



## **Community Development**

**Land Development Technical Advisory Committee** – Acting in a technical capacity to the Planning Commission, the LDTAC reviews and makes recommendations on all subdivisions, land divisions, use permits, general plan amendments, land use re-designations and pre-applications. Potential applicants have opportunity to get valuable feedback from County departments before starting a particular development project. At the Monday LDTAC meeting, two tenants explored options for dividing a property at Crowley to acquire ownership of the houses where they reside. The LDTAC also discussed amending the Specific Plan at White Mountain Estates to allow for relocation of a water tank and other minor changes. Participating LDTAC staff from Community Development, Public Works, and Environmental Health included Gerry Le Francois, Courtney Weiche, Garrett Higerd, Walt Lehmann, and Jon Drozd.

**Long Valley RPAC** – At Wednesday’s meeting, Deb Schweizer informed the RPAC of the Inyo Forest Plan progress; Bob Musil gave an informative presentation of the 2014-15 assessment roll; and Supervisor Stump updated the group on County matters.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

## **County Administrator’s Office**

**SCE has planned power outages** – We received notice from So. Cal Edison that there will be planned outages for upgrade work in the following communities. Should there be a storm our emergency these outages would be cancelled.

### ***June Lake maintenance outage - maintenance on transformers***

- **September 29th 4:00 am to 6:00 am**
- **October 9 4:00 am to 6:00 am**

### **Lee Vining north to Pickle Meadows (Including Bridgeport) - upgrade on disconnect**

**October 7th at 22:00 to October 8th 6:00 am**

Deborah Hess will be out of town during this period so for any questions or concerns, please contact Dianne Knippel whose email address is [Dianne.knippel@sce.com](mailto:Dianne.knippel@sce.com), office (661)726-5608

CONTACT: Deborah Hess, SCE Region Manager Public Affairs  
Eastern Sierra, Cities of Ridgecrest and California City (760) 924-4811

**Town of Mammoth Lakes staff invites County staff to participate in wellness Yoga** – Town of Mammoth Lakes Human Resources Director Sarah “Damn I have a cool last name” Vigilante wanted to make sure that County employees are aware of the Town’s yoga program. According to Sarah, TOML offers a free 45 minute yoga classes at lunch in Suite Z twice a month as part of their wellness program. We have some water district employees attend as well and would love to see some County employees. Friends and family are welcome to attend too.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

***The Strategic Plan moving forward!*** – Thank you to the 12 who attended the Ambassador Prep session at Sierra Center. Dylan Curtis and Erin Van Kampen did a great job prepping.

The feedback received will be incorporated and sent out into the ambassadors for their outreach to Departments. These ambassador visits will be your opportunity to add in thoughts to the draft plan. Stay Tuned!

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## **Economic Development**

### **Tourism:**

- A great article was written in Trekaroo about Mono County and planning a comprehensive “family friendly” trip to the Eastern Sierra  
<http://blog.trekaroo.com/family-friendly-tour-eastern-sierras/>
- Fall Colors are in full swing and areas throughout Mono County are making the news as “must-see” places to visit. Here is a blog piece written about our wonderful fall colors:



<http://weekendtravelersblog.blogspot.com/p/eastern-sierra-fall-color-guide.html>.

This weekend’s must see spots are Green Creek, Virginia Lakes, Dunderberg Meadow, Conway Summit, Rock Creek Canyon, Lobdell Lake near Coleville and Walker and Tioga Pass. Fall is here and we are always looking for the latest and greatest fall color updates, so please

make sure to send us your wonderful photos from your weekend adventures! Contact: Liz Erdelyi [eerdelyi@mono.ca.gov](mailto:eerdelyi@mono.ca.gov) or 760-924-1738.

- AB 1839 signed by Governor Brown- Assembly Bill 1839, which gives tax incentives for TV and Film in the state of California, was signed by Governor Brown earlier this month. This helps California compete for future TV and Film productions looking for locations to film. Here are two articles written about the new tax incentives; <http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20140918/gov-jerry-brown-signs-bill-granting-330-million-in-subsidies-to-film-industry> and

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[http://californianewswire.com/2014/09/18/CNW21051\\_144126.php/gov-brown-signs-historic-deal-for-california-film-tax-credit-extension-for-five-years/](http://californianewswire.com/2014/09/18/CNW21051_144126.php/gov-brown-signs-historic-deal-for-california-film-tax-credit-extension-for-five-years/)

- IAVC Oct. 9th – Staff will be attending the next IAVC meeting which will be held at the visitor center in Lone Pine on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00am.
- **YGP Meeting Oct. 9th** – All are welcome to attend the upcoming Yosemite Gateway Partners meeting, also to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Yosemite National Park.
- **Tourism Commission Meeting** – The September Tourism & Film Commission meeting was held this past Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Antelope Valley Community Center in Walker, CA.

