



**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
November 8, 2022**

9:08 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended in person, teleconference, or via zoom).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

"Snowflakes are one of Nature's most fragile things. But just look what they can do when they stick together". – Anonymous

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Naomi Jensen, Owner - Environmental, Inc.:

- Introduced her business to the Board and provided background of work experience.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Recognition of November as Native American Heritage Month.

Action: Approve proposed proclamation.

Corless moved; Duggan seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-219

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced item.

Cheyenne Stone, Assistant to the CAO:

- Presented item.

Moved to Item #3.

Debbie Painter, Cultural Coordinator; Lorena Holdaway, Cultural Committee; Danielle Christensen, Ecological Knowledge Specialist

- Provided background on tribe and thanked the Board for the recognition.
- “Looking forward to working together in the future”.

Moved to item #4

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Recognized staff from the Public Works Department: Tony Iniguez, Jason Davenport, and Paul Roten.
- Provided update on department directors meetings being held monthly.
- Coffee with the CAO.
- Attended the Budget meeting.
- Discussed Jail Project.
- Provided update on meeting with Kristi More (TFG).
- Housing Workshop – Cancelled due to weather.

Returned to Item #2a.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Update on RCRC Grant.
- Update on CERF Fund.
- New full-time employee.

Scheereen Dedman, Registrar of Voters:

- Provided poll times.
- Thanked the poll workers, Supervisor Duggan, Kathy Young, and Kevin Moss.
- Thanked Public Works (Don Nunn, Claude Fiddler, Moises Cornejo, Cory Gonzales, and Kevin Julian), CalTrans, Sheriff Braun, Hernandez, Deputy Mark Wilson, IT Department.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Discussed legal challenge that came about during COVID regarding orders that were issued by Mono County Public Health Officer pertaining to lodging, restaurants.
- The Plaintiff has appealed: Oral argument is scheduled for 12/5 in Sacramento.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Provided department staffing update.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Provided an update on LAFCO training.

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. 2022 Snow Removal Priorities

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Consideration of policies, procedures and priorities for the Department of Public Works snow removal operations that are memorialized annually through Board Resolution, with supporting written policies and a countywide map.

Action: Adopted Resolution R22-122, Re-Establishing Snow Removal Policies, Procedures, and Priorities for County-Maintained Roads.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

R22-122

B. Appointment to the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District

Departments: Clerk of the Board

In June of 2020, one seat of the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District (MLMAD) was vacated. Unfortunately, there were no applications submitted. In August of 2020, vacancy notices were posted again. One application was submitted.

Action: Appointed Melissa Simmons to a seat on the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees, with a term expiring May 15, 2026.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-220

C. Appointments to Special Districts in Lieu of Election

Departments: Elections

Pursuant to Government Code 1780 and Elections Code Section 10515(b), the Mono County Registrar of Voters is requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint to office persons who: (1) have filed declarations of candidacy for

election but are running unopposed (or the number of vacant seats is equal to or greater than the number of candidates); (2) people who have applied/been recommended by a special district board to fill vacancies on that board where no candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy; and/or (3) persons who have applied/been recommended by the special district board to temporarily fill a vacancy on that board occurring outside of the election cycle.

Action:

Appointed members to fill Special District board vacancies as set forth below:

Special District	Name	Term End Date
Birchim Community Services District	Patricia M. Corto	11/30/2026
	Joan Stern	11/30/2026
	Michael Martyr	11/30/2026
Bridgeport Fire Protection District	Marcus Bunn	11/30/2026
	James Jeude	11/30/2026
	Jeff Beard	11/30/2026
Bridgeport Public Utility District	Donna Lee Simensen	11/30/2026
	Jessica Rockwell	11/30/2026
Chalfant Valley Fire Protection District	Frank R Bauer II	11/30/2026
	Harold McDonald	11/30/2026
Hilton Creek Community Services District	Isabel S. Connolly	11/30/2026
	Cynthia Adamson	11/30/2026
June Lake Fire Protection District	Chris Jackson	11/30/2026
	Mary Karen O'Keefe	11/30/2026
June Lake Public Utility District	Bill Hunt	11/30/2026
Lee Vining Fire Protection District	Manuel Santillan	11/30/2026
	Santiago Escruceria	11/30/2026
Lee Vining Public Utility District	Joey Audenried	11/30/2026
Long Valley Fire Protection District	Sharon Marie Shaw	11/30/2026
	Kim A. Czeschin	11/30/2026
Mammoth Community Water District	Dennis Domaille	11/30/2026
	Elizabeth "Betty" Hylton	11/30/2026
Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District	Bret Bihler	11/30/2026
	Roger H. Curry Jr.	11/30/2026
Mono City Fire Protection District	David Swisher	11/30/2026
	John Warneke	11/30/2026
Paradise Fire Protection District	Pat Pontak	11/30/2026
	Jeni Winterburn	11/30/2026

	Gina Webber	11/30/2026
Southern Mono Healthcare District	Joanne Hunt	11/30/2026
	Yuri R Parisky	11/30/2026
Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Director A	Carol Ann Mitchell	11/30/2026
	Andy Puhvel	11/30/2026
Wheeler Crest Community Services District	Brian Cashore	11/30/2026
	Charles Tucker	11/30/2026
Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District	Robert (Bob) Draney	11/30/2026
	Brent Miller	11/30/2026
White Mountain Fire Protection District	Geraldine Cady	11/30/2026
	Bruce Vidal	11/30/2026

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded.

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-221

D. Re-Appointments to County Service Area (CSA) Boards

Departments: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

The terms for County Service Areas (CSA) #1 and #5 expire 11/30/2022. This item seeks to reappoint current board members to these expiring seats for new terms expiring on 11/30/2026.

Action: Reappointed John Connolly and Rick LaBorde to CSA #1 Board. Reappointed Tajia Rodriguez, Steve Noble, and Lynda Pemberton to CSA #5 Board. All appointments are for terms expiring 11/30/2026.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-222

E. Proposed Wastewater Sampling Project

Departments: Public Health

Consideration of a draft letter to the Mammoth Community Water District Board urging their reconsideration of a wastewater sampling project, as requested by the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and an associated Memorandum of Understanding for wastewater sampling and analysis.

Action: Approved proposed letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to the Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors in support of a wastewater sampling program to detect COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-223

F. Establishment of Office of Public Administrator - Public Guardian; Repeal of Existing Code Sections

Proposed ordinance amending the Mono County Code to establish the Office of the Public Administrator - Public Guardian for Mono County; to repeal Chapter 7.91 related to Conservatorships; and unconsolidated the Office of the Public Administrator from the Office of the District of Attorney.

Action: Adopted proposed ordinance ORD22-11, Amending the Mono County Code to establish the Office of the Public Administrator - Public Guardian for Mono County; to repeal Chapter 7.91 related to Conservatorships; and unconsolidated the Office of the Public Administrator from the Office of the District of Attorney.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

ORD22-11

G. FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Governing Board Resolution

Departments: Emergency Management

Mono County is a sub-grantee of the State of California for the (EMPG) (ARPA), which are managed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). CalOES requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint specific staff to execute for, and on behalf of the County for all actions related to the administration of these grants. The authorization of these specific staff is signified via the Governing Body Resolution (GBR) document which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors at least every three years.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-123, authorizing Mono County to participate in the FY 2021 (EMPG) - American Rescue Plan Act and Designating the Director of Emergency Management and County Administrative Officer (CAO) as Authorized Agents to Sign for And Administer the Grant.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

R22-123

H. Contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG)

Departments: CAO

Proposed contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) pertaining to Federal Advocacy, Consulting, and Grant Services for a period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$101,000.

Action: Approved, and authorized CAO to sign, a contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG).

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-224

I. California County Assessors' Information Technology Authority

Departments: Assessor

The Mono County Assessor wishes to join the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the California County Assessors' Information Technology Authority to implement various state-funded software programs.

Action: Authorized the Mono County Assessor to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the California County Assessors' Information Technology Authority.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-225

J. Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross Partnership Plan, Inc.

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed addendum to MOU with Blue Cross Partnership Plan, Inc. to update terms pertaining to exchange of protected health information in conformity with current CalAIM Data Sharing Authorization Guidance.

Action: Approved County entry into addendum to November 14, 2014, MOU with Blue Cross Partnership Plan, Inc. and authorized Behavioral Health Director to execute said addendum on behalf of the County.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M22-226

K. Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding with California Health and Wellness Plan

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed addendum to July 3, 2018, MOU with California Health and Wellness Plan to update terms pertaining to exchange of protected health information in conformity with CalAIM Data Sharing Authorization Guidance.

Action: Approved County entry into proposed addendum and authorized Behavioral Health Director to execute said addendum on behalf of the County.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
M22-227

L. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting Ordinance

Departments: Community Development Department

Proposed ordinance of Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Expediting Ordinance.

Action: Adopted proposed ordinance ORD22-12, Amending Chapter 15.04 Section 210 and adding Section 300 of the Mono County Code Setting Forth procedures for expediting permit processing for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
ORD22-12

M. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 9/30/2022.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 9/30/2022.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
M22-228

N. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 9/30/2022.

Action: Approved the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 9/30/2022.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
M22-229

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. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: Public Health

(Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer:

- Presented Item – Power Point Presentation.

B. Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Update

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Megan Mullowney, Bridgeport District Ranger) - Presentation by Bridgeport District Ranger Megan Mullowney regarding the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Action: None.

Megan Mullowney, Bridgeport District Ranger:

- Presented Item.

Break: 10:29 am

Reconvene: 10:40am

C. TFG (The Ferguson Group) Presentation

Departments: CAO

(Kristi More, TFG (The Ferguson Group)) - Presentation by Kristi More regarding Mono County's Federal funding, regulatory, and legislative interests.

Action: None.

Kristi More, TFG:

- Presented item.

D. Adult Detention Facility Update – Local Match Financing Requirements and Schedule of Activities

Departments: Public Works, Finance

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director; Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Staff will provide a timeline of activities to complete the adult detention facility, from now until completion in 2025. Additional information will be provided on the construction budget, which increased by \$2.5 million from \$31.7 million (March 2022 estimate) to \$33.7 million (Oct 2022) because of construction inflation and greater precision in construction estimation. Staff request the Board approve appropriating \$2,491,643 from General Fund carryover towards the project including setting aside an additional \$800,000 as local contingency reserve to minimize needing to revise this resolution again.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-118, updating the county cash commitment to the new Bridgeport jail construction project.

Peters moved; Corless seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
R22-124

Approved budget transfer of \$2,491,643 from general fund carryover to the Adult Detention Justice Facility Capital Projects Fund and increasing appropriations in the Adult Detention Facility Capital Project fund by \$1,991,643 for capital outlay and \$800,000 for contingency (requires 4/5th's vote).

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
M22-229a

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item and before/after photos.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Provided an updated financial report to complete Jail Facility.

E. Mono County Social Media Policy

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed Resolution: A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopting a Mono County Social Media Policy. The proposed Mono County Social Media Policy provides a policy structure for preserving social media posts using Archive Social, providing County Departments with a policy on how to manage their social media pages, and assisting employees in the appropriate usage of personal social media communication to the extent that it relates to County work.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-125, Adopting a Social Media Policy for Mono County.

Corless moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No
R22-125

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Presented item.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Clarifies that any subsidiary body of the county would be subject to this policy.

F. Hydrologic Monitoring at Casa Diablo

Departments: Community Development Department

(Nick Criss, Code Enforcement) - Groundwater monitoring in the Casa Diablo Basalt Canyon area on behalf of Ormat Technologies, Inc. pursuant to requirements applicable to the permits for Ormat's geothermal operations.

Action: Authorized staff to initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to solicit proposals to select a long-term monitoring entity to conduct hydrologic monitoring in the Casa Diablo Basalt Canyon area.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

5 yes; 0 no

M22-230

Nick Criss, Code Enforcement:

- Presented item.

County Counsel Simon:

- Provided a summary. Suggested that the Board provide direction for staff to reach out to USGS to talk about the terms and conditions of one more year or perhaps a shorter term, maybe 6 months with we think we can solve the issue, then we could come back to the Board with the final agreement with USGS.

Moved to item #10.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:15 PM

Reconvened: 12:49 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, 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 - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Housing Policy Workshop

Departments: CAO

(Stan Keasling, Sanjay Choudhrie, Housing Authorities Manager) - Presentation by Stan Keasling on Housing Policy.

Action: None.

**Item cancelled due to weather.*

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 11/2: Inyo National Forest scoping meeting on the Eastern Sierra Climate Communities Resilience Project, comment period open through Nov. 18
- 11/3: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting
- 11/7: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting

Supervisor Duggan:

- Participated in the NACo Membership Standing Committee.
- 11/3 - attended Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting.
- Attended the IMACA Board meeting.
- 11/7 – attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting.

Chair Gardner:

- On Thursday Oct. 18 I participated in a meeting of the Mono Basin Partners Group at the Mono Basin Scenic Visitors Center. We reviewed the past summer and fall seasons and discussed plans for next year.
- On Wednesday Nov. 2 I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included an update from Caltrans on the June Lake Active Transportation Plan and a discussion with SCE on their tree trimming activity in the Down Canyon area.
- Yesterday I participated in a meeting with the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce, Yosemite Chief of Staff Joe Meyer, and others about the Park's plans for the reservation system in the future.
- Finally, yesterday I joined other Eastern Sierra partners for the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We reviewed various ongoing initiatives and funding opportunities and got updates from each of the partners.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Several meetings this past week with CSAC on the topic of housing and homelessness and with the CSAC staff on the ongoing preparation of the upcoming HLT Committee meeting next week at the Annual Conference.
- Last week, I attended the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) Annual Housing Summit. Of note, I attended a workshop on the preservation of mobile home parks. There is a reform underway on MPRROP, which is now the MORE (Manufactured Housing Opportunity and Revitalization) grant program. We also discussed the lack of rent control for mobile home space rents in California. Jurisdictions with land-use authority may, and some have, elect to enact local mobile home rent control policies, there is discussions at the state level of doing a clean-up bill for AB 1482, the state's apartment rent control policy, to add mobile home space rents.
- Workshop number two was on Climate Resilience and Heat Stress - home hardening and disaster preparedness. Of high volume of discussion was insurance and the lack and escalating costs of fire insurance. Locally, a mobile homeowner reported to MLH that their fire insurances

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costs increased from \$900/month to \$3500. One of the solutions from the workshop was the creation of Community-Based Insurance.

- Overall message at the summit was from the Governor's office that there is an anticipated state budget deficit for next year.
- Monday, November 7th - I attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting. The highlight was the particular of Yosemite Park staff to discuss.

Supervisor Peters:

- 11/2 – attended the Antelope Valley Chambers meeting.
- 11/2 - participated in the NACo Leadership Human Service Education Services call.
- 11/3 – attended the IMACA Board meeting.
- Finished NACo High Performance Education Course.
- 11/7 - Attended the LTC meeting.
- Attended Yosemite Business Presentation.
- 11/7 – attended WIR Public Lands meeting.
- Discussed the changes at the Eastern Sierra Community Bank in Bridgeport
- Provided update on local businesses in Bridgeport that are currently servicing the community.

Moved to Item #8 – Closed Session.

ADJOURNED at 12:49 PM

ATTEST

BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD