



## Agricultural Commissioner's Office

### **REMINDER!!**

Thank you to Ag. Commish *Nate Reade* for the following notice.

#### **NOTICE OF REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS**

#### **Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP)**

Informational Update

<b>REDDING</b>	<b>BISHOP</b>
<b>January 15, 2015</b> 9:00 a.m. to noon	<b>January 28, 2015</b> 9:00 a.m. to noon
City of Redding Council Chambers 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, CA 96001	Tallman Pavilion, Tri County Fair Grounds Sierra Street & Coates Street Bishop, CA 93514

**RSVP** - Due to limited space in the meeting rooms, please RSVP if you plan to attend by email to DWQ-GRAP@waterboards.ca.gov and include your name, affiliation, email address and meeting(s) that you will attend. For each location, if the meeting is full, we will schedule a second meeting in the afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) on that same day.

**SUMMARY** - The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is exploring a range of options to enhance environmental benefits from grazing, protect beneficial uses of surface and groundwater, and address water quality impacts potentially related to livestock grazing in California. This Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) aims to facilitate efficiency and statewide consistency in developing and implementing strategies to meet these goals, while at the same time accounting for regional differences in hydrology, topography, climate and land use. The GRAP process will consider a wide range of alternatives to ensure that grazing has minimal negative impacts on water quality. A cornerstone of the GRAP will be thoughtful consideration of the costs of compliance to the regulated grazing community. The participation of interested stakeholders throughout the development of GRAP is necessary to its success. As an initial step, the Water Boards engaged stakeholder groups in Focus Listening Sessions (FLS) to solicit comments early in this process, before beginning to develop GRAP (No new regulatory approach has been developed.) The FLSs were the first of many opportunities for stakeholder participation. The purpose of the Regional Stakeholder Meetings is to share with stakeholders the comments from the FLSs and gather thoughts, suggestions or other feedback from the community on the FLSs comments and on GRAP.

**MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER INFORMATION** - The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted to the GRAP website below at least ten days prior to the meeting date. In the event of a change or cancellation due to weather, notice will be posted at the earliest practical time at the GRAP website below. For more information, please contact Water Board staff: Esther Tracy at (916) 341-5908 [esther.tracy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:esther.tracy@waterboards.ca.gov), Cindy Wise at (530) 542-5408 [cwise@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cwise@waterboards.ca.gov) or Ben Letton at (530) 224-4129 [bletton@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bletton@waterboards.ca.gov).

CONTACT: Nate Reade, [nreade@inyocounty.us](mailto:nreade@inyocounty.us)

## Board of Supervisors

**Congratulations to the new Board** and countywide officers – Judge Stan Eller presided over the swearing in of new Supervisor Stacy Corless and Supervisor Larry Johnston was sworn in for his second term. The new officers of the Board are as follows:

**Chair:** *Tim Fesko*  
**Vice Chair:** *Fred Stump*  
**Chair Pro Tempore:** *Stacy Corless*

In addition to the new Board, Sheriff Ingrid Braun started her full term as Sheriff, Assessor Barry Beck was sworn in for his full term and District Attorney Tim Kendall was sworn in for a full new term!



Congratulations!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy,  
(707) 529-4510

### Community Development

**June Lake CAC** – At its Tuesday meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee continued its review of the June Lake Area Plan Update with a map presentation and build-out discussion with Brent Calloway, and an overview of integration with the County General Plan Update with **Wendy Sugimura** and **Courtney Weiche**. Jill Stark reported on the June Lake Trails Committee meeting, and **Supervisor Alpers** shared information on the Board’s legislative platform, passage of the Cabin Fee Act, fish stocking reductions by California Fish and Wildlife, and recent Hwy 158 closures due to Alger Creek ice dam and overflow.

**LDTAC** – At Monday’s meeting, the Land Development Technical Advisory Committee conducted a pre-application review of a proposed food cart in June Lake near the Brewery. Heath requirements were clarified by Louis Molina and Chris Babula, and permit processing and siting options were reviewed with **Nick Criss** and **Courtney Weiche**.

CONTACT: Scott Burns, (760) 924-1807

### County Administrator’s Office

**CSAC to provide analysis of Governor’s FY 2015-2016 Budget proposal** - The Governor released his proposed \$113.3 billion FY 2015-16 budget this morning. We are preparing our detailed analysis which will be released shortly in our Budget Action Bulletin (BAB), however, I wanted to provide you with some of the highlights of direct interest to counties.

