



AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

Regular Meeting March 9, 2021

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9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Commendation for Building Permit Technician Michael Jones

Departments: Community Development Department

5 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Commendation email from a building permit customer for Michael Jones' excellent customer service.

Recommended Action: Information only. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

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. Board Minutes - January 19, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff

Resolution approving application for 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: This resolution will assist with meeting the grant guidance for participation in the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the grant is awarded, the award will not exceed \$125,000.

C. Authority to Hire Staff Services Analyst III at Step D

Departments: Social Services

The Social Services Department is seeking to fill a vacant Staff Services Analyst III position. The department is requesting authorization to offer Leslie Gaunt employment at Step D of the salary range based on her skills and experience.

Recommended Action: Grant the Director of Social Services the authority to fill a Staff Services Analyst III position at Step D.

Fiscal Impact: The cost for this position is paid for with state and federal Social Services funds. The fiscal year 2020-21 full fiscal impact for this position at a 74D will be approximately \$127,563 consisting of \$80,993 in salary and up to \$46,570 in benefits.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letter re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter in response to FERC comments on authorization for construction: dam surveillance cameras for 2020 eastern operations dams.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

1 hour

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

10 minutes

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

Recommended Action: Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts and determine whether there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: Continuation of the declared emergencies continues the County's eligibility for state and federal disaster assistance.

C. Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Presentation

Departments: Inyo National Forest

Item scheduled to start at 10:30 AM (30 minutes)

(Inyo National Forest Staff: Lesley Yen, Nora Gamino, Adam Barnett) - The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) provides funding over the course of five years (2021-2025) for federal land management agencies, including the Forest Service, to take care of deferred maintenance on recreation facilities. The Inyo National Forest will discuss current and future GAOA project submissions.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts

Departments: Community Development Department

10 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Consider memorializing Mono County's role and responsibilities in the Bi-State Sage-Grouse effort by signing the multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommended Action: Authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Bi-State partners for Bi-State sage-grouse conservation (Attachment 1).

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impacts are expected. Staff time and conservation commitments are programmed in existing budgets and work, and some staff time

is offset by a cooperative grant with the Bureau of Land Management. (Total grant award is subject to annual BLM budget allocations and provides for up to \$150,000 over three years.)

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *County of Mono v. K.R. Property Development et al.* (Mono Sup. Court Case # CV200081).

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: *County of Mono et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.* (Alameda Sup. Ct. Case No. RG18923377).

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Community Development Department

TIME REQUIRED 5 minutes

**PERSONS
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BEFORE THE
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Wendy Sugimura, Community
Development Director

SUBJECT Commendation for Building Permit
Technician Michael Jones

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Commendation email from a building permit customer for Michael Jones' excellent customer service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information only. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Wendy Sugimura

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3/4/2021 9:08 AM	County Counsel	Yes
3/4/2021 8:38 AM	Finance	Yes
3/4/2021 2:51 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes

From: [Stratton-Wood, Kimberly J](#)
To: [Wendy Sugimura](#)
Subject: Michael Jones - Mono County - Commendation
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:12:02 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to commend Michael Jones for a job well done. We have been working with ***many*** jurisdictions in California for AT&T Wireless generator additions and by far Michael Jones attentiveness to our project as well as his thorough follow-through in my opinion has been far above any other jurisdiction we have contacted in California. He is prompt, efficient, and professional.

He understood the need for emergency back-up generators for First Responders to have continuous wireless service during power outages.

Thank you for your time in this matter, we look forward to working with Michael again in the future.

Kind regards,

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Board Minutes - January 19, 2021

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
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**Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021**

Backup Recording	Zoom
Minute Orders	M21-20 – M21-23
Resolutions	R21-12
Ordinance	ORD21-01 Not Used

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Peters:

- "The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand, we listen to reply." – Unnamed

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Meetings on budget development, administration budget
- Assistant CAO briefing, CAO Office Workplan

Note:

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4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Three agenda items coming to the Board on 2/9: Presenting mid-year budget review and adjustment, unveiling budget calendar for 2021-2022, and holding a workshop on fiscal policies

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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A. Board Minutes - December 15, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020.

Corless motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-20

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Letter to Governor Newsom re: County Regional Assignments

Letter from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County to Governor Newsom requesting that Mono County be removed from the Southern California Region.

Public Comment:

- Ron Day

B. Letters from Mill Creek Water Right Holders in Response to Mono County Board of Supervisors Letter Sent on November 10, 2020

Letters from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Bureau of Land Management, and Inyo National Forest in response to a letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Mill Creek water right holders sent on November 10, 2020.

C. Filing Notice of State Video Franchise Renewal for Suddenlink Communications d/b/a NPG Cable, LLC (Franchise #0040)

In accordance with California's Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act ("DIVCA"), General Order 169 and Decision 14-08-057 Amending General Order 169 to Implement the Franchise Renewal Provisions of the

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Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006, Suddenlink Communications d/b/a NPG Cable, LLC hereby notifies the Board of Supervisors of the state video franchise renewal application it has filed for the region with the State of California.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- County staff has been speaking with Town of Mammoth Lakes staff about preparing joint letter to Suddenlink expressing concerns

Moved to Item 7B.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – pandemic trends: local, regional, state, Vaccination update, testing update, case investigation and contact tracing (CICT), school guidance, newly recognized virus strain

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Appropriated money in disaster fund to cover cost of responding through EOC for pandemic, at least 75% of the cost to the County should be reimbursed by FEMA, money leftover that can be reappropriated immediately depending on Board policy

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Update on assistance programs/resources available

Public Comment:

- Jamie Schectman
- Sarah Walsh

Break: 11:21 AM

Reconvened: 11:27 AM

Moved to Item 7E.

B. Mountain View Fire Update

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

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Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Right of Entry forms
- Debris cleanup process to start 2/2
- Intermediate housing needs – 26 families identified, working with City of Los Angeles to acquire trailers
- Met with tribal leaders and representatives from FEMA

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Assistance provided by Liberty Utilities does not interfere with the recovery that the County seeks related to other damages resulting from the fire
- The City of Los Angeles wants indemnification from a government agency if there were issues to arise from the provision of the trailers

Supervisor Peters:

- Donation center update
- Relief fund update

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Clarified form to be submitted to Planning Division for trailer placement on property
- Noted that while the County has waived fees for building and planning permits for Mountain View Fire recovery, fire district mitigation fees will go into effect one year from when the structure was destroyed

C. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency

Departments: Public Works - Roads

(Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent) - Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

Action:

1. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
2. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-21

Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:

- Presented item

Note:

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Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Recognized Kevin Julian and Stephanie Trujillo for work on this item

D. State Route 120 Freeway Rescission Recommendation

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Proposed resolution to recommend rescission of the 1961 and 1964 State Route 120 freeway agreements between Mono County and the State of California.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-12, Recommending Rescission of the State Route 120 Freeway Agreements.

Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-12

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Clarified this is only a recommendation by Board of Supervisors to California Transportation Commission, who will make the final decision.

Moved to Item 7A.

E. Behavioral Health Update on Permanent Supportive Housing Project and Approval of Letter of Commitment for Tax Credit Application

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager, Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg regarding Mono County Behavioral Health's Permanent Supportive Housing Project, including updates on No Place Like Home (NPLH) grant application and letter of the County's commitment of MHSA and NPLH funding for Pacific West Communities' tax credit application.

Action: Approve and authorize County Administrative Officer to sign Letter of Commitment for the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)

Corless motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-22

Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager:

- Presented item

F. Mono County 2020-2021 Interactive Budget Book and Progress Toward Distinguished Budget Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

Departments: Finance

(Megan Mahaffey, Accountant) - In an effort to move Mono County toward a budget presentation worthy of distinction by the Government Finance Officers Association we have selected an interactive on-line budget book

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format. The new interactive format improves transparency and allows for easier engagement and better governance.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Introduced item

Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II:

- Presented interactive budget book

Public Comment:

- Good Citizen

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:23 PM

Reconvened: 1:03 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

B. 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.

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 Arlene Wright against Mono County.

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

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Status of Child Welfare and Child Protective Services (CPS)

Note:

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Departments: Social Services

(Michelle Raust, DSS Program Manager) - Presentation by Michelle Raust regarding the status of Child Protective Services (CPS) during the COVID-19 pandemic including System Improvement Plan progress, recent outcomes, and inter-agency systems of care updates.

Action: None.

Michelle Raust, DSS Program Manager:

- Presentation: Covid-19: Impact on Child Protective Services (CPS) in Mono County, recent outcomes for CPS-involved children and families, progress on the 2018-2023 System Improvement Plan (SIP), introduce AB 2083 mandate to develop a Children's System of Care (CSOC) and memorandum of understanding between child-serving systems

Break: 2:00 PM

Reconvened: 2:12 PM

B. 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process Workshop

Departments: IT and County Counsel

(Nate Greenberg, IT Director, Assistant County Counsel Milovich) - Presentation by staff on the required process and procedure for redrawing supervisorial district boundaries.

Action: Proceed with a Board driven 2021 redistricting process with no advisory commission.

Kreitz motion; Corless seconded.

Corless: Y

Duggan: Y

Gardner: N

Kreitz: Y

Peters: N

Vote: 3 yes, 2 no

M21-23

Peters substitute motion to wait 30 days to allow community outreach to occur. No second.

Assistant County Counsel Milovich, Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Presentation
- Recommended next steps

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 1/13: RCRC meeting and reception: updates on state legislation, wildfire prevention
- 1/14: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience project meeting, meetings with members of the Board of Forestry and RCRC
- 1/15: NACo Public Lands Steering Committee

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- Request to send letter of support to governor re: inclusion of wildfire prevention funding in budget (\$1billion in proposed budget).

Supervisor Duggan:

- 01/13/21 – RCRC Installation of Officers/Leadership Awards
 - I attended the RCRC virtual reception and the installation of the new chair, our own Supervisor Corless. There was recognition of outgoing officers along with appointment of new ones. There was recognition of retiring Congressman Paul Cook.
 - There was a panel discussion with agency leaders on California’s Comprehensive Wildfire Prevention and Response.
- 01/14/21 - Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
 - I participated in the OVGGA Board meeting and reaffirmed Mono County’s commitment to remaining in the organization to complete the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and to assure the Board Mono County’s interests are properly represented and our voices will be heard.
 - There was a presentation by the consultants who are preparing the GSP that updates the information collected to date.
 - There was a PowerPoint presentation of a proposed Tri-Valley Well Vulnerability Assessment. This will be discussed and reviewed at upcoming TVGA meetings and I will relay the TVGA’s feedback to the OVGGA.
- 01/15/21 – TOML Business Roundtable Discussion
 - I tuned in to the Town’s Business Roundtable Discussion to keep in touch with the pulse of the community. Although Mammoth Lakes is not part of District 2, many District 2 residents own and operate businesses in Mammoth and the ripple affect is often felt county-wide.
 - There is a vacancy on the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board of Directors. It is a Restaurant industry seat and has been publicly noticed. More information is available at www.visitmammoth.com
- The bulk of my time this week was dedicated to corresponding directly with people in the County wanting to get signed up for COVID-19 vaccinations. Again, I must thank Public Health Director Bryan Wheeler and his staff for their quick response to me and the public regarding their questions. The community feedback has been positive.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday Jan. 13 I participated in the RCRC installation of our own Supervisor Stacy Corless as Chair of that organization. I appreciated the panel of officials that spoke about forest health management and fire-related issues.
- Also last Wednesday I attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting. Topics discussed included updates from USFS, SCE work in Lee Vining, and COVID.
- Last Thursday Jan. 14 I participated in a meeting of the Yosemite Gateway Partners. There was an interesting presentation about fire scar rehabilitation, mostly concerning the Creek Fire. Yosemite officials have not decided yet about whether they will use a reservation system this year. The park is open, but only for day use with minimal services.
- Also, on Thursday I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project. This project will provide substantial fuel reduction potential for our County.
- Finally, on Friday the 15th I participated in a meeting of the NACO Public Lands Policy Committee. We heard updates about the new Biden Administration and the status of possible legislation.

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Supervisor Kreitz:

- On January 13th I participated in a meeting with Caltrans District 9 staff, and Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes LTC staff to discuss the Overall Work Program. Reporting, timeliness and staffing were the main areas of discussion.
- I watched the RCRC Installation of Officers the evening of January 13th - Congratulation, Supervisor Corless on your appointment to RCRC 2021 Chair!
- Friday, January 15 there were three CCRH committee meetings I attended - Disaster Recovery/Prevention, Legislative, and Finance. Disaster Committee discussed the CCRH priority legislation for a disaster bridge loan program similar to what other states, such as New Jersey have implemented after the Hurricane Sandy. Legislative Committee discussed Atkins SB5 Housing Bond Act allocation of funding and is requesting more funds for ownership under the CalHome program. The Finance Committee review the organization's investment policy and made modifications to allow for invest in CDFIs and recommend the Board invest \$1.5 million for the next 12 months into the RCAC CDFI.

Supervisor Peters:

- 1/12: Attended Bridgeport RPAC - Caltrans made presentation, Bodie Road potential for winter park; Mountain View Fire relief fund meeting
- 1/13: Attended Mammoth Chamber Executive Committee meeting to talk about COVID response and work through CSAC, RCRC all-day meeting reception welcoming RCRC Chair, Supervisor Corless
- 1/14: Attended Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 1/15: Attended NACo Rural Action Caucus meeting, WIR monthly meeting, visited Mountain View Fire area and donation center, met with Jeff Simpson over several issues
- ESUSD back in session today

ADJOURNED AT 4:02 PM

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Sheriff

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT 2021-2022 California State Parks
Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Resolution approving application for 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution will assist with meeting the grant guidance for participation in the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the grant is awarded, the award will not exceed \$125,000.

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OHV Staff Report
21-22 OHV Grant Resolution

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2/25/2021 9:05 AM	Finance	Yes
3/4/2021 2:50 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes

MONO COUNTY
SHERIFF

A Commitment to Community Safety and Service



Ingrid Braun
Sheriff-Coroner

DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Phillip West
Undersheriff

FROM: Ingrid Braun, Sheriff-Coroner

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Grant will not exceed \$125,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

The California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Division has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant. The resolution should specifically identify the following personnel as grant administrators to administer and sign documents related to the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant:

Mono County Sheriff-Coroner – Sheriff Ingrid Braun
Mono County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator – Sergeant Charles Clark
Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer – Arleen Mills

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This resolution will assist with meeting the grant guidance for participation in the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the grant is awarded, the award will not exceed \$125,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "IB", representing Ingrid Braun.

Ingrid Braun
Sheriff-Coroner



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE OFF-
HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT FY 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement, and Education and Safety for off-highway vehicle recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval to receive grant funding from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this Project appears on, or is in conformance with this jurisdiction's adopted general or Master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: Approves the receiving of grant funding from the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement Program; and

SECTION TWO: Certifies that this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the Grant; and

SECTION THREE: Certifies that this agency understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that Acquisition, and Development Projects be maintained to specific conservation standards; and

SECTION FOUR: Certifies that the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life; and

1 **SECTION FIVE:** Certifies that this agency will implement the Project with diligence
2 once funds are available and the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the
3 Project Agreement; and

4 **SECTION SIX:** Certifies that this agency will provide the required matching funds; and

5 **SECTION SEVEN:** Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been
6 notified of this Project (as applicable); and

7 **SECTION EIGHT:** Appoints Sheriff Ingrid Braun, Sergeant Jeff Beard, and Finance
8 Officer Arleen Mills as agents to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents
9 including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on,
10 which may be necessary for completion of the Project.

