



**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
March 10, 2015**

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

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

*Break: 10:05 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:17 a.m.
Closed Session: 10:52 a.m.
Adjourn: 12:49 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

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

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-50

Supervisor Stump:

- On p. 3 of draft minutes, under his board report, second bullet point, should say "Risk Management" not Rick Management.

- On p. 13 of draft minutes, under his comments, #10, add the words, “invasive” after Eradicate.

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Thanked everyone for accommodating him last Tuesday night at board meeting; he was feeling ill and needed to leave; commended Supervisor Stump and CAO Jim Leddy, felt that constituents were pleased with meeting and Calrecycle, etc.
3/4 to 3/8 - Attended the Fred Hall Fishing and Outdoor Show held at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is the largest show of its kind in the world. The California Eastern Sierra region was featured at the forefront of the show exhibits. Participated in several issue and information panel discussions with Jeff Simpson throughout the week. The most notable was a full panel discussion with CDFW officials including Director Chuck Bonham. Voiced displeasure with quarter pound trout being catchable market standard for this coming season and offered some operational suggestions for providing half pound trout for post Labor Day anglers. The show concluded with a 2 hour panel discussion broadcast on the "Let's Talk Hookup" show on the 50,000 watt "Mighty 1090" radio network out of San Diego. The Panel included Bart Hall (Hall and Associates), myself and Jeff Simpson (Mono County), Doug Thompson (Whitney Portal Resort), Ryan Dore (Adventures in Camping) Whitney Lennox (Mammoth Lakes Tourism) with Pete Grey moderating. It was a very thorough discussion of the quality recreational experience the eastern Sierra provides for our Southern California market. Attendance for the 5-day exposition was in excess of 300,000.

Supervisor Corless:

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Plan introduction and “State of the Sierra Nevada’s Forests” workshop, plus SNC’s 10-year anniversary celebration. Well attended by county supervisors, RCRC staff, thoroughly depressing presentation. “The United States Forest Service Region 5 estimates that ... a two to three times increase in the pace and scale of ecological restoration must occur.” (Read highlights and the full report here: <http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/our-work/state-of-the-sierra>)
- All agreed that urgent action is needed, that we have to streamline, scale up and work together at every level, although there was no clear path ahead. Mono County is leading the way with our biomass project. Prop 1 grant funding cycle is starting and SNC will be holding workshops this month—information is also available at the website.
- Round Fire Tour with Supervisor Stump, CAO Leddy, Sheriff Braun, OES staff
- Stopped in the Unified Command meeting in Mammoth on Friday, 3/6
- Working to schedule town hall meetings in Mammoth to discuss strategic plan and possibly budget workshops.

Supervisor Fesko:

- First off Thank You to fellow Board members for attending the special meeting in Crowley Lake. The turnout was great and well appreciated by the community. The tension that was present at the start of the meeting seemed to melt away as the evening wore on. The presentation from CalRecycle was great news for the community. A special Thank You to all of our staff that was present. Jim Leddy, Leslie Chapman, Marshall Rudolph, Shannon Kendall, Tony Dublino, Jeff Walters, Scott Burns, Tom Perry, Louis Molina, Lynda Salcido, Sheriff Braun, Garrett Higerd, Barry Beck, Debbie Diaz, Roberta Reed and Cathy Young. A special Thanks to Don Nunn and Claude Fiddler for setting up the facility.
- March 5 - Attended a Mt Gate planning session for phase 3 of the project. Phase 2 is currently under construction with an expected completion date sometime around May. The community hopes to have a special Board of Supervisors meeting at the site to celebrate the completion of the project with a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime after

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- completion.
- Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC meeting. More discussion took place on future trail planning throughout the Antelope Valley and the surrounding area. Thanks to Community Development Department's Gerry LeFrancois for doing a great job in supporting the AV RPAC.
- March 7 - attended the 4th of July fund raiser in Bridgeport. This year the event was held at the local school as the restrooms are still under construction at Memorial Hall. The community is looking forward to the new restrooms and once again holding the fund raiser at the hall next year. Turnout was really great. Sadly he reported that he did not win any raffle prizes! Of course, there is always next year!
- March 9 - attended the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) along with Supervisors Stump and Johnston. Discussion took place on our "Overall Work Program", the Town's Regional Transportation Plan, and update on ESTA activities (Reds Meadow service is expected to start Memorial Day weekend). CalTrans updated us on a new District 9 Director, Mr. Brent Green. They also presented information on Wildlife collision on state highways in Mono County and District 9 2015 Construction projects (see hand out).
- Meeting with Supervisor Fesko - Monday March 23rd at 6 pm at the Antelope Valley community center. Purpose of the meeting is an update on County's mid-year budget and EMS program.
- Kathy Peterson – responded to concerns in Antelope Valley regarding IMACA and energy assistance program.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Met with Planning Commissioner Mary Pipersky.
- Attended the LTC meeting on March 9th. Working on the Overall Work Program expected to be adopted in May. Caltrans reported on projects that are being scheduled this year (handout by Fesko). Caltrans also presented maps and statistics on wildlife / deer kills along 395 and other state highways. Also information was provided regarding the multi-county MOUs; there may be action sooner than expected regarding the Hwy 395 area in the Kramer Junction-Adelanto area.
- Attended the Rotary/Lions/Altrusa/others Round Fire fund raising event held at the Charles Brown Auditorium in Bishop last Saturday. It was well attended with 600 participants. It was reported by Inyo Supervisor Kingsley that over 25,000 was raised from the event.
- Will be attending (at no cost to the County) a CSAC Mini-Conference in Tehama County this coming Thursday.

Supervisor Stump:

- 3/5 - OES tour of Swall Meadows. Reviewed the Fire Behavior that hit the Community
- 3/6 - Completed and sent a letter of support for a Lahonton Agenda Item listed on their 3/12/15 Agenda. The item would renew a waiver for fire debris from structure fires which would allow that debris to be accepted at Mono County's landfill. The waiver appears to apply to single structure fires only and not events like the Round Fire.
- 3/9 - Attended LTC. Mu first meeting as chair.
- Reported that all but 11 of the property owners that lost homes in the Round Fire had signed up for the Cal Recycle Program. That number should go down as questions are answered about homeowners insurance payments are answered.
- Asked that we have our staff ask Inyo to contact their own state senator and assembly person to weigh in on fish issue for Mono County.
- Begin to prepare resolutions of appreciation for our legislators that assisted and governor's staff members, etc regarding their assistance in getting declaration approved.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work

activities.

Jim Leddy:

- **March 5, 2015** – North County Employees Roundtable. 12 employees in attendance. Discussed ongoing response to the Round Fire and other areas impacted by the February 6th event.
- **March 5, 2015** – CalOES meeting hosted by Sheriff Braun. Attended a meeting and tour of fire impacted Swall Meadows. Supervisor Fred Stump and Supervisor Stacy Corless were in attendance. Reviewed the impacted neighborhood and are continuing to bring in state and local resources where possible to support a rapid recovery.
- **March 6th, 2015** – Attended the Mono County Unified Command Meeting. Agencies from across region were present along with Cal OES. Sgt. Beard led us through agenda were report outs on Round and Van Dyke Fire, as well as wind storm impacts to Antelope valley, we shared.
- **March 6th, 2015** – Met with Ron Day on proposal to establish an Equine Rescue Unit of volunteers for next disaster that might require horse rescue. Ron will be working with state and federal agencies and bringing back refined proposal for Board review later in April or early May.
- **March 7th** – Attended the Rotary fundraiser to support Round Fire survivors. Supervisor Larry Johnston was present as well as approximately 400 people from across region to help raise money to help anyone directly impacted by the fire event.
- Hoped that today would an agenda item regarding reorganization of offices, etc. Hopefully 4/7 or 4/14 for update.
- Kelly Cartel – Safe Rural Schools Money: early this year.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

No one spoke.

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. County Maintained Mileage for FY 15-16

Departments: Public Works - Road

Consider and potentially adopt annual resolution confirming maintained mileage in the County Road System.

Action: Adopt Resolution R15-16, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Specifying Additions and/or Exclusions of the Maintained Mileage Within the County Road System and Establishing Maintained Mileage for Fiscal Year 2015-16."

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-16

B. Reappointments to Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Clerk of the Board

The terms of Sandra Villalpando and Dyanna Hernandez recently expired on 12/31/14 for the Mono County Child Care Council. The LPC Coordinator, Cindy Duriscoe, is requesting that these two individuals be reappointed to two year

terms which will expire on 12/31/16. Chairman Fesko has agreed to sponsor this item.

Action: Reappoint Sandra Villalpando and Dyanna Hernandez to the Mono County Child Care Council (a new two-year term) which will expire on 12/31/16.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-51

C. Hiring Freeze Variance - Clerk-Recorder

Departments: Clerk-Recorder

Request by the Clerk/Recorder for a variance in the current hiring freeze.

Action: Approve an exception to the current hiring freeze, allowing the Clerk/Recorder to fill the vacant position of Senior Deputy Board Clerk/Elections Assistant.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-52

Pulled by Supervisor Stump:

- Wondered how much money we've saved by leaving position open; wanted public to know.
- He is in support of this.
- Is there sufficient budget left?

Bob Musil:

- Explained the vacancies that have existed and the consulting contract with Renn Nolan.

Leslie Chapman:

- Salaries weren't touched; this position was already budgeted for.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Resolution Approving the Submittal of an Application to the Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy Grant Program

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution authorizing an application for grant funds from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund under the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution R15-17, authorizing an application for grant funds from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund under the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-17

Wendy Sugimura:

- Explained item; asking for approval to apply for a grant.
- The objectives of grant program: to sustain agricultural operations and support on our landscape in Mono County, support healthy wildlife habitat and reduce Greenhouse Gas Reduction.
- Once jurisdictions have a plan in place, you can apply for future grants.
- There is a 10% match required, hoping to come from other grant sources; should not impact general fund.
- Has not approached CPT on this issue specifically but issues surrounding it certainly has been addressed.
- Working on jurisdictional lines.
- It will be Brent Calloway and her; she appreciates staffing considerations. A lot of this will already be covered under work being done on Sage Grouse. Helps to create complete package.
- How does this help ranchers? Not very good at sound bytes but, "This project is intended to develop a framework and toolbox to help agricultural operators continue doing what they're doing and not have to worry about policy set. Instead they can focus on what they need to do."

Supervisor Alpers:

- Great work done on this; usually doesn't support this type of thing but supports this.
- Has CPT signed a letter of support?

Supervisor Stump:

- Crossing jurisdictional lines, will grazing on public lands be addressed?
- Who is going to perform the work related to this grant? Concerned with staffing and staff's ability to complete work?
- Tri-Valley Water Commission meeting – what if Rancher asks him how it will help? Can she give a one line answer that he can use?

Scott Burns:

- Both Brent and Wendy were at conference regarding Sage Grouse, he thinks that his staff is really establishing a great relationship with other agencies. Making a lot of headway.
- During these bad budget times, we've needed to bring in these grant funds.

Supervisor Corless:

- Speaking of CPT; what they're doing is a model for other things.
- She will help with providing some CSAC info.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This department is doing great work and is under a lot of stress.
- The board recently took away funding a position for them; feels we need to support them, not hinder them.

Supervisor Fesko:

- For next budget session, we need to see about funding for the position that we were not able to fund at mid-year.
- For amount of staff and work, it's a wonder that we move forward with some of these things.

B. Wheeler Crest Design Review District

Departments: Community Development Department

(Courtney Weiche and Scott Burns) - Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee Reappointments and position on RV placement during Round Fire home reconstruction.

Action: Reappoint five existing members to the Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee (WCDRC) with terms to expire on June 10, 2015 to allow for an open

recruitment process.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-53

Scott Burns:

- Received call from concerned citizen about not having this as open recruitment.
- Amend recommendation to reappoint for a three month to allow for an open recruitment process; this is the first time we've seen all this interest.
- Individuals on list are currently on committee. It's advisory.
- Get plans in, send down to committee and then work with applicants with adjustments.

Supervisor Fesko:

- How did this original list of five come up?
- Depending on how rules are suggested, a lot of personal opinions get in there about design.
- Applicant needs to know that they can make suggestions but they aren't really needed.

Supervisor Stump:

- This committee was established in 1991; these are two and three year terms.
- He's supportive of these reappointments for the shortened time period to allow for advertising to see if anyone else is interested.

Supervisor Johnston:

- These committees are valuable; most people are satisfied by the suggestions given by committee.

STATUS OF RV PLACEMENT:

Scott Burns:

- Met with three existing members and explained current standards.
- There doesn't seem a desire to change the status quo which would involve the Planning Commission and be a bit more involved.
- Avalanche area folks could place an rv there; seek director's permit.
- All of this is based on assumption that the people that put RVs there are intending to rebuild.
- A Variance would take Planning Commission.
- We can bring a resolution initiating a GPA; at the same time can run by Planning Commission.

Supervisor Fesko:

- There didn't seem to be any desire of those affected by fire to place an RV while they rebuild.
- Can someone put RV there now and begin working with builder or as soon as they submit plans to the county?
- We should have some sort of mechanism with an emergency to say, in this specific instance, we can do something.
- A time limit of six months to submit building permits?

Supervisor Johnston:

- We want to do everything we can to get them back on their feet; an RV isn't going to look any worse than what is there.
- He thinks there should be a time limit as to how long someone can have an RV, no reason not to let them do it now even before they submit plans to the county.
- Can we do an emergency declaration of what we intend to do for who?
- We need to let County Counsel and Scott Burns meet and come up with solution.

Supervisor Stump:

- Concerns he's heard are: long term placement of RVs, use of generators, incidence where someone has a building permit but runs out of funds to complete house.
- This isn't a hurry up resolution; he'd support a GPA (a lot of work), not exactly sure where to go with this.

- Agrees that this board ought to be able to deal with these localized issues. He has a responsibility to support majority of his constituents. Need to be respectful of what citizens want.

Marshall Rudolph:

- He and Stacey have tossed around ideas as alternatives to GPA; people have suggested that we not enforce our codes but that is dicey.
- The Planning Commission would need 72 hours to amend the current agenda.
- It is loud and clear what the Board wants to do; he and Stacey and Scott need to brainstorm further ideas.
- Your authority, even with respect to Emergency things is constrained by State Law.

Supervisor Corless:

- Why not do a variance?

Stacey Simon:

- She hasn't yet completed research due to the Design Review Committee not being supportive. She can do that now.
- So far, however, she hasn't found an easy way to accomplish this.
- There are processes and procedures.

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 - 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: 1. Facts and circumstances: personnel complaint.

13. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN 12:49 p.m.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD