

CAC minutes Apr 5, 2023

Meeting start 18:00

Present: David, Claire, Kevin, Janet, John, Gary, Julie; Staff: April, Wendy

Julie: introductions: Gary Johansen and Kelsey Glastetter (future Member)

Public comment:

- Joyce Kaufman: Meeting with state senator Marie alvarado-Gil. Was contacted to create meeting. Several people attended. Economic impact of storms not to be known for a while. Talked about things the state can help with - roads, ensuring Caltrans funding, communications issues, effects on insurance rates in the area. Looking at contacting state assemblyman Jim Patterson (Does not include Mono in Counties with storm issues).
- Wendy S.: Introducing April Sall
- Bob Marks: Follow on to Joyce's comments. Mono County and Mammoth should be on list for maximum funding due to storm emergency, especially roads. There appear to be problems getting recognition due to the situation being slow-rolling. Federal relief should include areas that are not on county roads.
- Kevin: Request county action on historical museum.

Approve AB 361 Teleconferencing

Motion to approve: Kevin

Second: Janet

Vote: all in favor

Approve previous minutes:

Minutes of Feb. 1, 2023

Motion to approve: Claire

Second: Janet

Vote: all approved

Reports

Supervisor Gardner:

- March: Housing workshop. Went over almost 40 initiatives that could be pursued. Produced an agenda that will be tracked on quarterly spreadsheet.
- Met with Congressman Kevin Kiley. Discussed storm assistance, COLA increases for federal employees, streamlined process for acquiring federal property for other purposes, Recognition of Kutzatica tribe. He was at a meeting in Bishop that was somewhat agitated. Issues in Mono can differ from Inyo County.
- Important to fill out damage surveys.
- Private roads are private property, so include this in private damage assessment.

Chair (Julie):

- June Mountain closes after this weekend.
- June Mountain season passes good at Mammoth

Claire: None

Kevin: None

Janet: None

David: No specific report

John: No specific report

Gary Johansen: None

Planning Staff:

- June Lake Villager will have continuation of public hearing (parking management plan)
- New staff: New principal planner Brent Callaway
- New Planning Analyst.
- Administrative variance at staff level - slight increase in lot coverage for a resident to install outdoor spa.
- Use permit application for Golden Pines RV park to convert storage units to clubhouse.
- Bearpaw RV Park in village. Accepted application for it. Have comments from community. Project could change. Public needs to submit new comment letters.

Items

Input on transportation issues and unmet transit needs.

- Phil Moores (ESTA)
- Introduced line from Walker to Mammoth on Tuesdays, goes through June on call.
- Janet: Hadn't heard of the Tuesday only service for June Lake. Other routes require people to go to the junction for pickup.
- Ann: Add weekend airport runs to Reno. Phil: This is under consideration.
- David: Does recreation access count as a need? Phil confirmed that recreation access counts.

County Emergency Operations Updates

- Introduction of Wendilyn Grassechi
 - Wildfire mitigation expert.
 - Working on determining needs of different communities
 - Working on several grants for responding to wildfire
 - Will begin reaching out to RPACs and communities
 - Grant for biomass facility
 - Paul Roten: interested in meeting, exploring ways PW can help.
- Introduction of Chris Mokracek and discuss emergency services/operations
 - Director of emergency management (new office, previously Sheriff's department)
 - Expected wildfires, got storms.
 - Bringing in expertise from many sources, continuously meeting and tracking.
 - Brought in team from Cal Fire to help with operations. Soon to be demobilized. Unfortunately there was limited ability to work on roofs and on private property. National Guard can get on roofs, but was denied.
 - Have put in for a federal declaration of emergency and has been approved.
 - Placing a recovery portal on Ready Mono website.
 - Current preparation is for spring runoff.
 - Bob Marks: What is County doing to recognize need and obtain direct financial aid money for recovery? Chris: working with feds. Looking at direct financial aid, in process. Paul: Also working on this. Also working with Caltrans.
 - Ann: private roads are an issue
- Flooding preparedness discussion
 - Bartshe: question regarding aerial snow observatory. Chris: submitted to Cal OES, which has approved it.
 - Paul: Window of melting will be critical for flooding. No really good answers yet, still monitoring situation.
 - Kalen Dodd: big flood events can be triggered by warm weather and/or rain-on-snow events.
 - Bob: address Dream Mountain situation, work on outreach to homeowners there. Work on Culverts. Volunteer efforts.
 - David: presentation of snowpack data to date and possible runoff flows.

Community updates:

Women's Club:

- Women's club, no report.

Chamber of Commerce

- Kevin: Janet doing a lot of work on the new website. Soon to be released.
Preview at junelakeloop.org

Future agenda items

Caltrans updates.

Next meeting: Most members prefer Zoom if legally permissible.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourn: 19:56

June Lake Flood Preparedness

05-April-2023

Anticipated Flood Potential

Discussion with Greg Reis (MLC hydrologist familiar with JL)

- The snowpack in the Rush Creek drainage is higher than at any time on record – recent data show Gem Pass SWE to be significantly above previous levels on record, by approximately 40%.
- By March 1, snowpack and river discharge projections were already at 2018 levels, but high March precip has increased this significantly. A more accurate update based on detailed Apr. 1 data is due out next week.
- Due to significantly larger east-side and mid-elevation snowpack compared to 2018, there is an expectation of possible flooding along Reverse Creek. Fern and Yost Creeks are the largest tributaries to Reverse Creek, with Yost Creek likely having the largest impact in Clark and Peterson Tracts.

Biggest concern: Attempting to be prepared early

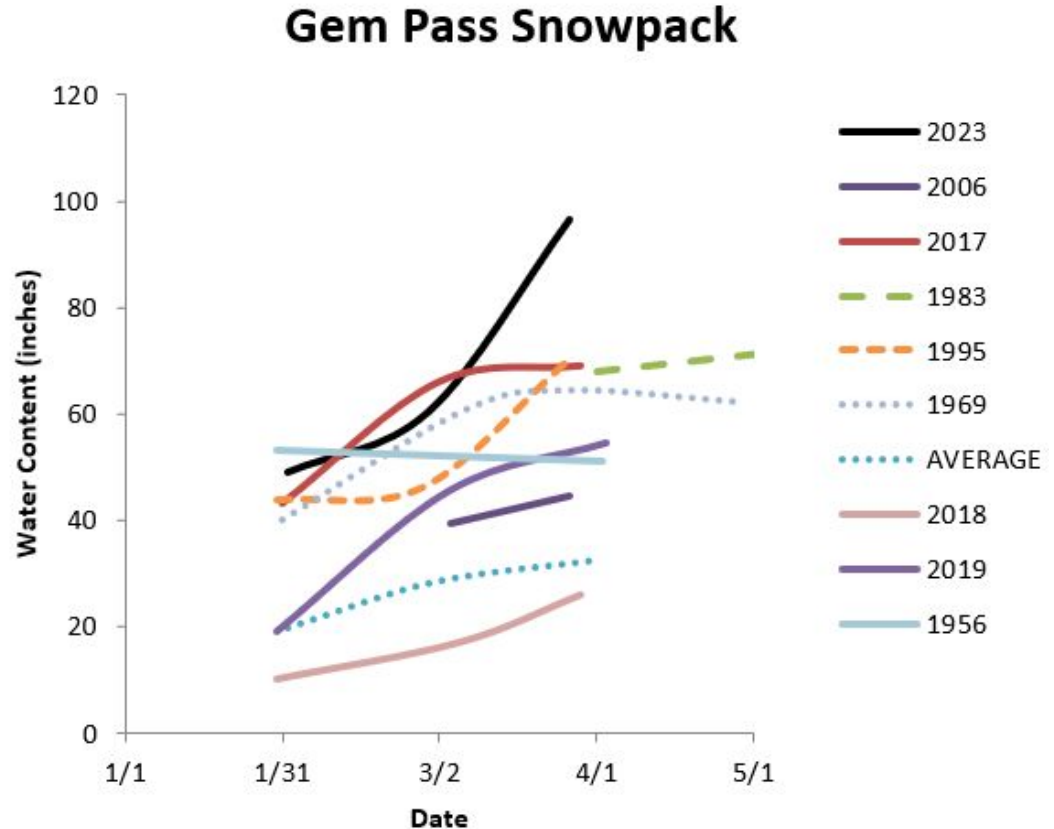
- Early outreach to potentially affected residents
- Early estimation and staging of required resources
- Early planning for volunteer assistance to distribute resources
- Work with County to estimate risks and define how to apply County resources
- Work with Caltrans to define preventative maintenance, e.g., inspecting culverts and cleaning if necessary.
- Work with Emergency Services

Anticipated runoff for Rush Creek (Mar. 1 estimate)

2022	Apr-Jul	Apr-Sep	Apr-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Lee Vining	55,500	68,800	80,900	2,490	11,520	21,570	19,910	9,700	3,590
% Normal	167%	177%	175%	93%	131%	169%	224%	253%	195%
Walker	5,300	7,200	9,300	300	1,030	2,010	2,010	1,240	590
% Normal	172%	188%	177%	127%	149%	163%	217%	256%	222%
Parker	8,700	11,900	14,300	680	1,610	2,690	3,690	2,230	1,050
% Normal	160%	166%	161%	149%	150%	139%	187%	194%	179%
Rush	85,300	102,200	112,700	3,520	19,810	31,380	30,630	12,960	3,910
% Normal	185%	202%	195%	80%	139%	179%	310%	409%	314%
Mono Total	154,800	190,100	217,200	6,990	33,970	57,640	56,230	26,140	9,140
% Normal	176%	190%	184%	90%	137%	172%	259%	303%	232%

Recent update (Apr. 5)

- Current Gem Pass snowpack 40% larger than 2017/18 and 1983/84
- River discharge estimate forthcoming from DWP



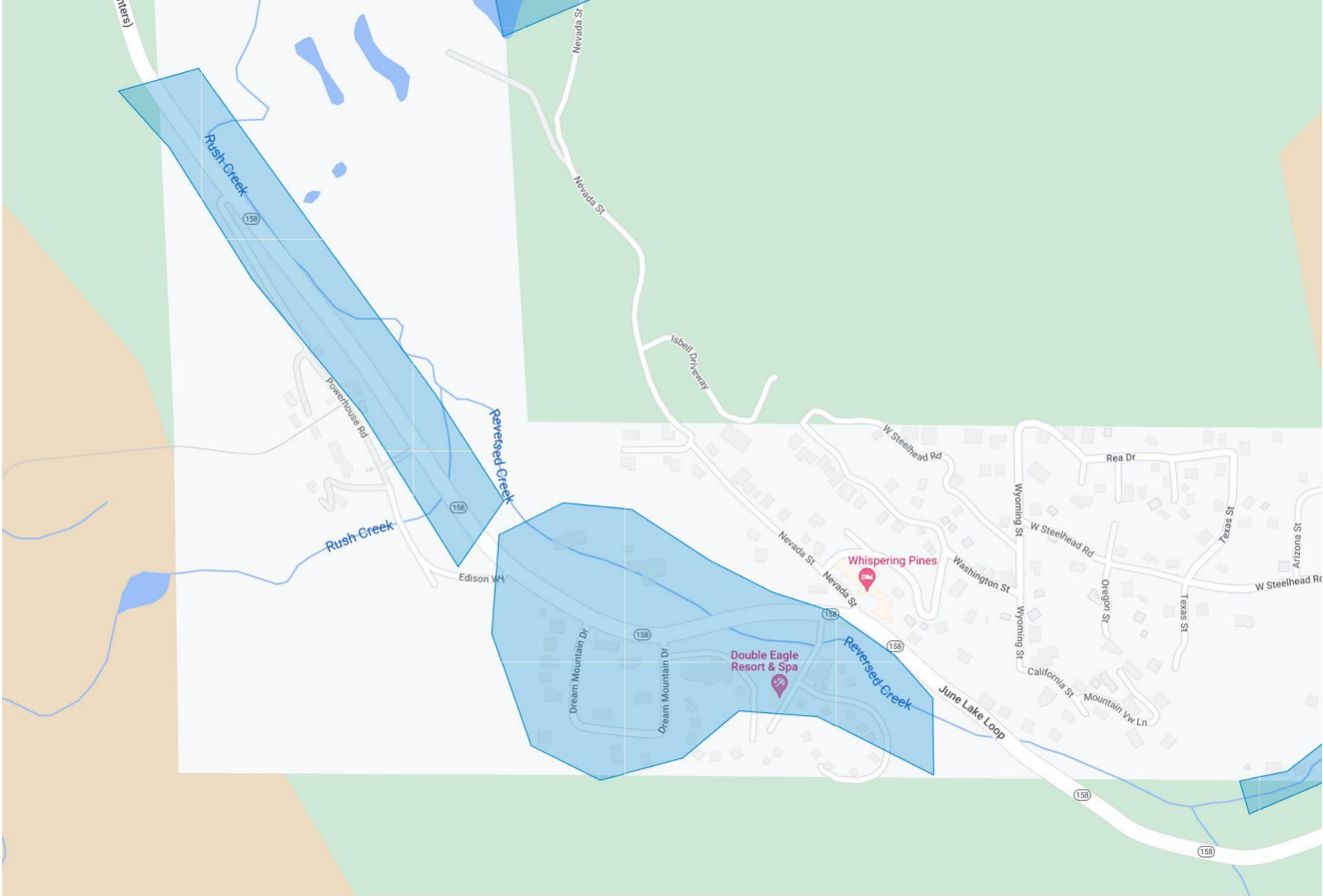
Additional recent input from Greg Reis

- Based on historical data, Reverse Creek flow could reach as much as 300 CFS, which would be somewhat higher than 1995 flows in Reverse Creek. For comparison, 2018 Reverse Creek flow was 217 CFS. We should prepare for the possibility of 300 CFS.
- The peak year for Rush Creek flow was 1995, which had snowpack similar to 2018 and 1984, but warmer weather during the melt-off. The actual flow that year was 992 CFS. This year, we have a 40% larger snowpack, and a potential for greater flow, but actual flow will depend on the weather. We should prepare for flows higher than 992 CFS in Rush Creek, but likely not higher than 1350 CFS.
- This is all changing rapidly as the data come in, we will keep everyone updated.

Reverse Creek area



Rush Creek area



Silver Lake area

