



**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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
October 11, 2022**

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Scott Burkard:**

- Comment on Item #7b – existing code benefits the county.

**Charlotte Lange, Kootzaduka’a Tribal Council Chair:**

- Seven affiliated tribes that have gone to the table with the Park Service, would like to see the seven tribes included on any further discussion on this topic.
- Thankful for the recognition of Indigenous People’s Day.
- Federal Recognition in the works.
- Project – Bodie Hills – Stewardship with BLM – to protect the Pinon trees.
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**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Met with labor negotiator.
- Met with Veterans Services Officer Gordon Greene.
- JEDI meeting.
- Met with Jeff Simpson and Megan Mullowney.
- Met with recruiters to discuss the Chief People Officer position, should have an update next meeting.
- Updating the policy to clarify the difference between Interim vs Acting.
- Updating policies regarding Service Animals in the workplace and the application of bilingual pay.
- John Craig, Assistant County Administrator leaving after accepting a position in the City of Albuquerque.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Scheereen Dedman, Registrar of Voters:**

- Explained in-person voting and vote by mail.
- Ballots went out, may have post office delay
- Thanked John Craig for providing mentorship and leadership.

**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. Letter of Support for the Whitebark Institute Grant Application for the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP)**

Departments: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Letter of support for the White Bark Institute's application Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program. If awarded, the funds will be used to continue work in the Reds Meadow planning area and work to complete another 1,200 acres of thinning and an additional 600 acres of pile burning for a total of 1800 acres treated, nearing the completion of treatments within this high priority conservation watershed on the Inyo National Forest.

**Action:** Approved letter as presented.

**Duggan Moved, Peters Seconded**

**5 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent**

**M22-197**

**B. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 8/31/2022.

**Action:** Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 8/31/2022.

**Duggan Moved, Peters Seconded**

**5 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent**

**M22-198**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE**

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

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Discussion of Tioga Pass and Yosemite Reservation System Restrictions**

Departments: CAO and Economic Development

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO and Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director) - Discussion of the decision by the National Park Service in 2022 to close Tioga Pass for all traffic through Yosemite National Park and require any persons passing through to have a reservation.

**Action:** None.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Introduced item.

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:**

- Presented Item.

**Dennis Domaille, Owner of Tioga Gas Mart:**

- Suggested that international travelers should get a welcome pass into the park.

**Wendy Sugimura, Executive Director Local Transportation Commission:**

- The Park Service has been willing to come talk to the County at the 11/7 LTC meeting.

## **B. Direction to Accelerate Consideration of Policy Change to Allow Residential Use of RVs**

Departments: CAO, Community Development

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Mono County Governance Handbook protocol for interactions with County staff states, "Board member referrals that are anticipated to involve significant staff time or other resource commitment and/or are a departure from established county or departmental policy require Board approval prior to staff starting work." Therefore, direction to accelerate a potential change to County regulations which would allow time-limited residential use of recreational vehicles (RVs) in response to a code enforcement case falls under this protocol as it would require significant staff time and is a departure from established policy. Further, if this work is accelerated, it would displace and delay other Community Development Department (CDD) priorities, including work on the County's transition to a long-haul system for solid waste disposal. Previous Board direction has been given to discuss a broader policy basis for residential use of RVs than just the code enforcement case triggering this urgency, and the policy issues are complex. Staff workflow currently anticipates an initial policy discussion at the Nov. 15 Board meeting, with a solution likely to take longer.

**Action:** None.

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Introduced item

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Presented item.

Board directed that the Board take up an initial discussion as anticipated in Community Development's current workflow on Nov. 15 and follow established enforcement procedures related to the violation.

*Break: 10:52 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:01 AM*

Moved to Item 9 – Board Reports

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:01 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:48 AM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

### **A. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1.

### **B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

## **9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Absent.

### **Supervisor Duggan:**

- No Report
- Thanked CAO Lawton, County Counsel Simon, Paul Roten, and Justin Caporusso for the work and communication on the closure of Benton Landfill

### **Chair Gardner:**

- On Monday Oct. 3, I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics at that meeting included status reports about activities of the California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and the 30x30 Partnership, as well as updates from each of the partner agencies.
- On Wednesday Oct. 5, I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. The main topic at that meeting was discussion of the possibility of making the tennis courts in Gull Lake Park available for Pickle Ball use. As a result of the discussion, we will be having a town hall meeting later this fall or early 2023 for the June Lake community to discuss an overall plan for the park and the Community Center.
- On Friday, Oct. 7, I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. The main topic at that meeting was a presentation from the Inyo National Forest about their Over the Snow planning project to be completed in the next few years. Information about this project is on the INF website.
- Finally, yesterday I joined the Mono Basin Housing Committee for a tour of possible sites in the Lee Vining community for housing projects. We looked at the County-owned property next to the Lee Vining Community Center, Eastern Sierra Unified

School District property adjacent to Lee Vining High School, and the County Public Works yard on Hwy 395 in Lee Vining.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- October 5 - I participated on the MLH Board with a joint meeting with the Town Council.
- October 6 - I toured the Sawyer Affordable Housing Development on The Parcel.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Attended the Western Interstate Board of Directors Fall Meeting in Ontario, Oregon.

*Break: 10:52 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:01 AM*

Moved to Item 8 - Closed Session

**ADJOURN AT 11:49 AM**

**ATTEST**

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**BOB GARDNER**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**DANIELLE PATRICK**  
**SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**