

**BRIDGEPORT VALLEY**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

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**Meeting of**  
**September 14, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**ACTION MINUTES**

Members present: Brianna Brown, Jimmy Little, Justin Nalder, Jeff Hunewill

Presenters & County staff present: Heidi Wilson, John Peters, Scott Burns, Jacob Burkholder (caltrans), Jeremy Milos (caltrans), Thomas Mullinex, Ken Reynolds, Mark Heckman (caltrans), Doug Power,

Public present: Sherryl Sorensen,

1. **Call to Order** by Jimmy Little at 5:01 pm.
2. **Public comment** (for items not listed on agenda): no public comment
3. **Action Items:**
  - a. **Minutes:** Approve the minutes of meeting held August 20, 2021
    - i. Motion: Justin Nalder Second: Jimmy Little
      1. Roll call vote: Brianna - Aye, Justin - Aye, Jeff - Aye, Jimmy - Aye
4. **Discussion Items:**
  - a. Bridgeport Public Utilities District Update - Ken Reynolds & Tom Mullinex - update given about the arsenic treatment plant and water usage - rate increase postponed until June of 2022 (public meeting will happen when they have the numbers set and prior to increase being in effect), the arsenic plant is up and functioning with reduced arsenic water, level is below state levels, 0.04 arsenic level running out of plant right now, back wash has to happen more often with more water that is being used, back wash is happening at ever million gallons of water we use, last month 13,187,381 gallons of water, July 14,659,883 gallons of water, June over 14 mil gallons of water as well, our sewer numbers in Aug 1,700,000. January around 2 million pumped with around 1 million going to sewer. That means over 10 million gallons of unaccounted for water, backwash can only happen when the pumps are

off and take about 30 min and happens 10-15 times a month. Everything seems to be working well with the arsenic plant. - In 2019 static water was 15 feet, average has been around 14, was measured in June and it was around 22 feet - so in 2 years went down around 7 feet - surface water doesn't go into the aquifer as much as people thing.

- b. Review of Main Street Rehabilitation Project - Caltrans - Jeremy Milos - kickoff meeting with engineering and environment study planning happened in July - public comment and public meeting will happen when a draft project - Spring of 2026 is planned start for project - opportunity to comment will probably happen in winter 2022/23 - sonora junction shoulders planning to happen in spring of 2024 with deer fencing and undercrossing - project in 2026 will predominantly address the bridge and pavement issues -
- c. Regional Transportation Improvement Program - Scott Burns - money comes every 2 years coming to the transportation improvement program - this round about \$5 million coming this round - LTC will be coming up with plan on how to use this money - some of top projects will be north conway truck climbing lane, wildlife crossing project in long valley area (south of mammoth airport), possible funding going to MOU routes - some planning money comes with this - RTP also includes bike and pedestrian routes -
- d. Combined Use Roads Update - Jimmy Little - Letter from Director of Public Works stating that all dirt roads in Mono County are deemed county maintained and not legal to OHVs - Forest Service Rec is supportive of looking at plans

## 5. **Informational Items:**

- a. **Supervisor's report:** John Peters - Inyo forest is opening forest tomorrow - HT will continue until the 17th with forest closure - CA legislature finished last friday and broadband money was approved - 2 bills in regards to meetings that passed AB361 which allows for zoom meetings to happen until Jan 2024 as long as we are under declaration of emergency and AB339 which allows remote participation by telephone or zoom for brown act legislative meeting - Mono county covid still at 30 per 100,000 case rate which is high risk level keeping us in mask mandate - vaccination rate around 70% in Mono County - Presidential order over vaccination mandate requiring vaccination or testing weekly - at BOS meeting had public hearing in regards to redistricting based on census blocks - recall election happening today - ;

- b. **MWTC update:** Doug Power -batallon from 4th marine regime here end of Sept - Oct - formal schools in session - November-January a lule - covid has crept back up at the base with 17 new cases - next community visit in February - Marine Corp birthday happening in November with ball happening on 20th of November at GSR:
- c. **USFS update:** Kim Murcia - look for info coming soon on forest closure - buckeye toilet install happening Sept 15th - would like a Map for the OHV plan - BLM will need 1 year monitoring of road passing through bodie for OHV use;
- d. **Planning update:** Scott Burns - couple of private initiated project in north county - existing cannabis company applying for sales permit, also along state line in No County for cannabis operation.
- e. **RPAC member reports:** Brianna Brown - Chamber meeting happening thursday - the 6th-8th grade class is conducting survey to get ideas and community input for tennis court remodel; Jimmy Little - been meeting with Bob Lawton about public survey done by RPAC and will be presented to BOS next week - businesses have closed for season in September due to lack of business and staff; Justin Nalder - still working on Mountain View fire remediation work - last week had refill your fund with a propane exchange program held in Mammoth Lakes, using grant to gets these refillable 1 gal propane tanks out to the communities, in about 2 weeks local businesses should be getting them to hand out to locals - conway ranch grazing permit extended - solid waste RFP review on where to move plant with all plans and likely increase in the disposal fee; Jeff Hunewill - conway ranch grazing with cattle since July with making sections and using electric fence to monitor, move and keep sensitive areas safe, lots of old fencing around area they are going to be working on cleaning up - cattle out of buckeye for now with bodie hills gathering happening next month - guest ranch doing pretty well with being open on weekends and special rides - .

## 6. Future agenda items

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## 7. Adjourn at 6:39 p.m. By: Jimmy Little

a. motion: Justin Nalder second: Jeff Hunewill