



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

**Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2019**

9:04 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

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

**Krista Cooper (Social Services):**

- Shared some accomplishments with Social Services.
- Fostering the Future Program, handed out information.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Steve Barwick:**

- In week two of his employment.
- Still getting introduced to everyone and getting settled in.
- About to get into Solid Waste discussions.
- Board indicated power outage was good experience for him.

## **MOTION TO ADD URGENCY ITEM**

**Action:** The Board determined that there was a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item (Public Safety Power Shutoff initiated by SCE), 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.

**Corless moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote 5 yes; 0 no**

### **M19-209**

**Board direction to SCE (to be implemented before next power shutoff):**

- Improve noticing systems for circuits that affect both Mono and Inyo Counties.
- Improve outreach and education by using additional mediums – radio announcements, internet, CalTrans message signs?
- Create paper status updates (similar to FS updates on fires) that are posted in communities (e.g., post offices).
- Figure out how to message the traveling public
- When power is off, provide updates regarding when it is expected to be back on. Don't limit to affected community, as many need that information to determine plans to travel to work, etc.
- Hold another Town Hall.
- Address situation where someone is an SCE user by not on the account (e.g., tenants). How do they get notification?
- Provide information regarding what SCE is doing to harden infrastructure
- Address discrepancies in NWS notification process/

**Board Direction to Staff:**

- Work on County policies to address shutoffs (e.g., sending employees home, working remotely, communication, etc.).

**Stacy Simon:**

- Qualifies as urgency item because the issues related to the shutoff occurred after the posting of the agenda, and the Board needs to discuss and take action (in the form of direction to SCE and staff) before the next power shutoff, which could occur prior to the next regular meeting.

**Cal Rossi, SCE:**

- Thanked Nate and the Sheriff for the collaboration.
- Gave overview of power outage, number of customers affected (14,000), etc. due to high winds.
- Bulk of customers were in Mono County, gave additional information on areas of outage.
- Due to preponderance of caution, they made the decision to shut off power, a safety issue.
- There is an emergency charging station outside of the Vons Shopping Center for people to charge phones, ask questions, etc.
- Coordinating with OES to prioritize restoration.
- Some power came back up last night which included the feeds to larger Mammoth Lakes area.
- Thanked everyone for patience; can't overstate the collaboration with our emergency services, etc.
- Hot Wash to follow which will encompass lessons learned; that will occur after this incident is over. Will force SCE to hone their skills.
- People that signed up for outage notifications should get two before the power goes out.

- At SCE safety is number one priority but he hears what the Board is saying; a follow up meeting will occur. They've done a lot of work in the Unified Command meetings.
- The impacts of the fires that he's been sent out to are devastation; he'd rather have a night of inconvenience with no power.
- Bridgeport will not be back up till at least 2:00 p.m.

**Nate Greenberg (IT):**

- Gave update from IT perspective.
- Went over how event unrolled and IT's subsequent response.
- Worked with Sheriff through most of the day yesterday to make sure the most relevant information was available to the public.
- There were some issues with the generator in dispatch, but his team was able to work seamlessly from their Mammoth office.
- Have realized some random issues that still need to be addressed.
- There is an agenda item scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> to talk broadly about response, if there is a desire to move item sooner, he can probably do that.
- Went over information that is currently available on the website. Trying to keep map up to date.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Spoke from a Public Safety perspective about the power shutoff.
- Switched to generator outage in dispatch but it failed, took some time to get working again. Then a Code Red notification went out.
- 9-1-1 stayed up; switched to Inyo for short period for continuity of service. No calls were lost.
- No significant injuries or mishaps occurred.
- Traffic lights went out but there were no mishaps with this.
- There is a shared database with the Sheriff's Office and Social Services which allows for outreach to needy citizens. They'll send deputies out if necessary.
- Maybe the Risk Manager can put together a training on preparedness for all county employees?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Grateful this happened; it wasn't freezing or in middle of high tourist season.
- The holes that were exposed with this shutoff presented a good opportunity for county to make adjustments going forward.
- Asked SCE to work on noticing that covers both counties, it was very confusing.
- For all the effort that was put out letting people know what to expect, he feels more education and outreach needs to be done informing people to be prepared.
- Agrees that shutoff was the right call.
- Asked County staff if there is more we can be doing?

**Supervisor Corless:**

- We need to do more with situational awareness.
- Spoke about notification process.
- Communication: do another Town Hall?
- Edison's website was spotty; accurate information on SCE's website is very important.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Agrees with other board members.
- She heard comments that SCE had carte blanche ability to turn power off and on; she doesn't agree or disagree but thinks SCE needs to be aware.
- In process of building trust with community so that they feel right decisions are being made; done through clear and consistent messaging.
- Thanked Nate for being on top of all communication providers,
- Notices being put out by SCE – can get confusing; need to make sure people know how to handle outages, what they need to have, prepare for.
- Some of the people who are vulnerable may not be signing up for notifications.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Appreciates work and updates that have gone into this.
- Asked how the text sign up works, who is getting what?
- As far as being prepared: we all need to "BE PREPARED!" We are all responsible for ourselves.

**Peters:**

- Agrees with colleagues.
- Need better communication.
- Thanked SCE for efforts; ultimately this is preemptive and will pay off.
- How are we getting messages to the travelling county residents? Mentioned AVIS that Antelope Valley uses.
- Feels there was a lot of effort put into pre-notification efforts; we also need to deal with a policy for employees and stick to it.

**Kathy Peterson (Social Services):**

- Were able to reach out to all people they work with and make sure they had what they needed even before this occurred.
- Were able to do some various tests with technology to see how things were working.
- They have dedicated staff.
- Message to all is to be prepared, even all county workers. If people have needs at home, they need to take care of that first.

**Janet Dutcher (Finance):**

- Power still out in Bridgeport.
- Takes heart in need to plan ahead.
- Any information on when Bridgeport Campus will be back on?

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Mass Casualty training at airport on Saturday. It was well attended.
- Productive meeting with Supervisor Corless and Madera County yesterday.

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Introduced Melissa Bell, new Permit Technician. They're very happy to have her, she's very highly qualified.
- Also recognized Jake Suppa and Michael Draper for covering this unfilled position until now.

**5. 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. HIV/AIDS Surveillance Grant Agreement #19-10432**

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with California HIV Surveillance Program CDPH Office of Aids pertaining to Grant Agreement Number 19-10432.

**Action:** Approve County entry into the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Grant Agreement #19-10432 and authorize the Board of Supervisors' Chairperson to execute said contract on behalf of the County by signing the following documents: 1. Four (4) copies of Form CDPH 1229 (page 3) 2. One (1) copy of the CCC-4/2017 Contractor Certification 3. One (1) copy of the Darfur Contracting Act 4. One (1) copy of the Civil Rights Form. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to approve minor amendments to move funds from one budget

line item to another without affecting overall contract amounts during the 5-year contract period of July 1, 2019-June 30, 2024 with approval as to form by County Counsel.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-210**

**B. Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee Appointment**

Departments: Probation

Proposed resolution approving appointments to the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee.

**Action:** Approve resolution R19-65, Approving the appointment of the following members to the Mono County Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee: Karin Humiston, Chief of Probation; Tim Kendall, District Attorney; Hon. Mark Magit, Superior Court; Jeremy Ibrahim, Public Defender; Ingrid Braun, Sheriff; Robin Roberts, Director of Behavioral Health; Al Davis, Chief of Police, Town of Mammoth Lakes.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R19-65**

**C. Letter to CalRecycle About Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Regulations**

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

Letter to Hank Brady, Materials Management and Local Assistance Division, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), regarding concerns with proposed regulation text on the second formal draft of the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Reductions.

**Action:** Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign a letter to CalRecycle, as amended.

**Kreitz moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-211**

**Pulled by Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Thought this would be great opportunity to have a conversation to make sure we're educated and transparent about item, especially after Grand Jury report.
- Asked that Town Manager be copied on this as well.
- Letter before Board is just from Mono County, not Town, correct? And it's incorporated into the RFP?

**Justin Nalder:**

- This is a good opportunity, glad to offer more information when asked.
- There is a lot of information, mandates, coming down the pipe. It can be overwhelming.
- Went into further detail about item and letter that's before the board to approve.
- RFP is in draft form right now, but these issues are incorporated into this letter.
- Feels letter could be stronger but he's not sure it would make a difference.

**General Board Comments:**

- Is letter strong enough to address concerns?

- He would copy the Governor's Office, the Director at CSAC and the Town Manager Dan Holler.

#### **D. Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project 2.0 MOU**

Departments: Sheriff / Behavioral Health

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Sheriff's Office and Health Management Associates

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Health Management Associates and authorize Sheriff Ingrid Braun to execute the MOU on behalf of the County.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-212**

#### **E. Recycling and Diversion Services Contract - Organics and Wood Chipping**

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

(Justin Nalder) - Contract with Terra Firma Organics, LLC for Wood and Green Waste Chipping Services at County Solid Waste Sites.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize the Director of the Mono County Public Works Department to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-213**

#### **F. 2018-2019 Grand Jury Report - Board Response**

Departments: Public Works

The 2018-2019 Grand Jury Report (re: the County's Solid Waste program and the January 2023 closing of the Benton Crossing Landfill) and the Board's Response to the Report.

**Action:** Approve the response to the 18-19 Grand Jury Report.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-214**

*Break: 10:37 a.m.*

*Reconvened: 10:48 a.m.*

#### **6. 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.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

## **A. Mono County Sheriff's Response to the 2018-19 Grand Jury Report**

The Mono County Sheriff's response to the 2018- 2019 Grand Jury Report.

## **B. Letters regarding Wilson and Mill Creeks and the Board's Request to Settlement Parties**

Letters from Katie Maloney-Bellomo on behalf of People for Mono Basin Preservation, and Hillary Hansen Jones regarding the Board's letter from July 16, 2019 to Southern California Edison.

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. Resolution Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Corless) - As part of Mono County's commitment to promote the well-being of all of its citizens, and an effort to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples in our region, the Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution to designate the second Monday in October to be known as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**Action:** Approve proposed resolution R19-66, Modifying established County holidays designated by the County personnel rules by changing the second Monday in October to be known as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

**Kreitz moved; Stump seconded (in honor of his mother Marcia Fay Kimble)**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

#### **R19-66**

##### **Supervisor Peters:**

- Read resolution into record.
- Appreciates the history in Mono County.
- Spoke about Joseph Lent and his history and how he tries to keep culture alive; this is a great opportunity.

##### **Supervisor Corless:**

- This is a long overdue agenda item.
- Thanked Charlotte Lange for helping write this resolution.
- Appreciates opportunities to recognize the first people of this area/world.

##### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Told story about his mother.
- Supports this wholeheartedly.
- Seconded the motion in his mother's name.

##### **Supervisor Gardner:**

- Agrees this is overdue.
- Would like Board to welcome tribes into Board Room in the future to get updates on how things are going, positive and negative.

##### **Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Was interested in this a year ago.
- It's important for us to have this recognition in Mono County.
- Is honored and supports.

##### **Charlotte Lange:**

- Tribal Chairperson for 19 years; still trying to get recognized.
- Thanked Board for their support.

**Jolie Varela, Founder of Indigenous Women Hike:**

- Thanked Board, she's one of the founders Indigenous Woman Hike.

**B. Letter Supporting Federal Recognition of Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Stacy Corless) - The Mono Lake Kutzadika has requested a letter from the Board of Supervisors in support of its petition for federal recognition. A similar letter was sent by the Board in 2009.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign letter supporting the Mono Lake Kutzadika's petition for federal recognition. Address letter to Congressman Paul Cook, cc Charlotte as Chairperson of tribe.

