



## Board of Supervisors

**Board of Supervisors starts special meetings through community – Walker Community Center Addition highlighted** - The Board of Supervisors held the first of three scheduled satellite special night time Board meetings. This effort was spearheaded by Chairman Johnston and is intended to increase outreach to communities which may not always have the time to attend the Board meetings held in Bridgeport or Mammoth.



On Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> the first of these night meetings was held in Walker at the new Community center. The Meeting had a special resolution, sponsored and authored by Vice Chair Tim Fesko, thanking both the many community volunteers (pictured below) as well as the numerous Public Works

Staff who made the expansion happen. The Walker Community center is now the newest part of our facility fleet and this investment in Antelope Valley was 78 years in the making.

Hats off to everyone who put in their time and talents.

The next special meeting will be the evening of October 21<sup>st</sup> in Chalfant starting at 6:00pm.

COBNTACT: Jim Leddy (707) 529-4510

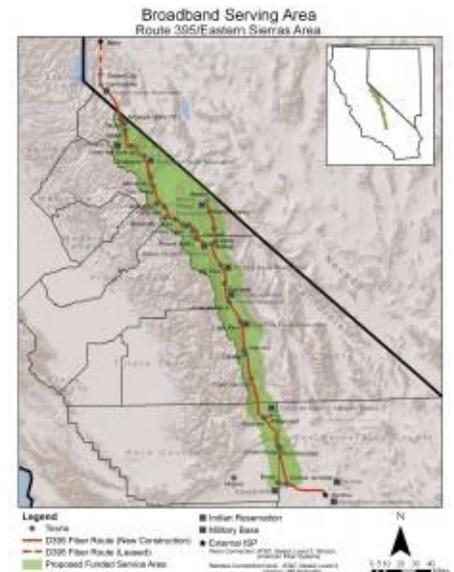


## Community Development

**Land Development Technical Advisory Committee** – At its Monday meeting, the LDTAC (Community Development, Public Works, and Environmental Health) approved two lot line adjustments, one at McGee Creek and the other in Antelope Valley. Participating staff included Gerry Le Francois, Garrett Higerd, Walt Lehmann, and Louis Molina, with lot owners present to answer questions.

**Mono Basin RPAC** – At Wednesday’s meeting, Nate Greenberg provided an update on Digital 395, including the announcement that all community centers now provide free WiFi to area residents. Tony Dublino gave a thorough status review of Conway Ranch conservation easement efforts; Bob Musil presented an interesting and educational overview of the 2014-15 assessment roll; Deb Schweizer informed the RPAC of the Inyo Forest Plan progress; and Cedrik Zemitis detailed traffic management for the Caltrans Rock Fall Project on US 395, with recommendations provided by the RPAC.

**Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission met Thursday in Mammoth and recommended approval of a revised Rock Creek Ranch proposal, reduced from 60 original lots to 10 lots. The Commission also conducted a workshop with Brent Calloway on General Plan definitions, and approved revisions recommended by Stacey Simon on Commission voting protocols.



CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

## Community Service Area #1

**Crowley Lake Community Garden is now certified as an Eastside Pollinator Garden by the Eastern Sierra Land Trust!** – The CSA1 was approached by Ali to apply for the certification and will receive a check for \$150.00 to purchase plants or materials to help encourage birds and insects to help pollinate the gardens at the CL Community Garden and other gardens in the Crowley community.

The Community Garden met those qualifications for the silver certification. It’s a great program sponsored by the Metabolic Studio in Lone Pine and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust in Bishop. The Eastern Sierra landtrust were given contact information for the Bridgeport garden.

CONTACT: Kim McCarthy, CSA 1 President, sagehill@schat.net

## County Administrator’s Office

**What???** 33 County employees had their hearing tested as part of our annual free hearing testing program. If you didn’t hear about it...be sure to come over and get checked NEXT year!

CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405



**Mono County welcomes Trindel** - The Trindel Board of Directors Meeting was held in June Lake at the Double Eagle on Thursday and Friday. It was a great opportunity for the Trindel counties (nine other member counties which compose the Joint Powers Agreement Agency) to spend time in beautiful Mono County, understand our issues and conduct their quarterly meeting. Trindel covered the costs for the Board meeting. Sarah Messerlian and Jim Leddy attended.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**First ever Mountain Region Meeting of CAO meeting held in Mammoth Lakes** – On Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, CAO's from Inyo and Madera counties along with the executive Director of the CAOAC (County Administrative Officer of California) gathered to share information among each other and to create a support group around common problem solving and shared concerns.

This was the first ever of the Mountain region. The meeting was sponsored by the California Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC). Next year Inyo will be the site.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**OOPS!! This should have been in last week's BU**

**Mono County Staff helps Founder's Day logistics - Founder's Day Event took place in Bridgeport over Labor Day weekend** and had a great turn out. A team of County staff came together and provided superior support to the Founder's Day Event.



Shout outs to **Jami Peterson**, who volunteered her personal time and support and **Stacie Klemm** for helping pull logistics together. A big thank you to **Brett McCurry**, who provided above and beyond support in obtaining proper permitting so the Founder's Day stampede could go on!

Also, thank you to the Facilities staff: **Joe Blanchard**, **Don Nunn**, and **Jesse Hale** for their hard work in setting up and ensuring this event ran as smoothly as possible. It's wonderful to see folks going above and beyond to show support for our communities.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**September 11<sup>th</sup> South County Employee Roundtable** – On September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Board of Supervisors Chambers in Sierra Center Mall we had another great turn out for the Employee Roundtable. Coffee and donuts always a staple!

We had discussion on Budget and transportation and agreed to hold the October meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8:00am – so mark your calendars for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for the South County Employee Round Table. The North County Roundtable will remain on the first Thursday (October 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 8:00am at memorial Hall.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

***The Strategic Plan moving forward!*** – Thank you to the 10 who attended the Ambassador Prep session. Some of our ambassadors had last minute obligations so we will complete final training on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Lee Vining. We reviewed the material which will be sent out to employees prior to the Ambassadors coming to a department staff meeting near you. These sessions will be both for those who attended May 1<sup>st</sup> and those that missed that event.

These ambassador visits will be your opportunity to add in thoughts to the draft plan. Stay Tuned!

Thank you again for your participation.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**Budget available online** – The FY 2014-2015 is now available online at:

[http://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/auditor\\_-\\_controller/page/3210/fy\\_2014-15\\_proposed\\_final\\_budget.pdf](http://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/auditor_-_controller/page/3210/fy_2014-15_proposed_final_budget.pdf)

This document will be the focus of the September 16<sup>th</sup> Budget hearing at the Board of Supervisors meeting in Mammoth and currently reflects every effort to balance our resources with our service needs. The discussion on the 16<sup>th</sup> will focus on any changes which can be made if additional resources become available.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy (707) 529-4510 or Leslie Chapman, (707) 932-5494

## **Economic Development**

**Media/PR:** Some excellent media coverage for Mono County appeared recently in the following outlets:

- **NBC-Bay Area:** Benton's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/blogs/worth-the-trip/150-Years-Historic-Hot-Springs-Reach-a-Milestone-274808661.html>
- **NBC-LA:** Fall Colors - <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/blogs/worth-the-drive/Trees-Are-A-Turning-Mono-County-Fall-273657021.html>
- **US Frontline** (Japanese): Camping/RV Info - <http://www.usfl.com/ee/data/2014/0905/index.html>
- **Epoch Times** (China/International): Bodie - <http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/909398-america-greatest-ghost-town-video/>
- **CaliforniaFallColor.com:** Fall Color reports from the Eastern Sierra are just beginning - <http://www.californiafallcolor.com/> **FALL COLOR PHOTOS FROM EVERY PART OF MONO COUNTY ARE NEEDED NOW THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER.** Please help us communicate the best possible info to prospective visitors, and email current pics to [avennos@mono.ca.gov](mailto:avennos@mono.ca.gov).
- Travel writer, **Lee Foster/Foster Travel Publications** is returning to the Eastern Sierra the first week of October specifically to cover fall colors. Mr. Foster recently attended the Society of

American Travel Writers conference held in Mammoth Lakes, and was very interested in coming back to the region to write an article about fall colors!

#### Film Commission:

- A major **vehicle commercial** is filming at Alpers/Arcularius Ranch, Owens River Road, and on US 395 in southern Mono County on Sept. 19 and 30. Thanks to Cleland Hoff/Film Mammoth, Stacie Klemm, Inyo National Forest staff Jon Kazmierski and Lawson Reif, and Location Manager Norm Diaz, for all their excellent and professional assistance.
- A small **independent film** is shooting scenes at Bodie on Sept. 23. Thank-you to rangers Josh Heitzmann and Terra Woodall and Bodie staff.

#### Tourism:

- **Print Advertising:** Fall fishing ads ran this month in Western Outdoor News, Sierra Fisherman, and California Sportsman magazine.

#### *Western Outdoor News, Fall Fishing Guide, August 29*

- **Television advertising:** Fall color 10-second spot begins airing next week on Fox 11 News in Reno.
- **Social Media/FB:** Facebook fans are just about to hit 27,000! Our posts this week reached 112,000 people.
- **Fall Color Promo Video:** ED staff Liz Erdelyi was interviewed about Mono County's fall color hotspots for a Mammoth Lakes Tourism-sponsored promo video. Thank you, Liz and MLT!
- **UK travel professionals** and tour operators will be visiting Mono County on Sept. 28-29 as part of a familiarization trip organized by Visit California.
- The next **Yosemite Gateway Partners** meeting is on **Thursday, October 9** at Yosemite Lodge, 9am-2pm. Among other agenda items, each gateway community will present on the historical/cultural attractions that are available in their respective regions. For more information on the agenda and attending, please email: [bobasquith@yahoo.com](mailto:bobasquith@yahoo.com).
- Next **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission** is scheduled for **Tues. Sept. 23** at the Antelope Valley Community Center in **Walker**, 10am. All are welcome.

CALIFORNIA'S EASTERN SIERRA

FALL COLOR. LOTS OF WATER. TONS OF TROUT.



### ANGLERS LOVE AUTUMN IN MONO COUNTY!

**Reel in the fall colors in California's Eastern Sierra!** Our fully stocked lakes and rivers are loaded with colorful trophy trout. Enormous brown trout spawn in late September/early October--check out the beauty that was caught and released at Silver Lake. From the West Walker River to Rock Creek, from Twin Lakes in Bridgeport to the June Lake Loop and Mammoth Lakes, from Virginia and Lundy lakes to Convict and Crowley, the trout are waiting. Come catch yours!

**Sleep well. Fish better!** For comfy lodging near your favorite fishing hole, go to [www.MonoCounty.org](http://www.MonoCounty.org).

**Get here faster!** Short on time? Alaska Airlines offers direct flights from Los Angeles (LAX) to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH). Details: [www.MonoCounty.org/airport](http://www.MonoCounty.org/airport)

#### MONO COUNTY FALL FISHING EVENTS\*

AUG 30-31	<b>Big Trout Tournament</b> – June Lake Loop
AUG 30 – SEPT 7	<b>Mono Village Labor Day Fishing Derby</b> – Upper Twin Lakes, Bridgeport
SEPT 1 – NOV 15	<b>Gull Lake Fish of the Month Derby</b> – Gull Lake, June Lake Loop
SEPT 1 – NOV 15	<b>Ambush at the Lake Fall Fishing Derby</b> – Convict Lake
SEPT 7	<b>FREE Fishing Day in Mono County</b> – No fishing license required
SEPT 19-21	<b>Fly Fishing Faire</b> – Mammoth Lakes
OCT 31 – NOV 2	<b>Sheriff Morrison's Bonus Derby Weekend</b> – Convict Lake
NOV 15	<b>Last Day of Fishing Season</b> (except in year-round waters)



FISHING REPORTS - MAPS - REGULATIONS - EVENTS - LODGING - DIRECT FLIGHTS.  
[www.MonoCounty.org/Fishing](http://www.MonoCounty.org/Fishing) 800-845-7922

\*Fishes sell  
 VisitGardenShire

**Economic Development:** Please share the following with stakeholders and local businesses -

- **CDBG Business Assistance Loans** - Staff continue to work with Jeff Lucas, an Economic Development consultant from Lake County, on training for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding program eligible to small businesses. The Economic Development Business Loan Program provides loans to eligible small businesses currently located in Mono County or to entrepreneurs looking to relocate or develop businesses within county limits for the purpose of creating jobs for low-income individuals. **On Sept. 24-26, we have set time aside to meet 1:1 with small businesses in Mono County who are interested in learning more about accessing low-interest, long-term funding programs. Please contact staff to set up a time: Jeff - [jsimpson@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jsimpson@mono.ca.gov) or Alicia – [avennos@mono.ca.gov](mailto:avennos@mono.ca.gov).**
- **CSUB SBDC Growth Venture Course** – California State University, Bakersfield is offering a Fasttrac Growth Venture course to grow your business! This 10 week course is perfect for entrepreneurs who have experience running their businesses. Small businesses may register for the course click here: <http://www.csub.edu/sbdc/services/classes/index.html>
- **FREE Webinar on Traditional & Social Media Marketing** – Understanding both Traditional Marketing and Social Media Marketing is very beneficial to your growing business. Join Maureen Buscher-Dang, traditional marketing guru and Carlin Jones, Social Media Expert, while they discuss how to use both of these marketing tactics to maximize business growth and customer development. September 17, 2014 at 12:05 – 1pm. Got to [www.gotowebinar.com](http://www.gotowebinar.com) and enter webinar code: 151-559-827 or click here for more information: <http://www.csub.edu/sbdc/services/webinar/index.html>

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos, (760) 924-1743

## **Information Technology**

**'MonoPublic' Wireless Network** - In line with the County's broadband goals and policies, this week IT began hanging placards in County public spaces indicating that there is free public WiFi. The 'MonoPublic' network is secured with a password 'monolake' (without the quotes), which can be shared openly with those interested in logging on. The network is segregated from the regular County network and throttled down to 2mbps. It will take us a couple of weeks to visit all sites and change out passwords – in the interim the existing D5D5D5D5D5 password will still work.

**Mammoth Hospital Social Services Office network extension** - In a collaborative effort with Mammoth Hospital, Mono County IT will be extending the County's network to the Social Services office in the hospital. By leveraging Digital 395 we are able to provide a more reliable connection between these sites, increase the speed of their network, and replace their existing standard telephone with a new VoIP phone which in the end will save the County over \$100/month.

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg, (760) 924-1819

**Public Works staff ensures Sheriffs computer don't overheat** – Check out Jesse Hale putting in needed new AC equipment at the Sheriff's Server room. This improvement will keep computers cool and data flowing for the SO.

CONTACT: Jami Peterson, (760) 932-5500

### Probation

**Mono County Awarded conditionally the** Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) grant – The California State Board of Community Corrections has awarded to Mono County one of four conditional grants across the State. The condition rests on BSCC staff to work with Probation on budgetary items that may not be allowed per the ESC recommendation(s). The conditional award was made on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The RED grant's goal to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities across the juvenile justice continuum.

CONTACT: Karin Humiston, (760) 932-5570

### Public Health



**Mammoth Lakes Community Emergency response Team (CERT) Informational Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>** – The CERT Training Academy 7 will start in October and prior to that there is an information meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Mammoth Lakes. If you are interested in serving the community, please attend and contact Sgt. Marc Moscovitz, MLPD (760) 914-1880 and rsvp or do so via e-mail at [mammothlakescert\\_pio@yahoo.com](mailto:mammothlakescert_pio@yahoo.com)

These trainings are sponsored by Mammoth Lakes CERT, Mammoth Lakes Police department, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and Mono County Public Health Department. The full flier is attached to the Board Update.

CONTACT: Rob "Dudley Do-Right" Deforest, (760) 924-1832

### Public Works

**Public Works Director Acknowledges folks for their efforts** – Even though this is in Public Works section, I (CAO Leddy) wanted to give a shout out to Public Works Director Jeff Walters for his acknowledgment of his team's work (see email below). Jeff is back and any chance say thank you is appreciated.

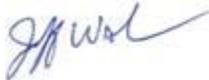
CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



"I wanted to personally acknowledge and thank Public Works staff who have recently shown their dedication and high level of service to our county:

1. To all the **Facilities staff** who took part in completing the Antelope Valley Community Center addition. This was a project that had started many years ago and has finally come to fruition. The Antelope Valley Community shared their appreciation for all of Facilities' hard work with the Board of Supervisors during the Board meeting held there this week.
2. **Vianey White** for her hard work on the Topaz Bridge project. This bridge project, in need of repair to ensure its safety and continued use, is funded mainly with federal funds. The construction phase begins on September 22 and should be completed prior to November.
3. All the **Road staff** for dealing with some significant rain and flooding events during August.
4. **Road Area #3 staff** for completing the Mono City Emergency Access Road. This road allows residents to safely flee Mono City during a fire or other emergency.
5. All the **Landfill staff** for promptly responding to a landfill fire before it got out of hand.
6. **Garrett Higerd, Phil Touchstone, Walt Lehman and Paul Roten** for their work on the Rock Creek Road rehabilitation project. Once completed next summer this road will better accommodate vehicles and bicyclists.
7. **Terry Underwood, Judy Curti and Mary Clark** for all their assistance to me and other PW staff.
8. And lastly to **all Public Works staff** for keeping things afloat during my lengthy absence.

Regards,



Jeff Walters

Public Works Director/Director of Road Operations and Fleet Services  
Mono County  
(760) 932-5459"

## Social Services



**Child Safety Event on September 20<sup>th</sup>** - Is your child's car seat installed correctly? Come to our free Car Seat Check-Up and find out! Your answer when you leave will be "YES" and that could save your child's life in an auto crash.

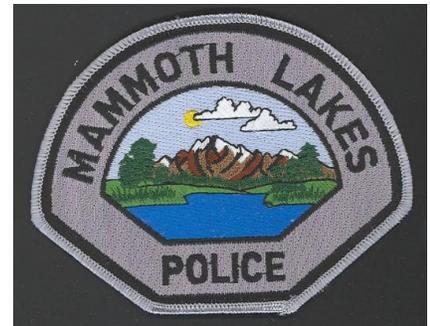
### ***Why YOU should attend:***

- ✓ Your child's car seat will be inspected by a trained technician.
- ✓ You may receive a free car seat replacement while supplies last.
- ✓ You will receive information about new child car seat laws.

WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2014  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WHERE: Mammoth Lakes Police Department  
568 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763



## **Sheriff's Office**

1. Lt. West was involved in the 150yr Benton celebration over the past weekend and spoke on Deputy Edward's murder which occurred long ago. Lt. West was acknowledged and thanked by Mr. Bill Bramlette for his professionalism and sensitivity on the matter.
2. Staff participated, along with Stacie Adler and her staff, in a webinar on a Copsync presentation which is a new way of possibly enhancing school safety. We will more than likely have a meeting with other involved agencies to discuss the cost and feasibility of this.
3. The jail staff dealt with a CLETS audit, which deals with access to sensitive information via dispatch.
4. We had several two coroner cases this week which were accidents (1 motorcycle crash and 1 drowning), investigations are on-going.
5. 'Clampers' are in county this weekend to dedicate this year's memorial.

CONTACT: Sheriff Ralph Obenberger, (760) 932-7549