

Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 6:30pm
remote/virtual meeting via Zoom/conference call

Members present: Elin Ljung, Bartshe Miller, Jake Suppa, Molly DesBaillets. **Members absent:**, Ronda Kauk, , Lisa Cutting.

Public: Mono County: Bob Gardner, Marcella Rose, Wendy Sugimura. Public: [Grace Anderson](#), Paul Ashby, Lynn Boulton, [Margaret Eissler](#), [Mike Light](#). Stephanie Heller, Dave Marquart, other participants.

1. Call to order & pledge of allegiance: 6:32pm

2. Nomination and election of RPAC officers: Bartshe nominated as a slate Elin for Chair, Jake for Vice Chair, and Molly as Secretary provisionally. Jake seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Public comment: None.

4. Review minutes from December 14, 2022: [Jake moved to approve the minutes as presented, Bartshe seconded, all approved.](#)

5. Review and adopt resolution to meet virtually this February 8, 2023: [Jake](#) moved to approve, [Elin](#) seconded, unanimous vote in favor of adopting the resolution. Noted that next meeting would be in-person at the Lee Vining Community Center in April 2023.

6. Introduction of Marcella Rose, Mono County Sustainable Recreation Coordinator): Marcella Rose introduced herself and provided an overview of her current work engagement, including the Lee Vining and Mono Basin engagement.

Contact info: Marcella Rose - Sustainable Recreation Coordinator, mrose@mono.ca.gov.

Have an idea for community or volunteer locations? Have ideas for recreation in Mono Basin? Let me know! Happy to hear from you all. Help spread the word on our various programs!:

Camp Like a Pro Campaign

<https://www.essrp.org/camping>

Adopt a Trail program

<https://mammothlakesrecreation.org/adopt-a-trail/>

Tangle Free Waters

<https://mammothlakesrecreation.org/tangle-free-waters-2/>

7. Consider General Plan Amendment recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

a. Add the Commercial land use designation to manufactured home standards (\$04.280)

b. Allow manufactured homes less than 20' in width without any additional review

Proposed changes attached to agenda and displayed on screen for consideration. GPA changes were presented and accepted as proposed changes by RPAC members: Jake moved to approve, Elin seconded, all approved.

8. Update on Bodie drilling projects (Lynn Boulton):

Presentation by Lynn Boulton providing an overview of the Bodie Hills Drilling Projects with slides.

Overview of Bald Peak Paramount Gold drill sites.

Sawtooth Ridge proposed drill sites.

Spring Peak proposed drill sites (Headwater Gold).

Overview of collateral damage, photos, maps.

Questions for Lynn regarding future development, road access.

9. Discuss: Return to in-person meetings: Wendy: State is returning to in person mtgs. State of emergency for covid rescinded that allows for AB 61 to be in effect. AB 2449 passed for some provisions for hybrid meeting, but it's pretty restrictive. Mono Basin Community Center doesn't allow for hybrid meetings. We will be returning to in-person meetings in March. Cost of equipping Mono Basin Community Center is very expensive, but it would also have to be done at all RPACs. Bob Gardner pointed out that people could also call in to RPAC meetings acknowledging that it would not be of the same quality of sound/video.

Wendy Sugimura indicated that RPACs may be moving to only once every two months meetings due to shortage of Mono County Community Development Staff.

Discussion regarding possibility of zoom link from a phone or laptop in the meeting at the time of meeting.

10. Standing reports & updates:

a. Inyo National Forest update (Stephanie Heller): Stephanie Heller reports: hectic with snow and snow removal. Gearing up for summer. Hiring new staff, including visitor center staff, over-snow recreation update, consulting with OGC regarding authorities on wild horses. Still working on authority on whether or not we can gather horses.

b. Supervisor Gardner's report: Applauding new hiring with Inyo National Forest, great news. Task Force organization for recreation sites in the Mono Basin. Idea is to get some improvement work happening with multiple agencies and non-profits that benefit visitor experiences. This process is ongoing. Pursuing a dog leash ordinance in Mono City, not soon, but I am pursuing this so everyone knows.

c. Chairperson report: Keeping up with meetings that Mono County hosts. Great work for Mono County and Caltrans in the snow removal and coping with snow department.

d. Members' reports:

Jake Suppa: Nothing specific to report.

Molly DesBaillets: Kindergarten Round up March 20, 1030-11 and Health and Safety Fair, and May 20 (flyer emailed would not open, apologies from notetaker that this info could not be included here). Thanks to all for snow removal and neighbors helping with snow removal. Thanks Bob for dog leash ordinance

Bartshe Miller: California State Water Resources Control Board workshop on Mono Lake, February 15.

e. Mono Basin Fire Safe Council: No updates and meeting skipped this month.

f. Mono Basin Housing Committee: Looking at Tuesday, March 21 for next meeting and Wednesday March 22 at Community Center for Community Housing updates. Looking for an opportunity for the community to weigh in and help clarify priorities. Looking for discussions that will lead to action on housing problem.

g. Mono Basin Bear Committee: There is no bear report, but it's important to know that bears could be around in winter, and Tuolumne Winter Rangers have reported bears and their tracks. Taking precautions at all times is a good idea.

h. Information items, including project updates (planning staff): Only project update is Swiggum, Hip Camp proposal. Awaiting confirmation on how to proceed and will come back to planning commission in near future. DNS proposal has been approved.

11. Upcoming agenda items: CALTRANS wants to come and share preliminary design for Lee Vining (April). Annual unmet transit needs for coming year. Removed letter of support for Housing Director from future agenda items. Note for a future meeting regarding keeping Lee Vining post office accessible in future winters, perhaps in October or fall. Wild horse status and Mono Basin partners update. Snow Patrol to help people shovel, planning for snow removal for community members who can't.

12. Adjourn at 8:24pm, to next meeting (in person) April 12, 2023, 6:30pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.