

Animal Control

Bridgeport Animal Shelter Open House sees public turn out– Kudos to the Animal Control team for opening the doors at the Bridgeport Animal Shelter on January 17th. For those that missed the open house, know there are five dogs available for adoption!

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Board of Supervisors

RCRC Installs 2015 Officers - On January 22, 2015, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) installed its 2015 Officers at the Annual Installation and Reception in Sacramento. Sierra County Supervisor Lee Adams was installed as Chair, Glenn County Supervisor John Viegas was installed as First Vice Chair, and Tehama County Supervisor Bob Williams was installed as Second Vice Chair, while Nevada County Supervisor Nate Beason became Immediate Past Chair. The newly elected Officers will lead the organization in championing policies on behalf of California's rural counties.





Chairman Tim Fesko as well as Mono's appointment to RCRC, , seen here with Senator Tom Berryhill and Assemblyman Frank Bigelow.

At the RCRC Board of Directors Meeting earlier in the day, Members of the 2015 RCRC Executive Committee were appointed as follows:

Region 1:	Supervisor Rex Bohn (Humboldt)
Region 2:	Supervisor Doug Teeter (Butte)
Region 3:	Supervisor Roger Abe (Yuba)
Region 4:	Supervisor Tim Fesko (Mono)
Region 5:	Supervisor Kevin Cann (Mariposa)

Details on RCRC's 2015 Executive Committee and other Committee Chairs can be accessed <u>here</u>.

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Rural Counties Present Assembly member Susan Eggman with Legislator of the Year Award SACRAMENTO, CA – January 23, 2015 – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) awarded Assembly member Susan Eggman (D-Stockton) with the distinguished Patti Mattingly Legislator of the

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Year Award at its Annual Installation and Reception in Sacramento this week. The Patti Mattingly Award is given to a policymaker who has demonstrated leadership on rural issues, and exhibited an understanding of the unique challenges that rural communities face.

"Assembly member Eggman and her staff have always had an open door policy with RCRC Members and staff when it comes to listening to issues impacting rural counties," said RCRC Chair Lee Adams, Sierra County Supervisor. "RCRC truly appreciates Assembly member Eggman's accessibility, and we look forward to continuing to work with her in 2015 and beyond."

RCRC's Patti Mattingly Award was established in memory of former Siskiyou County Supervisor Patti Mattingly, who exhibited tremendous courage, commitment, and ability to promote constructive solutions surrounding rural issues. The recipients are selected annually by the RCRC Board of Directors. "It can be a challenge to advocate effectively for the rural and less-populated regions of the state, especially in competition with the big cities on the coast," said Assembly member Eggman. "It takes communicating not just a point-of-view, but also a way-of-life. I am honored to be recognized by RCRC for my efforts to ensure that our California is recognized at the table."

A few examples of important rural related actions taken on by Assembly member Eggman in the State Legislature include her leadership on long-term funding and structural reforms for local state fairs (AB 2490 of 2014); her legislative efforts to reform the Williamson Act (AB 2241 of 2014); and her chairmanship of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, given its importance to rural California.

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Community Development

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee –At Wednesday night's special meeting, the CAC reviewed and finalized changes to the June Lake Area Plan's Community Development section with help from *Courtney Weiche* and *Wendy Sugimura*. Wendy provided materials for review, but was unable to attend due to illness.

Thanks to Wendy, *CD Ritter* and other staff for staying home when ill during this latest bout of flu. And thanks to Courtney for advancing the document review.

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County Administrator's Office

Mono County's first ever Strategic Planning Framework endorsed by Board – Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework. This unprecedented effort now will start the process of being circulated out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback.





Thank you all very much for being a part of history and building our future!

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EASTERN SIERRA AREA AGENCY ON AGING --Meeting of the ADVISORY COUNCIL being held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - 10:00 am. The meeting will be at:

Bishop Senor Center 682 Spruce Street Bishop, CA

All members of the public are encouraged to participate in the discussion of any item on the agenda. You will be allowed to speak about each item before the Council takes action on it. Any member of the public may also make comments during the scheduled "Public Comment"



period on this agenda concerning any subject related to the ESAAA Advisory Council.

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Reconstruction of Convict Lake Road Will Improve Safety and Access - *Plan for Delays* - Major reconstruction of the Convict Lake Road is planned for the summer of 2015. Mono County has requested the funding and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead agency for this project. The entire roadway will be reconstructed from the intersection with Highway 395 to the day-use parking area at the end of the road on the east side of the lake. The roadway will be widened in some spots in

order to provide a consistent pavement width and a paved shoulder. A bicycle lane will be provided on the uphill side. The road will be repaved, striped, and new regulatory and warning signs will be installed at the completion of the project.

The paved path around the east side of the lake will also be reconstructed. This project will also be overseen by FHWA. The Inyo National Forest has arranged for this project to be completed with the same contractor during the same time period as the road project. The result will be a fully accessible paved path with hardened access points down to the lake edge.



The Convict Lake Road provides access to one of the premier scenic front country lakes on the east side and is noted for its exceptional scenery. A campground and resort with cabins along the road are part of the recreational attraction and Convict Lake is a popular destination for fishing. There are several wilderness trailheads that start at Convict Lake as well.

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It is anticipated that the work will begin in the early summer; weather dependent. Construction is expected to last for approximately three months during the 2015 season. While the road will remain open to traffic throughout the project, visitors may experience delays of up to 30 minutes. Additionally, at certain times, the road may need to be closed for longer periods of time, Monday through Friday. These closures will be planned approximately two weeks in advance so that recreationalists can plan their visit. Parking areas may be limited at times while construction work is completed. Construction will be suspended for Memorial Day weekend, the Independence Day holiday, and Labor Day weekend.

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Economic Development

- View the trailer for "The Hypnotist" filmed in Mammoth Lakes with aerial shots by SkyTime: : <u>http://www.thehypnotistmovie.com/</u>
- Mono County and Mammoth Brewing Company in the news: <u>http://www.mercurynews.com/eat-drink-play/ci_27335813/brooks-beer-breweries-mariposa-and-yosemite</u>
- Mammoth Lakes, Bodie and Yosemite made it into the attached "Resorts Magazine California" December issue
- Mammoth Lakes and June Lake made the list for some of the top "Spring Break Destinations for families on the West Coast" on Community Table here: <u>http://communitytable.com/363273/minitime/spring-break-destinations-for-families-in-thewest-coast/</u>
- CSU, Bakersfield **Small Business Development Center** FREE Webinar on "Strategic Pricing" next Wednesday January 28, 2015 from 12:05-1pm. Strategic pricing is a game changing process for businessto-business pricing in today's highly competitive global markets. Bob Bonacorsi will be



discussing what strategic pricing is all about and why it is so important. He also discusses the top ten pricing mistakes business owners can make in their businesses. For access to this free webinar, go to <u>www.gotowebinar.com</u>, click join a webinar and enter the webinar code: 104-062-683

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Information Technology

Supervisor Stacey Corless & Nate Greenberg attend the Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia in Ridgecrest - On January 22nd, Nate hosted the 3rd annual Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortia meeting in Ridgecrest, CA. Roughly 70 people were in attendance, including elected officials and their staff, key personnel from state and federal agencies, local business owners, Internet service providers, and interested members of the community. The focus of the forum was principally on how broadband can benefit a community such as Ridgecrest and a region like the Eastern Sierra in the areas of economic development and quality of life. Supervisor Corless was the final panel speaker of the meeting and showed the 75 seconds in Mono County video along with explaining how and why forward thinking around technology and broadband will create opportunities for success.

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Public Health

Health Survey guides parenting education outreach - In April 2014, the Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program conducted a health survey which inquired about safe sleep practices for infants ages 0-12 months. 55% of survey respondents indicated that they have seen or heard of local parents or caregivers putting an infant at risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and infant death due to one or more unsafe sleep practices. In response, the MCAH Program has launched a new media campaign called "Is Your Baby Sleeping Safely," addressing some of the risk factors for infant death seen in Mono County.

A variety of advertisements will rotate through local English and Spanish language newspapers showing an example of a safe sleep practice versus an unsafe one. The MCAH SIDS Program follows recommendations for risk reduction and safe sleep from the American Academy of Pediatrics. To learn more about reducing the risk of sleep-related causes of infant death, go to <u>www.monohealth.com/SIDS</u>.

IS YOUR BABY SLEEPING SAFELY?



safe sleep Sandra Pearce, (760) 924-

CONTACT: 1818

Pediatric Response and Emergency Preparedness being offered by FEMA – (See attached flyer) On March 4th and 5th, 2015 FEMA will offer a course with Continuing Education Units. This offer should be of particular interest to the following MC departments:

- 1. Probation
- 2. Mental Health
- 3. Behavior Health
- 4. EMT's
- 5. Nurse's
- 6. Social Worker's
- 7. MCOE

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UNsafe sleep

Two days (16 hours)

 Pediatric Decontamination Considerations Course Length

Venue Jurisdiction Participants

- Community and Hospital based Emergency
- Community and Hospital based Emergency Managers
 EMS Personnel
 Hospital Administration and Emergency Room Personnel
 Public Safety / Public Health Personnel
 Concert Sector Management School Administrators
- MRC Personnel
- Private sector
 Law Enforcement
 Disaster response/relief personnel
 County, State, and Federal personnel who respond to a local jurisdiction disaster event

Prerequisites FEMA / SID Number

Students must register and bring a copy of their SID number to class. Register online: cdp.dhs.gov/femasid



*The continuing nursing education activity been submitted for review to the Emergen Nurses Association, an accredited approv continuing nursing education by the Ame Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission

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Location: Mammoth Lakes Fire Station I

Date: March 4-5, 2015 Time 8am-5pm

POC: Debbie Diaz Phone: 924-1829















Public Works

1. Public Works opened bids for two backhoes. Cashman Equipment out of Reno was the winning bidder with their Caterpillar 420F2 backhoes. The winning bid fell within the allocated budget. Thanks to the Board of Supervisors for approving the replacement of our old backhoes!

- 2. The Road crew is crack sealing on *Benton Crossing Road*.
- 3. A new employee in Roads/Facilities has started work. His name is *Shane Gleason* and was a previous Mono County employee years ago.
- 4. USFS road crew is performing some repairs on Buckeye Road due to flooding issues last year. Mono County Road crews will assist as needed as this is a county road but the repairs were significant enough to fall outside of our maintenance agreement with USFS.
- 5. Flying "out-of-county" a MW II-III vacancy in Walker to fill a position created by the promotion of *Cory Gonzales*.
- 6. Flying "in-county" a vacancy created by the upcoming departure of *Jason Garcia* in Crowley.
- The Bridgeport Indian Colony recently donated approximately 200 brand new snow poles for the county to use on county roads. Thanks to Justin Nadler and John Glazier for their offer.

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The Facilities division has been active on many fronts from;

- 1. The *Memorial Hall ADA restrooms* which passed inspections on the foundation, underfloor plumbing, and electrical. The framing on the interior walls is well underway and looks great.
- 2. The *Crowley Lake Ball field* concession facility, the exterior is complete and rough plumbing and electrical is done. So, installing sheet rock and painting are scheduled and all that is left is ADA parking, path of travel in the early spring.
- 3. The tree in front of the *Old Historic Jail* was removed by Eastern Sierra Tree service last week. This was timely as the tree fell on its own while they were cutting it due to its deteriorated condition. Thanks to Chairman Fesko for alerting us to the poor condition of this tree.
- 4. Facilities is also working with ABC Fire doing emergency repairs on the Fire alarm system at the jail which is scheduled for completion this week.

Kudos to the entire Facilities division for all of their hard work, skill, and dedication.

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Social Services



Foster Parent Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 5:30pm - 7:00pm Lee Vining Community Center - Many prospective foster parents are interested in becoming a parent, but can't commit to providing long term care or

adoption. That's okay! Mono County *still* needs foster parents who can care for a child short-term, on an emergency only basis, as well as those who can provide long-term care. Children come into foster care when their birth families are unable to care for them for a variety of reasons. We provide support and training for you to be a successful foster parent. Please call or email if you have any questions, and please HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

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