

**Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Lee Vining Community Center**

Members present: Lisa Cutting, Kristie Nelson, Margy Verba, Ilene Mandelbaum, and Bartshe Miller
Public Attendees and Presenters: Bob Gardner, Barbara Wanner, Cedar Barager, Amanda Benbow, Wendy Sugimura, Florene Trainer, Austin West, Mark Heckman

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.
2. **Public Comments:** Cedar Barager (Mono Basin Historical Society) reported on a proposal to relocate the Cunningham House to Hess Park. If not relocated, it will be demolished or removed as part of the land exchange between the INF and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. Barbara Wanner expressed concern about speeders driving through Lee Vining. Lisa Cutting recommended getting neighbors to attend public meetings. Bob Gardner encouraged Barbara to contact the CHP and Sheriff.
3. **Review Minutes:** Bartshe Miller moved to approve minutes from 3/14/18, Ilene Mandelbaum seconded. Margy Verba abstained.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Bob Gardner will have a conference call with SCE later in the week to discuss the Mill Creek return ditch. He reported SCE is amenable to using the road behind Lee Vining as a fire break. He inquired about shutting off power in case of high winds and was informed that SCE will be putting out a policy. SCE will be coming back in August to do more dam work. He reported that cannabis regulations are moving forward. Wendy Sugimura added that two permits will be required: Operating and Land Use. He reported that the County has a \$50,000 grant for projects supporting recreation. They are seeking projects that are "shovel ready", and impact the maximum number of visitors.
5. **Chairperson's Report:** Lisa Cutting attended the Lee Vining PUD meeting; great progress on the test well. She had a conversation with SCE, and was assured that their new structure would be within the existing substation footprint. She got in touch with Frontier regarding the fiber optic cable across the Lee Vining Creek Trail. She was assured it was a temporary solution required due to cable damage from high flows, and the long-term plan is to put cable back under the creek. She also provided an update on the Lee Vining Creek Trail damage.
6. **Members' Reports:**
 - a. Bartshe Miller: Commented on lack of information from INF about when campgrounds in Lee Vining Canyon open. They have posted dates for June Lake. He reported the RPAC members need to be updated on the county website. He also reported that the MLC and DWP had measured Mono Lake level on 4/1/18 at 6381.86", meaning DWP can export 16,000 acre feet, which they will allocate over the year.
 - b. Kristi Nelson: Described a solution she observed in another small town where pedestrians carry warning flags when crossing the road.
 - c. Ilene Mandelbaum: Reported on the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council, and also that the INF has a fire prevention signage plan.
 - d. Margy Verba: Nothing to report.
7. **Lee Vining Main Street Project (Caltrans):** Mark Heckman presented the public engagement schedule. The project will begin in June, and there will be a community workshop. Caltrans will attend the Chautauqua. Austin West (Caltrans Transportation Planner) provided an update on environmental issues. Heckman encouraged public involvement in the form of "project ambassadors", reminding the RPAC that the rehab project will have a 50-year life span so this is the community's opportunity for involvement. Discussion ensued on how to do outreach to businesses. Florene Trainer (Caltrans Public Information Officer) informed RPAC that PID

document would be out Spring 2019. Lisa Cutting proposed correlating the project with MB Community Plan.

8. **Housing Needs Assessment (Amanda Benbow, Mono County):** Please refer to the following document:

<https://agenda.mono.ca.gov/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=18520&ItemID=9335> . Benbow presented the Housing Needs Assessment completed Fall 2017. She presented the demographics and issues at hand: the county is short 120-170 units of affordable housing outside of Mammoth. The “controversial” Housing Mitigation Ordinance has been suspended since 2011. There was discussion of the Tioga Inn, and its workforce housing needs. Discussion ensued on topics including location dependent fees, long-term rentals, and short-term rentals. Wendy Sugimura presented the recent history of the short-term rental issue. Currently, there exists Type I (owner occupied) and Type II (not owner occupied) short-term rentals, with a moratorium on Type II till 2019. Sugimura described how Type II permit process will work when moratorium lifted.

9. **Agenda Items:** FSC standing.

Prepared by Margy Verba

10. **Adjourn:** 9:00 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday 5/9/2018.