



**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 Suite Z, 237 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
June 20, 2017**

9:04 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair of the Board Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: Johnston.*

*Break: 10:25 A.M.
Reconvene: 10:41 A.M.
Closed Session: 11:27 A.M.
Reconvene: 1:00 P.M.
Break: 1:48 P.M.
Reconvene: 1:53 P.M.
Adjourn: 3:10 P.M.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Corless:

- Extremely happy to have Supervisor Johnston in the audience, though he will not be participating in the meeting.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rudy Gonzales, Southern California Edison, Government Affairs Representative:

- Shared information on project above June Lake area. Provided visual displays. Introduced others working on the project.
- SCE manages and operates 3 reservoirs and dams that into the Rush Creek Powerhouse, which services the electric needs of local area.

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- Has worked with local regulatory agencies to determine safe level for the dams; managing the water systems to stay below those predetermined levels.
- Implementing modifications to the area above June Lake to manage water levels. Installation of several pumps at Agnew Lake that will assist in moving water through the system, to avoid water levels becoming too high.
- Will most likely exceed the restricted level at Waugh Lake Rush Creek Meadows dam. Gem Lake is the largest reservoir, have been able to maintain levels. Agnew Lake, the smallest lake, is where the pumps are located.
- Acknowledged that the work has been disruptive to the community.
- The bulk of construction has been completed. Heavy lift helicopters have stopped flying.
- Presented a check to pay for an emergency alert system. (Janet Dutcher accepted the check.)

Intend to have a follow up meeting with the community.

- **Ingrid Braun, Sheriff** explained that IPOS is the integrated public alert and warning system. SCE is paying for it for 4 years. Good for anything that happens in the entire County. This is a great opportunity being brought to the entire county. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Stump:

- Requested sponsorship and approval of a thank you letter. Unsolicited gift from SCE.

Supervisor Larry Johnston:

- Thanked everyone for their positive thoughts.
- **Supervisor Corless** commented that the Board was happy to see Supervisor Johnston and asked him to let them know what they could do to help.

ADDITION OF URGENCY ITEM:

Action: Move that the Board has determined that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item (CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Ammirato v. County of Mono.), that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Authority: Govt. Code §54954.2(b)(2). Note that urgency items may only be added to the agendas of regular meetings, not special meetings.

Stump moved. Peters seconded.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Johnston absent

M17-125

Stacy Simon, County Counsel:

- Proposal to discuss potential settlement.
- Response needed before next scheduled meeting. The information came to the County's attention following posting of the agenda on Thursday, would like to add item on as closed session item.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

3. **RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

4. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Supervisor Corless:

- 6/15: Town County Liaison: discussed agenda for 7/18, will include south county offices, cannabis, narcotics enforcement, community conversation; talked about TOT enforcement and indicated interest in working together, TOML is looking at other providers beyond Host Compliance; July 1—ribbon cutting for new trail segment in Sherwins area, county trail construction dollars went to this project.
- Noted that roof project at Minaret Mall could be disruptive this summer.
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Tourism Open House.
- National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Steering Committee Call: Forest management legislation will be moving through the House this summer; Proposed policy platform change regarding funding for public lands, to be voted on at NACo.
- 6/16: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG): Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium, moving forward with advisory council; air service—June 30, 1pm, ESCOG subcommittee (Inyo, TOML) meeting in Mammoth/Suite Z; regional economic development—continuing discussions, there is interest among all agencies; discussed short-term rental regulations—City of Bishop has proposed ordinance for owner-occupied, Inyo County just starting outreach on regulatory process.
- State Budget: Legislature sent budget to governor on 6/15, trailer bills still pending. Read RCRC “Rural Rundown” analysis for counties in attachment. (See Additional Documents)
- Legislative Update: AB 1655, a couple of issues that the Internet for All Now coalition asked for help contacting legislators, communicating with Sen. Berryhill’s office.
- Mammoth/District 5 welcomed about 1,000 runners for the Half Marathon on Sunday, successful event with lots of support from local nonprofits and service organizations.
- Lakes Basin/ Lake Mary Rd opening: asking for patience while safety work is completed.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Attended the June Lake Public Utilities District and Lee Vining RPAC meetings last week.
- Last weekend was the 16th annual Mono Lake Bird Chautauqua in the Mono Basin. There were over 300 attendees for this event, and many sessions were filled up only a few minutes after the registration opened in April. This is a great event that brings many people from outside the area to the Mono Basin. Sessions focus on more than birding issues, including various natural history topics. Commends the Mono Lake Committee and the many volunteers who work hard to make this such a successful event.
- Two meetings were held last night at the June Lake Community Center to hear presentations from Southern California Edison about the condition of the Rush Creek Dams, and the mitigation work being done in that area. Businesses were invited to a special meeting at 4:00 PM for a meeting and the community was invited at 6:00 PM. There were about 80 people in attendance at the two meetings. SCE answered many questions about work thus far completed, and the plans for handling the anticipated runoff for the rest of the summer. Several public agencies were also in attendance to answer questions. There has been some flooding in the area around Rush Creek, including parts of the Double Eagle Resort and some homes on Dream Mountain Road. Information was provided about the availability of sandbags to control flooding. Weekly phone calls and situation reports with SCE to keep everyone informed will continue.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Absent

