



MONO COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



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WELCOME FROM THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR

Dear Mono County Residents and Visitors,

As we reflect on the past year, it is with pride and optimism that I present the Mono County Board of Supervisors' 2023-2024 Annual Report. This year has been marked by both challenges and achievements as we continue to adapt and grow as a community.

The winter of 2023 brought historic snowfall to our region, presenting significant challenges in snow removal, road maintenance, and public safety. Despite these hurdles, I am proud of how our county staff and local agencies responded with dedication and resilience, ensuring that our roads were cleared, our emergency services remained responsive, and our residents were supported through the difficulties.

In addition to managing the immediate impacts of extreme weather, we have made substantial progress in key areas that are crucial to Mono County's long-term success:

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT — We secured funding for major infrastructure projects, including road repairs, bridge improvements, and enhancements to our public facilities. These investments are vital for maintaining the safety and quality of life for all residents and visitors.

HOUSING INITIATIVES — Access to affordable housing continues to be a priority. We've launched new programs aimed at increasing housing availability for our workforce and young families. These efforts include partnerships with developers and neighboring jurisdictions to address housing shortages across the region. In addition, we have recently closed escrow on a five-unit development in Bridgeport that will serve as an affordable housing opportunity for county staff and others.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS — With the increasing threat of wildfires, we've invested heavily in prevention and preparedness. This includes expanded vegetation management programs, enhanced coordination with state and federal agencies, and increased public outreach on fire safety measures.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT — Supporting our local businesses and promoting tourism remains a key focus. This year, we have expanded broadband access to underserved areas and worked closely with business leaders to identify opportunities for growth in tourism, agriculture, and other sectors critical to our local economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP — Our natural resources are the foundation of Mono County's identity. We continue to lead on environmental initiatives, including the protection of our water resources, wildlife habitat conservation, and efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. The Board has also endorsed the expansion of renewable energy projects that align with our values of sustainability.

As we look ahead to 2025 I am confident that together, we can continue building a strong, vibrant, and resilient Mono County. Our community's strength lies in the collaboration between residents, businesses, and government. I encourage you to stay involved and share your thoughts with the Board as we shape the future of this beautiful place we call home.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

John Peters
2024 Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors

ABOUT MONO COUNTY

Mono County, California is a rural county situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border. Covering approximately 3,000 square miles, Mono County is 108 miles in length, and has an average width of only 38 miles. With dramatic mountain boundaries that rise in elevation to over 13,000 feet, the county's diverse landscape includes forests of Jeffrey and lodge pole pine, junipers and aspen groves, hundreds of lakes, alpine meadows, streams and rivers, and sage-covered high desert. The county has a land area of just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of the land is contained in the Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, as well as the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas. With a population of around 14,000 residents, Mono County offers a unique blend of rural living and outdoor adventure, attracting visitors and residents alike who are drawn to its natural charm.

KEY FEATURES OF MONO COUNTY INCLUDE:

ICONIC DESTINATIONS — Mono County is renowned for its stunning outdoor destinations, including Mono Lake, Bodie State Historic Park, the Mammoth Lakes Basin, and the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park. These natural landmarks make our county a world-class destination for hiking, fishing, skiing, and exploring the rich cultural and geological history of the area.

UNIQUE COMMUNITIES — Our county includes a variety of small towns and communities, each with its own distinct character. From the year-round recreation hub of Mammoth Lakes to the historic towns of Bridgeport, Lee Vining, and June Lake residents enjoy an unparalleled quality of life that balances a strong sense of community with access to pristine wilderness.

DIVERSE ECONOMY — While tourism is a major economic driver, Mono County's economy is also shaped by other industries, including agriculture, small businesses, and renewable energy development. We are committed to fostering a resilient economy that supports both our residents and the millions of visitors who contribute to our local prosperity.

PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP — Mono County takes pride in its longstanding commitment to protecting its natural environment. Through policies focused on conservation, sustainable development, and responsible land use, we aim to safeguard our water resources, wildlife habitats, and scenic beauty for future generations.

RURAL CHARM, MODERN AMENITIES — Despite its rural character, Mono County offers many of the amenities and services found in more urbanized areas. Our residents benefit from strong local schools, expanding broadband infrastructure, healthcare facilities, and various recreational programs that enhance quality of life.

Mono County's spirit is rooted in its history, from its Native American heritage to its pioneering past during the Gold Rush era. Today, that spirit continues as we balance growth and development with the preservation of our unique way of life.





The Mono County Board of Supervisors provides overall direction to the County. The Board acts as a forum for identifying the needs and desires of citizens, determining community consensus and for actively matching those needs with available County resources. The Board sets policies and exercises administrative control over County activities. The Board meets the first three Tuesdays of each month in both Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes.



DISTRICT 1 — Jennifer Kreitz
(Pro Tem Chair)
It is my humble honor to serve as Mono County Supervisor for District 1. I see District 1 as the heart of Mono County’s largest community, Mammoth Lakes. District 1 includes a large

concentration of our County’s workforce in both the Sierra Valley Sites and The Parcel neighborhoods. My belief is that strong communities have built-in resiliency to challenges that every community must address at some point in time. I want to work with my colleagues on the Board and County Staff to grow that strength and resiliency in all Mono County communities through fiscal conservation and compassionate governance.



DISTRICT 2 — Rhonda Duggan
It is my honor to serve as the Mono County Supervisor for District 2. As one of the largest geographic regions of the county, District 2 is proud of its diversity and unique character. Our communities share a great love for the

Eastern Sierra, and a fierce pride in securing its future. Mono County has faced many challenges, including drought, wildfires, recessions, and now a global pandemic and the impacts of its aftermath. These challenges jeopardize our homes and local businesses, and wreak havoc upon our local economy. I am committed to working with my fellow Supervisors towards our recovery, and protecting the interests of everyone in Mono County.



DISTRICT 3 — Bob Gardner
I am honored to represent 3rd District residents on the Mono County Board of Supervisors. The 3rd District is diverse, including the communities of June Lake and Lee Vining, plus a good portion of the Town of

Mammoth Lakes. Serving on the Board of Supervisors is a chance to give back to a region that has been special to me for many decades, and to share my 40 years of experience managing public organizations. My goal is to ensure that we continue to make Mono County one of the finest counties in California, and a great place to live, work, and play. I will work with the County to ensure that residents clearly understand what they get for the taxes they pay.



DISTRICT 4 — John Peters (2024 Chair)
The opportunity to represent District 4 is a great honor and a privilege. As Chair, I pledge to continue the good work our Board and staff have demonstrated over time. I will lead with honesty and integrity with an emphasis on sound governance practices.

Mono County is a great place to visit and an even better place to live. I will be a part of the team of dedicated Mono County leaders and employees helping to keep our natural resources vital and vibrant as well as maintain a

thriving sustainable economy in Northern Mono County and the region as a whole. I believe that regional and local solutions with a collaborative approach including citizens, public and private organizations and county government will give us the best opportunity to be successful within our local communities and the Town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County.



DISTRICT 5 — Lynda Salcido
I am very pleased to be representing District 5 on the Mono County Board of Supervisors. I bring many years of experience in local government to the Board of Supervisors and District 5 residents. My experience includes

20 years as the Mono County Public Health Director, as well as serving as the interim Mono County Chief Administrative Officer, Mammoth Hospital Board Chair, Mobility Commissioner, and in many other volunteer positions. But it is the four years that I served on the Mammoth Lakes Town Council that has best prepared me to serve the residents of the 5th District, and Mono County.

District 5 contains an amazing display of all things Mono County—alpine lakes, rugged hiking, and world-class adventures. I will work hard to hear and address your issues including housing, wildfire mitigation, childcare, sustainable recreation and tourism, drought, threats to our environmental protections, and more. I will work to find solutions to our local and greater problems, by collaborating with our partners to address our regional challenges.



2025 DISTRICT 3 — Paul McFarland

(2025 Pro Tem Chair)

Mono County's Third Supervisorial District spans over forty miles of Eastern Sierra along Scenic Highway 395 from Conway Summit in the north to the western neighborhoods of the Town of Mammoth Lakes in

the south. Plunging east from the high alpine crest down the dramatic Eastern Sierra escarpment, high mountains become high desert to create one of the most visited outdoor destinations in America.

Over 2,500 folks call the Third District home in the communities of Conway Ranch, Mono City, Highway 167/ Cottonwood Canyon, Lundy Canyon, Lee Vining, June Lake and within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Each community is unique, self-defined and deeply intertwined. Covering two watersheds—Mono Basin and Owens River—the Third District is bound together by schools, seasonal celebrations, youth sports, commerce, healthcare, public services, available housing, a deep love of where we live, and an active commitment to care for this place and one another. Working to sustain balance between tourism and quality of life for those who live and work here is perhaps our biggest challenge and greatest opportunity.

The Third District lies at the heart of the homeland of the Kootzaduka'a people. It is beyond time to secure the federal recognition they deserve and help ensure tribal members can return home.

Together with my wife, Yvette Garcia, a public-school teacher, we raised three kids—Solomon, Henry and Lydia—in downtown Lee Vining. Over more than two decades of non-profit entrepreneurship and community engagement, my work consistently focuses on shifting public engagement from conflict to collaboration and collective stewardship.

There is so much wonder and opportunity across the Third District. I am honored to serve District Three and all of Mono County because where we live is worth working for. That work takes patience, understanding, cooperation and compromise from all of us. I want to ensure everyone has access to the information, resources and services needed for all of us to make our home here. Please don't hesitate to reach out and help me understand how we can work together for our place.



INTRODUCTION

Greetings from Mono County!

As the 2025 Chair of the Board of Supervisors, it is my pleasure to present the Mono County Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

I am honored to have been elected by my colleagues to serve in this capacity on behalf of Mono County, and am committed to leading with dedication and transparency. In January the Board also welcomed Paul McFarland as the newest Supervisor, representing District 3. Supervisor McFarland brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving the people of Mono County.

The 2023-2024 Annual Report provides an overview of our County's accomplishments and challenges during the past fiscal year. We hope that this report will serve as a valuable resource for our residents and stakeholders. We encourage you to read through it and learn more about the work we are doing to make Mono County a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues and our dedicated County staff to set clear policies, provide strategic direction, and chart a positive course for growth and innovation. Together, we will work to ensure sustainable development, deliver essential resources, and create opportunities that enhance the quality of life for our residents, support the success of our businesses, and offer memorable experiences for our visitors.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lynda Salcido
2025 Chair,
Mono County Board of Supervisors

Strategic Fiscal Planning
for a Vibrant Future

Each year, the review and adoption of Mono County’s annual budget stands as one of the most impactful policy decisions. For FY 2023-2024, the Mono County Board of Supervisors formally adopted the budget on September 12, 2023. This decision followed a collaborative process, including a workshop in May and a public hearing in August, ensuring community input and transparency.

The Fiscal Year for Mono County runs from July 1 to June 30, and by adopting a preliminary budget by July 1, we create the foundation for sound financial forecasting. This step, combined with a finalized budget, helps us plan more effectively, optimizing revenue projections and fine-tuning cost estimates for the year ahead.



VISUALIZING YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR

Think of your property tax dollar as a single dollar bill:

- **Mono County Services:** 37 cents
- **County Schools & Library:** 33 cents
- **Town of Mammoth Lakes:** 5 cents
- **All Other Special Districts:** 25 cents

Each penny strengthens the community, enhancing our schools, maintaining infrastructure, and ensuring essential services for every resident. Together, we build a more prosperous Mono County, one budget at a time.

Understanding Property Taxes:
A Key Revenue Source

Property taxes are a cornerstone of our local funding, supporting essential services county-wide. Under California’s Proposition 13, passed in 1978, property tax increases on any single property are limited to no more than 2% annually unless the property is resold or expanded. Property owners are taxed at 1% of their property’s assessed value at the time of purchase, ensuring stable and predictable revenue for Mono County’s public services.

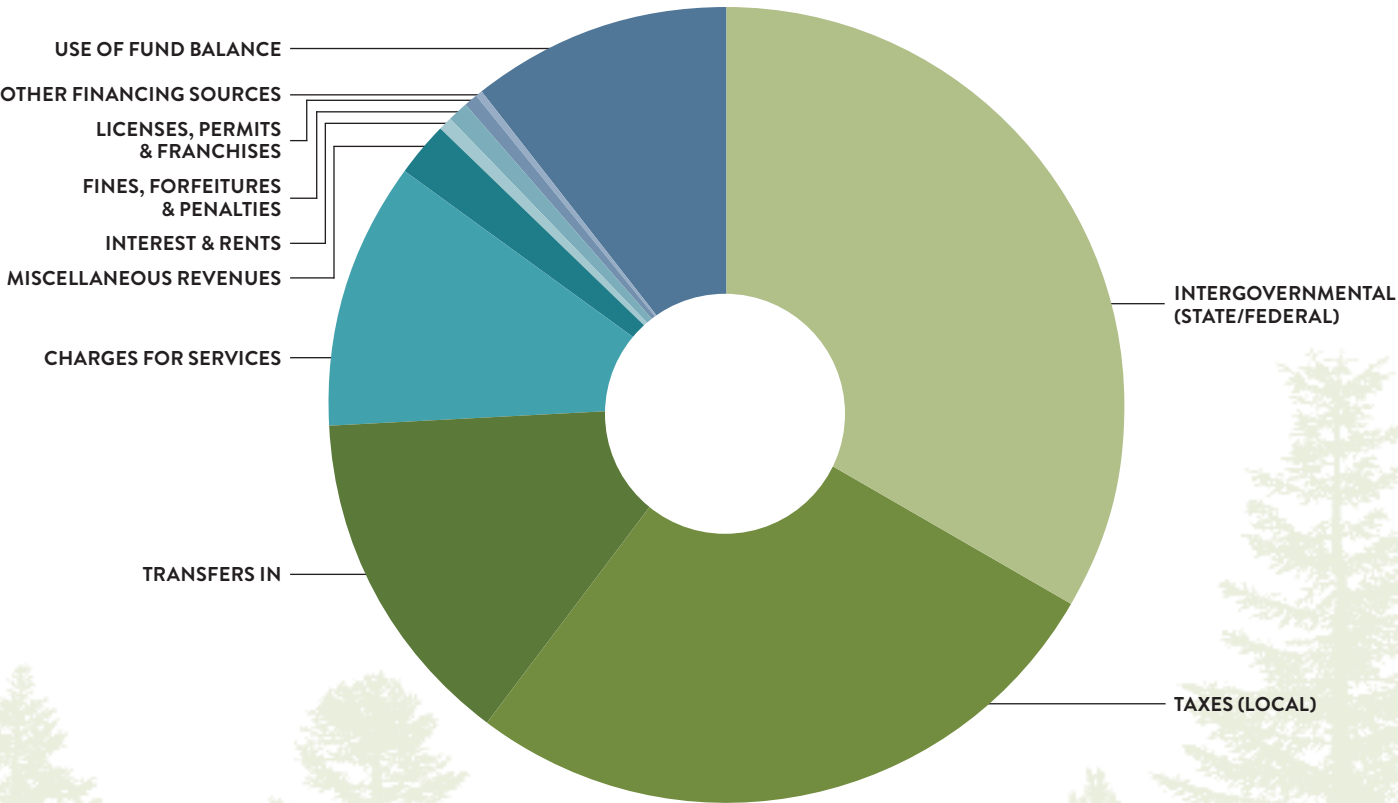
Where Your Tax Dollars Go

Every dollar you contribute through property taxes is invested locally! Here’s how each tax dollar is distributed, providing vital support to a range of community services:

- **Mono County Services CSA1 & CSA5:**
37% of property value
- **County Schools & Library:**
33% — sustaining our educational and literary resources
- **Town of Mammoth Lakes:**
5% — fueling local infrastructure and community needs
- **Hospital District:**
4% — supporting essential health services
- **Mammoth Water District:**
11% — ensuring access to quality water
- **Fire Districts:**
8% — helping to keep our communities safe
- **Other Special Districts:**
2% — which goes toward various specialized services

BUDGETED REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

TOTAL FY 2023-2024 BUDGET REVENUES = \$129.7 MILLION

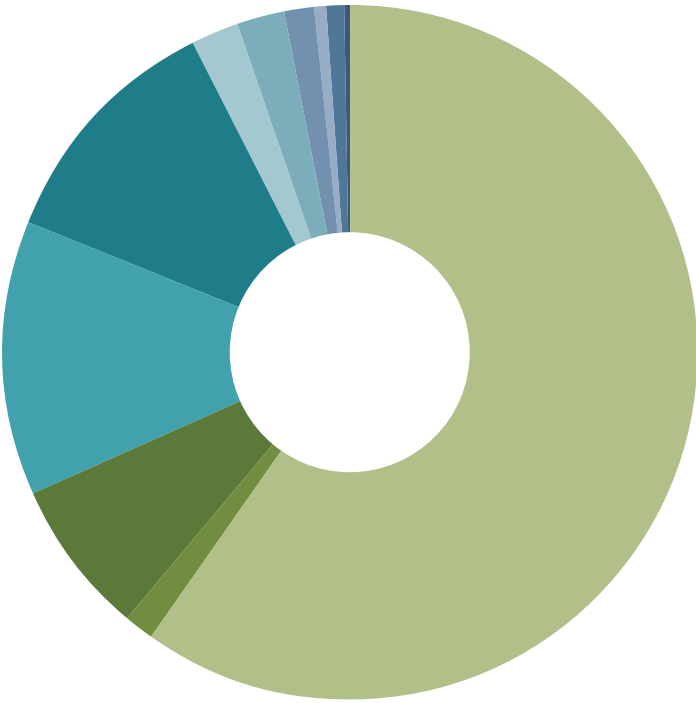


REVENUES			
Mono County FY 2023-2024 Budgeted Revenues (in millions)			
Intergovernmental (State/Federal)	\$43.6	33.6%	
Taxes (local)	\$35.0	27.0%	
Transfers In	\$17.7	13.7%	
Charges for Services	\$14.0	10.8%	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$2.9	2.3%	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$1.0	0.7%	
Licenses, Permits & Franchises	\$0.8	0.6%	
Interest & Rents	\$0.9	0.7%	
Other Financing Sources	\$0.3	0.2%	
Use of Fund balance	\$13.6	10.5%	
Total Revenues		\$129.7	100%

EXPENDITURES			
Mono County FY 2023-2024 Budgeted Expenditures (in millions)			
Salaries & Benefits	\$50.3	38.8%	
Services	\$16.2	12.5%	
Supplies	\$4.8	3.7%	
Vehicles	\$4.5	3.5%	
Insurance	\$3.5	2.7%	
Facility	\$4.1	3.2%	
Indirect Costs	\$2.7	2.1%	
Training	\$0.9	0.7%	
Capital Outlay	\$18.1	14.0%	
Transfers Out	\$17.7	13.6%	
Support of Other	\$3.9	3.0%	
Debt Service	\$2.1	1.6%	
Contingency	\$0.9	0.7%	
Total Expenditures		\$129.7	100%

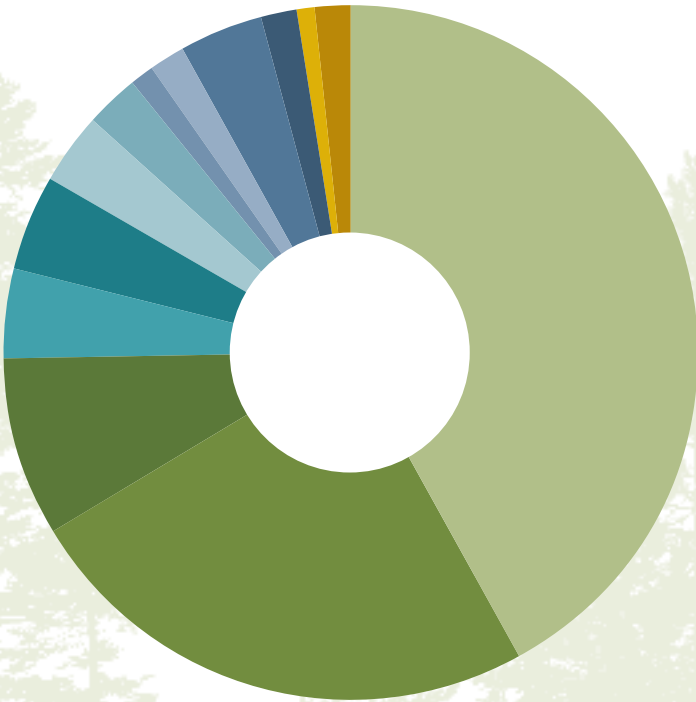
GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

GENERAL FUND ONLY BUDGETED REVENUES = \$50.2 MILLION



REVENUES			
General Fund Budgeted Revenues FY 2023-2024 (in millions)			
Property Tax	\$30.0	60%	
Sales & Use Tax	\$0.7	1%	
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$3.6	7%	
Charges for Services	\$6.4	13%	
Intergovernmental (State/Federal)	\$5.8	12%	
Transfers In	\$1.0	2%	
Carryover Fund Balance	\$1.1	2%	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$0.7	1%	
Interest & Rents	\$0.4	1%	
Licenses, Permits & Franchise	\$0.4	1%	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.03	>1%	
Total Revenues	\$50.2	100%	

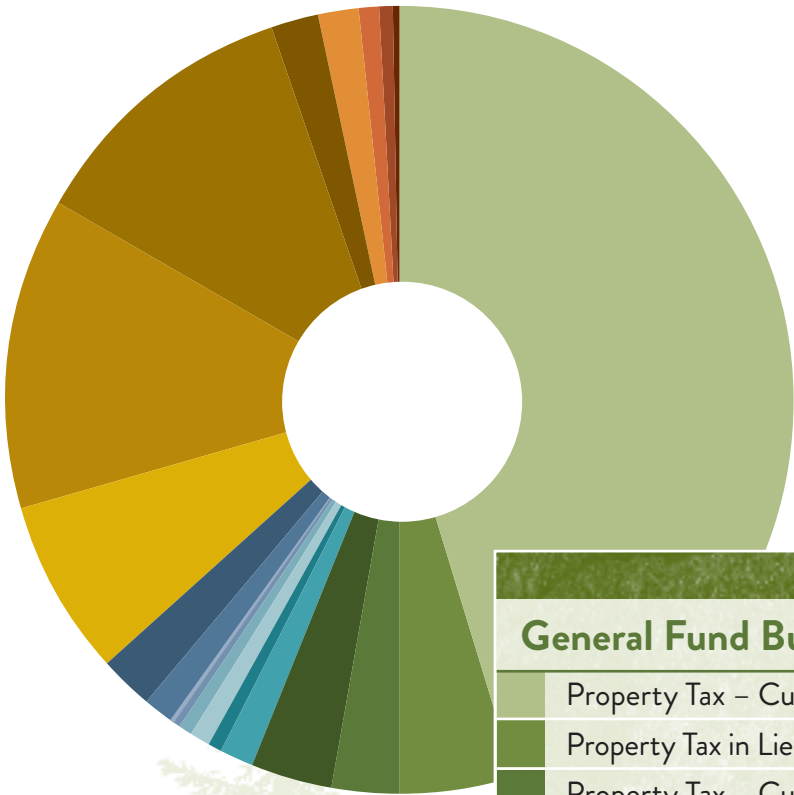
GENERAL FUND ONLY BUDGETED EXPENDITURES = \$50.2 MILLION



EXPENDITURES			
General Fund Budgeted Expenditures FY 2023-2024 (in millions)			
Salaries	\$21.1	42%	
Benefits	\$12.3	24%	
Services	\$4.3	9%	
Supplies	\$2.0	4%	
Vehicle	\$2.3	4%	
Insurance	\$1.7	3%	
Facility	\$1.2	2%	
Training	\$0.6	1%	
Support of Other	\$0.8	2%	
Operating Transfers Out	\$2.0	4%	
Civic Center Rent	\$0.8	2%	
Capital Outlay	\$0.4	1%	
Contingency	\$0.8	2%	
Total Expenses	\$50.2	100%	

GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

FY 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGETED REVENUES = \$50.2 MILLION



REVENUES			
General Fund Budgeted Revenues FY 2023-2024			
Property Tax – Current Secured	\$22,830,000	45%	
Property Tax in Lieu of Vehicle License Fee (VLF)	\$2,333,677	5%	
Property Tax – Current Unsecured	\$1,366,000	3%	
Property Tax – Excess ERAF	\$1,683,136	3%	
Property Tax – Unitary	\$706,000	1%	
Property Transfer Tax	\$316,000	1%	
Property Tax – Supplemental	\$330,000	1%	
Property Tax – Penalties/Interest	\$321,000	1%	
Property Tax – Delinq secured	\$153,300	0%	
Property Tax – Delinq Unsecured	\$2,000	0%	
Sales & Use Tax	\$705,000	1%	
Use of Fund Balance	\$1,112,000	2%	
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$3,606,300	7%	
Charges for Services	\$6,356,809	13%	
Intergovernmental (State/Federal Revenue)	\$5,773,873	12%	
Transfers In	\$1,022,392	2%	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$741,100	1%	
Interest & Rents	\$426,000	1%	
Licenses, Permits & Franchises	\$363,400	1%	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$30,228	0%	
Total Revenues	\$50,178,215	100%	

ADMINISTRATION

FTEs: 7 BUDGET: \$1,576,555

The Mono County Administration Department serves as the central management and coordination hub for County government operations. The Administration Department’s primary responsibilities include:

Policy Implementation

Overseeing the implementation of policies set by the County Board of Supervisors and other governing bodies. This involves ensuring that county departments and agencies adhere to the established policies and directives.

Strategic Planning

Assisting in the development of long-term strategic plans for the county, including identifying priorities, setting goals, and aligning resources to meet the County’s objectives.

Interdepartmental Coordination

Facilitating communication and collaboration among the different county departments to ensure cohesive operations and efficient service delivery.

Public Information and Communication

Managing communication between the County government and the public, including handling media inquiries, public information campaigns, and community outreach.

Human Resources and Personnel Management

Overseeing the hiring, training, and management of County employees, including setting personnel policies, handling labor relations, and ensuring compliance with employment laws.

Administrative Support

Providing administrative support to the Board of Supervisors and other County departments, including preparing reports, managing records, and facilitating meetings.

Crisis/Emergency Management

Coordinating the County’s response to emergencies and crises, working closely with other departments such as public safety, health, and emergency services.

Legislative Analysis and Advocacy

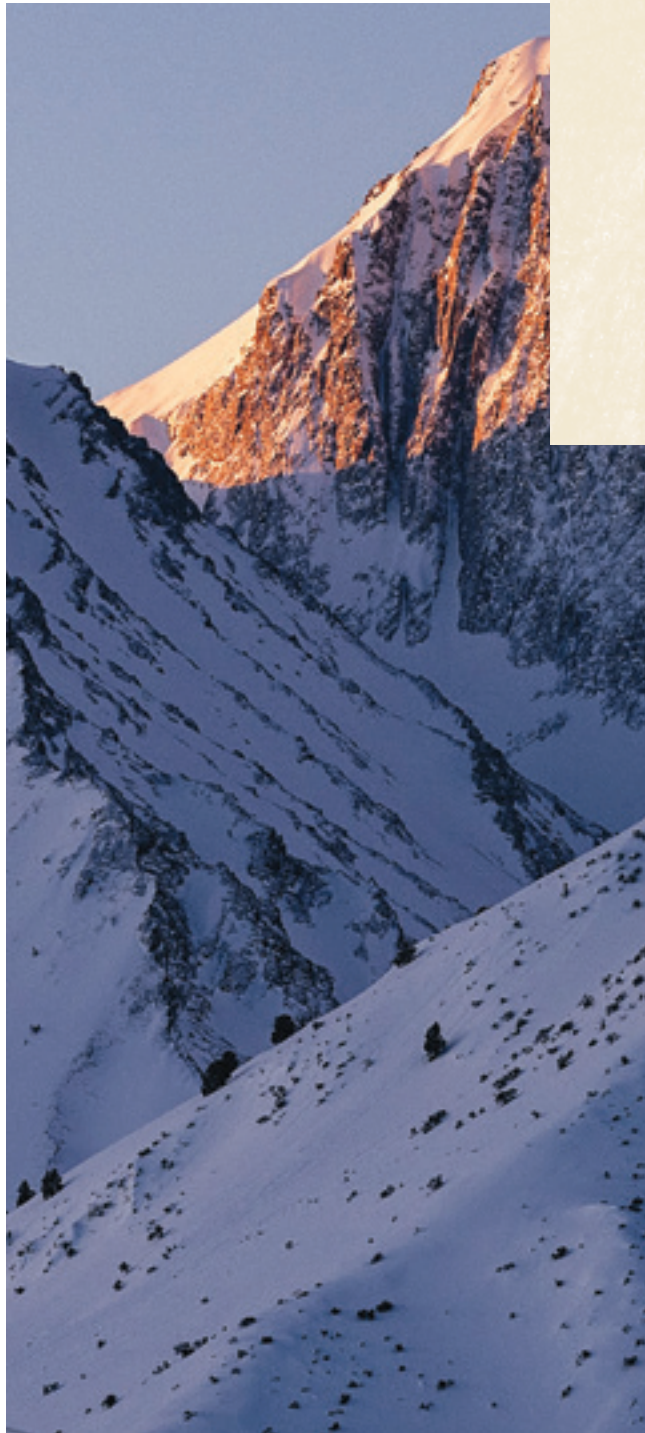
Analyzing proposed legislation and advocating for the county’s interests at the state and federal levels.

Compliance and Risk Management

Ensuring that the county complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and managing risks associated with County operations.

The Mono County Administration Department plays a critical role in ensuring that the county government functions smoothly and effectively, serving as the backbone of the County’s administrative structure.

The Mono County Administration Department is led by Mono County Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandra Moberly. The CAO plans, monitors and coordinates County operations assuring that Board policies are carried out in the most cost-effective manner. The CAO formulates short and long-range plans and budgets, reviews and monitors County programs, services and budgets, coordinates work of department heads, interprets Board policies, represents the Board in the County’s intergovernmental relations, and performs other general administrative duties for the Board.



ANIMAL SERVICES

FTEs: 5 BUDGET: \$628,894

The Mono County Animal Services Department is a public health and safety enforcement agency dedicated to protecting people from animals and animals from people. The department is responsible for managing and enforcing animal-related laws and regulations within the County. The primary purposes of this department include:

Animal Control and Enforcement

Enforce local ordinances and state laws related to animals, such as leash laws, licensing requirements, and regulations regarding dangerous or nuisance animals. This often includes responding to complaints about stray, aggressive, or neglected animals.

Animal Shelter Operations

Operate and maintain animal shelters where lost, stray, or surrendered animals are housed. The department works to provide care, food, medical treatment, and shelter for these animals until they are reclaimed by their owners, adopted, or otherwise placed.

Adoption Services

Facilitate the adoption of animals from the shelter to new, responsible homes. This includes running adoption events, screening potential adopters, and promoting the adoption of animals to the public.

Animal Licensing and Registration

Manage the licensing and registration of pets, particularly dogs and sometimes cats, within the County. This helps ensure that animals are vaccinated against rabies and that owners can be identified if their pets are lost.

Public Education and Outreach

Provide education and resources to the community on responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and the importance of spaying and neutering. This can include school programs, community events, and informational campaigns.

Spay and Neuter Programs

Promote and sometimes provide spay and neuter services to reduce the population of stray animals.

Wildlife Management

Address issues related to wildlife, such as managing interactions between humans and wildlife, responding to injured or orphaned wildlife, and working with state or federal wildlife agencies on larger conservation efforts.

Animal Cruelty Investigations

Investigate reports of animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty, and taking appropriate legal action when necessary. This may involve working with law enforcement and other agencies to protect animals from harm.

Emergency Response and Disaster Planning

Prepare for and respond to emergencies and natural disasters that affect animals, such as arranging for the evacuation and sheltering of pets during wildfires or other events.

Pet Reunification

Work to reunite lost pets with their owners through various means, including maintaining databases of lost and found animals, microchipping, and using social media and other outreach efforts.

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 272 Animals Adopted** (124 dogs, 148 cats)
- 61 Strays** (31 Dogs, 30 cats)
- 98 Seized Animals** (56 Dogs, 42 Cats)
- 111 Surrenders** (38 Dogs, 73 Cats)
- 90 Boarding** (72 Dogs, 18 Cats) Some duplicate families
- 49 Low-Cost Spa/Neuter Vouchers** provided to the community



LUNA – AN OVER THE MOON SUCCESS STORY!

Luna is a canine who arrived at Mono County Animal Services following an unfortunate incident involving a vehicular collision, which resulted in a neglected broken tibia in her hind leg. Mono County Animal Services intervened and facilitated her transport to a veterinary clinic, where two surgical options were presented: complete amputation or repair of the leg. In response, our department reached out to Stacy from 4 For Paws, who graciously agreed to cover the expenses for the

leg repair surgery. We extend our sincere gratitude for their generosity.

The surgical procedure for Luna was successful, and she was subsequently placed in a foster home to facilitate her recovery. However, upon completing her recovery, Luna was returned to our facility due to some behavioral challenges she exhibited. Her prolonged stay in the shelter environment led to significant kennel stress, which is not uncommon and often complicates the adoption process.

We were later contacted by a family who had encountered Luna’s story and felt a profound connection that compelled them to meet her. Contrary to her usual reactivity towards newcomers, Luna responded to this family with remarkable calmness, as if she had known them for an extended period. There was a notable absence of barking, lunging, or any displays of aggression previously observed. We believe that Luna recognized this family as her potential saviors, and indeed, they proved to be just that.

Luna transitioned into a foster home on November 13, 2024, and was officially adopted on December 16, 2024. The adoptive family worked with a professional trainer to assist Luna in addressing certain behavioral challenges. Throughout this process, Luna has made significant progress, and the family has quickly formed a deep affection for her charming and playful nature.

We express our sincere gratitude to this remarkable family for recognizing Luna’s potential beyond her challenges. They perceived, as we all did, a gentle and affectionate dog in need of rescue. We thank you for adopting!



Treat everyone that we meet as we wish to be treated — treat every animal as if it were our own.
— *Animal Services Department motto*

The Mono County Animal Services Department plays a crucial role in promoting animal welfare, public safety, and responsible pet ownership within the community.

The Mono County Behavioral Health Department provides and oversees mental health and substance use disorder services within the County. Their mission is to encourage healing, growth, and personal development through whole person care and community connectedness, providing services that are strength based and client centered, striving to create a safe environment that serves all with dignity, respect, and compassion.

- **Mental Health Services**
Crisis intervention, counseling, therapy, and psychiatric care for all age groups.
- **Substance Use Disorder Treatment**
Prevention, intervention, and treatment services including detoxification, outpatient treatment, residential programs and support for recovery.
- **Crisis Intervention and Emergency Services**
Crisis hotlines, mobile crisis units, and emergency response services during acute mental health crises or substance use emergencies.
- **Prevention and Education**
Educational programs, public awareness campaigns, and community outreach.
- **Case Management and Support Services**
Support services for chronic mental health conditions or substance use disorders.
- **Children and Family Services**
Specialized programs for children, adolescents, and families with mental health or substance use issues.
- **Collaboration with Community Partners**
Working with hospitals, schools, law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, and community partners.
- **Court and Justice System Involvement**
Mental health and substance use services for individuals involved in the court system.
- **Housing and Homelessness Services**
Housing, case management, and resources to help individuals with behavioral or health conditions to maintain stable housing.

- **Policy and Advocacy**
Mental health and substance use treatment at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Data Collection and Reporting**
Monitor and evaluate behavioral health trends.
- **Cultural Competency**
Ensure that behavioral health services are culturally and linguistically appropriate for diverse populations.

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 324 Mental Health clients received therapeutic services
- 5,249 Mental Health services delivered
- 79 Substance Use Disorder outpatient clients served
- 1,138 Substance Use Disorder services delivered
- 8 Substance Use Disorder clients received residential treatment
- 121 Clients served in mandated programs (DUI, Drug Diversion, Batterers Intervention)
- 1,779 Mandated Services delivered
- 664 Narcan kits distributed at 18 Outreach events
- 200+ Attendees at four Spanish speaking events for community members and their families
- 575 Community Wellness Program sessions serving 409 community members
- 59 Crisis call and mobile crisis call responses
- 13 Households with mental health clients will move into permanent supportive housing at The Sawyer

OTHER PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully launched SmartCare, a semi-statewide EHR project provided through CalMHSA.
- Expanded Narcan distribution to paramedics, volunteer fire departments, and A-Frame Liquor as “remote” distribution sites in addition to Mammoth Mountain Health and Safety. Mammoth Mountain had previously stocked all lodging sites and expanded to include food service sites as well.
- Seeing increased Medi-Cal revenues as a result of payment reform and rate changes.
- Expanded staffing and filled vacant positions—including a full clinical staff, and no longer requires contracted providers for therapeutic services.
- Expanded educational opportunities for staff including Master in Counseling program through Palo Alto University, Peer Support Specialist Certifications, and Wraparound Parent Partner Certification.
- New referral process with Mammoth Hospital has seen an increase in follow-up rate of patients with mental health (+20%) or substance use (+18%) related conditions over HEDIS measurement year 2020.



- Partnered with Recovery Medical Group for Intensive Outpatient Services and Medicated Assisted Treatment for clients with substance use disorders.
- Working on various CalAIM initiatives including CARE Court, the Justice-Involved Initiative, and adoption of a Health Information Exchange, as well as other efforts such as Proposition 1 implementation and reconfiguration of programs/services under the Mental Health School Services Act grant.



CLERK-RECORDER

FTEs: 6	BUDGETS: \$747,189	CLERK RECORDER
	\$298,580	ELECTIONS
	\$710,739	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Mono County Clerk-Recorder Department consists of three divisions: Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters (elections), and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Clerk-Recorder
Services include recording and maintaining property documents; processing and maintaining vital records (birth, death and marriage records) and issuing marriage licenses; performing civil marriage ceremonies; processing and maintaining Fictitious Business Name (FBN) applications; and processing a variety of notices (i.e. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notices). The County Clerk issues and maintains various certificates and vital records and other records, oaths, appointments; maintains a roster of County Public Agencies and maintains all County Contracts. The County Clerk also serves as the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 filing office. The County Recorder retains and preserves all books, records, deeds, maps and other documents delivered for filing.

Elections
The Registrar maintains the County’s Voter Registration Database, performs all tasks and duties required to successfully run an election (includes keeping up with and following current legislation, candidate filings, ballot preparation, poll worker management, management of ballot mailing and receipt, and other election related duties as required).

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
The Clerk of the Board serves as support for the Board of Supervisors, Assessment Appeals Board, Administrative Appeals Board and various other boards as requested. Clerk of the Board functions include managing and preparing agendas and packets, attending meetings, preparing minutes, processing minutes orders, resolutions and ordinances, and assisting Board members.

FY 2023/2024 CLERK-RECORDER STATS

- 116 Marriage licenses processed
- 53 Civil marriage ceremonies performed
- 656 Certified copies of birth certificates, death certificates and marriage certificates
- 120 Fictitious business names processed
- 3,708 Documents recorded for the County’s official records
- 318 Requests for vital records processed
- 1,999 Requests for official records processed
- 40 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) notices processed and posted

FY 2023/2024 ELECTION STATS

- 1,346 Voter registrations processed
- 3,012 Absentee voting requests processed
- 1 Special District election conducted
- 1 Presidential Primary election conducted
- 3,486 Voters in the last election
- 10 First-time federal voters

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 5 Assessment of Appeal hearings
- 1 Administrative Appeal hearing
- 40 Board of Supervisors meetings
30 Regular Meetings, 10 Special Meetings
- 110 Notices, meeting minutes, agenda items posted for public access and information



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

FTEs: 18 BUDGET: \$1,470,319

The Mono County Community Development Department (CDD) consists of the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement divisions, in addition to several other legislative bodies with separate boards, authorities and budgets, including the Mono County Local Transportation Commission (LTC) and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The CDD strives to provide efficient, responsive and innovative public service through teamwork.

Planning Division

The Planning Division’s programs and services are built upon the principles of effective public service in the public interest, problem solving beyond regulation, long-range consequences of present actions, community-based planning and development, respect for our unique environment, and teamwork, partnerships, coordination and collaboration. The Planning Division’s authority applies to privately owned lands and typically does not extend to federal or state lands.

- **Current Planning:** Processing development applications for various permits, including housing projects; bringing development applications to the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors for decisions; conducting environmental review (i.e., compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]); tribal consultation; and providing responses to inquiries, public assistance, and inter-departmental collaboration/ coordination and problem solving for development and land use issues.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Conducting General Plan updates, maintenance, and environmental review; developing policies and regulations, including housing and tribal consultation; and special projects and studies outside the County’s typical structure and/or related to land use and environmental management (examples, groundwater management, Bi-State sage-grouse conservation, etc.).

Building Division

The Building Division is responsible for the enforcement of the current California Building Codes Standards and relevant state law governing building standards. Division functions include building inspection, building permit plan review, coordination of review by other departments and agencies of building permit applications, building permit issuance, public assistance with building code matters, and assisting in code compliance operations. These functions include an ongoing commitment to continually improve and increase our ability to serve the citizens of Mono County.

Code Enforcement

The Compliance Division monitors and enforces compliance with County ordinances, policies, regulations, and permit conditions, including environmental mitigation measures.

Local Transportation Commission (LTC)

The Local Transportation Commission (LTC) is an independent agency governed by a joint board of both Mono County Supervisors and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmembers or appointees, and provides for transportation system planning including roadways, trails, paths, sidewalks, etc. for multi-modal use, transit service and air travel, as well as private cars and commercial trucking.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is an independent agency governed by a board consisting of Mono County Supervisors, Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmembers, special district members, and one public at-large member. LAFCO implements state policy on local agency boundaries and oversees the creation of new agencies, service area boundary changes, district services, and extensions of services outside

agency boundaries. LAFCO’s purpose is to promote orderly growth and development, discourage urban sprawl, preserve open space and prime agricultural lands, ensure efficient extensions of government services, and consider provision of housing for persons and families of all incomes, as well as environmental justice, adequate water, and Regional Transportation Plans. LAFCO does not regulate land use, which is the province of local government.



COUNTY COUNSEL

FTEs: 6 BUDGET: \$1,368,000

The Mono County Counsel’s Office is committed to providing quality, timely and innovative services to the benefit of our clients in order to achieve programmatic and strategic goals, as well safeguard the County’s financial resources.

The County Counsel’s office provides legal representation and advice to the Board of Supervisors, County officers, departments, commissions, committees, special districts, and other entities within County government. Legal services are also provided to some schools, special districts and other entities outside County government on a cost-recovery or courtesy basis. The department provides services internally to County staff with offices in Mammoth Lakes and Bridgeport, and also oversees the Risk Management Division.



FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 443** Requests for legal assistance from County staff
- 18** Child welfare cases litigated
- 12** Conservatorship cases litigated
- 8** Assessment appeals meetings/hearings
- 65** Brown Act meetings
- 98** Resolutions/ordinances drafted
- 200** Contracts drafted/reviewed
- \$0** Paid in damages / **\$250,000** recovered through litigation/insurance premiums reduced, despite national trend upward

RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- 100** Safety reports
- 200** Contracts reviewed for insurance
- 55** Special events / film permits processed
- 100** Incidents reports handled
- 9** Insurance policies managed and reviewed
- 9** Claims for damages processed

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BUDGET: \$2,000,000 FTEs: 9

The Mono County District Attorney’s Office handles prosecution of all crimes referred by various law enforcement agencies in Mono County and serves other functions related to public safety.

The District Attorney’s Office strives to:

- Vindicate the rights of crime victims, witnesses, and persons accused of crime
- Seek and achieve impartial justice
- Ensure that the guilty are punished and the innocent freed
- Safeguard the rule of law
- Treat all persons involved in the criminal justice system with fairness, dignity and respect

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 500** Criminal case referrals received
- \$217,901** Victim services total
- \$123,060** CalMMET total (California Multi-Jurisdiction Methamphetamine Enforcement Team)

The prosecution team is comprised of four prosecutors including the elected District Attorney, who all handle a variety of misdemeanor and felony criminal cases in addition to other specialized cases, including: welfare fraud, unfair business practices, child abduction, and officer-involved shootings. The prosecution team is supported by two investigators, who are sworn law enforcement officers operating in a more specialized manner. Their duties include investigating filed cases, assisting other law enforcement agencies with complex or unusual investigations, and performing specific types of investigations for other county agencies, among other duties.

The District Attorney’s Office also oversees the Victim/Witness Program, which provides support and advocacy for victims of crime. Finally, the District Attorney serves as a legal advisor to the Civil Grand Jury which is seated on an annual basis and acts as a watchdog over local government.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FTEs: 3 BUDGET: \$1,211,203

The Mono County Economic Development Department plays a vital role in promoting economic growth and improving the quality of life in Mono County. The primary functions of the department include:

Business Attraction and Retention
The department works to attract new businesses to the County, retain existing ones, and help them expand. This can involve offering incentives, identifying suitable sites for development, and providing support services.

Workforce Development
The department often collaborates with local educational institutions, workforce boards, and businesses to ensure that the local workforce has the skills needed by employers.

Infrastructure Development
The department may be involved in planning and advocating for infrastructure improvements (such as roads, utilities, and broadband access) that are necessary to support business growth and development.

Small Business Support
The department offers resources and programs to support small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Strategic Planning
The department typically develops and implements economic development plans that align with the County’s broader goals. This may involve conducting research, gathering data, and engaging with stakeholders to create long-term strategies.

Marketing and Promotion
The department markets the county as a great place to live, work, and do business through its tourism arm, Mono County Tourism. This involves media and advertising campaigns, participation in trade shows, and public relations efforts.

Regulatory and Policy Advocacy
The department might advocate for policies and regulations at the local, state, or federal level that promote economic growth and development.



The goal of the Mono County Economic Development Department is to foster a vibrant economy that benefits all residents by creating jobs, attracting investment, and enhancing the County’s overall competitiveness.

Mono County, one of the most beautiful places on earth, has long been a destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Known for its world-class skiing and snowboarding at Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain ski areas, many avid skiers and riders who move to Mono County often say “I came for the winter but stayed for the summer.”

Staying connected to the world beyond the mountains—whether to clients, vendors, suppliers, colleagues, family, or friends—is essential. With commercial air service available at Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) and Eastern Sierra Regional Airport in Bishop (BIH), high-speed internet, and the well-maintained US Highway 395, Mono County provides vital access. This means residents can work remotely or run their businesses successfully, all while enjoying a breathtaking corner office view of the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAMS

Mono County, through its Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission (EDTFC), is pleased to announce three Community Support Grant Programs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

- Community Event Marketing Fund
- Historical Societies Grant Program
- Performing and Visual Arts Grant Program

These are reimbursement programs designed to assist established non-profit organizations in Mono County with eligible projects and programs.



OTHER PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Economic Development
• Completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that was approved by the Economic Development Administration

Tourism
• Mono County travel spending totaled \$723.8M in 2023, generating \$69.3M in state and local tax revenue, employing 6,000 residents
• Created a sustainable recreation video that totaled over 1M views and printed 40,000 *Camp Like A Pro* materials



FISH & GAME FINE FUND LOCAL PROGRAM FUNDING

The Mono County Economic Development Department has funds available to assist with fish and wildlife related programs. Examples of types of programs that may be supported by this funding are: fish enhancement, wildlife care, public educational programs, improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, scientific fish and wildlife research, etc. The Fish and Game Fine Fund has legislative requirements which must be met for the funding to be used.

If an entity requests funds and the reason(s) meets the legislative requirements, the Economic Development Department will bring the request to the Mono County Board of Supervisors for consideration at a future board meeting. A representative of the requesting organization will be required to appear at the Board of Supervisors meeting to provide a background summary of the program for which they are requesting money. The Mono County Board of Supervisors must approve of the expenditure prior to any disbursement of funds.

Granting of funds is considered in the order in which they are received and are considered on a case-by-case basis.



Fisheries
• Stocked 17,500 pounds of fish in 17 bodies of water throughout Mono County

Community Grants
• Awarded Performing and Visual Arts grants totaling \$18,000
• Awarded \$10,000 in Youth Sports grants
• Awarded Historical Societies grants totaling \$8,500
• Awarded Community Event Marketing Grants totaling \$25,000

Filming
• Issued 8 Mono County Film Permits

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

FTEs: 26 BUDGET: \$4,908,724

Mono County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is responsible for emergency medical calls and inter-facility ambulance transports within Mono County. A close working relationship with local Fire Departments helps to maximize available personnel and resources to provide emergency services.

Additional training beyond the scope of EMS duties allows the Paramedic/EMT members to assist on the fireground, and congruently the Fire Departments provide first responder medical support and manpower to assist the ambulances. Mono County EMS members are also trained in Low Angle Rope Rescue and Ice Rescue (cold water rescue).

Mono County EMS employs a combination of Paramedics and EMTs. They staff four Advanced Life Support ambulances around the clock. In addition, two reserve ALS ambulances are fully equipped and are placed in service when needed.

Mono County EMS provides pre-hospital emergency medical care and ambulance transportation for the citizens and visitors of Mono County. In coordination with other agencies including the eleven County Fire Protection Districts, County Sheriff’s Department,

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- Responded to 1,904 / YTD calls for service
- Emergency Services staff completed 1,000+ hours of training
- Number of inter-facility ambulance transports: 51 / YTD
- Projects and programs: AED Outreach, EMS Subscription Program, CPR Training for Fire Districts, School Districts, Behavioral Health

Mono County Search and Rescue, California Highway Patrol, US Forest Service and CAL-FIRE, the County Paramedic/Rescue members work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide assistance to those in need.



Mono County Emergency Medical Services Provides Free AED Training!

Last summer, Mono County Emergency Medical Services offered FREE Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training to the public! These trainings aimed to equip individuals with life-saving skills and knowledge, empowering them to respond effectively to emergency situations throughout the County.



**MONO COUNTY
AED LOCATIONS**



Ambulance Subscription Program for Mono County Residents

- \$65 per household per year
- No out-of-pocket expenses

Provides full coverage for 911 ambulance services.

SCAN for details ▶



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FTEs: 12 BUDGET: \$1,871,564

The Mono County Finance Department comprises two divisions: Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector.

The Auditor-Controller Division provides independent accounting, reporting, and auditing services to County departments, special districts, and schools in accordance with federal, state, and local laws in an efficient and cost-effective manner, thus maximizing their value to the people of Mono County. The Treasurer-Tax Collector Division manages an investment pool on behalf of Mono County and other County-sited jurisdictions that includes investing public funds in a way that ensures security of principal, sufficient liquidity to meet operating cash flow needs of pool participants, and a market rate of return while adhering to all applicable laws, statutes, and resolutions.



FY 2023/2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 11,890** Checks (or ACH) for payment of accounts payable invoices and other obligations
- 5,439** P-Card (credit card) transactions reviewed, audited, and posted
- 5,047** Journal entry transactions reviewed, audited, and posted
- 8,908** Pay checks issued to County employees
- 213** Purchase orders and contracts processed
- 99.07%** of collections for current secured property taxes collected for the year ended June 30, 2024
- 38,021+** Property tax bills processed
- \$200 M** Investment pool managed, the combined balance from 26 jurisdictions, consisting of cash, nine bank accounts, and about 245 different investments averaging a return of 3.43%

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

BUDGET: \$15,406,355 FTEs: 61
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER: TOM BOO, MD

The department is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, and self-sufficient environment for the people of Mono County.

FY 2023/2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 32,620** Visits and calls to HHS (Public Health and Social Services offices)
- 6,331** Residents served through public assistance programs (MediCal, CalFresh, CalWORKs)
- 1 out of 3** Mono County residents will receive aid from one or more public assistance programs during the year
- \$1,500,000** Pumped directly into the County’s economy through the CalFresh Program
- \$100,000** Redeemed annually in monthly food benefits by program participants in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. Served 120 families through 802 WIC appointments.
- 14,000** Meals for seniors provided through the County’s Senior Services Program
- 270** Medical and supportive services transports provided to seniors
- 1,000** Vaccines provided to 950 adults and children
- 900** Children served through the local Oral Health program
- 200** Reports of suspected child abuse and neglect evaluated timely
- 60** Reports of suspected elder/dependent adult abuse evaluated timely
- Over 310** Routine inspections and re-inspections conducted at restaurants, pools, spas, and tattoo facilities
- 41** Complaints investigated related to air quality, food safety, hazardous materials, pools/spas, vermin, and general sanitation
- 55** Children with special health care needs served through the California Children’s Services Program
- 100** Residents enrolled in and supported through the Access and Functional Needs system to help communities and first responders plan for the protection of the most vulnerable residents during times of disaster



There are several major divisions/programs within the Health and Human Services Department including: Adult and Senior Services; Child Welfare Services; Public Guardian/Conservator/Administrator; Public Benefits and Assistance; Employment Services; Public Health; Environmental Health; Emergency Preparedness/Response; and Finance and Administration. Department offices are in Mammoth Lakes, Bridgeport, and Walker. The Department also operates the Antelope Valley Senior Center in Walker.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FTEs: 14 BUDGET: \$4,375,909

The Information Technology Department is responsible for the management, oversight, coordination and planning of core technology, data and communications infrastructure for Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes at over 25 facilities/sites.

Mono County’s IT staff manages and maintains more than 80 servers on four networks with all complementary technology (including routers, firewalls, switches and data storage devices) in order to deliver high quality computing services.

KEY PROJECTS

California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS)

Mono IT has been leading the implementation of the California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS). The CRIS is a statewide trunked radio system designed to provide state, federal, local, and tribal public safety-first responders with the ability to seamlessly communicate intra-agency and inter-agency across the majority of the State of California. The Communications division has deployed 558 mobiles and portable radios. Critical infrastructure is also being installed at various locations throughout the County. Radio installations are slated to be completed in the first quarter of 2025.

Broadband

Mono IT has continued work to expand broadband service to unserved and underserved communities in Mono County. We continue to partner with Inyo County in the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium to work on opportunities that benefit both counties. We have received grant funding from the Local Area Technology Assistance (LATA) to develop shovel ready engineering plans for broadband service in the communities of Crowley, June Lake, and Coleville. Separate LATA grant funding was also awarded to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Community Center AV Upgrades

In September 2023, the Board of Supervisors directed IT to assess and develop a plan to upgrade the audio-visual equipment and capabilities at all Mono County Community Centers. The purpose was to provide better

capabilities to host community meetings and events and allow for remote participation.

IT PROGRAMS

Network and IT Infrastructure

The Network Infrastructure division is responsible for the installation, configuration, maintenance, security, monitoring, and management of all network and phone equipment for both Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes organizations.

Application Development

The Application Development Division is responsible for creating and maintaining digital tools and software that improve internal and public facing services. They work to develop user-friendly applications that help residents access important services like applying for permits and reporting issues.

By using technology, the division helps make interactions with the government more efficient and convenient for everyone. Their goal is to enhance both internal services and the community’s experience with local government through innovative, reliable, and secure software solutions.

Geographic Information System (GIS)

The Geographic Information System (GIS) Division uses advanced mapping technology to collect, analyze, and display location-based data. This helps the organization and community better understand and manage resources like land, roads, utilities, and public services.

By providing interactive maps and tools, the GIS Division supports decision-making for projects like urban planning and emergency response. Their goal is to help residents, businesses, and government agencies make informed choices through accurate, up-to-date geographic information.

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

Received **260,000** unique visitors to the County website and **755,000** page views

Supported over **580** desktops, laptops, and mobile devices and **50** software systems, with **65%** systems managed in the Cloud

Assigned over **473** hours of cybersecurity awareness training to County staff

Addressed **2,800** work orders

Managed **209** data circuits at **44** sites

Inventory and manage **1,663** portable and mobile radios

Maintain **11** mountaintop repeater sites and **5** lower repeater sites with a total of **69** repeaters in service

The GIS division also supports Ready Mono with maps and applications focused on emergency preparedness.

Service Desk

The IT Services Division ensures that all technology systems, from computers to networks, run smoothly and securely. They provide support to government staff by providing help desk and on-site support, provide training and tutoring, IT project management, and by trouble

shooting and fixing technical issues. Additionally, the division helps provide the technology behind services that make it easier for residents to interact with their local government.

The Services Division is also responsible for the Tech Refresh Internal Service Fund (ISF). The ISF ensures that funding exists for timely replacement of end user equipment, network hardware, and enterprise licensing of shared software and technologies.

Radio and Communications

The Radio and Communication Division is responsible for managing and maintaining essential communication systems used by public safety agencies like police, fire, and emergency services. They ensure that radios, dispatch systems, repeater infrastructure and other communication tools are reliable and function smoothly during everyday operations and in emergencies. By providing clear, dependable communication channels, this division plays a critical role in keeping the community safe and connected. Their goal is to support effective coordination across government services to better serve the public.

The division is responsible for the implementation of California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) and has worked closely with our project partners throughout Mono County.



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

FTEs: 2 BUDGET: \$212,410

The mission of the Mono County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is to ensure the County is ready and able to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of emergencies that threaten lives, property, and the environment.

The Mono County OEM coordinates the activities of all County departments relating to preparation and implementation of the County’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Mono County OEM also coordinates the response efforts of local, state, and federal agencies to ensure maximum effect with minimum overlap and confusion.

Our partners in our emergency management effort consist of numerous agencies, including: the Town of Mammoth Lakes, US Forest Service, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, United States Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, California Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, Mono County fire districts, USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center, Mammoth Unified School District, and Eastern Sierra Unified School District.



FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 0 Proclamations of Local Emergency**
- 2 Emergency Alerts**
 - Flash Flood Watch: Benton, Hammil, and Chalfant
 - Boil Water Advisory: Bridgeport
- 2 Emergency Planning Meetings**
 - Tropical Storm Hilary
 - March 2024 Winter Storm
- Emergency Planning Meetings**
 - Tropical Storm Hilary
 - March 2024 Winter Storm
- Cal OES / Mono County OEM Hosted Trainings**
 - Emergency Operations Center Management
 - ICS/EOC Interface
 - Recovery From Disasters: The Local Community Role
- FEMA Trainings**
 - Foundations of Emergency Management
 - FEMA’s Summit on Risk Communications, Crisis Communications, and Community Engagement
 - Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Alert Originators
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Trainings**
 - Whole Community Emergency Management Planning
 - Disaster Recover Awareness
- Red Cross Trainings**
 - Basic Shelter Training
- Memberships & Affiliations**
 - California Emergency Services Association
 - California Fire Chief’s Association—Emergency Management Division
 - Language & Accessibility for Alert and Warning Workgroup
 - Mono County Unified Command
 - Cal OES Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee—Region VI



GRANTS MANAGEMENT

- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG): \$127,648
- Homeland Security Grant Program: \$87,762
- Cal Fire Wildfire Coordinators Grant: \$175,000
- USFS Wood Innovations Pre-Development Biomass Facility Grant: \$299,889
- FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Grant—CRIS Radios: \$3,000,000



PROBATION

FTEs: 13.5 BUDGET: \$4,327,700

The Mono County Department of Probation safely connects system-involved individuals to the supports they need throughout all communities. Probation is an alternative to incarceration and supervision in the community.

Probation provides supervision of adults, pretrial, mandatory supervision, post release community supervision, diversion, juvenile probation, juvenile diversion, juvenile informal and juvenile traffic. Probation protects the community, supports the Superior Court, assists victims and provides opportunities for rehabilitation.

While directly serving the Court, probation creates opportunities for innovation, provides local responsiveness and is actively engaged in the community.

The Probation Department successfully assists clients manage trauma and other needs of adults and youth, connects them with services, enhances safety and community restoration, and delivers sustainable collaborative community safety.

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

Number of clients served by supervision level:

ADULT

- 18 Average pretrials per month (32 total)
- 60 Probation
 - 0 Mandatory supervision
 - 1 Postrelease community supervision
- 60 Bail reviews completed

JUVENILE

- 7 Diversion
- 8 Probation
- 2 School attendance review board
- 1 Number of youth detained
- 0 Number of youth committed to secure care



PUBLIC WORKS

BUDGET: \$26,482,944 FTEs: 95

The Department of Public Works is involved in the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure projects within the unincorporated areas of Mono County.

The Department’s mission is to provide the public with safe, accessible roads and structures that make their communities more livable.

Public Works consists the following Divisions: Administrative Services, Engineering, Facilities, Fleet, Roads, Solid Waste, and Sustainable Outdoors.

Administrative Services

Administrative services responsibilities include completing road audits, budget, invoicing, insurance management, billing, community center management, and payroll.

Engineering

Engineering oversees road system management, zones of benefit, cemeteries, airports, County engineering, floodplain management, County surveying, and grading and encroachment permits.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Long Valley pavement
- Grant in place for Saddlebag Road upcoming improvements
- Eastside Lane pavement
- Highway Safety Improvement edge line striping
- Highway Safety Improvement signage
- Bridgeport Hospital hazmat and demolition complete
- Utilities relocated to allow for jail construction
- Reviewed over 300 building permit applications
- Managed over a dozen grading permits
- Managed 24 encroachment permits
- Managed paperwork for CalOES and FEMA
- Managing new jail progress



Facilities

Facilities is responsible for repairs and maintenance of buildings totaling over 268,000 sq. ft., plus 68 acres of land maintenance and a campground. They also assist with County facilities such as landfills, cemeteries, and airports.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Courthouse paint
- Annex I and Annex II paint
- Civic center gutter and heat tape installed to reduce ice injury and property damage
- Repaired issues related to drainage at June Lake Community Center
- Storm shutters installed at Annex II to prevent property damage from falling ice and snow
- Walker DSS parking lot reconstructed to prevent ice build-up to prevent injuries
- Airport beacon replaced to improve visibility and safety
- Crowley Lake Substation Renovation



Fleet

Fleet oversees roads heavy equipment, solid waste equipment, Sheriff’s Department, emergency service vehicles, department assigned vehicles, and motor pool.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Continue to make the purchases for all department vehicles
- \$99,370 in auction payouts
- New technician added to headcount allowing for less lead-time on repairs as well as a more manageable workload for the team
- 5 day a week coverage for mechanics allowing for lead time on repairs
- Replacement of fuel pumps in Benton

Roads

Roads maintains 679 miles of roads, coordinate for special event signage and road closures. Roads also supports airports, cemeteries, facilities, etc.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Acquired CARB compliant loaders, used both summer and winter
- Managed snow removal
- Repaired dirt roads
- Culvert repair
- Spring runoff management
- Crack seal
- Striped roadways

Solid Waste

Solid waste manages seven locations, two landfills and five transfer stations. Responsibilities include managing parcel fees, tipping fees, and commodity sales. Site audits to ensure conformance to state laws and diversion requirements. Manage closure plans including the maintenance of the landfill once closed.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Moved from Benton Crossing to Pumice Valley for full operations
- Moved all disposed metal to out of County recycling
- Further developed Pumice Valley plan for longer term operations
- CalRecycle Refillable Propane grant administration



Sustainable Outdoors

Sustainable outdoors oversees trail assessment and maintenance, recreation management and restoration, visitor information and interpretive programming, infrastructure maintenance, and stewardship events.

2023-2024 accomplishments include:

- Early season assessment and access improvements for hundreds of trails and OHV routes
- Travertine trail work (grant funded)
- Repair of Lower Rock Creek trail
- Supported work at Conway Ranch
- Illegal Off-Highway-Vehicle trespass restoration and management (grant funded)
- Protection of Buckeye Road and Buckeye Winter Trail via gate installation
- Dispersed camping management (grant funded)
- Fire ring maintenance to reduce wildfire risk



- Expansion of Camp Like a Pro campaign
- Production of Dispersed Campsite Selection video which received over 70,000 views
- Placement of temporary infrastructure to accommodate increased dispersed camping demand
- Launch of new trail—Paha Lower Twin Loop—for Bridgeport Winter Trail System
- Administration of County-wide Adopt a Trail and Tangle-Free Waters programs
- Funded partnership with Community Service Area 1 to legalize and construct connector trails in South County on Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands
- Mountain Gate Park clean-up event
- Day use area restroom improvements (graffiti removal, painting, trash pick-up)
- Installation and maintenance of wilderness kiosks

SUSTAINABLE OUTDOORS
AND RECREATION

• Trail Improvements

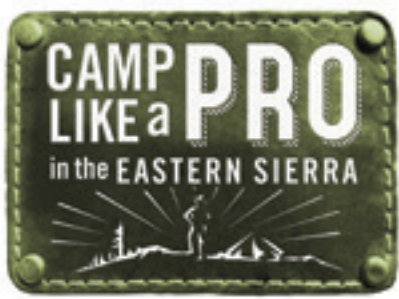
- Improved 0.5 miles of trail to Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) standards and naturalized five illegal use trails at Travertine Hot Springs in conjunction with the Bridgeport Indian Colony and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- Repaired .10 mile of severely washed-out trail from Lower Rock Creek.
- Constructed five feet of new trail alignment for the South Tufa trail to accommodate Mono Lake level rise.
- Maintained 1.5 miles of trail at Saddlebag Lake as part of the Legacy Trails Grant with the Inyo National Forest and Friends of the Inyo.
- Launched a new three-mile winter recreation trail in Bridgeport, the Paha Lower Twin Loop.



- **Installed three gates** throughout the Bridgeport area to preserve road conditions and prevent resource damage.
- **Expanded the Camp Like a Pro campaign** by partnering with Caltrans to install Camp Like a Pro (CLaP) posters to four rest stops throughout central and southern California.
- **Produced a Dispersed Campsite Selection video** for the CLaP campaign which received over 70,000 views.
- **Our Camp Like a Pro app** has been downloaded by more than 12,500 people, with an average of 70 downloads a day during summer months.
- **Maintained a network of 20 trail counters** to count recreationists at popular trailheads throughout the County.
- **Oversaw over 30 volunteers for County programming** on partner lands (Adopt a Trail, Tangle Free Waters)
 - Managed 22 Adopt a Trail facilities—this program uses citizen stewardship (volunteers) to help keep trails clean and maintained.
 - Received over \$10,500 in sponsorships for Adopt a Trail. This money goes right back into materials for trail projects.
 - Managed 31 Tangle-Free Water tubes. This program uses citizen stewardship (volunteers) to help keep fishing areas clear of fishing line and trash.
 - Received over \$6,500 in sponsorships for Tangle Free Waters. This money goes right back to money to maintain and install new fishing line collection tubes throughout the County.
 - Collected 30 pounds of fishing line last summer and sent them out for recycling. Recycled fishing line can be repurposed as sustainable artificial reef habitat and jewelry.
- **Collected over 550 data points** for grant work, documenting illegal OHV trespass, fire ring maintenance, and tasks completed.
- **Coordinated the acquisition and shipment** of over 30 bear boxes from Yosemite National Park to Bridgeport—a savings of over \$120,000.



- **Removed 7 truckloads** of landscape waste from Mountain Gate Park.
- **Bucking** (removal of trees from trails/roads to improve access):
 - Bucked 75 trees in one day to open up Lundy Lake Trail.
 - Mono Pass log out—Mono Pass trail decimated by the 2023 winter.
- **Installed** over 150 trail markers.



- **Partnered with Community Service Area 1** to coordinate expense of \$200,000 for trail construction projects in southern Mono County in partnership with Bureau of Land Management and Inyo National Forest.
- **Assisted with the distribution** of over 250 refillable propane canisters as part of the Mono County Solid Waste Refillable Propane Grant funded by CalRecycle.
- **Spent over 150 hours** on interpretive/visitor information services projects.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FTEs: 54 BUDGET: \$14,178,331

Ensuring Safety and Service Across the Eastern Sierra

The Mono County Sheriff's Office is proud to serve our community with professionalism, integrity, and dedication. Covering over 3,000 square miles of rugged terrain and picturesque landscapes, our team works tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike. FY 2023/2024 brought both challenges and successes as we adapted to evolving needs and expanded services to meet the expectations of our growing community.

Mission Statement

The Mono County Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting lives, safeguarding property, and enhancing public safety through community partnerships and exemplary service.

Vision Statement

To be a trusted and respected partner in creating a safe, vibrant, and unified Mono County.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN FY 2023/2024

Enhanced Emergency Response Capabilities

- Upgraded radio and communication systems for improved coordination across remote areas.
- Trained deputies and staff on the latest search and rescue techniques to ensure readiness for high-altitude and wilderness operations.

Community Engagement Initiatives

- Eastern Sierra Shop with a Cop with all other local agencies at Christmas.
- SRO Deputy who works with the schools on all drug prevention and continued presence in the schools to help with crime and other adolescent issues.
- Community talks through Zoom or in person throughout the year.

Crime Prevention Efforts

- Launched a new neighborhood watch toolkit to empower residents with resources for protecting their communities.
- Implemented advanced crime analysis tools to better identify and address patterns of property crime and other incidents.

Emergency Preparedness

- Collaborated with Mono County Office of Emergency Management to conduct wildfire evacuation drills in high-risk areas.
- Distributed over 500 emergency preparedness kits to residents, with a focus on underserved communities.

FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL DATA AT A GLANCE

- 3,450 Number of 911 calls received
- 85 Search and Rescue missions conducted
- 2,100 Traffic stops
- 12 Community events hosted
- 5 New deputies hired



LOOKING AHEAD

In FY 2024/2025, the Sheriff's Office will continue to focus on enhancing public safety through innovation and collaboration. Priorities include:

- Expanding mental health crisis response training for deputies.
- Strengthening partnerships with local schools and nonprofits to address youth safety and well-being.
- Investing in new technologies to improve situational awareness and officer safety.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

"As Sheriff, I am honored to lead a team of dedicated professionals committed to serving Mono County with courage and compassion. This past year has shown us the strength of our community and the importance of working together to create a safer future. Thank you for your continued support of our department."

—Sheriff Ingrid Braun



2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Mono County Supervisors Tour The Parcel

On March 19, Mono County Supervisors Lynda Salcido, Rhonda Duggan, and Jennifer Kreitz participated in a tour of The Parcel project, an affordable housing project in Mammoth Lakes.

The Parcel (formerly known as Shady Rest Tract) is a 25-acre previously undeveloped site in Mammoth Lakes at the west end of Tavern Road south of Center Street between Manzanita Road and Laurel Mountain Road. The Parcel has long been zoned to fulfill a significant portion of the existing affordable housing need in Mammoth Lakes, as well as provide other community benefits. Mono County provided \$2.3 million in support for this project.



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Mono County Announces Probation Employee of the Year and Valor Awards

Congratulations to Darcie Perkins, Behavioral Health Services Coordinator III, for being this year's Probation Employee of the Year! Darcie works in reentry, pretrial and community supervision and ensures her duties and projects are completed in a timely manner meeting the Court's deadlines. She works seamlessly with not only all probation staff but also Social Services, justice partners, the jail, outside behavioral health contractors, Behavioral Health, Child Protective Services and many community organizations. She has also received a Valor Award for her heroic actions on June 3, 2024 on US Highway 395.

We would also like to congratulate Leianna Leialoha Eissinger on receiving a Valor Award for her heroic actions on June 3, 2024 on US Highway 395.



Supervisor John Peters Provides Congressman Kevin Kiley with Walking Tour of Bridgeport

In May, Supervisor John Peters, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, had the pleasure of hosting Congressman Kevin Kiley in Bridgeport. During his visit, Congressman Kiley toured the Bridgeport Post Office, met with Bridgeport firefighters, and honored WWII and Korean War veteran Dick Burbine.

Congressman Kiley and his staff were instrumental in supporting local efforts to reopen the Bridgeport Post Office following extreme damage sustained during the 2023 winter storms. At the Bridgeport Fire Station, Congressman Kiley had the opportunity to learn about our new California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS), which will support local emergency response efforts. Lastly, Congressman Kiley joined Mono County in recognizing WWII and Korean War veteran Burbine for his decorated service to our country.



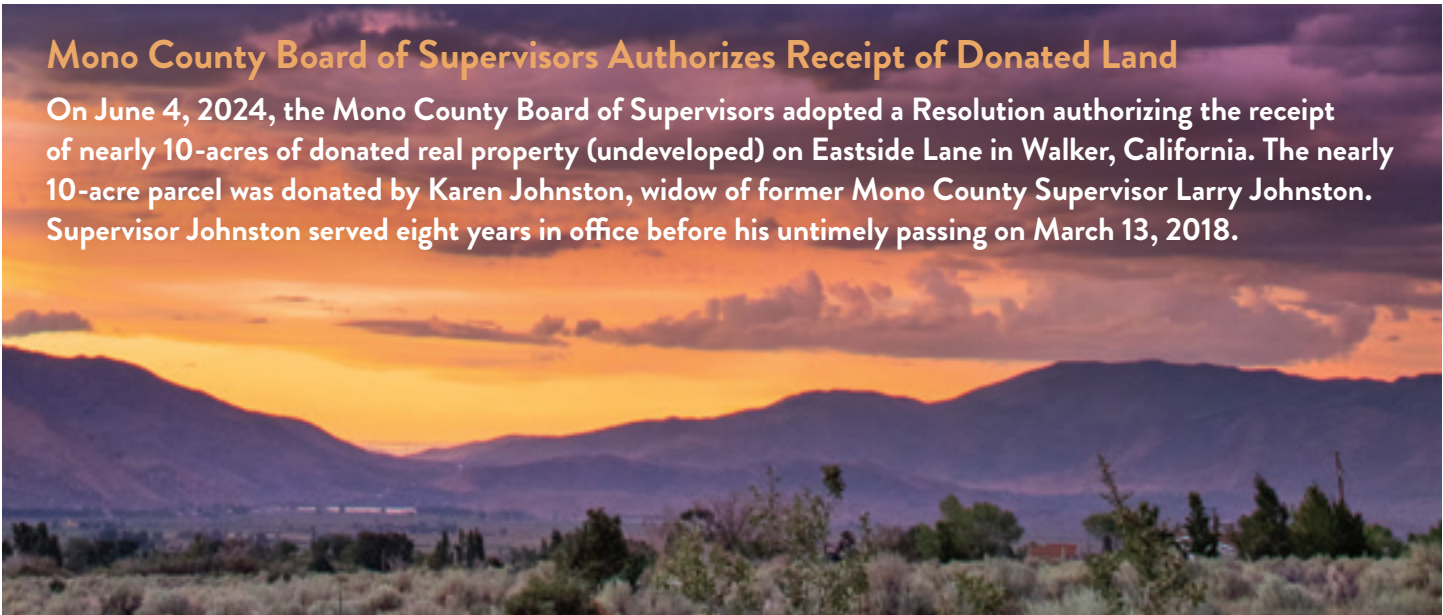
Mono County Awarded More than \$10 Million in Grant Funding for Local Broadband Infrastructure

On August 22, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced awarding \$237 million in grant funding for projects across California. Mono County was awarded \$10,232,148 in funding to support "Last Mile" projects in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Mountain and the Mammoth Lakes Basin, June Lake, and communities from Convict Lake to McGee Creek. The goal of the new last-mile grant funding is to expeditiously connect unserved and under-served communities to broadband service.



Mono County Honored with Visit California Poppy Award; Organization’s How to Poo Like a Pro in the Eastern Sierra Viral Video Recognized for Excellence in Tourism Marketing

Visit California honored tourism destinations and attractions across California for excellence in tourism marketing and destination stewardship at the organization’s biennial Poppy Awards, held March 12, 2024 in Greater Palm Springs. Mono County was selected as the winner in the Destination Stewardship and Sustainable Travel category for its *How to Poo Like a Pro in the Eastern Sierra* viral video.



Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizes Receipt of Donated Land
On June 4, 2024, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution authorizing the receipt of nearly 10-acres of donated real property (undeveloped) on Eastside Lane in Walker, California. The nearly 10-acre parcel was donated by Karen Johnston, widow of former Mono County Supervisor Larry Johnston. Supervisor Johnston served eight years in office before his untimely passing on March 13, 2018.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Recognizes Lorinda Beatty as 2023 Community Spirit Award Winner

In January, the Mono County Board of Supervisors presented Lorinda Beatty with the fourth annual Mono County Community Spirit Award. As outgoing Chair, Supervisor Rhonda Duggan (District 2) selected Ms. Beatty for her dedicated commitment to our community, and public service. “Lorinda Beatty demonstrates the true meaning of community service, and I am honored to recognize her as the 2023 recipient of the Community Spirit Award,” said Supervisor Duggan.



Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopts Proclamation Recognizing Lynda Pemberton

On September 9, the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognized lifelong Mono County resident, Lynda Pemberton. For decades, Lynda has been the President of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce and the one person most responsible for preserving the Bridgeport 4th of July Parade, the oldest and continuous parade in the continental United States! She holds a fundraiser each year to present a first-class professional fireworks display that is viewed by thousands of people. Lynda has selflessly donated her time for many years in addition to being a mother, grandmother and running a business.



COUNTY IN THE COMMUNITY

- ◀ Mono County Probation assisted CHP with Tri County Fair Latin Night, August 2023
- ▼ Mono County Supervisors and staff meet with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)



SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Special Districts in Mono County: Supporting Safety and Prosperity

Special districts in Mono County, along with local schools, play a crucial role in maintaining the safety, well-being, and quality of life for residents and visitors. These independent government entities and educational institutions provide essential services tailored to meet the unique needs of our diverse and geographically dispersed communities.



Key special districts and schools in Mono County include fire protection districts, water and sanitation districts, community services districts, healthcare districts, and schools. Each serves a specific purpose:

- **Fire Protection Districts** ensure public safety by providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, and disaster response. Their dedicated teams safeguard lives and property, often under challenging conditions.
- **Water and Sanitation Districts** manage and deliver reliable access to clean water while ensuring proper wastewater treatment and disposal. This infrastructure is critical for public health and environmental preservation.
- **Community Services Districts** offer a range of services tailored to their areas, including road maintenance, parks, and recreational facilities. These districts enhance the quality of life and support economic growth by fostering vibrant, well-maintained communities.
- **Healthcare Districts** provide essential medical services to rural and underserved areas, ensuring access to quality healthcare for residents and visitors. These districts support clinics, hospitals, and emergency medical care, playing a critical role in community health and wellness.
- **Schools** are vital to the prosperity of Mono County, providing education and fostering the development of future generations. They support not only academic success but also extracurricular and community engagement activities that strengthen the social fabric of the region.

Together, these special districts and schools work to ensure that Mono County remains a safe, prosperous, and thriving place to live, work, and visit. By addressing critical infrastructure, public safety, healthcare, education, and community needs, they form the backbone of our region’s resilience and growth.

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