



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

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

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

**Regular Meeting
November 4, 2025**

Supervisor Peters 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.

9:05 AM Meeting called Order by Chair Salcido.

*Supervisors Present: Duggan, Kreitz, McFarland, Peters, and Salcido.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Krietz.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Molly DesBaillets, Mono County resident:

- Discussion and ask on the Tribal Land Acknowledgement with the spirit of generosity and the actions that the County is doing/not doing collectively. "Speaking as a white person addressing the white power structure, for our local native community".
- Discussion on the lack of access that the natives have in Mono County, specifically Conway Ranch that was once native land and currently the natives no longer have access to this land (the County controls this land).

- Discussion on the native culture and how the culture is to give/generosity and not to ask.
Neil Fox, Sierra Stem:
- Discussion on applying for a Workforce Innovation Grant and delays that he has been coming across.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Recognizing Former Finance Director Janet Dutcher

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed proclamation recognizing former Finance Director Janet Dutcher for her years of service to Mono County.

Action: Adopted proclamation recognizing former Finance Director Janet Dutcher for her years of service to Mono County.

Kreitz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-235

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item and read proclamation.

Supervisor Krietz:

- Thanked Janet.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Thanked Janet for her guidance.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanked Janet, discussed the Road Show and bucket story.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Wished Janet well.

Chair Salcido:

- Thanked Janet, especially during COVID.

Leslie Chapman, Interim Finance Director:

- Discussed her history with Janet.

Kim Bunn, Finance:

- Thanked Janet for always being inspiring and for the history lessons.

Janet Dutcher:

- Accepted her proclamation.

B. Proclamation Designating the Month of November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed proclamation recognizing November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month.

Action: Adopted proclamation recognizing November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month.

McFarland moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-236

Chair Salcido:

- Presented and read proclamation.

Supervisors Peters:

- Acknowledged former Supervisor Gardner for the tribal acknowledgement
- Discussion on the collaborated efforts with Public Works, Marcella and the tribal community at the Travertine Hot Springs and how we can close site off for tribal ceremonies
- Thanked the Board for these efforts throughout the county.

Supervisors McFarland:

- HR5820 Discussion to support federal recognition for the tribal communities.

Supervisors Kreitz:

- Discussion on efforts to get local tribes federally recognized.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Discussion on how the work on these issues takes time.

Chair Salcido:

- Discussion on the history of the natives and to be sensitive/assistance to a group of people

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Introduced Leslie Chapman to the Board as the Interim Finance Director
- Announced the Veteran's Day Celebration on Veteran's Day in Bridgeport at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday and reminder regarding the cancelled Board meeting on 11/11.
- Reminder that today is Election Day and thanked the Clerk's Office for their work on the elections and running a Board meeting today.
- Attended the CACE Conference.

Leslie Chapman, Interim Finance Director:

- Met the Board and staff.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer:

- Discussion on the importance of World War I on 11:11:11 time and reminder of Operation Green Light.

Chris Mokracek, Director of Mono County Emergency Management:

- Provided an update on the Sage Fire and the PSPS.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion on receiving more "real time" updates pertaining to fires.

Chair Salcido:

- Watch TV discussion and what determines what gets reported.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion on the start of the Sage Fire and the efforts that have taken place.

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. Memorandum of Agreement between Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health and Mono County Behavioral Health regarding Mono County's Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health pertaining to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program services.

Action: Approved and authorized Department Head to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health for DUI program services for a period of three years.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-237

B. Crestwood Contract Amendment for the Provision of Residential Treatment Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

Second Contract Amendment with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. for the provision of Residential Treatment Services.

Action: Approved the second contract amendment with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. for the provision of Residential Treatment Services and authorized Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-238

C. Resolution Enabling Temporary Staffing for Health and Human Services Department

Departments: Health and Human Services

The Health and Human (HHS) Department seeks approval for a resolution enabling HHS to hire temporary staffing to address the peak workload conditions in the Eligibility Division related to the timely processing of public benefits.

Action: Approved Resolution R25-086, Enabling the hiring of temporary staffing to address peak workload conditions in the HHS department and authorized the County Administrative Officer to enter into a contract with a temporary staffing agency for a period not to exceed

90 days to assist HHS.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-086

D. FY 2025-2026 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant

Departments: Sheriff

The California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Division has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant.

Action: Adopted Resolution R25-087, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The Off-Highway Vehicle Grant will not exceed \$125,000.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-087

E. Out-of-State Travel Authorization for National Association of Counties' (NACo) Rural Action Caucus Fly-In

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Out-of-state travel request for Supervisor Duggan to attend the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Rural Action Caucus Fly-In in Washington, D.C., from November 18-20, 2025.

Action: Approved out-of-state travel for Supervisor Duggan to attend the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Rural Action Caucus Fly-In in Washington, D.C., from November 18-20, 2025.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-239

F. Authorize the County to Accept Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant

Departments: County Counsel

Authorize the County to accept Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant and further authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute all documents related thereto.

Action: Approved Resolution R25-088, Authorizing the County to accept Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant, and further authorizing the County Administrative Officer to execute all documents related thereto.

Krietz moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R25-088

G. California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) Radio Update

Departments: Information Technology

Regular update regarding California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS).

Action: None.

H. Emergency Management Update

Departments: Emergency Management

Regular update regarding Emergency Management projects.

Action: None.

I. 2024 Crop and Livestock Report

Departments: Agriculture Commission

Receive the 2024 Inyo and Mono Counties Crop and Livestock Report and the associated presentation submitted in accordance with section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code.

Action: None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / SENT

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

A. Correspondence Received - Letter from Southern California Edison (SCE) in response to Mono County's August 21, 2025 letter regarding SCE's Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) in Mono County

On August 21, 2025, the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to Southern California Edison (SCE) expressing concerns about the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events on our residents, emergency services, and local economy. On October 16, 2025, SCE provided a response addressing the specific concerns outlined in said letter.

B. Correspondence Sent - Letter of Support for the Proposal, “Recreation Economies and Community Well-Being: Linking National Forests and Gateway Communities for Rural Prosperity.” (USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative [AFRI])

Letter of support regarding the proposal, “Recreation Economies and Community Well-Being: Linking National Forests and Gateway Communities for Rural Prosperity.” (USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative [AFRI]). This project will help Mono County and our partners build capacity to design and implement regular, decision-ready indicators, improving how we prioritize investments and communicate results to our community.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Economic Development Workplan

Departments: Economic Development

(Liz Grans, Economic Development Director, SMG Consulting) - Presentation regarding the Mono County Economic Development Strategic Workplan Report.

Action: None.

Liz Grans, Economic Development Director:

- Introduced item and Carl.

Carl Ribaldo, SMG Consulting:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Krietz:

- Discussion on residents having create and passionate ideas.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion on the private and local sectors working collaboratively together; example is the Mammoth Running event.

Supervisor Peters:

- Older discussion regarding the Busters location and utilizing that space as a housing space for all entities: Forest Service, County, PUD, and other community entities being in the same general area.
- Discussion on the different communities and the different events/programs that each community has to offer.
- Geothermal opportunities and this will take a complete collaboration effort.
- Asked staff to expand the RPAC to include the Economic Development Department.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Event that brings all the “idea” people together to share possible options.
- Marcella is a great asset.
- Thanks to Supervisor McFarland for the new county event and received great feedback regarding the Mammoth 200.
- Benton Music Festival and the importance of the volunteers.

Chair Salcido:

- Discussion on the health care task force and Forest Industry
- Suggested that the Board support each Chamber throughout the County.

Public Comment:

Briana Gioco, Mammoth Lakes Chamber:

- Discussion on the Towns meeting with Carl and the collaborative efforts between Town/County.

Break Begin: 10:55 AM

Break Ended: 11:08 AM

B. FY 2025-26 Quarter 1 - Budget Updates

Departments: CAO

(Stephanie Trujillo, Budget Officer) - Presentation of budget performance through the first quarter of FY2025-26 and approval of Budget Appropriation Transfer Requests.

Action: Approved the following items (4/5 vote is required), as amended:

- (1) Appropriation Requests
- (2) Recommended Use of Vacancy Savings
- (3) Emergency food assistance

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-240

Stephanie Trujillo, Budget Officer:

- Presented item.
- Discussion on the new grants and the jail project.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Discussion on page 13: Vacancy savings.
- Thanked staff for their efforts bringing food to the community.

Supervisors Peters:

- Discussion on Probation Department and the non-general fund that was utilized for funding.

Sheriff Braun:

- Discussion on Cassandra's position regarding shared between Sheriff and Probation Offices.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Clarified the allocation requests for Public Works.

Kathy Peterson, Health and Human Services Director:

- Discussed the Food Insecurity Response – CalFresh Disruption
- Clarified the court order for SNAP benefits
- Discussion on the document that benefit holders will need to sign stating that they will not use card for alcohol and/or Tabacco.
- Introduced staff: **Amanda Philips, Executive Director of Community Service Solutions, Jackie Maxwell, Re-entry Coordinator, Marissa Flanders, Nutrition Educator.**

Supervisor Kreitz:

- SNAP and court order discussion and partial funds (for November).

Supervisor Duggan:

- Discussion on any restrictions on the food cards.

Chair Salcido:

- Discussion on the staff's time and efforts to put this solution together.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management:

- Discussed the project overview; estimated project cost,

Liberty Utilities Settlement – Mountain View Wildfire Mitigation and Rehabilitation Project – will be brought back

C. Mono County Jail Update

Departments: Public Works

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

Action: None.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

D. County Veteran and Military Spouse Hiring Authorities

Departments: Human Resources

(Steve Rose, HR Director) - The County is developing a Veteran and active-duty military spouse recruitment and hiring incentive.

Action: Approved for the Human Resources Department to: (1) Draft and implement a Veteran and Military Spouse Hiring Policy consistent with State and Federal models; and (2) Return to the Board with a final policy and implementation plan for adoption.

Peters moved; McFarland seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M25-241

Steve Rose, HR Director:

- Presented item.

Chair Salcido:

- In support.

8. LUNCH BREAK

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Begin: 12:41 PM

Closed Session Ended: 4:40 PM

Report on Item A – Board gave unanimous decision to staff.

Report out of Closed Session for items B – E: No report.

Moved to Adjournment.

A. Closed Session - Public Employment – Public Defender

Public Defender (Government Code Section 54957)

B. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Oliver Yee, Christopher Beck, Leslie Chapman, 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.

C. 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

D. Closed Session - Anticipated 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: One.

E. Closed Session - Anticipated 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: Two.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- No report.

Supervisor Krietz:

- No report.

Supervisor McFarland:

- Acknowledgements – HHS and CCS for food bank; BH for attendance at the Fall gathering in Lee Vining and Trunk or Treat in June. PW for cleaning drains in June that seemed to have been forgotten.
- 22 October 2025 – Stared the day with ESCOG mtg along with Supervisor Salcido. Discussed biomass, community wildfire defense grant, SNC grant opportunities. Mono did not read due to need for NEPA on toilet projects. Recognizing biomass is a regional issue, ESCOG will help convene biomass discussions, but needs capacity to do so. Following this meeting I met with Supervisor Duggan and Budget Officer Trujillo for another Budget Ad Hoc. The day ended at PTSO but that's not a county thing.
- 23 October 2025 – Lee Vining Chamber meeting with EconDev. Wildfire Resilience Action team (WRAFT) mtg- mou for funding, expansion of agreement beyond just ESCCRP.

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- 24 October 2025 – meet with Tim Tollefson of Trail Fest and mammoth 200 to share community feedback. Doing it the right way. Need to improve our own systems for community center cleaning.
- 27 October 2025 – traveled over the valley and good golly gosh it was like being in a bowl of golden Jello with the fall light! YARTS meeting. Changes coming to more equitably fund the system and right size it.
- 28 October 2025 – Helped CSS at food drop off in Lee Vining; nearly 50 households participated between Lee Vining and June. Volunteers from local Salvation Army. Attended the June Lake focused meeting for the West Mono Basin planning – Sheet got it right: “a project that’s not a project yet”, but great discussion and engagement with FS, Whitebark, County staff and community. Folks are overjoyed when they hear about the Community Wildfire Defense grant.
- 30 October 2025 – attended a plenary session for the Eastern Sierra Community Foundation – MMCF, ESF, DCF with help from Agnew: Beck supported by Sierra jobs first.
- 31 October 2025 – Housing Ad Hoc with Sup Kreitz. Discussed new JD for Housing capacity, CDBG, 85 Kirkwood, bridge unit in June Lake, Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers and the split with Town, Safe Parking site with Town.
- 3 November 2025 – Started the day at LTC with Supervisor Krietz, CAO Moberly, and ComDev staff. Good update from Caltrans on winter operations. 2023 - \$800k in chains alone, regional transportation improvement program, Phil announced retirement & fiscal impact from Red’s work, discussion of YARTS.

Supervisor Peters:

- No report.

Chair Salcido:

- No report.

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 to Regular Meeting on November 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in Mammoth Lakes **AT 4:42 PM.**

ATTEST

**LYNDA SALCIDO
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**DANIELLE PATRICK
CLERK OF THE BOARD**