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Draft Minutes

Wednesday March 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
June Lake Community Center
90 W. Granite Ave in June Lake, CA

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1. 6:02 Call to order by chair, pledge of allegiance, introductions

CAC members present: Julie Brown, John DeCoster, Janet Hunt, Claire Landowski, Kevin Larsen, David Rosky, Gary Johanson

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

Dorothy Burdette, June Lake resident of 37 years. Commenting on the overflow from June Mountain parking lot on Saturday, when many cars were parked along 158. I have reviewed the June Lake parking plan of 2010, which is good for 20 years. June Mountain has a capacity of 2,250 skiers at one time, so I'm wondering if there is enough parking for them and what the Mountain can do to address this problem of cars parked along the highway.

- Julie – I can't address that now but we can agendaize it for a future meeting, I'm happy to talk about it

3. Action Items

a. Adoption of January 7 minutes

Kevin motions to adopt the minutes, David seconds, motion passes 7-0

4. 6:05 Informational/Discussion Items

a. Unmet Transit Needs (*Olya Egorov*) – moving to after SCE so that Phil can make it

b. Southern California Edison (*Matt Paruolo, SCE, plus a representative of the California Public Utilities Commission, March*)

- Matt Paruolo, local liaison to tribes and governments
 - We were asked to attend the CAC in order to expand on our presentation to the board of sups in the aftermath of the Christmas power outage. Thanks to CAC for accommodating.
 - We understand how impactful the outages were, especially in this community, over the winter holidays. I can assure that the highest levels of the company are addressing this
- Harrison Prieto, meteorologist
 - Team of 9 in weather services at SCE
 - Every day we issue threat level matrices for 19 different locations throughout the SCE territory. Look at fire weather, wind, heat, precip, thunderstorm potential. This report on the screen is an example that happens to be for the Monday before the

Christmas storm.

- Also produce forecasts for energy demand that integrate temperature information
- PSPS forecasts are produced as well and help to monitor for PSPS conditions on individual circuits
- 100 weather stations in Mammoth/Bishop area, part of 2000 stations in the service territory (pretty much all are along the Eastern Sierra front, none on west side of crest)
- Use euro global weather models and downsample to get higher resolution for SCE territory and then apply machine learning from weather stations to analyze the models and forecasts.
- Changing gears to talk about snowpack across the west and here in the Sierra –
 - Central and Southern Sierra is just short of the long term average, doing much better than most of the rest of the western US
 - Our snowpack has arrived in just four storms. December storm delivered about 50% of the snowpack for the year so far – about 50 inches SWE
- Slide shows a copy of the forecast I produced the Sunday before the Christmas storm, warning of 3-5 feet of snow, wind, road closures. Graph of precip shows the period Dec 23 – Jan 5
- Questions –
 - Dave Rosky – as all of this information is coming in, what’s happening on the ground, are repair teams being staged or anything like that?
 - Matt Paruolo – we build contingency plans, push out alerts to customers, bolster crews and ready repair teams. But it’s worth noting that this storm had widespread effects throughout the state.
- Matt Paruolo –
 - This slide shows a schematic of the power generation and transmission in this part of the Sierra. There were failures on both of the lines leaving Rush Creek plant, the one that distributes to the south substation at Casa Diablo and the one that serves Lee Vining and Bridgeport
 - It’s important to be able to access the power stations and the lines and that was really difficult during this storm
 - Supervisor McFarland requested a reporting of the status of grid hardening work, and this map shows the sections in green that we’ve fully completed (just Clark and front of Peterson) and the brown (everything along 158) still need to be done
 - Grid hardening status in JL – Reverse Peak circuit is about half done, Gull Lake circuit is about 10% done
- Jude Schneider, PSPS Operations –
 - 55 people in the PSPS operations group, and coordinate 900 employees across the company to respond to emergencies
 - Windspeed thresholds are set based on the circuit, environmental conditions, and other relevant conditions. Different triggers/thresholds for covered vs uncovered lines
 - Notification timeline begins 4-7 days ahead of PSPS based on weather forecasts. Send notifications before expected outage, as soon as it’s turned off, and when it’s back on
 - If you get a notification that the power is on, but it’s not on at your house, you should let us no in case there’s additional damage on the lines that we need to know about
- Mary Finn – customer programs and resiliency
 - I’m on the incident management team and help respond to emergencies and PSPS throughout the state
 - I have brochures about all our various customer programs

- Matt Paruolo – community care during PSPS
 - We partner with Mono County, which does a great job of providing assistance to the community during outages.
 - Lots of helpful info on SCE.com
 - Please update your contact info and preferences on the sce website so that you get all the notifications
- Questions –
- John DeCoster – great presentation, very interesting. Seems like we're spending a lot of money on weather forecasting and response, wouldn't it be more cost effective to move the transmission underground?
 - Matt - Here in the loop we're making major investments already. Because of the geography here, undergrounding is extremely extremely expensive, not to mention all the environmental and cultural concerns. And it's not necessarily more reliable, especially where there's a lot of water. And once you underground, if there is an outage, it's a much much longer response time. New construction in Mono County should be receiving power from underground, but there are lots of variances
 - Jude – also, trying to underground on federal lands is a very long process, and it's much faster to harden the aboveground. Also, most homes are receiving their power from aboveground lines, so you'd have to ask everyone to change their power access point.
 - Mary – I have been attending community meetings in Malibu in the wake of the Palisades fire, and as Jude says there has to be agreement from homeowners about how their homes will receive power and when there isn't agreement, there will be a patchwork of overhead and underground lines
- Bob Marks – I live in the Peterson tract and would like to talk about the December 24 outages. We had intermittent power and so did not suffer the losses that people in the village did. I would like to know what are the causes of the outage – SCE has been saying that the causes were all natural and therefore they are not responsible for the many hundreds of thousands of dollars that people in the village lost. I have been reading SCE's reliability reports from past years, and of the top 1% worst performing circuits, 4 of them are in Mono County. Also note that the reliability reports will state that an outage was caused by weather and then also order a repair to a switch, suggesting that there were also equipment failures. The reports of this outage are being written now, and we deserve to have all the information about the failures of infrastructure during this outage.
 - Matt – there were 13 different repair orders associated with the Christmas outage, and some of these were complex – for example in Pickel Meadow there was a pole with 13 broken arms. But in general, the infrastructure here is overbuilt to be able to withstand the intense storms – bigger poles, shorter guy lines, and so on. It is our responsibility to build and maintain the grid. It's fair to say there were equipment failures in this storm.
 - Bob – the reliability reports are so brief, would it be possible to see the full engineering report
 - Jude – we'll check to see if it's something we can publicly provide and will get it to the CAC if so
- Connie Millar, Mono City – comment about drones – given they are prohibited in some areas, such as the Mono Basin Scenic Area, I assume you'll still have to do manual inspections. Given the wet snow that we get here – different than other places – how does that factor into PSPS outages?
 - Jude – it does not. We don't issue PSPS when there's snow on the ground because we assume there is no fire danger
 - Connie – given all these great weather stations, I wonder if you can do a better pogonip forecast than NWS? Finally, in Mono City, we've had several instances of galloping or vibration on the lines, which is concerning.

- Carson - The vibration happens when something hits the line – it vibrates down the line and comes back, and then will stop – it's not dangerous
 - Harrison – we don't track or forecast pogonip because it's not a cause of outages
 - Joyce Kauffman – are we going to have to deal with helicopter noise forever and ever? And
 - Matt – helicopter use is standard at this point for the purpose of transporting equipment to perform upgrades, and we plan to continue making upgrades, but there will be a reduction after we achieve the upgrades we've planned in the shorter term. With regard to the timing of outages, we do try to be sensitive to the weather and seasons, reducing impacts to wildlife, and responsive to the community. It's a balancing act.
 - Garret Lockhart - I represent some of the businesses in town that suffer big losses during power outages. We understand the need for grid hardening and wildfire resilience, but it's very difficult to accommodate visitors during power outages – even planned ones.
 - Matt – we recognize it's a tourism-driven economy. Sup McFarland has been a great advocate for the communities around the timing of outages and trying to accommodate business operations in scheduling. I understand the frustration, it's a difficult balancing act.
 - Ralph Lockhart – are there resources for businesses (loans, grants) for businesses to add generators, batteries, solar and so on?
 - Jude – we do have a lot of resources for small business, none here in the room. We'll get your information and send you a contact.
 - Mary – programs come and go all the time, check SCE website for the current ones. Rebates for generation are common, check terms and conditions.
 - Paul McFarland – a reminder that I don't get all the notices, they just go to the customers. So if you get one and have concerns, contact me and I can reach out to Matt. SCE has been really responsive and flexible, and we appreciate it.
- c. [5 min break for SCE to pack up and for reset]
- d. 8:15 Unmet transit needs – Olya, & Phil Mores, Mono County Regional Transportation Authority
- Public input collected regarding unmet needs, council considers the requests and decides if they are reasonable to meet.
 - Today is opportunity to provide feedback, also transportation meetings on April 13 and May 11, or can contact me directly.
 - Dave Rosky – I'd like to second the idea of having an agenda item around a shuttle for June mountain parking
 - Janet – the last time a Mammoth-June route was tried was more than just a few years ago, so I think it would be great to look at that again and try harder to figure out how to make it function. I think June Lake is ready and that there would be good support for reexamining the potential.
 - Ralph Lockhart – I am supportive of June Mountain and the idea of a shuttle, Double Eagle has lots of parking and could be a stop. But I'd also like to see more leniency around the parking on the road
 - Olya – there were a couple of other unmet needs identified last year – expanded dial-a-ride, and more pickups at the Bishop airport, and improvement of North Shore Road, which is scheduled.
 - Phil – I'd like to highlight some new services – we are up to 7 days a week on the 395 route from Reno to Lancaster. We do have a Mammoth-June service on Tuesdays, we will pick you up in town as part of dial-a-ride. This is the first year ESTA has been over budget, so I'm not sure how we'd be able to support a June shuttle this year
 - Janet – what I'm hearing is that if we want to set something up in town then we're going to have to fund it ourselves, is that correct? – yes- the question that comes to mind, is how much does Mammoth pay for the shuttle services?
 - Ski area pays 1.1 million for winter service, and the Town pays 1.1 million for

summer service, so total \$2.2 million

e. 8:29 County Recreation Update (*Marcella Rose & Eric Rios*)

- Mono County has a Sustainable Recreation Department, and our focus is on sustainable management of this area.
- June Lake is fortunate to have the June Lake Trails Committee – we partnered with them, Inyo NF, and Friends of the Inyo to work on many different trails in the June Lake area. Spent 85 hours – 120 staff hours on trail maintenance
- We also began contributing to visitor services by sending a county employee to help staff the Mono Basin Visitor Center as well as the Chamber of Commerce kiosk at Rainbow Ridge Realty office.
- Planning to update some of the Camp Like a Pro resources
- Heads up for some projects coming this year: waiting to hear back from the Inyo about how we'll collaborate on trail assessments and maintenance – we plan to help with tree clearing and other work in the spring
- USFS is hiring rec tech positions, those close next week, so we're not sure yet what their staffing will look like, but expecting they'll be cleaning facilities and staffing info stations
- Planning to add signage at Dog Beach about dispersed camping and other regulations / guidance
- Fire ring cleanup in the June Lake loop – partnering with JLTC and open to the public
- Fishing line cleanup with Mammoth Lakes recreation
- Marcella – finally, I wanted to share an update about the Golden Mussel – it is a real threat to our waterways and infrastructure if it manages to get into our water here. The typical approach is a watercraft inspection, and Mono County did pass an ordinance that any trailered watercraft passing through Mono County must be inspected for the presence of the golden mussel. Inspected and approved watercraft will get a sticker as proof of safety to launch in our waters.
- Garret Lockhart – how long does the sticker last, and if you leave the county and launch elsewhere, do you need to recertify?
 - Residents must get the sticker at least once a year, visitors once a month, and you must be reinspected if the boat leaves the county
- David Rosky – are non-trailered boats considered a problem, do they need to be inspected?
 - The mussels travel in parts of the boats that stay wet, so canoes and kayaks and such are not the primary concern at this time.
- Upcoming economic impact analysis study to understand how recreation affects our economy – sometime in April

5. **8:45 Monthly reports**

a. Supervisor's Report (*Paul McFarland*)

- The golden mussel thing is real, the threats to PUD infrastructure alone merits this being taken seriously
- Many comments about plowing issues during the last storm were passed on – mostly they were about the highway/CalTrans and not county roads/plowing
- County has raised parking ticket fees from \$37 to \$110 so that we're on par with the Town of Mammoth. But we're not going to ticket our way out of this issue, so we do need to have a conversation about what we can do on busy weekends.
- The County is applying for a number of federal appropriations – funding for evacuation routes, specifically for the Peterson tract
- No reservations at Yosemite this year, it remains to be seen what that will look like. We are hearing from lodging that foreign reservations are being cancelled because of the high entrance

fee for foreign travelers

- Thank you for being here to talk with SCE, those conversations are ongoing and we are going to continue advocating for our community

b. CAC Chair – Julie – pass

c. Member reports/comments

- Gary – Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua is coming up, there will be many great trips and events, registration opens soon
- Claire -- Sierra STEM has two more Friday Night Science Club events before we break for the summer, March 13 (Pi Day themed) and April 17 (Earth Day themed). Summer camp registration opens in person Sunday 3/15, events at June Lake Brewing and Lee Vining Community Center, and online 3/16. Exciting summer camp season coming up!

d. Planning Update (*Staff*)

6. **8:54 Community Updates**

a. Women's Club – Irish Dinner on St Patty's Day here at the JLCC

b. Chamber of Commerce – Janet – new officers installed, and planning the budget for the year now

7. **Future agenda items**

a. June Mountain parking (Julie Brown, April?)

b. Golden State Connect high speed internet (Shayne Pope and Kyle Zimbelman of GSC, May)

c. Community Garden

d. Gull Lake Park Electrical Enhancement

e. National Forest Foundation Fuel Reduction on June Mountain (Summer 2026)

8. **8:54 Adjourn to** April 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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