Supervisor Peters:

- 13th BP RPAC
- 14th Nancy Mahannah(Mahana)
- 15th Planning Commission
- 17th Chief Boohers Retirement – Bill Pemberton new Chief
- 19th Gun Club Meeting 24,000 fundraiser
- Upcoming Events:
- Town Halls June 21st BP Forest Service and Broadband – Race Communications – Fox Industries

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- July 13th AV Cannabis and Broadband
- June 28th Picnic
- June 29th Humbolt Cannabis Conference

Supervisor Stump:

- Last Thursday - Town / County Liaison meeting. Supervisor Corless also attended. Still some misinformation, particularly in portions of the Mammoth Community, over the facts surrounding the South County Facilities issue.
- Sunday and Monday - Met with several constituents about flooding issues with the heat. Reminded all of the locations of sand and sandbags. Same areas of concern as those reported two weeks ago. Knows that each portion of the County is experiencing difficulties. Thanks the Long Valley Fire Department and Public Works for making sand and bags available to the public - they are getting used. Bags and sand near Tom's Place also getting used.
- Monday - attended the July 4th South County planning meeting at the Crowley Lake Fish Camp. Resolution allowing road closures on today's agenda.
- Stopped by the Road Shop in Benton on Friday - complimented the Benton Road Crew on how clean and organized their shop area and grounds were. The facility is very old, still painted ugly green, but it was clear that it is receiving some TLC.
- Thanked Tony, Eric and John with Facilities for their work on the septic tank project behind the Crowley Substation. As with many things it was more than anticipated. John also on his work on the bathrooms at both the Crowley and Benton parks to make them ADA compliant.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Tony Dublino:

- Leslie Chapman absent.
- Tony Dublino speaking in her place, but didn't prepare a report.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance:

- Payroll implementation team; go live July 11, first biweekly check will be July 17.
- Stephanie Butters and Stephanie Padilla held meetings with department heads, going through the budget and year-end process.
- Supervisors Peters and Gardner - expect to hear from her about our first budget ad hoc meeting.

Jeff Walters, Public Works Director:

- All of the bridges in Antelope valley are working well.
- Working on the supports on Topaz bridge.
- This morning we closed the low water crossing on Upper Summer Meadows road from Green Creek road.
- Poole Power Plant road had to be closed, and the campgrounds are being inundated with water.
- Tioga pass - \$350,000 was spent on snow removal. The road is clear, the parking areas are clear. Cal Trans opened their section up to the park gate. The park portion of the road is still closed. No estimated date for opening. No power to any facilities. Tuolumne Meadows is a lake. The holdup is the facilities. Hoping to be opened before July 4th weekend.

Garrett Higerd, County Engineer

- On June 8th the Board of State and Community Directions approved a conditional reward of \$125 million for our jail project.
- Met last week with finance to discuss the match / cash flow requirements. We are developing a cash flow schedule for the duration of the project.
- Project is estimated to take approximately 4 years.

- Met with jail facilities and IT staff to work on the logistics related to the transition.
- Next item of business is looking at the Bridgeport Hospital, particularly at the items stored in the hospital. Coming up with a plan for retaining important things, purging other things. Will be following up and communicating with various interested departments.
- The goal is to be able to demolish the hospital by the end of this construction season so we can start from ground zero with engineering and architecture to design the jail.
- Right now we have \$85,000 remaining in the roll over budget. Perform an ALTA survey of the property. Need a detailed title report to complete real estate due diligence.
- Working to get a contract amendment or retain a different architect.
- Run off - reaching the peak right now.
Continuing to watch the impact that is happening, particularly erosion.

Supervisor Peters:

- Hal Curti (President, Mono County Resource Conservation District) said the station where CFS is measured (cubic feet per second) malfunctioned.
- On the jail, RPAC requested a more detailed report come back about when there will be activity, best known time line so the neighbors around the location could expect.

Ingrid Braun, Sheriff:

- There have been a lot of issues with snow melt, not much can be done, have been able to stay ahead of it, evacuate where necessary, sand bag where necessary. Very cooperative effort. Pine Creek in Inyo County washed away. Lower Rock Creek is starting to flood. Believes access to Gorge Road is still available. Using the new part of an MOU to have deputies on call. Peak flooding is at 3 a.m.

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. Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Appointments

Departments: Economic Development

On April 1, 2017 the appointments of Don Morton, Sue Burak, Gaye Mueller and Gary Jones to the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission expired. A Notice of Vacancy was published in local newspapers during the month of May, resulting in no new applications. All four commissioners wish to remain on the commission and be re-appointed for a new four year term.

Action: Reappoint Don Morton, Sue Burak, Gaye Mueller, and Gary Jones to the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2021.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-126

B. Proposed Resolution Approving Conflict of Interest Codes for June Lake Fire Protection District, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Mono County Office of Education, Mono County Library, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Mammoth Unified School District

Departments: County Counsel

Request for Board approval of amended conflict of interest codes for the June Lake Fire Protection District, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Mono County Office of Education, Mono County Library, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Mammoth Unified School District.

Action: Approve Resolution #R17-49, Approve amended conflict of interest codes for the June Lake Fire Protection District, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Mono County Office of Education, Mono County Library, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Mammoth Unified School District.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

R17-49

C. Road Closure for Town of Mammoth Lakes' 4th of July

Departments: Public Works - Road

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is requesting temporary closure of a county road for their annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration. This road closure will be to support traffic control at the Highway 203/395 turn off for people returning to Mammoth from the Crowley Lake Fireworks display. This item is sponsored by Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump.

Action: Approve Resolution #R17-50, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Temporary Closure of County Roads for the Town of Mammoth Lakes Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration."

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

R17-50

D. Ordinance to Establish the Department of Emergency Medical Services

Departments: Emergency Medical Services

Proposed ordinance amending the Mono County Code to add Chapter 2.62 establishing the Department of Emergency Medical Services within the County.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance #ORD17-09, amending the Mono County Code to add Chapter 2.62 establishing the Department of Emergency Medical Services within the County.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

ORD17-09

E. Proposed Contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

Departments: Elections

Proposed contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for purchase of voting equipment (hardware and software) and related services, warranty, maintenance, and software licenses.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute said contract and associated annual contracts on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-127

F. Request for Authorization to Enter into Agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Departments: Sheriff

Proposed agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for the provision of housing and services to Mono County offenders.

Action: Approve entry into proposed agreement with CDCR for the provision of housing and services to Mono County offenders and authorize Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute said agreement on behalf of Mono County.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-128

G. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2017.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2017.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-129

H. Request for Authorization to Enter into Contract with Anne Sippe Treatment Center

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed one year contract with Anne Sippe Treatment Center for the provision of transitional social rehabilitation services in an amount not to exceed \$71,537 per year.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-130

I. Delta Wireless Contract Renewal

Departments: Information Technology

Proposed contract renewal with Delta Wireless for the provision of Radio System Support, Service, and Training.

Action: Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign Delta Wireless Contract for the provision of radio system support and service on an as-needed basis through June 30, 2018.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-131

Pulled for discussion by Supervisor Stump:

- Knows that the radio system has been having problems. Is \$250,000 enough?

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- No, anticipate need in the millions. Equipment on the mountain top is 30 years old. Don't anticipate getting the money from general fund, and ideally we would seek out a grant.
- This contract is a renewal, a carryover of a contract with Delta from last year for a study of repeater sites.

J. Resolution for Mono Arts Council Grant Application

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed Resolution Designating Mono Council for the Arts as the Local Partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Supporting Mono Council for the Arts' 2017-18 SLPP Grant Application.

Action: Approve Resolution #R17-51, Designating Mono Council for the Arts as the Local Partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Supporting Mono Council for the Arts' 2017-18 SLPP Grant Application.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

R17-51

K. Letter of Opposition AB 1250

Departments: CAO

Letter establishing Mono County opposition to AB 1250.

Action: Authorize Chair to sign and send letter establishing Mono County opposition to AB 1250.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-132

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

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.

9. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

A. **Fish and Game Fine Fund Expenditure - Caltrout Mammoth Creek Study**

Departments: Economic Development

(Mark Drew - Director, Sierra Headwaters Program, California Trout) - Presentation by California Trout on the Mammoth Creek Study, and recommendation by the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission at the April 5, 2017 regular meeting to allocate funding from the Fish and Game Fine Fund to support the completion and analysis of the survey study. Scientific fish and wildlife research is a permissible use of the Fish and Game Fine Fund money per the Fish and Game Code Section 13103 article (i).

Action: Approve the recommendation by the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission to allocate \$1,000 from the Fish & Game Fine Fund to support the CalTrout Mammoth Creek Study and authorize an increase of appropriations by \$1,000 to be funded from the carryover balance. (Requires 4/5th vote)

Peters moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-133

Mark Drew, Cal Trout: (PowerPoint presentation added as additional document)

- Went through power point presentation.
- Higher flows are flushing out sediment. It's going to get moved. Could end up at Crowley Lake.
- All related; our study was focused on water but saw increased levels of total mercury at higher flows, hypothesized that mercury was in the sediment, when higher flows occur those metals are suspended. Looked at soils / sediment at the stamp mill. Known metals and carcinogens at the stamp mill. It is not super fund project because on Forest Service land.
- Forest Service had a PowerPoint presentation. There should be an update. June 2, may have been the deadline.
- The cabins are closed down. The Forest Service was trying to accommodate, but it was eventually deemed not hospitable.
- As part of the settlement, Mammoth Community Water District agreed to contribute \$10,000 a year to a Mammoth Creek fisheries improvement fund. Develop a grant program available to the public. Develop an outline of the management plan, logical framework of how the monies could be used? Long term support and interest of how (the money) will be implemented.

Supervisor Corless:

- Would like to remind the Board that the recommended action is approving the Fish and Wildlife recommendation that we allocate from the Fish and Game Fine fund to support this study. An increase of appropriations requires a vote.
- Can forward the Forest Service presentation; has been providing the slide show to constituents.
- There were a number of homeowners at the meeting, believes they are well-informed.

- Fully supports this allocation. Follow up regarding next step and potential management plan, support moving forward with that Mono County collaborative planning team, meeting on June 27.

Supervisor Stump:

- Has to be unanimous since there are only 4 of us?
- Question about stream restoration –something accumulating in rock beds (Mark Drew clarified its called slime); are the flows having a positive effect on removal?
- Is this kind of an activity is a Forest Service general fund funded activity that would further diminish their budget?

Supervisor Peters:

- Stamp mill, is the bioaccumulation study tied to the water quality study of FS cabins?
- Will be attending National Forest Service Homeowners Association, access to those cabins issues have been raised, want current up-to-date information to be provided.

B. Mutual Aid Agreement with County Fire Districts

Departments: Emergency Medical Services

(Chief Bob Rooks) - Mutual Aid agreement between the 11 County Fire Districts and Mono County.

Action: Authorize the Chief of EMS to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement between Antelope Valley, Bridgeport, Mono City, Lee Vining, June Lake, Mammoth Lakes, Long Valley, Wheeler Crest, Paradise, Chalfant Valley and White Mountain Fire Districts and the Mono County Paramedics.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-134

Bob Rooks:

- Introduced item to board; gave background information.
- East Fork Agreement will be coming to the board as well.
- MWTC MOU works differently than these types of Mutual Aid Agreements. Might be beneficial for Board to write a support letter?

Supervisor Stump:

- Signatories need updating.
- In favor of doing this, however wants to make sure there are no landfill issues as far as payments to the district.

Stacey Simon:

- The Landfill Agreement would prevail if a fire occurred.

Supervisor Corless:

- Important that we have these agreements in place.

Supervisor Peters:

- Asked about MWTC MOU. He can raise this issue with the Colonel.

C. Solid Waste Update and Parcel Fee Program Renewal

Departments: Public Works, Solid Waste

(Tony Dublino, Acting Solid Waste Superintendent) - Receive update on Solid Waste program. Adopt Proposed Resolution.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-52, Extending and re-establishing the Mono County Solid Waste Fee Program for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston
R17-52

Tony Dublino:

- Went through staff report.
- Acting Solid Waste Supervisor as of today. Job offer will be forthcoming soon.
- Question from Strategic Plan Workshop. Current diversion reflects diversion of organic waste, green material, and alternative daily cover at landfill. This won't be counted as diversion in 2020. Trying to find different ways to use the material to maintain current diversion rate, so it won't be counted against us in terms of disposal.
- Transformation is not recycling, the program is looked upon favorably, but it is not recycling according to CalRecycle.
- Forest Service properties are a significant source of waste. All of them have recycling systems in place that meet CalRecycle Standards. Unsure of tonnage.
- Discussed draft of final closure plan of Benton Crossing Landfill.
- Solid waste supervisor will need to engage in the local task force meetings. Opportunities for collaboration.
- Discussed FY 16/17 budget goals that were completed.
- Franchise agreements with haulers are coming up, need to be negotiated next June.
- Wood chips are available for public consumption. Would contribute to diversion.

Supervisor Stump:

- Can it be done for 5 years, like TOML?
- Credit from CalRecycle for using that material?
- Any movement from CalRecycle on waste collected from federal facilities, potentially being excluded from what County is responsible for? Tonnage from these places?

Stacey Simon:

- Fee adoption every 5 years, but do not need to do a new contract every year, by law the fees need to be renewed every year by the Board. We are saving one step.

Supervisor Peters:

- Walker area grateful for new facilities, need a plastic crusher, any opportunities for CalRecycle grants? Maybe can meet with new Supervisor to discuss needs.
- New MOU for Benton is effective which is good.
- Wood chips generated at transfer station, available for any other use? If we track that use would it contribute to diversion? What constitutes material being turned into wood chips, inspection process?
- 4th of July schedule?

D. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Recommended Budget

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Adopt a resolution approving the attached recommended budget as the temporary budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 until the final budget is adopted.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-53, approving the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston
R17-53

Janet Dutcher:

- Discussed staff report.
- Department inquired the CSA's and their projects were rolled over.

- Agrees that County should start earlier and have our public hearings completed before June, Budget development follows the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Adopting requires 3/5 approval. (Change requires 4.5)

Supervisor Stump:

- Questions from current fiscal year, how does that reconcile into the next fiscal year?
- CSA's ongoing projects like CSA5, CSA 1 has the large skate project.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Supports this, but would like to dispense with this double budget. Management should have a budget ready at the beginning of the fiscal year. Discussed what municipalities do, suggested County adopt a similar process

Supervisor Corless:

- Has to be approved by October 2.

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, 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.

*Urgency closed session item added; See beginning of minutes for details.

12. **REGULAR AGENDA – AFTERNOON**

A. **Proposed Resolution Adopting Fee Schedule for Emergency Medical Services**

Departments: Paramedics

PUBLIC HEARING - 1:00 p.m.

(Chief Bob Rooks) - Proposed resolution adopting emergency medical services fee schedule for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-54, adopting fee schedule for Emergency Medical Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

R17-54

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-54, adopting fee schedule for Emergency Medical Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Direct staff to complete and appropriate an efficient analysis to explore opportunities for higher increases, if possible; explore further research opportunities for a larger rate increase.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-135

Bob Rooks, Chief: (Provided corrected fee schedule)

- Went through staff presentation.
- Current fee schedule that pertains to EMS (regarding provided fee schedule).
- Inyo already adopted the rates – same as what ours would be.
- There would be a 5% increase from FY 14/15 rates. If you want to go higher, you could. The Board would need to write back to San Bernardino Board and say they want to go with a higher rate due to some higher cost. If rates are too exorbitant, will have problems collecting from a lot of insurance companies. Medicare fees are fixed.
- Not going to see widespread differences between the areas. Each county can set their own rate.
- An option that you have is to not use ALS non transport. No transport fee has to be applied to everyone, but we can't go after them for it. Two choices – all in or nothing.
- Of 2200 calls, only 50% are transport. No patient found, no contact with patient, declined, no treatment and release, treated and release.
- Collections – need to do a good presentation to discuss how that would work.
- Subscription program to guarantee rates for residents.
- Penny's data is the most accurate data of all data in place.

Penny Galvin, Fiscal and Technical Specialist:

- 2200 calls this fiscal year, 1800 last year. Still have 10 days left in the year.
- Increase in Medical, so no increase in revenues.
- 70% of calls are tourists. 30% are residents – majority are medical/ Medicaid.
- We keep the current fee schedule until new one is adopted. Can go back and research and provide Board with a comparison of numbers department comes up with.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Trying to close the gap between what the tax payer pays and what the user pays. 5% increments aren't making very much progress. People come here and want to be taken care of, and we do a very good job with it.
- Medical / Medicaid small amount of the total?
- Would like to go with a higher rate. Would serve as emissary to San Bernardino Board.
- Approve but direct staff to see if we can adopt a higher schedule.

Supervisor Peters:

- Process to assist Penny in collecting delinquent account.
- Concerned about the impact of what the 30% resident use of services, what an increase in fees would mean to them. Wants to make sure the burden isn't to residents.

Janet Dutcher:

- Everyone has to be treated the same in regards to collection. Collection rate has increased.
- Have to separate out providing the service and covering the cost and what the non-collectability aspects of it are. That can be averaged into the fee that is being charged.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thinks there is the capacity to be able to bill for a non-transport within this fee schedule.

B. Conway Ranch Update

Departments: Public Works, Facilities

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding current operations at Conway Ranch, and future opportunities and amendment of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans to extend date for implementation of Phase II activities on Conway Ranch (i.e., inclusion of the eight remaining residential lots in conservation easement.)

Action: 1. Approve and authorize chair to sign amendment to MOU with correction noted by County Counsel.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

Gardner disclosed on Eastern Sierra Land Trust Board. (only when there is a contract Per Stacey Simon)

M17-136

Stacey Simon:

- Caught a typo in the amendment reference to "Sixth Amendment," should read "Seventh Amendment," notified Clerk.

Tony Dublino:

- Introduced item; went over recommended action.
- Trying to get land trust and Caltrans on board, happy to extend once again before MOU expires.
- Annual Report is requirement of the easement.
- Concern about run off, address it sooner rather than later. Decision back in March, regarding domestic sheep raising on property, no grazer lined up for the summer. Would help control fuel generation.
- Current activities: Irrigating, in accordance with water rights. Volunteer efforts have happened out there.
- Board's request to research alternative management strategies – one path involves selling property / transferring title.
- Second option - start making more investments in the property.
- The main goal of acquiring Conway Ranch was to prevent it from be developed. There is economic development potential.
- Direct staff to identify willing buyers.
- No additional outreach to people who showed interest in grazing. Looking to graze in summer of 2018.
- Interpretive / Education programs are allowed on the property. Physical improvements are outlined in agreement. Restrictions about commercial activities, may possibly start a non-profit that eventually brings money back to the Ranch.
- Conservation easement would most likely be transferred to the new owners.
- Committed to doing the appropriate level of environmental review, and the cost would fluctuate. Cost on the lessee. Mowing and gardening have been discussed.
- Indicated it would be okay if the Board provided further direction in October.

Supervisor Stump:

- Have there been any more conversations about grazing? Was lone Board member willing to consider cattle.

Supervisor Gardner:

- What is allowed or not allowed on the property, in terms of easement? Any prohibition about charging? Any transfer of ownership, the easement transfers completely.

Supervisor Corless:

- Concept of cattle grazing this season, Center for Biological Diversity, what level of analysis would need to be performed, what would it cost, are there any other management tools for treatment of the meadows, is there anything else feasible? Cost on the lessee?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kate Ogden, Eastern Sierra Land Trust:

- Cattle Grazing wasn't off the table, left in limbo.
- Easement transfers with ownership.
- Funding is available to help a lessee with infrastructure, uncertain for short term leases how the funding works. Government entity not eligible. Interpretive programs might be included.
- ESLT does not have the right of approval for transfer.

Katie Bellomo, Mono Basin Preservation:

- There was tremendous support in Bridgeport area about preserving Conway Ranch. As well as Walker Creek.
- Concerned the property would be in jeopardy if transferred.
- There are protections with the easement, but it doesn't answer all of the questions
- At meeting in Lee Vining, this project might seem like a headache. We are fortunate to have this problem as a county. To preserve such a significant part of the environment.
- Selling may be a good option, long term lease might be suitable.
- Suggest if a map could be created that show where the county owned portion is, and which portions belong to BLM.
- Important to not rush to judgement – there is no emergency here.

Lynn Boulton, Lee Vining Resident:

- Having no budget is not helping – the county needs to put in more money even to move forward. Arrested decay on the structures. Rerouting Virginia creek.
- Grazing – don't think there is an urgency to graze this summer. If you did, environmental impact report. Consider conservation of other species.

Todd O'Banion, Great Basin Hatchery:

- Opportunity for education is very large.
- Conway Ranch is gateway to Walker Lake.
- Cutthroat trout.
- Facility in Wellington – establishing a genetic conservation program
- Propose look at conservancy, fish and wildlife, sites of Mono County, can bring presentation to the Board.
- Growing demand for native plant seed collection.
- Tentative discussions with previous owners, they said they would donate the equipment.

Further Board Discussion:

Supervisor Stump:

- Discussion on Action 2. FIM was requested to provide indemnification and pay for CEQA doc. Stated he voted not to continue sheep grazing due to financial impact. Center for Biological Diversity is watching property closely, would have sued if Sheep grazing was allowed.
- Has cost \$1 million over the past 4 years. Most went to Caltrans. Small piece went to the Land Trust to buy the conservation easement from Caltrans. Law suit with former fish raiser. \$70,000 liability. \$800,000 settlement itself.
- Prior non-profit activity has been tried, fish raising has been tried, and interpretive activities have been tried. Previous tenant tore up the property – done with fish. Support option 1 - transfer. Not one EMS in District 2, higher priority than the Ranch. Make sure water rights go to whomever operates the property. Meadow maintenance – will be problematic by next year.
- Direct staff into looking into other options for ownership. Can incorporate comments from today into that consideration.

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- Agree that private entities might be able to do just as well as a public agency.
- Was witness to them taking out the equipment, we were appalled. Supports the person and his operation at another lake. Based on \$800k and the claims made at the case, wants no association with that person.

Supervisor Peters:

- Would like to see a more comprehensive approach to a management plan laid out more clearly in option 2.
- Entertain the options that may be out there through public non-profit partnerships.
- Embrace the opportunities that Conway Ranch could provide.
- Hear more grazing presentations.
- Option 2.
- Sees the value in a non-profit, could be an aquaculture, doesn't want to eliminate it as a component.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Not having a lot of experience and knowledge of the project.
- Uphold and comply with the easement. Preserve and protect the land.
- Keep expenses minimal.
- Build Conway Ranch into a long term county strategy to build outdoor recreation economy, not to exploit, to attract people to enjoy it and go away with a responsible view for protecting public lands that can bring people to this area.
- Seek partners who want to buy, lease, or help us keep it. Has no bias either way.
- Supportive of any of the approaches.
- Public agencies don't have a monopoly on doing good things. Don't want to preclude options that might be out there.

Supervisor Corless:

- Would prefer to limit what Option 1 offers.
- Wouldn't consider a private seller.
- Public involvement is key, thinks a public agency would be the best option for the county.
- Not interested in aquaculture options for the county.
- Chooses Option 1, but seeing if there is Board interest in narrowing it down.
- Not interested in directing staff to pursue aquaculture leases.
- Not limiting to public entities.

ADJOURN at 3:10 P.M.

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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CLERK OF THE BOARD**