



**DRAFT 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
April 20, 2021**

Backup Recording	Zoom
Minute Orders	M21-91 – M21-98
Resolutions	R21-28 – R21-29
Ordinance	Not Used

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.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Former Supervisor Fred Stump:

- Commenting on item 6, KORE Mining letters since he is unavailable later.
- Asked County, in agreement with Range of Light and Friends of the Inyo, to write a letter to the Inyo National Forest. There are many activities listed in the letter from the Inyo National Forest that could result in possibly negative "what-ifs."

Janet Carle:

- Echoed Fred's comments.
- Keep Mono County wild. Thinks next week is an excellent time to say it.

2. RECOGNITIONS

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A. Proclamations Designating the Month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Departments: Wild Iris, Mono County Department of Social Services and Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)

(Matthew O'Connor, Michelle Raust, Courtney Powell) - April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Action: Proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month
Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Proclaim April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Duggan moved; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Chair Kreitz read proclamations.

Michelle Raust, Department of Social Services:

- Thanked all of their community partners and the Board for their support.
- Recognized Matthew for his years of work – he is leaving Wild Iris.

Matthew O'Connor, Wild Iris Executive Director:

- Speaking on behalf of his staff, it means a lot to them to have their work recognized.

Courtney Powell, Child Abuse Prevention Council:

- Great collaboration with Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Counsel and Probation, Social Services, Wild Iris, and Behavioral Health.
- Wear blue day.
- In collab with PH the ACES and JACES awareness.
- Trauma informed care training.
- Children's memorial flag raising ceremony.

B. Recognition of Dr. Thomas J. Boo, MD

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution recognizing Dr. Thomas J. Boo, MD.

Action: Approve proposed resolution recognizing Dr. Thomas J. Boo, MD.
Gardner moved; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Chair Kreitz read the proclamation.

Comment made by:
Former Supervisor Stump

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Stacey Simon, County Counsel:
Wendy Sugimura, CDD
Bob Lawton, CAO:
Sherriff Braun
Alicia Vennos
Robin Roberts
Scheereen Dedman

Board comment.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Wednesday, met with Molly DesBaillet, First Five Executive Director. Looks forward to having the county work more closely with First Five.
- JEDI and Workplace Wellness meetings. Both efforts are gaining more traffic.
- Working on budget for the coming year. Met with Janet, Megan, and John, as well as departmental meetings.
- Friday, attended a redistricting webinar.
- Yesterday, welcomed four new County employees.
- Was part of a dress rehearsal for a panel on returning to work in a post-pandemic environment that will be held Thursday as part of the CSAC Legislative Conference.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- April 10, Community Clean Up event in Lee Vining.
- April 22, Earth Day.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- April 15, the Planning Commission approved a use modification for Benton Hot Springs.
- Workshop with Planning Commission on accessory dwelling units.

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 - March 16, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2021.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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B. Budget Adjustment for the Grand Jury Budget Unit

Departments: Finance

The Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted a budget for the Grand Jury for fiscal year 2020-2021 that included \$10,000 in expenditures. On March 11, 2021, Finance received a request for a budget increase from the Superior Court of California - Mono County and expenditures to date indicate insufficient remaining appropriations for the Grand Jury to complete its duties. The budget request was not received in time for the mid-year budget adjustment, so this request to use contingency funds is being addressed independently.

Action: Approve use of contingency for Grand Jury in amount of \$2,500.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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C. Community Development Block Grant 2021 Application

Departments: Finance

As per the public hearing held on April 13, 2021 Mono County intends to submit an application in response to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Notice of Funding Availability for Homeownership assistance.

