



AGENDA

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: Mono Lake Room, 1st Fl., County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA
93546

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2024

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial to the present and have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. We who live in Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. Additionally, a teleconference location will be available where the public and members of the Board may participate by electronic means.

1. Mammoth Teleconference Location – for meetings held on the first and second Tuesday of each month - Mono Lake Room of the Mono County Civic Center, First Floor, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA. 93546;
2. Bridgeport Teleconference Location – for meetings held on the third Tuesday of each Month - Mono County Courthouse, Second Floor Board Chambers, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, CA. 93517;
3. Zoom Webinar.

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To join the meeting by computer:

Visit <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/86184622677> or visit <https://www.zoom.us/>, click on "Join A Meeting" and enter the Zoom Webinar ID 861 8462 2677.

To provide public comment, press the "Raise Hand" button on your screen.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY TIME, ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE TIME AND PRESENCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS. PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE TIME THE ITEM IS HEARD.

9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

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. Reappointments to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Reappointment of two regular members and one alternate member to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board.

Recommended Action: Reappoint Jarrett Patrick and Paul Oster as regular members, and Jeff Mills as alternate member, of the Assessment Appeals Board for three-year terms effective September 2, 2024, through September 1, 2027.

Fiscal Impact: No impact beyond budgeted expenses for Board member stipends.

B. Road Closure for Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

Departments: Public Works Roads Division

The County routinely hosts special events each summer and sometimes the events require road closures. This resolution would grant the Public Works Director the authority to close affected County roads as necessary for the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser. Road closures would occur after event applications are evaluated and approved by other departments in accordance with their policies. This closure will take place on Sunday, September 1, 2024, on Sinclair Street, between U.S. Highway 395 and Kinsley Street, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Crisis Care Mobile Units Grant Stipend

Departments: Human Resources

Proposed resolution adopting a side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 39 on behalf of the Mono County Public Employee's Bargaining Unit to implement the Crisis Care Mobile Units Grant Stipend.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution and approve Board Chair to execute side letter.

Fiscal Impact: Approval results in the payment of \$40,000 in stipends covering crisis response efforts from FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, the payment of which is funded by a Behavioral Health Services grant and is included in the Department's recommended budget for FY 2024-25.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

A. Support Letter - Advocate for Strong USDA Rural Development Funding in FY 2025 Appropriations

Mono County letter of support for USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) programs in the final Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations package.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

A. Resolution Proposing to Name a Segment of U.S. 395 after Captain Vidar Anderson

Departments: County Administrative Office

10 minutes

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Proposed resolution supporting a community proposal to name a segment of U.S. Highway 395 after Captain Vidar Anderson, who was a first responder to the Convict Lake tragedy on February 19, 1990.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Wildlife Crossing Project Presentation and Prospective Grant Application

Departments: Community Development

30 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director and Katie Rodriguez, Caltrans) - Presentation on the status of the US 395 Wildlife Crossings project, next steps, and request for Mono County Community Development to serve as the lead applicant on a grant for the project.

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mono County Community Development Department to be the applicant for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program grant in cooperation with Caltrans and other partners. Provide any other desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None. Staff time for the grant application is included in the Department's Recommended FY 2024-25 budget and reimbursable by transportation funding sources.

C. Written Argument in Favor of Measure K - Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in Unincorporated Mono County

Departments: County Counsel

10 minutes

(Emily Fox, Assistant County Counsel) - A resolution to submit a written argument in favor of Measure K, which would raise the transient occupancy tax rate in unincorporated Mono County, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9162. This is the Board's sole opportunity for official advocacy on the ballot measure.

Recommended Action: Approve proposed resolution to submit a ballot argument in favor of Measure K.

Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Election Education Series Part 1: Voter Registration and General Election Voting

Departments: Elections

15 minutes

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - In anticipation of the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election, the Mono County Registrar will be presenting a two-part Election Education Series to the Board of Supervisors and public. Part 1 of the series will review Voter Registration and General Election Voting.

Recommended Action: None, informational only. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. Ad Hoc Committee Report out on Proposed Smoke-free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

Departments: Health and Human Services

1 hour

(Michelle Raust, Health and Human Services Deputy Director; Lauren Kemmeter, Community Health Program Coordinator II) - On November 21, 2023, the Mono County Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor Kreitz and Supervisor Salcido to the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Smoke-free Multi Unit Housing Committee to help shape a proposed ordinance to be brought back to the full Board for consideration. The Board will hear a report out from the Ad Hoc Committee and Health and Human Services staff on progress to date towards drafting a proposed ordinance, including the outcome of survey outreach conducted in the unincorporated areas of Mono County.

Recommended Action: Provide Board of Supervisors consensus on next steps with directions to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

F. Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Update

Departments: Emergency Management

20 minutes

(Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - A presentation about mitigation activities, prevention events, and Fire Wise recognized communities.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

G. Discussion on the Cancellation of September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Departments: County Administrative Office

10 minutes

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Discussion to consider cancelling the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors due to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Conference in Sonoma County.

Recommended Action: Provide staff direction to regarding the cancellation of the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact: None.

H. Pilot County Bridge Program

Departments: CAO

30 minutes

(Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager) - Discuss a pilot project to create a County Bridge Program modeled after the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Bridge Program. This initiative would purchase available single-family homes or condominiums within the unincorporated county, place qualified families in these homes, and sell them at a discounted price that they can afford. In exchange, a 55-year deed restriction would be placed on the property, keeping it affordable at the same Area Median Income (AMI) level if sold before the deed restriction expires.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that that Board consider the following options: 1. Approve a Pilot Mono County Bridge Program Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute and enter agreements up to \$500,000 for a home purchase for the Bridge Program. Give staff any additional direction for the pilot program. or 2. Direct Staff to complete the analysis of potential housing programs so that the Bridge program can be compared to other options before being implemented.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$500,000

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Oliver Yee, Christopher Beck, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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 - 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: two.

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Reappointments to the Mono County
Assessment Appeals Board

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Reappointment of two regular members and one alternate member to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Reappoint Jarrett Patrick and Paul Oster as regular members, and Jeff Mills as alternate member, of the Assessment Appeals Board for three-year terms effective September 2, 2024, through September 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact beyond budgeted expenses for Board member stipends.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Staff Report
Roster

History

Time	Who	Approval
8/6/2024 9:21 AM	County Counsel	Yes
7/30/2024 11:26 AM	Finance	Yes

8/13/2024 2:51 PM

County Administrative Office

Yes



**CLERK – RECORDER – REGISTRAR
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MONO**

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August 20, 2024

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

Re: Reappointments to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board

Discussion:

The Mono County Assessment Appeals Board (AAB) is a quasi-judicial body consisting of impartial persons, who hear evidence from both parties before deciding upon the value of the property in question. The intent is to provide Taxpayers with a venue independent of the Assessor's Office to have their Assessment reviewed. In addition to understanding California's system of property taxation, AAB members are expected to understand the County's real estate markets and general appraisal principles and approaches to value. There are typically 8-10 meetings per year.

The AAB consists of three regular members and two alternate members. Generally, members serve a term of three (3) years; however, members appointed to vacancies will serve out the remainder of the vacant terms and may be reappointed.

Two Regular members and one Alternate member's terms will be ending September 1, 2024. The AAB met on July 15, 2024 to approve the recommendation to the Mono County Board of Supervisors to appoint the following as Regular and/or Alternate members of the Assessment Appeals Board, for terms ending September 1, 2027:

- Paul Oster (Regular member)
- Jarrett Patrick (Regular member)
- Jeff Mills (Alternate member)

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Queenie Barnard
Clerk-Recorder-Registrar
760-932-5534
qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

Attachments:

1. Current AAB Roster

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD, MONO COUNTY

Ordinance 84-519

Three Year Terms

NAME	CONTACT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TERM EXPIRES
Jarrett Patrick <i>(Regular Member)</i>	(818) 943-8247 jarrett.patrick@gmail.com	5/21/2024	9/1/2024
Richard W. Liebersbach <i>(Regular Member)</i>	(760) 934-4558 liebersbach@mammothlaw.com	9/01/2005	9/3/2026
Paul Oster <i>(Chair)</i>	(760) 934-3026 pauloster@earthlink.net	11/06/2015	9/1/2024
Jeff Mills <i>(Alternate Member)</i>	(760) 932-5573 jlmills@mono.ca.gov	10/04/2016	9/1/2024
Vacant <i>(Alternate Member)</i>	-	-	9/3/2026

County Staff	
Emily Fox <i>Assistant Mono County Counsel County Counsel for Assessor</i>	Office: (760) 924-1712 efox@mono.ca.gov
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Queenie Barnard <i>Clerk-Recorder-Registrar Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board</i>	Office: (760) 932-5534 qbarnard@mono.ca.gov



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Public Works Roads Division

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Road Closure for Bridgeport
Volunteer Fire Department Bags and
Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

**PERSONS
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BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The County routinely hosts special events each summer and sometimes the events require road closures. This resolution would grant the Public Works Director the authority to close affected County roads as necessary for the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser. Road closures would occur after event applications are evaluated and approved by other departments in accordance with their policies. This closure will take place on Sunday, September 1, 2024, on Sinclair Street, between U.S. Highway 395 and Kinsley Street, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Karyn Spears

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kspears@mono.ca.gov bptfire@gmail.com

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Staff Report Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser
BVFD Resolution

History

Time	Who	Approval
8/14/2024 2:28 PM	County Counsel	Yes
8/13/2024 12:51 PM	Finance	Yes
8/15/2024 11:20 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes



MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Date: 8/20/2024

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Karyn Spears/Assistant Public Works Director

Re: Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser Event Road Closure authorization

Background:

The County routinely hosts special events each summer and sometimes the events require road closures. This resolution would grant the Public Works Director the authority to close affected County roads as necessary for the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser.

Road closures would occur after event applications are evaluated and approved by other departments in accordance with their policies.

This closure will take place on September 1st, 2024, on Sinclair Street, between U.S. HWY 395 and Kingsley Street. This event will be held between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Please contact me at 760 616 4651 or by email at kspears@mono.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Spears

Karyn Spears
Assistant Public Works Director



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COUNTY
ROADS FOR BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BAGS AND
BEANS CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

WHEREAS, many communities throughout the County host special events that require the closure of certain County roads; and

WHEREAS, said events provide substantial benefits to the residents of Mono County; and

WHEREAS, section 982 of the California Streets and Highways Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to temporarily close County roads and grant the use thereof to the managers of said special events;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

The following County maintained roads may be closed during the times listed below and as necessary for the following special events, and the use thereof granted to the respective event organizer listed:

1. Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Bags and Beans Chili Cookoff Fundraiser
From 10:00am to 8:00pm on September 1, 2024:
Closure of Sinclair Street between U.S. HWY 395 and Kinglsey Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizes the of Public Works Director to utilize County equipment and personnel to work with the appropriate Chambers of Commerce and other officials to effectuate said intermittent road closures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the case of emergency requiring detour to allow residents to access their properties, or for other reasons, the County Department of Public Works shall have the authority to modify the closures as necessary for the protection of public health and safety.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

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ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John Peters, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Human Resources

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Crisis Care Mobile Units Grant
Stipend

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution adopting a side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 39 on behalf of the Mono County Public Employee's Bargaining Unit to implement the Crisis Care Mobile Units Grant Stipend.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution and approve Board Chair to execute side letter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval results in the payment of \$40,000 in stipends covering crisis response efforts from FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, the payment of which is funded by a Behavioral Health Services grant and is included in the Department's recommended budget for FY 2024-25.

CONTACT NAME: Christine Bouchard

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Robin Roberts

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Staff Report
Resolution
Side Letter

History

Time	Who	Approval
8/16/2024 8:08 AM	County Counsel	Yes
8/16/2024 9:33 AM	Finance	Yes
8/16/2024 9:39 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes



MONO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COUNTY OF MONO

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TO: Mono County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Robin Roberts, Director, Mono County Behavioral Health
DATE: August 20, 2024

SUBJECT:

Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Grant Stipend for Crisis Team Members

DISCUSSION:

Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH) received the CCMU grant in October 2021. Since that time, crisis team members have responded to 60+ mobile crisis calls, and 125 non-mobile crisis calls. Across the state, agencies report that recruitment and retention of crisis team members is incredibly difficult due to the nature of crisis response work. In an effort to reduce burn-out and retain the hard-working crisis team members MCBH currently has employed, MCBH would like to utilize the remaining "direct service funds" from the grant to offer stipends to crisis team members for shifts completed in FY 23/24 and again in FY 24/25. This expenditure has been approved by the grant administrator, the Union, and Mono County HR.

Every night, weekend, and holiday of the year, Behavioral Health has one primary, and one back up staff member on-call for crisis. The crisis team consists of 13 staff. The crisis team rotates on-call shifts throughout the year. Each team member provides 3-7 of these shifts each year. If staff receive a call during these shifts, they will respond immediately and must remain available until the crisis is resolved. This can take hours or days depending on the circumstances.

Attached on page 2 is a breakdown of stipend amounts per person based on number of on-call shifts assigned during FY 23/24.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jessica Workman, Staff Services Manager, Mono County Behavioral Health. 760-924-1742

Tier 1 (5.5-7 on-call shifts during 23/24)

1. Kimberly Lopez, Psychiatric Specialist I	\$	4,000
2. Esmeralda Curiel, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator I	\$	4,000
3. Salvador Montanez, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator III	\$	4,000
4. Han Li, Psychiatric Specialist III	\$	4,000
5. Dylan Burditt, Psychiatric Specialist II	\$	4,000
6. Jimmy Lee, Quality Assurance Coordinator III	\$	4,000
7. Debra Stewart, Substance Use Disorder Supervisor	\$	4,000

Tier 2 (4.5 or less on call shifts):

1. Lauren Plum, Staff Services Analyst III	\$	2,000
2. Serena Renda, Psychiatric Specialist I	\$	2,000
3. Luisana Baires, Substance Use Disorder Counselor III	\$	2,000
4. Jenna Cruz, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator II	\$	2,000
5. Adriana Niculescu, Clinical Services Manager	\$	2,000
6. Robin Roberts, Director	\$	2,000
Total	\$	40,000



R24-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING AND APPROVING
A SIDE LETTER TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND
THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS,
AFL-CIO, LOCAL 39 ON BEHALF OF THE MONO COUNTY PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES' BARGAINING UNIT TO IMPLEMENT THE CRISIS CARE MOBILE
UNITS (CCMU) GRANT STIPEND FOR CRISIS TEAM MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors has the authority under section 25300 of the Government Code to prescribe the compensation, appointment, and conditions of employment of county employees; and

WHEREAS, the County is required by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (sections 3500 et seq. of the Government Code) to meet and confer with recognized employee organizations before changing the terms and conditions of employment applicable to the employee classifications represented by those organizations; and

WHEREAS, County representatives and the Mono County Public Employees' Bargaining Unit ("MCPE") met, conferred, and reached mutually-acceptable terms for a proposed side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") entered into on December 12, 2023, by Resolution R23-113 (the "Side Letter"); and

WHEREAS, the Side Letter would implement a Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Grant Stipend;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: The proposed Side Letter between the County of Mono and the Mono County Public Employees' Bargaining Unit, implementing a Crisis Care Mobile Units Grant Stipend effective August 20, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** – is hereby ratified, adopted and approved.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

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ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

John Peters, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

**SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MONO COUNTY AND
MONO COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LOCAL 39**

- Mono County and the Mono County Public Employees Association (MCPE) Local 39 have mutually agreed to provide a stipend for the Crisis Team Members within the Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) effective August 20, 2024.
- Funding for the Crisis Team Members is through the Crisis Care Mobile Unit grant in the amount of \$80,000, covering both fiscal years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 beginning August 20, 2024. Both years will be paid in the fiscal year 2024/2025.
- To this end, Mono County will pay stipends to the Crisis Team Members (see attached) to the following employees listed below as well as the amounts due to these employees for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Newly employed Crisis Care Team Members may also be considered for the stipend provided funding is available and the department's needs necessitate additional eligible employees to continue to provide services under the CCMU program.

Tier 1 (5.5-7 on-call shifts during 23/24)		
1. Kimberly Lopez, Psychiatric Specialist I	\$	4,000
2. Esmeralda Curiel, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator I	\$	4,000
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5. Adriana Niculescu, Clinical Services Manager	\$	2,000
6. Robin Roberts, Director	\$	2,000
Total	\$	40,000

- Mono County Behavioral Health intends to pursue grant opportunities to ensure continuity of the CCMU stipends beyond 2025. In the event that grant funding is terminated, then the CCMU stipend may also be eliminated.
- Funding for both fiscal years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 has been included in the Mono County Behavioral Health Department's 2024/2025 budget.

For Mono County:

For MCPE Local 39:

John Peters Date
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Scott Lupo Date
MCPE Local 39

Approved as to Form:

Christopher Beck Date
County Counsel

For MCPE Local 39:

Timothy Eggen
MCPE Local 39

Date

Brandy Johnson
MCPE Local 39

Date



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

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SUBJECT Support Letter - Advocate for Strong
USDA Rural Development Funding in
FY 2025 Appropriations

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Mono County letter of support for USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) programs in the final Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations package.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME:

PHONE/EMAIL: /

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Letter of Support - executed

History

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8/14/2024 3:05 PM	County Counsel	Yes
8/15/2024 8:16 AM	Finance	Yes
8/15/2024 11:20 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes



Jennifer Kreitz-District One Rhonda Duggan-District Two Bob Gardner-District Three
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Queenie Barnard, Clerk of the Board

August 14, 2024

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
Administration and Related Agencies
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration and Related Agencies
S-146, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Andy Harris
Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
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2362-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Heinrich, Ranking Member Hoeven, Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I am writing on behalf of the 13,195 residents in Mono to urge you to include strong overall funding at or above Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 levels for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (USDA-RD) Programs in the final FY 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. USDA-RD Programs are vital community building blocks critical to the livelihoods of millions of rural Americans.

Since the inception of USDA-RD, the agency has expanded essential services to tens of thousands of small communities and rural areas through grants, direct loans and loan guarantees. Every dollar from these programs has gone directly to rural customers, significantly improving quality of life, economic prosperity and public health in the 70 percent of the nation's counties considered rural with populations below 50,000 residents.

USDA-RD resources and personnel are indispensable to our shared mission to foster stronger, more resilient rural communities. In most rural counties, USDA-RD direct and guaranteed loan programs are the only affordable financing source for critical community infrastructure, housing and economic development.

In turn, the expertise of the USDA-RD's field staff in over 450 offices across the country, coupled with effective underwriting and technical assistance, has generated tangible successful results for rural America. Additional financial resources would help grow USDA-RD staff capacity and expand existing loan and grant programs to reach additional rural communities and more residents.

Mono County is no different. Since 2011, USDA-RD programs have invested \$29.7M in projects in my county. This includes business programs, community facilities, and single family housing.

The FY 2024 appropriations included \$22.3 billion in total discretionary funding authority for USDA, \$383 million below FY 2023 funding levels. These reduced funding levels included steep cuts to USDA-RD programs vital to county governments and residents. Without strong funding levels for USDA-RD programs at or above FY 2023 totals, counties like mine will be hard-pressed to deliver the essential services on which our residents and visitors rely.

Your support for restoring and maintaining funding for USDA-RD programs is essential to the prosperity of rural communities across the United States. I look forward to working with you to ensure strong funding for these programs in the FY 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Respectfully,


John Peters (Aug 14, 2024 14:44 PDT)

SUPERVISOR JOHN PETERS
MONO COUNTY BOARD CHAIR



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: County Administrative Office

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
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Sandra Moberly, County
Administrative Officer

SUBJECT Resolution Proposing to Name a
Segment of U.S. 395 after Captain
Vidar Anderson

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution supporting a community proposal to name a segment of U.S. Highway 395 after Captain Vidar Anderson, who was a first responder to the Convict Lake tragedy on February 19, 1990.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Sandra Moberly

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5415 / smoberly@mono.ca.gov

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YES NO

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Resolution
Commendation Resolution - 5-15-90
Medal of Valor Resolution - 5-15-90

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8/14/2024 3:08 PM	County Counsel	Yes

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
COUNTY OF MONO
Sandra Moberly, MPA, AICP

ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Christine Bouchard

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Paul Roten

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer

Date: August 20, 2024

Re: Resolution Proposing to Name a Segment of U.S. 395 After
Captain Vidar Anderson

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

- A Thriving Economy Safe and Healthy Communities Mandated Function
- Sustainable Public Lands Workforce & Operational Excellence

Discussion

The Long Valley Fire Protection District is working through the process established by CalTrans to name a segment of Highway 395 in honor of Captain Vidar Anderson. Captain Anderson was one of three responders who fell through the ice at Convict Lake on February 19, 1990 in an attempt to rescue children who had fallen through the ice. Captain Anderson saved the life of his fellow first responder, Fire Chief Chris Baitx before succumbing to the cold water.

In May of 1990 the Board of Supervisors provided a commendation and medals of valor for those involved in this incident. Staff has included copies of both of those resolutions as attachments to this staff report.

Part of the CalTrans process requires a letter or resolution of support from the local Board of Supervisors. Therefore, staff is requesting the Board approve the proposed resolution, which will then be submitted to CalTrans as part of the request.