- \$533 million in accelerated pre-2004 mandate repayment (counties receive 73% or \$390 million)

- \$125 million in probation monies for continued community correction program funding pursuant SB 678 to incentivize solid, evidence-based programming that can help the state in reducing prison population pressures while producing improved public safety outcomes locally
- \$644,000 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (excludes the schools share)
- \$150 million for Medi-Cal county administrative costs
- \$1B investment in Cap and Trade funding to fund programs that will reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, including \$200m to fund Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
- \$10 million to fund fair operations, \$3.1 million to assist with fair operations and a one-time allocation of \$7 million to fund deferred maintenance at California Fairs
- \$532.5 million in Proposition 1, Water Bond investment , including nearly \$22 million in funding for Groundwater and \$135 million in safe drinking water funding

As mentioned, CSAC will provide more details in our BAB, but we wanted to provide you with these key proposals, many of which are consistent with the CSAC 2015 legislative/budget priorities. We expect budget hearings to start up in the coming weeks and will continue to keep you apprised of reactions from the Legislature. We know there will be areas of disagreement. If last year is any indication, the accelerated mandate repayment is likely to meet opposition from the legislature. CSAC was hoping to see more investment in PILT and will continue to support a higher level of funding before the Legislature. We urge you to convey your support for these proposals to your legislative delegation.

CONTACT: **DeAnn Baker**, Director of Legislative Affairs, (916) 650-8104

**North County Employee meeting - Thank** you to the 12 employees who attended the North County Employee Round Table. Topics included increasing local signage around the Bridgeport County campus to help public access and direction as well the next steps in the employee commute survey process.

The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority will be contacting directly everyone who took the phase 2 survey and offering them the Van pool options. There was sufficient interest that it is feasible for there to be a van pool re-established in the south and one established in the north. If you provided your contact information, you should be hearing from ESTA staff shortly!

**The Strategic Plan moving forward!** – Thank you to the Steering committee members who met on the 8<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the draft for the presentation on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

Next step will be discussion at then Board meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> as we keep moving the refinement of the draft forward!

CONTACT: **Jim Leddy**, (707) 529-4510



**Community Food meeting coming up on January 20<sup>th</sup> – The following is from Erin Hamilton at IMACA:**

“Thank you to everyone who confirmed they will join the upcoming Community Food Group meeting, covering Inyo and Mono Counties. Due to the number of responses so far we have selected a time and date, see below.

We hope that those who have not yet confirmed a time can make it to the meeting, or that you will be able to dial in via a GoTo Meeting conference line we will arrange prior. I will send out another update in the next several days with call details, location and an updated agenda.

If this is the first time you are getting this email/invite please scroll down for more information, or feel free to contact me with questions.

**Meeting Date:** Jan. 20, 2015 - 9am - 11am

**Location:** Mammoth Lakes, CA - Meeting area TBC

*PLEASE NOTE: If you RSVPd for another time but plan to attend on the 20th PLEASE let me know by Monday, Jan. 12 so I can reserve a large enough space. Furthermore if you are not planning to show but call into the meeting now, same confirmation applies.*

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to seeing you soon!

**CONTACT:** Erin Hamilton, Community Food Project  
Coordinator, 215-900-3587

## **Economic Development**

**First Ever state of the County event** - we have a very special event coming up we think you will find very interesting and informative...

**SAVE THE DATE:** January 15, 2015

**WHAT:** State of the County Forum

**WHERE:** Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes

**WHEN:** 8:30am - 11:00am

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Caroline Beteta, President of Visit California, will present state, national and global tourism trends and the marketing outreach strategies implemented by California's Tourism and Travel Commission California and much more

### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED**

**FREE --** Registration required

**RSVP --** [JSimpson@Mono.Ca.Gov](mailto:JSimpson@Mono.Ca.Gov) or [AVennos@Mono.Ca.Gov](mailto:AVennos@Mono.Ca.Gov)

We hope you can join us!! May your year ahead be filled with much joy, good health, prosperity and... Precipitation!

**CONTACT:** Alicia Vennos & Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-1743



## Public Health

**Got Flu? It's Here!** - Over the last month, seasonal influenza has spread rapidly across the United States in epidemic proportions. Evidence also points to a dramatic rise in cases seen last week at Sierra Park Clinics and Mammoth Hospital's Emergency Department in Mammoth Lakes.

Seasonal flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Many people use "stomach flu" to describe illness with nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Many different viruses, bacteria, or parasites can cause these symptoms. While the flu can sometimes cause vomiting, diarrhea, and nausea—more commonly in children than adults — these problems are rarely the main symptoms of the flu. The flu is a respiratory disease and not a stomach or intestinal disease.

Approximately **5-20%** of U.S. residents get the flu each year. It typically starts in late fall, and peaks in mid-February, although it looks like the peak will be in mid-January this year. Nevada has been hit hard, and cases in California are increasing rapidly.

Most experts believe that you get the flu when a person with the flu coughs, sneezes, or talks and droplets containing their germs land in your mouth or nose. **You can also get the flu** by touching a surface or object that has the flu virus on it and then touching your mouth, eyes, or nose.

Some groups are more likely to experience complications from the seasonal flu, including:

- [Seniors](#) (those age 65 and older)
- [Children](#) (especially those younger than 2)
- [People with chronic health conditions](#)

If you believe you have the flu, and especially if you are in one of the categories at high risk for complications, please contact your health care provider early, as antiviral medication may be indicated to prevent serious illness or complications for you.

Complications from the flu include:

- Bacterial pneumonia
- Ear or sinus infections
- Dehydration
- Worsening of [chronic health conditions](#)

Each year more than **200,000 people** are hospitalized for flu-related complications, and more than 25,000 die each year, including dozens of children, some with no pre-existing conditions.

Most people who get the flu feel much better within **one or two weeks**. Most healthy adults can infect others **one day before symptoms develop** and **five to seven days after symptoms appear**. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be contagious for a longer period.

We will continue to monitor flu activity in our community over the next few months. We do this by tabulating positive laboratory tests, school absenteeism rates, hospitalizations and deaths, and clinic and Emergency Department visits for flu-like illness.

During this season, we ask you to:

1. Get your flu vaccine from your healthcare provider, pharmacy, or health department!! The best protection against seasonal flu is the flu vaccine. Although not a perfect match this year, getting a vaccine is still the single most important thing you can do to prevent illness. It is late – but not too late!
2. Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible.
3. Stay home if you are sick.

4. Follow the everyday steps such as washing your hands frequently and covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
5. Seek medical care early if you are at risk for complications.

**Paramedic gets kudos letters!** – **Bryan Bullock**, **Kyle Rose** and **Julien LeCorps** received some great feedback. Bryan received a great letter saying he went above and beyond the call of duty in providing excellent care. And Julien received a hand written thank you card acknowledging his professionalism. Kudos!

CONTACT: Rob De Forrest, (760) 924-1832

## **Social Services**

**Workforce Services Recruitment Hits the Road** - Earlier this week, **Jay Sloane**, Social Services, and **Jeff Simpson**, Economic Development, visited every open business in June Lake and Lee Vining to spread the word about employer opportunities through the Workforce Services Program. They spoke with around a dozen local business owners, and left brochures for the business that were out of the office. They received interest and an invitation for further engagement from several businesses regarding the work experience and training programs in both Lee Vining and June Lake.



Next, Jay and Jeff will visit businesses in Bridgeport to drum up connections. Jay and **Megan Foster**, Social Services, will visit businesses in Walker in late January and again in the spring. Please encourage businesses and organizations interested in learning about how work experience and subsidized training and employment programs can work for them to contact Jay Sloane or Jeff Simpson!

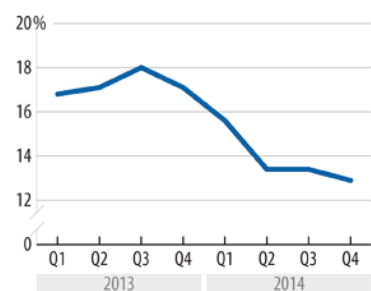
CONTACT: Jay Sloane, Workforce Services, 760-924-1788

**Uninsured Rate Drops Dramatically:** The share of adults without health insurance fell again to 12.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2014, [new survey results](#) from Gallup and Healthways show. This is down from 13.4 percent in the previous quarter and 17.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013, before health reform's major coverage expansions - through Medicaid and subsidized marketplace coverage - took effect in January 2014. It's also the lowest uninsured rate among adults since Gallup started collecting the survey data in 2008.

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763

### **Uninsured Rate Among Adults Has Fallen Sharply**

Uninsured rate by calendar quarter



Source: Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index.

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**Veterans Services** - The Veteran Service Mono Outreach Program will be observed Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact 873-7850 to schedule your appointment and outreach location by Wednesday, January 14.

CONTACT: Yvette Mason, 760/873-7850

