



**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 14, 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 Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the Indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial. They have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.

9:02 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Salcido

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Kreitz, McFarland Peters, 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: None.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor McFarland.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - NONE

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS - NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. BOARD MINUTES

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of Board minutes from April, May, and June 2025.

Action: (1) Approved Board minutes from April 15, 2025, regular meeting; (2) Approved Board minutes from May 6, 2025, regular meeting; (3) Approve Board minutes from May 13, 2025, adjourned meeting; (4) Approved Board minutes from May 13, 2025, regular meeting; (5) Approve Board minutes from May 15, 2025, special meeting; (6) Approved Board minutes from May 29, 2025, special meeting; (7) Approved Board minutes from June 3, 2025, regular meeting; (8) Approve Board minutes from June 10, 2025, regular meeting; Approved Board minutes from June 17, 2025, regular meeting.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-222

B. Fiscal Year 2024-25 County Audit Engagement Letter

Departments: Finance

This audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige and Company, and subject to an existing contract for services entered into on June 6, 2023, establishes an understanding about the audit services to be performed and the responsibilities of each party.

Action: Approved and authorized the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige and Company.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-223

C. Local Agency Investment Fund – Authorization for Transfer of Funds

Departments: Finance

This item is a resolution to reauthorize the County’s desire to deposit and withdraw funds in the State’s Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), a pooled money investment portfolio available to cities, counties, and special districts to invest surplus funds on a short-term basis. This resolution also designates County employees authorized to have access to make deposits and withdrawals.

Action: Adopted Resolution R25-081, Reauthorize the County’s desire to deposit and withdraw funds in the State’s Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), a pooled money investment portfolio available to cities, counties, and special districts to invest surplus funds on a short-term basis. This resolution also designates County employees authorized to have access to make deposits and withdrawals.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-081

D. Changes to Authorized Signers with Mono County Accounts held at Oak

Departments: Finance

Resolution giving instructions to banking officials at Oak Valley Community Bank to remove and add authorized signers for Mono County accounts held there.

Action: Adopted Resolution R25-082, Giving instructions to banking officials at Oak Valley Community Bank to remove and add authorized signers for Mono County accounts held there.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-082

E. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Adjustments for Year End Closeout

Departments: County Administrative Office

As we approach closing the books for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, several budget units require an increase in appropriations for expenditures incurred

before July 1, 2025. These adjustments will make use of unused appropriations in FY 2024-25 Budget.

Action: Approved budget adjustments for FY 2024-25 as requested (4/5 vote required).

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-224

F. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Appropriation Transfer Request - Environmental Health

Departments: County Administrative Office

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) for the Environmental Health Department.

Action: Approved the proposed ATR to increase Technology Expense - Software line to \$102,000 (4/5 vote required).

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-225

G. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Appropriation Transfer Request - Human Resources

Departments: County Administrative Office

Human Resources has two-timed sensitive contracts that are essential to their responsibilities. There was a time constraint and waiting until the quarterly budget adjustment wouldn't have been feasible. Human Resources is requesting use of contingency in the amount of \$30,000.

Action: Approved the Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) requesting use of contingency by HR for their upcoming essential contracts (4/5 vote required).

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

M25-226

H. In-Home Supportive Services Non-Profit Consortium Rate Change Request

Departments: Health and Human Services

Board approval for an In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority/Non-Profit Consortium (PA/NPC) Rate Change Request and associated change in administrative costs for submission to the California Department of Social Services.

Action: Approved the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority/Non-Profit Consortium (PA/NPC) Rate Change Request and associated change in administrative costs.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

M25-227

I. Resolution for Approval of Program Supplement Agreement for Carbon Reduction Purchases

Departments: Public Works

Proposed resolution approving Program Supplement Agreement for the Mono County Carbon Reduction Program Project, which will authorize the State to reimburse County for equipment costs related to the Project. Purchases will include an Electric All Wheel Drive Vehicle, acquisition and installation of an additional Electric Vehicle charger in Bridgeport adjacent to the existing one, and acquisition and installation of a bike rack along with installation at the front door to Annex I, in Bridgeport.

Action: 1. Adopted Resolution R25-083, Approving Program Supplement Agreement No. F021 for the equipment purchase and installation pertaining to Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

R25-083

2. Authorized the Public Works Director to sign all required documents for purchases and installation of CRP vehicle and equipment.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-228

J. Agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Departments: Sheriff's Office

Proposed agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for the provision of housing and services to Mono County offenders.

Action: Approved, and authorized Sheriff Ingrid Braun to sign, contract with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for housing and services to Mono County offenders for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$84,392.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

M25-229

K. Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc.

Departments: Sheriff's Office

Proposed contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. pertaining to purchase Tasers and associated equipment.

Action: Approved, and authorized Sheriff Ingrid Braun to sign, contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for Tasers and associated equipment for the period November 2025 through November 2029 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$116,627.12.

Duggan moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

M25-230

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – NONE

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

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Yosemite Gateway Communities Charter General Agreement and Appointment of Members

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Sponsored by Supervisor McFarland

(Supervisor McFarland) - In furtherance of SO 3434 - Strengthening Coordination with Gateway Communities, Yosemite National Park has drafted a General Agreement outlining a quarterly meeting process to "enhance coordination and partnership" with the four counties surrounding the Park. As outlined in the agreement, each county that chooses to participate is requested to appoint three representatives to this group. The Park will be represented by the Superintendent.

Action: Board adopted the General Agreement to join in the Gateway Charter with Yosemite National Park and appointed three

representatives to represent the County at the Gateway Charter meetings (Supervisors McFarland, Peters, and member of the public, Emily Bryant).

Peters moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

M25-231

Supervisor McFarland:

- Presented item.
- Suggested this be an annual appointment.
- Parks Service will act as the coordinator.
- Remote participation will be available.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion on his recommendations and provided background of the item.
- Suggested a resolution noting the appointee and an application.
- Prefers to stay on during the transition.
- Thanked Supervisor McFarland.

Supervisor Krietz:

- In support.

Chair Salcido:

- Discussion on Brown Act.

Chris Beck, County Counsel:

- Clarified the charter as it pertains to the Brown Act.

B. Opioid Settlement Funds Update

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Mary Snyder, Special Projects) - Update on opioid settlement funds and allowable use for funds.

Action: None.

Mary Snyder, Special Projects:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion on the Office of Ed providing education to schools.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Discussion on robust programs for anti-drug education within the schools.
- Discussion on the funding and how to expedite funds.

Chair Salcido:

- Suggested needs of pregnant families that may have had exposure.

C. Public Health Vending Machine

Departments: Health and Human Services

(Kathryn Peterson, HHS Director) - Board will hear description of Health and Human Services plan to pilot a public health vending machine in partnership with Mono County Office of Education at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

Action: None.

Kathryn Peterson, HHS Director:

- Presented item.

Janet Paine, Anthem:

- Thanked Supervisor Krietz for bringing this back.
- Discussion on the success of this project in other counties.
- HHS will determine what resources will be available.

Supervisor Krietz:

- Pilot length term discussion.
- Thanked Janet.
- Discussion on the outstanding partnerships.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Purchasing and stocking responsibilities discussion.
- In support, discussion regarding the unincorporated areas of the county could benefit.

Supervisor Peters:

- In support, thanked Supervisor Krietz.

Chair Salcido:

- In support; great pilot program.

Break Begin: 10:12 AM

Break Ended: 10:25 AM

D. Emergency Management Update

Departments: Emergency Management

(Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director) - Regular update regarding Emergency Management projects.

Action: None.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director:

- Presented item.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion on the charging stations and messaging.

Supervisor Peters:

- Ready Mono App discussion.

Chair Salcido:

- Command members group discussion and notifications.

E. CRIS Radio Update

Departments: Information Technology

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

Action: None.

Kirk Hartstrom, CRIS Project Manager:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion on the critical communications and government contacts.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Requested a plan of operations discussion regarding all or nothing approach.

F. Consideration of Mono County Counsel's Representation of Area Special Districts

Departments: County Counsel

(Chris Beck, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution authorizing the County Counsel's office to provide non-mandatory legal services to special districts within Mono County and approving a memorandum of understanding thereon.

Action: Adopted Resolution R25-084, Authorizing the County Counsel's office to provide non-mandatory legal services to special districts within Mono County and approving a memorandum of understanding thereon, as amended.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no,

R25-084

Chris Beck, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussed amendments for resolution and terms to be made clear.

Supervisor Peters:

- Suggested, making sure all the Special Districts will be included.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Discussion on the proper training and support.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Discussion on coordination between County and Special Districts to share resources for training.

Chair Salcido:

- In support.

G. 2025/2026 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Nominations

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Nomination of a member and alternate to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for 2025/2026. Appointment of individuals nominated by the Board is made by the CSAC Executive Committee and appointments are for one year. Supervisor Peters is currently the member and Supervisor Kreitz is currently the alternate.

Action: Nominated members of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors for the 2025/2026 Association year beginning on December 1, 2025; also, nominate an alternate member.

Supervisors Peters:

- I would like to continue to serve and represent CSAC, WIR, and the CSAC Committees.
- Discussion on the Board Directors Meeting, how to approach those meetings.

Supervisors Kreitz:

- I would like to be the member in time and would like to remain alternate.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Announced that that will not be an item #8a.

Closed Session Begin: 11:47 AM

Closed Session Ended: 1:03 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

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 - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- No report.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Today is the Grand Opening of the Access Apartments here in District 4, in Mammoth Lakes from 3-6pm. The County, consistent with our strategic priorities, contributed \$600,000 towards the thirteen studio and one-bedroom affordable rental homes.
- Cap and Trade, now Cap and Invest has been extended twenty years to 2045. The extension included changes beyond the name, notable to affordable housing is the annual allocation of \$800m for the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs.
- Last week, I met with the Executive Director of Wild Iris Dominic Hays to discuss their CalOES grant funding for emergency housing grant and they receive. Wild Iris is looking for help to access the Housing Choice Vouches via Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority.
- From a recurring CCRH HCD reorganization meeting that I've been attending it's come to my attention the need for our county to become more aware and likely advocate for changes to the HCD/California Tax Credit Allocation Committing on their Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Opportunity Maps.
- This week, the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care held their regular monthly meeting. We received the draft Strategic Plan. It is open for feedback through the end of the month. The 2026 Point in Time Count is currently scheduled for January 22, 2026.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Acknowledgements: June Lake Chamber of Commerce for their Leaves in the Loop – classic car show, cotton candy, pumpkins, live music, chili cook-off. It's the people who make our place somewhere to visit again and again and the best place to live.
- Also like to thank the aspens, cottonwoods, water birch, willow and dogwood for making this such a glorious fall. As Steinbeck says in Travels with Charley, "It isn't only color but a glowing, as though the leaves gobbled the light of the autumn sun and then released it slowly. There's a quality of fire in these colors."
- 7 October 2025 – Following Board meeting, joined CAO Moberly in attending the first in the series of community meetings scheduled for the West Mono Basin Project – a landscape level, all lands planning project led by Whitebark Institute to enhance community wildlife defense and forest resiliency. My home is this project results in targeted, site-specific fuels management projects to protect infrastructure and homes while working to reintroduce fire to our high desert forest landscape.
- 8 October 2025 – Met with local community members concerned about over-tourism and potential impacts from the Mammoth 200 race. Following this, met with Nick Buckmaster from CA Fish & Wildlife and Lori Gilliem of LADWP to talk about Golden Mussel. They are looking to the counties to create a mechanism to protect our local waters.
- 9 October 2025 – Started the day with multiple meetings with Caltrans, County and PUD focused on the Lee Vining Highway project. It is going out bid in preparation for breaking ground this coming Spring. From there, headed out in the field with Tracy Mizcewitz of Whitebark to look at forest types, towns and infrastructure for the West Mono Basin project. Hiked high above June Lake Village on the Yost Meadows trail, looked at past fuels work designed to slow fire spread from Silver Lake Campground, walked through the 2015 Walker Fire scar which started from an illegal campfire and

then toured the old growth Jeffrey Pine and aspen forest around the Lee Vining town spring. Again, use this planning project to identify targeted projects to protect our towns, watersheds and infrastructure.

- 10 October 2025 – In keeping with this Fall's theme of folks concerned about overtourism and sharing their Eastern Sierra, spent much of the day discussing roads, bathrooms, recreation, tourism, public rights of way, prescriptive easements and the like. Thankfully, we have solid solutions in both educational efforts from Liz and her team, along with the Fall color sign boards, clean-up work and visitors center staffing from our Sustainable Outdoor Recreation crews.
- 11 October 2025 – Attended the June Lake Chamber's Leaves in the Loop festival. Well attended, lots of families and great local vendors. I volunteered to help out with the pumpkin carving contest organized by Sierra Stem, an educational non-profit I'm on the board of in June Lake. I love happy kids with hands covered in pumpkin guts.
- 13 October 2025 – Started the morning checking in with Superintendent from Yosemite on Park operations and the impending storm. Park hopes to have road reopened soon, but all of high county will be in winter operations with the store closed and water turned off. Along with Mono County's own Scott Burns, I met with local residents in June Lake concerned with the upcoming FERC project in Rush Creek and it's impacts to Silver Lake, Rush Creek and community peace.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanked the County and Board Members for participated in the WIR meeting that I hosted here in Bridgeport.

Chair Salcido:

- I attended the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance discussed a governance working group.
- Last Thursday there was a meeting with the Mono County Child Council.

Moved to Closed Session.

A. Board Member and Board Ad Hoc Reports

- 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 1:05 PM.

**LYNDA SALCIDO
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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