**Stump moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-215**

**Board Comments:**

- This is a priority in Paul Cook's office to get this through.
- Thanked tribe for their partnership with Mono County.
- Hopes they're federally recognized soon.
- Asked to be kept apprised.

**C. Friends of the Inyo Presentation**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Wendy Schneider, Executive Director) - Presentation by Wendy Schneider, Executive Director, providing an overview of the Friends of the Inyo, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating in the Eastern Sierra.

**Action:** None, informational only.

**Wendy Schneider (Executive Director):**

**POWER POINT:**

- Our inspiration
- Our inspiration
- Where we work
- What we do
- Policy
- Keep Long Valley green
- Conglomerate Mesa
- Renewable energy development
- Stewardship
- Trail Ambassadors
- Volunteer events
- Education
- Backcountry Film Festival
- Exploration
- Owens Lake Bird Festival
- Our resources
- Questions?

**Board made general comments.**

**D. Civic Center Update**

Departments: Public Works



(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Informational update on the progress of the Mono County Civic Center project at 96 Thompsons Way.

**Action:** None; informational only.

**Tony Dublino:**

- Not much to report specifically.
- Permit submittals last Friday, being reviewed for final approval.
- Construction front: shooting roof, braces should be removed soon, then comes second floor installation.
- Utility construction beginning as well.
- Meets with construction manager regularly going over all facets of project.
- Inter-Agency coordination – agreement with hospital district almost finalized.
- Taken encroachments from Town for variety of activities occurring.
- Meeting with Town regarding sign this week.
- Water District Agreement in place.
- Design front: is locked in now aside from a few finishes.
- Discussion with CAO Barwick about space needs, will be exploring alternatives.
- Budget: not much change from last time. There were shifts both positive and negative. Contingency down to \$600,000. We're still \$10,000 over if we don't expend contingencies.
- Move in update: still working out details. He requested Department Heads assign representative to be involved with this.
- Schedule: closed down yesterday afternoon with power outage. Still on schedule to have building dried in by October.
- Appreciated thank-you from Board, but gave staff credit for doing hard work behind the scenes.

**Janet Dutcher (Finance Director):**

- \$65,000 into budget for move but not furniture.
- Gave update on budget, mentioned that there were outside items, not included in original budget that have been added.
- Took \$20.5 million and invested in various treasury bills.

**Board asked general questions.**

## **E. Employment Agreement with Christian Milovich**

Departments: County Counsel and Human Resources

(Stacey Simon) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Christian E. Milovich as Assistant County Counsel and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

**Action:** Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R19-67, approving a contract with Christian E. Milovich as Assistant County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Stump moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R19-67**

**Stacey Simon:**

- Praised Christy for her hard work.
- She's a bedrock in Department, handles a lot of time-sensitive ongoing projects.

- The Board is seeing the older form agreement for approval today.

#### **F. Employment Agreement with Tom Perry as Part-Time Building Official**

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Tom Perry as part-time Building Official, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

**Action:** Announce Fiscal Impact. Adopt resolution R19-68, approving employment agreement with Tom Perry as part-time Building Official prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

**Corless moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

#### **R19-68**

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Introduced item; it's been two years since county has had this one day a week arrangement.
- Requesting this be re-approved for one year.

#### **G. Sequoia and Sierra National Forests Land Management Plans Revision Comment Letter**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Kelly Karl) - Comment letter to the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests regarding their Draft Land Management Plans Revision.

**Action:** Approve proposed comment letter to Sierra and Sequoia National Forests with any desired modifications and authorize Board Chair to sign as amended .

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

#### **M19-216**

**Kelly Karl:**

- Introduced item, gave some background information.

**Board Comments:**

- This letter is a good approach to be involved.
- Suggested the San Joaquin Air District be copied on letter.
- Tom Music, who runs all operations at landfill was recognized.

**Board Member Reports: taken next at 11:46 a.m.**

#### **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Was notified that power is restored in substation so she assumes Crowley will follow.
- There are a couple downed power poles.

**Cal Rossi (SCE):**

- Next call is at 3:30. Can do update after that.

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION: RECONVENED: 1:31 p.m.**

*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, 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 - Public Employment**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

**C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Claim for damages filed by Suzanne Tinsley.

**D. 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: four.

**E. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 172 Davison Street, Mammoth Lakes. Agency negotiators: Stacey Simon, Jenn Lopez, Erik Ramakrishnan. Negotiating parties: County and Silver State Investors. Under negotiation: Price and Terms of sale.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 12:30 P.M.**

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

No one spoke.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA – AFTERNOON**

**A. Claim for Damages - Suzanne Tinsley**

Departments: Risk Management

(Jay Sloane) - Claim for damages filed by Suzanne Tinsley against the County of Mono for an alleged injury near 286 Old Mammoth Road, which is not a County owned or maintained property.

**Action:** Deny the claim submitted by Suzanne Tinsley, and authorize the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice of denial to Ms. Tinsley.

**Kreitz moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-217**

**Jay Sloane:**

- Introduced item; went over staff report.

## **12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: 11:46 a.m.**

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- 9/12: YARTS JPA 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and short-range transit plan update in Yosemite Valley. Reminder that daily bus service from Mammoth to Yosemite Valley continues through October.
- 9/13: Attended Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting in Mammoth to focus on draft updated Joint Powers Agreement and related staff report.
- 9/15-16: Welcomed Madera County representatives to Mammoth as they toured the Reds Meadow Valley on Sunday, and then at a meeting Monday with both town and county staff (altogether more than two dozen people!). Much of their interest focused on the Reds Meadow Road project, bringing Madera up to date and inquiring about Madera's possible future involvement/participation in the project. We also talked about current work to update the MOU, and related public safety issues. Though is isn't through the process that Mono County preferred/requested, there is consensus to work together closely on management of Reds Meadow, and to meet regularly, which is very encouraging.
- Looking forward to a long overdue meeting of the town-county liaison committee this Thursday, 2pm
- And the RCRC annual meeting in South Tahoe next week 9/25-27, particularly the program on Wednesday that focuses a lot on community building as well as tourism.

### **Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Sept. 11 attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting in Lee Vining. There were several items on the agenda, but the one that received the most discussion was the impact in the Mono Basin of the closing of the Benton Crossing Landfill in 2023. The proposed expansion of the Pumice Valley Landfill to accommodate this closing is of concern to many residents. Further discussion will be necessary on this topic to address these concerns.
- On Sept. 12 participated with Supervisor Corless in the YARTS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Yosemite Valley. Mono County was recognized as one of the first participants in YARTS and a consistent source of support.
- On Sept. 13 attended with Supervisor Corless a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments in Mammoth. This special meeting focused on the proposed Joint Powers Agreement that would establish ESCOG as a Joint Powers Authority. The agreement was discussed, modified, and will be considered for approval at the October ESCOG meeting.

### **Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Thursday, September 12th, participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) Programs Committee Strategy Session. The day's work culminated in adding a lot more productive structure to the Committee that would be beneficial to the staff, committee members, larger Board of Directors and the CCRH membership.
- The next day, Friday September 13th, attended the CCRH Board meeting, where amongst other topics we received an update on some of the year's highlight housing bills. Of note

includes the passage of

AB1482 ([https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB1482](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1482)) - a 10 year rent cap and just-cause eviction bill. SB 329, which prohibits Discriminate against Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders. It this day of scares housing options, many landlords don't consider tenants with Vouchers and instead choose tenants with higher incomes. These two bills are two tenant protection bills that were hard fought for by many housing advocates and tenant groups across the state. The Governor supported both bills and is expected to sign.

- AB1010, supported by the Mono County Board of Supervisors, also passed and is expected for signature by the Governor. AB1010 opens up more HCD housing funding for federally recognized tribes and reconstitutes the California Indian Assistance Program (CIA) though does not provide any funding for HCD to staff (a budget ask will be included in next year's legislative work by CCRH). SB 329, which makes it more difficult for landlords to turn away and Discriminate against people trying to find homes and are using the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. It this day of scares housing options, many landlords don't consider tenants with Vouchers and instead choose tenants with higher incomes.
- The meeting concluded with a workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work taking place in two member organizations and what an endeavor at CCRH might look like and cost. There is long overdue work in organizations to assess, educate and implement policies and culture shifts to truly be more inclusive of race and culture diversity throughout. The Board will consider taking action at their next meeting in November.
- On September 16th, had a meeting with Eileen Hodge with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco regarding The Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which is a law intended to encourage Banks to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate, including low- and moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods. The FRB is putting together an analysis report of the Oak Valley Bank's local branch - Eastern Sierra Community Bank. Three specific areas of our discussion included ways in which the bank would better participate, invest and provide products to meet the needs of Mono County residents. The report will be available as it is a matter of public record.
- On September 16th, attended the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Substance Abuse workshop at Mammoth Hospital. There was a diverse troupe of practitioners in the room discussing the report data, goals, gaps in resources and possible solutions to substance abuse in Mono County. One group missing were the schools, who are front line with our communities' youth. During this workshop she stepped away to participate in a call between the Town, County and interested development partner of affordable housing at the County's Davison Road property.
- Lastly, as mentioned during board report at a couple of the meetings, she did apply for Mono County to be part of the NACo & Health Rankings & Roadmaps Rural Impact County Challenge Action Learning Cohort with a focus on housing. Part of the application included the formation of a Mono County Cohort for the application. The Mono County cohort team includes Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director, Patricia Robertson, Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Board Chair and SHINE non-profit Executive Director Susi Bains, and Town of Mammoth Lakes Housing Coordinator, Nolan Bobroff, and Supervisor Kreitz. Congratulations to the County on being selected as part of the NACo and CHR&R Rural Impact County Challenge (RICC)!

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Traveled to DC
- 12<sup>th</sup> Regional Whitehouse State Leadership Event
- Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Hawaii, Colorado, Nevada and California
- Vice President Mike Pence, Senior Administration Officials - including Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Jim Carroll Re: Selective Service Signup
- Director Don Benton mentioned to the audience, men are legally required to register within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but the law provides leeway such that men have until age 26 to register. Once a man turns 26, it is too late to register, and they face a lifetime of denied

benefits, including: (a) ineligibility for federal employment, work as a government contractor, and security clearance; (b) ineligibility for federal financial aid; (c) citizenship proceedings are delayed by 5 years; and (d) ineligibility for job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which is administered by the states.

- FEDEX and it take 45 seconds to register
- Meeting with CSAC Officers President Virginia Bass, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lisa Bartlett, Past President Leicia Perez and Executive Director Graham Knaus
- NACO PILT Fly-In Breakfast Recap
- USMCA
- 13<sup>th</sup> John Sobel COS with Paul Cooks office
- Bridgeport Cemetery Cleanup: he had Bridgeport staff, Moises & John, as well as South County staff, John H & Billy C work on the Cemetery. It looks much better but far from how we would like to see it

Upcoming:

- Employee Picnic 9/18

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 9-11 : Met with Mark Busby, acting Director of the Mammoth Community Water District. Meeting was focused on making sure that the MCWD, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, and Mono County are communicating about continued activity related to the Ormat Geothermal well drilling proposals.
- 9-12 and 9-14 : Participated in an Interagency Multi Casualty Mutual Aid training and drill at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Most attendees ever for one of these drills. Participants included Mono SO, Mammoth PD, Mammoth CERT, Mono EMS, Mono County Public Health, Mono County Social Services, CHP both ground and helicopter, June Lake Fire, Mammoth Fire, Long Valley Fire, Wheeler Crest Fire, Paradise Fire, Bishop Fire, Chalfant Fire and White Mountain Fire. This year's drill showed much improvement in Incident Management over prior years.
- 9-16 : Like everyone else, he tried to keep up with the Power Safety shutdowns.

**ADJOURNED at 1:33 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**JOHN PETERS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SHANNON KENDALL  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**