



Agricultural Commissioner’s Office

Thank you to Ag. Commish *Nate Reade* for the following notice – it is also attached to the Update.

**NOTICE OF REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP)
Informational Update**

SAN LUIS OBISPO	REDDING	BISHOP
January 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 15, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 28, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon
Board Room - Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401- 7906	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, Cindy Wise at (530) 542-5408 cwise@waterboards.ca.gov or Ben Letton at (530) 224-4129 bletton@waterboards.ca.gov.

CONTACT: Nate Reade, nreade@inyocounty.us

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

Clerk Musil again hosts great north County Christmas lights show – Bob Musil's has a great Christmas light show so if you want to check it out here's some information:

The show runs every night through New Year's night, from 5:00 to 10:00. Bob has 16 different songs programmed, and he periodically changes which ones are playing that night. The music can be heard on FM 94.1. Here is the address and directions:

240 Burcham Flat Road, Coleville

Directions from the south:

- Highway 395 north to Walker
- Right on Eastside Drive (first road after you leave the canyon)
- 1.2 miles, right on Camp Antelope Drive
- 1/4 mile, fork right on Burcham Flat Road – We are up about 1/4 mile on the right. Look for the soldiers at the head of the drive.

Bob says they have a circular drive, and decorations all the way around.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



Board of Supervisors

Board and staff bid farewell to Mono County institution -- 4 term Board member Supervisor Byng Hunt – at the December 16th Board meeting, Supervisor Byng Hunt served at his last (and according to him 576th) regular Board meeting. Byng has been an amazing part of Mono County Board and County history having served at the County and on the Town Council.

Supervisor Hunt is seen here receiving recognition from the Board via Chairman Larry K. Johnston.

Byng will be honored at his farewell Bash on January 9th at the Snow Creek Bistro starting and 6:00pm. This event is not being paid for by the County and if you would like to attend, the flier is attached.



Public Service is a calling and Supervisor Hunt reflects the best of that tradition having served in so many function and ways. He maintains the twinkle in his eye and his unyielding enthusiasm for improving our community. We know that Byng will be an active private citizen and our County was better for having him these last 16 years.

COINACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Thank you to Sheriff OB Obenberger for his service – The Board also had the opportunity to present a resolution to outgoing Sheriff Obenberger – Thank you for 29 years of combined public service and we wish OB a relaxing life in the future. Especially without nagging calls from the CAO!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

RCRC Update on federal funding of PILT and SRS – Thank you to **Vice Chair Tim Fesko** who serves as Mono County’s representative to the Rural County Representative of California (RCRC). The following update speaks to our need not stay advocating with the federal government about funding streams we need to maintain services. This update discusses the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program and the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding.

We will keep on the advocacy with our Congressional delegation and work with RCRC and CSAC to ensure Mono County gets their fair share.

“Last week, Congress passed and sent to the President H.R. 3979, known as the National Defense Authorization Act, and H.R. 83, the FY 2015 omnibus spending bill. While the primary purpose of NDAA is to set national defense policy, the measure included a federal lands package which provides a \$70 million appropriation for the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. Additionally, the Congress included \$372 million for Federal PILT in H.R. 83 as part of the Interior Appropriations Bill, bringing total PILT funding to \$442 million – just under historic Federal PILT funding levels.

The federal lands package associated with H.R. 3979 included a number of other provisions including a boost to new oil and natural gas production on federal lands, reduction in grazing permit backlogs, updates to the fee structure, conveyance of over 110,000 acres of federal land back for economic development (including mineral and timber production, among others), designates approximately 245,000 acres of wilderness, and protects private property from being condemned. The Department of the Interior component of the spending package included a provision to delay the listing of the Sage Grouse as an endangered species; however, efforts to thwart the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed regulations on “Waters of the U.S.” were NOT included.

Unfortunately, efforts to fund the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) proved unsuccessful in the final days of the 113th Congress. SRS was not reauthorized in the closing days of the 113th Congress and thus FY 2014 SRS payments remain in doubt. However, House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) has been quoted in national media outlets pledging to reform federal forestry policy in the first 90 days of the 114th Congress, and that discussion will likely include some aspect of SRS reauthorization. The key will be how a GOP-led U.S. Senate receives forest reform efforts from the House. In addition, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-California) provided assurances on the House Floor last week that “enacting an extension to the Secure Rural Schools program is going to be an early priority for next year,” although further information regarding how SRS would be funded and whether forestry reform would be considered as part of the SRS funding strategy was not discussed.

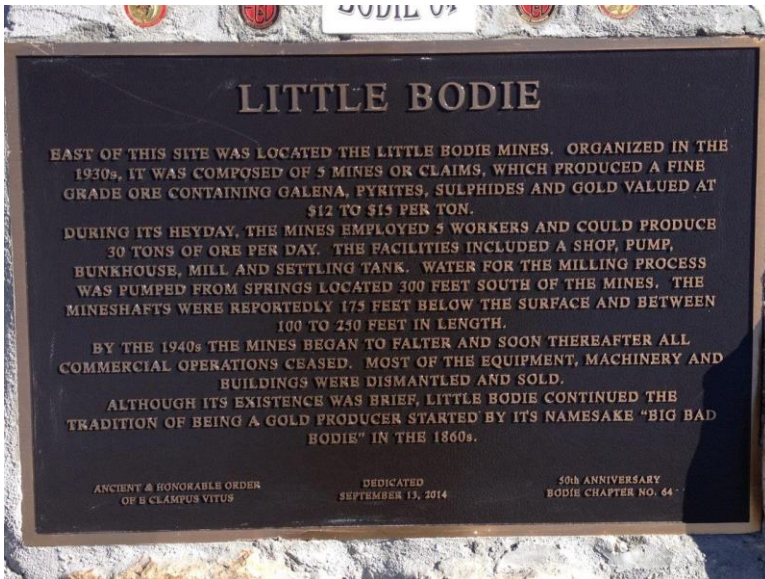
As presented at the recent RCRC Board Meeting, in the coming weeks we will be encouraging counties that are impacted by SRS to adopt resolutions in support of reauthorization. Included in this communication will be additional details on RCRC's comprehensive media and advocacy outreach strategy for SRS and a long-term reauthorization of Federal PILT.

If there are questions or concerns about the current efforts regarding Federal PILT and reauthorization of SRS, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Smith psmith@rccrcnet.org or Randall Echevarria rechevarria@rccrcnet.org or 916-447-4806.

Thank you,
Patricia

Patricia J. Megason
Executive Vice President
Rural County Representatives of California
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-4806

Little Bodie Monument established along 395 – Thank you to **Supervisor Tim Fesko** for forwarding the picture of the new Monument that went up south of Bridgeport along 395 in mid-September . These monuments recognize the pioneer history across the region and are part of our historic landscape.



County Administrator's Office

Holiday spirit up and running in Bridgeport thanks to Public Works – Thank you to Public Works and particular **Don Nunn** for the pictures of the completed holiday decorations at the Bridgeport Courthouse.

Although we need more snow it is great to see the community with the increased spirit! Thank you again, Facilities crew!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



Update on prescribed burns - As crews finishing piles in Reds Meadow, they may begin working on the piles south of Smokey Bear Flat on the east side of Highway 395. This project will be highly visible from the highway.

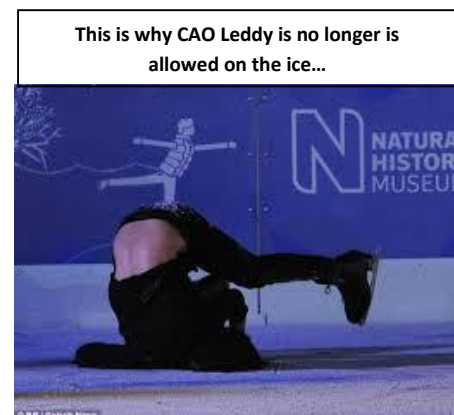
In the June Lake area, crews may look at the piles behind the Double Eagle Resort on the June Lake Loop and adjacent to the Double Eagle Resort on the east side of Highway 158. Both projects will have smoke visible from Highway 158. They are also looking at piles on the west side of Wilson Butte next to Highway 395, with smoke visible from Highways 395 and 158.

CONTACT: Deb Schweizer, Inyo National Forest, 760-873-2427 (office)

Thank you to Stuart Brown for the following information on the Mammoth Lakes Ice Rink!

Town of mammoth Lakes has Ice Skating offer for County Employees - This winter, the Mammoth Ice Rink would like to offer Mono County employees the Adult Five Skate Pass (5SP) for only \$40.00 (reg. \$50). The Five Skate Pass includes skate rental, 3-hours of ice-time and the 6th skate FREE! Employees are also able to purchase a Youth (5-15yrs) 5SP for their family for only \$30.00 (reg. \$40). To take advantage of this special promotion, please direct employees to present their Mono County employee Business Card or ID to staff at the Mammoth Ice Rink. For the complete winter schedule, rates and special promotions visit www.mammothicerink.com, or call (760) 934-2505.

CONTACT: Stuart Brown, (760) 934-8989 ext. 210



California State Association of Counties provides end of Session video – CSAC Executive Director, Matt Cate can be seen at this YouTube link discussing the end of the Legislative season and the impacts on Counties. Take a look.

<http://youtu.be/B2Roy1m7p2s>

CONTACT: Gregg Fishman, CSAC Comm. Director, (916) 327-7500, EXT. 516

South County December Round Table – Thursday, December 18th at 8:00am – Thank you to the 6 employees who attended the employee roundtable for South County for December. It was a quiet meeting and everyone is looking forward to the New Year and some more snow.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Awesome Holiday Party! – Over 150 employees gathered in Lee Vining for the first ever combined all county Winter Employee Appreciation Event. Rather than the prior north and south events, we are moving towards bring our entire county family together through our Employee appreciation events.



Thank you so much to:

***Stacie Klemm
Sarah Messerlian
Greg Newbry
Stacey Westerlund
Robin Roberts
Megg Hawkins***

Check out some of the great pictures from the event at:

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Christmas potluck Lee Vining](R:\PHOTOS-GRAPHICS\Holidays-Picnics-lunchs etc\2014 Christmas potluck Lee Vining)**



CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

The Strategic Plan moving forward! –

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on January 8th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining center. The Updated Draft will be reviewed as we prepare to bring it to the Board on January 20th.



Here are some additional Department or program meeting where we are still getting great feedback:

<u>Dept. /Program</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
1) <i>District Attorney</i>	<i>Stacie K.</i>

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Furlough hours for offices – the following offices will have impacts from furloughs during the next two weeks. If a department is not listed, then those departments will have normal hours. Thank you all of your efforts to minimize the impacts to the community and help us conserve county resources.

Assessor	12/22/2014 12/23/2014 12/26/2014
Behavioral Health	12/22/2014 12/23/2014 12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015
Community Development	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/01/2015
Finance Department	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
Public Health	12/22/2014 12/23/2014 12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015
Public Works	01/02/2015

	12/26/2014
Social Services (DSS) Office – Mammoth: Reception/General Admin.	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
DSS Office – Mammoth: Eligibility Worker Office	12/26/2014
DSS Office – Bridgeport	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
Senior Services – Walker and Benton - Antelope Valley Senior Center Closed	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Information technology

Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC) hosts Annual Summit on Thursday, January 22nd in Ridgecrest - ESCRBC has been working to accomplish the broadband deployment goals set by the State through education, outreach, networking, and assisting in development. It has been an exciting time to help communities throughout our area usher in the digital age. The improvements to local economy and quality of life are so obvious, we are eager to help make those last investments and see the final mile develop.

The purpose with this Annual Summit is to engage elected officials, businesspeople, and stakeholders throughout our region with the final steps to reaching our broadband deployment goals. They will have four panel discussions, offering best practice examples on four different topics: (1) Everybody Online – discussing the impact on various industries of developing online presence, (2) Devouring Broadband for Better Business – discussing business and customer services that high speed internet can deliver, (3) Becoming a Gig City – discussing the final investments and options for getting connected, laying fiber, and developing a gigabit community, and (4) Future of Broadband – discussing the exciting developments in broadband technologies that are on the horizon.

This will be an all-day event (from 9:00am to 4:00pm), and will include a morning juice & coffee reception and catered lunch. We will also have keynote addresses from industry experts.

If you are able to attend, please go online to register at <https://escrb.webconnex.com/2015-escrbc-summit>.

This is a vital time for broadband advocates to come together to share information, network, and build plans to see our communities development. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our Outreach Coordinator Justin O'Neill directly at justinthomasoneill@gmail.com.

Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you at the Summit!

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg, (760) 924-1819

Probation

Probation staff supports the various agencies as they shopped with a cop – Thank you to Chief Karin Humiston for her group photo of the dozens of folks who turned out to support the effort by local law enforcement to support local families. This year's shop with a cop is a great community event and the Mono Sheriff's Office was in attendance as was mammoth police department.

CONTACT: Karin Humiston, (760) 932-5579



Public Health

Mono County Health Department Furlough Information - For all emergencies call 911
The Mono County Health Department will be closed December 22 through January 2, 2015, for mandatory county furlough. We will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8 am

- If you would like to leave a message for public health staff, please call 760-924-1830 and we will return your call on January 5, 2015. For a particular public health issue such as those listed below, you may call 760-221-4325
 - Emergency contraception
 - Breast pumps or breastfeeding support

For an environmental health issue, you may call 760-937-7246

CONTACT: Lynda Salcido, (760) 924-1842

Public Works

State Parks helps fund snow removal – Public Works Director Jeff Walters had a conversation with the OHV division of California State Parks on December 19th regarding the State Parks Sno-Park area located 5 miles up Rock Creek Road. In the past Mono County was provided fuel by the Inyo National Forest for plowing the road and the Sno-Park area. However, this source of “funding” dried up.

Now after discussing the road and the Sno-Park with State Parks it appears we will have a contract for up to \$5,000 for our snow removal efforts from November 1 through May 30 each year. While \$5,000

isn't much, every little but helps. State Parks is drafting up a contract and will send it to me so that County Counsel can review etc. The contract will be retroactive to Nov 1 of this year and will be for a period of three years. Here is information about Sno-Park
http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1233

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 Sheriff's Department

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

2205 Snowmass Drive
 Reno, NV 89511
 December 2, 2014

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ralph Obenberger
 County of Mono
 P.O. Box 616
 Bridgeport, CA 93517

Dear Sheriff Obenberger:

On Friday, November 28th, we were hiking in the Twin Lakes area. After our hike we drove to Buckeye Hot Springs. In the parking lot, we accidentally locked the keys in our car. We were stranded, six miles from the highway. Luckily, a group of people nearby generously offered to drive us into Bridgeport.

In town, we discovered that the closest tow company was many miles away in Lee Vining and the phones were not working anywhere in town for us to call the tow company or AAA. We were feeling very stranded. As we walked down the main street, we noticed a sheriff's vehicle parked on the side of the road. We approached and asked the officer inside if there was any way he could help with a phone call to a tow company. Instead, he offered to drive us back to our car, where he fortunately was able to open the door using a wire.

This officer was Deputy Sheriff John Pelichowski. We are writing to tell you that he saved our day in the most professional, polite and gracious manner. We feel that this officer should be commended for representing Bridgeport in such a positive way. We will be praising the merits of this small town and its community leaders for a long time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lorrie Hill

 Enrique Teran


1. We received a letter of commendation for Deputy John Pelichowski relating to a citizen contact back in November. Deputy Pelichowski assisted a couple from Reno Nv. when they were stranded in the back country. John did what is expected from our staff, doing what is needed to get the job done and serve the public.
2. Several staff members will be participating in a California P.O.S.T. law enforcement survey relating to the current types of training new deputy sheriff's receive and any possible changes that might benefit others in the future .
3. The Deputy Sheriff's Association had their Christmas party which was enjoyed by all who attended.
4. Administrative Staff are continually working on Policy & Procedure updates which have been put forth by Lexipol.
5. We recently received a new California Public Records Act request relating to the custody side of operations. Lt. Booher, working in conjunction with County Counsel, will respond and fulfill the request itself.

CONTACT: Sheriff Ralph Obenberger,
 (760) 932-5279



Social Services

Thank a Social Worker! - Social Worker Sandra Villalpando earns praise!



First off, I want to say how impressed I was yesterday with Mono County Social Worker, Sandra Villalpando. I mean this as a MAJOR compliment! Sandra was so well prepared and her case knowledge was amazing! I have worked with many social workers before and never have I been so in awe 😊 These children are blessed to have you assist with their situation.

*Many THANKS!
Sonja Bush, Court Appointed Special Advocate*

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763



Volunteers Rock!

THANKS! to the members of the Antelope Valley CERT Team for their continued volunteer service to Antelope Valley Senior Center. We couldn't maintain delivery of hot meals to homebound seniors without their help!



CONTACT: Sandi Rustan, 530-495-2323

Workforce Education Program Special Project Director Sought - This position is a partnership between Mono County DSS and the Mono County Office of Education, for the provision of Workforce Education Services for our CalWORKS participants to assist them in maintaining and/or returning to work or to required Welfare to Work program activities. General community members can also participate in the classes offered through this contract, contingent upon space available.

Workshops to be offered countywide are for the development of the “soft skills” necessary to succeed in the workplace, including the following skill development: communication, interpersonal, decision-making, and life skills. Topics will cover job interviews, resume building, customer service, basic computer skills, and much more.

This is a benefitted position, 80% FTE, \$38,000.00 - \$46,700.00 per year (not including benefits).

Interested individuals can go to Edjoin.org to apply <http://www.edjoin.org> or click here [Click Here](#). **The application deadline is 1-2-15 at midnight.**

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763