

**Mono Basin RPAC**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

**Members present:** Duncan King, Bartshe Miller, Paul McFarland, Chris Lizza, Margy Verba and Lisa Cutting.

**Public Attendees and Presenters:** Scott Burns, Ellen King, Tim Alpers, Margie DeRose, Alicia Vennos, and Jeff Simpson.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:39 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Alicia Vennos (Mono County Economic Development Director/Film Commissioner) reported that for the first quarter (July-September 2015) TOT was up a record 7%, the county had received an award for its social media presence, community event funding was \$4k for this year, and a \$50k USDA grant had been received for technical training for small businesses.
3. **Review Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2015 were approved with the following change – item 6c should read MCPC not LTC. Lisa Cutting proposed, Paul McFarland seconded. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Tim Alpers reported that a second gate had been added to highway 158 for winter closure which would make the area more accessible for recreation. Leslie Chapman was appointed as Mono County CAO, the search for an HR manager continues, Marshall Rudolph was leaving for Inyo County but Stacy Simon would step in as interim County Counsel.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Bartshe reported that there was a lot of local interest in a potential Lee Vining Tesla charging station and community planning and RPAC involvement would be beneficial. Tourist interest in the fall color this year was huge and parking in popular spots was becoming an issue.
6. **Member's reports:**
  - a. Chris Lizza: The Planning Commission is to examine the General Plan update and EIR update, and also the TOT overlay for the Nevada Street area of June Lake.
  - b. Paul McFarland: Paul reported the Lee Vining PUD is working on a plan for alternative water sources for town.
  - c. Ilene Mandelbaum: absent.
  - d. Duncan King: The sign on 395 for the County Park mistakenly shows the park is closed – only the restrooms are closed for winter.
  - e. Margy Verba: Nothing to report.
  - f. Lisa Cutting: The increase in fall visitation is going to require people management soon. We need to discuss the merits of an in town vs out of town Tesla charging location.
  - g. Zane Davis: Absent.
7. **Margie DeRose:** Margie introduced herself as Deputy District Ranger, Mono Lake District of the Inyo National Forest and also as a geologist. An Oversnow Vehicle Planning Process has started, and the Inyo NF Plan Revision Draft should be available in February 2016 .
8. **Drone issues:** Lisa Cutting started the discussion with an overview and flyby of the situation. There are more drones being sold and used, and the potential for drone/human and drone/wildlife interactions/conflicts is increasing. There have been incident reports from South Tufa, Gardisky and the Lundy areas, and privacy and wildlife issues have been raised. This is a new area with unknowns with respect to Airport and County ordinances,

and is raising education and enforcement questions. Drones are prohibited in National Parks and the local ski areas.

9. **Bear in park issues:** The problem is we have both bear-proof and non-bear-proof trash cans. The dumpster behind the LVCC is a particular disaster. The RPAC recommends no more bear-accessible receptacles. Scott Burns will contact Tony Dublino and get back to Bartshe on this.
10. **Mono Basin Trails Report:** Paul McFarland reported that the program for 2016 will include the maintenance of existing trails and improved signage around town, further work on a Lee Vining to Mono City trail, and on priorities and partnerships for the future.
11. **Information items and provide direction to staff (Planning):** (Scott Burns) The General Plan is going to the BOS next Tuesday.
12. **Upcoming agenda items:** Mono Basin Trails; Bear issues; County Strategic Plan ; CAO Leslie Chapman; Alternate Fuels sites.
13. **Adjourn: 8:37 Next meeting Wednesday January 13, 2016**