



## Board of Supervisors

### **Supervisor Corless resumes office hours in April**

Make an appointment or stop by her desk (outside the CAO conference room in Sierra Center Mall) Mondays in April (6, 13, 20, 27) from 10am - 12pm. Can't do Mondays? Make other arrangements by email ([scorless@mono.ca.gov](mailto:scorless@mono.ca.gov)) or phone (760-920-0190).

CONTACT: Supervisor Stacy Corelss, (760) 920-0190 or [scorless@mono.ca.gov](mailto:scorless@mono.ca.gov)

## Community Development

**Airport Land Use Commission** – A commission that meets only as needed met Monday to discuss airport land use planning matters for airports in Mono County. The commission, which is comprised of two County Supervisors (**Stump and Fesko**), two Town of Mammoth Lakes designees, and two airport representatives, including **Jeff Walters**, received reports on commission purpose provided by **Gerry Le Francois** and on new airport layout plans by **Garrett Higerd** and Town staff.

**Antelope Valley RPAC** – At its Thursday meeting, the RPAC discussed Mountain Gate phase II construction and suggestions for phase III. Supervisor **Tim Fesko** announced a ribbon cutting in May for phase II. **Jeff Ulrich** of USFS described pinyon removal and various treatments, as well as a possible fee increase for cutting Christmas trees on USFS land. Community members discussed a potential dog park with proponent **Ellie Espinosa**. CAO **Jim Leddy** returned to discuss the Strategic Plan. The RPAC requested that staff apply for a planning grant from the Toiyabe Community Wellness Program to pursue community trails planning.

**Sunrise sage grouse counts** – At the crack of dawn this morning, Community Development staffers, including **Courtney Weiche**, **Brent Calloway**, **Nick Criss**, and **Wendy Sugimura**, as well as representatives from Eastern Sierra Land Trust and the Audubon Society, met with biologists from the BLM and LADWP in Long Valley to participate in annual sage grouse population counts. Using binoculars and spotting scopes, the team visited two leks (specific areas the grouse congregate to mate) and observed and counted dozens of male sage grouse performing their ritual mating displays. Thanks to BLM for a grant to fund staff involvement in this annual grouse count. A decision by the US Fish & Wildlife Service on listing the grouse as threatened is expected later this month.



**Building Staff receives some great feedback from public** – *Scott Burns* heard from a local contractor how impressed he and others working on the Round Fire recovery are with *Tom Perry* and the County for the handling of permits.

CONTACT: Scott Burns, (760) 924-1807

**Bi-State Local Area Working Group Members** - The Bi-State PJ Expansion Forum held February 25-26 in Minden was well attended (156) and a tremendous amount of information was shared. Handouts can be found at:

<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/community-development/page/pinyon-juniper-expansion-forum>

Presentations can be found at:

<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/community-development/page/bi-state-pj-forum-presentations>

Jeff DeLong of the Reno Gazette Journal recently published the following article – check it out!

<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/03/30/bird-nevada-ranchers-worried/70518108/>

The next Bi-State LAWG meeting will be scheduled soon after a listing decision is announced by the USFWS. Thanks all!

CONTACT: Steven R. Lewis, Extension Educator, (775)782-9960

## **County Administrator's Office**

**County Staffers attend Cal OES Applicants briefing along with representatives of Town and local fire districts** – from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Friday, SApril 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15 people received a critical briefing from Cal OES staff on how to ensure that fire impacted agencies receive funding for disaster services.

*Roberta Reed, Leslie Chapman, Jeff Walters, Scott Burns, Lynda Salcido, Sarah Messerlian, Supervisor Fred Stump, Pat McGee, Nate Greenberg, Kim Bunn, Sheriff Ingrid Braun, and Jim Leddy* were all present to get the briefing from Cal OES staff. Also in attendance was Town Manager *Dan Holler*, Mammoth Lakes Fire Chief *Frank Freivald* and representative of Long Valley and Bridgeport Fire Department. The deadline for all agency application is April 27<sup>th</sup> and the County will be getting in all information County applications asap.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and The Inyo County Office of Emergency Services Presents:**

### ***Debris Management Training***

**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
**Time:** 3 hours 0900-1200 (check-in begins 0830)  
**Location:** Bishop Fire Training Facility - 960 Poleta Road

Overview - California has experienced floods, fires, earthquakes and even civil unrest. These events created tons of debris that not only posed an immediate threat to public health and safety and the economic recovery of the state, but were also a hindrance to response and recovery actions. In the past, this debris was generally burned or buried with little consideration to landfill capacity, air pollution or effects on the environment.



These practices caused serious concerns for environmental scientists, emergency managers and the general public. Steps taken to address these concerns caused the costs of debris removal and disposal to quickly escalate. In fact, data compiled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency revealed that debris management costs are as much as 40% of the total disaster dollar amount nationwide.

In response to the issues facing local governments with increasing debris types and quantities, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) conducts Debris Management Training at no cost to local governments. This training is geared for anyone who has a role in emergency and/or debris management operations. Anyone directly involved in debris planning and operations (public works, civil engineers, emergency planners, code enforcement, finance, etc.) is encouraged to attend this training.

During this training, Cal OES staff provides information that helps eligible applicants hold on to all the disaster dollars that they are entitled. The training shows how to identify various disaster related debris issues, discusses possible solutions, and provides additional related information and guidance for successful debris management operations. The main focus of the training highlights the following:

- Debris Type
- Eligibility & Reasonable Costs
- Debris Contracting
- Debris Forecasting & Estimating
- Debris Monitoring
- Debris Management Plan

Target Audience -- The workshop is geared for state and local government participants directly involved in debris planning and operations (public works, solid waste, civil engineers, code enforcement, finance, etc.). The workshop focuses on debris management plan development.

**Registration - Please complete your application for [Debris Management Training](#) by Friday April 10, 2015, 1500 hours. Email completed applications to Emergency Services Coordinator [Karla.Benedicto@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Karla.Benedicto@caloes.ca.gov)**

***You will receive a registration confirmation by email.***

CONTACT: Melinda Stehr, Debris Coordinator, 916-845-8274 [Melinda.Stehr@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Melinda.Stehr@caloes.ca.gov) or Judy Fredericks, 916-845-8148 [Judith.Fredericks@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Judith.Fredericks@caloes.ca.gov)

**CSAC SEEKS COUNTY BEST PRACTICES FOR ANNUAL CHALLENGE AWARDS** - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites you to enter our 2015 Challenge Awards competition.

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find innovative, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight your county's best practices and the staff behind them.

CSAC recognizes counties in four population categories. Challenge Award-winning programs receive state and national exposure, are highlighted in county best practices videos, and recognized at Boards of Supervisors meetings. This is a great way to let your colleagues across the state and nation know about the innovative work you are doing.



To learn more about how to enter in the Challenge Awards program, [click here](#).

**Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2015**

CONTACT: David Liebler, CSAC Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, at [dliebler@counties.org](mailto:dliebler@counties.org) – (916) 327-7500 FAX: (916) 441-5507

**April North County Employee Round Table on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am at Memorial Hall in Bridgeport** – Thank you to the 9 employees who participated in the monthly North County Employee Round Table. Topics included an update on the Round Fire recovery efforts and discussions about the great re-modeling work done by the Facilities crew on the Memorial Hall.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**Mono County’s Strategic Planning Framework Continues RPACS review** – Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework. This unprecedented effort is circulating out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback. Thank you to the Antelope Valley RPAC which on April 2<sup>nd</sup> provided feedback as a second review!

Also, thank you to Nate Greenberg, Garrett Higerd and Scott Burns who joined in the ICMA Webinar in Strategic Planning on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Great material which will be discussed at next Steering Committee Meeting which will be on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lee Vining Center at 4:00pm.

Please feel free to come on by the following Strategic Planning meetings:

- June Lake CAC**
- Strategic Planning Steering Committee**
- Mono Basin RPAC (2<sup>nd</sup> review)**
- Bridgeport RPAC (2<sup>nd</sup> Review)**
- First Five (2<sup>nd</sup> Review)**

- April 7<sup>th</sup>**
- April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm (Lee Vining Center)**
- May 6<sup>th</sup>**
- April 16<sup>th</sup>**
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CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



**Woodstove Replacement Program continues great efforts to improve air quality** – Thank you to **Lisa Isaacs** for the work and the update! As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the vendors have invoiced for 78 installs at a cost of \$131,000. Also, 91 installs have been approved at a cost of approx. \$156,500. I will be approving a few more next week and that will likely be it.

CONTACT: Lisa Isaacs, (760) 914-0388,  
Ljm.isaacs@gmail.com

**Economic Development (This week aka the Fishing Channel)**

It’s all about FISHING right now! Fishing season Opener is almost upon us – Saturday, April 25. The biggest question we received from attendees at the fishing tradeshows this year was regarding water levels so we have launched our “C’mon Up, the Water’s Fine” ad campaign, which features current photos of our lakes and the Walker River! We are running full-page ads in Western Outdoor News for their Eastern Sierra Preview, Lakes Guide, and Highway 395 Travel Guide supplements, as well as in California Sportsman magazine. We are also blasting out the attached press release regarding excellent Opener and early fishing opportunities. California Sportsman magazine featured our region in a 6-page spread last month, (attached), and we have both the front and back covers of the Sierra Fisherman magazine, spring quarter.

Campground and **County** Road Info (not state highways!): Most local campgrounds will be open for April 24/25; already open is Twin Lakes Resort in Bridgeport, and dispersed campsites off Green Creek Rd. and near Buckeye Hot Springs. Holiday Campground on Rock Creek Road is open, as is Mammoth RV Park. All roads are currently open, including Rock Creek Rd. to the pack station, the June Lake Loop, Lundy Lake Rd., Hwy. 120 East to Benton Crossing Road, Bodie Rd./SR 270 and Convict Lake Road. Lake Mary Road to the Mammoth Lakes Basin remains closed at this time and the US Forest Service has invited the public to attend a roads meeting regarding both Lake Mary and Reds Meadow roads on April 10, 9am in Mammoth Lakes. Bodie State Historic Park is on its summer schedule, open daily from 9am – 6pm. With all this great fishing news, it is sure to snow!

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

**Finance**

**And so is the early season fishing!** Mono County's lakes and rivers are full of water... and fish! Our annual trout stocking program begins April 20. From Convict Lake and Crowley Lake to the Mammoth Lakes Basin and June Lake Loop, from Virginia Lakes and Twin Lakes in Bridgeport to the West Walker River, the fish are waiting. Come catch yours!

**2015 OPENING DAY AND SPRING FISHING DERBIES**

- APRIL 25 Fishmas Day Derby - Tom's Place
- APRIL 25 Fred J. Hall Memorial Opening Day Big Fish Contest - Crowley Lake
- APRIL 25 Monster Fish Contest - June Lake
- APRIL 25-26 Opening Weekend Fred Hall Show Tagged Fish Derby - Convict Lake
- APRIL 25-26 Ansett's Mono Village Opening Day Fishing Derby - Twin Lakes Bridgeport
- APRIL 26 - JUNE 12 Round-Up at the Lake Derby - Convict Lake
- MAY 22 Crowley Lake Perch Derby
- MAY 22-25 Size Doesn't Matter Derby - West Walker River, Walker/Coleville

FISHING REPORTS - MAPS - REGULATIONS - EVENTS - LODGING - DIRECT FLIGHTS  
**MONOCOUNTY.ORG/FISHING** ▲ **800-845-7922**

**County owned condo available for employee to rent!** - The County owned June Lake condominium Rental Unit will be available starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This 2 Bedroom, 1 ½ bath single family condo unit is located at 40 Willow Ave #5 June Lake, CA 93529 for \$850.00 per month. Deposit is 800.00.

CONTACT: Megan Mahaffey in Auditor-Controller's Office at either (760) 924-1836 or [mmahaffey@mono.ca.gov](mailto:mmahaffey@mono.ca.gov)

## **Public Health**

**Mono County Staff Recognized -- EMS Employees receive Golden Rotor Award from Care Flight -- Mono County, Calif. –** On Wednesday, April 1, 2014, Mono County EMS employees **Bryan Bullock** and **Nico Curti** received the Care Flight quarterly Golden Rotor Award, an award Care Flight gives to individuals outside of their organization for going above and beyond in patient care or scene safety.

These two men showed determination and dedication to continued care for a Mono County patient, during the transfer of care from an ambulance to another medical facility. They properly identified a medical emergency requiring immediate assistance that fortunately Care Flight was able provide at that time. And then ensured appropriate and necessary continued care for this patient was met by Care Flight.

**Bullock** started as a paramedic for Mono County in October 2004 and was promoted to Station Captain in May 2014. He has been in the emergency medical field for approximately 18 years. Mono County



EMS Medic 7 Bridgeport Station Captain **Bryan Bullock** commented, “Thanks to Care Flight for this recognition and to Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, who was first on scene and provided initial patient stabilization. I would also like to thank the community of Mono County for the continued support of our program. On behalf of Mono County EMS we will continue to provide this same level of care to members of our community and visitors to Mono County.”

**Nico Curti** is a relatively new addition to the department, starting in November 2014 as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at Medic 1 in Walker. Curti commented, “It’s a great honor to be part of this team and department. I know we all put care first and take great pride in our work. I know the whole staff would have done the same thing that day.”

CONTACT: Rob Deforest, (760) 924-1842

## **Risk Management**

**April is Distracted Driving Awareness month!** Thank you to Risk Manager **Sarah Messerlian** for providing the following information. Additional information on this issue is attached to the Board Update!

### **Here’s a scary statistic:**

If you text and drive, you’re 23 times more likely to have a car crash. Texting while driving has become the number one driving distraction for many people. Drivers need to be aware of the dangers and keep their attention on the road, not on their cell phones or other mobile devices.

### **How big is the problem?**

Each day in the United States, more than 9 people are killed and more than 1,153 people are injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. Distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. Distracted driving can increase the chance of a motor vehicle crash.

### **There are three main types of distraction:**

**Visual**: taking your eyes off the road;

**Manual**: taking your hands off the wheel;

**Cognitive**: taking your mind off of driving.

Distracted driving activities include things like using a cell phone, texting, and eating. Using in-vehicle technologies (such as navigation systems) can also be sources of distraction. While any of these distractions can endanger the driver and others, texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction.

### **Make a Difference**

Please, take a few seconds to think why the choice to not text and drive can save some lives.



CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405

## Sheriff's Office

### **Caution to Cyclists on Lower Rock Creek Road -**

**From Sheriff Ingrid Braun** - With the increased construction traffic due to the clean-up of damaged properties from the Round Fire, there is growing concern for the safety of cyclists on Lower Rock Creek. As the Sheriff of Mono County, and a fellow cyclist, I am asking all cyclists to choose a different route and stay off Lower Rock Creek between the bottom of Sherwin Grade and Swall Meadows, Monday through Saturday, until the clean-up is complete.

Lower Rock Creek from Tom's Place to Swall Meadows is clear to ride. There is no construction traffic on Sundays, so feel free to ride entire Lower Rock Creek on Sundays. Please help our efforts to repair the damage to the community of Swall Meadows by allowing the clean-up to proceed smoothly. Thank you!



## Social Services

**Thank you to the Mammoth Library for the following (also see attached fliers to the Update)** -- The Mammoth Lakes Library is excited to present a 4-day Inventor's Bootcamp for students in grades 6-12 and adults. This program will allow participants hands-on experience with 3D printers, Arduino robot kits and much. For more information visit <http://www.ttinvent.com/mammoth2015>

Registration may be done online or in person at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

CONTACT: Anastasia Danielson, Mono County Library Director (760) 934-8670 ext 2