Action: Adopt Resolution R21-28, Approving the submission of an application for the Community Development Block Grant 2021 Notice of Funding Availability.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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D. Allocation List Amendment - Behavioral Health

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed resolution Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Remove One 1.0 FTE Director of Clinical Services and Add Two 1.0 FTE Staff Services Analyst IIs. This amendment will increase Mono County Behavioral Health's capacity to meet compliance-related requirements and expand wellness center activities throughout the County.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-29, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Remove One 1.0 FTE Director of Clinical Services and Add Two 1.0 FTE Staff Services Analyst IIs.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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E. Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program Contract Amendment #19-10162, A01

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Standard Agreement Amendment with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program pertaining to Contract #19-10162, A01.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract amendment and authorize Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County by signing the following: one (1) copy of Standard Agreement Amendment (STD 213A).

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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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 Southern California Edison re: the Mill Creek and Wilson System

A letter from Southern California Edison in response to the letter sent by the Board of Supervisors on November 3, 2020 regarding the management of flows in Mill Creek and the Wilson system in Mono County.

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 the following: (1) Completing of Poole Powerhouse Flowline Repair; (2) 2021 DSSMP/2020 DSSMR Submittal for Rhinedollar Dam, Saddlebag Dam, Tioga Lake Dam.

C. USDA Forest Service Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project Update

The Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is initiating the analysis process for the proposed Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project proposed by Kore USA Ltd. (Kore Mining). The Long Valley Mineral Exploration Project would include drilling exploratory bore holes to investigate mineral potential on the mining claim, and subsequent reclamation.

Lynn Boulton, Chair of Sierra Club:

- Urged Board to oppose the project every step of the way as they did in the 1990's. Can tip the scales for the Long Valley Bi State Sage Grouse population.

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Wendy Schneider, Friends of the Inyo, Executive Director:

- Encouraged the Board to completely oppose this proposal every step of the way. It is inconsistent with Mono County's motto "Wild by Nature."

Gary Nelson:

- A few years ago, he attended a meeting concerning a proposed mine outside of Bridgeport and many of the public in attendance had expressed concern over cyanide heap leaching reservoir that would be a part of the project. One of the proponents said that the poisonous material would leak into rough creek and into Nevada. Worried about the introduction of poisonous materials into the head of the Owens River.
- Asked the Board to join the citizens who will rise up against this.

Chris Bubser:

- Strongly opposes this mine and exploratory activities for environmental and health reasons.
- Christopher Leonard, fly fishing guide, asked her to read his comments for him since he is in class (in opposition).

Kevin Peterson, Hot Creek Ranch Operations Manager:

- Opposed core mining operations. Serious concerns for hot creek fishery, has Fish and Wildlife been alerted to this and what is their stance? The ability to do the exploration is based on a law from 1872, which at the time included a mile and a pickax. At the very least need an environmental impact study before moving forward.

Sarah:

- Opposes the project.

Gordon Martin, Mammoth District Ranger:

- Is in the meeting to hear all of the comments.
- Encourages everyone to submit comments directly to the Forest Service as part of the project record in order to be taken into consideration.

Malcolm Clark, Range of Light:

- Echoes the other comments of opposition.

Board consensus to send a comment letter for May 4 meeting.

D. Letter from Sierra Club Range of Light Group re: Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project

A letter from the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club Range of Light Group requesting the Mono County Board of Supervisors comment on the Long Valley Exploratory Drilling Project.

E. Letter from Friends of the Inyo re: Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project

A letter from Wendy Schneider, Executive Director of Friends of the Inyo, requesting the Mono County Board of Supervisors comment on the Long Valley Exploratory Drilling Project.

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Lynn Boulton:

- Has more info about the geology

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. 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:

- Went through presentation.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Asked for actual case rate.
- The real case rate is 4-5 cases in the last 2 weeks (versus adjusted case rate).

Supervisor Garnder:

- In terms of moving to Orange tier would allow for 50% capacity inside-dining? Yes, begins tomorrow, should metrics be correct.
- Vaccinating everyone 16 years old and older, estimating the population of less than 16 is about 2500 - 3000 people, so when we say we have 7000 people fully vaccinated, we have more than half of the population vaccinated?
- The State has our population around 10,000, excludes those not eligible for the vaccine. State has 68% of our population having at least one dose. Margin between first and second dose is somewhere in the 60 percentile. We have also vaccinated people who live in Nevada but are employees in Mono.

Supervisor Duggan:

- PPE – working with other agencies to distribute to businesses? There is a shortage.
- EOC was distributing, Public Health is not. There are no major PPE shortages.

Gordon Martin:

- Pfizer is on track to be approved for 12–15-year-old children. Any consideration for reserving the vaccines so that they are on hand once there is approval?
- Yes, they have been reserved.

B. Mountain View Fire Update

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center
(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

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Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Provided update of the fire recovery.

Supervisor Peters:

- Concerns floating through the community – accessing contractors, request to see if the County can facilitate a local assistance center specific to planning.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Wanted to recognize Jason Davenport and Don Nunn for doing the trailer inspections. It was a great deal of work. They put in long hours and went above and beyond.
- Recognized the remaining staff.

C. Airport Road/Hot Creek Road Project - Start Date, Duration, Traffic Control

Departments: Public Works Engineering

(Chad Senior, Associate Engineer) - This item is a brief oral update on the Airport Road project to provide public information on the project start date, duration, and expected traffic delays. Parties interested in potential delays along Airport Road (serving the Mammoth Yosemite Airport) and Hot Creek Road should view this item, and/or visit the County Project web page at: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/engineering/page/projects-notices-1>

Action: None.

Chad Senior, Associate Engineer:

- Presented item and gave public notice of road construction on Airport Rd. and a portion of Hot Creek Hatchery Rd.

D. Letter to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regarding Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage Grouse

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Letter to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding LADWP's Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse.

Action: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign proposed letter as revised.

Duggan moved; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item. Presented letter and its revisions.

E. Amending Mono County Code Title 9 - Animals

Departments: CAO

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(John Craig, Assistant CAO, Malinda Huggins, Animal Control Coordinator)
- Proposed Ordinance Amending Mono County Code Title 9 to Change the Name of the Mono County Department of Animal Control to the Mono County Department of Animal Services and Change the Method by which Dogs are Licensed.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance as amended.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Malinda Huggins, Animal Control Coordinator:

- Introduced item.

John Craig, Assistant CAO:

- Explained the changes.

Stacey Simon:

- Detailed changes being discussed.
- Red-lined version of code is available on website.
- Recognized Christy Milovich for her work on the project.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Moved to Board Reports.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:30 AM

Reconvened: 1:02 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

Item 9c was postponed to May 4.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

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

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

C. 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.

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

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3

Departments: Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING: 1:00 PM (4 hours)

(Wendy Sugimura, Gerry LeFrancois) - Public hearing regarding Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment to amend the 1993 Tioga Inn Specific Plan (1993 Specific Plan and EIR) located at 22, 133, and 254 Vista Point Road in Lee Vining and consisting of four parcels (APN 021- 080-014, -025, -026 & -027). The Specific Plan Amendment proposes up to 150 new workforce housing bedrooms in up to 100 new units, a third gas-pump island with overhead canopy, additional parking to accommodate on-site guest vehicles as well as a general-use park-and-ride facility and bus parking for Yosemite transit vehicles, a new package wastewater treatment system tied to a new subsurface drip irrigation system, replacement of the existing water storage tank with a new tank of the same size in the same area, a new 30,000-gallon on-site propane tank (eventually replacing the existing five on-site tanks), modification to the boundaries and acreage of designated open space, and modification of parcel boundaries. The 1993 approvals, which include a two-story, 120-room hotel and full-service restaurant on the site, remain in effect regardless of whether the Proposed Amendment is approved.

Action:

1) Receive staff report and presentation, hold public hearing, and receive public testimony on the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3 (“Project”) and Alternative #7-Hybrid Plan (“Preferred Alternative”) (Attachment 1).

Option 1: Approve the Project and Preferred Alternative #7 or with Further Modifications.

Adopt proposed Resolution (Attachment 2): 1) adopting the Mitigation

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Monitoring and Reporting Program as recommended by the Planning Commission as revised, or with further modifications; and 2) making the required findings and approving the Project (Preferred Alternative #7) as presented or with further modifications. Direct staff to file a Notice of Determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Option 2 – Deny the Project.

Determine that the unavoidable environmental impacts and risks identified in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) for the project are not outweighed by the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project and deny the project. Additionally, the Board may determine that one or more of the Specific Plan findings in the proposed Resolution cannot be made.

Option 3 – Continue the Public Hearing.

Set a new date and time for a continued public hearing and provide specific direction to staff about actions to take prior to the Board considering the project. Based on currently known Board meeting capacity, the recommendation is for May 11 or May 18 at 1:00 pm.

Supervisor Corless:

- Recused herself because her family is an owner of the Tioga Pass Resort and some of the employees of the Resort are housed at the Tioga Inn property, thereby creating a financial conflict of interest.

Public hearing opened: 1:05 PM

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item.
- Went through PPT Presentation.

Dennis Domaille, Applicant

- This project is about providing much needed housing.
- Read from communication between Megan Mallowney, Acting District Ranger, and his wife Jane, asking about available housing.

Public Comment:

Geoff McQuilkin
Winter King, Attorney from the firm representing the Mono Lake Committee
Margaret Eissler
Gary Nelson
Lily Pastel
Kris Hohag
Marissa Leonard
Nora Livingston
Paul McFarland
?? Austin

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Elin Ljung
Santiago Escruceria, Lee Vining Fire District Chair
Bartshe Miller
Kathy Bancroft
Dean Tonenna
Janet Carle
Andrew Youssef
Heidi Torix, Eastern Sierra Unified School District Superintendent
Raymond Andrews
Dorothy Alther
Charlotte Lange

Public hearing closed: 2:56 PM

(First Motion)

Continue the Public Hearing to May 20, 2021 (Option 3).

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no; 1 abstain

Motion Failed.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- If there were clear objectives it would be easier to support continuing. Requests are at time vague, and others they are not achievable. The EIR cannot be opened again.

2 Yes (Gardner, Duggan); 2 No (Peters, Kreitz)

(Second Motion)

Adopt proposed Resolution (Attachment 2): 1) adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as recommended by the Planning Commission as further revised; and 2) making the required findings and approving the Project (Preferred Alternative #7) as presented or with further modifications. Direct staff to file a Notice of Determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and, 3) Defense and indemnification as set forth in paragraph 8 of the County's "Agreement for the Provision of Project Evaluation, Environmental Review, and Processing Services," which has been signed by the applicant, is required; and, 4) If desired, the Kutzadika'a Tribe may extend an invitation to the applicant to meet and consider measures to address the Tribe's concerns, and the applicant shall accept. Any agreement(s) submitted to the County within six months of the approval of the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3 that is/are (1) legal, (2) within the County's jurisdictional authority, (3) signed by both the Tribe and applicant, and (4) do not result in changes to the project that would require additional environmental review shall be retroactively incorporated into and enforceable through the approved Specific Plan; and, (4) any gate(s) installed on the emergency egress road shall be designed as a break-away gate to ensure locks do not impede egress access.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no; 1 abstain

Motion Failed.

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Supervisor Gardner:

- Opposes the motion. The sovereign nation deserves special treatment. The Board has an obligation to reach out to them and to go a step further.

2 yes (Peters, Kreitz); 2 no (Gardner, Duggan)

(Third Motion)

Determine that the unavoidable environmental impacts and risks identified in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) for the project are not outweighed by the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project and deny the project. Additionally, the Board may determine that one or more of the Specific Plan findings in the proposed Resolution cannot be made.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no; 1 abstain

Motion Failed.

2 Yes (Gardner, Duggan); 2 No (Kreitz, Peters)

(Fourth Motion)

Continue the hearing to a date not specified.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 2 yes, 2 no; 1 abstain

Motion Failed.

2 Yes (Gardner, Duggan); 2 No (Kreitz, Peters)

Break: 4:00 PM

Reconvene: 4:10 PM

Stacey Simon:

Confirmed that a split vote operates as a denial.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Fire prevention/project meetings: Two Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program-related meetings dealing with upcoming CAL FIRE grant opportunities, one regarding a proposed region-wide wildfire prevention education program and a meeting among Mammoth-area fire agencies to inform about RFFCP and to coordinate efforts. Also attending the monthly Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (aka Mammoth donut) meeting and heard presentations on other landscape-level forest health projects in California and Arizona, good lessons about the challenges they face.
- Weekly Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion working group meeting: finalizing work program with Dr. Cameron Wedding, looking to bring another update to BOS at last meeting in May.
- Yosemite Area Gateway Coordination Team weekly meeting
- NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting
- RCRC planning--looking forward to welcoming RCRC staff to Mammoth later this week.

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Supervisor Duggan:

- 15th, attended the second session of the Strength in Leadership workshop. Excellent example of managing staff from strength.
- Participated in Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce events roundtable.
- Worked with IMACA Executive Director, got an update on a lot of the programs that IMACA is working on.
- Attended the redistricting webinar.
- Met with several residences regarding issues important to District 2.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday April 14 I participated in a meeting of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP). We discussed possible grant applications for Eastern Sierra wildfire prevention education and outreach programs.
- Also, on Wednesday the 14th I attended the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics discussed included the public process for considering discretionary projects and updates on selected pending projects.
- On Wednesday April 14 I attended the weekly meeting of the County Justice, Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion Committee.
- On Thursday April 15 I participated in several meetings. These included:
 - A meeting with the Dispersed Camping subcommittee leads on the status of their action plans;
 - A meeting with the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP). We heard from a panel of speakers about successful land restoration projects across the West;
 - A Town Hall meeting with our US House Representative Jay Obernolte; and
 - A meeting with June Lake residents about proposed projects in the community.
- On Friday, April 16 I again participated several meetings and briefings. These included:
 - A NACO briefing with US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack about the proposed Infrastructure or American Jobs Act. This legislation, if enacted by the Congress, could provide funds for many Mono County projects, including broadband, water and sewer systems, transportation, and housing. Especially interesting for us is a provision that would support development of biomass facilities.
 - A NACO Public Lands Committee meeting. We received an update on several pending items of legislation and reviewed briefings between NACO and the Biden Administration.
 - A briefing on California Redistricting from CSAC and RCRC. This was very useful in providing information about the upcoming process.
 - A meeting of the Yosemite Area Recreation Task Force. This meeting provided informative updates from several different agencies about preparation for their spring and summer tourist seasons.
 - A tour with our CAO Bob Lawton of the June Lake and Lee Vining areas. I appreciate CAO Lawton's time and willingness to get out into each of our districts.
- Finally, last night I led a meeting in June Lake with SCE representatives to talk about four issues important to the community. These included vegetation

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management (tree trimming), planned helicopter flights to support work on the Gem Lake valve replacement project, concerns with recently replaced streetlights in June Lake Village, and the SCE Relicensing process for the Rush Creek Dam System.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Last week had a meeting with Congressman Obernolte regarding the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act seeking his support. Plugged our community funding project.
- CSAC Legislative Conference has a lot of good events.

Supervisor Peters:

- 13th, attended the Bridgeport RPAC, they created a community survey to discuss the needs / wants of the Bridgeport valley. They would like to present at a future Board meeting. Also discussed a route going into Bridgeport on private roads for ATV / UTVs.
- 15th, met with NACo Arthur Scott, head of Broadband Task Force. Met with Jeff Neil and Santa Clara Supervisor Cindy Chavez to discuss broadband more and how to align California with what is happening nationally, and how to get funding into local hands. Also discussed next steps with NACo Broadband Task Force.
- Later, attended the Mammoth Voices Town Hall with Congressman Jay Obernolte.
- 16th, attended WIR Board Meeting / Public Lands Steering Committee.
- Attended redistricting webinar.
- CSAC Legislative Conference tomorrow and Thursday.

Moved to Closed Session

ADJOURNED AT 4:19 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREN DEDMAN
ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD**