

**Mono Basin RPAC**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

**Members present:** Lisa Cutting, Tim Hansen, Duncan King, Mark Logan, Paul McFarland, Ilene Mandelbaum, and Bartshe Miller. **Absent:** Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza.

**Public Attendees and Presenters:** John Boynton, Scott Burns, Tony Dublino, Nate Greenberg, Bob Musil, Greg Reis, Deb Schweizer, and Cedrik Zemitis.

1. **Call to order:** 6:40 pm.
2. **Public comment:** Mark Logan: Tomorrow is the anniversary of 9/11 and Mono County should tell Obama to “close the borders.”
3. **Review Minutes:** August 13, 2014: Revise minutes for correct spelling of John Boynton. Motion by Hansen; second by King; passes unanimously. Abstaining: Mandelbaum.
4. **Chairman’s report:** Nothing to report.
5. **Member’s reports:**
  - a. Katie Bellomo: Absent.
  - b. Lisa Cutting: Nothing to report.
  - c. Zane Davis: Absent.
  - d. Tim Hansen: Reported that the Mono County PACE Program is a good opportunity for energy reduction strategies such as solar.
  - e. Duncan King: Nothing to report.
  - f. Chris Lizza: Absent.
  - g. Mark Logan: Nothing to report.
  - h. Ilene Mandelbaum: Extended an open invitation for people to come see the Community Garden. The program is looking for people to mentor students in the garden during the months of September and October. Suggested bear management in Lee Vining as a future agenda item.
  - i. Paul McFarland: School is back in session.
6. **Digital 395 update (Nate Greenberg)** D395 construction is complete and Mono County took service in December 2013. Overall, the County is very pleased with the outcome. 90% of the anchors are online. Residential customers aren’t seeing a difference in service speed or price yet because Schat.net did not get a grant they were hoping to get. Equipment still needs to be upgraded. Nate has been talking to other potential providers and they feel that the area would be a good investment and are interested. All the Mono County community centers have free WiFi and for the Lee Vining Community Center the password is monolake.
7. **Conway Ranch status report (Tony Dublino)** Tony distributed a handout with the latest edits that the County and Eastern Sierra Land Trust have agreed on. The Supervisors have provided direction to staff and have approved a new deadline of December 1, 2014. Next steps: 1) release the final draft conservation easement to grantors and the public; 2) Supervisors will then consider the easement and the conveyance agreement once the grantors approve and there are no problems moving forward. Dublino verified that the two mile radius for well monitoring was from the point of extraction. Humboldt State University aquaculture program was mentioned as a suggestion to guide future operations on the Conway Ranch.
8. **Inyo Forest Plan Revision and environmental scoping (Deb Schweizer, USFS)** Deb gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the group on the status of the Inyo Forest Plan Revision process. The 30-day scoping period has opened and the deadline for comments is September

29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public meeting in Bishop on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tri County Fairgrounds from 6-8 pm. The proposed action was released on August 29<sup>th</sup> and includes all areas of the Inyo – social, ecological, and economic. Wilderness evaluation comment period is separate and the deadline for those comments is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

9. **Presentation of 2014-15 Assessment Roll (Bob Musil, Mono County Assessor)** Bob gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the current tax rolls and recent trends. Even though the property values have rebounded in Mono County they are still down which is affecting Mono County's operating budget. For a copy of the presentation or if you believe your property values are **valued too high, contact Bob Musil at [bmusil@mono.ca.gov](mailto:bmusil@mono.ca.gov)**.
10. **Caltrans Rock Fall Project Traffic Management update (Cedrik Zemitis)** Cedrik presented the analysis that Caltrans did regarding the long Rockfall Project closures due to begin next summer. Note: These closures are the longer, occasional closures not the standard closure. Because of the length of lines of cars, there are only a few options for the longer, scheduled closures. These closures will be on Mon-Thurs only and for 8 days, then a break of time so the contractor can do more work, and then another 8 day period. Of the options presented by Caltrans, the group decided on the 6-7 am time slot for the long, one hour scheduled delays.
11. **Information items and provide direction to staff: (Planning)**
  - a. Lee Vining Fire Station location status: The property deed is clear of all encumbrances and the best option now appears to rebuild on the current location. There will need to be temporary storage during the construction period for vehicles and equipment. The Fire Department will discuss at their next meeting. They are also looking for grant funding sources.
  - b. Report of development activities in Mono Basin: Nothing to report.
  - c. Other: Nothing to report.
12. **Upcoming agenda items:** Mono-Yosemite Trail Plan review
13. **Schedule next regular meeting:** October 8, 2014
14. **Adjourn:** 9:02 pm.