



**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 11, 2017**

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9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair of the Board Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Johnston, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

*Break: 10:26 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:45 a.m.  
Closed Session: 12:43 p.m.  
Reconvene: 1:10 p.m.  
Back to Closed Session: 3:07 p.m.  
Adjourn: 4:15 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

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

**Gary Nelson:**

- Commenting on the Skatepark item in Crowley Lake. In Mono City, all they have are the public roads. This morning, he measured a pot hole 11x17x6; the rubber seal put on last year was obviously not sufficient. He is concerned over the safety of the kids in the area. He has been told by Roads Department that there is no money to fix those roads. Feels these roads should be a priority before someone gets hurt.

**Kay Ogden, Director of Eastern Sierra Land Trust:**

- Wanted to clarify a few things. The letter she sent to the editor last week was to correct the vote, clarify the intent of the ESLT. ESLT has a strong, ongoing relationship with Tony Dublino. Just met with Tony at their annual meeting where he laid out the plans for 2017. ESLT is currently reviewing those plans. It is not ESLT's responsibility to manage the property; that is the County's.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** looks forward to a discussion about the future of Conway Ranch, suitable for the conservation easement and all parties involved. Knows not grazing sheep changes things; perhaps we can discuss later when Tony brings this to the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Town Council
- Continued work on Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium/Mammoth broadband task force in preparation for next ESCOG meeting
- Clubhouse Live! Open house Thursday 4/6—great turnout, some 20 kids, staffed by Behavioral Health, Probation. Expansion of already successful after school program to include more youth, with more activities. Congratulations to Behavioral Health and Probation staff, including Sofia Flores, Andres Villalpondo, Sal Montanez, Stacie Casabian, Jazmin Puga-Sosa.
- YARTS JPA Board Meeting:
- Actions taken
- --Approved contract with Mariposa County for transit services; Merced County Association of Governments annual contract; Title VI program; and an amendment to the National Park Service contract for expanded summer services
- --Updates: summer schedule—no changes to Highway 120E/395; online reservations so far—from 45/50 states and 70 countries
- **Total reservations received: 3320 of those;**
- 2137 reservations have been reserved since 1/1/17
- 905 received for 2017 summer schedules--- of those;
- 181 are for the Hwy 140 corridor (Merced to Yosemite Valley); 207 are for the Hwy 41 corridor (Fresno to Yosemite Valley); 301 are for the Hwy 120/395 corridor (Mono County) and 216 are for the Hwy 120 corridor (Tuolumne County).
- Preparation for 4/18 meetings: we have a very full agenda, will suspend board reports—if supervisors would like to post a written update for the week, send to clerk. Asking for everyone's preparation, and consideration in advance.
- Early morning house fire on Majestic Pines in District 5—scary sight to wake up to—thank you Mammoth Lakes Fire for a quick response.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- I attended the YARTS quarterly meeting yesterday via teleconference. There were several items on the agenda, all of which can be accessed on the YARTS website. I would note a 2017-2018 YARTS budget of \$2.8 million was approved. I will be joining the YARTS Executive Director for an orientation briefing this Friday in Merced. YARTS fares and schedules will be the same this summer as last summer.
- I met with the June Lake CAC last Wednesday evening. Before the CAC meeting we held another meeting of the CAC Subcommittee focusing on Short Term Rentals. While there was lively and sometimes emotional discussion, I believe the group led by Wendy Sugimura will make progress on this difficult issue. Our objective is to try to reach a recommended

approach by the end of the summer. There are plenty of opportunities for interested residents to make their opinions known.

- Finally, I mentioned last week my disappointment that the Mono Basin Visitor Center would not be opening until April 27. I learned last Friday the US Forest Service changed their initial decision, and the MBVC will be opening this Thursday, April 13. I appreciate their reconsideration of this situation, and their support for our Lee Vining businesses that will benefit from the earlier opening.
- I am providing a copy of the San Bernardino County Indicators Report for Board information. This document contains much data describing the quality of life in SB County. I hope we could consider doing something similar for Mono County.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Attended the CSAC Executive Board meeting last week. Items discussed included the Empowerment project being conducted by LA County. Noted that LA's Measure H passed which will provide substantial funding for helping to solve the homeless problem in LA. Also, approved the CSAC budget - no increase in dues is expected - good financial condition at present. There was a great deal of discussion about IHSS cuts that the state will be imposing unless action is taken by the legislature/ governor to minimize the impacts to counties. Also, CSAC has been leading the effort to "Fix our Roads" via SB1, which passed the state legislature that evening.
- Attended the LTC meeting yesterday. Held the Unmet Needs hearing but due to a mix up on notification, had to continue the hearing. The financial audit report was presented by Janet Dutcher - good report and no recommendations. Reviewed the Overall Work Program, the Reds Meadow FLAP grant project, the Upper Rock Creek FLAP grant project by Inyo County, and the passage of SB 1 Transportation bill. Also had reports from ESTA/YARTS from District 9 regarding this year's state highway projects in Mono County. Lastly, the California State Transportation Commission will be meeting in Mammoth Lakes in September - noted the possible need to agendaize that meeting as a Board meeting if more than three Board members plan to attend.
- Also noted that I would be able to cover the CPT meeting in place of Supervisor Corless who has an RCRC meeting that day.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> CSA#5 Discussed continued improvement of Memorial Hall also Historic Canon on the Courthouse Lawn
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fisheries Meeting – Jeff Simpson Stocking program County \$100,000 Private \$50,000 . Discussed partnerships with Cal Trout and Trout Unlimited regarding sustainable fisheries
- 5<sup>th</sup> CERT Communications meeting in Walker – Bruce Woodworth led meeting. Jason Foster CERT team leader and Mike Curti AV Fire Chief , Debra Diaz and Cathy Young from Public Health and Social Services. Also our CAO Leslie Chapman MWTC rep. Missing representatives from Mono County OES and our IT department
- 6<sup>th</sup> RPAC Cancelled due weather
- 6<sup>th</sup> 12 pm attended the IHSS meeting in Bridgeport – Amanda Hoover Community Service Solutions and Carolyn Williams Executive Director
- 7<sup>th</sup> WRID district meeting BP Reservoir Capacity 42,500 Acre Feet March 31 14,800 and the plan is to drain it down to 10% of capacity or approximately 4,300 Acre Feet in order to make room for the winter runoff that could fill the reservoir 5 times. East Walker Streamflow is predicted at 241% of normal. The report was presented by Jeff Anderson, Water Supply Specialist out of Reno Nevada's USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. Observations were made using Snotel sites above 8000 ft. These sites have recorded record snowpack this year since the Snotel was used beginning in 1981.
- 10<sup>th</sup> LTC meeting. Reported that SB1 passed. Lots of discussion about pass opening efforts. Highway 182 mudslide closure. Major Road work Walker Coleville, Virginia Lakes Turnout. Shoulder Widening Sheep Ranch, Aspen Fales. Walk Bike Ride and Reds Meadow Road project. Janet Dutcher presented the Annual Financial Statements for Mono Counties LTC. It was reported that as of June 30 2016 the net cash position was \$149,620

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of unrestricted assets. CTC 2 town halls a year and one in Mammoth in September. YARTS schedule shows Memorial day stops on the Eastside of 120

- This action by the Legislature to pass SB 1 (Beall) and ACA 5 (Frazier) was a result of that commitment and a huge victory that will provide significant public benefit for transportation in every county across California.
- Statewide, cities and counties will evenly share an average of \$1.5 billion/year in new local road funding from SB 1. The funds are non-competitive and will come to the county in monthly disbursements from the State Controller once the gas tax increase takes effect in November 2017. There is no sunset, and funding will grow with inflation. Your county's average annual share of new funding from SB 1 is \$2,300,000 over the next decade.
- The revenues will be phased-in over a multi-year period:
- Gas and diesel excise taxes and diesel sales tax begins in November 2017
- Transportation improvement fee begins in Spring 2018
- The price-based excise tax will be reset to 17.3 cents in July 2019
- New Zero Emissions Vehicles will begin to pay an additional registration fee for road maintenance in 2020

### PUD Update

We have completed the replacement of approximately 900 feet of sewer pipe damaged by debris from snow run off and water intrusion.

We still have another 1200 feet of pipe to replace, and we know this pipe has damage and debris issues, but we are in need of financial help in order to continue.

We are applying for Disaster Relief from FEMA and the State of California as well as State Water Resources Control Board FAAST application process for loans and grants. This is required in order to proceed with the needed repairs.

We are in the process of sending a FEMA request and waiting for a disaster number from the State of California so we can apply for relief. Our hope is that this can be expedited so we can continue with repairs.

I want to thank you all for your help with this matter and look forward to continued help in this funding process. Thank you, Ken Reynolds

- Upcoming events:
- Town Hall Meetings April 19<sup>th</sup> Antelope Valley & April 27<sup>th</sup> Bridgeport
- CSAC April 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of three part New Supervisors Institute Series
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Rights Dinner- Bridgeport Gun Club

### Supervisor Stump:

- 4-7 : Met with Christy Milovich about two issues. The first was the Office of Education Sublease with Mono County for the Crowley Library site. The County leases the entire site from DWP. The septic tank that serves the entire site needs to be replaced. Site uses are a park with now handicapped accessible restrooms, Library, Sheriff Substation, and Fire Station. The Fire Department has offered to pay for 1/3 of the new tank. The Office of Education has yet to be heard from. Second issue was cannabis, specifically tax authority and if, under State Law, a special election cannot be held this year. We also talked about potential regulatory actions. Thanks to Christy for making time for me since I had not made an appointment.
- 4-10 : Attended the Local Transportation Commission. Cal Trans reported on their summer projects. Three in District 4. Pass opening was discussed. Members of the Lee Vining Community were present and asked questions.
- I want to thank the CAO for her work on the joint meeting. Trying to juggle five supervisors, five town council members, and respective staffs is not easy. We all saw the emails about a potential late agenda item time request and Leslie obtained consensus and informed the requesters. If they are listening they are welcome to a longer time slot at the first meeting in May.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Management meeting was a lively discussion. Conversation around the strategic plan, looking forward to a workshop to be scheduled.
- Thursday was a payroll conversion meeting. Janet facilitated a good meeting with the dept heads, next week with those who actually work in the system.
- With Supervisor Peters, attended CERT Team Meeting in Antelope Valley. List is being developed of those who may need assistance in the case of an emergency.
- In the next few months, there will be lots of long board meetings and Special meetings.

**6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Joe Blanchard:**

- Update on Davison House: on March 28<sup>th</sup>, meeting between staff and the Town's building review committee.
- Grant expires June 30, 2018, they have started snow removal to obtain access to the house. Then the architect can draw the elevations for the plans. Very tight timeline to make this project happen.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** Understands it's a county property, asks if we can issue building permits ourselves?
- **Stacey Simon:** We are exempt from the town building permit requirements. Will talk to Joe about that later.

**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.)

Supervisor Peters pulled item C.

Supervisor Johnston has a question on B.

**A. Treasury Transaction Report for 2/28/2017**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2017.

**Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2017.

**Johnston moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-72**

**B. Administrative Services Specialist/Victim Witness Coordinator**

Departments: District Attorney

Request to hire an Administrative Services Specialist/Victim Witness Coordinator at a 69c step rather than 69a.

**Action:** Approve hiring of Ms. Gillespie as Administrative Services Specialist/Victim Witness Coordinator, at a 69c step versus a 69a step.

**Johnston moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**  
**M17-73**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- If this is replacing a long term employee; should we do a recognition?

**Tim Kendall:**

- Yes, but she would like to go out with very little fanfare. He appreciates that; she has been a very valuable and long term employee, would like to recognize that.

### **C. Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council Appointments**

Departments: Board of Supervisors; Information Technology

The Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium (IMBC) was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on January 1st, 2017. Overseen by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), and funded by the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), the focus of the IMBC is to support and improve the viability of public and private broadband infrastructure investments throughout the region. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to engage local public, private, and tribal stakeholders to help inform the decision-making process of the recently formed Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium. This group will be comprised of a total of 12 individuals, with the governing bodies of each ESCOG member jurisdiction appointing three (3) members from their agency's geography. This item is intended to appoint three Mono County representatives to this Committee for a two year term: Tina Baithwaite, Jimmy Little and Ron Day.

**Action:** Appoint the following three Mono County representatives to the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Committee for a two-year term: - Tina Baithwaite, Jimmy Little, and Ron Day.

**Peters moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-74**

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Pulled the item hoping Nate would be here. This is a very critical need for the North County, as well as the underserved areas in the South County. Wanted to thank Nate and thank Jimmy Little who is willing to serve on the Advisory Council. Feels Mr. Little is well suited for this council.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Ron Day was originally on the Digital 395 advisory Council so he brings some institutional knowledge to the council. Also thank you to Tina, Tribal Chair.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

### **A. Letter from Range of Light re Support of Trails Maintenance**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from the Range of Light Group to Garrett Villanueva, in support of increased Trails Maintenance funding. The Board of Supervisors was cc'd on this letter.

## 9. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### A. **Contract Award for The Crowley Lake Skatepark**

Departments: Public Works

(Peter Chapman) - Proposed contract with Spohn Ranch, Inc. for the construction of The Crowley Lake Skatepark project.

**Action:** Amend FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Projects Budget (GL Account Numbers 190-18-725-18100 and 190-18-725-52011) by \$455,000 to allow for construction expenses and reimbursement from County Services Area #1 (CSA1)

**Stump moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-75**

**Action:** Identify Spohn Ranch, Inc. as responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid; 3) approve and authorize Public Works Director's signature on contract with Spohn Ranch, Inc. for The Crowley Lake Skatepark project in an amount not to exceed \$549,880.00; 4) authorize the 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, 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.

**Stump moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-76**

**Peter Chapman:**

- Went through his staff report. CSA 1 put a lot of time and effort into this project. They received 5 bids; feels this was a competitive process. Read the recommended actions.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Recommends taking action #1 separately, requiring a 4/5ths vote.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- The County's Finance director has confirmed the funding through the CSA is available.
- This project was decided on after a lot of community input. This is a county project, and should be managed as a county project. There will be an ongoing contribution toward maintenance. Part of this contract will involve the consultant visiting the community for design components.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- When bids come in with such a wide range of cost, he wonders if this low bid is truly bonafide or are they going to come back with extra costs?

- Wants to make sure the business side of this, the soft costs, are managed and addressed moving forward.

**Peter Chapman:**

- Feels this is a good bid; the engineering department's estimate was approx. \$525k. Spohn Ranch is out of the Los Angeles area. They specialize in government contracts. The work will be managed by Public Works staff, namely himself. Soft costs are not part of the project bid.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Peter is budgeted as part of PW staff and this project is just one of his projects.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Supervisor Johnston is correct, this has been an issue for awhile, as to when we include soft costs, and how to include them. Should have a workshop to address this in the future.
- Reminder that CSAs are County organizations that exist on mostly property taxes. They take up a tremendous amount of a community member's time, but clarify this is County money that is under the authority of the Board of Supervisors

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Sees this a great opportunity to partner with a community that is dedicating a large amount of resources. Would like to know how this looks in the future, how it's maintained, etc. Glad to see this happening for a public project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Kim McCarthy, President of CSA:**

- Reiterated the ongoing maintenance part of this project. Feels Peter has done a fantastic job presenting this project to the Board. Going to be a great project for the kids in the community. Very happy to have this before the board today.

**John Connelly:**

- Supportive of this project.

## **B. Public Hearing for Establishing a Cemetery Fee Schedule**

Departments: Public Works

PUBLIC HEARING - 10:00 a.m. (10 minutes)

(Peter Chapman) - Public hearing regarding an ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors establishing a schedule of fees for services provided at the public cemeteries located within the unincorporated area of the county.

**Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- County Counsel is advising that we delay action until the second item with the ordinance, so there will be one action to consider both items together.

**Peter Chapman:**

- Went through staff report. This is a continuation of a 2007 action item. This is a public hearing, noticed publicly for three weeks. Cemeteries don't make money, this is going from a fee structure to a more systematic structure.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Read a letter from Paul Burdeno into the public record.

**Gary Nelson:**



- He has been trying to help get this resolved for many years. He is retired, on a fixed income. Wants to know how long these fees are good for? Will these increase in 10 years? What other costs are we not aware of that might come into play? Thinks he can afford the cost now, but not sure his loved ones will be able to afford the future costs.

**Peter Chapman:**

- It has taken 10 years until now to get to this point. He doesn't see coming back to amend the fee schedule for some time.

**Stacey Simon:**

- We are limited in the fees the County can charge; we can only impose fees to directly cover the County's costs. If someone makes a reservation now, those are the fees they will pay.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Wants to define "historic". Feels people who have put their name on an interest list but have been told they have to wait should be considered historic.

Board discussion regarding where the fees go, whether into an innoprise fund or a separate cemetery fund.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

**Peter Chapman:**

- There are approximately 27 people on a waiting list, each person can request up to 4 plots. 2007 moratorium comments by Evan Nikirk stated that the moratorium would be to prevent a "land grab".
- Has some data on the list, may have date requested as well as how many plots people were asking for.
- In the Nov 2007 minutes, the county put a moratorium on reservations, not a moratorium on burials.

**Christy Milovich:**

- Definition of historical on page 2 of Ordinance, section E, would come down to whether the waiting list counts as a reservation.
- We would change language of our definitions of "historic" to match the Board's motion.
- There is a federal definition of "veteran".

**Gary Nelson:**

- He was told he could not reserve a plot because Public Works needed to map plots, etc. He put his name on the list a long time ago.

**Member of the Public:**

- There are bodies in Mono Lake Cemetery that weren't Mono Co residents. Questions when they made reservations? What does someone have to do to prove they were on a list?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Feels it was wrong to not allow reservations, but allow burials. There are a limited number of plots that were given to those who died but not to those who have lived here for many years. Feels it's a basic discrepancy.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Feels the Ordinance has come from lots of discussions and meetings, someone should be able to reserve a plot going forward. For those who had intended to reserve since the moratorium, we should allow them to reserve and accommodate those on the existing list.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Would like to clarify the definition of historic.

**Steve Noble:**

- Prior to 2007, if you wanted a plot in Bridgeport, you went to Public Works and put your name on the plot you wanted.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- When you make a reservation, you pay the fee. The opening and closing fees are not paid ahead of time and would be subject to the fee schedule at that time.

Board consensus to allow those on the list to have their reservation fee waived but not open/close fees.

Board consensus to amend historic to mean to include people who were on the list or thought they were on the list prior to June 11, 2017.

Board consensus to follow the federal definition.

### C. Cemetery Ordinance

Departments: Public Works

(Peter Chapman) - Proposed ordinance number ORD17-\_\_\_ An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Chapter 7.32 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Public Cemeteries.

**Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance and fee schedule with changes as discussed.

**Gardner moved for both items b and c; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-77**

### D. Request for Snow Removal Assistance - Yosemite National Park

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - Upon its opening each spring, State Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park (YNP) provides a significant benefit to businesses and visitation in Mono County. The Board of Supervisors has actively supported and assisted YNP and Caltrans with snow removal and opening of Highway 120. The Park Service has requested assistance from Mono County again this year. In order to promptly respond the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize Public Works to provide snow removal assistance.

**Action:** Consider and potentially adopt Resolution R17-30, "Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute and Administer Cooperative Agreements and Utilize Department of Public Works Personnel and Equipment to Assist with Snow Removal Activities associated with the 2017 Opening of Highway 120 Within Yosemite National Park." Come back to report on monies spent and progress on project. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Johnston moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R17-30**

**Jeff Walters:**

- The parks have requested assistance from us and other agencies. His understanding is the Town has declined to assist but the Mountain has offered assistance. Assistance can only

be accepted from other government agencies, so we would need to have an MOU or some other “employment” agreement in order to utilize the Mountain’s resources.

- Went over specific areas of snow removal; no estimated date of completion.
- If approved, staff will continue to try to use regular work hours with minimal overtime. Cal Trans has started on the Tioga Pass.
- Avalanche training is tomorrow, and is mandatory for anyone working with snow removal on Tioga.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Handed out copy of proposed MOU with National Parks, discussed after the agenda was published. Minor changes were made, minor grammatical changes may be coming. Public Works Director would have authority to sign at that time.

General board discussion on strategy, plan, cost, etc.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Would like more information from the Parks Service, wants better updates for the residents and businesses. Wants to hear an estimated opening date, knowing that may change.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Would like Jeff Walters and his crew to be able to go in and perform services, if he runs into problems then he can decide when it’s time to pull off or change tactic. This can be open ended financially, giving Jeff Walters the authority to make decisions.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Would like to help but wants a limit on how much is spent. Would like to see it come back and report on progress before too much money is spent.

**E. Public Hearing Regarding Resolution to Increase Recording Fees by \$1**

Departments: Clerk-Recorder

PUBLIC HEARING - 11:00 A.M. (15 minutes)

(Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder) - Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code section 66018(a) on proposed fee increase in the amount of \$1.00 for all recordable documents to offset cost of E-Recording program.

**Action:** Conduct a Public Hearing regarding proposed fee increase of \$1.00 for all recordable documents. Following the public hearing, review and potentially adopt Resolution #R17-29, Imposing a fee increase in the amount of \$1.00 for each instrument that is recorded by the County.

**Johnston moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R17-29**

**Shannon Kendall:**

- Briefly went over staff report. This is a continuation from a year ago to raise fees. We need to get this in place for when we go live with our e-recording.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

**Supervisor Corless:**

- The Board received correspondence from Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors in support of this fee increase

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

**F. Memorandum of Understanding with Deputy Sheriffs' Association and Related Side Letters**

Departments: CAO, Human Resources, Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - Proposed resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Mono County Deputy Sheriffs' Association for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. Proposed resolution approving Side Letters to Memorandum of Understanding.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R17-31, Adopting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Side Letters between the County and the Deputy Sheriff's Association. Provide direction to staff.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R17-31**

**Dave Butters:**

- Named each negotiating team.
- Overview of the process.
- Highlights of the terms of the agreement.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Found a minor discrepancy in dates in two side letters; provided updated versions for the Board. These letters will be exchanged within the Resolution itself.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Concerned that MCPE members took harder hits last time around. Wants to see MCPE contract reflect these changes next time.

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

**Drew Hild:**

- Passed out a survey he conducted. Went through the available commercial buildings in the Mammoth Lakes area, available space, and average lease prices for each.

**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, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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 - Real Property Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes. Agency negotiators: Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher, Tony Dublino, Stacey Simon. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Highmark Mammoth Investments, LLC. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

**C. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation**

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: One.

**D. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.**

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

**13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. Public Hearing and County Election to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Departments: County Counsel

PUBLIC HEARING 1:00 P.M. (30 minutes)

(Stacey Simon) - Public hearing regarding determination by Mono County to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for those portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin within Mono County but outside the boundaries of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Action:** 1. Conduct public hearing and potentially adopt Resolution R17-32, Electing to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin within Mono County that are not within the

boundaries of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District. Alternatively, direct staff to notify the State that the County is unwilling or unable to serve. 2. Discuss possibility of formation of Joint Powers Agency with one or more local agencies in the basin that are eligible to serve as groundwater sustainability agencies under the SGMA, or other local coordination regarding the development of a groundwater sustainability plan and direct staff regarding communications with some or all of those agencies.

**Stump moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R17-32**

**Stacey Simon:**

- There are two parts to this item. Part one is whether the Board wishes to serve as the agency, second part to discuss if there is another option in the future to working more collaboratively with other agencies, including Inyo County.
- Right now we only have bits of this basin, most of which is in Inyo. Deadline is July 1, 2017, or the state will come in and implement their fees. There are only three agencies who can serve: Mono Co, Wheeler Crest CSD, and Tri Valley Groundwater Mgmt District.
- Went through her staff report and map of area.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- What would the problem be with allowing the State to manage this?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- State involvement in the basin means we are forcing the entities in the basin to deal with the State. If we don't opt to include the other areas, the State would become our "partner" in this plan. Community opinion is to keep the State out.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN**

**Bob Harrington, Water Director for Inyo County:**

- Has been working with Mono Staff as well as the Tri Valley Groundwater Mgmt District. Would like to answer Supervisor Johnston's question earlier: basins are subject to state intervention on a basin-wide basis. One area of unmanaged area means the State can manage the entire area and implement their fees. Urges the Board to adopt the whole area so we have a locally managed basin.

**Glenn Inouye, Wheeler Crest:**

- Reconfirm their support for this. If both Mono County and Inyo County file, our entire basin would be covered and managed locally. Appreciates all the efforts to get this going.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- California issues interpretations frequently, the Tri Valley has authority but no money. DWR representative email says we need to be ready because grants may potentially open up to fund groundwater sustainability. This is important because of the potential for the value of the agriculture land in the Tri Valley area to be diminished.

**Bob Harrington:**

- DWR has issued emergency regulations. Requirements are extensive, complicated. Estimates in the upper \$100k in costs.

**Stacey Simon:**

- In order to cover these costs, we need to collaborate with other agencies.

Discussion of second part of item:

**Stacey Simon:**

- Addressed the letter received from Inyo County.
- For the full discussion on this item, please refer to the video available on the County website.

Supervisor Stump supports moving forward with items 2-4, authorize staff to pursue discussions  
Board has Consensus

## **B. Public Hearing for Extension of Moratorium on Type II Short-Term Rentals & Outreach Plan**

Departments: Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING 1:30 P.M. (30 minutes)

(Wendy Sugimura) - Conduct Public Hearing and consider and potentially adopt proposed ordinance #ORD17-05, An Interim Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Extending the Temporary Moratorium Suspending the Establishment of Type II Short-Term Vacation Rentals Within the Unincorporated Areas of Mono County as Authorized by Chapter 25 of the Mono County General Plan. Discuss outreach to engage communities on discussion of Type II rentals and other upcoming County policy issues, and provide direction to staff.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance #ORD17-05, Extending the Temporary Moratorium Suspending the Establishment of Type II Short-Term Vacation Rentals Within the Unincorporated Areas of Mono County as Authorized by Chapter 25 of the Mono County General Plan. Discuss related outreach and policies and provide any additional staff direction.

**Stump moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

### **ORD17-05**

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Follow up on previously approved moratorium on Type II rentals. Last direction given by the Board was to take the Type II issue back to the communities; current staffing levels may not allow for this right away.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Feels the most important thing in this is understanding the process. Hoping that this will be able to be brought to public meetings more during the summer.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Moratorium is county wide, important to extend it. Outreach was done a year ago and did not receive a lot of response. This time, many responses were received.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Feels the moratorium needs to be extended, but Chapter 25 is a flawed experiment that will pit neighbor against neighbor and require people to keep coming back to hearings.

## **Outreach Plan**

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Lots of big projects coming up. How do we engage citizens and get them to participate? RPACs are in place, we have a standard method of outreach, mailing lists. Try to communicate with each community in the way they communicate. Recommendation is not

to do a project specific outreach, but a general outreach. Specific outreaches become a burden for staff. Went through different options for direct mailings.

Board discussion regarding pricing and costs of mailing paper notices to residents/taxpayers.

Board consensus is to wait on outreach. Want to see research into mailing costs.

**ADJOURN 4:15 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**HELEN NUNN**  
**ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**