



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
April 7, 2015**

Flash Drive	#1001
Minute Orders	M15-66 to M15-77
Resolutions	R15-22 to R15-24
Ordinance	Ord15-03 not used

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors absent: None.*

*Break: 10:30
Reconvene:10:40
Closed Session:12:52
Reconvene:2:35
Closed Session: 2:42
Adjourn:3:20*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Carolyn Davis:

- President Obama pushing fast-track legislation on trans-pacific (TPP) trade agreement being negotiated in secret. Undermines existing legal protections regarding foreign corporations. Undermines local sovereignty. Requested Board send letter of opposition.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Note

These draft meeting minutes have not yet been approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2015, as corrected.

Corless moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-66

Supervisor Fesko:

- On pg 3 of draft minutes, change “mid-day” to “mid-year”
- On pg 6 of draft minutes, change first bullet to read “For the next budget session, we need to see about funding for the position that we were not able to fund at mid-year”.

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2015, as corrected.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-67

Supervisor Johnston:

- On pg 2 of draft minutes, change “Jeffrey Winger (owns Bridgeport Reservoir)” to “Jeffrey Winger (owns Bridgeport Marina and RV Park)”.
- On pg 16 of draft minutes, change “discussion about sewage” to “discussion about extension of sewer service to Sierra Business Park”.

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- 3/18 - Attended Harassment Training held at the LeeVining Community Center along with many County employees.
- 3/20 - Attended the COG meeting held in Suite Z in Mammoth Lakes and testified in regards to State, County and private trout stocking issues in the eastern Sierra.
- 3/20 - Attended the ESTA Board held in Suite Z in Mammoth. A report on the FY 2013/14 audited financial statements was presented by Auditor-Controller, Amy Shepherd. The report had no findings (no problems with ESTA's accounting practices) and indicated that ESTA supplemented its fund balances by \$750,000 for the year. The ESTA Board indicated by consensus that it was uncomfortable approving the Mono County BOS' request that non-elected officials be able to be named to serve as ESTA Directors. The ESTA Board indicated that it was entrusted with making decisions affecting significant transit dollars and that it felt this was an appropriate duty of the elected officials of ESTA's member entities. The ESTA Directors asked to refer the request back to the Mono County BOS for further consideration.

The Board approved 2 new policies:

A policy to allow for service additions that are paid for in whole or part by a third party (e.g. request for late night service in Bishop on St. Patrick's Day)

A policy to begin setting aside monies to serve as matching funds in the future years for

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- vehicle replacement funding.
- 3/25 - Attended the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the LVCC. The 2 issues of concern was the early opening of Caltrans Hwys 120 and the north end of 158, and when the NPS will open the Tioga Road for the 2015 season. After a followup with Caltrans and the NPS, was informed that the Park will announce soon another early opening date. Caltrans will be considering a second closure gate at the north end of Hwy 158 (JL Loop road). In dry years, this would provide for early access to recreation areas in and around Parker Lake.
- 4/2 - Attended the Mono County Tourism Commission meeting held at the June Lake Community Center. Alicia and Jeff updated the Commission on the trout stocking schedule for the 2015 season. They also updated the Commission on the County's engagement with various Outdoor Sport shows around California and Nevada.

Supervisor Corless:

- Town-County Liaison: presentation regarding EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Improvement District), updates on solid waste, airport; discussion of regular presentations at our meetings. Would like to invite council to present at Mammoth meeting on 4/21 or at May meeting in Mammoth, and has offered to report at town Council in May.
- ESCOG: at both, interest in regional solutions, and we need to keep this moving forward.
- 4/1 Town Council meeting: big issue was moving the ice rink, potentially to Mammoth Creek Park; stopped by the fisheries commission and heard a presentation by Andrew Skaggs of Cal Trout.
- Listened in to some of the Ormat/MCWD hearing last Wednesday and Thursday. Heart of the case is the role of the Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee. Looking at info on the county site, that committee could use some attention. Regardless the outcome, it would serve the county well to take a look at the role of that committee and make available to the public as much information as possible to assure the safety of Mammoth's drinking water. Speaking of MCWD, they have imposed level III water restrictions, outdoor irrigation only allowed 2x per week.
- Mammoth Forward/Town Hall meeting plans: April 28 Town Hall, presented by Mammoth Forward in the style/format of Elizabeth Tenney's Eastside know-how, hope to hold quarterly meetings, see if there is interest that develops for a Mammoth advisory committee.
- Congratulations to Jenny Senior in county counsel's office for her 3rd place finish in the Ezakimak run on Mammoth Mtn 4/4 (reverse Kamikaze from Main Lodge to Mammoth Mtn).

Supervisor Fesko:

- March 17-18th – Headed over to Sacramento to attend the RCRC Board of Directors meeting. CAO Leddy has sent out with his weekly Board report with a letter from RCRC overiewing the items of interest at this meeting.
- March 20-23 – Attended the Reno Off-Road Show on behalf of the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Sierra Jamboree. The show was well attended with late Saturday and Sunday afternoons the busiest. Was positioned directly next to the Mono County Tourism's booth that was manned by volunteers Pam Hamic and Chris Long. Thank you ladies for all of your help! Of anyone that he has ever seen work a show, Pam hands out more material (Touring Guide, Maps, Calendars, etc.) than anyone. Great job Pam!
- March 23 – Held Town Hall meeting in Walker to discuss the County's mid-year budget and the EMS program. The meeting was attended by ~80 people. His goal was to educate the public on the EMS program and believes that he achieved that goal. The meeting and material that was presented helped start a dialog about this very important program. Many ideas have already started to come in from the public. Wants to Thank staff for their help in putting together a lot of this information: Leslie Chapman, Rob

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- Deforrest, Lynda Salcido, and many others. Supervisor Fred Stump attended the meeting and helped keep the meeting moving and on topic. Thank you Supervisor Stump! Overall the meeting was a success. The interest in getting this program fiscally sustainable has increased dramatically. Distributed handouts to be attached.
- March 26th – Meet with some constituents who had further questions regarding the EMS program. Several ideas were presented by them.
 - March 28th – Celebrated Fred and Jean Harris' 64th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Fred and Jean Harris of Topaz California.
 - March 30th – Attended Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC). The committee had not met for quite some time so there was a lot of catching up on. After the meeting, met with Pat Foster with Hot Creek Aviation and received a tour on the General Aviation side of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Also had a tour of the Commercial side of the airport with Brian Picken, Airport and Transportation manager. Toured the current buildings, discussed their short comings and discussed future plans. Drove the airport grounds including a drive down the runway. A special Thanks to both Brian Picken and Pat Foster for their time.
 - April 1st – Attended the ARC meeting. Shannon does a great job keeping these meetings on target and concise. Helen Nunn has started in the Clerk's Office and attended her first ARC meeting. Welcome Helen!
 - Recognized EMS Staff for recognition and quarterly award.
 - April 2nd – Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC. Discussion took place regarding the naming of the almost completed Mtn Gate Park (this will come up before the Board next week). Update on the status of a potential Pet Park in Walker and more discussion on trails in the valley.
 - April 4th – Attended the Antelope Valley Lions Club's annual Cow Pasture golf tournament at the Giorgi Ranch in Topaz California. There were ~90 golfers spread out over two 9-hole courses. These brave souls put up with some nasty winds throughout the day. Of course if the wind was at your back, one could get some great distance on a drive! As always, the best part is the food and the Lions sure know how to put out some great food! Thanks to his teammates for the day, Brett Walters, Ted Carleton, Dave Giorgi and Mike Giorgi.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended the Harassment training on March 18
- Attended the ESCOG meeting on March 20
- Attended the IMACA meeting on March 26. Considered various items including revised agenda format, committee and department reports, and upcoming housing upgrade reports.
- Noted the current court case of the water district vs. Great Basin Air Pollution Control District and others.
- LTC will be considering opening the east side of Tioga Pass at their next meeting.
- Great Basin UAPCD will be meeting April 8 to appoint Phil Kiddoo as the new Director.
- Attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing board meeting on April 6. The board is working on comments regarding proposed amendments to the Town's Housing Ordinance.
- Attended the joint meeting of Mammoth Lakes Housing and the Town Planning and Economic Development Commission regarding proposed amendments to the Town's Housing Ordinance.
- Attended the Banf Film Festival in Bishop – very inspiring and well attended.

Supervisor Stump:

- 3-19 Attended Harassment Training in Lee Vining
- 3-20 Attended Town / County meeting
- 3-22 Attended a Community Pot Luck in Paradise - nice Community
- 3-23 Attended a community meeting in Walker about Paramedics - compliments to Supervisor Fesko on his material preparation and meeting management

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- 3-24 Attended CSA 1 - Thanks to Vianey White, Courtney Weiche, and Scott Burns for their attendance and help with potential skate park planning and Crowley Lake Community Center site plan use permit update
- 3-36 With Supervisor Corless, Sheriff Braun, and County staff received a presentation from Sue Burak on County avalanche hazards
- 3-26 Attended the regular budget review meeting between finance, program management, and representatives from the Paramedic Association. These have been regular meetings since the beginning of this fiscal year
- 3-27 Held a conference call with Sally Miller of the Wilderness Society and Scott Burns about an electrical grid project in Nevada that could impact Mono. Letter of support was requested, answer was no without a presentation to the Board
- 3-30 Attended the Airport Land Use Commission. Acted as temporary Chair until a permanent one can be designated
- 4-1 Visited the project at the Chalfant park baseball field. Project coming along nicely. Thanks to all Public Works Staff involved for their attention to detail. Also saw the new speed advisement signs installed by Cal Trans to advise Hwy 6 drivers to slow down through the Community. Thanks to Cal Trans
- 4-3 Attended the OES briefing in Lee Vining. Topic was how to apply for 75% funding to repair damage caused during the 2-6 wind/fire events and cost recovery for emergency response expenditures incurred through 2-12. Funding is available because of disaster declaration
- 4-4 Discussions with Esmeralda County Commissioner Ralph Keyes. We both represent Fish Lake Valley. Primary topic was water. Commissioner Keyes is also a constituent since he owns property in Mono County. He asked for updates as the 2014 California Water Law process moves forward.
- 4-6 Attended LDTAC. Issue regarding Crowley Lake Community Center Planning process and auto storage in Walker.
- 4-7 Met with OES re: Swall Meadows cleanup. The State has some cost overruns but Melinda assured him that it won't affect our cleanup. 6 teams now working in Swall instead of 4.
- Got email from Peter Pumphries re: Lahonton appt. He serves on County Water Board, Stump is happy to write a letter to the governor to reappoint him to the Board, and asked the Board of Supervisors to write a letter as well. Would like this agendized for the future.
- EMS – each member should have copy of operating agreement. Last 5 years financials, staff report re: exclusive operating area if we do RFP on program, role ICEMA plays, historic service rights info. Current MOU with Paramedics, FLSA 80/20 rule, legal opinion on steps to control overtime under MOU, teleconference after initial meetings. Appoint employee rep w/3 years' experience, outside experience, multiple stations in Mono County. Would like to see agendized.
- PEPRA has not been resolved re: retirees serving on boards.
- Round fire cleanup should be finished 3rd week of April.

Brief comments on EMS Committee - items are seen as promoting the chances of Committee success - material each committee member should have and review preferably prior to the first meeting although it could be handed out at the first meeting:

- Read the EOA - need electronic version
- Read the Fitch report - need electronic version
- Review the last 5 years of program financials. Current funding sources.
- Staff report covering what happens to the EOA if Mono County decides to go RFP, the role of ICEMA in the RFP process, and if there are historic service rights included in the EOA
- Read the current MOU. Read applicable sections of the Fair Labor Standards Act including the 80/20 rule that governs when overtime payment is required

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- Have a staff report on the financial implications of the loss of CTO starting 7-15 and the other triggers in the MOU if activated in 7-16. Have a legal opinion on what additional steps to control overtime can be taken within the current MOU
- Since 9 committee members are not County Staff, including Dr. Johnson and himself, make the meetings as convenient as possible by utilizing tele-conference infrastructure between Bridgeport and Mammoth. This would be after one or two face to face organizational meetings. This would provide the least inconvenience to the volunteers serving on the committee and could ensure the participation of some who might otherwise opt out
- The Board should appoint the representative from the employee group. The appointee should have at least three years, preferably five, experience in the program and preferably worked in at least two stations. This would provide an individual with a longer term exposure to the program, peak demand period knowledge, and examples of logistical or other problems that have arisen and their solutions, etc.

Comments on the Government Code sections at conflict about whether a Cal Pers Annuitant can serve as an elected official in Mono County since Mono is a Cal Pers county.

- This affects Supervisors Johnston and Stump; new pension reform act. See above. Potential for reconciliation in June budget. Worst case scenario, immediate resignation of member, or retirement, or work for free. Talk of making this retroactive.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Jim Leddy:

- **March 18, 2015** – Attended AB 1825 Training. 45 people present and strong class hosted by Trindel and coordinated by Risk Manager.
- **March 19, 2015** – South County Employee Round Table in Mammoth.
- **March 19, 2015** – Attended the Town County Liaison Committee Meeting. Received a presentation from Sandra Moberly and Dan Holler on the Town of Mammoth Lakes efforts to create a potential Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. The District idea will be brought to the Board, most likely on May 19th.
- **March 20, 2015** – Attended the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Meetings. The Group has new Chair, Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths as well as new members from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and City of Bishop. Supervisor Corless and Johnston serve on behalf of Mono County. Many discussions about shared service opportunities around ongoing staff level solid waste discussions, economic development and D395 opportunities.
- **March 24, 2015** -- Attended ADA Taskforce meeting. Update on progress being made on projects provided.
- **March 26, 2015** – Participated in the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative Conference call along with SCE. Call is hosted by Rick Phelps and is ongoing working group focused on energy efficiency efforts in Inyo and Mono Counties, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the City of Bishop. Vianey White participates on behalf of the County on ongoing basis.
- **March 27, 2015** – Nate Greenberg, Brandon Schults (Inyo County IT Director) and Inyo County Administrator Kevin Carunchio and I met to hear from Inyo about the Obsidian project. Inyo County is working to design-build the last mile of the broadband network through Inyo County. Unlike Mono County which is relying on private sector development of the final mile, Inyo is looking to a public utility model to produce the final mile and then allow the private sector to provide the programming.
- It was a good conversation about possible methods to leverage both counties as well as efforts in Mammoth and Bishop to provide final mile. Staff will be developing a presentation for the next ESCOG meeting (June 19th).
- **March 30, 2015** -- Met with Deborah Hess and Jon Lum from Southern California Edison (SCE) for annual Circuit reliability review. They provided printed document for

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Supervisory Districts 2, 3 and 4. These documents will be given to Respective County Supervisors on April 7th for their review. John Lum is new SCE rep for Mono County, lives in Mammoth Lakes.

- **March 31, 2015** – Met with Stephen Kalish to discuss Airport issues.
- **April 1, 2015** -- April monthly Management meeting.
- **April 1, 2015** -- ICMA hosted a Strategic Planning Best Practices webinar. Nate Greenberg, Garrett Higerd, Scott Burns and I participated. The 90 minute session reviewed efforts in three other jurisdictions. Mono County's efforts show greater employee engagement than many and continue to garner public feedback through the circulation process.
- **April 2, 2015** -- North County Employee Roundtable. 9 people attended.
- **April 2, 2015** – CSAC hosted their Corrections Issues Forum which they initiated in 2011 to discuss impacts of AB 1-09 and other issues.
- **April 2, 2015** – Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC and had feedback session with attendees garnering pages of Strategic Plan ideas for review.
- **April 3, 2015** – Attended the Cal OES Applicants briefing. Will be working with Roberta Reed to ensure that all of the County's various application materials are submitted by the Cal OES deadline of **April 27th**. A number of other local agencies including the Town of mammoth lakes, the Mammoth lakes Fire Department, the Long Valley Fire Department and Bridgeport Fire.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Garrett Higerd:

- CalTransportation commission approved \$584,000 matching funds for Convict Lake Restoration Project. Has already gone to bid. New bike lane and pedestrian facilities. June Lake streets going back into construction mid-May. Rock Creek road construction resuming soon.
- Gas Tax revenue – legislation introduced to stabilize revenues.

Sheriff Ingrid Braun:

- Grand Jury tour underway.
- Best practices review in LA tomorrow re: Napa earthquake.
- Press release on Swall Meadows cycling. Request for no riding Mon-Sat.

Lynda Salcido:

- Public Health – Ebola outbreak, local Health departments receiving funds, Mono County eligible for \$65,000 for activities going forward. Based on that requirement, did not accept money, not needed, most work was already done. Disappointed with the State for that tact.

Bob Musil:

- Introduced Senior Deputy Clerk Helen Nunn
- Before next election, we hope to have a staffed precinct in Chalfant Valley and maybe in Swall Meadows.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. FY 2015-2016 California Department of Boating and Waterways Grant Program Departments: Sheriff's Office

The California Department of Boating and Waterways has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the annual boating and waterways

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grant program.

Action: 1. Approve Resolution #R15-22, authorizing the Mono County Sheriff's Office to participate in the FY 2015-16 California Department of Boating and Waterways grant program and to name the Sheriff-Coroner as an authorized agent to sign for and administer the grant. 2. Authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the contract with the California Department of Boating and Waterways for fiscal year 2015-2016. 3. Authorize Sheriff Ingrid Braun to sign the contract, any grant correspondence, and all reimbursement forms for said contract.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-22

B. Mutual Aid MOU - Law Enforcement Tactical Team

Departments: Sheriff's Office pulled by Johnston

Proposed MOU with Inyo County Sheriff, Inyo County District Attorney, and the Bishop Police Department, pertaining to Inter-agency Assistance.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize the Sheriff to enter into said MOU on behalf of the County.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-68

Supervisor Johnston:

- Budget Impact? How militarized do we want department to be?

Sheriff Braun:

- No long-term huge budget impact. Not looking to militarize, just enhance response to tactical situations, and join existing teams. Can find money in existing budget, in lieu of other training.

Supervisor Stump:

- Received anonymous threatening letter. Writer identified, local resident. Thinks we need options for dealing with potential threats.

Supervisor Fesko:

- What is training going to do to next year's budget request?

C. Fisheries Commission Appointments

Departments: Economic Development

The terms for Jim King, Dan Anthony and Jeff Parker, respectively, on the Mono County Fisheries Commission expire in April, 2015. Staff is recommending re-appointment of all three commissioners for another 4 year term, ending March 31, 2019.

Action: Re-appoint Jim King, Dan Anthony and Jeff Parker to the Mono County Fisheries Commission for a 4 year term, ending March 31, 2019.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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D. Employment Agreement with Tony Dublino

Departments: County Administrator's Office – Pulled by Stump

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Tony Dublino as Solid Waste Superintendent/Environmental Services Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R15-23, approving a contract with Tony Dublino as Solid Waste Superintendent/Environmental Services Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-23

Supervisor Stump:

- Recognized Tony Dublino's efforts in relief work.

E. Employment Agreement with Jeff Simpson

Departments: County Administrator's Office/Human Resources

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jeff Simpson as Economic Development Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R15-24, approving an employment agreement with Jeffrey Simpson and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-24

F. Hiring Freeze Variance; SW I/II/III and Vocational Trainee in DSS

Departments: Department of Social Services

A Social Worker III position and a Vocational Trainee/Assistant position are vacant within the Child and Adult Welfare Division of Social Services. The lack of adequate social work staff limits the department's ability to serve communities and protect vulnerable adults and families. This poses a serious adverse risk to individual and community health. These positions are critical to the operation of the department, hence the department is seeking a hiring freeze variance to recruit and fill these positions. Both of these positions are included in the current BOS-approved Allocation List.

Action: Approve hiring freeze variance and authorize the Director of Social Services to begin the recruitment effort to fill vacancies within the Child and Adult Welfare Division of Social Services, including a Social Worker I/II/III position and a Vocational Trainee position.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

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Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
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G. Hiring Freeze Variance; Senior Services Site Attendant
Departments: DSS

Mono County Senior Services Site Attendant, Rick Williams, provides a variety of services to communities along Highway 6 including home delivered meals, information and assistance, and assisted transportation. Hiring a second Site Attendant to cover services when Mr. Williams is absent is critical to allowing senior services to continue uninterrupted, while not costing the program additional funds. The total number of work hours authorized for the new position would not exceed 416 hours (.20 FTE) per fiscal year, and would be authorized only in the event the lead Site Attendant is absent. In this way the position is cost neutral; costing no more and no less than had the lead Site Attendant been available. The Director of Social Services or her designee would be responsible for authorizing the actual days and hours of work scheduled. This position is not covered under Merit System Services (MSS), hence approval by MSS to recruit is not required. This proposed position is included in current BOS-approved Allocation List.

Action: Approve hiring freeze variance and authorize the Director of Social Services to begin the recruitment effort for a Temporary Part-Time/Limited Term, un-benefited Senior Services Site Attendant position in the Department of Social Services.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M15-71

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

A. Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District
Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District, directed to the California Department of Water Resources, requesting that DWR include certain factors in the regulations that it is currently drafting related to groundwater basin boundary adjustments under the new Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

B. ESTA Support for Bishop and Mammoth Airports
Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from Eastern Sierra Transit Authority dated March 20, 2015 regarding Bishop and Mammoth Airports.

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C. Bi-State Local Area Working Group

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from the Bi-State Local Area Working group, dated March 18, 2015, thanking the Board of Supervisors for their sponsorship of the February 25-26, 2015 Bi-State Pinyon-Juniper Expansion Forum in Minden, NV.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Review of Local Emergencies

(Jim Leddy) - Review state of local emergencies, which were proclaimed by the Sheriff as Director Emergency Services on February 6, 2015, and ratified by the Board on February 10, 2015 and the second local emergency proclaimed by the Mono County Health Officer on February 11, 2015 and ratified by the Board on February 17, 2015. Also consider proposed waiver of encroachment permit fees associated with Round Fire recovery efforts. CalRecycle intends to remove hazard trees and the Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council intends to clear brush located within Mono County's right-of-way, on easements and fire breaks within the Swall Meadows Community.

Action: Continue the state of local emergencies. Waive encroachment permit fees for CalOES and Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council with respect to hazardous tree removal and clearing brush in the County's right-of-way, on easements and fire breaks within the Swall Meadows Community.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Jim Leddy:

- Standing Item.

Supervisor Stump:

- This is Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council. Has \$125,000 Grant.

B. Eastern Sierra Visitor Center Presentation

(Bernadette Johnson) - Presentation by Bernadette Johnson regarding the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center.

Bernadette Johnson:

- New Superintendent at Manzanar, Chair of Eastern Sierra Visitors Center in Lone Pine. 5 Year goals in board packet. Working to meet all goals. Look at visitors' information and fill in any gaps. 2014 – 250,000 visited visitors' center. \$310,000 budget – funded at all levels of government. Great cooperation among various levels. \$80,000 cash budget, \$10,000 from Mono. Rest is in-kind donations. Manzanar visitors center being revamped, should be finished April 20. There is a website with links and calendar, will work to enhance.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Amazed at number of visitors.

Supervisor Corless:

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- Will be participating at next meeting. Appreciates visitors center and Eastern Sierra Interpretive Center.

Supervisor Stump:

- Does Center have website with links?

Action: None.

C. County Children's Trust Fund

Departments: Department of Social Services

(Didi Tergesen, Child Abuse Prevention Council Coordinator and Marlo Preis, DSS Staff Services Analyst III) - Request by the Mono County Child and Family Advisory Board to spend funds held in the County's Children's Trust Fund. Report of Trust Fund monies spent in FY 2013-14 and status of foster home recruitment efforts.

Action: Approve request to use Children's Trust Fund monies in the amount of \$6,774.00 to fund community-based child abuse prevention proposals, as recommended by the Child and Family Advisory Board. Receive report on Trust Fund monies spent in the previous fiscal year and the status of foster home recruitment efforts.

Fesko moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Kathy Peterson:

- Introduced DiDi Tergesen. Marlo Preis unable to be here today. 2 pending applications with state for foster homes. Will double number of foster homes in Mono County.

Didi Tergeson:

- CAPC – 8 members. 2013/2014 Funded Reporter training, counseling sessions, child passenger safety technician course for child seats, Latino cultural awareness training.
- 2014/2015 – funded Spanish/English child abuse prevention books, child abuse prevention outreach, supervised visitation for families.

D. Fish and Game Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - On April 1, 2015, the Mono County Fisheries Commission approved \$5,100.00 to be allocated from the Fish and Game Fine Fund for the purpose of additional fish stocking. The Fisheries Commission felt this money would be best spent on fish stocking in preparation for the busy summer fishing months and to supplement the reduction of fish stocking from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The agenda item passed 6-0 with no abstentions.

Action: Approve the recommendation by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to use \$5,100.00 from the Fish and Game Fine Fund for additional fish stocking before the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Jeff Simpson:

- Review Audio

Supervisor Alpers:

- Are small fish in separate tanks and streams? Jeff – Yes.

E. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Comments Regarding AB 1213 Rulemaking

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Jim Leddy) - Discussion and potential comment letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding rulemaking actions by the California Fish and Game Commission on the implementation of AB 1213 (Chapter 748, Statutes of 2013)

Action: Direct Staff to send out a letter of comment, as amended.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Fesko

M15-75

Jim Leddy:

- Issue brought up by Fesko. Humboldt County concerned with implementation of AB 1213.

Ed Inwood:

- Issue is about legislative process. Fish and game is expanding beyond what legislature approved. Legislation should be followed. Proposed regulations ban trapping in 38 counties (not Mono County). There were only 7 trappings in Mono County – 1 from Bridgeport, 1 from Susanville, rest from Bishop. Will result in influx of non-resident trappers in Mono County.

Supervisor Johnston:

- What do you do with Bobcats? Inwood – Skin and sell hide. Are they considering statewide ban? Inwood – current discussion is 38 counties. Is issue resolved if Mono County is added to banned list? Inwood – 1st problem is legislative process. 2nd issue is displacement of trappers to Mono County. Ed supports trapping.

Supervisor Alpers:

- What controls/quotas are there on trappers coming in. Inwood – peak year there were 200 trappers in state.

Lynn Boulton:

- Lee Vining resident – AB1213 focuses on Joshua Tree Park, applies to all other parks, requires buffer zones which are not precisely defined. Fish and wildlife is struggling to find recognizable boundaries. F&W thinks individual buffer zones are not manageable, wants to use broad swathes of land, Not legislatively authorized, but practical solution. Center for Biological Diversity proposes statewide ban. Fish & Wildlife meets in 2 days, will make decision in June. Would like to see Excluded zone in Mono County expanded to include entire Mono Basin.

Supervisor Stump:

- Did you look at proposed letter? Yes, does not support it. Law deals with Joshua and other parks now, other parks in 2016.

Deanna Doulen:

- Lived here since early 90s. Wants Board to support ban on trapping at least in Mono Basin. Also requests wildlife signs on 395 two-lane stretch.

Carolyn Davis:

- Ban trapping in entire county.

S.T. Parker:

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- Reiterate Fish & Game meetings Thursday and in June. 14,400 cats allowed to be taken annually, no science to support it. 1 in 5 of total population allowed to be killed annually. Conflict between “old” and “new” county. Doesn’t think Board should get involved.

Ed Inwood:

- Original bill was to deal with areas where hunting is banned, not all parks. Trapping is prohibited on private land without written consent of owners.

Supervisor Corless:

- Original letter – cannot support because statements are misguided and outdated. Statewide ban is one alternative being considered. Fish & Wildlife is conducting bobcat study in Mono. Why are we sending nasty letter while study is being conducted? There needs to be compromise between allowing trapping and total ban. If we write letter, more research needs to be done. Wants to work with commission on 2016 changes.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Mono is no longer a hunting/taking environment. We should prohibit trapping in all of Mono County, feels is archaic and out of sync with our tourism culture. We should not be trapping to provide fur for Russians.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Concern is for the resource itself, and survivability. Also respect heritage. How is everything going to work? At a minimum, protect Mono Basin. Can’t support any more taking at this point. Need scientific data to make informed decisions. Could support trapping in future if supported by data. I support motion because we need to stop the bleeding of the population now. Can modify later.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Things have been fluid. Not against trapping or hunting. We don’t have data we need. Could not support outright ban on hunting and trapping in Mono County. Needs to be balance. Wants to see outcome of F & W April meeting. Everything in Mono County is about profit. Cannot support motion without community input.

Supervisor Stump:

- Not enough data. This letter is premature. Concerned about impact on tri-valley area. No problem with protecting Mono Basin and Swall Meadows. It is not my job to make these decisions without consulting constituents.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Motion directing staff to prepare letter supporting trapping ban throughout Mono County, at minimum protecting area around state parks, scenic areas. Bring back for discussion this afternoon.

No items were on the afternoon agenda, however, the Board reconvened briefly after lunch to review the amended letter.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This captures essence of motion.

Supervisor Corless:

- Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Fine with Letter as corrected.

Supervisor Stump:

- Suggested minor changes.

F. Request for Letter of Support for AB 203

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Jim Leddy) - Request for support of Assembly Bill 203.

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Action: Finalize letter of support for AB 203 and distribute.

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Fesko:

Would like to see SRA fee go away.

G. Request for Letter of Opposition for AB 1220 and Letter of Support for SB 593

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Jim Leddy) - Request for letter of opposition of AB 1220 and letter of support for SB 593.

Action: Direct Staff to send out letter of opposition to AB 1220 and letter of support for SB 593.

Corless moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Fesko:

- Bill is based on AirBnB, would not exempt existing businesses.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Jim Leddy. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 2. Facts and circumstances: personnel complaint.

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D. Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: FERC P-1390-063.

E. Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Boulaalam v. Mono County et al.

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No one spoke.

13. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN AT 3:20 pm.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

BOB MUSIL
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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