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Mono County Board Waives Permit Fees *Board action supports private sector jobs and energy efficient projects*

Mono County, Calif. – On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, the Mono County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution to waive permit fees for energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. Included in the qualifying projects to receive fees waivers are residential and commercial solar and ground source space and water conditioning systems with a maximum project valuation of \$75,000 each.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Larry Johnston commented, “This action was taken to support residential and commercial property owners who want to invest in cost savings energy efficiency and alternative generation efforts. These projects generate private sector jobs putting people to work in retrofit and construction. The County is moving forward with a series of actions to bolster investment options for all communities in low cost energy efficiency projects which also produce jobs. We want green to mean cost savings for consumers, jobs for the private sector and smart environmental stewardship.”

The fee waiver program is one of several actions the Board is taking to create private sector jobs around energy efficiency efforts. On March 18th, the Board is scheduled to hear a presentation on a Property Assessed Clean Energy program which, if adopted, could provide access to funding for investments to energy efficiency and alternative energy generation projects for residential and commercial property owners.

For more information regarding the fees waiver program, please contact Building Official Tom Perry at (760) 932-5433 or tperry@mono.ca.gov.

Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport. Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.