

**Mono Basin RPAC  
Regional Planning Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, 6:30 pm, remote/virtual meeting via Zoom/conference call**

**Members present:** Lisa Cutting, Bartshe Miller, Elin Ljung, Ilene Mandelbaum, and Kristie Nelson

**Public Attendees and Presenters:** Virtual attendees list filed by staff. Please contact Bentley Regehr, if needed ([bregehr@mono.ca.gov](mailto:bregehr@mono.ca.gov))

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 6:33pm**
2. **Public Comment:** none
3. **Review minutes from July:** No changes were needed. Elin moved to accept the minutes, Kristie seconded. Unanimously accepted, though Ilene abstained.
4. **Supervisor Gardner's report:** The Board of Supervisors have been conducting budget workshops and analyses. ToT and sales revenues are down, but revenues from property taxes keeps Mono County relatively stable in revenue. The Recreation Coordinator position has created an Adopt a Trail program – people or organizations can adopt a trail for \$1500, or conduct trail maintenance on their adopted trail. No date yet for next Tioga Inn meeting but there will be one.
5. **Chair Persons Report:** Duncan not available today
6. **Members Reports:** Elin Ljung: attended the Tioga Inn meetings and thanks supervisors and County staff. She eagerly looks forward to the next meeting. Bartshe Miller: Commented on the Tioga Inn meetings – they were well run, good process. Also, a potential future agenda item – the Mono City fire escape route. The breakaway gate appears broken, and there are off-road trails in that area. Bob said he has asked the Sheriff to increase patrols to this area, and County road dept. will look into the road condition. Yesterday Bartshe made a trip to Twain Island, the primary nesting area for the Mono Lake California Gull colony, to assess the weed eradication efforts conducted early this year by INF and Mono Lake Committee. Results are better than expected – weeds were greatly reduced and gull activity this nesting season was high. Kristie Nelson: Curious about any update on the Marina Fire rockfall project. The highway is pretty beat up on that section, and some of the potholes have new-ish paint around them. Are there plans to repair those? Ilene: Commended the increase in no camping signs and trash clean up efforts in Lee Vining Canyon. She is also curious on the RPAC's role with specific community plans and felt there were missed opportunities for the RPAC to provide specific input. Lisa: Attended BoS and Tioga Inn meetings, as well as Fire Safe Council. The Mono City green waste dumpster was swapped out for an empty one today.
7. **Fire Safe Council update:** There's a possible grass-root initiative to combine efforts and coordination for FSC's in the Inyo-Mono region. Have more of a clearing house rather than just county by county approach. Also discussions about webinars on topics including fire insurance and home protection.
8. **Inyo National Forest update:** No Gordon, deferred to next month
9. **LV SCE Substation:** Ray couldn't attend this meeting, and requests specific questions be directed his way and answers can be provided next meeting. Ilene commented that the field trip generated some questions that she had submitted in her notes. The main things were ground

disturbance and wondering about the road/trail access that had gone from the SCE substation area to the old Pumice mine – is that still there? Also curious on re-veg and rehab. With the creek bank sculpting – has increased sedimentation been addressed? Is there a need for streambank stabilization? The full scope of work may be helpful for addressing these questions, and it is probably available from the PUC.

10. **Pedestrian Connectivity:** Also deferred until Ray from SCE can provide an update
11. **Covid-19 update:** The County currently has 160 cases, including 14 new ones from central and north county. The county has been communicating with lodging and restaurant owners in Mammoth. There's been some tightening on occupancy and timing regulations for lodging. Some talk of having outside tabling at local visitor centers, but VC's are not open. Kristie asked about the number of positive Covid cases Mono County is recording that are coming from non-residents or second home-owners. Even a ballpark number, as it feels like we are not getting the full picture of local infections if second home owners and tourists are excluded from the total case number provided. It appears this number is not available.
12. **Information Items:** A pre-application for development has been submitted for a parcel in Lundy. There's also a proposal for up to 3 RV spaces on a private parcel in Cottonwood Canyon off Hwy 167. May need a CEQA addendum. Bartshe asked about an update on the plans for Mono County dumpsites and Pumice Valley update.
13. **Upcoming agenda Items:** Mono City evacuation route update, SCE: pedestrian connectivity and response to Ilene's questions, INF update, Pumice Valley dump.
14. **Adjourned 8:02 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Kristie Nelson, Secretary