



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.

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

**Regular Meeting
October 7, 2025**

Supervisor Duggan read: TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a 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.

9:02 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Salcido

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor McFarland.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, McFarland, and Salcido (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

Supervisors Absent: Kreitz and Peters.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Laura Beardsley, Executive Director, Whitebark Institute:

- Announced the upcoming meetings for the Whitebark Institute.

- Tonight's meeting in Lee Vining; Invited the Board to the meeting of West Mono Basin for public input, Whitebark.org.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2025 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Departments: Information Technology

(Jason Housel, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)) - Proposed proclamation designating the Month of October 2025 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Action: Adopted proclamation, Designating the Month of October 2025 as National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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Jason Housel, Chief Information Security Officer:

- Presented item.

B. Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Departments: Wild Iris

(Dominic Hays, MSW, Executive Director, Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center) - Proposed proclamation designating the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Action: Adopted Proclamation designating the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

McFarland moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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Dominic Hays, MSW, Executive Director, Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center:

- Presented item.

C. Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed proclamation designating the month of October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Action: Adopted proclamation designating the month of October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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Chair Salcido:

- Presented item.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Update on holiday office will be closed on October 10 for Indigenous People's Day. Governor signed Diwali into the holiday schedule on October 20.
- On Monday and Tuesday, I held Coffee with the CAO.
- Attended the RCRC Conference in Placer County: Wildfire in Sonoma County, talked about Special Districts with the CAO Group and received a presentation from Steve Ford and discussed public service.
- I attended WIR Board Meeting in Bridgeport: discussed the tours/presentations from our Recreation Department, ESCOG, TFG talked about legislation.
- Attended the SCE meeting last Tuesday in Crowley.
- I will be attending the meeting tonight in Mono Basin, the series that Laura spoke of earlier from Whitebark Institute.
- Introduced Steve Rose, our new HR Director.
- Read texts from Matt Parulo.

Steve Rose, Human Resources Department:

- Introduced himself.
- Update on open enrollment.

Matt Parulo, Southern California Edison:

- Update on the PSPS notifications and cancellation notifications.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Discussion on what are the areas of concern now and where to be preparing for any outages.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Chris Beck, County Counsel:

- Update on status of the Public Defender position and interview process.
- Grant production discussion and data.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Update on the Planning Commission recommendations on STR Policy will be coming to the board 10/21.
- Update on an approved STR in June Lake.
- AB518 has been signed into law and will come back to the Board after review.
- Discussed the challenges of hiring and staffing updates.
- Thanked Brent and her staff while she was on vacation.

Chris Mokrcek, Director of Mono County Emergency Management:

- Update on Mammoth Lakes and District 2 tests and the notifications pertaining to cell towers/cell service.

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. Appointments to First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Appointment of Sujey Prieto and Katie Johnson to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

Action: Appointed Ms. Prieto and Ms. Johnson to the Mono County Children and Families Commission to serve five-year terms commencing October 7, 2025.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

M25-212

B. Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program Allocation for the Transitional Housing Program (THP) Grant Award Round 7 2025-2026

Departments: Health and Human Services

Proposed resolution authorizing the application, acceptance, and execution of the County allocation award under Round 7 of the Transitional Housing Program by the Health and Human Services Director.

Action: Adopted Resolution R25-080, Authorizing the application, acceptance, and execution of the County allocation award under Round 7 of the Transitional Housing Program by the Health and Human Services Director.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

R25-080

C. Memorandum of Understanding with Mono County Superior Court

Departments: Probation

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mono County Superior Court pertaining to Pretrial Release Program.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chairperson to sign, Memorandum of

Understanding with Mono County Superior Court for Pretrial Release Program for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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D. Authorization for Two Animal Control Truck Purchases

Departments: Public Works Fleet

Proposed purchase of two replacement Animal Services vehicles.

Action: Approved the purchase of two new 2025 Chevy Silverado's along with all up fitting required for the Animal Services Division in an amount not to exceed \$205,499 total for both units. Authorized the Public Works Director to sign all required contracts and documents for the above purchase

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

M25-214

E. Amendment No. 2 to Mono County 401(a) Retirement Plan

Departments: Finance

Approve Amendment No. 2 to the County's Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 401(a) Retirement Plan document (also known as Deferred Compensation), incorporating removal of the vesting schedule for Deputy Sheriff Association (DSA) and Paramedic Fire and Rescue (PFR) bargaining groups.

Action: Approved IRC 401(a) Retirement Plan Amendment No. 2. Authorized the plan administrator, the County's Finance Director, to sign the plan amendment.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

M25-215

F. July 2025 Treasury Transaction Summary Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month of July 2025.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Summary Report for the month of July 2025.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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G. August 2025 Treasury Transaction Summary Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month of August 2025.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Summary Report for the month of August 2025.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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H. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Action: Approved the investment report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

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6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

A. Correspondence Received - National Association of Counties' (NACo) Western Interstate Region Public Lands Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Duffy

National Association of Counties' (NACo) Western Interstate Region Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Duffy regarding the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill affecting public lands.