### Economic Development:

- **Business Loans Available-** The Economic Development Business Loan Program provides low interest government 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 or retaining 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 loan options. Please let us know if you are interested in these programs. Email us to set up an appointment on September 24, 25 or 26: Jeff Simpson - [jsimpson@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jsimpson@mono.ca.gov) or Alicia Vennos – [avennos@mono.ca.gov](mailto:avennos@mono.ca.gov).
- **California Competes Tax Credit-** The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that what to locate in California or stay and grow in the state. Tax credit agreements will be negotiated by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development and approved by the California Competes Tax Credit Committee. Each fiscal year, 25% of the available credits are reserved for small businesses. Applications are accepted online and there is no fee to apply.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Instructions: [www.business.ca.gov/calcompetes.aspx](http://www.business.ca.gov/calcompetes.aspx)

Apply here: [www.calcompetes.ca.gov](http://www.calcompetes.ca.gov)

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Phone: 916-322-0694

- **Yosemite Sustainability Conference-** Yosemite Gateway Partners and the National Park Service are hosting the first Yosemite Sustainability Conference in Yosemite National Park from December 8 through December 10, 2014. The conference is a three day learning and networking forum dedicated to helping local and state businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations transition to economic, environmental, and social sustainability through best practices. Click here for details on the conference: <http://www.yosemitegatewaypartners.org/yosemite-sustainability-conference/>

**Mammoth Lakes Job Fair**- Make sure to check out the Mammoth Lakes Job Fair on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Westin. Representatives from Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, June Mountain Ski Area, Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Town of Mammoth Lakes and many more businesses will be in attendance. Economic Development staff are working closely with Social Services staff to produce a Workforce Services brochure to be able to hand out at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Job Fair. For more information, please see the Job Fair PDF attached.

CONTACT: Liz Erdelyi, (760) 924-1738

## **Public Health**

**Flu Season is here!!** -- The Health Department has spent the past 2 months gearing up for our annual flu vaccination season, which occurs with close collaboration with the California Department of Public Health. We are once again offering clinics to every community and to all schools in Mono County. This year, for the first time we are offering a drive through flu clinic in Lee Vining as an emergency preparedness practice! This week, the nurses and support staff received training on all the details and logistics regarding the flu vaccination season.

Mono County is once again offering FREE flu vaccines to all County employees! In addition to good hand washing, the flu vaccine is the best way to prevent getting sick with the flu. The flu can cause: fever, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches; and in some individuals severe respiratory problems resulting in hospitalization. See the attached schedule for clinic dates and times or please call us to schedule an appointment: 760.924.1830 or 760.932.5580.

Flier of all clinics is attached!

CONTACT: Hillary Bayliss, (760) 924-1835

**Community Emergency response Team adds an additional time to get trained!** -The CERT team has added another date to announce the upcoming Academy 7 in October. The CERT Training is a 24 hour mandatory training. The dates and details are in the attachment. If anyone is interested in initiating a CERT Team in their area, please ask them to contact me. We will do our best to assist them and their community to start a CERT Team in their area.

CONTACT: Debbie Diaz, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (760) 924-1829

## **Social Services**

**Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment 2015** - Affordable Care Act open enrollment for 2015 starts on November 15th, 2014 and continues until February 15th, 2015. Covered California announced the launch of its community outreach campaign for 2015, including \$46 million in new statewide advertising and \$14.6 million in new community outreach grant funding. The new series of ads, which feature real



Californians who have health coverage as a result of the Affordable Care Act, will begin rolling out this week in markets statewide. The ads can be downloaded at:

<https://vimeo.com/coveredcalifornia/videos/>.

Covered California is offering new family dental plans to consumers who enroll in health insurance coverage in 2015. Additionally, all individual health insurance plans sold through the Covered California exchange will include pediatric dental benefits for members younger than 19.

To learn more about open enrollment, call the Social Services Office at 760/924-1770 or visit [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com) or call (800) 300-1506.

**Child Protection Bill Heads to President** - The US Senate adopted by voice vote the *Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (HR 4980)*. Adopted by the House in July, the measure now goes to President Obama who will sign it into law. Both houses have recessed and will return on November 12.

Policy changes affecting child welfare agencies include provisions requiring states to include a "reasonable and prudent parent standard" to enable foster youth to participate more readily in extracurricular, cultural and social activities with their peers. The measure also eliminates Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) as a permanency goal for children under the age of 16. It will also enable youth ages 14 and older to enlist the assistance of two other individuals to be part of their case planning team.

Effective one year after enactment, the bill will require child welfare agencies to provide youth exiting care who were not adopted or returning to live with family to have a birth certificate, a Social Security card, health insurance information, medical records and a driver's license or state-issued ID.

The adoption assistance program was amended to include, for the first time, incentive awards of \$4,000 for subsidized guardianship placements. It also ensures that a child placed with a guardian could continue to be cared for by a successor guardian if a relative guardian dies or is incapacitated.

The legislation also requires state plans for foster care and adoption assistance to include policies and procedures for identifying, screening, and determining appropriate services for children who are believed to be victims of sex trafficking, or at risk of being such victims. Sex trafficking data would be included in the adoption and foster care analysis and reporting system (AFCARS).

Finally, the bill contains child support provisions making it easier to obtain and enforce orders across international boundaries and requires the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement to engage stakeholders in identifying best practices and other efficiencies in the program.

*From the National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA Alert Sept 19, 2014)*

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## OCTOBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 16 BENTON OUTREACH

The Veteran Service **BENTON** Outreach Program will be observed **Thursday, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** at the Benton Community Center. Please contact **873-7850** to schedule your appointment by Wednesday, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.

### OCTOBER 23 MONO OUTREACH

The Veteran Service **MONO** Outreach Program will be observed **Thursday, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**. Please contact **873-7850** to schedule your appointment and outreach location by Wednesday, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.

### OCTOBER 30 S. INYO OUTREACH

The Veteran Service **S. INYO** Outreach Program will be observed **Thursday, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>** at Department of Social Services (behind Southern Inyo Hospital). Please contact **873-7850** to schedule your appointment by Wednesday, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>.

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763

**Wild iris to hold Domestic Violence Awareness and prevention Seminar** – Thank you to Susi Bains and Kathy Peterson for sharing this vital upcoming event information. The flier is attached to the Board Update and this issue needs our focus as far too often we hear about violence in our communities.

*“Good Afternoon!*

*As most of you know, domestic violence has been at the forefront of national conversations this past week. It is important to recognize that all of the public conversation and media attention reflect the years of hard work by all domestic violence agencies, including Wild Iris. Good or bad, the media attention has provided Wild Iris a unique opportunity to lead a public conversation and help to educate the community about domestic violence.*

*In October, we will be hosting a free 2-hour “DV 101” educational seminar. The seminar is designed to be an informational introduction to the dynamics of domestic violence, and will cover a number of topics including, the Cycle of Violence, Common Myths about Domestic Violence, the Effect of Domestic Violence on Children, Red Flags of an Abusive Relationship, a discussion on the common question, “Why Doesn’t She Just Leave?,” a review of national and local statistics and much more. Most importantly, we hope that it will generate more conversation, and a better understanding that domestic violence is not a “private matter.”*

*Classes are free of charge, and will be held on Tuesday October 7, in Mammoth Lakes from 3:00 pm –5:00 pm, and Thursday October 9, in Bishop, from 2:30 pm-4:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and*

to register for this event, please visit [www.wild-iris.org](http://www.wild-iris.org) or call 760-934-2491. Space is limited, so please register ASAP on our website @ wild-iris.org.

Please feel free to pass the attached flyer along to anyone you feel may be interested in attending - I hope to see everyone there!

Susi Bains

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### **Sheriff's Office**

1. Search & Rescue had a rescue of an 81 year old male hunter in the Sonora area this week. We requested and obtained assistance from several counties SAR teams, as well as Calif. State OES and CHP air support, we were able to locate and rescue the gentleman. (He just got separated from his hunting companion).
2. Staff participated in a conference call with Mammoth Hospital and UCLA medical staff relating to the possibility of video psychiatry for our inmate population, as well as for other county needs in the psychiatric realm.

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