



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Mono County Budget Town Hall Workshops Start July 8th

Six meetings will be held throughout the County to strengthen public participation

Mono County, Calif. - June 26th, 2013 - The Mono County Budget Town Hall meetings for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 are scheduled to begin July 8th and will conclude July 18th. These meetings are a new feature to the County budget development and are in addition to the required public hearing process. They are for the public to learn about budget issues and provide input in shaping County priorities.

Mono County Board of Supervisor Chairman Byng Hunt commented, "The Board is committed to greater transparency in the budget process. The County is approaching budget development with a focus on strategic issues and wants to provide ample public feedback opportunities. The County is hosting these meetings out in the community to create those opportunities."

The meetings will follow the same format in each community and are being held at night to enable greater participation. The format will include:

1. Welcome and opening comments from district County Supervisor(s);
2. Overview of County budget including process and timeline;
3. Discussion of economic factors that will affect the 2013-2014 overall budget;
4. Open discussion forum to provide feedback, ask questions and make budget suggestions for Board consideration;
5. Wrap up and discussion of next steps.

Prior to the town hall meetings, county budget information will be posted at: www.monocounty.ca.gov

Mono County Budget Process Timeline

July 8th - 18th - All of the Budget Town Hall meetings will occur from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

- Monday, July 8th
Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Rd.
Crowley Lake

- Tuesday, July 9th
Bridgeport Memorial Hall*
73 N. School St.
Bridgeport
- Thursday, July 11th
Antelope Valley Community Center
442 Mule Deer Rd.
Walker
- Monday, July 15th
Chalfant Community Center
123 Valley Rd.
Chalfant Valley
- Tuesday, July 16th
Mono County Board of Supervisors Chambers*
3rd Floor of the Sierra Center Mall
452 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite 307
Mammoth Lakes
- Thursday, July 18th
June Lake Community Center
90 W. Granite Ave.
June Lake

August 13th - 14th - Board Budget Workshops held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Bridgeport - Public meetings to review the budget, provide Board Members the opportunity to communicate priorities, review department requests compared to projected available funds, and make recommendations for changes, reductions and/or additions.

Sept. 3rd - Public budget hearings before the Mono County Board of Supervisors commence.

Sept. 17th or 24th - Mono County Board of Supervisors Meetings - Adoption of the 2013-2014 County Budget

*** = The July 9th and 16th will be part of regular Board meetings.**

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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 3,090 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.