Attachment 1: Resolution Supporting Naming a Portion of HWY 395 for Captain Anderson

Attachment 2: Board of Supervisors Commendation Resolution dated May 15, 1990

Attachment 3: Board of Supervisors Medal of Valor Resolution dated May 15, 1990



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE NAMING A PORTION OF
HIGHWAY 395 TO HONOR FORMER LONG VALLEY FIRE CAPTAIN VIDAR
ANDERSON**

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1990, at approximately 10:40 AM, Captain Vidar Anderson, along with 50 other first responders, responded to an emergency call regarding teenagers who had fallen through the ice at Convict Lake; Captain Anderson was one of four local responders who fell through the ice in an attempt to rescue the teenagers; and

WHEREAS, in his heroic effort to save the teenagers, Captain Vidar Anderson also saved the life of his fellow first responder and Fire Chief Chris Baitx. Tragically, Captain Anderson succumbed to the cold, giving his life in the line of duty while attempting to save others during this tragic event; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the invaluable service and dedication of former Long Valley Fire Captain Vidar Anderson whose leadership and commitment have greatly contributed to the safety and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the Long Valley Fire Protection District's request to honor Captain Vidar Anderson's memory and service by dedicating a portion of Highway 395 in his name; and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors believes that this dedication will serve as a fitting tribute to Captain Vidar Anderson's service and will ensure that he is remembered by all who travel this route;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that it is the Board's consensus that a segment of 395 be named after Captain Anderson, as an honor to his heroism and the fact that he made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his colleagues and residents of the Eastern Sierra.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

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NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

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John Peters, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF MONO, COMMENDING THE LONG VALLEY
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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HEREAS, on February 19, 1990, a tragic accident occurred at Convict Lake in Mono County resulting in the drowning deaths of seven persons who fell through thin ice; and,

WHEREAS, the LONG VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT immediately responded to Convict Lake; and,

WHEREAS, members of the LONG VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT immediately began lifesaving efforts, placing the life of another human being as the highest priority; and,

WHEREAS, Long Valley fireman Vidar Anderson gave his life in valiant effort to save the lives of other human beings.

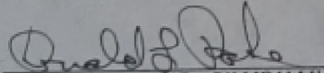
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, on behalf of the citizens of Mono County, does hereby commend the members of the LONG VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT for their professional performance, exemplifying the continuing dedication and sense of responsibility for the welfare and safety of the general public.

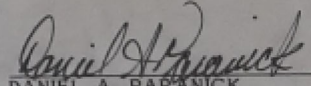
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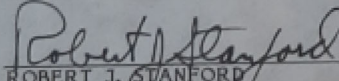
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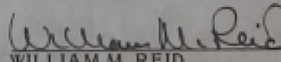
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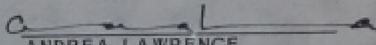
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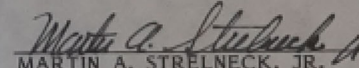

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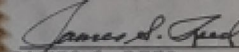

ANDREA LAWRENCE
District #5


MARTIN A. STRELNECK, JR.
SHERIFF-CORONER

ATTEST:

NANCY WELLS
CLERK OF THE BOARD



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JAMES S. REED
COUNTY COUNSEL



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF MONO, ON BEHALF OF ITS CITIZENS,
PAYING TRIBUTE AND AWARDING MEDALS OF
VALOR

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HEREAS, on February 19, 1990, at Convict Lake in Mono County, a group of youths from Camp O'Neil fell through the thin ice cover and into the cold water; and,

WHEREAS, U.S.F.S. Resident Ranger Clay Cutter, Long Valley Firefighters Captain Vidar Anderson and Chief Chris Baitx and June Lake Mountain Rescue Coordinator Russell Veenker were among those called to the scene; and,

WHEREAS, these brave men, dedicated members of public safety services, without regard for their own well-being and fully aware of the dangers of their endeavor, did act in the finest tradition of the lifesaving services in a situation of grave danger never experienced or anticipated before.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, on behalf of all her citizens, does hereby recognize and pay tribute to those brave men for their courage and sacrifice. To the families of those lost, Vidar Anderson and Clay Cutter, we offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Mono does hereby award the Medal of Valor to these men as a tribute to their bravery and a symbol of our great respect:

- CLAYTON MARSHALL CUTTER, UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
- VIDAR DOUGLASS ANDERSON, LONG VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
- CHRIS BAITX, LONG VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
- RUSS VEENKER, JUNE LAKE MOUNTAIN RESCUE

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 1990, by the following vote of said board:

AYES: Supervisors Lawrence, Paranick, Rake, Reid, Stanford.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Donald L. Rake
DONALD L. RAKE, CHAIRMAN
District #3

Robert J. Stanford
ROBERT J. STANFORD
District #1

Andrea Lawrence
ANDREA LAWRENCE
District #5

ATTEST:

Nancy Wells
NANCY WELLS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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MARTIN A. STRELNECK, JR.
SHERIFF-CORONER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James S. Reed
JAMES S. REED
COUNTY COUNSEL





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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Community Development

TIME REQUIRED 30 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Wendy Sugimura, Community
Development Director and Katie
Rodriguez, Caltrans

SUBJECT Wildlife Crossing Project
Presentation and Prospective Grant
Application

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Presentation on the status of the US 395 Wildlife Crossings project, next steps, and request for Mono County Community Development to serve as the lead applicant on a grant for the project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Mono County Community Development Department to be the applicant for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program grant in cooperation with Caltrans and other partners. Provide any other desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Staff time for the grant application is included in the Department's Recommended FY 2024-25 budget and reimbursable by transportation funding sources.

CONTACT NAME: Olya Egorov

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YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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8/14/2024 3:07 PM	County Counsel	Yes

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Mono County

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August 20, 2024

To: Mono County Board of Supervisors

From: Olya Egorov, Planning Analyst

Re: Wildlife Crossing Project and Prospective Grant Application

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Caltrans District 9 conducted a Feasibility Study Report on potential wildlife crossing locations on US 395 utilizing roadkill data, GPS trackers, and wildlife cameras. The study identified five hot spot locations, including Convict Creek, McGee area, Hot Creek Road, Mammoth Complex, and Mammoth Creek, that were consequently integrated into five project design concepts for wildlife crossing facilities. After the study's completion, Caltrans District 9 founded the multi-jurisdictional Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team to inform project development. Alongside the newly formed team, Caltrans District 9 completed the Scoping Phase for the project in 2020 and finalized both the Project Study Report (PSR) and Project Initiation Document (PID). In 2021, Caltrans District 9 received a funding award from the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) to complete CEQA/NEPA requirements for the project, which is currently underway.

Caltrans District 9 received a request from Supervisor Salcido, who participates on the Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team, for a presentation on the project to the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION

Next steps for the project include the development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and to secure funding for construction. Caltrans District 9 identified the Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP) as a potential PS&E funding source, but the grant requires a 20% match which is expected to be fundraised from non-profit partners. Caltrans cannot accept this third-party match money and therefore cannot manage the grant or be the lead applicant.

Caltrans approached the Community Development Department as the potential applicant and, consistent with Mono County's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and General Plan policies supporting wildlife crossings (see below), the CDD is willing to serve as the applicant in coordination with Caltrans and other partners. The grant application is due on September 4, 2024. Grant program information is available at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/wildlife-crossings/pilot-program>.

The following Mono County adopted policies support reduction of wildlife collisions and direct staff to seek funding:

Regional Transportation Plan & Mono County General Plan Circulation Element

Policy 9.B. Reduce the potential for wildlife collisions to improve transportation system safety.

Objective 9.B.7. Seek funding for overpasses or undercrossing passageways for mule deer where highways intersect traditional migratory routes to reduce collisions and animal mortality.

Mono County General Plan Conservation/Open Space Element

Action 2.A.1.q. Work with the CDFW, Caltrans, and other appropriate agencies to develop, fund and implement a program to minimize wildlife collisions (also see the Regional Transportation Plan).

Please contact Olya Egorov (oegorov@mono.ca.gov or 760-924-1802) with any questions. This staff report has been reviewed by the Community Development Director.

ATTACHMENTS

1. US 395 Wildlife Crossing Project Presentation; presented by Caltrans District 9

Mammoth Lakes US 395 Wildlife Crossing Project

CA Department of Transportation
District 9

Presented by Katie Rodriguez, Senior Biologist



Outline

- Project Background
- Research
- Wildlife Conservation Board Grant
- Current Status
- FHWA IIJA WCPP Grant



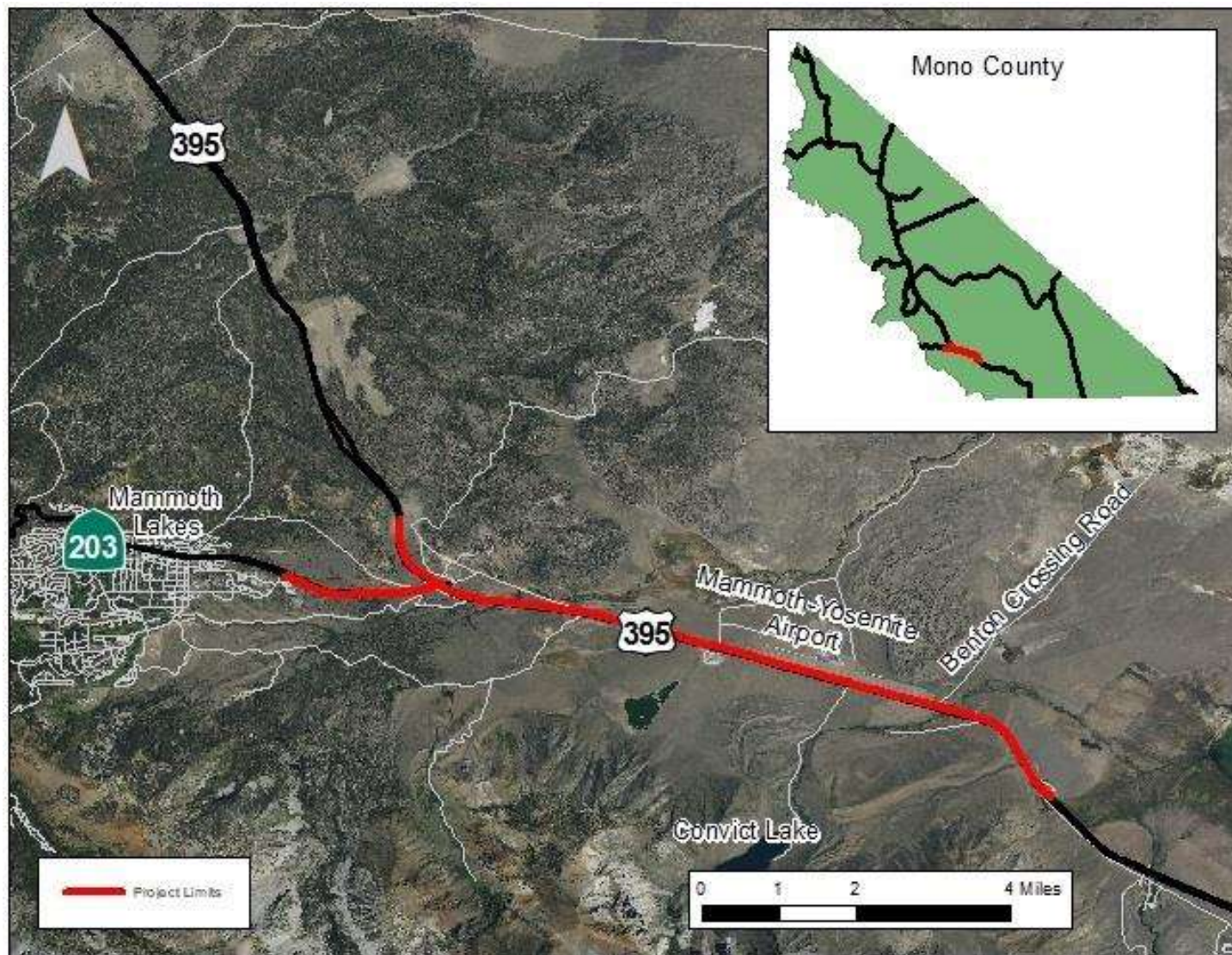
Project Background

- 2016- Caltrans completed Feasibility Study Report
 - Roadkill data identified 6 hot spot locations in Mono County
 - 5 Design Concepts created
- Development of Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team
- Completed the Scoping Phase in June 2020
 - Finalized Project Study Report (PSR)/Project Initiation Document (PID)
- Funding
 - Caltrans funded the scoping phase (PID Phase)
 - No Caltrans dedicated program funding for PA&ED (Environmental), PS&E (Design) or Construction phases
 - CEQA/NEPA document: visual, cultural, and biological studies needed
- Priority Project Location
 - CA Essential Habitat Connectivity, 2020/2022 CDFW Wildlife Barriers, USFWS S.O. 3362 Ungulate Migration

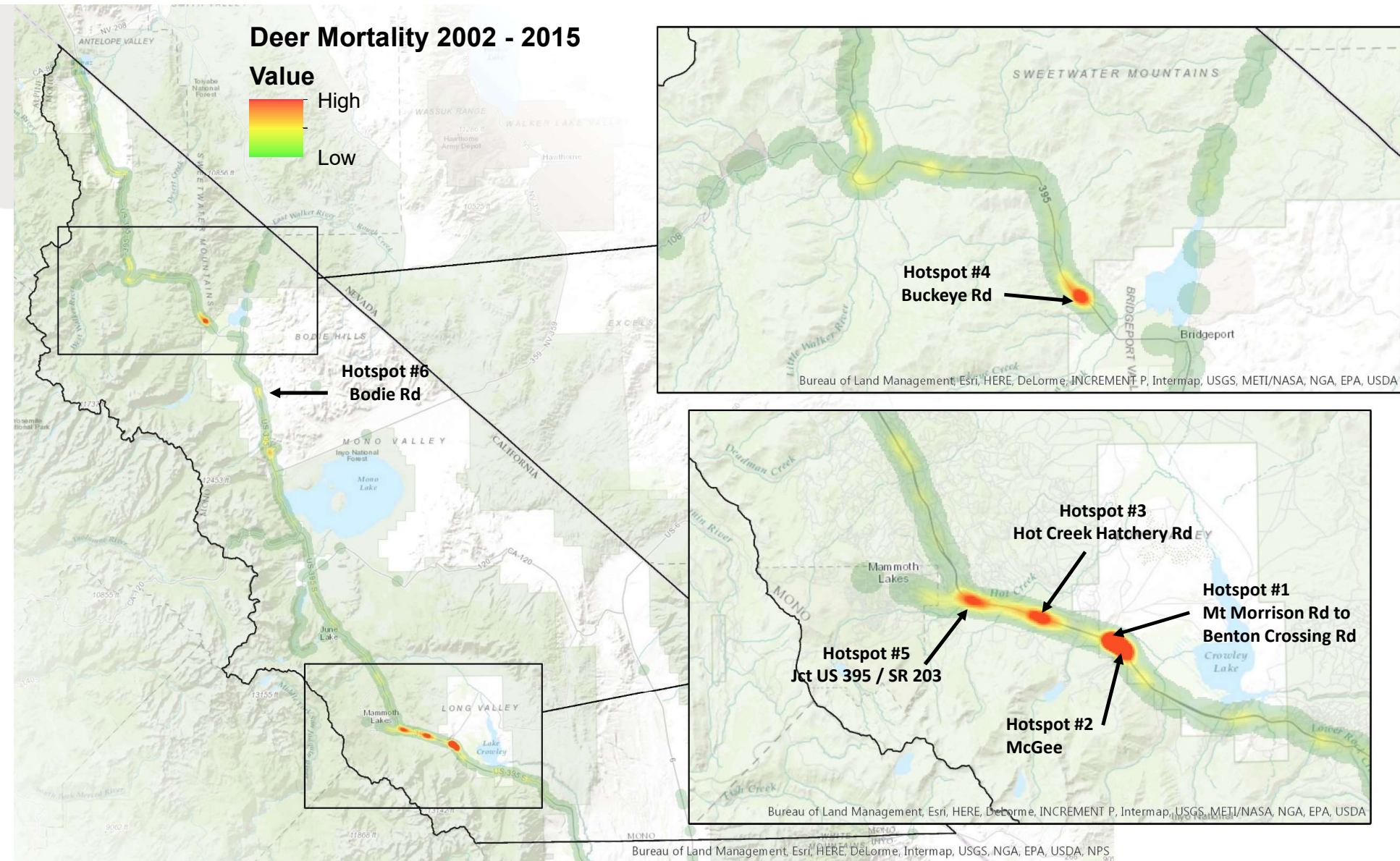
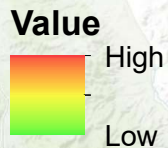
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Eastern Sierra Wildlife Stewardship Team

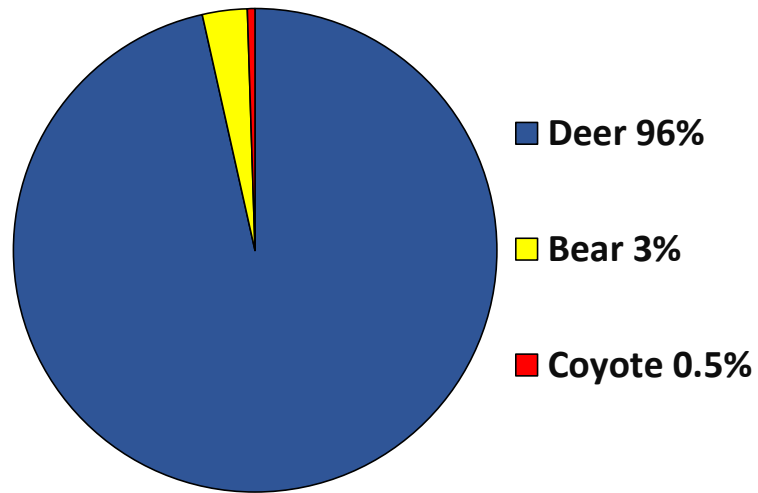




Deer Mortality 2002 - 2015



Percentage of Recorded WVC's (N = 872) By Species U.S. Hwy 395, Mono County (2015-2020)

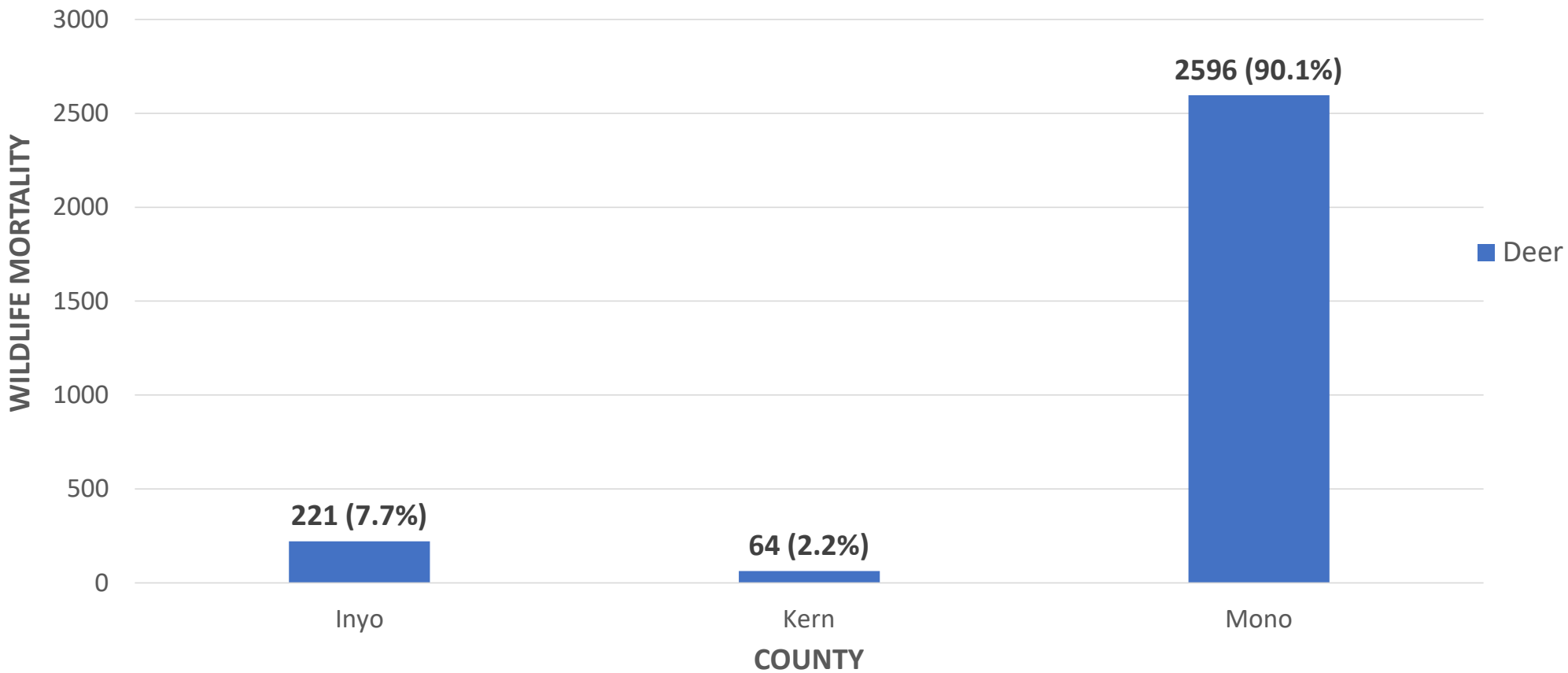


All other species make up <0.5% of reported wildlife-vehicle collisions



DISTRICT 9 TOTAL WILDLIFE MORTALITY BY COUNTY 2002-2020

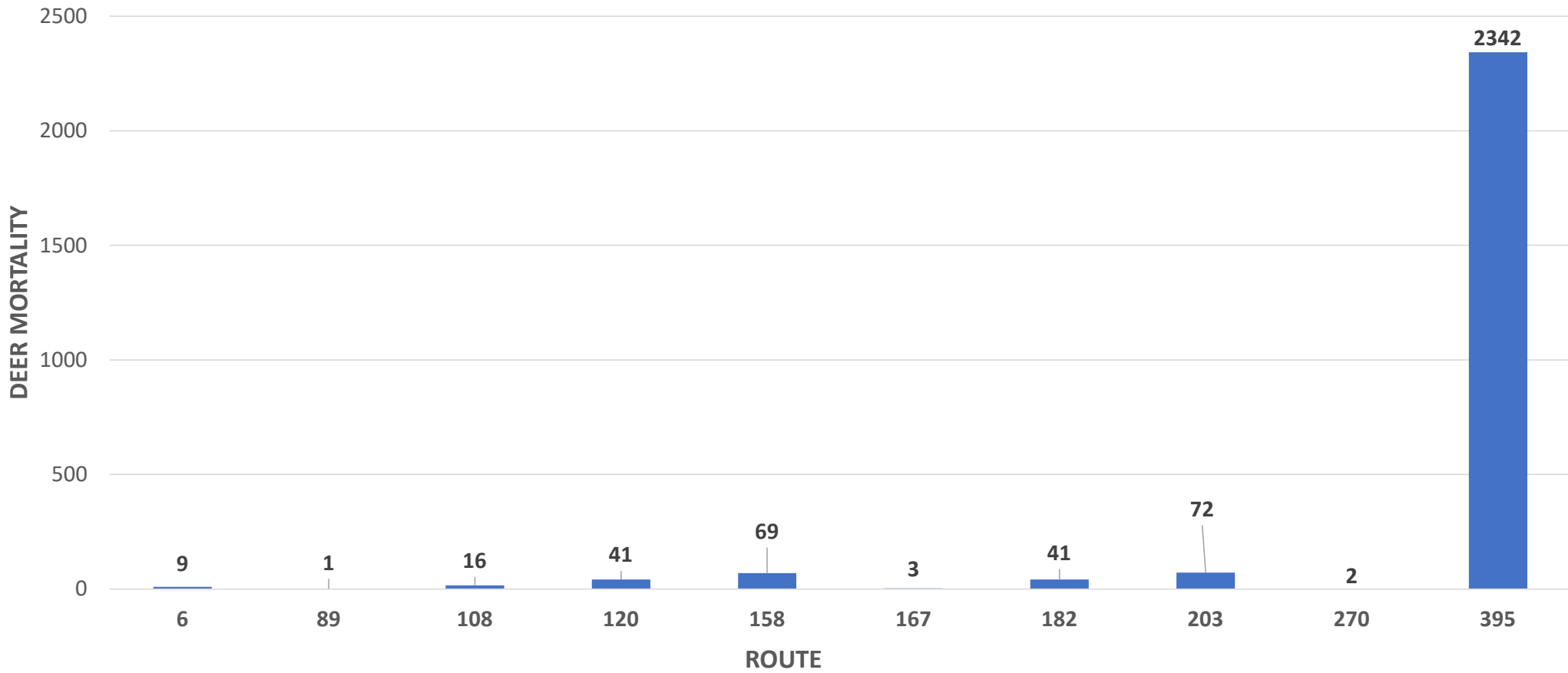
Total Deer Mortality Within Caltrans Right of Way= 2,881



MONO CO TOTAL DEER MORTALITY BY ROUTE

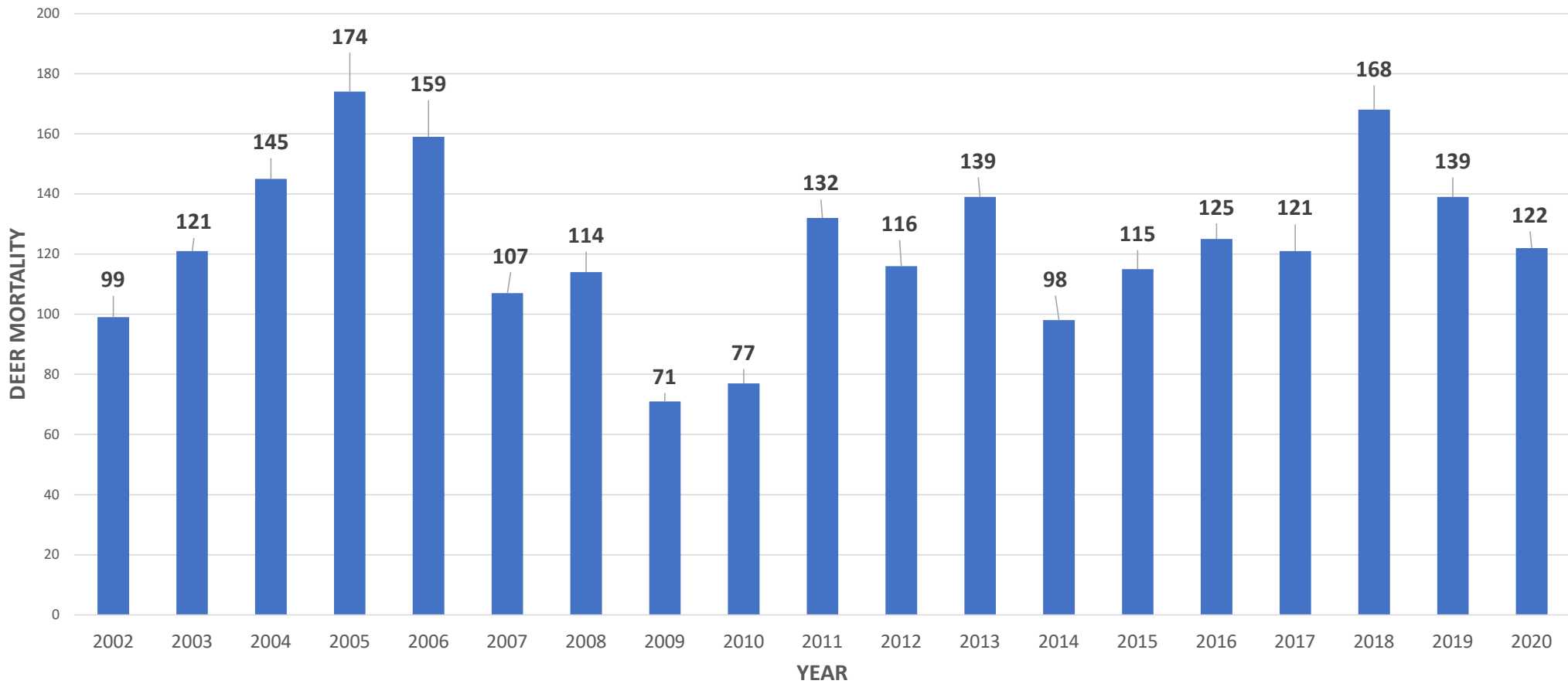
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Total Deer Mortality = 2,596

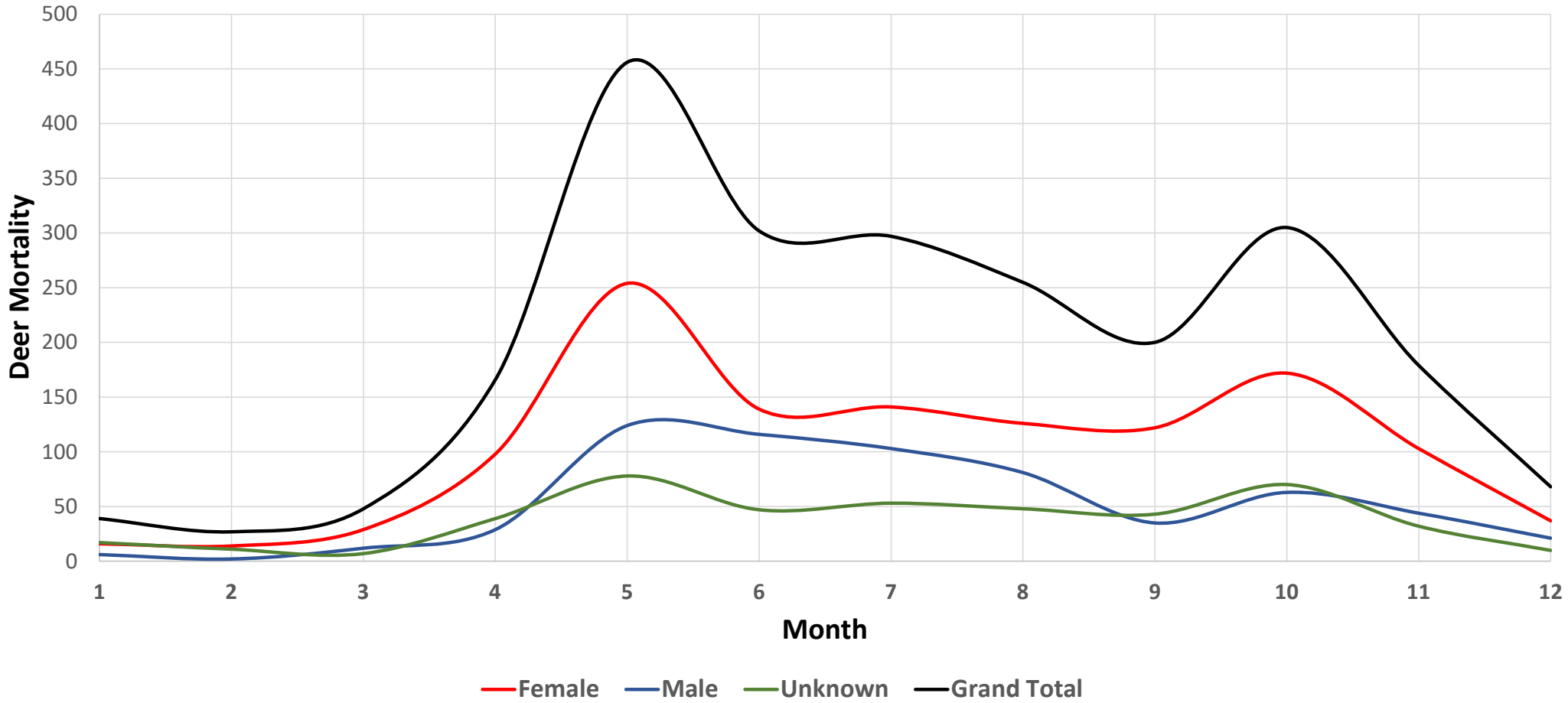


US 395 MONO CO TOTAL DEER MORTALITY BY YEAR **2002-2020**

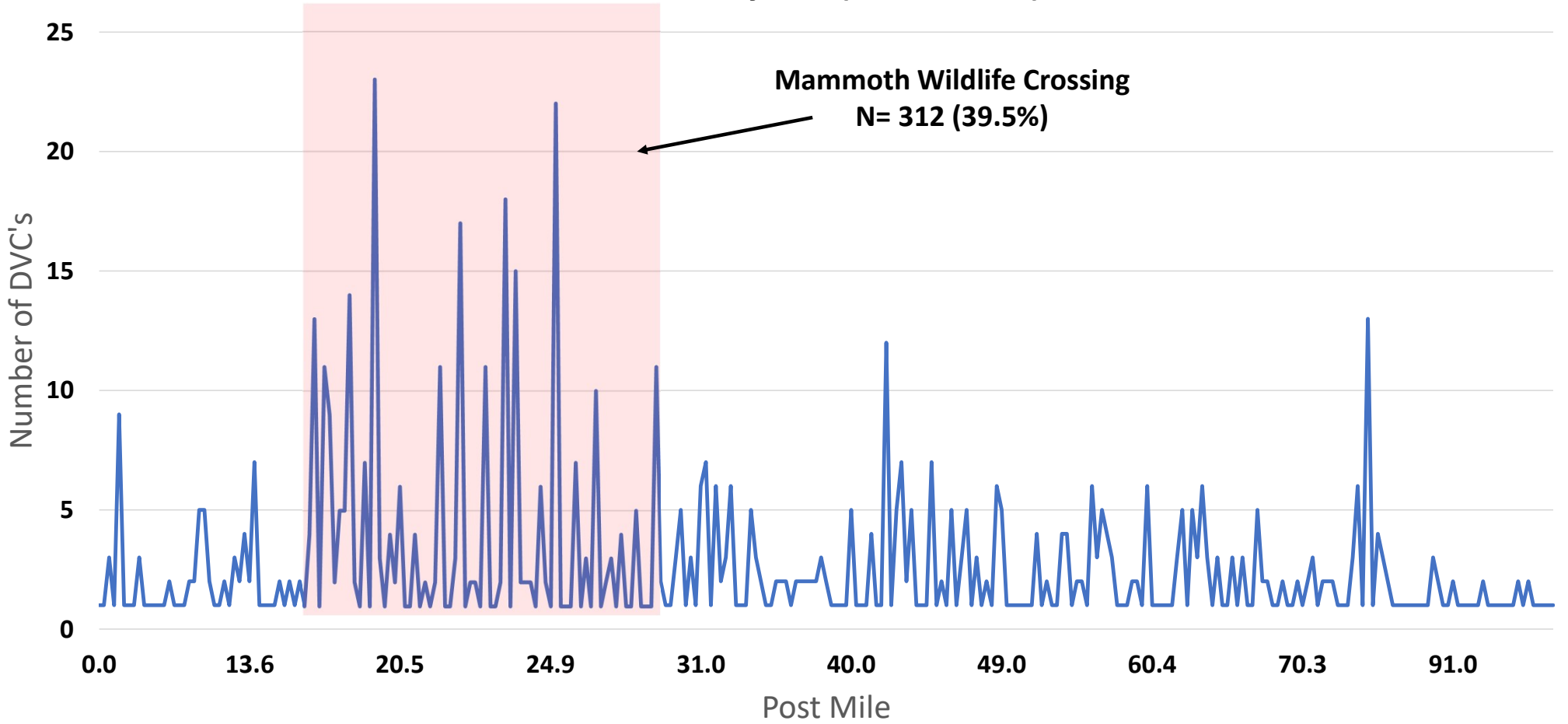
Total Deer Mortality = 2,342



**Number of Deer Vehicle Collisions (N=2,342)
By Date and Sex
U.S. Highway 395, Mono County, CA (2002-2020)**



**Number of Deer-Vehicle Collisions (N= 790)
U.S. Highway 395 (PM 01 - PM 120)
Mono County, CA (2015-2020)**



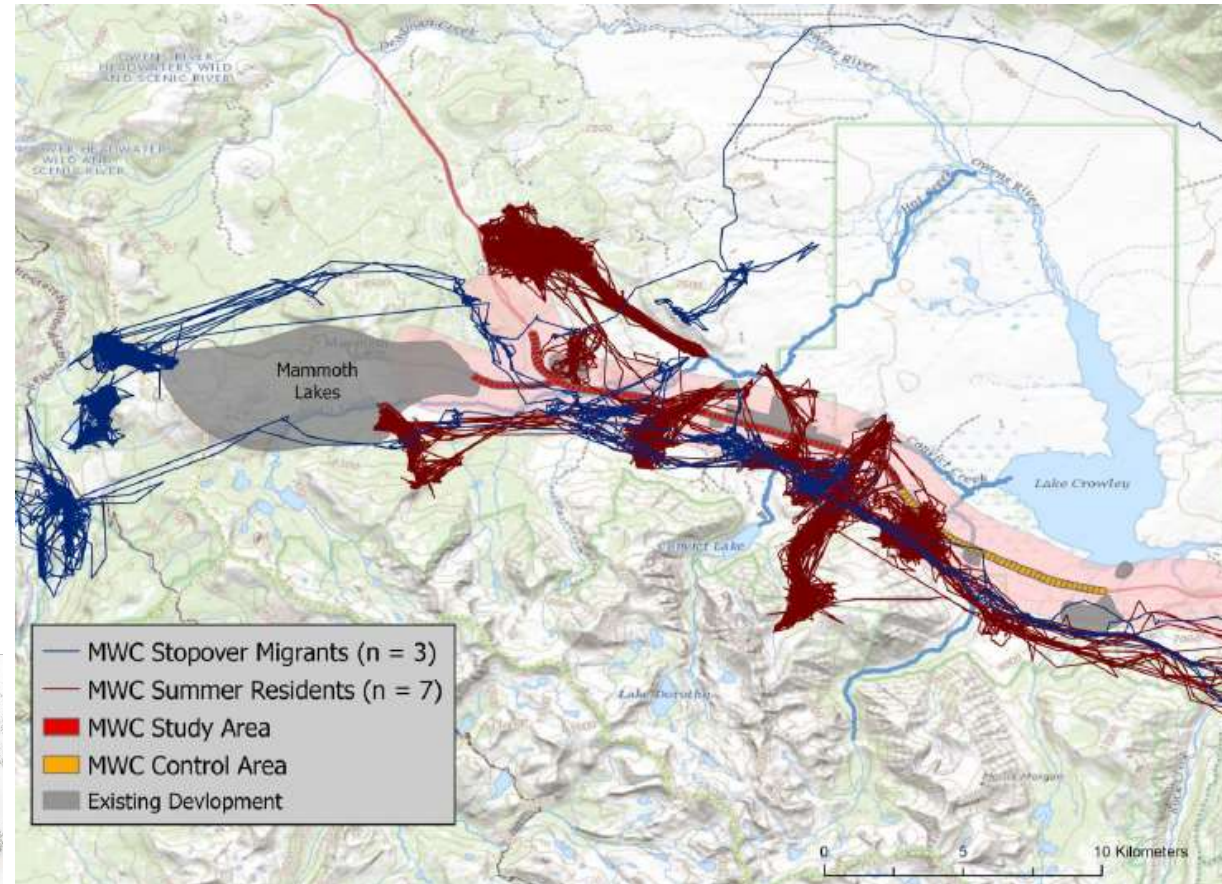
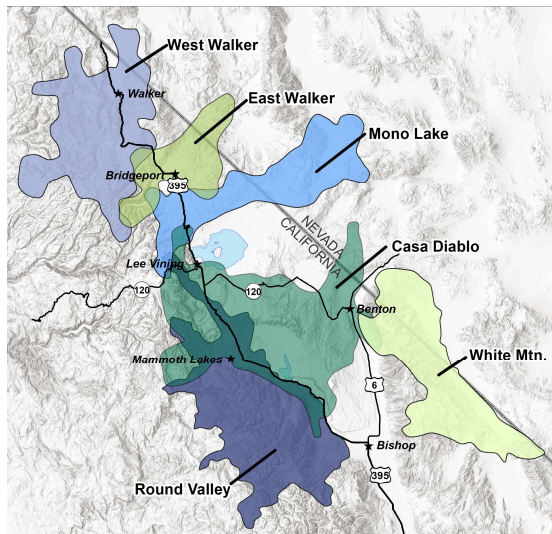
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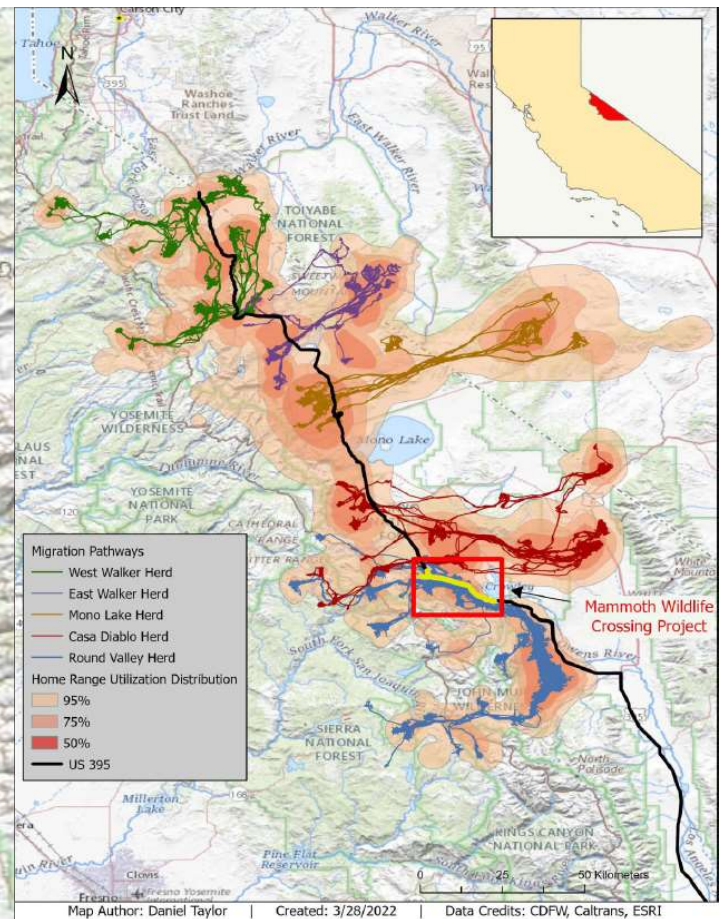
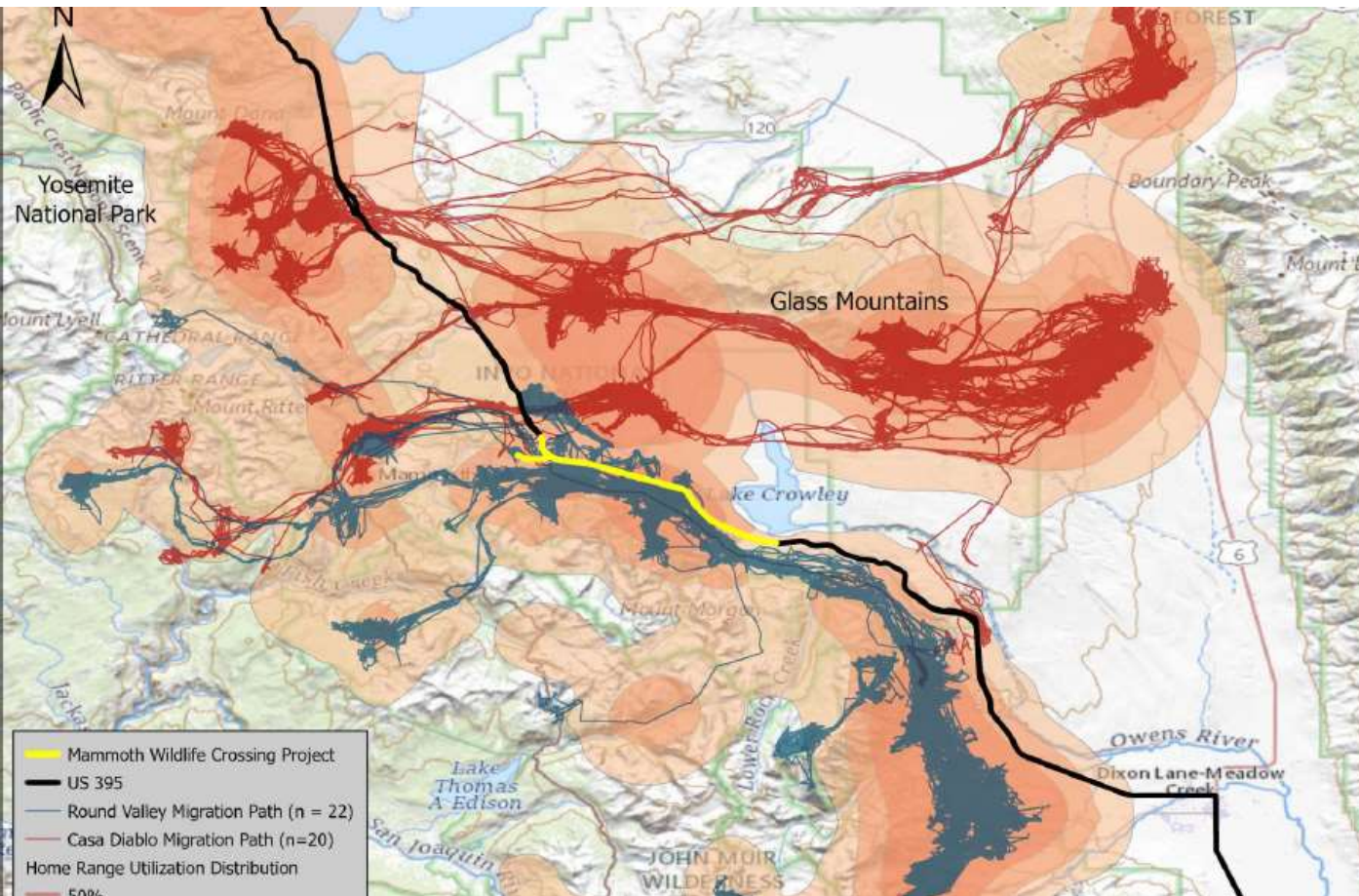
- CDFW Region 6 Bishop Office
 - USFWS S.O. 3362 Grant- GPS collar study on Mule deer in Mono County
 - Remote wildlife camera study
 - 2-year intensive roadkill study
- Graduate Research Student- Dan Taylor (Utah State University)
 - “Quantifying the impacts and assessing the permeability of a divided four-lane highway on migratory mule deer”



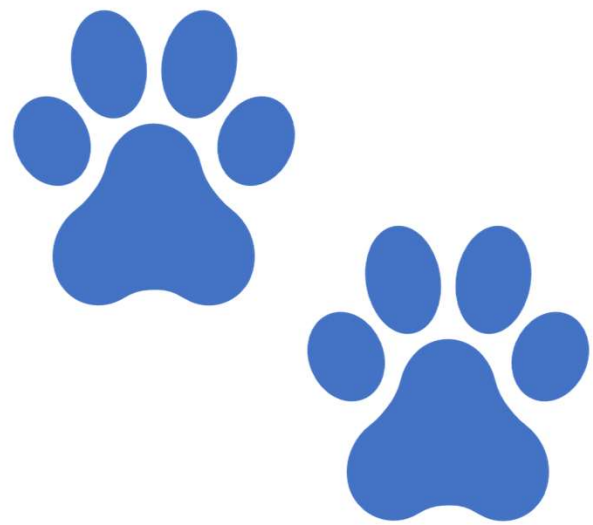
CDFW GPS Collar Study

- 42 mule deer captured
- Migration movements mapped
- Resident daily movements





Mule Deer Migration in the Eastern Sierra



Wildlife Camera Study

- Attached cameras to fencing and existing structures
- Documented wildlife species in project area
- Documented use of Mammoth Creek bridge









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Wildlife Conservation Board Grant- Prop. 68

2019- Applied

Full Proposal Requested by WCB

Requested: \$3,357,000; PA&ED & PS&E for Concept 1

Unsuccessful

2020- Applied

Pre-Application only; full proposal not requested

Requested: \$2,972,000; PA&ED only for Concept 1

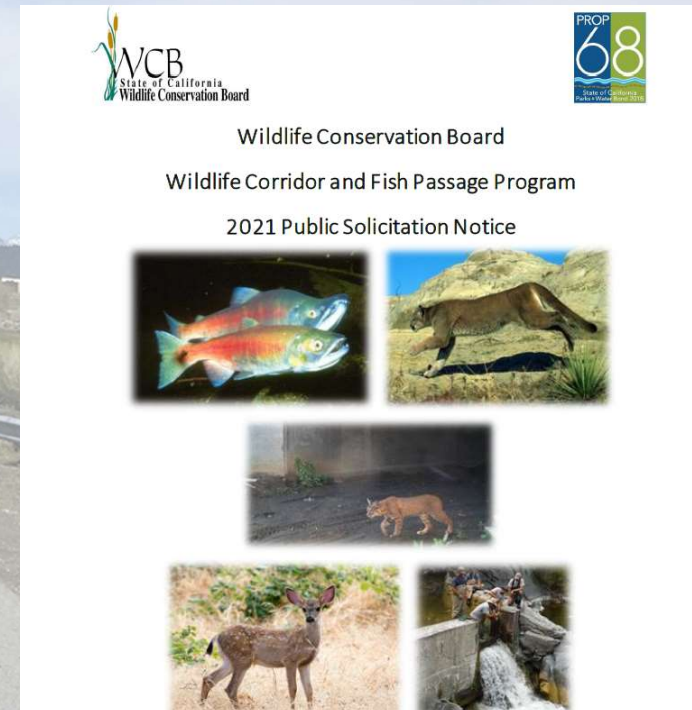
Unsuccessful

2021- Applied

Full Proposal Requested by WCB

Requested: \$914,000; PA&ED for Concept 5

Approved



Next Steps

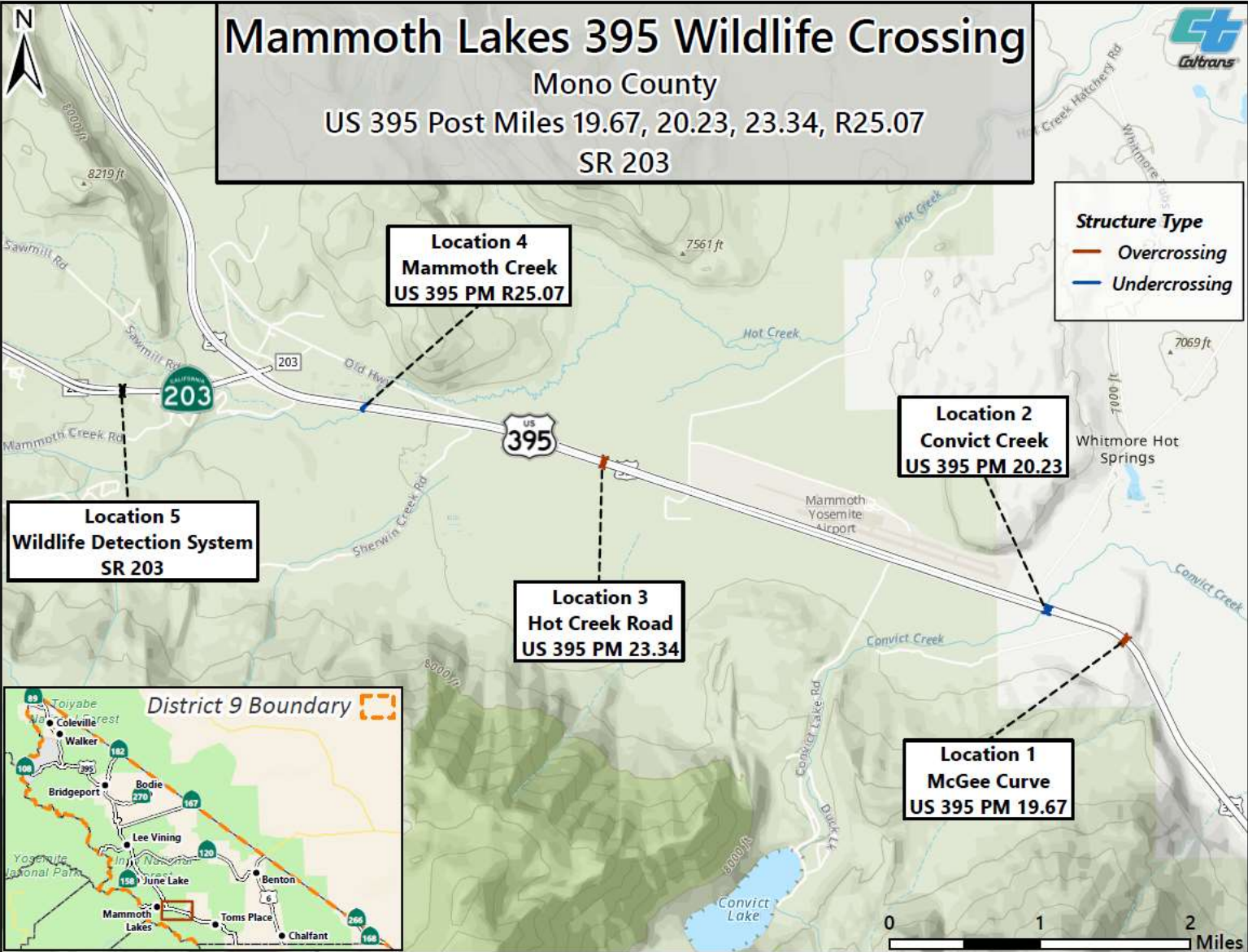
- Wildlife Conservation Board Grant (Prop. 68)- submitted pre-proposal on Oct. 5, 2021 for Concept 5
 - On Dec. 20, 2021 received **confirmation** of funding
 - July 2022- WCB requested updated estimate for Concept 1 (\$2.8 million-PA&ED)
 - Nov. 2022 Board meeting to confirm funding
 - **Confirmed \$3.17 million**
 - Started studies in Spring 2023
 - Continue working with ESWST to find additional funds (private, grants) for future phases



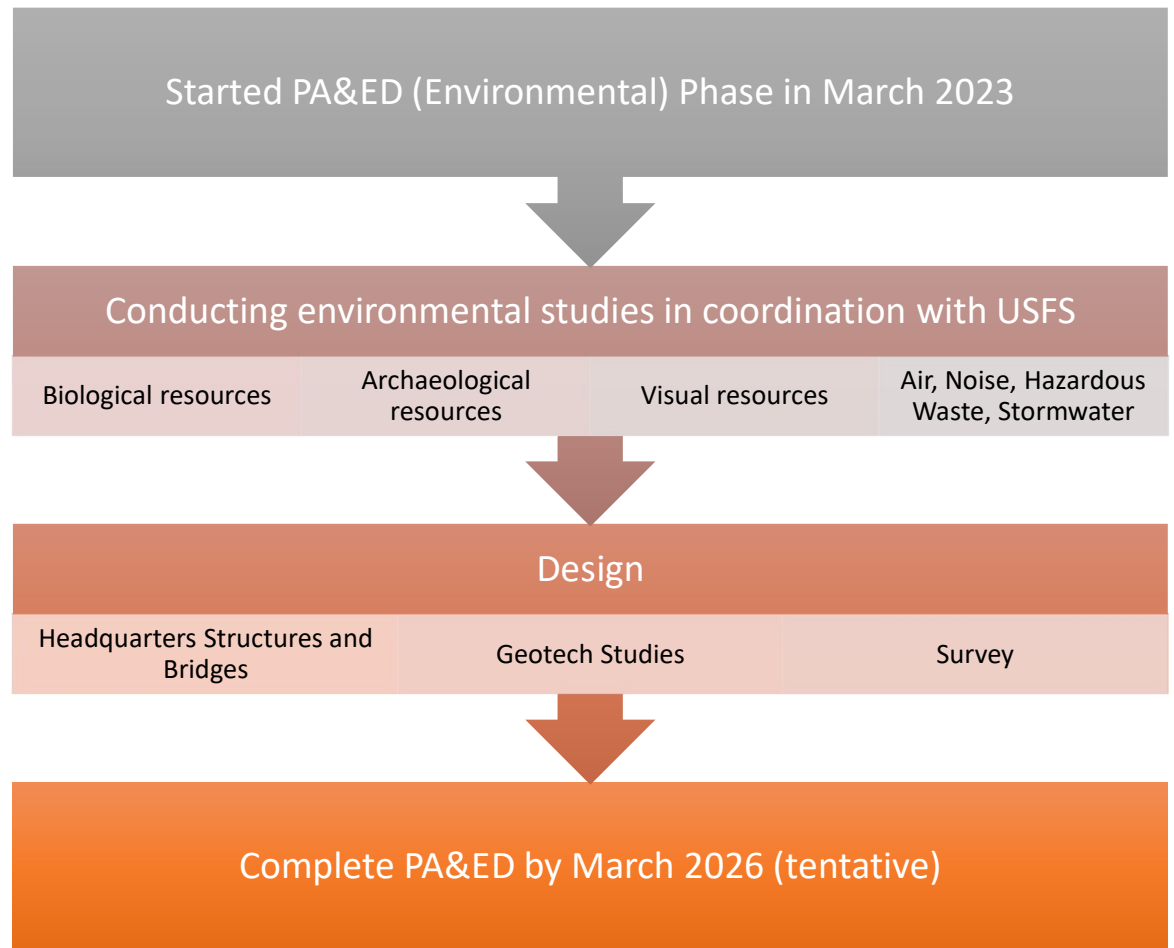
Current Status

- Purpose: Ensure migration connectivity and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions with installation of wildlife crossing structures and exclusion fencing
- Updated locations of crossing structures:
 - 2 new over crossings at Morrison Hill, Hot Creek Road
 - 1 new under crossings at Convict Creek
 - Modifications to Mammoth Creek Bridge
 - SR 203- wildlife detection system
 - 18 miles of fencing and 7 jump outs





PA&ED Phase- In Progress



FHWA IJA
Wildlife
Connectivity
Pilot Program
Grant

- 2024/2025 FY WCPP Grant Cycle
 - Grant application due: September 4, 2024
 - Requires 20% Match
 - Estimated Cost for PS&E: \$10M (\$8M- grant; \$2M-match)
 - Match source likely private funds raised by NGO partners
 - Need lead grant applicant
 - Cannot be Caltrans due to new grant policy
 - Discussing with Mono County
 - Need Letters of Support for grant application



Questions?





**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: County Counsel

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Emily Fox, Assistant County Counsel

SUBJECT Written Argument in Favor of Measure K - Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in Unincorporated Mono County

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

A resolution to submit a written argument in favor of Measure K, which would raise the transient occupancy tax rate in unincorporated Mono County, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9162. This is the Board's sole opportunity for official advocacy on the ballot measure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve proposed resolution to submit a ballot argument in favor of Measure K.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Emily Fox

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-924-1712 / efox@mono.ca.gov

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Staff Report
Resolution re Measure K written argument in favor

History

Time	Who	Approval
8/15/2024 9:50 AM	County Counsel	Yes

8/15/2024 4:04 PM

Finance

Yes

8/15/2024 10:30 PM

County Administrative Office

Yes

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Christopher L. Beck

Assistant County Counsel
Emily R. Fox

Deputy County Counsel
Jeff Hughes

Temporary Staff Attorney
Anne L. Frievault

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COUNTY COUNSEL**

Mono County

South County Offices
P.O. BOX 2415
MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA 93546

Telephone
760-924-1700

Risk Manager
Jay Sloane

Paralegal
Kevin Moss

To: Board of Supervisors

From: E. Fox

Date: August 20, 2024

Re: Ballot Argument in Favor of Measure K: Measure to Increase the Transient Occupancy
Tax Rate in Unincorporated Mono County

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

A Thriving Economy Safe and Healthy Communities Mandated Function
 Sustainable Public Lands Workforce & Operational Excellence

Discussion

On August 6, the Board voted unanimously to place a measure on the November 5, 2024 general that asks voters whether the transient occupancy tax (“TOT”) rate in unincorporated Mono County shall be raised from 12% to 15% in order to generate an additional \$1.1 million annually in general fund revenues. The County Elections Official, the Mono County Clerk-Recorder, has designated the measure as Measure K.

While official advocacy for a county ballot measure is generally prohibited, there is a notable carve-out: Pursuant to Elections Code section 9162(a), the Board of Supervisors may file a written argument for or against any county measure. The argument may not exceed 300 words in length. The Mono County Elections Official has set today, August 20, 2024, as the deadline for submission of arguments in favor of or in opposition to any ballot measure. Submission of a written argument is not required, but it is the only advocacy opportunity for members of the Board in their official capacity as supervisors.

In consultation with the same consultants who previously assisted in drafting Measure K and in conducting polling on the proposed measure, staff has drafted a written argument in favor of Measure K for the Board to submit to the County Elections Official, attached to the resolution in the agenda packet as Exhibit A. The written argument emphasizes the priorities and concerns of the Board expressed at the July 9 and August 6 meetings when considering the measure to

increase the TOT, particularly the Board's commitment to allocating the increased general fund revenues to affordable and workforce housing.

The resolution presented to the Board authorizes transmission of the written argument in support of Measure K to the County Elections Official for inclusion in the county voter information guide. If the Board wishes to submit the argument, each individual Board member will sign the argument prior to submission to comply with the requirements of Elections Code section 9164.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call me at 760-924-1712 or email me at efox@mono.ca.gov.



R24-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBMITTING A WRITTEN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
OF MEASURE K TO APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proposes to raise the rate of the transient occupancy tax levied in unincorporated Mono County in order to raise an additional \$1.1 million in annual revenue from tourists and visitors for general government purposes, particularly services and housing for those living and working in Mono County; and

WHEREAS, on August 6 this Board voted unanimously to submit a measure to the voters that would increase the transient occupancy tax rate from 12% to 15%, which the County Elections Official has designated as Measure K;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 9162, members of the Board of Supervisors may file an argument of up to 300 words in length in favor of or in opposition to any county measure; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to communicate to the voters of Mono County their intent to commit the increased transient occupancy tax revenues to support and develop affordable and workforce housing for Mono County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that

SECTION ONE: The written argument, attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be submitted to the Mono County Clerk-Recorder for inclusion in the ballot as an argument in favor of Measure K.

SECTION TWO: The Clerk is directed to obtain the signatures of each Board member on the argument prior to its submission to conform to the requirements of Elections Code section 9164.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

John Peters, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

1
2 ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
3 OF MEASURE K

4 Mono County faces a critical shortage of affordable and workforce housing. Measure K
5 would provide badly-needed additional funding that would be invested in the development of
6 affordable and workforce housing right here in Mono County, helping to ensure everyone can
7 live in the communities they serve, including essential workers like teachers, emergency
8 responders, and service workers.

9 Measure K is a transient occupancy tax (TOT), which means it is paid for by the tourists and
10 visitors who stay in the county's hotels and short term rental properties. Tourists and visitors
11 are a lifeblood of our local economy, but they also use our roads and highways, strain our
12 public safety and emergency services, and impact fragile wildlife habitats. Tourism also
13 requires local workers to provide the services visitors need when they are here, and those
14 workers need a place to live.

15 Measure K is a fair way to provide additional funding to Mono County that will help offset
16 the impact tourism has on our local county services and housing availability. The county uses
17 the existing TOT to support emergency medical services and local economic development;
18 Measure K would provide additional funds that the County has committed to investing in
19 workforce and affordable housing and other county services that are Mono County residents
20 depend on. And it would do that without increasing taxes on local residents.

21 All of the funds from Measure K would be spent right here in Mono County and can't be
22 taken by the State.

23 Please join us in voting YES on Measure K, and help our county reinvest in housing and
24 services to support our Mono County residents.

25 Jennifer Kreitz
26 Mono County Supervisor, District 1

27 John Peters
28 Mono County Supervisor, District 4

29 Rhonda Duggan
30 Mono County Supervisor, District 2

31 Lynda Salcido
32 Mono County Supervisor, District 5

33 Bob Gardner
34 Mono County Supervisor, District 3



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Elections

TIME REQUIRED 15 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-
Registrar

SUBJECT Election Education Series Part 1:
Voter Registration and General
Election Voting

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

In anticipation of the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election, the Mono County Registrar will be presenting a two-part Election Education Series to the Board of Supervisors and public. Part 1 of the series will review Voter Registration and General Election Voting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

PHONE/EMAIL: 7609325534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

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YES NO

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History

Time	Who	Approval
8/14/2024 2:26 PM	County Counsel	Yes
8/13/2024 12:47 PM	Finance	Yes

8/15/2024 11:14 AM

County Administrative Office

Yes



**CLERK – RECORDER – REGISTRAR
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MONO**

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August 20, 2024

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

Re: Election Education Series Part 1

Discussion:

In anticipation of the upcoming November 5, 2024 General Election, the Elections Office will be presenting a two-part Election Education Series to the Board of Supervisors and public in August and October 2024.

Election Education Series Part 1	August 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voter Registration and Primary Election Voting
Election Education Series Part 2	October 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election Technology, Security, and Observers• Voting In Person at a Poll Place vs Voting by Mail• Results, Canvass/Certification, Recounts, and Fraud Prevention

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

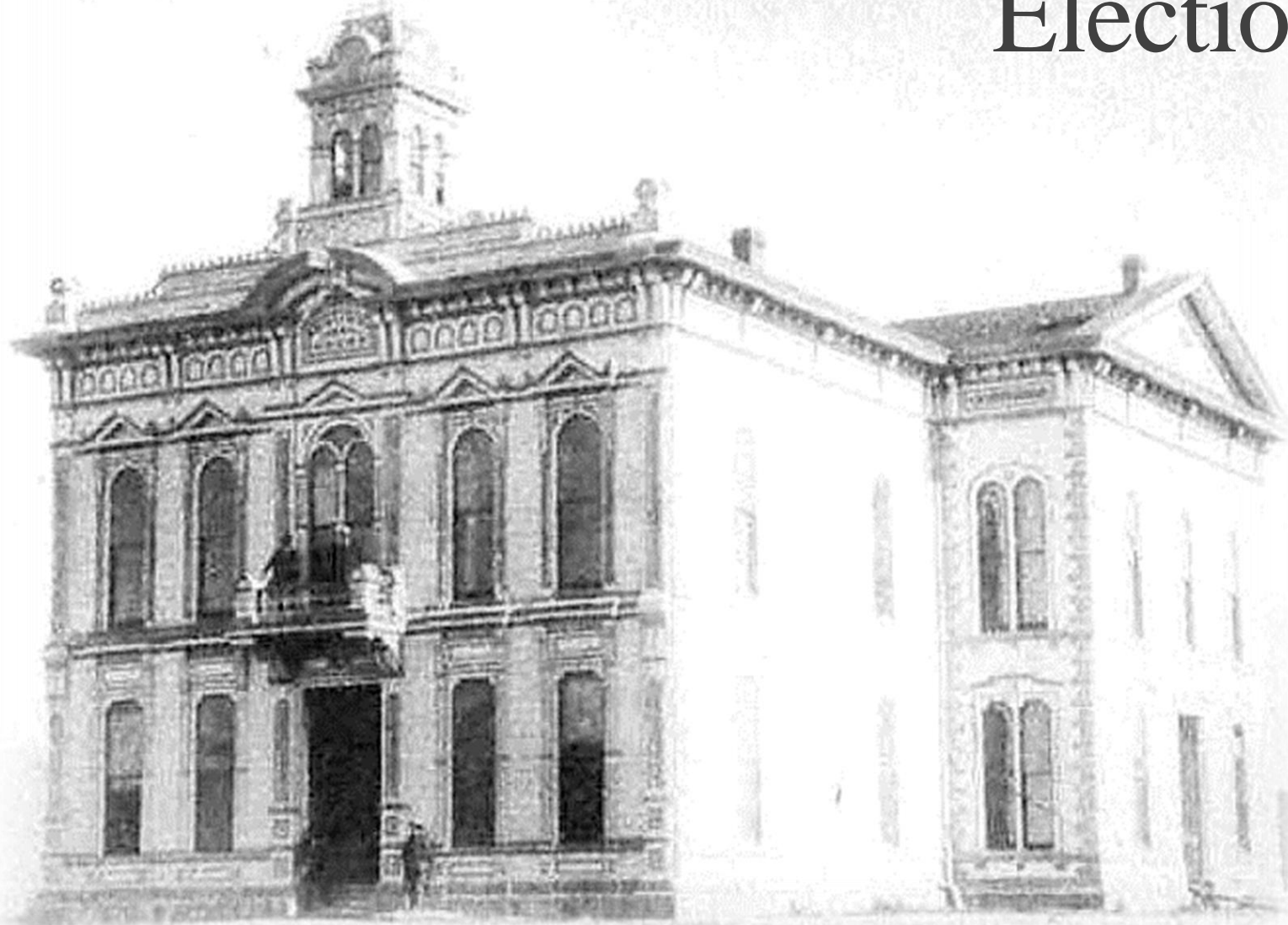
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Election Education Series

Part 1

Voter Registration and
General Election Voting

August 20, 2024



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November 5, 2024, General Election

October 7, 2024: Ballots are mailed to every registered voter

October 8, 2024: Ballot drop boxes are opened throughout the State of California

November 5, 2024: Election Day (Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM)

November 22, 2024: Registrar of Voters to certify election results



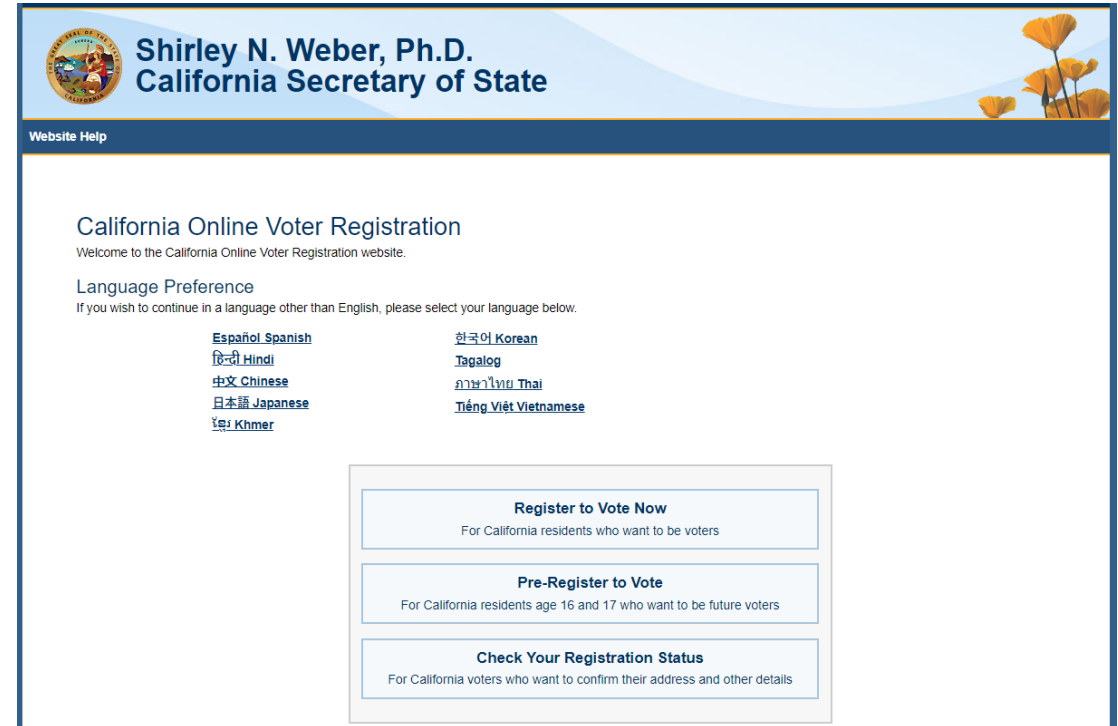
Register to Vote!


Visit registertovote.ca.gov to:

- Register or re-register to vote
- 16- and 17-year-olds can Pre-Register to vote

Or contact the Mono County Elections Office to request to have a Voter Registration Card mailed to you.

If you need to register after October 21, 2024, you can do so in person at a polling place or the Mono County Elections Office.



 Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
California Secretary of State

Website Help

California Online Voter Registration

Welcome to the California Online Voter Registration website.

Language Preference

If you wish to continue in a language other than English, please select your language below.

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Register to Vote Now
For California residents who want to be voters


Pre-Register to Vote
For California residents age 16 and 17 who want to be future voters

Check Your Registration Status
For California voters who want to confirm their address and other details

Register to Vote!

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

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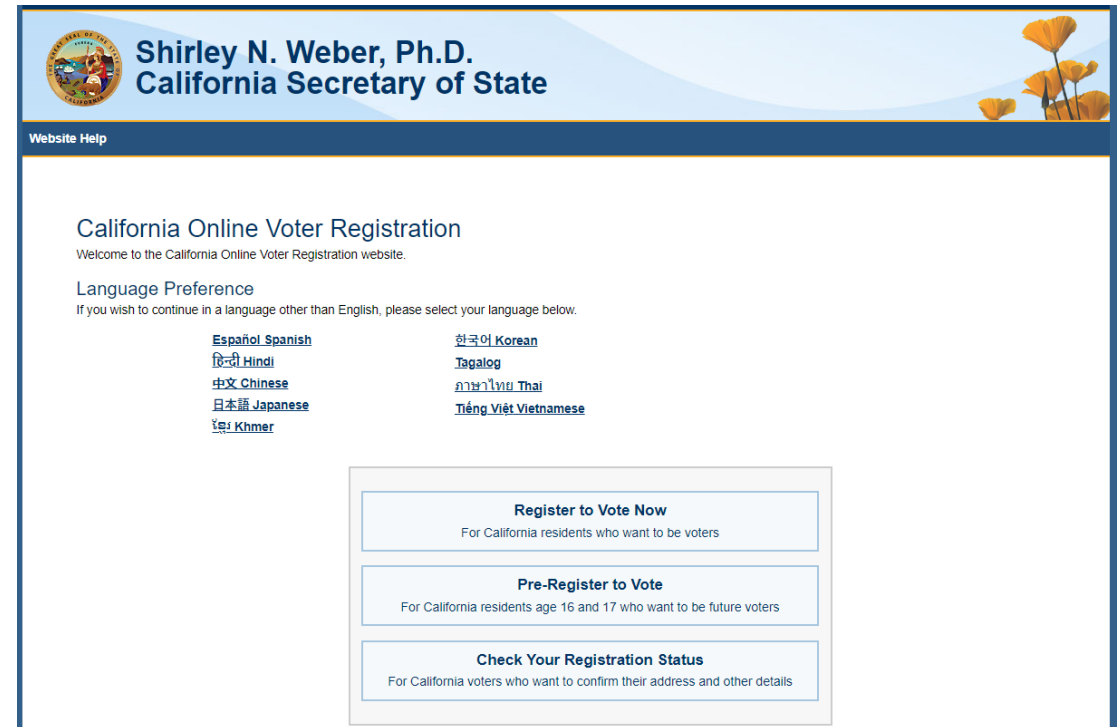
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Persons with a prior felony conviction who can register to vote:

- In local detention facility:
 - Serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - Serving a felony jail sentence
 - Awaiting trial
- On parole
- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication



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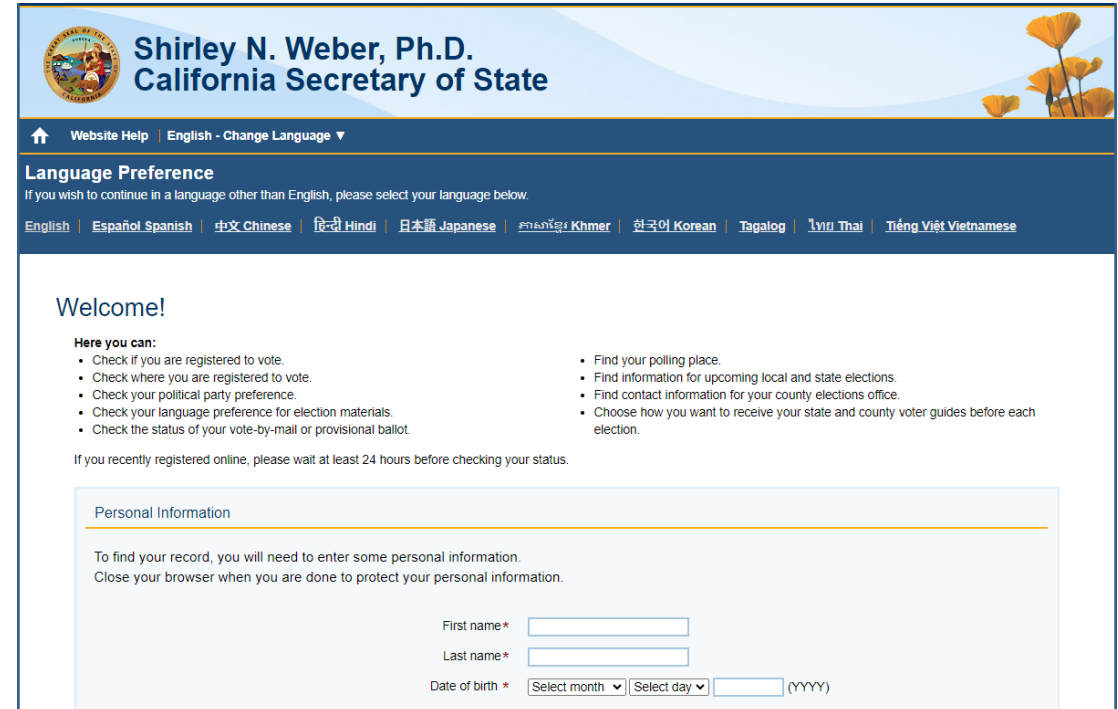
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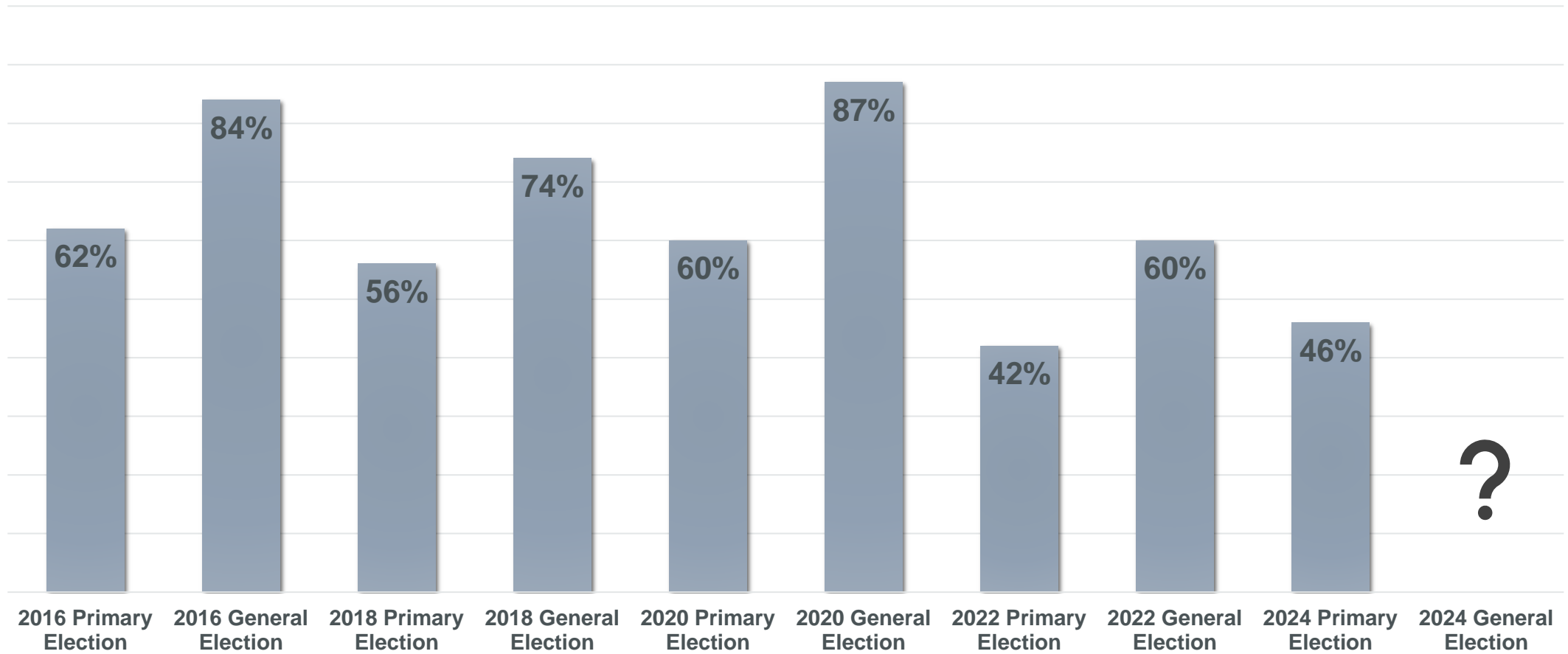
Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/ to:

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- Check where you are registered to vote.
- Check your political party preference.
- Check your language preference for election materials.
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot.
- Find your polling place.
- Find information for upcoming local and state elections.
- Find contact information for your county elections office.
- Choose how you want to receive your state and county voter guides before each election.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Secretary of State's voter status website. At the top, there is a header with the California State Seal on the left and the text "Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. California Secretary of State" on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with "Website Help" and "English - Change Language" (with a dropdown arrow). A "Language Preference" section follows, with the instruction "If you wish to continue in a language other than English, please select your language below." and a list of language options: English, Español Spanish, 中文 Chinese, हिन्दी Hindi, 日本語 Japanese, ភាសាខ្មែរ Khmer, 한국어 Korean, Tagalog, ไทย Thai, and Tiếng Việt Vietnamese. The main content area starts with a "Welcome!" message and a "Here you can:" section with two columns of bullet points. The first column includes: "Check if you are registered to vote.", "Check where you are registered to vote.", "Check your political party preference.", "Check your language preference for election materials.", and "Check the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot." The second column includes: "Find your polling place.", "Find information for upcoming local and state elections.", "Find contact information for your county elections office.", and "Choose how you want to receive your state and county voter guides before each election." Below this is a note: "If you recently registered online, please wait at least 24 hours before checking your status." The "Personal Information" section is highlighted with a yellow border and contains the text: "To find your record, you will need to enter some personal information. Close your browser when you are done to protect your personal information." At the bottom of this section are three input fields: "First name*" (text box), "Last name*" (text box), and "Date of birth*" (dropdown for month, dropdown for day, and text box for year (YYYY)).

Voter Turnout in Mono County



November 5, 2024, General Election

Contests & Measures on the Ballot:

- President of the United States
- United States Senator (full and partial term)
- United States Representative, 3rd Congressional District
- State Assemblymember, 8th District

OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
8TH CONGRESSIONAL AND 5TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS
COUNTY OF MONO, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Product: 87 INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE CIRCLE TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE, USE A BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN TO MARK YOUR BALLOT, NO RED INK. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT. OPTIONAL WRITE-IN: TO VOTE FOR A QUALIFIED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, WRITE THE PERSON'S NAME IN THE WRITE-IN SPACE AND FILL IN THE CIRCLE.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICERS
 The party label accompanying the name of a candidate for party-nominated office on the general election ballot means that the candidate is the official nominee of the party shown.

VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICERS
 All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or absent to disclose in party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is subject to the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is preferred or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICERS	MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES	MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Governing Board Member Vote for no more than Three
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Vote for One Party	<input type="radio"/> ALONSO ESCOBAR
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<input type="radio"/> ANGELA MCQUE WALKER For Vice President	<input type="radio"/> LOU STEWART Retired School Administrator
<input type="radio"/> JO JOHNSON For President	<input type="radio"/> GREGG VANE Scientist
<input type="radio"/> JESSE "SPK" OSHEN For Vice President	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH A. BIER For President	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> KIMBA D. HARRIS For Vice President	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP For President	<input type="radio"/>
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<input type="radio"/> KARYE OWARIWEST For Vice President	<input type="radio"/>
VOTE-NOMINATED OFFICERS	MONO COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2 Vote for One
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE Congressional District 3	<input type="radio"/> RHONDA DUGGAN Small Business Owner
<input type="radio"/> CHRISTINE BUSBER Party Preference: Democrat Businesswoman/Health Care Professional	<input type="radio"/> JOSHUA G. RHODES Retired Maintenance Supervisor
<input type="radio"/> JAY OBERNOLTE Party Preference: Republican Attorney/Real Estate Owner	<input type="radio"/>
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY District 8	SPECIAL DISTRICT
STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER District 8	HILTON CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Board Member Vote for no more than Two
<input type="radio"/> FRANK BIGELOW Party Preference: Republican Retailer/Businessman/Insurance Agent	<input type="radio"/> STEVE SHIPLEY Land General Contractor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> WINDSOR CZESCHIN Business Owner
NONPARTISAN OFFICERS	<input type="radio"/> DAVID J. RICHMAN Business Owner
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<input type="radio"/> SARA MCCONNELL Parent/Child Care Teacher	<input type="radio"/>
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THERE ARE MORE CONTESTS ON THE BACK OF THIS BALLOT.
PLEASE TURN THE BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING.

November 5, 2024, General Election

Contests & Measures on the Ballot:

- Proposition 2**
[Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities. Legislative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 3**
[Constitutional Right to Marriage. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)
- Proposition 4**
[Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks. Legislative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 5**
[Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)
- Proposition 6**
[Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.](#)
- Proposition 32**
[Raises Minimum Wage. Initiative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 33**
[Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property. Initiative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 34**
[Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers. Initiative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 35**
[Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.](#)
- Proposition 36**
[Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.](#)

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS		
STATE		
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November 5, 2024, General Election

Contests & Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

- Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Member (2 seats)
- Mono County Office of Education Board, Trustee Area #3 (1 seat)
- Bishop Unified School District Board (shared District with Inyo County) (2 seats)
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November 5, 2024, General Election

Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Mammoth Unified School District School Safety and Improvement Measure Measure J

Bond Measure

Vote Requirement: 55%

“With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Mammoth Unified School District’s measure to construct classrooms; upgrade heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; improve school facilities; and construct teacher/staff housing to attract and retain qualified employees be adopted, authorizing \$70 million in bonds, at legal rates, levying approximately \$37 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$4.5 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and full disclosure of spending?”

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/measures>

November 5, 2024, General Election

Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in Unincorporated Mono County Measure K

General Tax Measure

Vote Requirement: Majority of Voters

“To fund essential Mono County services, including affordable and workforce housing; public safety and emergency services; childcare; street maintenance and pothole repair; county parks; public health and healthcare; economic development; and other general government use; shall the ordinance increasing Transient Occupancy Tax from 12% to 15% paid only by hotel and short-term rental guests in unincorporated Mono County, providing approximately an additional \$1,100,000 annually, subject to annual public review and audits, until ended by voters, be adopted?”

November 5, 2024, General Election

Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Measure L

General Tax Measure

Vote Requirement: Majority of Voters

“To support general town services - without increasing taxes on Mammoth Lakes residents - such as providing affordable workforce housing through the Town's Housing Now! Program, supporting public safety, enhancing disaster preparedness, repairing roads, improving recreation amenities and supporting snow removal, shall the Town of Mammoth Lakes' measure increasing the transient occupancy tax by 2% be adopted, generating approximately \$4,000,000 annually for 10-years, paid only by hotel and short-term rental guests, with annual audits and all funds staying local?”

November 5, 2024, General Election

Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Special Tax for Emergency Response and Fire Protection Services

Measure M

Special Tax Measure

Vote Requirement: Two-thirds vote

“To reduce the risk of wildfires, maintain and improve rapid response times for 9-1-1 emergency services, attract, retain, and train qualified firefighters, and fund defensible space programs to improve wildfire prevention, shall the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District ordinance levying \$98 per parcel for nine years be adopted, providing approximately \$925,000 annually in locally controlled funding, an optional yearly increase not to exceed CPI, with senior and low-income exemptions, independent oversight, annual audits and all money spent locally?”

<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/measures>

November 5, 2024, General Election

Local Measures on the Ballot (varies depending on residence):

Bishop Unified School District Bond Measure (shared district with Inyo County)

Measure R

Bond Measure

Vote Requirement: 55%

“Bishop Union High School and Home Street Middle School Repair Bond. With funds that cannot be taken by the State, shall Bishop Unified School District’s measure to repair/ replace deteriorating plumbing, roofs, electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems and update career training facilities, classrooms, and Bishop Union High School’s historic main building be adopted, authorizing \$46.3 million with legal rates, audits, average levies below \$52 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$2.9 million annually) while outstanding, independent oversight, no funds for administrator salaries and full disclosure of spending?”

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Election Observers

Elections are a public process, and transparency is an important part of ensuring voters have confidence in the accuracy and integrity of the election results.

Below are some of the aspects of elections activities that are open for the public to observe. Please note some dates are subject to change.

- Touch Screen Ballot Marking Device Preparation and Testing (Oct 7-11)
- Central Count Ballot Scanner/Tabulator Preparation and Testing (Oct 7-11)
- Returned Vote by Mail Ballot Processing (Oct 7-Nov 20)
- Polling Place Locations (Election Day)
- Election Night Ballot Receipt and Counting (Election Day)
- Official Canvass (Nov 6-22)



California Trusted Information

Mono County and the Secretary of State's Office is committed to ensuring that elections are free, fair, safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. Misinformation and disinformation continues to confuse voters and sow distrust in the electoral process. The Secretary of State's Rumor Control page is designed to provide clear and accurate information in response to some of the most widespread rumors about elections.

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity/trusted-information



California Trusted Information

Reality: You can vote for as many or as few contests as you choose.

Rumor: If I leave something blank on my ballot, my ballot will not be counted.

Facts: A blank contest on a ballot is known as an undervote. An undervote occurs when a voter intentionally or unintentionally does not vote in a specific contest. Properly marked votes on the ballot will then be counted. Democracy happens one contest at a time and every vote matters.

In addition, you can sign-up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot's status.

Sources:

- [Do you have to vote for everything on your ballot](#), Ballotpedia
- [Uniform Vote Counting Standards](#), California Secretary of State
- [Undervote](#), Ballotpedia
- [Rumor Control](#), CISA



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California Trusted Information

Reality: Voting rights are restored after a jail sentence is served.

Rumor: Californians with a felony background are prohibited from voting in the state's election.

Facts: A person with a criminal history can register to vote if the following applies: if they are on parole, probation, mandatory supervision, under post-release community supervision, federal supervised release, or in a local detention facility. A person with a criminal history cannot vote if they are currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony. Once the prisoner is released, their right to vote is automatically restored and they should visit [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://www.register-tovote.ca.gov) or fill out a paper registration form to register to vote.

Sources:

- [Voting Rights: Persons with a Criminal History](#), California Secretary of State
- [California Penal Code section 2910](#), California Elections Code
- [Restore Your Vote](#), California Secretary of State



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

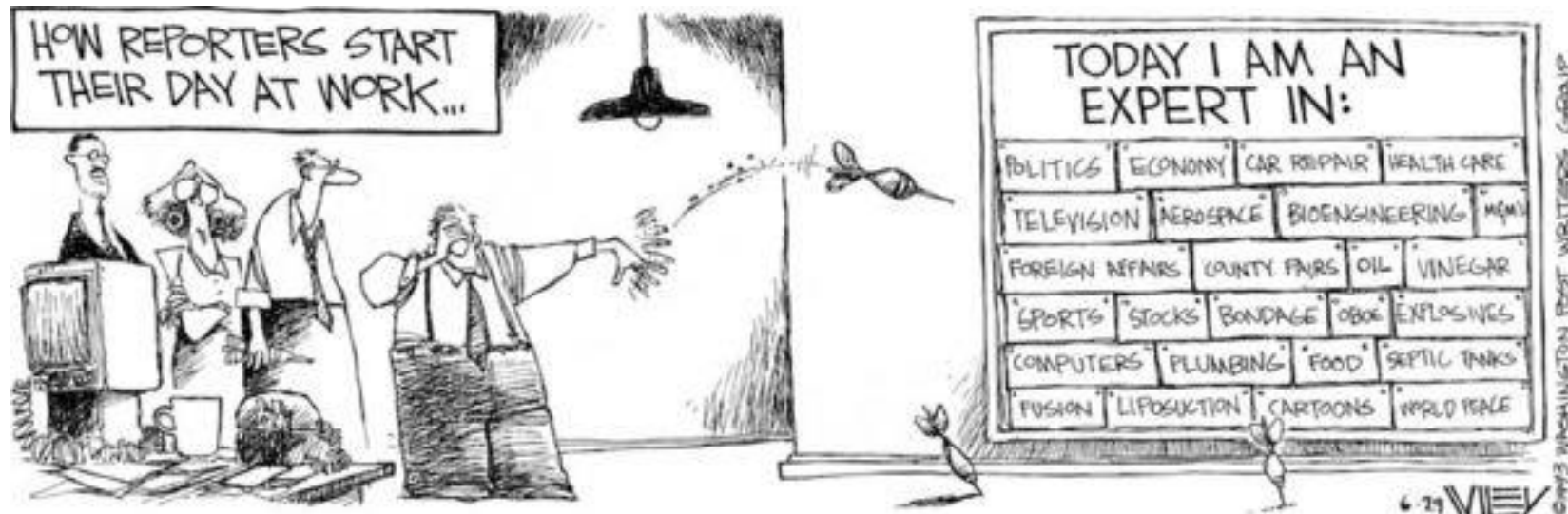
Visit <https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/frequently-asked-questions-faqs>

<p>Q1: When are ballots mailed out?</p>	<p>A1: October 7, 2024.</p>
<p>Q2: When are the drop boxes opened and how often are ballots picked up?</p>	<p>A2: October 8, 2024. Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes in teams of two at times determined by the elections official, but shall be subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes at least every 96 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, between the 29th day before the election and the 10th day before an election. • Ballots shall be retrieved from drop boxes every 48 hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, hours after the 10th day prior to an election through the closing of the polls on Election Day. <p>Current Schedule (subject to change):</p> <p>Friday, October 11, 2024 Thursday, October 17, 2024 Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Monday, October 28, 2024 Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Friday, November 1, 2024 Monday, November 4, 2024 Tuesday, November 5, 2024</p>
<p>Q3: Where are drop boxes located in Mono County?</p>	<p>A3: Look up drop box locations in Mono County HERE.</p> <p><i>Note: Ballots can be dropped off in any drop box in the State of California by 8:00 PM on Election Day.</i></p>
<p>Q4: I never received my ballot / I lost my ballot. Can you issue me a new one?</p>	<p>A4: Yes! You can call our office or email us to request a replacement ballot. You can also complete and return a Replacement Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application to our office in person, by mail, email, or fax.</p>
<p>Q5: When is the last day you can mail me a new ballot?</p>	<p>A5: The last day we can mail you a new ballot is October 29. After that date, you will need to come to our office in Bridgeport or go to your polling place on Election Day to be issued a new ballot.</p>
<p>Q6: Can you email me a ballot?</p>	<p>A6: Yes! We can email you a ballot up until Election Day. A Remote Accessible Vote-By-Mail (RAVBM) Ballot is emailed to you to download, mark selections, print, fill out and sign, and mail back to our office to be counted.</p>
<p>Q7: Can I track my ballot?</p>	<p>A7: Yes! The California Secretary of State is now offering Where's My Ballot? — a way for voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their vote-by-mail ballot.</p>



Misinformation / Disinformation Resources

- **Cornell University Library - Misinformation, Disinformation, and Propaganda:**
https://guides.library.cornell.edu/evaluate_news
- **Understanding Bias:**
<https://newslit.org/tips-tools/understanding-bias/>
- **How to speak up without starting a showdown:**
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[Washington Post Fact Checker](https://www.washingtonpost.com/fact-checker/)



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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Health and Human Services

TIME REQUIRED 1 hour

SUBJECT Ad Hoc Committee Report out on
Proposed Smoke-free Multi-Unit
Housing Ordinance

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Michelle Raust, Health and Human
Services Deputy Director; Lauren
Kemmeter, Community Health
Program Coordinator II

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

On November 21, 2023, the Mono County Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor Kreitz and Supervisor Salcido to the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Smoke-free Multi Unit Housing Committee to help shape a proposed ordinance to be brought back to the full Board for consideration. The Board will hear a report out from the Ad Hoc Committee and Health and Human Services staff on progress to date towards drafting a proposed ordinance, including the outcome of survey outreach conducted in the unincorporated areas of Mono County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide Board of Supervisors consensus on next steps with directions to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Michelle Raust, Health and Human Services Deputy Director

PHONE/EMAIL: (760) 924-1758 / mraust@mono.ca.gov

SEND COPIES TO:

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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staff report
Attachment B
Slide deck

History

Time	Who	Approval
8/15/2024 4:06 PM	County Counsel	Yes
8/15/2024 4:01 PM	Finance	Yes
8/15/2024 10:28 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



Health and Human Services Department

Public Health Division, PO Box 3329, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 | PO Box 476, Bridgeport, CA 93517
Social Services Division, PO Box 2969, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

MEMO

TO: Mono County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michelle Raust, Deputy Director, Health and Human Services Department
SUBJECT: **Report out of the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Smoke-free Multi Unit Housing Committee and HHS Department staff members**
DATE: August 20, 2024

Mono County is considering adopting an ordinance to prohibit smoking in multi-unit housing. The ordinance would apply only in the unincorporated areas of the County. There are a range of policy choices to consider when designing a local ordinance limiting smoking and vaping of substances in indoor and outdoor areas.

On November 21, 2023, the Mono County Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor Kreitz and Supervisor Salcido to the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Smoke-free Multi Unit Housing Committee to help shape a proposed ordinance to be brought back to the full Board for consideration. Policymaker input is essential to ensure that a smoke-free multi-unit housing policy is well-crafted, legally sound, and aligned with the interests and needs of the unincorporated Mono County community.

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Background

The California Indoor Clean Air Act of 1976 declares tobacco smoke as a health hazard for the general public. The United States Surgeon General has concluded that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke exposure and that separating smokers from non-smokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot completely prevent secondhand smoke exposure.

There are numerous policies in California and Mono County protecting people from secondhand smoke. However, there are no policies protecting residents from secondhand smoke in their homes. Secondhand smoke exposure threatens health, safety, and quality of life for children, adults, and animals. Secondhand smoke can migrate from other units and common areas and travel through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, plumbing, and ventilation systems. Public and private multi-unit housing properties across the country have moved to solve this problem by making their housing, including individual units, smokefree. This not only protects residents and staff from exposure to secondhand smoke, but also saves properties money on costs to turnover units and significantly reduces fire risk for buildings.

County of Mono
Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policy Development Temporary Ad Hoc Committee
Charter / Scope of Work
(Board Report – Attachment 1)

Background

Mono County Public Health's Tobacco Education Program has an objective to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke inside multi-unit housing units and in common areas. One evidence-based method to do this is through a smoke-free multi-unit housing policy. Public Health staff are currently engaging in community outreach to multi-unit residents and property owners in unincorporated Mono County who would be affected by such a policy. The formation of an Ad Hoc committee is requested to provide staff direction to help shape a draft ordinance to be brought back to the full Board for consideration.

Purpose and Scope

Given the myriad of policy choices, staff need input from Board of Supervisors members to propose a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance for consideration by the full Board.

Committee Duration

The duration of Committee involvement is estimated to be from December 2024 to October 2025.

Committee Members

To be determined by the Board.

County Department, Other Agency, and Consulting Resources

Mono County Public Health, Tobacco Education Program

Report out

by the

Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Smoke-free Multi Unit Housing Committee

Presented by

Michelle Raust and Lauren Kemmeter

Mono County Health and Human Services

August 20, 2024



Board of
Supervisors
Ad Hoc Committee
created November
2023

Role of the Ad Hoc Committee

- Help shape a draft smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance for unincorporated Mono County
- Ensure draft ordinance is well-crafted, legally sound, and aligned with the interests and needs of the unincorporated Mono County community
- Present to the Board of Supervisors for consideration
- Provide direction to staff

**Mono County
Residents
& Visitors

Enjoy
& Expect
Smoke Free
Air**

- Outdoor Dining Areas & Entryways
- Government Buildings
- Mammoth Hospital & Clinics
- Mammoth Mountain Resort & Lodging
- Public Events (ex. parades, sporting events, farmers markets etc.)
- Public School Campuses
- Recreational Areas
- Service Areas (ex. bus stops, ATMs)

Mono County Municipal Code

Ch. 1.7.92.020

Locations where smoking is prohibited.

- Bars & Restaurants
- County vehicles
- Dining Areas
- Indoor Workplaces
- Playgrounds
- Public Events
- Service Areas
- Recreational Areas
- State, County & City Buildings

Mono County

Mammoth Lakes
Mono County
Unincorporated

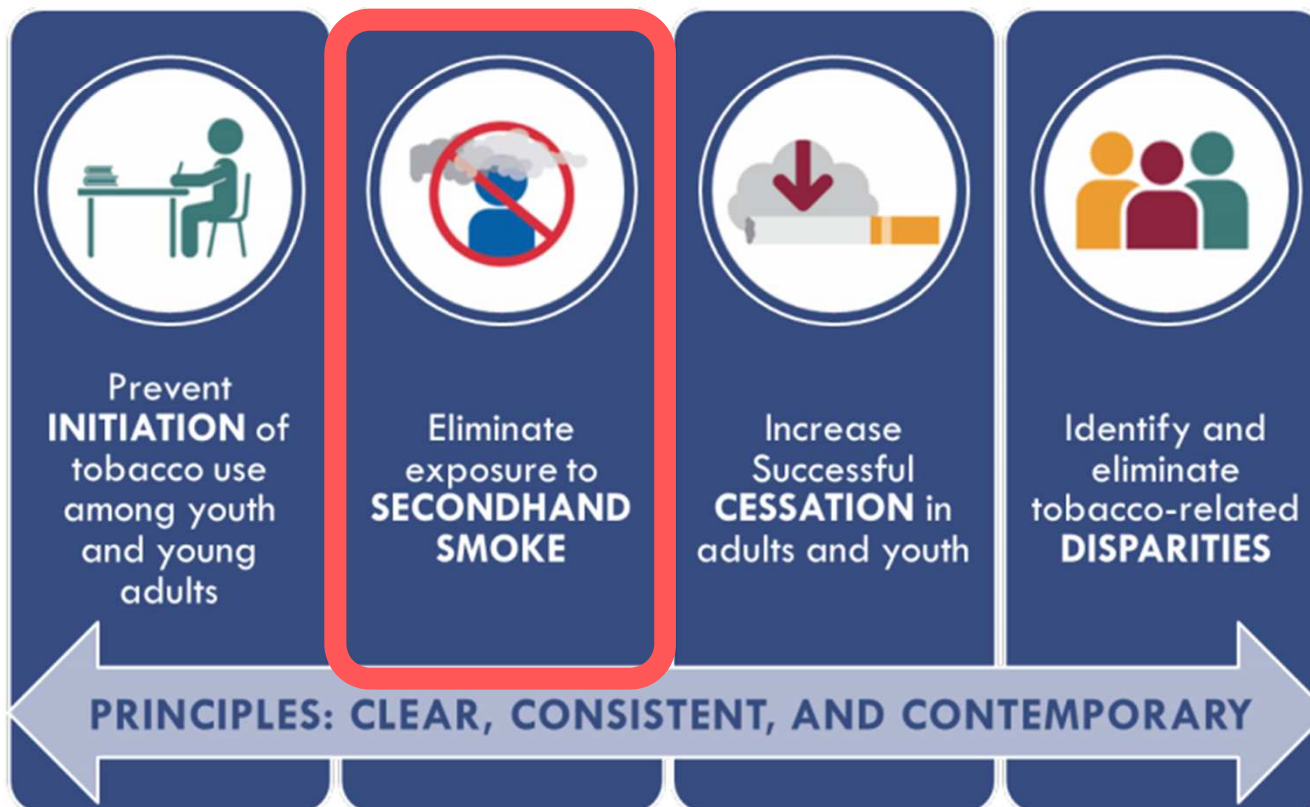
Overall Tobacco Control Grade	C	C
Total Points	7	5
Smokefree Outdoor Air	A	A
Dining	4	4
Entryways	4	4
Public Events	4	4
Recreation Areas	4	4
Service Areas	4	4
Sidewalks	0	0
Worksites	1	0
Total Points	21	20
Smokefree Housing	C	F
Nonsmoking Apartments	0	0
Nonsmoking Condominiums	0	0
Nonsmoking Common Areas	4	0
Total Points	4	0
Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products	F	F
Tobacco Retailer Licensing	0	0
Total Points	0	0
Restrictions on Flavored Tobacco Products	Y	Y
Flavored Tobacco Products	1	1
Total Points	1	1
Emerging Issues Bonus Points		
Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke	1	1
Emerging Products Definition - Licensing	0	0
Emerging Products Definition - Cannabis	0	0
Retailer Location Restrictions	0	0
Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies	0	0
Minimum Price of Cigarettes	0	0
Minimum Pack Size of Cigars	0	0
Total Points	1	1

2024 Mono County American Lung Association Local Report Card

Smokefree Housing	C	F
Nonsmoking Apartments	0	0
Nonsmoking Condominiums	0	0
Nonsmoking Common Areas	4	0
Total Points	4	0

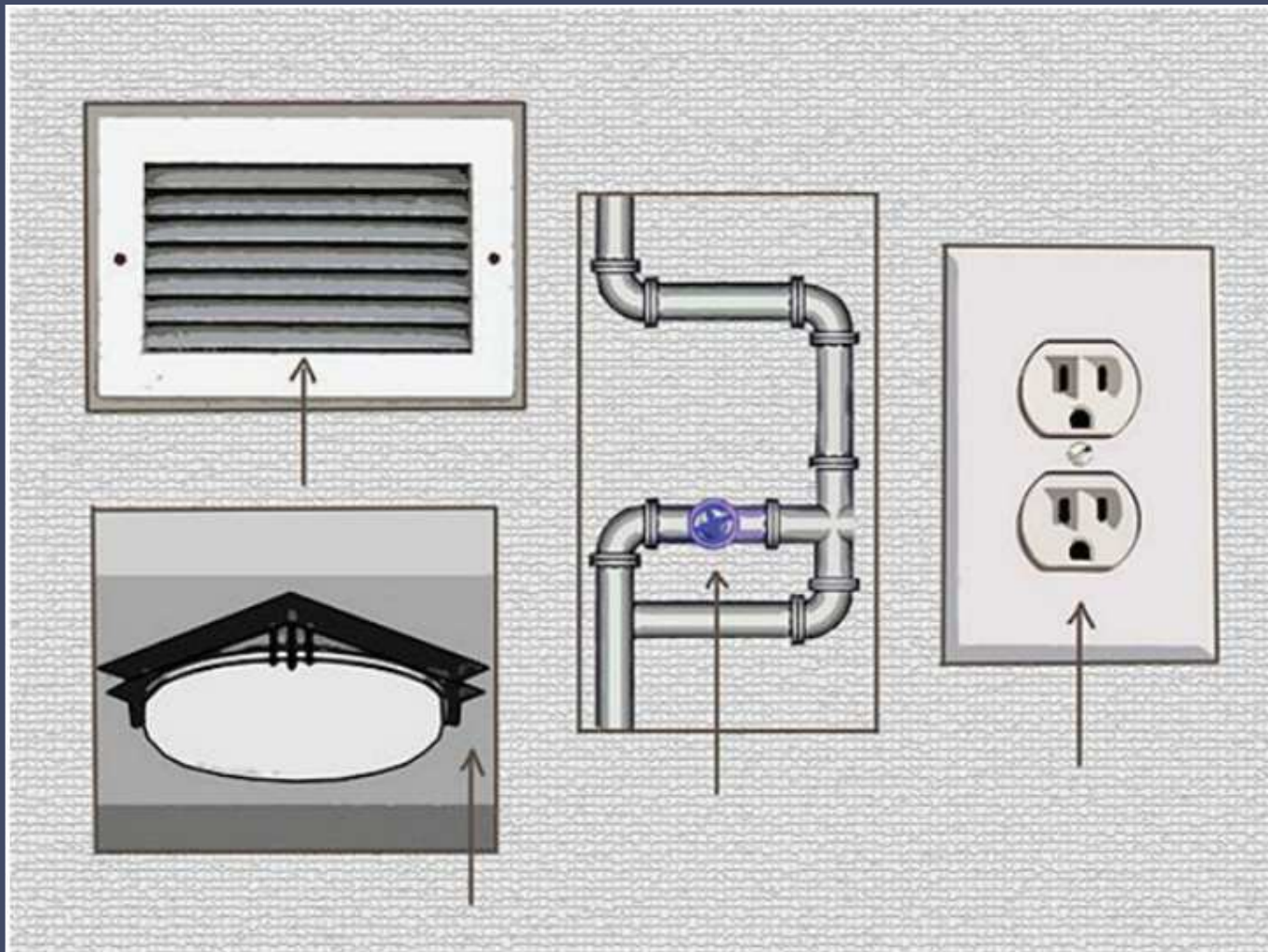
A gap in smoke free air protections exists for Mono County residents in multi unit housing.

Key Overarching Impact Areas



Tobacco in this work refers specifically to the use of manufactured, commercial tobacco products.

Secondhand Smoke Travels



Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing

Economic & Health Benefits

- Protection of Residents from Secondhand & Thirdhand Smoke
- Environmental Stewardship
- Fire Prevention
- Property Value Retention
- Reduced Cleaning & Maintenance Costs
- Reduced Insurance Costs & Liability
- Social Norms of Prevention, Cessation and Healthy Living



As of July 2024,

100

*California
municipalities have
enacted a smoke free
multi unit housing
ordinance.*

Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing Ordinances

California Counties (unincorporated)

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Del Norte
- Marin
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Sonoma

California Rural Municipalities

- Cotati (Sonoma)
- Crescent City (Del Norte)
- Jurupa Valley (Riverside)
- Firebaugh (Fresno)
- American Canyon (Napa)
- Guadalupe (Santa Barbara)

Estimates of Multi Unit Housing in Unincorporated Mono County

Community	# of Units
Benton, Chalfant, Hammil	37
Crowley, Tom's Place, Sunny Slopes	91
Paradise, Swall Meadows	10
June Lake	132
Bridgeport	43
Lee Vining	30
Coleville, Walker, Topaz	25
Unincorporated Mono Total	368

**Unincorporated Mono County
Multi Unit Housing
Resident & Property Taxpayer
Survey Outreach**

Results from surveys of unincorporated Mono County multi unit housing stakeholders show broad support for smoke free multi unit housing policy and acknowledge the harms of secondhand smoke.

Unincorporated Mono County Multi Unit Housing Survey Outreach

Fall 2023

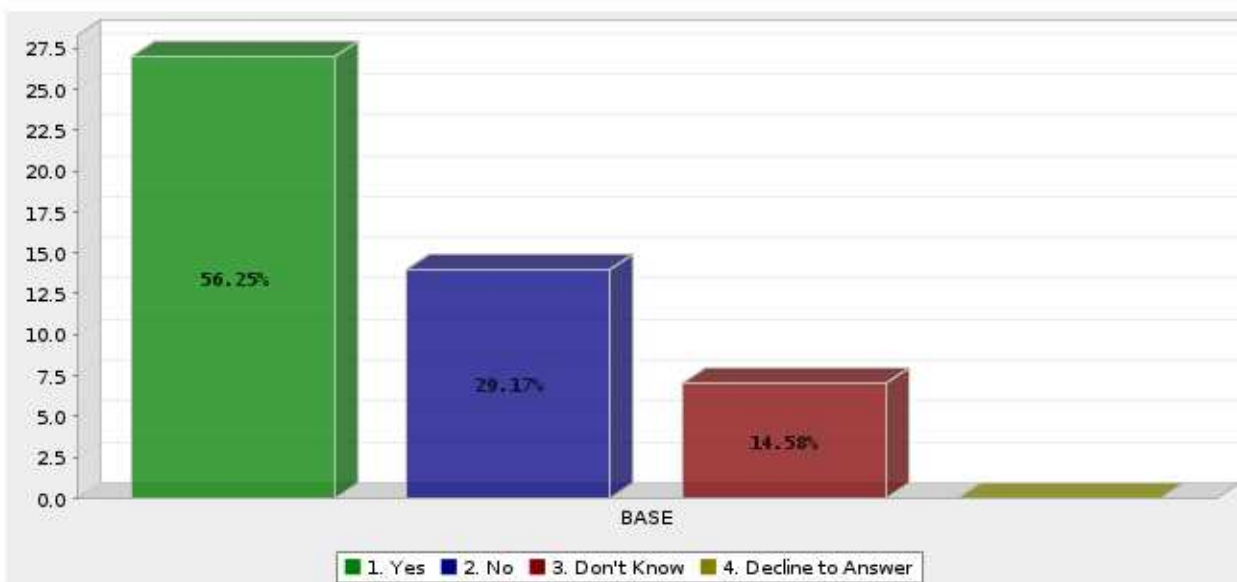
- Target Audience: *Residents/Occupants*
- 18 questions, 1 optional text feedback input
- Staff visited all MUH addresses with parcel use code description of apartment, condominium, duplex, triplex, quadruplex in unincorporated Mono County
- 131 addresses visited
- 48 surveys completed

Summer 2024

- Target Audience: *Property Taxpayers/Owners/Landlords*
- 7 questions, 1 optional text feedback input
- Staff mailed a survey to all mailing addresses listed on 2024 property tax data for MUH in unincorporated Mono County.
- 241 addresses mailed (de-duplicated)
- 32 surveys completed

Q12. Would you be in favor of a Mono County policy that prohibits smoking/vaping in all individual units and indoor spaces of multi-family housing?

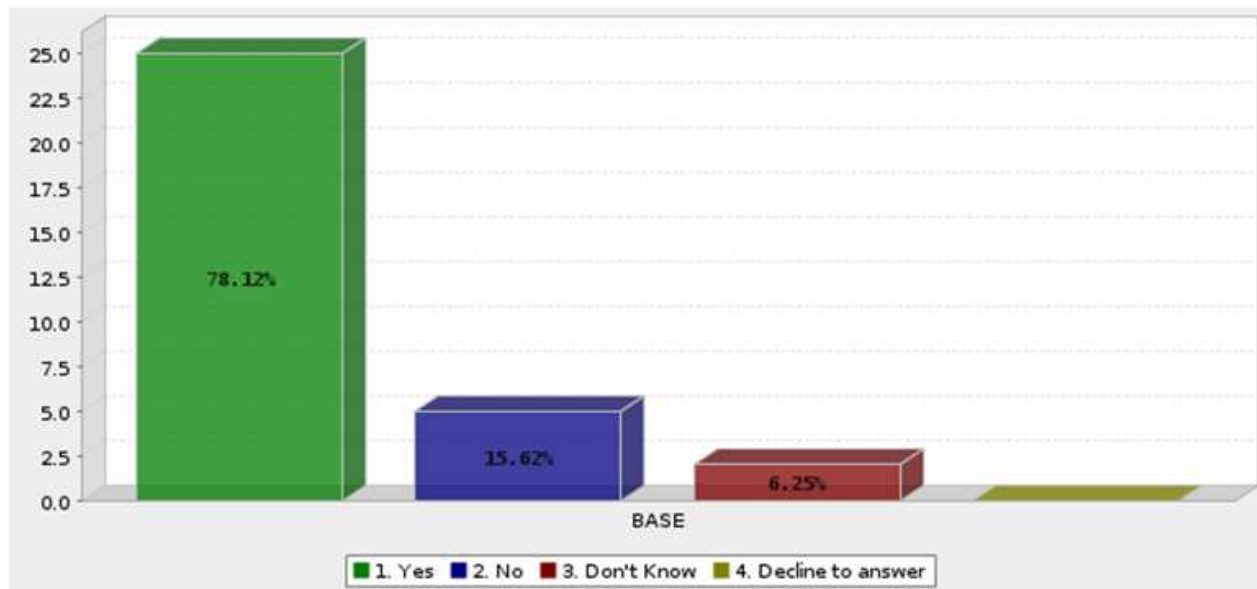
Sample n = 48 resident responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	27	56.25%
2.	No	14	29.17%
3.	Don't Know	7	14.58%
4.	Decline to Answer	0	0.00%
	Total	48	100%

Q5. Are you in favor of a Mono County policy that prohibits smoking/vaping in all individual units and indoor spaces of multi-unit housing?

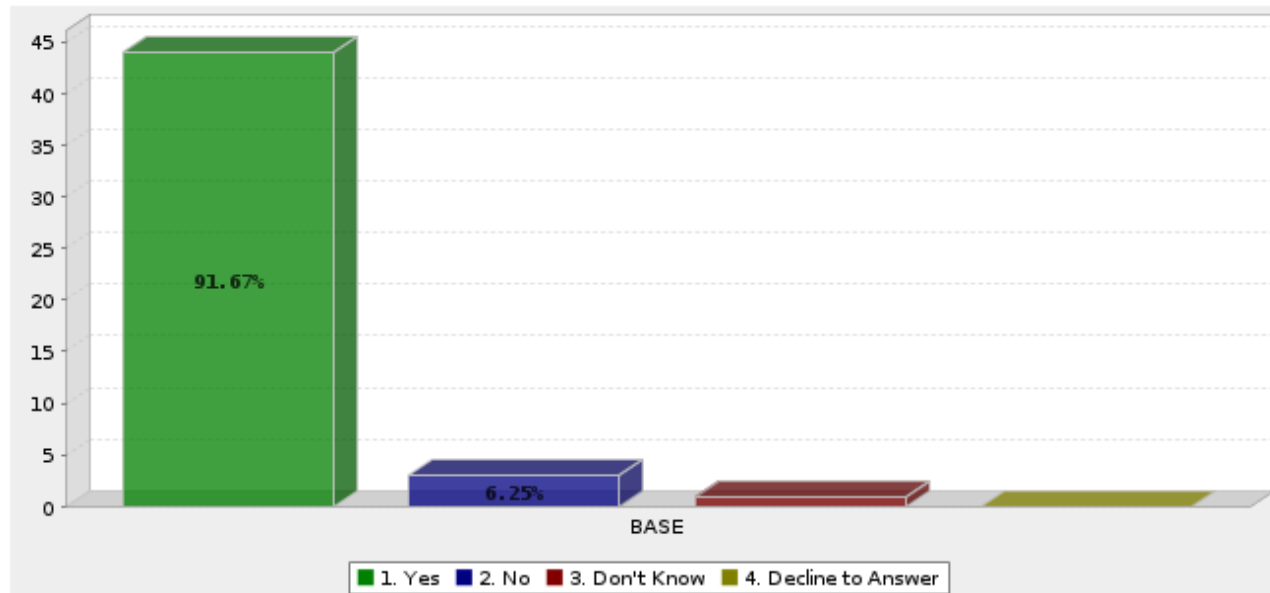
Sample n = 32 property tax payer responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	25	78.12%
2.	No	5	15.62%
3.	Don't Know	2	6.25%
4.	Decline to answer	0	0.00%
	Total	32	100%

Q7. Do you believe that breathing secondhand nicotine/tobacco smoke/vapor is harmful to people's health?

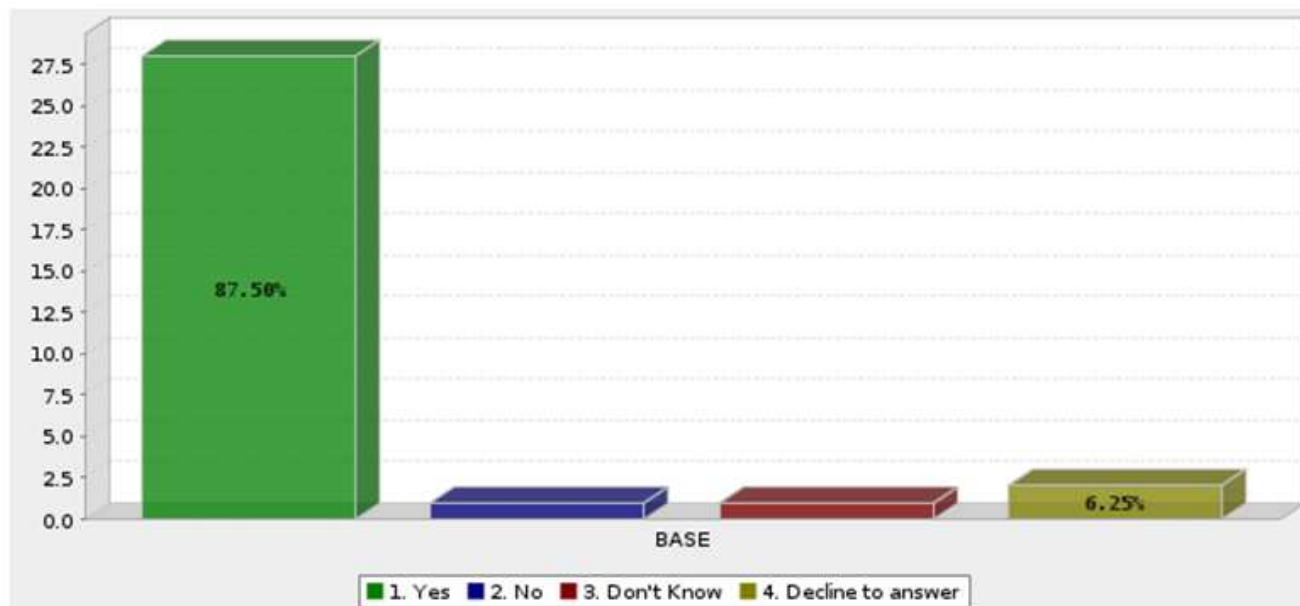
Sample n = 48 resident responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
	1. Yes	44	91.67%
	2. No	3	6.25%
	3. Don't Know	1	2.08%
	4. Decline to Answer	0	0.00%
	Total	48	100%

Q3. Do you believe that breathing secondhand nicotine/tobacco smoke/vapor is harmful to people's health?

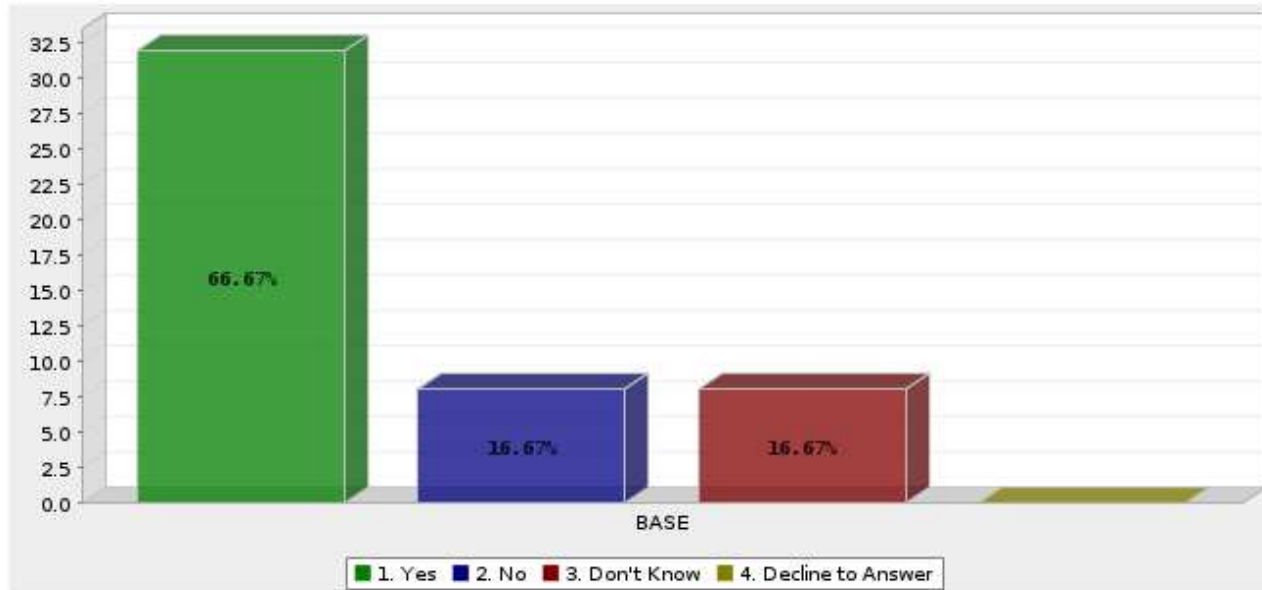
Sample n = 32 property tax payer responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	28	87.50%
2.	No	1	3.12%
3.	Don't Know	1	3.12%
4.	Decline to answer	2	6.25%
	Total	32	100%

Q9. Do you believe that breathing secondhand marijuana/cannabis smoke/vapor is harmful to people's health?

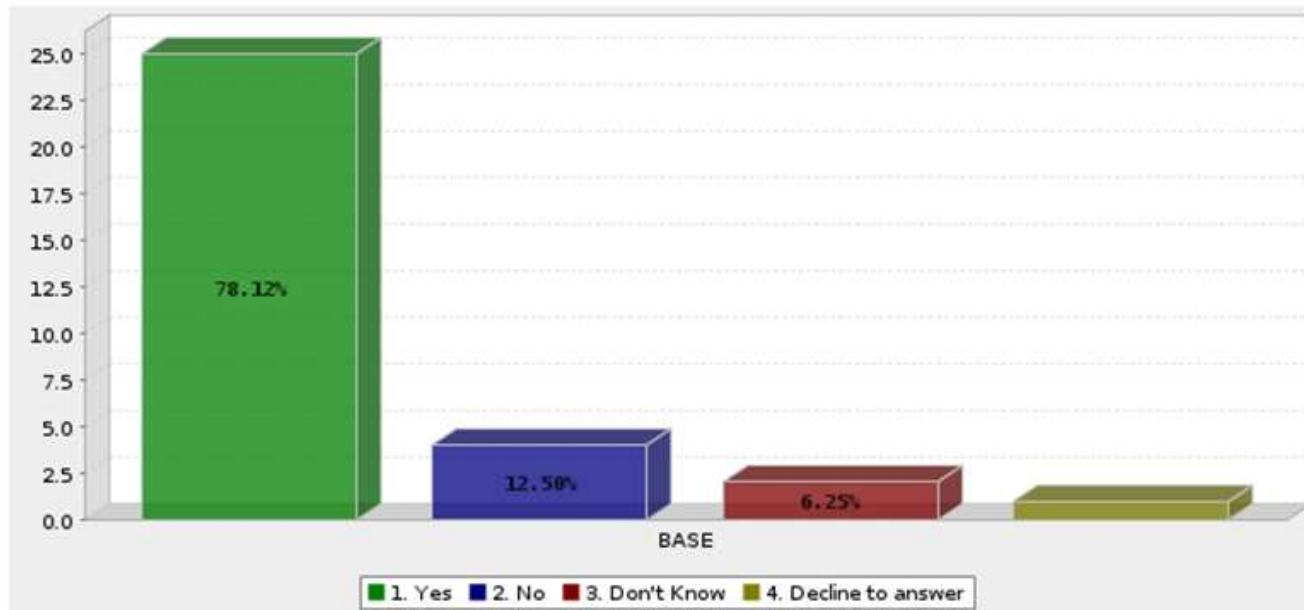
Sample n = 48 resident responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	32	66.67%
2.	No	8	16.67%
3.	Don't Know	8	16.67%
4.	Decline to Answer	0	0.00%
	Total	48	100%

Q4. Do you believe that breathing secondhand marijuana/cannabis smoke/vapor is harmful to people's health?

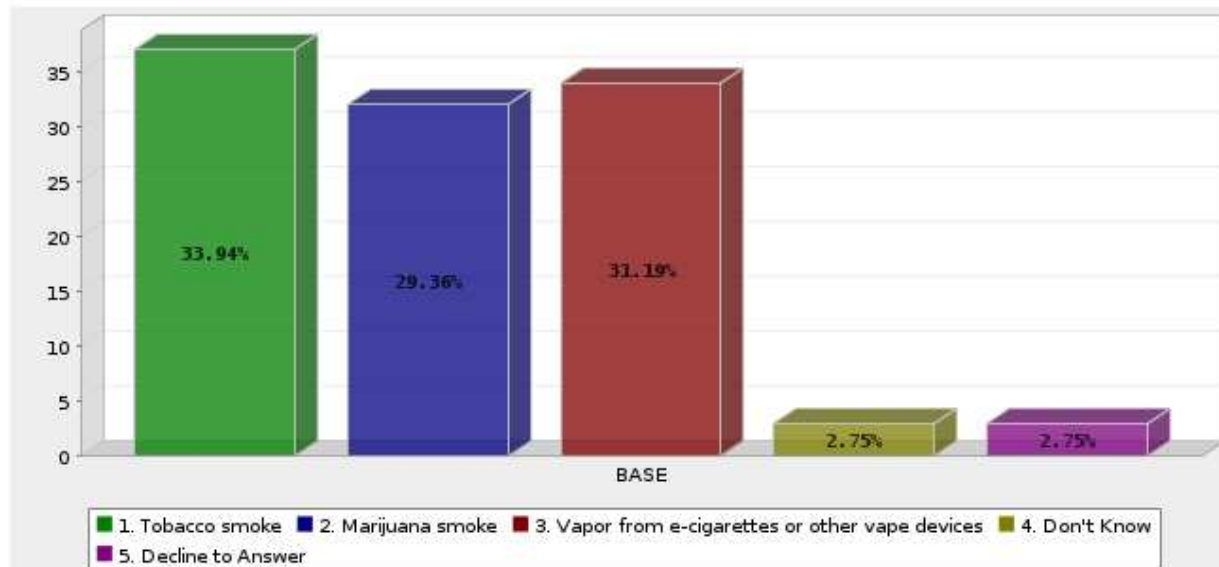
Sample n = 32 property tax payer responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Yes	25	78.12%
2.	No	4	12.50%
3.	Don't Know	2	6.25%
4.	Decline to answer	1	3.12%
	Total	32	100%

Q22. What types of secondhand smoke/vapor should a smoke-free housing policy apply to? (Mark all that apply)

Sample n = 48 resident responses



	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Tobacco smoke	37	33.94%
2.	Marijuana smoke	32	29.36%
3.	Vapor from e-cigarettes or other vape devices	34	31.19%
4.	Don't Know	3	2.75%
5.	Decline to Answer	3	2.75%
	Total	109	100%

<p><i>*No survey responses from the following neighborhoods: Chalfant, Mono City, Paradise, Walker</i></p>		<p><i>Are you in favor of a Mono County policy that prohibits smoking/vaping in all individual units and indoor spaces of multi-unit housing?</i></p>				
		<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Don't Know</p>	<p>Decline to answer</p>	<p>Total</p>
<p><i>Community</i></p>	<p>Benton</p>	0	1	1	0	2
	<p>Bridgeport</p>	5	2	1	0	8
	<p>Coleville</p>	1	1	0	0	2
	<p>Crowley</p>	15	5	4	0	24
	<p>Hammil Valley</p>	1	0	0	0	1
	<p>June Lake</p>	25	5	3	0	33
	<p>Lee Vining</p>	2	3	0	0	5
	<p>Swall Meadows</p>	1	0	0	0	1
	<p>Tom's Place</p>	1	1	0	0	2
	<p>Topaz</p>	1	1	0	0	2
	<p>Total</p>	52	19	9	0	80

If a Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing Ordinance is Approved:

Mono County Public Health Role will be:

- Education & Outreach
- Provide Cessation Resources
- Free Signage
- Model Lease Language
- Respond to Reports of Noncompliance per Mono County Municipal

Code 7.92.080 Penalties & Enforcement

Questions?





**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: Emergency Management

TIME REQUIRED 20 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire
Mitigation Coordinator

SUBJECT Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator
Update

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

A presentation about mitigation activities, prevention events, and Fire Wise recognized communities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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MONO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



To: Mono County Board of Supervisors

From: Wendilyn Grasseschi, Mono County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator

Date: August 20, 2024

Re: Update on the Mono County Firewise Community development and expansion and other Wildfire Coordinator Program activities

Discussion:

Background on Firewise USA program: The Firewise USA program (<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa>) is a nationally recognized way to organize communities to become more wildfire resilient by teaching community members and neighborhood residents the most effective, pragmatic, and science-based techniques that can best prevent home and property ignition during a wildfire event. While five Mono County communities had Fire Safe Councils (FSC) prior to the Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator (WMC) Program start in December 2022, a comprehensive review of the FSCs within Mono County in 2023 made it clear the requirements to create, maintain, and administer official FSCs have limited the uptake of such organizations in Mono County and blunted the effectiveness of many of the existing FSCs. As a result, critical, on-the-ground wildfire resiliency and prevention work has also been limited within Mono County communities and neighborhoods.

The Firewise USA program has many of the benefits of a FSC, but it is more accessible, inclusive, and supportive:

- Firewise is voluntary and non-regulatory, while still requiring communities and residents to take meaningful and sustained actions to attain and maintain the Firewise Community recognition.
- Firewise allows every resident within a Firewise Community boundary who wants to be involved a direct seat at the table, because there is a high (2,500) household limit for a Firewise Community boundary.
- Firewise has the support of the National Fire Protection Association and, as such, provides direct access to the latest in wildfire mitigation and prevention research.
- Firewise requires CalFire officials (or in the case of the county's only incorporated town, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department officials) to directly engage with each community pursuing the Firewise recognition program during the required Community Wildfire Risk Assessment (CWRA). Fire officials and local community members work together to do a street-by-street wildfire risk assessment of each community during the CWRA and we are finding that residents believe this process is very useful.
- Firewise provides a direct benefit in the form of reduced insurance rates from some providers.

- A Firewise designation can make the difference between a winning or a losing grant application, because grant sponsors often look for proof of a neighborhood or community's prior capacity to organize and commitment.
- Perhaps most critically, the Firewise program can provide on-the-ground wildfire resiliency/prevention deliverables, such as training residents how to best harden their homes to prevent wildfire ignitions, and how to best protect their property from wildfire.

Because of these reasons and more (see below), the WMC Program has been systematically introducing and supporting Mono County communities and groups in becoming Firewise, starting in early winter 2023 and continuing to the present day.

The response from local communities (and community neighborhoods or neighborhood groups, such as Mammoth Lakes-based HOAs) has been very positive, based on direct experience working with the groups/communities, and as evidenced by the number of local Mono County communities and groups that are now pursuing Firewise recognition.

A secondary benefit of the Firewise program is that it allows/prompts communities and residents to organize for a possible wildfire emergency at a granular level, house by house, property by property. This process can make residents and communities more capable of responding to any emergency, from wildfire to snow hazards to earthquakes, or even to a public health emergency, due to the organizational framework provided by the process of becoming Firewise. The process of becoming Firewise requires several 'resident leaders' to lead the process, including engaging directly with local fire officials during the application process. These same leaders, along with other community members who might be interested or capable, can become effective conduits of critical information within their communities during an emergency, and/or communicate critical community needs/status to incoming emergency responders.

The Firewise program in Mono County has also been immeasurably aided and expanded by the work and expertise provided by Beth Burnam, the CalFire-appointed regional Firewise advisor for Mono and Inyo counties. Burnam is a long-time second homeowner in Mono County and has been working with the WMC Program since early 2023, providing the program with the benefits of her several decades of training, experience, and contacts as a community organizer working on Firewise and other wildfire resilience programs in her other home in Southern California. She is a self-described 'full time volunteer,' and has put in countless hours in Mono County mentoring emerging Firewise Communities and guiding them through the required steps to become Firewise. The partnership with Burnam is a critical component of the Firewise program's success in Mono County.

Recommended Action: Receive update and provide comments and direction.

Additional Resources: https://headwaterseconomics.org/wp-content/uploads/Firewise_Manuscript_2014.pdf

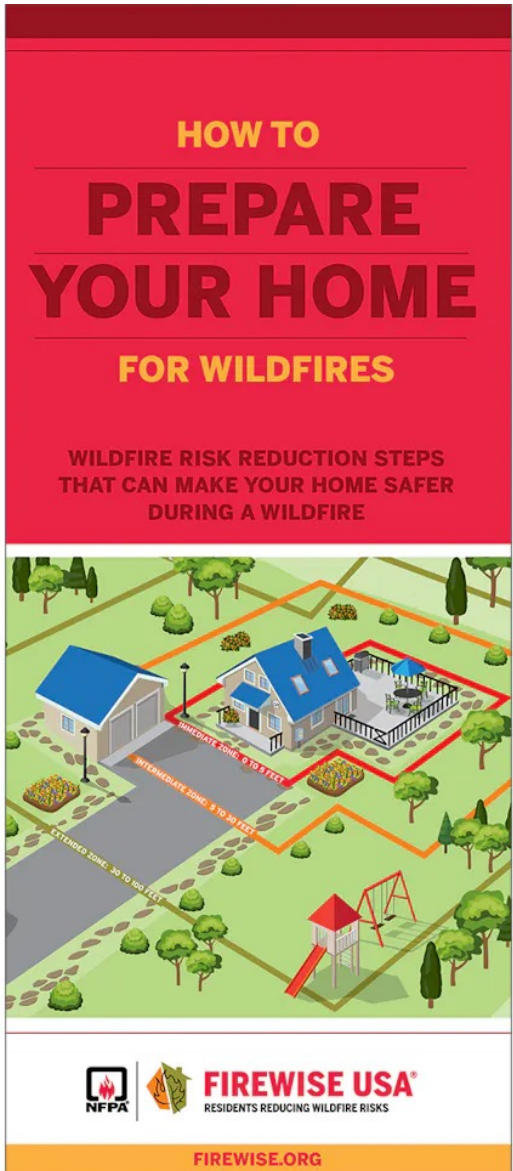
Mono County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Program Update

Mono County Board of Supervisors

August 20, 2024

By Wendilyn Grasseschi, Mono County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator





What is Firewise USA?

The national Firewise USA recognition program provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

Any community that meets a set of voluntary criteria on an annual basis and retains an “In Good Standing Status” may identify itself as being a Firewise Site.

The Firewise USA program is administered by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®) and is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. While the NFPA administers this program, individuals and communities participate on a voluntary basis

Why is Firewise a good fit for Mono County?

- Firewise allows for more individual participation than the more familiar Fire Safe Councils because Firewise communities can be as large as 2,500 dwelling units (although CalFire is now capping units at 500).
- Unlike FSCs, Firewise communities are not required to become formal non-profits; this removes an administrative burden that many local FSCs were floundering under.
- The Firewise process requires CalFire to attend and work with each unincorporated community to complete a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment (CWRA), triggering a partnership model that has been mostly absent up to this point. In the case of Mammoth Lakes, the CWRA will be done by the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department.
- Prevention of a wildfire near or in a community is the best possible wildfire mitigation technique. The on-the-ground effort required to become and sustain Firewise recognition focuses on pragmatic, accessible wildfire prevention and mitigation techniques.
- Homeowners who live in Firewise Communities can get a discount on their FAIR Plan insurance.



FIREWISE USA
Residents reducing wildfire

Does it work?

- Given insurance discounts are still relatively low and given the amount of work it takes for a community to become Firewise, the logical question is does Firewise actually work to mitigate the effects of a wildfire on a community?
- The research into this subject is still in its infancy but there are clear signs the Firewise program is valued by those who know wildfire best; firefighters.
- As noted in the Staff Report, in a 2014 study by Headwaters Economics in the Journal of Forestry, they said “One recent qualitative study documents the impacts of wildfire preparedness on wildfire outcomes. The study reviewed senior-level wildfire managers about the potential of the Firewise Program to alter risks to structures, wildfire safety and suppression costs. Type I and Type II Incident Commanders were interviewed and found to have wide-spread agreement regarding the value of community-based wildfire programs such as Firewise...”

How does a community become recognized as Firewise?

Becoming recognized as a Firewise Community has 4 main steps:

- **Organize It:** Create a group of resident leaders that can commit to the typical six-month Firewise formation process.
- **Plan It:** Do a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment and a Three-Year Action Plan, more
- **Do It:** Do a community education event. Document any wildfire mitigation work already done
- **Apply:** Apply for recognition as a Firewise Community (document the above processes. Submit application to the NFPA.





Mono
County
Firewise
Community
Status

COMMUNITY	INITIAL MEETING	CURRENT STATUS
Tri-Valley (Benton, Hammil, Chalfant, White Mountain Estates, Utu Utu Gwaitu/Benton Paiute Reservation)	TBA	Outreach will begin in Fall, 2024
Paradise	April 7, 2024	Beginning to organize
Swall Meadows	November 15, 2023	RECOGNIZED on April 19, 2024
Sunny Slopes	February 6, 2024	Close to submitting application
Aspen Springs	April 20, 2024	Close to submitting application
Crowley Lake	July 9, 2024	Beginning to organize
McGee Creek	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
Mammoth Lakes:		
Juniper Springs Lodge HOA	March 13, 2024	Close to submitting application
Holiday Knolls	July 18, 2024	Beginning to organize; Are set up on Firewise Portal
Midtown	August 8, 2024	Beginning to organize
The Trails	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
Old Mammoth	June 7, 2024	Will begin organizing Fall, 2024
Meadow Lane Condos	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
Snowcreek Condos	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
June Lake	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
Lee Vining	TBA	Seeking resident leaders
Mono City	May 5, 2024	Close to submitting application
Virginia Lakes, Swauger Creek	TBA	Priority for Chief Way following Bridgeport Firewise formation
Bridgeport	June 6, 2024	Close to submitting application
Twin Lakes	May 1, 2024	Application SUBMITTED
Walker	July 24, 2024	Beginning to organize
Coleville	TBA	Outreach will begin in Fall, 2024
Topaz	TBA	Outreach will begin in Fall, 2024

How did we get here?



Let us count the ways...

Here is a photo of Bridgeport Fire Chief Nick Way at the home of Twin Lakes Estates residents Pat and Ginny Cates.

The Cates initially approached us during a September 2023 Firewise and Home Hardening Workshop at the Memorial Hall in Bridgeport.

During the winter of 2023-24, we worked with Pat and Ginny to increase their Twin Lakes Estates Property Owners Association (POA) interest in Firewise.

This meeting was on May 1, 2024, where Chief Way attended a Firewise meeting for the first time.

By the end of the two-hour meeting, he gave the Firewise program his support.



Every community has a unique path

A different process was followed by the Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council.

The WCFSC was the highest functioning of all the county's FSC, due to a robust program of previous wildfire mitigation work and the tragic Round Fire. Because of this, the group took to Firewise like a duck to water.

By December 2023, they were ready to do the required Community Wildfire Risk Assessment (CWRA), meeting with CalFire officials. We piled into the CalFire vehicles and drove every street in Swall Meadows, then met at the Wheeler Crest Fire station the same day to complete the CWRA form, using CalFire's input and guidance.

In April 2024, Swall Meadows became the county's first ever official Firewise Community!



Future Firewise Community goals?

- A least one recognized Firewise Community in every unincorporated community and/or tribe/tribal group in the county.
- Firewise recognition for as many Mammoth Lakes HOAs as possible.
- Firewise Community recognition for as many Mammoth Lakes neighborhoods as possible. For example, an Old Mammoth Firewise Community, a Sierra Valley Estates Firewise Community, etc., could be options.



Other WMC Program updates

While the focus of this talk is on local Firewise Community status and development, we also want to highlight some other work we have been doing:

Five Mono County groups recently received a \$5,000 'mini grant' each to do wildfire mitigation work, for a total of \$25,000. The program, offered by SCE and administered by Whitebark Institute, was a success in Mono County, with all the groups that applied receiving the award.

The grant application process was unusually simple and brief and puts the grant money directly into local hands, with no middleman required.

All of these factors are helping to change the sense of futility many groups have about applying for grants, and we cannot thank SCE and Whitebark enough. The program will start over again in January 2025 and we intend to apply for as many grants as possible.

The five groups are:

- Twin Lakes Estates POA
- Wheeler Crest FSC
- Mono City Fire Protection District
- Snowcreek HOA
- Bridgeport Fire Protection District



Ongoing projects:

- Collaborating with Inyo County on a Firewise Communities GIS mapping project.
- Working with invested groups to create a regional and/or county-wide Fire Safe Council.
- Continuing support for the Wood Innovations grant and proposed bioenergy facility.
- Working with the Mono County Emergency Services Manager on wildfire insurance issues.



Upcoming projects

- Create a more active digital and social media presence for the WMC Program within the ReadyMono forum.
- Work with invested groups to create a living, ten-year, all-agency Mono and Inyo counties fuels and wildfire mitigation projects master list.
- Increase engagement and outreach to local tribes, Spanish-speaking communities.



Questions?





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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: County Administrative Office

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Sandra Moberly, County
Administrative Officer

SUBJECT Discussion on the Cancellation of
September 17, 2024, Regular
Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Discussion to consider cancelling the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors due to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Conference in Sonoma County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide staff direction to regarding the cancellation of the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE August 20, 2024

Departments: CAO

TIME REQUIRED 30 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing
Opportunities Manager

SUBJECT Pilot County Bridge Program

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Discuss a pilot project to create a County Bridge Program modeled after the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Bridge Program. This initiative would purchase available single-family homes or condominiums within the unincorporated county, place qualified families in these homes, and sell them at a discounted price that they can afford. In exchange, a 55-year deed restriction would be placed on the property, keeping it affordable at the same Area Median Income (AMI) level if sold before the deed restriction expires.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that that Board consider the following options: 1. Approve a Pilot Mono County Bridge Program Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute and enter agreements up to \$500,000 for a home purchase for the Bridge Program. Give staff any additional direction for the pilot program. or 2. Direct Staff to complete the analysis of potential housing programs so that the Bridge program can be compared to other options before being implemented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Up to \$500,000

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August 20, 2024

To: Mono County Board of Supervisors

From: Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager

RE: Pilot Bridge Program

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

- A Thriving Economy Safe and Healthy Communities Mandated Function
- Sustainable Public Lands Workforce & Operational Excellence

Potential Actions

1. Approve a Pilot Mono County Bridge Program
Give the County Administrative Officer sign off authority on up to \$500,000 for a home purchase for the Bridge Program. Give staff any additional direction for the pilot program.
2. Direct Staff to complete the analysis of potential housing programs so that the Bridge program can be compared to other options before being implemented

Background & Discussion

Staff is currently working to complete a housing policy analysis and programs/projects that could be used to create more housing for our community. This policy analysis will be data driven and provide the Board with a way to evaluate programs and projects in order to assist in decision-making and investment of public funds. We anticipate that this process will be completed in late September or early October and will be a valuable tool for both the Board and the community. As a part of this process, staff has reached out to members of the public and community groups to understand the different communities within the County and their unique housing needs. Staff has also engaged with the Eastern Sierra Community Housing (ESCH) Discovery Partnership Committee and feedback from the Committee was shared with the Board on August 13, 2024, as a part of the Housing Policy Analysis discussion.

ESCH Discovery Partnership Committee has discussed developing and implementing a pilot project to create a County Bridge Program modeled after the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Bridge Program. This initiative would purchase available single-family homes or condominiums within the unincorporated county, place qualified families in

these homes, and sell them at a discounted price that they can afford. In exchange, a 55-year deed restriction would be placed on the property, keeping it affordable at the same Area Median Income (AMI) level if sold before the deed restriction expires.

The TOML Bridge Program averages a subsidy of around \$150,000 per deed-restricted unit. If the County's program achieves a similar average, utilizing funds from the Local Housing Trust Fund and the Affordable Housing Fund, we could deed-restrict approximately six units.

Program Adaptation to the County:

Adapting this program to the County presents unique challenges. TOML has the advantage of purchasing condo units, which simplifies long-term upkeep. Condo associations handle external maintenance, reducing the likelihood of emergencies such as heating failures in winter or infrastructure issues common in single-family homes with well water and septic systems. The County faces greater complexity with over a dozen different infrastructure systems, compared to TOML's single system, making operations for a County Bridge Program less predictable.

Key Questions for Pilot Program Implementation:

1. How will we choose a property?

As of August 14, 2024, staff has identified 51 homes for sale in the unincorporated county, which is too many for in-depth evaluation of each property. One option is to work with a local realtor to narrow the selection to "turnkey" homes requiring minimal repairs. Once we identify potential homes, we need to avoid hidden problems. This would require either utilizing Public Works staff or hiring a private home inspector to conduct inspections, avoiding costly "Money Pit" scenarios. Recent home inspections, such as the Bridgeport purchase, cost approximately \$1,700, though prices vary based on several factors including size, location, and utilities (well, septic, public utility district, or a combination). Additionally, to ensure we are paying a fair price, an appraisal (\$500 - \$1,000) may be necessary. Setting clear guidelines for walking away from hidden problems or overpriced properties is crucial to avoid unnecessary expenses and wasted time.

2. How will we find buyers?

Once a home is acquired and any necessary repairs or rehabilitation are underway, we need to find qualified buyers who meet our AMI requirements and can secure a loan large enough to make the purchase. One option is to collaborate with ESCH to leverage their existing list of potential buyers. We are currently exploring the possibility of compensating ESCH for each qualified applicant or finalized sale. We have reached out to ESCH for a service quote but have not yet received a response.

3. Rehabilitation:

Given the desire to move quickly, we will likely be unable to make high-return improvements like enhancing building insulation, which could lower utility bills. In some cases, utility costs exceed \$400 per month, which could have a significant impact on homeowners.

4. Monitoring

The County, or an entity such as ESCH, would need to conduct annual checks on homes in the Bridge Program to ensure compliance with deed restriction requirements. This process will require either internal staff time or funding to compensate ESCH or another entity to perform these checks on the County's behalf.

Funding the Bridge Program:

There are three primary financial considerations for the County:

1. **Subsidy Costs:** TOML's program averages a \$150,000 subsidy per unit.
2. **Acquisition/Holding Costs:** The County must set aside funding to allow acquisition of units and holding the units until we find a buyer. This could range from \$400K-\$600K per unit.
3. **County Funds at Risk:** The County must decide its willingness to use and risk funds for purchasing a home while awaiting a buyer. If only housing dollars are used, this will tie up a substantial portion of available funds, potentially slowing down the Bridge Program and other housing initiatives.

Preliminary Scoring of a Bridge Program (Based on Criteria Shared with the Board):

- **Unit Production:**
Each \$1,000,000 investment will net approximately six units (approx. \$150,000 subsidy per unit plus additional transaction expenses), representing 28% of the net housing need (21 units per year). The gross housing need in unincorporated Mono County is estimated at 34 units per year.
- **Initial County Investment Per Unit:**
\$150,000 subsidy per unit and up to \$500,000 per unit used to purchase/hold property. A pilot could involve up to two units (up to \$1,000,000 to purchase/hold properties). Once homes are sold any funds not left in the unit for subsidy would be returned to the housing program.
- **Duration of Use as Affordable Workforce Housing:**
At least 55 years, likely perpetual if the County maintains a revolving loan fund and is willing to rehabilitate homes between buyers.
- **Administrative Burden:**
Significant staff time will be required, involving multiple departments depending on the extent of external assistance.
- **Geographic Equity:**
A Bridge Program could be implemented countywide, offering equitable access across different areas.
- **Annual Net Revenue Created:**
None, or potentially negative. Deed restrictions can discourage homeowners from making significant improvements or maintaining their properties adequately, as there is little financial incentive upon sale. This increases the likelihood that rehabilitation will be needed when the home is eventually sold. If the County uses its revolving loan fund to purchase deed-restricted homes that have been on the market for a set period before the restrictions can be lifted, additional rehabilitation costs may be necessary when reselling these homes.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:**
Rapid implementation would largely ignore this criterion, with limited opportunities for energy-saving improvements. Low-cost homes may be located farther from services, increasing transportation-related emissions.



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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Oliver Yee, Christopher Beck, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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.

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