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Mono County Provides Prescriptive Building Designs To Reduce Costs and Time for Projects

Building Department has five designs now available for the public

Mono County, Calif. – Mono County is pleased to announce the completion of five different types of pre-engineered, prescriptive designs now available in the County Building Department and online. Pre-engineered designs have been engineered by a local design professional for minor residential type projects in order to speed these projects through the permitting process.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Byng Hunt commented, “The Board continues to seek ways to help stimulate and invest in our local economy and this is just another great example of our commitment to both the taxpayers and local businesses of Mono County.”

These types of projects have become more common in recent years, and are usually engaged in by local homeowners and builders. The purpose of these designs is to aid both homeowners and contractors with the time and costs associated with code required engineering for smaller projects.

The 5 designs have variations that include different applications in addition to three distinct snow load regions. The following designs are now available as handouts at both the Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes Building Department Offices, as well as on our website (<http://monocounty.ca.gov/building>):

- Exterior decks
- Outbuildings (detached storage structures and garages)
- Ground mounted solar photovoltaic systems
- Porch roofs (protective covers at entrances, patios, and walkways)
- Pedestrian and vehicular bridges

In addition, a roof mounted solar photovoltaic design is currently being finalized, and should be available soon. We anticipate that the completed designs will be available for several years to come, and will provide a substantial cost savings for our local building permit applicants.

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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 3,030 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.