B. Correspondence Sent - Request for Veto of Assembly Bill 339 (Ortega)

Correspondence sent to Governor Newsom requesting veto of Assembly Bill 339 (Ortega).

C. Correspondence Sent - Urgent CalFresh Budget Investments Needed to Mitigate Dire Impacts from H.R.1

Letter of support sent to the Assembly Committee on Budget, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 and Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 regarding the Urgent CalFresh Budget Investments Needed to Mitigate Dire Impacts from H.R.1.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Mono County Jail Update

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Mono County Jail update.

Action: None.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

B. Authorization to Bid the Benton Crossing Landfill Final Cover Project

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Authorization to Bid and Award Project SW 6102 Benton Crossing Landfill Final Cover Project.

Action: (1) Approved the attached bid package and authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for bids; and (2) Authorized the Public Works Director to execute the contract contained in the attached bid package with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount less than or equal to available project funds; and (3) Authorized the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, and issue change orders to the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code §20142, provided such amendments and change orders do not substantially alter the scope of work, do not cause spending on the project to exceed the budgeted authority; and (4) Authorized the Public Works Director to reject all bids, as permitted by Public Contracting Code requirements; and (5) Determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15308 as a Class 8 Exemption.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

M25-219

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.
- Thanked Kalen Dodd.

Break: 10:05 AM

Reconvened 10:15 AM

C. Emergency Management Update

Departments: Emergency Management

(Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - Regular update regarding Wildfire Mitigation projects.

Action: None.

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator:

- Presented item.

Kristin Pfeiler, Inyo County/ESCOG Wildfire Coordinator:

- Presented item and clarified questions.

Chair Salcido:

- Requested to see the application of the grant.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion on the collaboration and ESCOG and the importance of this grant.

D. CRIS Radio Update

Departments: Information Technology

(Kirk Hartstrom, CRIS Project Manager) - Update on CRIS Radio implementation.

Action: None.

Kirk Hartstrom, CRIS Project Manager:

- Presented item.
- Will have an update on the first meeting of the month.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion of the transition of dispatch from old location to new location.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Requested to keep the Board informed if any delays come up.
- Discussion of where the central location was going to be.

Chair Salcido:

- Discussion on the probability of a positive outcome on the project moving forward.

E. Monthly County Housing Program Update

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Update on the County's Housing Program.

Action: None.

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Stephanie Trujillo, Budget Officer:

- Provided clarity to the Board regarding their questions.

G. Approve an Agreement with Leslie Chapman to Serve as Interim Finance Director During Recruitment of a New Finance Director

Action: Board approved the attached agreement and appoint Leslie Chapman as Interim Finance Director, effective November 1, 2025, to provide continuity and experienced leadership in the Finance Department during the transition to a permanent director; and authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute said agreement on behalf of the County, as amended.

Fiscal Impact: The maximum cost of this contract for fiscal year 2025-26 is \$91,828, which is \$90,516 for hourly compensation and \$1,312 for Medicare taxes, as amended. There is sufficient positional savings in the Finance Department's adopted budget for FY 2025-26.

McFarland moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

M25-220

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.
- Amended per start date 10/13 start date, she is already on board now and working just doesn't assume Finance Director role on 10/13 updated the date in section II.2

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Discussion on coordination with Leslie transitioning into the Finance Department.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Begin: 11:46 AM

Closed Session Ended: 12:36 PM

Chris Beck, County Counsel:

- *Item #8B. Board gave unanimous direction to staff, no other reportable action.*

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Moved to Adjournment.

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, Christine Bouchard, and

Steve Rose. 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 - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

C. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

Departments: County Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: ML. v. Mono County; Mono County Superior Court; Case Number: 25UCM9

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- Attended the RCRC Annual Meeting in Placerville with our CAO, Supervisors McFarland, and Peters. Discussion on the Annual RCRC Basket auction.
- Next day I attended a Board meeting with PG&E – 90-minute question and answers.
- On the 17-18 – I attended the NACo WIR meeting in Bridgeport.
- WIR President, Supervisor Peters hosted the meeting, and everyone enjoyed the event.
- On the 25th then Mammoth run was very successful and did not hear of any issues. Thanked Aaron Washco for his hard work on this event.
- On the 30, I facilitated the SCE Town Hall Meeting. Thanked the Administrative staff, IT staff, Sheriff staff, and SCE staff that assisted with the long meeting.

- I participated in the MLT interviews on the 2nd, and I attended the LAFCO meeting with Supervisor McFarland.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Absent, no report.

