://monocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=c6de65ba-6ccb-11eb-920e-0050569183fa
- Everything else on the 11th and 12th have been covered well by my colleagues

Supervisor Kreitz:

- February 11, I attended the Mono County Treasury Oversight Committee Meeting. I also listened in to part of the CSAC Board meeting, and attended the Special meeting of the Board later that same day.
- Saturday, February 13th I volunteered at the Mammoth Lakes Vaccination clinic.

Supervisor Peters:

- 2/9: attended Bridgeport RPAC and Mountain View Fire Relief Fund meetings
- 2/10: attended RCRC appointment of new CEO/president, hosted NACO Broadband Futureproofing Taskforce meeting – continuing to strategize on advocating for all things broadband. Met with Town Manager Dan Holler and EOC

Chief Mokracek and Gina Monticello about writing advocacy letter to the State regarding local control in opening

- 2/11: CSAC Board of Directors meeting – a lot of talk about the vaccine, CSAC priorities for the year, discussed possibility of future meetings to be held in person, regional meetings will be scheduled, advocating for options when it comes to third-party administrator and MyTurn changes with COVID-19 vaccines. Listened in to LADWP Lawsuit hearing. Attended Special Board meeting with Beth Cohen. CSA #5 held their first virtual meeting – projects that will benefit the community in Bridgeport. Street signs in Bridgeport project gaining traction, banner across 395.
- 2/12: NACo membership call, CSAC Broadband Taskforce

ADJOURNED AT 2:48 PM

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**