

November 13th, 2024 Mono Basin RPAC Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:35pm
2. No Public Comment
3. Minutes amended and approved 2/3
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 - a. Hazard Mitigation plan is every five years and approved by FEMA, putting into place policies, resources, and programs. There are many categories of hazards, with climate change as an overarching theme, and dust mitigations via PM10 being a concern, but the emphasized conversation was fire resiliency. There have been continued efforts with fuel breaks in the Mono Basin by USFS, and the Whitebark Institute has provided grants for many projects. The community centers are also shelters, with staff mandated to provide. System improvements could be generators, cots, and a diversified staff for location accessibility. The school districts, ESUSD, MUSD, & MCOE were also provided outreach for comment. A survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/wnr9HmvAyW>
 - b. The County approved a guarantee of 2.5m in funds for Lee Vining PUD to replace infrastructure during the Caltrans summer 2026 project. Not only will this update outdated pipes and valves, but also provide a map of the system location.
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 - a. Budget cuts leave the Visitor center with limited staff and reliance on partners and volunteers, possibly lasting 2-4 years or forever. There will be a fire management officer, though currently no fuels chief. However, the fire budget is maintained. In anticipation of these setbacks, the roads/travel management crew repaired Horse Meadow's road- appreciated by all in attendance.
 - b. Connected with Matt Paruolo in regards to SCE recommendations. A child care round table occurred, with the general sentiment of lacking authority or "not 'my' job" sentiments. Continuing to pull people together and shift to a collaborative support group. Lahontan and Tribal beneficial uses delayed until May '25 with the State Water Board designations and legal limitations of stream fishing and subsistence gathering.
 - c. N/A
 - d. N/A
 - e. Fire safe council discussed the completion of the Kirkwood Springs project, banner signage language, and fire wise community updates.
 - f. N/A
 - g. N/A

RPAC member by laws to be reviewed. D&S Waste project has had continued compliance efforts, and a process is being set up for Sierra Septic storage. There is currently no dumping. The pre-existing junk yard is being systematically dismantled with plasma cutters.