Supervisor McFarland:

- It feels as though it's been a month since our last meeting, but it's only been two weeks...
- Appreciation – First want to thank roads staff in the Mono Basin for quickly addressing road and property damage due to the recent storms. Seems every precipitation event is a storm these days. Also, thanks to the Mono County Sustainable Recreation staff and Economic Development staff for stepping up during the government shut down to not just keep information flowing but also helping keep our visitor's centers open. Having the VC open makes or breaks some people's long planned trips to the Eastern Sierra. As one volunteer at Mono Basin said, "We are kind of like public lands therapists for people who come in looking for information." It's a testament to our county and staff that we keep going with an informed smile.
- Thanks also to Heidi in Community Development for helping me help a local family navigate fee waivers. We're helping to get a new house built.
- 17-19 September – Attended RCRC in Olympic Valley. Nice to see some old friends and meet new folks. Issues are similar everywhere – special districts and how to keep our public lands functioning.
- 18 September – While at RCRC ducked out to attend the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance meeting – lots of talk of how we organize to do the work we know needs to get done. Lots of it is getting done without a grand organizing plan, but coordination will help.
- 19 September – Ad Hoc with Shellen of SMR Consulting. LV parcel and consulting capacity to build DPA and deed-purchase program.
- 22 September – Assessment Appeals Board – second one. Interesting, complex. Need subject matter experts to join up.
- 23 September – Walked Clark Tract with residents. Private roads, no zone of benefit but need one. Lots of damage and no preventative maintenance plan. While there came across contractors with Frontier installing new fiber lines...potential competition for planned GSCA project.
- 24 September – Joined Supervisor Salcido and Phil Moore's from ESTA for a discussion with YARTS staff on the future of YARTS. Some potential creative solutions for our side, but we should learn more at a board retreat with all JPA parties in late October.
- 25 September – WIR in Bridgeport – good local presentations. Nice to see our story told. Good example of collaboration to address issues directly.
- 26 September – Met with Jeremiah with TFG to discuss the state of affairs. I also met with Lee Vining Chamber folks to try and build a plan for utilizing county's investment in chamber capacity.
- 29 September – Joined the Golden Mussel collective meeting coordinated by DFW. Will take county action to implement. Best quote of the meeting, when asked since this is a state issue could we expect funding and regulatory support from the state, we were told the state wants to "empower local groups and solutions." Okay, we'll figure it out. In a repeat of Clark Tract, walked Peterson tract to look at escape routes and maintenance issues. Found some potentials but again takes capacity to implement and struggle to find that. The day ended with partners to keep Mono Basin VC open into October.
- 30 September – Attended SCE meeting in Crowley. Thanks to Rhonda and SCE and the community who showed up.

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- 1 October – Attended June Lake CAC – some SCE talk, saw first West Mono Basin presentation.
- 2 October – Worked with Kathy Peterson and Amanda from CSS to fill food distribution hole in LV and June with state funding. I interviewed consultants with MLT on a destination stewardship plan for the town. Pushed regional vision and importance of people making a place. LAFCO adoption of MSRs for CSA 1 & 5. I wish each community had one of these. Reviewed tag-end districts. Lots of work to do for special districts.
- 3 October – Housing Ad Hoc – Lee Vining parcel planning & CDBG. Biomass meeting was frustrating. Seem to be constantly rehashing the why we need this but not diving into the how outside of let ESCOG do it. I am frustrated with our consultant-driven plan to site a facility. Met with some community members in June Lake on affordable housing development issues.
- 6 October – Special ESTA meeting – budget review, slow incoming federal and state funds. World's changing and how are going to sustain services.

Supervisor Peters:

- Absent, no report.

Chair Salcido:

- September 17-19. Attended RCRC in Palisades, Tahoe. Workshops and presentations specific to the rural counties.
- September 22. EMS Ad Hoc Committee to continue conversations around Mammoth Lakes Fire District and their proposal to add paramedics to their crews. New solutions and ideas were presented and discussed.
- September 24. Met with staff from the TFG discussing legislative priorities for next year, the current projects being put forward and ideas for other lobbying efforts.
- September 24. YARTS funding discussion regarding the declining revenue and ideas for augmenting and supporting operations. Phil Moore from ESTA also attended to help with ideas.
- September 25. Attended a luncheon and tour of MWTC with members of WIR who were visiting Mono County as part of their regional meeting.
- September 29. Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce held a Women in Business evening meeting focusing on women's physical strength and health.
- September 30. Meeting at the Crowley Lake Community Center with So Cal Edison to discuss PSPS, power outages and the Bircham Circuit.
- October 1-3 Traveled to Palm Spring to attend the yearly CHEAC, California Health Executives of California, conference. Spoke at the plenary session about the experience of being a County Supervisor and being able to bring a public health perspective to the table.
- October 3. Meeting of the Eastern Sierra Biomass utilization working group. Learned that one of the proposed sites on the Ormat grounds was deemed infeasible due to weather, distance of roads and geographic challenges. Will continue to search for other solutions. Biomass group from west side shared their experiences in training working crews, selection of sites and products being considered for implementation.
- October 6. ESTA meeting to approve a budget overage due to costs and maintenance, primarily of older buses being used in Mammoth. Also, Dial-A-Ride will be undergoing a name change to DART.

Moved to Closed Session.

A. Board Member and Board Ad Hoc Reports

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- Board Chambers Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisor Peters, Supervisor Salcido)
- Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisor Duggan, Supervisor McFarland)
- Emergency Medical Services Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisor Duggan, Supervisor Salcido)
- Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Supervisor Kreitz, Supervisor McFarland)

ADJOURNED AT 12:38 PM.

**LYNDA SALCIDO
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
CLERK OF THE BOARD**