



**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
March 16, 2021**

9:01 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 Gardner.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Nelson:

- Concerns regarding speeding vehicles in Lee Vining

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Red Cross Month Proclamation and Good Neighbor Partnership Awardee

Departments: Social Services

(Kathy Peterson and Cathy Young, Social Services; Eddie Zamora, Executive Director, American Red Cross Kern County and Eastern Sierra Chapter) - American Red Cross (ARC) Central California Region requests the Board of Supervisors proclaim March as Red Cross Month. In addition, ARC representatives will honor Topaz Lodge with the 2020 Good Neighbor Partnership Award for their outstanding sheltering collaboration on the Mountain View Fire.

Action: Issue a proclamation declaring March as Red Cross Month and join Red Cross in honoring Topaz Lodge as the 2020 Good Neighbor Partnership awardee.

Corless motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-61

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Introduced item

Eddie Zamora, Executive Director, American Red Cross Kern County and Eastern Sierra Chapter:

- Provided background on Red Cross Month

Megin Hughes, Disaster Program Manager:

- Presented 2020 Good Neighbor Partnership Award to Topaz Lodge
- Recognized Cathy Young and Kathy Peterson of Social Services for all their work

Rich Jorges, Topaz Lodge General Manager:

- Thanked everyone for the recognition and will continue to support the community in the future

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Met with Robert Bendorf, former CAO of Yuba County, regarding strategic planning services
- Weekly budget development meeting
- Met with Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich regarding redistricting – will come back to the Board with a more detailed presentation
- Business roundtable with Mammoth Lakes business community
- Joint meeting with California Department of Health Care Services, Inyo County, Inland Empire Health Plan
- Housing Coordinator position update
- Mountain View Fire EOC Briefing, Workplace Wellbeing Committee, Mountain View Fire Community Workshop #6

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Public Charge Rule
- Golden State Grant – will provide one-time \$600 payment to all eligible CalWORKS families
- Golden State Stimulus – will provide one-time \$600 payment to eligible households
- Housing is Key website: <https://housing.ca.gov/>

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Received full court ruling in the Mono County vs. City of Los Angeles (Long Valley water case)

- As a Director for the County Counsel's Association, have rotated in to be legal counsel for PRISM (formerly CSAC Excess Insurance Authority)
- Urgency item

Urgency Item Addition to Agenda – Memorandum of Understanding with the State for Receipt and Distribution of Vaccines: The Board determined that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Authority: Govt. Code §54954.2(b)(2). Note that urgency items may only be added to the agendas of regular meetings, not special meetings.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-62

Urgency Item Action: Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Memorandum of Understanding between California Government Operations Agency and the County of Mono.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-63

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Provided background on MOU

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 - February 2, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 2, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 2, 2021.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-64

B. Appointment to First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission

Departments: First 5

Request for Board of Supervisors to appoint Janice Mendez to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

Action: Appoint Janice Mendez to the Mono County Children and Families Commission to serve a three-year term commencing March 16, 2021 and expiring March 15, 2024.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-65

C. Fiscal Year 2021 USGS Joint Funding Agreement

Departments: Community Development

Agreements with United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Ormat Nevada, Inc. (Ormat) for FY 2021 Funding of Long Valley Hydrologic Monitoring Program.

Action: Authorize the Mono County Community Development Director to execute (1) the USGS Joint Funding Agreement NO. 21ZGJFA60095610 and (2) Agreement Between the County of Mono and Ormat Nevada, Inc. to fund the Long Valley hydrologic monitoring program for FY 2021.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-66

D. Emergency Guardrail Replacement – Project Completion

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Completion of the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane.

Action: Find that the emergency work to replace guardrails on Eastside and North River Lanes, which were damaged in the Mountain View Fire, has been completed and action is no longer needed.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-67

E. Virginia Lakes Road Maintenance Project

Departments: Public Works

The project consists of asphalt maintenance by application of slurry seal, paint re striping and sign replacement on Virginia Lakes Road

Action:

- 1) Approve bid package and authorize the Public Works Department to advertise the project for bids.
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract, in form approved by County Counsel, with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount equal or less than the Engineer's Estimate, plus 10 percent contingency.
- 3) Authorize the Public Works Director to reject all bids if no bid is received that is less than the Engineer's Estimate, plus 10 percent contingency.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no
M21-68

F. Resolution in Support of AB 779 re: Changes to Personnel Classification

Departments: Sheriff

Proposed Resolution R21-19 in Support of AB 779. The Mono County Sheriff's Office is working with Assembly Member Frank Bigelow on Assembly Bill 779, which will add the Counties of Del Norte, Madera, Mono, and San Mateo to the list of counties noted in 830.1(c) of the Penal Code. Penal Code 830.1(c) authorizes peace officer status to correctional officers of specified counties while on-duty and engaged in the performance of their duties, or when performing other law enforcement duties directed by his or her employing agency during a local state of emergency.

Action: Approve Board of Supervisors Resolution R21-19, in support of AB 779, further acknowledging that Mono County is requesting legislative authority to implement the changes to personnel classification.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no
R21-19

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. Letter from June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) re: Request for Support of Project to Install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Gull Lake Park

A letter from the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee requesting support from the Board of Supervisors for the project to install an electric vehicle charging station at Gull Lake Park.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Provided background on item

B. Notice of Preparation and CEQA Scoping Meeting – Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges on Federal Lands within the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Region

Notice from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding conducting a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting to receive input from interested persons on the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Report that will be prepared for the proposed project: Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source

Discharges Related to Certain Activities Conducted by the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service on Federal Lands (Federal NPS Permit).

C. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Temporary Urgency Change Petition to Deviate from the Stream Restoration Flow Requirements

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requests that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) approve the Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), pursuant to Water Code Section No. 1435, to temporarily deviate from the Stream Restoration Flow requirements as outlined in the SWRCB Order 98-05. Upon approval of the TUCP, flows will be scheduled in Rush, Lee Vining, Walker, and Parker Creeks in accordance with the enclosed "MONO BASIN OPERATIONS PLAN UNDER THE APRIL 2021 TUCP".

D. Rush Creek Project Relicensing, FERC Project No. 1389

Notice that Southern California Edison (SCE) is in the early stages of relicensing the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Project No. 1389).

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Employment Development Department, Workforce Services Branch

Departments: Social Services and EDD Workforce Services Branch (Kathryn Peterson (DSS), Francie Avitia (DSS), Shelly Tarver (EDD), Cristina Garza (EDD)) - Representatives with the Employment Development Department, Workforce Services Branch (Shelly Tarver, Central Valley Deputy Division Chief and Cristina Garza, Bakersfield Alternate Cluster Manager) will provide a brief presentation on the services they provide, including ways they can assist Mono County residents with general unemployment insurance navigation.

Action: None.

Kathryn Peterson Social Services Director:

- Introduced item

Shelly Tarver, Employment Development Department, Workforce Services Branch:

- Presentation of services provided
- Overview of Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act

B. Superintendent of Schools Report

Departments: Mono County Office of Education

(Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent of Schools) – Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent, will present her regular update to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, including but not limited to the topics of a status update on the re-opening of schools, county-wide equity training for the schools, the social emotional learning grant, and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Action: None.

Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent of Schools:

- Reviewed school reopening schedule
- MCOE received grant this last year for equity trainings
- Just received \$100,000 grant from Department of Health and Human Services to develop a community of practice around social-emotional learning
- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
- MCOE, in partnership with Mono Arts Council, will be presenting a virtual conference for all teachers across the State called “Create Eastern Sierra Summer Arts Institute”

Break: 10:51 AM

Reconvened: 11:00 AM

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: Approve letter as updated by staff consistent with the discussion and direction given today and authorize the Board Chair to sign approved letter.

Duggan motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-69

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-111>) – 7-day metrics, Vaccine equity metric, Blueprint for a Safer Economy, summary of Mono County Red Tier Business Sector Operations, MUSD update, CDC interim recommendations for fully vaccinated people

Supervisor Peters:

- CSAC Rural Caucus working group update

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Public Health Officer update

D. Mountain View Fire Update

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

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Addressing intermediate housing aspect
- Request coming to the Board from Community Development for modifications on temporary emergency dwelling standards
- Environmental Health will be coming to the Board with an urgency ordinance allowing us to do Phase 2 cleanup
- MOU being drafted between Mono County and City of Los Angeles to procure trailers
- Nevada Resiliency Project hosting second event on 3/20
- Donation center in Antelope Valley Community Center wrapping up operations by end of month

E. Urgency Ordinance Establishing Processes and Requirements for Mountain View Fire Debris Cleanup

Departments: Environmental Health

(Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director) - Proposed urgency ordinance establishing processes and requirements for debris removal from Mountain View Fire damaged properties. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and requires a 4/5 vote to pass.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance, establishing processes and requirements for debris removal from Mountain View Fire damaged properties.

Peters motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD21-02

Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director:

- Presented item

F. Mountain View Fire Recovery - Revisions to Temporary Emergency Dwelling Standards

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Proposed resolution revising standards for the placement of temporary emergency dwellings to facilitate reconstruction associated with Mountain View Fire recovery.

Action: Find that the proposed resolution qualifies under CEQA exemptions 15303(a) and 15303(b), direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption, and adopt proposed resolution with any desired modifications.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-20

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item

G. Planning Commission Appointments

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Appoint/Reappoint Planning Commissioners to serve new four year terms on the Planning Commission.

Action:

- 1) Reappoint Scott Bush, with term expiring March 1, 2025, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Peters; and
- 2) Appoint Jora Fogg, with term expiring March 1, 2025, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Gardner; and
- 3) Reappoint Roberta Lagomarsini, with term expiring March 1, 2025, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Duggan.

Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-70

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Provided background on commissioners

H. Assessment Appeals Board Presentation

Departments: Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

(Scheereen Dedman, Assistant Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board) - This item is a presentation of an overview of the Assessment Appeals Board, including it's purpose, assessment types, appeal / hearing schedule, the appeal process, and the local rules. This item will also review proposed amendments to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board Local Rules (Exhibit A), approved by the Assessment Appeals Board at it's annual business meeting in July 2020.

Action: Approve proposed amendments to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board Local Rules.

Corless motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Scheereen Dedman, Assistant Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board:

- Presentation – Assessment Appeal types, deadlines, and process. Board structure and meeting schedule. Assessment Appeals Board Clerk and Assessor differentiation.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 2:12 PM
Reconvened: 3:59 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.

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. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Update

Departments: CAO, Board of Supervisors

(David Wilbrecht, Special Projects Coordinator) - Update on implementing the Board's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Initiative.

Action: None.

David Wilbrecht, Special Projects Coordinator:

- Finalizing professional services agreement with Dr. Cameron Wedding

Supervisor Corless:

- Working group has been meeting with Dr. Cameron Wedding and putting together a full proposal of how the work will be moved forward

Dr. Rita Cameron Wedding:

- Reviewed approach and framework of implicit bias

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- RCRC Board Meeting:
https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2021/March_10_2021/BoardMeeting_Highlights_March_10_2021_FINAL.pdf
- Yosemite Gateway Area Coordination Group: planning a discussion of gateway tourism/recreation impacts and needs as spring/summer approaches and covid restrictions remain in place
- Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District – first meeting back, good to hear of progress on archaeological resource district and partnership with the Lone Pine tribe
- JEDI working group/planning
- Sierra Eastside Regional Prioritization Group—presentations about cultural burning
- NACo Resorts/Tourism/Gateway working group: Here's a NACo post about the meeting. Thanks to Supervisor Gardner for organizing this group.
<https://www.naco.org/articles/tourism-boom-stresses-gateway-counties>
- NACo Public Lands Steering Committee: Presentations by agency representatives
- On Friday, toured CA Natural Resources Agency Sec Crowfoot and CA Chief Services Officer Josh Fryday around the Mammoth Lakes Basin and discussed forest health, recreation and all sorts of resource topics.
- Meeting with US Forest Service representatives to connect region 4/Humboldt-Toiyabe with opportunities for forest management in California.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 03/10/21 –
 - 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference - Rural Action Caucus. I attended the Rural Action Caucus to see how their focus aligned with Mono County priorities. Discussions included the impact of community colleges on rural communities, changes in census data that could redefine rural status (no affect on Mono County), and the federal rural broadband efforts.
- 03/11/21 –
 - 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference – Arts & Culture Commission Meeting. I attended the session that looked at the challenges for arts and culture in our communities and even some COVID-19 success stories.
 - GBUAPCD – I participated in the monthly meeting for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, where the Governing Board elect Alpine Co. Commission Ron Hames Vice-Chair. We had an update from Grace Holder on the Keeler Dunes planting project, which looks successful in suppressing the sand from claiming more of the desert and the community of Keeler. This strategy could be applied in other areas of the Eastern Sierra.
 - OVGAs – I participated in the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting where we discussed progress on the GSP, status of data requests from LADWP, and the continuing outreach efforts to the communities represented in the OVGAs. The OVGAs staff is still working on the mailing to the Tri-Valley area.
- 03/12/21 –
 - ESTA – Board Meeting – I participated in the board meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority. We received updates on ridership, cooperative agreements with Greyhound in Reno, and the preliminary FY 21-11 Budget. There was also discussion of support from the TOML to aid

- in operation of the Reds Meadow shuttle this summer if Covid-19 restrictions allow.
- 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference - Resorts/Tourism/Gateway Counties Working Group. I attended the session led by our own Vice-Chair Gardner, this group addressed the unique challenges facing like communities and shared lessons learned.
- 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference – Public Lands Policy Steering Committee. I attended the Steering Committee meeting that featured discussions on new directions for Public Lands management and proposed legislation.
- 3/15/21 –
 - Local Transportation Commission – I participated in the LTC meeting where the Board received general updates and strategy planning efforts from Caltrans and ESTA. We also approved the administration of various funding sources. There was a workshop led by Mono County IT Director Nate Greenberg showcasing the GIS data tasks related to transportation.
 - CSAC Master Plan on Aging – I attended the webinar that detailed the State’s program and resource that assist local governments and partners in preparing for the growth of our aging population over the next 20 years.
- Request to adjourn Board meeting in memory of Jim Lambert and Ralph McMullen

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday March 3 I participated in the monthly June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. Topics discussed included the Vehicle Charging Project, the General Plan Safety Element and land Use Element, and a COVID Update.
- On Thursday March 4 I attended a Zoom meeting with several June lake residents to talk about future capital and other projects for the community. These included general and specific improvements to Gull Lake Park for special events, changes to the June lake ballfield, a skatepark, and some other suggestions. Attendees agreed we needed to have another wider session to get a better sense of what the community desired.
- On Friday March 5 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Topics discussed included the status of the Federal recognition of the tribe, tribal concerns and contact from other agencies, and several future tribal programs.
- Also, on Friday March 5 I attended the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. The Council continues to work on obtaining grants and planning for the 2021 summer and fall seasons.
- On Wednesday March 10 I participated in the monthly Mono Basin RPAC meeting. Topics discussed included pending ADU regulations, status of the Pumice Valley Landfill, a community cleanup proposal, and a COVID update.
- On Thursday March 11 I led a Zoom meeting about the process for plowing and opening the Tioga Road this spring. Yosemite Superintendent Cicely Muldoon and representatives from CalTrans and our Mono County Road Dept. provided information for the Lee Vining community and others.
- On Friday March 12 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. Topics covered included reviewing ESTA’s operations and financial status, approval of selected grant applications and contracts, and review of the proposed ESTA budget for 2021-2022. It is still not clear whether ESTA will be providing the Red’s Meadow Shuttle this summer.
- Also, on Friday I led the NACO Resorts/Tourism/Gateway Working group meeting as part of the NACO Legislative Conference. About 35 county officials from all over the country listened to a NACO legislative update and presentations from five

counties, including our own Stacy Corless, about how they handled the COVID crisis this past year. There were many similarities with what we experienced in Mono County.

- Finally, on Friday I participated in the NACO Public Lands Policy Steering Committee meeting. We approved one resolution and heard presentations from several Federal public lands officials about a variety of issues.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- March 10th: I participated in a stakeholder meeting for the proposed childcare center at Phase I of The Parcel. Progress is being made on identifying needs, wishes, responsibilities and other details to move the much needed childcare forward. The developer believes that if they can break ground this year, the first phase would be ready for move-in in early 2023.
- I attended the NACo Rural Caucus Meeting later that morning. There was a presentation from Matt Fannin on the pending changes to the defining of rural to Census Data Classifications. The impacts for Mono are not certain at this time.
- March 11th: I attended the "Leading Local" webinar hosted by the ILG - Institute of Local Government. The diverse panel hit on many topics including racism, the need to respect each other in the democratic process of democracy including listening more, and civic engagement. Limiting public comment times was another topic, and of course COVID19.
- Next, that day I attended the NACo webinar on The American Rescues Plan. Locally we will see direct funds to both Mono and Mammoth Lakes and Mono will receive additional PILT monies over the next two years allocated under a different, still evolving funding formula. This latter funding has no restrictions other than it may not be used for lobbying.
- After this, I attended the Tioga Road Opening meeting. Thanks to Supervisor Gardener for organizing.
- I attended the Bring California Home webinar on AB71 a permanent source fund for housing sponsored by Housing California among many.
- Friday, March 12: I attended the CCRH regular board meeting. HCD Director Gustavo Velasquez joined us for an hour to discuss topics pertinent to his state department and housing in rural California. He did acknowledge the slow roll-out of standard agreements/contracts and that with their new hire, Jeffery Ross, they are targeting getting Federal dollars out more efficiently. He is very eager to work to address deficiencies within the department.
- March 15th I attend the LTC meeting. We received an update from IT Director Nate Greenberg on the GIS Asset Management Program - LTC.mono mammoth.hub.Archie.com
- Caltrans reported that the Olancha Cartego project is progressing with the awarding of a contract for the construction of a fence protecting the Desert Tortoise to begin in April. ESTA reported that: ridership is down 71%, but trending in the right direction; the Reds Meadow summer shuttle is likely to run with support from the Town and MMSA which is necessary due to the limited capacity on the busses. The Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission will be discussing transit in Town, including the Old Mammoth Road transit - the meeting is April 14th at 2PM public input is welcome and encouraged.
- Later that day, I attended the MLH webinar on the State, via the Federal government, rental assistance program - housingiskey.com for an appointment, application, and more information. The program is open to both landlords and tenants.
- Lastly, I participated in a meeting with the CSAC HLT committee meeting to prepare for the coming CSAC Legislative Conference April 21 & 22. The

Committee will be hosting a workshop on what it takes to develop affordable housing with a diverse and experienced panel - the workshop will be on April 22 at 8:30AM.

- I was invited by NACo to participate on a NACo workshop panel on housing and rental assistance during COVID on Friday, March 26 at 11AM.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanked Supervisor Gardner for asking great questions specific to Mono County during the Public Lands meetings
- On the 9th, attended the Bridgeport RPAC and Mountain View Fire Relief Fund meetings. Relief Fund – about half has been distributed, waiting to distribute the rest once the interim housing and clean up progresses further.
- On the 10th, attended the Rural Action Caucus, NACo WIR Board of Directors meeting
- Met with Jan Cutts
- Communicating with Brian Ferebee, NACo USDA Leg Liaison
- Attending various broadband taskforce meetings
- Meeting on Friday with CSAC and started discussing SB 28 legislation that is currently working its way through committees. Working with Nate Greenberg to get Mono County perspective.
- Call with subgroup futureproofing for the NACo Broadband Taskforce
- LTC meeting yesterday, presentation by Nate Greenberg on assets Mono County has and the data management tools that are available and still being updated that can provide information to CalTrans and transportation projects, updates from ESTA – electric buses, YARTS update – plans for transportation and COVID in coming year.
- Tioga Pass road clearing meeting – provided clarity on expectations and deliverables for opening. Thanked CalTrans and our Public Works.
- Mountain View Fire Community Meeting #6 last night
- Meeting with Deputy Director Stafford Lair of California Department of Fish and Wildlife discussing the recently implemented fishing regulation changes which have had some impacts to the Eastern Sierra that were unanticipated.
- Recently received Southern California Edison pamphlet regarding changes to come – request for CAO Lawton to ask SCE to come to the Board to make a presentation.

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 4:00 PM in memory of Jim Lambert and Ralph McMullen.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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