



**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 Mammoth Lakes BOS Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra Center Mall, Suite 307,  
452 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2016**

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9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Stump.

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

*Chairman Stump mentioned that he'd be moving Board Reports to a later time; he also mentioned that Supervisor Alpers would be leaving at 3:00 p.m. today to attend RCRC meeting.*

*Break: 10:15 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:25 a.m.  
Closed Session: 12:10 p.m.  
Reconvene: 1:05 p.m.  
Break: 3:00 p.m.  
Reconvene: 3:11 p.m.  
Adjourn: 4:38 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Burns

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2016.

**Corless moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-173**

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2016.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-174**

3. RECOGNITIONS

A. American Planning Association Award

Departments: Community Development

Presentation of California Central Section American Planning Association award plaque for Mono County Resource Efficiency Plan.

**Action:** None (receive award).

**Scott Burns:**

- Introduced award.

**Rob Terry (Professional Development Officer, Central Section CA AP):**

- Here to present award for Resource Efficiency Plan.
- Award presented to Wendy Sugimura of Community Development; photo taken.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Would love to follow up with him to support his position at the Planning Association.
- Congratulations to Community Development Department.

4. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, BOARD REPORTS WERE DEFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

5. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, CAO REPORT WAS DEFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

6. **DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS – IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, REPORTS WERE DEFERRED TO THE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

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. **Request for Authority to Hire at Salary Step E**

Departments: Social Services

Request by Department of Social Services to fill a Social Worker Supervisor I position at Step E.

**Action:** Authorize Director of Social Services to fill a Social Worker Supervisor I position at Step E.

**Corless moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-175**

**B. Proposed Letter to California Water Commission re: Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Boundary Modification**

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed letter to California Water Commission in support of Inyo County's proposed basin boundary modification under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), seeking subdivision of basin into Owens Valley and Tri-Valley sub-basins.

**Action:** Approve proposed letter to California Water Commission; authorize Supervisor Stump, as Chair, to sign and send on behalf of Mono County and its Board of Supervisors.

**Corless moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-176**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Told Steve Kerins, Deputy County Counsel, that the letter was well written.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)**

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

**A. Application for ABC License by Big Rock Resort**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Application for ABC License by Big Rock Resort, LLC in June Lake.

**B. Letter from BLM re: Bodie Hills Sagebrush Restoration**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from the Bureau of Land Management dated July 29, 2016 regarding three proposed sagebrush habitat restoration units in the Bodie Hills.

**C. Letter from Wildlife Conservation Board re: Wheeler Ridge**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter and agenda from the Wildlife Conservation Board dated August 1, 2016 regarding the Wheeler Ridge, Expansion 5, land acquisition program.

**9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Mono Lake Update**

Departments: CAO

(Geoffrey McQuilkin, Executive Director, Mono Lake Committee) - Presentation by Geoffrey McQuilkin, Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee will present an update on the impacts of the drought on the Mono Lake water level, water exports to Los Angeles and the land bridge.

**Action:** None.

**Geoffrey McQuilkin (power point, to be posted to web after meeting):**

- Gave overview of what he was going to be talking about

**2016 Mono Lake Update:**

- Showed various images of Mono Lake and wildlife.
- Discussion about aquaduct.
- Drought discussion/lake elevation.
- Lake level/drought in context.
- Water Board decision discussion.
- Spoke about upshot for next year.
- How lake gets measured each year.
- Long term strategies.
- Future warmer temperatures shift the timing of snowmelt.
- Climate Adaption Strategies.
- Aquaduct Infrastructure.
- Comment period September 2016 – revision of LADWP export licenses to maximize stream restoration.

**General Questions asked by Supervisors; they said that if he ended up needing comments from the board to contact Leslie Chapman.**

## **B. Friends of the Inyo -Trail Maintenance Project Report**

Departments: Economic Development/Community Development

(Laura Beardsley, Executive Director, Friends of the Inyo) - Presentation by Laura Beardsley, Executive Director of Friends of the Inyo regarding the 2016 Trails Maintenance Project, partially funded through Mono County.

**Action:** None.

**Laura Beardsley (Friends of the Inyo)**

**Mono County Trails (power point, to be posted to web after meeting):**

- 2016 Trails Maintenance
- Community Volunteer Days (Mono Basin/June Lake)
- Other projects in Mono County
- Over \$100,000 spent on trail projects
- Plans and Potential Work

**General questions/comments made by Supervisors.**

## **C. Economic Development/Tourism Presentation**

Departments: Economic Development

(Alicia Vennos, Jeff Simpson) - Presentation by Economic Development staff regarding highlights of Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission programs in 2015-16, as well as upcoming projects.

**Action:** None.

**Alicia Vennos:**

- Introduced members of the Tourism Commission.
- Explained budget units.
- Focusing on business retention.
- Excited about collaborative solutions within Mono County's Strategic Plan.

Mono County Economic Development/Tourism & Economic Development

**Power point (to be posted on the web after meeting):**

- Partnerships and Boards

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- TOT by Year (passed \$3 million for first time)
- Tourism Marketing Funding
- Main goal continues to be Business Retention and Expansion
- Explained budget is mostly status quo

### **Liz Grans:**

- Projects and highlights:
  - Monocounty.org
  - Booking.com
  - New Website in the works to update/improve what they already have
  - Social Media
  - Newsletter
  - Visitor Guide & Collateral
  - Tradeshows
  - Advertising
  - Television Advertising
  - Public Relations
  - Fam Trips
  - Description of Tourism Partners
  - Gave crash course of Mono County to Visit California, very worthwhile
  - Community Event Marketing Fund (went over how the \$20,000 given by the BOS was spent)
  - Historical Societies Grant Fund (\$6000 given by BOS, how it was spent)
  - California State Fair
  - Tourism Goal

### **Jeff Simpson:**

- What is Economic Development?
  - Video shown sharing life of a business owner in Mono County.
- Business Attraction
  - Went over newer businesses in Mono County.
- Business Retention and Expansion
  - Current Business Resources.
- State of the County
  - Video shown about businesses that started up in our county.

### **Supervisors Comments:**

#### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Still working on/interested in getting additional monies for the Economic Development Department.
- Maybe where all three circles intersect on the Business Builder Kit 2016 logo would be "Mono County".

#### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- Encourages the interface between the Economic Development Department and potential new business owners.
- Business plan, CPA, come in with homework done.

#### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Educational component is needed for staff AND potential business owners.
- The Economic Development Department could attend certain meetings to assist with this.
- Likes the three intersecting circles: life, mountains, work.

#### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Very important to tie in maintenance (i.e. Trails, etc) – collaboration extremely important.

#### **Jimmy Little (Chairman, Tourism Commission):**

- Thanked Supervisors for supporting group/county department.
- There are still a lot of things out there to incorporate/use to become more sophisticated.
- There's a lot of what-ifs that have to do with increased capacity that the board may be called upon to help with.

#### **D. Maternal Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Agreement Funding Application (AFA) FY 2016-17**

Departments: Health Department

(Sandra Pearce) - Proposed contract with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Maternal Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program pertaining to the Agreement Funding Application (AFA) for fiscal year 2016-17.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed agreement and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Agreement Funding Application (AFA)/Update Form for the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program for FY 2016-17. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to approve amendments and/or revisions that may occur during the contract period, with approval as to form by County Counsel.

**Corless moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

#### **M16-177**

**Sandra Pearce (Public Health):**

**Mono County MCAH Program Power point:**

- What is Health?
- Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
- California's MCAH's Goals
- Mono County MCAH Needs Assessment
- Mono County MCAH Priorities 2014-2019
- MCAH Theoretical Frameworks
- Social Determinants of Health (path to achieving health equity)
- Social Ecological Model / Life Course Perspective
- Local Partnerships and Collaboration
- Goals discussed/projects and programs that relate to goals
- Estimated Return on Investments in Public Health in California.
- Asking for Approval MCAH Funding Agreement

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Need better outreach to outlying communities to get the smaller clinics used more, etc.
- Asked how students who are not allowed to take sex education eventually get educated? Do parents have another way to teach their kids?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Has heard negative things that Mammoth clinic/hospital staff have said about other county residents and what services they use.
- General belief that Benton residents just use the Bishop services. If this is true, then Southern Mono Health Care District should not claim them.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Expanding to outside areas could have far reaching benefits.

#### **E. Contract Award for the Stock Drive Realignment Project**

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Proposed contract with Meyers Earthwork, Inc. pertaining to realignment of approximately 575 linear feet of Stock Drive and Court Street adjacent to the southern property boundary of Bryant Field and reconstruction of the Court Street/State Highway 182 intersection.

**Action:** Contingent upon the close of escrow of APN 008-111-012-000, and with

the extension of any deadlines for performance contained in the Contract Documents by the number of days between August 16, 2016 and the date escrow closes, take the following actions: 1) identify Meyers Earthwork Inc. as responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid; 2) approve and authorize Public Works Director's execution of contract with Meyers Earthwork Inc. for the Stock Drive Realignment Project in an amount not to exceed \$396,550; 3) authorize Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, and issue change orders to the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code §20142, in an amount not to exceed \$32,327.50 per change order, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work, do not cause spending on the project to exceed the budgeted authority, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-178**

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Gave overview of item, number of bids received.
- Explained that escrow hasn't closed on one of the properties.
- Asked that items E and F be postponed at this time.
- There could be a need for a special meeting.

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- May need a special meeting due to deadlines.
- This could go onto consent.
- She can look at whether or not we can approve this provisionally.
- Recommends that contract be awarded to Myers construction based on given conditions.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked why we couldn't approve this provisionally?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Suggested this to go consent
- Early part of next week for special meeting?

**F. Temporary Road Closure of a Portion of Stock Drive and Court Street for Road Construction**

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Consider and potentially adopt Resolution No. R16-\_\_\_\_, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Temporary Closure of a Portion of Stock Drive and Court Street for Road and Culvert Construction".

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution No. R16-63, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Temporary Closure of a Portion of Stock Drive and Court Street for Road and Culvert Construction", as amended.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R16-63**

- Postponed at the request of Garrett Higerd
- After County Counsel and other review by Garrett, asked that the dates proposed on the resolution be amended to 8/29 through 10/14, which extends the timing.

## G. Airport Engineering Contract Amendment

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Amend existing contract with Reinard W. Brandley, consulting airport engineer, to extend contract term to December 31, 2017; adjust scope of work specifically to reflect engineering for the Stock Drive Realignment project; and incorporate other modifications as indicated.

**Action:** 1) Approve and authorize County Administrative Officer to execute amendment to existing contract with Reinard W. Brandley, consulting airport engineer, extending contract term through December 31, 2017; updating Mr. Brandley's scope of work; making other modifications as indicated in attached "Agreement and Second Amendment", and including any changes deemed necessary by County Counsel to comply with Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") guidelines, grant requirements, and applicable law. 2) Authorize Public Works Director to approve minor amendments to said agreement through remainder of term as Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

**Fesko moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-179**

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Introduced item.
- This item request extends out to later in the year.
- Not the right time to be switching gears; better to have an amendment to existing contracts.

## 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): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, and Dave Butters. 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 - Public Employment - Public Health Director

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Public Health Director.

### C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1)



of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Names of cases: In re: Walker Basin Water Rights litigation: (1) United States of America, *et al.* v. Walker Lake Working Group, *et al* (*five cases with this name*).; (2) United States of America, *et al.* v. Walker River Irrigation District, *et al.*; (3) United States of America, *et al.* v. United States Board of Water Commissioners, *et al.*; (4) United States of America, *et al.* v. Nevada Department of Wildlife, *et al.* (*two cases with this name*); (5) United States of America, *et al.* v. Walker River Irrigation District, *et al.* (and all related proceedings and/or sub-proceedings)

D. Closed Session - Public Employment - County Engineer

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Engineer.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AT 1:00 P.M.**

**12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

*No one spoke.*

**13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. Draft Comment Letter on the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision & Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Consider Draft Comment Letter on the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision & Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**Action:** Allow staff to prepare a final letter based on today's modifications. Approve the Chair to sign final letter for submittal by the August 25 deadline.

**Stump moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 1 no: Fesko; 1 absent: Alpers**

**M16-180**

*\*\*Chairman Stump gave the lead on this item to Vice-Chairman Corless.*

**Note:** The information below is a summary of what occurred at the meeting. This item is very detailed and complex generating a lot of discussion. To hear this item in its entirety, please view the video on our website at <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Explained item and that letter in packet is only a draft and isn't complete. She was trying to get the bulk of the letter done.
- Review of staff report; overview and explanations.
- Discussion on recreation portion of this.
- Up to Board on how much they wish to dig into certain issues.
- Wendy handed out a checklist of missing information/discussion points for Inyo National Forest Plan Comments (will be posted online as additional documents). Supervisors went through each suggestion on this list and made comments/suggestions/had discussion.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- If there are basic edits to be made, take a pass at those first and then get into each specific area discussion and allow for public comment as needed.
- Gave several wordsmithing suggestions.
- Made point that ESCOG did not submit its OWN comments.
- Discussion about Planning Commission comments.
- Wild and Scenic River comments.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Not sure why we'd voice support for particular entities but not others.
- Discussion of wilderness vs. recreation, what's most important?
- Asked for clarification from Ingrid and her stance on wilderness vs. recreation.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Gave opinions regarding administrative edits.
- Asked about some of Wentworth's suggestions.
- Asked about using different adjectives?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- He's satisfied with alternative B – feels we're almost there.
- Trusts Board's judgment with final tweaking.

**PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:**

John Wentworth  
Jora Fogg (Friends of the Inyo)  
Rich Boccia (Mammoth Lakes Recreation)  
Geoff McQuilkin (Mono Lake Committee)  
Liz O'Sullivan  
Ingrid Braun  
Jennifer Rosier  
Lynn Bolton  
Mark Davis

**ADJOURN: 4:38 p.m.**

ATTEST

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FRED STUMP  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD