



**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 8, 2022**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Gardner

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 Corless.

Chair Gardner:

- "If we set aside time each day to be in a peaceful environment, to walk in nature, or even just to look at a flower or the sky, then that beauty will penetrate us and feed our love and our joy." –Thich Nhat Hanh

- 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
None.
- 2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**
- 3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Preparation for the Mid-Year budget, preparing to give instructions for the 22-23 County Budget.
- Discussions on Public Authority, Public Guardian, Public Conservator with County Counsel, and our classification/compensation specials.
- Collective Bargaining Negotiations – Establishing parameters
- Welcomed/Oath two new employees
- Unified Command – Met two times
- ESSRP – Monthly Partner Meeting

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Gordon Greene, Veteran Service Officer:

- Since September 2021 has assisted 16 Veterans with 27 different claims.
- Created a Facebook for outreach with all contact information to reach Veterans that may need services.
- Interviewed with the Sheet
- Claims are taking roughly 3 months, when claim are not missing forms
- Appeal process time has reduced from 5-6 years to less than a 1 year

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

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from December 2, 2021, January 4, 11, and 18, 2022 meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

Action:

- 1) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 21, 2021.
- 2) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 4, 2022.
- 3) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 11, 2022.
- 4) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-027

B. Resolution Authorizing Virtual Meetings under AB 361

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period of February 8, 2022 through March 8, 2022, pursuant to AB 361.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution, Authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period of February 8, 2022 through March 8, 2022, pursuant to AB 361.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-14

C. Claim for Damages - Curren Zalac

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Curren Zalac, related to alleged personal injury during a bicycle accident on Minaret Road in Mammoth Lakes, CA. The County of Mono has no affiliation with the road or property where the accident occurred, and the claim is therefore misdirected.

Action: Deny the claim submitted by Levitt, Leichenger & Aberle LLP, on behalf of Curren Zalac, direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice to the claimant of the denial.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-028

D. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2021.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2021.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-029

E. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2021.

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2021.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-030

F. Crestwood First Amendment FY 21-22

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract amendment to agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc pertaining to Residential Treatment Services.

Action: Approve contract amendment and authorize CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-031

G. 2017-2022 Mental Health Plan Contract Amendment between Mono County Behavioral Health and the California Department of Health Care Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract amendment with California Department of Health Case Services and pertaining to county provision of community mental health services.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract amendment and authorize Behavioral Health Director to execute said amendment on behalf of the County.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-032

H. Addendum to MOU with California Health and Wellness

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed amendment to contract with County of Mono and California Health and Wellness pertaining to setting out specific guidance on a dispute resolution process to be followed between mental health plans and Medi-Cal managed care plans.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract addendum and authorize Behavioral Health Director and CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-033

I. Approval of Victim Witness Resolution 2021-2022

Departments: District Attorney

Resolution approving and authorizing the Mono County District Attorney to participate in and administer the Victim/Witness Assistance Program which is part of the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Program.

Action: Approve proposed resolution authorizing the acceptance of Victim/Witness Assistance Program grant funds and authorizing the Mono County District Attorney to sign the grant application for the program.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-15

J. Allocation List Amendment - Public Health

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Resolution R22-16, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add five (5) new limited-term positions consisting of one (1) COVID Screener-Bilingual, one (1) Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV position, two (2) COVID Response Team Utility positions, and one (1) Chief Equity Officer position in the Department of Public Health.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution R22-16, Amending the list of allocated positions to add five (5) new limited-term positions consisting of one (1) COVID Screener-Bilingual, one (1) Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV position, two (2) COVID Response Team Utility positions, and one (1) Chief Equity Officer position in the Department of Public Health.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-16

K. Allocation List Amendment - Sheriff Department

Departments: Sheriff

Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to change the title of Public Safety Officer to Correctional Deputy Sheriff; and Public Safety Sergeant to Correctional Sergeant.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-17

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 to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Projects Proposed to the Wildlife Conservation Board

Letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding projects proposed to the Wildlife Conservation Board for its February 24, 2022, Board Meeting.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director and Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer

- Presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-142>)
- CDPH Mask Mandate Update
- Hospital in Green Status
- Mono County to align with the State Regulations/Mandates

B. Workshop: Accessory Dwelling Unit Prescriptive Designs

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Presentation by Bentley Regehr regarding accessory dwelling unit prescriptive designs.

Action: None.

Direct staff to return at midyear budget with a proposal to fund all five prescriptive designs, which would require an additional \$12,000.

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst

- Presented item

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director

- Clarifies recommendation to direct staff to pursue funding for the 5th unit
- Recognizes and thanks Jason Davenport, Bentley Regehr, and Tom Perry.
- Clarifies the Prescript Garage Designs are Detached and are different set of plans

Jason Davenport, Building Inspector II - Plans Examiner

- Clarifies Supervisor Duggan's question on "residential adaptive layout for the bathrooms" – different level of accessibility. Plans are not set in stone as far as tubs verses showers.

Supervisor Kreitz

- Wants to support for Mid-Year
- Recognizes that it is a huge benefit that these can be used for primary resident
- Thanks Community Development for their "stellar work"

Supervisor Duggan

- Questioned if the floor plans can be modified per adaptive layout for bathrooms: showers verses tubs

Supervisor Peters

- Questions Prescript Design for Garage
- Offers his support and recognized Bentley for being a "great presenter" at the RPAC meeting.

Supervisor Corless

- Offers her support to the proposed actions

Chair Gardner

- Thanks Community Development for their work

C. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status under Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Departments: Community Development and County Counsel

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director; Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - County assumption of Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) status under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for those portions of the Owens Valley groundwater basin which are within Mono County but outside the jurisdiction of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (TVGMD), and for the Long Valley groundwater basin. Pursuit of funding for groundwater modeling and/or data collection enhancement for the Tri-Valley/Fish Slough area.

Action:

- 1) Direct staff to commence actions necessary to assert GSA status for the Mono County portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin not within the jurisdiction of the TVGMD and for the Long Valley groundwater basin in Mono County and return to the Board for further action.
- 2) Conditioned upon concurrence by the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District, direct staff to pursue funding to support development of a groundwater model and/or for related data collection and analysis activities in the Tri-Valley/Fish Slough area through the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program, or other sources.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-34

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Presented item
- Establishing the GSA does not create any obligation to the county to spend any money or develop a GSP.
- Clarified that we are, "laying the framework in which future actions could be taken".
- Tri-Valley has a couple board members that are attendees of the meeting

Supervisor Duggan

- Clarifies that we take necessary steps so that we do not lose momentum within the process.
- Continue to pursue the GSA status
- Discussed waiver information

Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel

- Clarifies that GSA in Mono County status doesn't affect Tri- Valley obligations and intentions to form their own GSA.

Public Comment:

Carol Mitchell, Tri-Valley District Board Member

- Expressed support of working with Mono County
- Item will be discussed at the February 23 Agenda

Andy Puhvel, Resident of Tri-Valley

- Acknowledges the Board, specifically County Counsel Simon, Mrs. Sugimura, and Supervisor Duggan for the follow thru since last meeting.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 10:41AM

Reconvened: 11:41AM

No action 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, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of cases:
(1) Shroeder Muniz v. Mono County Assessor, et al. (DFEH Case No. 202108-14595527);
(2) Ormat Technologies, Inc. v. County of Mono CUPA, et al. (Mono County Superior Court Case No.: CV210049);
(3) Ormat Technologies, Inc. Appeal of Notice to Comply/Notice of Violation (CalEPA).

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 1/19 Golden State Natural Resources Board Meeting
- 1/21 Golden State Connect Authority Executive Committee Meeting
- 1/27 Collaborative Planning Team, CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
- 2/1 – Southern Sierra Leadership Forum, a Sierra Nevada Conservancy Program, planning an in-person meeting in spring to discuss public lands/wildfire issues in the region.
- 2/3 –Eastern Sierra Council of Governments – received presentation from Bishop Climbers Coalition, increased budget appropriations in order to implement grants from CDFW and USFWS (no cost to member entities), discussion of the need for local funding for the “Visitor Connection Package” project from the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative—would like Mono County to consider this, Citizens Wildfire Academy discussion (will support Chair Gardner in organizing this educational program)
- 2/7 Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Board – approved 15% fare increase, authorized grant submittal for acquisition of buses, accepted audit report
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership – note Inyo National Forest Over Snow Vehicle planning process meetings this week and month; “met” new Mammoth Ranger Fred Wong, consider inviting him to future BOS meeting
- Lee Vining High School Speech Contest – Congratulations to the six LVHS students who were school finalists, all gave impressive speeches. Top three move on to the county competition through Mammoth Lions Club later this week.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Attended the Energy, Environment & Land Use Policy Committee
- Attended the Eastern Sierra Advisory On Aging - Discussion on equitable distribution of funds between Inyo and Mono Counties
- Attended the CSAC pre-NACo Leg Conference Zoom meeting
- Completed CSAC Institution of Excellence – Qualified for Credential
- Completed the first course of the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy – Positive Leadership and Empowerment of Your Teams

Chair Gardner:

- On Wednesday Feb. 2 I participated in the meeting of the Eastern Sierra Substance Abuse Use Project. Besides updates about substance abuse programs from the various participants, we also discussed how we can develop and use data about the extent of alcohol and drug use in Mono County.
- Also, on Wednesday the 2nd I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included a summary of the commercial and housing project in June Lake that was recently approved by the Planning Commission, and a review of the ADU designs.
- On Thursday Feb. 3 I participated in the joint USFS/BLM public session for input about their Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Grant application. There was a good turnout for this meeting and many comments.
- On Friday Feb. 4 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors. Topics at that meeting included the regular operating and financial reports, and approval of a wage increase and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Service Contract.
- Also, on Friday the 4th I participated in the regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. Topics at that meeting included discussion of the

Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative Visitor Connection Program, and consideration of various grants and proposals for ESCOG support.

- Yesterday I chaired the regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Board of Directors meeting. Besides the regular operating and financial reports, we approved a grant application to purchase five new buses, and approved a fare increase of 15% starting in May of this year.
- Finally, yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Besides the regular updates from each of the partners, we heard about several new Federal and state recreation-related programs, and the status of ongoing projects.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- February 2, 2022, I attended the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care board meeting. The Board discussed possible processes of how to use Corona Virus funds that IMACA was awarded yet is not able to cash-flow at this time — it's approximately \$1.7mm. I was officially elected to the COC Board at this meeting, too.
- The CSAC Housing Land-use Transportation Policy Committee met later that day to discuss, with the new committee chair and vice chair, this year's priorities and upcoming legislative conference topics and speakers. New this year, there are two committee vice-chairs; Supervisor Bonnie Gore of Placer County, and Supervisor Nora Vargas of San Diego County, and I am serving as the committee chair.
- Friday, February 4th I participated in the regular weekly MLH Development committee meeting. Fundraising for Access Apartment is getting a boost as a result of MLH presenting to the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Stellar Brew owner, Andrea Walker has volunteered to help design a coffee sleeve with a QR Code for making donations to the Access Apartments projects.
- February 7th, I attended the CSAC pre-NACo Leg Conference Zoom meeting. Later I attended the CCRH Legislative committee meeting. We spent most of the meeting discussing how to incorporate the REDI values into our committee's work. My last meeting of the day was the regular MLH meeting. MLH discussed their upcoming joint meeting with the Town Council on Wednesday where the two bodies will discuss their next contract for services. Due to a prior commitment, I am not able to make that meeting. The MLH Board heard from staff on a proposed joint project with Mono County Department of Social Services and Alpine County. We also authorized staff to enter into a Letter of Interest with IMACA for the Valley Apartments in Bishop.

Supervisor Peters:

- 2/2 - attended the NACo Justice & Public Safety Policy Steering Committee Meeting – Discussing a Resolution that I sponsored through Human Services & Education and anticipating a lot of follow up between now and Saturday
- Attend RPAC – Presentation by Bentley Regehr on ADU's
- Mountain Warfare Training Center – Marines are downsizing and retooling to incorporate more Artificial Intelligence and other means of operation, that does not require Infantry. Infantry has been de-activated
- Attended the Eastern Sierra Advisory On Aging - Discussion on equitable distribution of funds between Inyo and Mono Counties
- 2/7 - I attended the CSAC pre-NACo Leg Conference Zoom meeting
- Recognizes Mono County Public Works - Claude Fiddler, Moises Cornejo, Tony Iniguez, Don Nunn, and Eric Elits worked in single digit weather on their days off and went well beyond their scoop of duty for their hard work. Emergency project in Bridgeport where weather caused the main line of the old hospital to freeze.

ADJOURNED AT 11:42AM

ATTEST

BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK-ELECTIONS ASSISTANT