

JUNE LAKE

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AGENDA

Wednesday January 7, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

June Lake Community Center 90 W. Granite Ave in June Lake, CA

1. **6:03 - Call to order by chair, pledge of allegiance, introductions**

Members present: Julie Brown, Claire Landowski, Kelsey Mooney, John DeCoster, Kevin Larsen

2. **Public comment** (*for items not on agenda—please limit comments to 3 minutes*)

Bob Marks – comment on power outage – SCE spokesman Matt Paruolo is framing this as a natural disaster, but one of the transmission lines that failed in this outage was one that they recently worked on. The framing of this by SCE is illegitimate. SCE says the community needs to be more resilient, be able to supply its own electricity

Juli JLPUD – update on water conservation – because of power outage, we had some loss of infrastructure and were not treating water during the outage, but we're catching up now. Should be able to lift the restriction tomorrow. Water quality standards are good, just a quantity issue. Best place for updates is our website plus doppler system – sign up for that. June Lake Fire Department Instagram and JL Womens Club are posting daily updates

Joyce Kaufman – SCE is a public utility, emphasis on public. After the 4-day outage, I got a survey saying that I had an outage, and how was it. I responded that it was not satisfactory. SCE said at the Board of Sups meeting that they felt that it was not best to offer an estimated time for power return, but we had not even received communication about the outage – a pattern of lack of communication from SCE as well as misinformation. Who holds SCE accountable? –when there are outages, when the helicopters are disrupting our lives for 12 hours a day

Phil Sutphin – I also attended the BoS meeting yesterday, and was appalled that Matt Paruolo from SCE felt that their performance and communication during this outage was flawless. I contacted our state representative and got a response, it seems that she's looking into it, so I encourage everyone to do the same so that they are aware at the state level of the issues we are having with SCE.

Paul McFarland – I asked Matt Paruolo to come to this meeting but he had a conflict; to put him on the Feb agenda we might want to move some agenda items, or we could ask him to come in March when he has a better sense of summer projects

3. **Action Items**

4. **Informational/Discussion Items- 6:19**

a. Brown Act legislative changes (County Counsel) – Emily Fox

- County counsel's responsibility is to make sure that the county is abiding by all laws and representing its citizens
- SB707 was signed into law last year and has a number of items that are relevant to public meetings like this one.
- Review of Brown Act: public meetings are required for legislative bodies; agendas must be posted in advance; quorum of members can't meet outside of the meetings to discuss relevant

topics

- New Brown Act items from SB707 that are effective for Mono County:
 - Accessibility – providing more accommodation for ADA-eligible folks to participate
 - AB2449 – allows for more remote participation without publicly posting a remote location; three more “just cause” reasons for remote participation; meeting body votes to approve just cause
 - Remote meetings in emergencies – now local declaration of emergency is enough to justify a remote meeting (previously had to be CA-level declaration)
 - Removing disruptive remote attendants – officially ok now to remove disruptive people from remote meetings
 - Advisory bodies (such as CAC) – may meet entirely remotely if approved by Board of Sups, but physical location must still be made available
 - JLCAC will have to decide if they want to meet remotely – it’s authorized but not mandated
 - Remote public comment – same time limit on comments in person and remotely

b. All-remote attendance options.

5. Monthly reports

a. Supervisor’s Report (*Paul McFarland*) – 6:40

- Power outage
 - Devastating for businesses; several of them reported huge losses from the week
 - County declared local emergency on Dec 26
 - Neal Fox opened the JLCC as a warming center within an hour of the power going out
 - New issue was electric vehicles running out of battery on the highway
 - Fire Departments had many, many calls to respond to
 - Mono Basin communities, especially JL, knitted ever tighter together; Women’s Club provided hundreds of meals to people – county needs to do a better job of supporting
 - Matt Paruolo from SCE attended Board of Sups meeting yesterday – his 2-hour presentation is posted on the county website, I will send out a link to community development for wider dissemination
 - During outage I reached out to our state rep Marie Alvarado-Gill about getting included in state declaration of emergency – impacts here were greater than many other places included in declaration. Encourage everyone to contact her
 - Communications - ReadyMono notifications were not timely; SCE notifications were inaccurate if they happened at all
 - Sign up for Ready Mono (or sign up again) and ensure that your physical address is in there – these are place-based notifications so address is important
 - I would like to hear ideas from people about how to better get out communications – older folks are especially missed by our current systems of text messages and social media
 - John D – I feel that email is more resilient than text message
 - I’d like to see an outage report that outlines what damage occurred on new work and what occurred on old infrastructure
 - SCE is not a public utility... they are a private corporation that is regulated by the CA public utility commission
- PUD has worked very hard to keep the water system functioning and get it back up to capacity

b. CAC Chair – 7:06

- We opened June Mountain on Dec 20, we had just one run that took a month to make. We got a lot of snow fast and that takes time to maintain and open, we opened more terrain on Dec. 28
- Had many conversations about parking issues, nothing seems to get through even if I stand out there myself. We do have parking lot attendants and that helps some.
- Appreciate everyone's patience over the past couple of weeks, it does feel like we are settling into a winter routine now

c. Member reports/comments – 7:13

- John DeCoster – High Sierra Apartments and EV charging station project approved at planning commission. There was opposition from folks who live on Hillside Road over the condition of the road and traffic on that; I personally believe that overall this project will result in a net reduction of traffic on Hillside and improvement to the road. I would like to publicly thank people for all the support from the community. I will be posting information about the project at highsierraapartments.com. Re: power outage, I was so impressed at the way the community came together to support each other.
- Kevin Larsen – encouraging anyone interested in joining the chamber of commerce board of directors to please contact Amanda Stevens. I'll be stepping down
- Claire Landowski – Sierra STEM has started a series of monthly science workshops for kids, Friday Night Science Club. Next one Dec. 16, Science of Snow, then Feb. 13, Darwin Day. We're planning summer camps now and will be announcing them Jan 31 at an ice cream social at Patty Shack in Mammoth, we'll also have local sign up events in March.
- Kelsey Glastetter – really grateful to be part of this community and see everyone come together. There is a coat drive box at the post office, leave some if you have some, take one if you need it.

d. Planning Update (*Staff*) – 7:23

- In December there was a major update to the STR regulations – June is most affected by these; if you would like more info contact us
 - Two STRs approved since our last meeting, one on Nevada and one on Knoll
- CAC membership was renewed in December, thanks for the continuity
- We've received a request to add an agenda item about the PUD – it's slated for Feb

6. **Community Updates**

- Women's Club – no report
- Chamber of Commerce – 7:27 - Kevin Larsen - annual meeting will be Jan 27, 6pm at Pino Pies, please join if you're interested

7. **Future agenda items**

- Clark and Peterson roads (February) – request from John DeCoster to add Hillside Road to the discussion
 - Paul - Let's make this a discussion on private roads in June Lake generally
- Community Garden – spring sometime
- Gull Lake Park Electrical Enhancement – spring sometime
- SCE – March

8. Next CAC meeting: February 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

We didn't vote on remote meeting – let's agendize for Feb

9. **Adjourn – 7:33**

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CAC MEMBERS

Julie Brown, John DeCoster, Janet Hunt, Claire Landowski, Kevin Larsen,
David Rosky, Gary Johanson, Kelsey Glastetter