11 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2021,
12 by the following vote, to wit:

13 **AYES:**

14 **NOES:**

15 **ABSENT:**

16 **ABSTAIN:**

17 _____
18 Stacy Corless, Chair
19 Mono County Board of Supervisors

20 **ATTEST:**

21 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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23 Clerk of the Board

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25 County Counsel



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Social Services

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Authority to Hire Staff Services
Analyst III at Step D

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The Social Services Department is seeking to fill a vacant Staff Services Analyst III position. The department is requesting authorization to offer Leslie Gaunt employment at Step D of the salary range based on her skills and experience.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Grant the Director of Social Services the authority to fill a Staff Services Analyst III position at Step D.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for this position is paid for with state and federal Social Services funds. The fiscal year 2020-21 full fiscal impact for this position at a 74D will be approximately \$127,563 consisting of \$80,993 in salary and up to \$46,570 in benefits.

CONTACT NAME: Kathy Peterson

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

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To: Mono County Board of Supervisors
From: Kathryn Peterson, Social Services Director
Date: February 18, 2021
Re: Authority to hire at Step D

Recommended Action:

Grant the Director of Social Services the authority to fill a Staff Services Analyst III position at Step D.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost for this position is primarily paid for with state and federal Social Services funds. The fiscal year 2020-21 full fiscal impact for this position at a 74D will be approximately \$127,563 consisting of \$80,993 in salary and up to \$46,570 in benefits.

Discussion:

The Social Services Department is seeking to fill a vacant Staff Services Analyst III position. A recruitment was conducted, and interviews were held on February 11 and 12, 2021. Candidate Leslie Gaunt was selected for employment.

Ms. Gaunt currently works as an infant specialist and direct behavior interventionist, and is on-schedule to receive a master's degree in social work in June of 2022. Prior to her current role, Ms. Gaunt earned a degree in law and worked as an associate attorney in an environmental law office. Ms. Gaunt brings advanced writing and analytical skills to her new position with Mono County.

Typically, a new employee is placed at Step A of a given salary range. In accordance with the Mono County Personnel System (MCPE), Board of Supervisors approval is required when an employee is hired above Step A. Given Ms. Gaunt's experience and qualifications, the department is requesting authorization to start her employment at Step D of the salary range (Range 74) for this position.



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission (FERC) Letter re: Dams
Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project,
FERC Project No. 1388-CA

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter in response to FERC comments on authorization for construction:
dam surveillance cameras for 2020 eastern operations dams.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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Office of Energy Projects
Division of Dam Safety and Inspections – San Francisco Regional Office
100 First Street, Suite 2300
San Francisco, CA 94105-3084
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February 24, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project Nos. 1388-CA,
1390-CA, and 1394-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle
Director of Generation
Southern California Edison Company
1515 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: Response to FERC Comments on Authorization for Construction: Dam Surveillance
Cameras for 2020 Eastern Operations Dams

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated July 6, 2020 from Mr. Wayne Allen that resubmitted a revised Quality Control Inspection Program (QCIP) that includes resumes for Saddlebag and Tioga Dams, Lundy Dam, and Bishop Intake 2 and Hillside Dam, which are parts of the Lee Vining Creek, Lundy, and Bishop Creek Projects, FERC Nos. 1388, 1390, and 1394, respectively. We have reviewed the submittal, and we have no comments.

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Blackett, P.E.
Regional Engineer

cc:

Ms. Sharon Tapia, Chief
Division of Safety of Dams
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001



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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

TIME REQUIRED 1 hour

SUBJECT COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan
Wheeler, Public Health Director

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Robert C. Lawton

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Justin Nalder, EOC Director

SUBJECT Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts and determine whether there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Continuation of the declared emergencies continues the County's eligibility for state and federal disaster assistance.

CONTACT NAME: Stacey Simon

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<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration of Public Health Emergency (I)

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3/1/2021 4:32 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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Paralegal/Office Manager
Kevin Moss

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Stacey Simon
Date: March 9, 2021
Re: Review of Emergency Declarations – Mountain View Fire

Recommended Action

Review need for continuing local emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2020, and for continuing the local health emergency declared by the Mono County Health Officer on November 19, 2020, (ratified by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020).

Determine that the need for continuing the declarations of emergency continues to exist or determine that need no longer exists and terminate one or both declarations.

Strategic Plan Focus Areas Met

- Economic Base Infrastructure Public Safety
- Environmental Sustainability Mono Best Place to Work

Discussion

On November 17, 2020, a fire broke out in the Community of Walker (the “Mountain View Fire”) in the midst of a hurricane-force wind event. More than 140 structures were destroyed, including 74 homes. On that date, by emergency action, the Board of Supervisors declared a state of local emergency under the California Emergency Services Act (CESA) (Cal. Gov’t Code § 8630). On November 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California also proclaimed a State of Emergency under CESA, and the Mono County Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Health and Safety Code § 101080, related to the presence of hazardous and toxic materials associated with fire debris. The Board of Supervisors ratified the Health Officer’s declaration on November 24, 2020.

Under the CESA, the Board must review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until it terminates the emergency. Under Health and Safety Code § 101080, the Board must review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least once every 30 days. Under both provisions, the Board must terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

This item is on the Board’s agenda for a review of the conditions necessitating the declarations of emergency as follows:

1. Declaration of Local Health Emergency

A local health emergency exists under § 101080 when an area is affected by release or escape of hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health or imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent.

The potential for widespread toxic exposures and threats to public health and the environment exists in the aftermath of a major wildfire disaster. Debris and ash from residential structure fires contain hazardous substances and the health effects of hazardous substances releases after a wildfire are well-documented.

The combustion of building materials such as siding, roofing tiles, and insulation result in dangerous ash that may contain asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials. Household hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and chemicals that have been stored in homes, garages, or sheds also produce hazardous materials when burned.

Exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects, long-term public health and environmental impacts. Uncontrolled hazardous materials and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies. Improper handling can expose workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community

As of this date, hazardous debris removal associated with the Mountain View Fire is not complete and conditions warranting the continuation of the declared health emergency continue to exist.

2. Declaration of Local Emergency

A local emergency exists under subdivision (c) of section 8558 of the CESA when conditions exist of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by fire, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the local government and require the combined forces of other entities to combat.

As noted above, debris removal and other remediation of the events of November 17-18 is ongoing. These activities require the combined forces of Mono County, CalOES and other entities to combat.

Attachments:

November 17, 2020 Board Declaration

November 19, 2020 Health Officer Declaration

November 24, 2020 Board Ratification of Health Officer Declaration



R20-101

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING
A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WILDFIRE IN THE ANTELOPE
VALLEY AREA CAUSED BY THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE**

WHEREAS, today, November 17, 2020, during a severe wind event, a fast-moving fire erupted in the Antelope Valley in Northern Mono County (the “Mountain View Fire”); and

WHEREAS, by 4:00, the fire had destroyed structures and homes and taken at least one life; evacuations are ongoing, and animals have been let free; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that conditions of disaster and extreme peril exist which are beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities within the County of Mono;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, does hereby declare a state of emergency as a result of the Mountain View Fire in Northern Mono County, based on the findings stated above and other information presented to it during its meeting of today’s date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act, in addition to any and all recovery assistance the State of California can provide, are requested to respond to the emergency herein described, including as necessary to respond to such eligible damages resulting from the emergency which may later be discovered.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Queenie Barnard (Nov 18, 2020 12:25 PST)

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stacey Simpson (Nov 18, 2020 12:40 PST)

County Counsel



R20-102

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH
DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS DEBRIS
RESULTING FROM THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE IN WALKER**

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer did, on the 19th day of November, 2020, declare a local public health emergency in the County of Mono as a result of the Mountain View Fire, a fast-moving and devastating blaze which began on November 17, 2020, and burned more than 140 structures, including 74 homes which were completely destroyed and an additional 2 homes which were damaged, in the community of Walker, California; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer declaration, which is hereby incorporated by this reference, included a restriction on re-entry into areas affected by the fire in order to protect the public from toxic and hazardous materials typically present following a fire that burns residential or commercial structures. The order also included guidance and restrictions for safe debris removal, transport and disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Building and Environmental Health Departments, with support, expertise and resources provided by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), thereafter assessed the fire-damaged areas and a plan was made to allow residents to commence safely re-entering the area on November 22, 2020. The Health Officer therefore issued a revised order on that date allowing for controlled re-entry, but continuing the prior restrictions on debris removal, transport and disposal; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of these restrictions, as well as the continued assistance and resources of CalOES and others with expertise in remediating fire damage, remain necessary in order to protect public health, safety and the environment and are required for a safe and effective response to the conditions of disaster and extreme peril resulting from the Mountain View Fire, which is beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities within the County of Mono;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, adopts the above findings and does hereby ratify the aforementioned proclamation of local health emergency and declares a continued state of local health emergency in the County which is beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities within the County, as a result of the Mountain View Fire.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** consideration for a U.S. Small Business
2 Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and funding through the California
3 Disaster Assistance Act, in addition to any and all recovery assistance the State of California can
4 provide, are requested to respond to the emergency herein described, including as necessary to
5 respond to such eligible damages resulting from the emergency which may later be discovered.

6 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 24th day of November, 2020, by the
7 following vote, to wit:

8 **AYES:** Supervisors Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.

9 **NOES:** None.

10 **ABSENT:** None.

11 **ABSTAIN:** None.

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13 _____
14 Stacy Corless, Chair
15 Mono County Board of Supervisors

16 **ATTEST:**

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18 _____
19 Queenie Barnard (Nov 24, 2020 12:57 PST)

20 Clerk of the Board

21 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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23 _____
24 Stacey Simon (Nov 24, 2020 13:14 PST)

25 County Counsel



MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

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**EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MONO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
DECLARING A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE
MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE; LIMITING RE-ENTRY TO AFFECTED AREAS TO
PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND PROHIBITING ENDANGERMENT
OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNSAFE REMOVAL,
TRANSPORT, AND DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency on November 17, 2020, and the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on November 19, 2020, due to conditions of extreme peril caused by the Mountain View Fire, which destroyed 96 homes and damaged various other structures, including Mono County's solid waste transfer station, in the Walker area of Mono County; and

WHEREAS the potential for widespread toxic exposures and threats to public health and the environment exists in the aftermath of a major wildfire disaster. Debris and ash from residential structure fires contain hazardous substances and the health effects of hazardous substances releases after a wildfire are well-documented; and

WHEREAS, the combustion of building materials such as siding, roofing tiles, and insulation result in dangerous ash that may contain asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials. Wells may be contaminated and require chlorination following a period of power outages. Household hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and chemicals may have been stored in homes, garages, or sheds that may have burned in the fire, also producing hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects, and may cause long-term public health and environmental impacts. Uncontrolled hazardous materials and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies. Improper handling can expose workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community, and

WHEREAS, areas affected by the fire were evacuated by Incident Command, and reentry by residents and the public for safety reasons must be regulated until such time as hazardous materials inspection and removal is conducted; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes the local health officer to declare a local health emergency in areas affected by release or escape of hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health or imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101040 further authorizes the Health Officer to issue orders to protect public health and safety in the context of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Health Officer finds that the Mountain View Fire has created conditions hazardous to public health and safety in the form of contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris, which poses a substantial threat to human health and the environment unless its removal and disposal is performed in a manner that protects the public health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mono County Health Officer **DECLARES** and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 101080, a local health emergency exists in Mono County due to debris resulting from the Mountain View Fire being or containing hazardous materials and the imminent and proximate threat of release thereof, which are public health hazards and immediate threats to the public health and safety.
2. Effective immediately and continuing until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Public Health Officer, this Order continues existing closures and prohibits re-entry into specified areas affected by the Mountain View Fire as shown in Exhibit A (“Current Evacuation Area (11/19/20)”), which is attached to this Order and incorporated by this reference, until such time as those areas can be assessed for hazards and, where necessary, remediated.
3. Upon notification by the County of Mono’s Building and Environmental Health Divisions that additional areas or premises are safe to re-enter, the Health Officer may replace Exhibit A, without otherwise modifying this Order, by posting and distributing a revised map labeled “Current Evacuation Area” with the date of such revision and a reference to this Order.
4. In coordination with local law enforcement, re-entry for the limited purpose of retrieving possessions may be allowed, provided no hazards have been identified on the property being accessed.
5. Regardless of when re-entry occurs, no cleanup activities of burned structures or other construction activities shall commence without the prior written authorization of the County

of Mono's Building and Environmental Health Divisions and in compliance with adopted cleanup standards and construction safety guidelines.

6. Pending the enactment of additional requirements to address the Mountain View Fire disaster clean up, no debris bins shall be provided to property owners for the purposes of the removal of fire debris without the authorization of the Mono County Public Health Department – Environmental Health Division.
7. Pending the enactment of additional requirements to address the Mountain View Fire disaster clean up, property owners choosing not to participate in a State Fire Debris Clearance Program, if one is established in Mono County, must register with and obtain the permission of the Mono County Public Health Department – Environmental Health Division, before beginning the removal of fire debris and conduct their private debris removal, transport, and disposal in a manner that does not endanger the community.
8. No one shall temporarily occupy or camp on private property unless and until standards for such temporary occupancy are approved by the Mono County Building and Environmental Health Divisions, (and the Board of Supervisors if required under County or State law).

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 101080, that the local health emergency created and presented by the Mountain View Fire shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the Mono County Board of Supervisors and shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at least every 14 days until the local health emergency is terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: November 19, 2020

Thomas Boo, MD

Dr. Tom Boo
Mono County Public Health Officer

EXHIBIT A
CURRENT EVACUATION AREA (11/19/20)

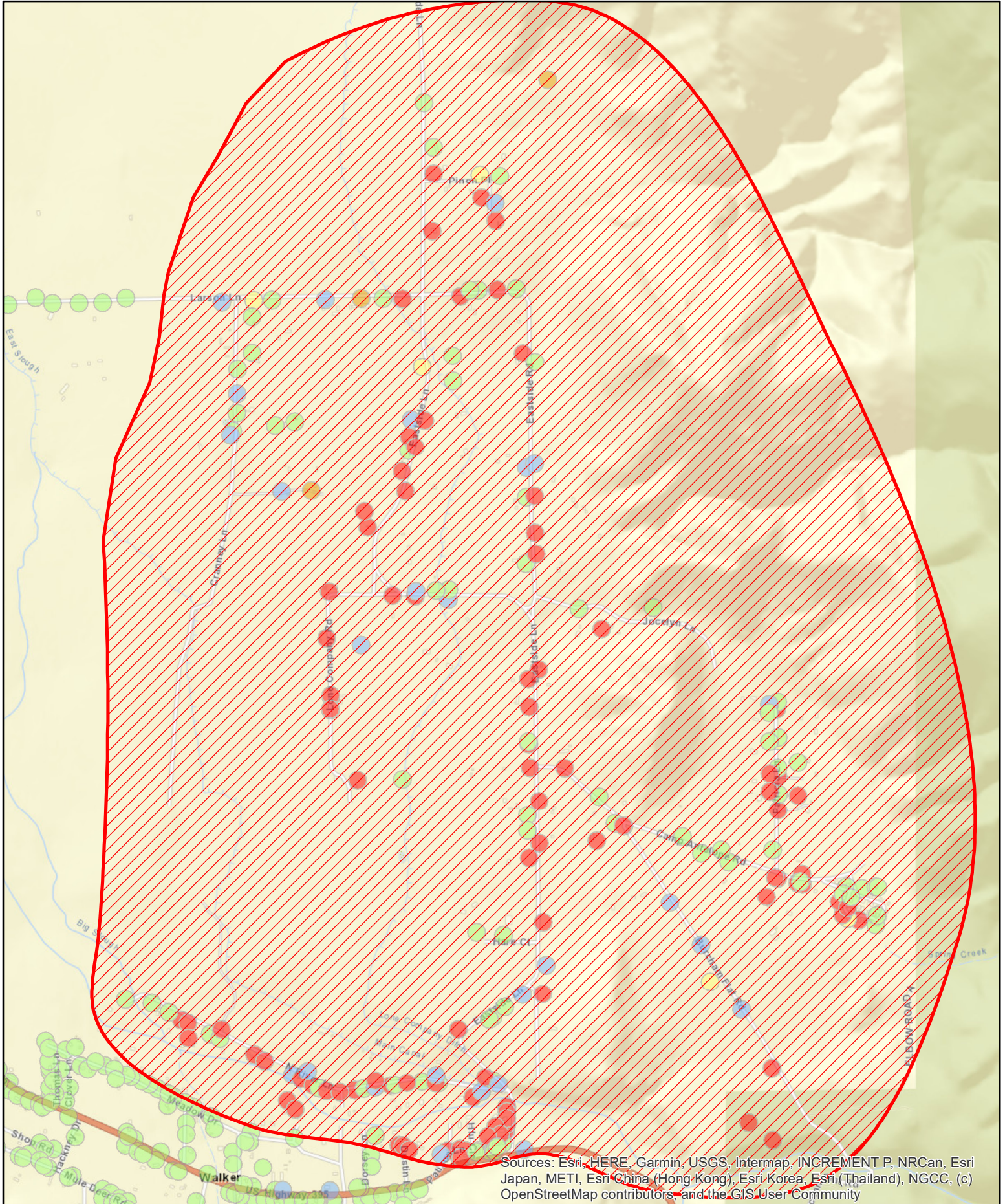


CURRENT EVACUATION AREA

As of 11/19/2020 - 10:45a

For updates visit

<https://on.mono.ca.gov/mountainviewfire>



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Inyo National Forest

TIME REQUIRED Item scheduled to start at 10:30 AM
(30 minutes)

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Inyo National Forest Staff: Lesley Yen,
Nora Gamino, Adam Barnett

SUBJECT Great American Outdoors Act
(GAOA) Presentation

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) provides funding over the course of five years (2021-2025) for federal land management agencies, including the Forest Service, to take care of deferred maintenance on recreation facilities. The Inyo National Forest will discuss current and future GAOA project submissions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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3/4/2021 2:51 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



U.S. Forest Service Inyo National Forest Great American Outdoors Act

Date: 23 February 2021

Background

Two objectives of GAOA:

1. Establishes a new fund, National Parks and Public Lands Restoration Fund, for five years to address the deferred maintenance backlog of the USDA Forest Service and other federal land management agencies, and
2. Provides permanent full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund which provides for federal land acquisition and Forest Legacy grants to states under existing programs.

The Forest Service is the only agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture that will receive deferred maintenance funding from GAOA. The maximum amount the Forest Service will receive is \$285 million each year for the 5 years that the fund is authorized (FY21-25). The funds **must be used for priority deferred maintenance** projects on assets administered by the agency. National sideboards established for first round (FY21) of GAOA are listed below. This same guidance was used for FY22 and we expect them to remain largely the same for future funding years.

- Reduction of Infrastructure Deferred Maintenance
- Promoting Management of America's Forests
- Improve Visitor Experience
- Contribute to Rural Community Economic Development
- Improve Visitor Access
- Ensure Health & Safety
- Leverage External Agencies and Resources

Project Selection Process

In the Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service, forests were asked to work within their zones to develop and prioritize projects. The Inyo is in the Southern Sierra Zone with the Sequoia, Sierra, and Stanislaus. Engineering and Public Services staffs from the forests worked together on proposals that addressed both the needs of individual forests and those needs that could be combined in projects across the zone. Projects were scored and ranked by a regional panel and then at the national level. A similar process was followed for the submission of FY22 projects. Both rounds had extremely short turnaround times. All projects submitted are considered for funding; the regional ranking is an opportunity for the Regional Forester to provide additional "points" to the projects that best meet national and regional criteria. For FY22, the Inyo received additional regional points on nearly all of the projects we submitted out of over 300 projects submitted region-wide.

Projects FUNDED for FY21

Due to several factors, including an extremely short turnaround time on submissions (less than 3 weeks), there was a limit on the number and size of projects submitted by the Inyo National Forest for the first round of funding, slated for FY21. Of the projects submitted, the following were funded:

- **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail & John Muir Trail Maintenance:** This two-year project will maintain 16.5 miles of the JMT/PCT. Work includes replacing collapsed erosion control structures, tread repair, and rebuilding failing retaining walls to return the trail to a condition that is safe for equestrians and hikers.

- **Silver Lake Boat Launch Replacement:** This project is for the construction of a new boat launch ramp, installation of a new vault toilets, construction of ADA accessible sidewalks and the resurfacing & restriping of the facility parking lot including facility access roads. Covers the construction funding gap from State of CA Division of Boating and Waterways grant.
- **Day Use Toilet Replacements:** This project is for the replacement of toilets at heavily used day use sites across the Forest that currently have either flush toilets or non-accessible vault toilets. Sites include: Big Pine Creek North Fork Trailhead, Convict Lake Day Use (4), Duck Pass Trailhead, Emerald Picnic Site, Horseshoe Lake Day Use (2), Mammoth Pass Trailhead, Lundy Canyon Trailhead, Rush Creek Trailhead, and Silver Lake Fishing Day Use.
- **Region-wide Pacific Crest Trail Deferred Maintenance:** This project covers the PCT in CA, OR, and WA and will be administered by the Pacific Crest Trail Association. Funding will support trail maintenance crews and PCTA technical specialists to work with the crews. PCTA has committed to providing a crew on the Inyo to maintain the PCT in the Golden Trout Wilderness in summer 2021 depending on the timely receipt of funding and PCTA organizational capacity.

Inyo National Forest staff is currently working on developing contracts and agreements to obligate this funding once it is received (anticipated March 2021). These projects will be implemented in 2021.

Projects Currently SUBMITTED for FY22

Shortly after the proposals were submitted for FY21 funding, a data call for FY22 projects was received with another short turnaround. Due to the fast turnaround, the Inyo National Forest decided to pursue existing high-priority projects that were in alignment with the established national sideboards. With limited capacity, the Forest also decided to focus efforts on a few very good, highly competitive projects. Additionally, projects that were submitted for FY21 but not funded were revised to be more competitive and resubmitted for FY22 funding.

- **Inyo Campground Improvement Project:** This project will secure architectural and engineering services to develop construction documents for 22 campgrounds that are ripe for renovation based on the preliminary results of the Profitability Study being developed by Quantified Ventures. Project continues the efforts of the Innovative Finance for National Forests grant held by MLTPA.
- **Southern Sierra Zone Recreation Facility Improvements:** Campground amenity replacement and rehabilitation at nine sites on the Stanislaus and Inyo. Includes toilets, bear boxes, picnic tables, fire rings, and campsite delineation. Inyo National Forest Sites are Grandview Campground and the campgrounds and day use sites at Horseshoe Meadows/Cottonwood.
- **Mammoth Ranger Station and Welcome Center Parking Rehab:** Pavement Rehabilitation of the Mammoth Ranger Station and CA Welcome Center parking lot roads.
- **Multi-Forest High Priority Accessible Toilet Replacement, Phase 2:** This is a multi-forest project to provide toilet replacement or accessibility upgrades to specific facilities and recreational sites. Final list of Inyo NF sites has not been determined, but the focus will be on old, non-accessible flush toilets within campgrounds or campground with insufficient facilities
- **Rock Creek Boat Launching Facility:** This project is for the construction of a new boat launch ramp, installation of a new vault toilets, construction of ADA accessible sidewalks and the resurfacing & restriping of the facility parking lot including facility access roads. Leverages with

proposal for construction funding from State of CA Division of Boating and Waterways grant, submitted for State FY21/22 funding.

- **Hot Creek Geologic Interpretive Site Safety Improvements:** This project is to correct safety deficiencies at a high-use unique and active geologic interpretive site. Includes fencing necessary for health and safety to keep people out of dangerous active thermal pools. Rehabilitation of hazardous closed areas that have been damaged by trespass and the improvement of visitor displays, paths and restroom facilities. The project is expected to last 2-3 years.
- **Forestwide Wilderness Trailhead Improvements:** Repair and maintain parking areas at 51 trailheads. Replace trailhead kiosks. Design and replace trailhead interpretive signage. Two-year project. FY22 design, FY23 construction
- **Southern Sierra (INF, SNF, SQF, STF) Trail Deferred Maintenance:** Backlog of Deferred trail maintenance on 4 Forests. Essential for recreation access and connectivity to National Parks and iconic destinations as well as communities and Wild & Scenic rivers. Trails are major infrastructure investments in the SSZ that have not received maintenance in years. If further deterioration occurs, public access will further erode. Several hundred miles of trail will be maintained in the Southern Sierra Zone. Inyo NF is targeting trails in the following wilderness areas: John Muir, Ansel Adams and Golden Trout. Implementation FY22
- **Inyo Priority Trail DM and Safety:** The project will address deferred maintenance and safety issues caused by high use and storm damage. Repairs include erosion control, trail surface repair and replacement of foot bridges. This is a legacy project carried over from 2017

We do not yet know which projects have been chosen to receive funding for FY22 and probably will not know until the President's budget is release later this year.

Future Submissions for FY23-FY25

We anticipate the Forest will be able submit projects for FY23 and beyond starting spring 2021. We are starting planning now to ensure a strategic approach to align the potential of GAOA with other regional efforts to secure recreation funding, including the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative (SRTI).

In anticipation that some FY22 proposals will not be funded, those projects would rise to the top of the list of submissions for FY23. Additional projects could include those just developed by the forest for SRTI since they also address deferred maintenance and are aligned with public Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) project ideas.

Partner Engagement & Public Comment

There is no prescribed method for public collaboration when determining what projects to submit for consideration, except for the public comment portal organized through the Washington Office's website where all are encouraged to comment on an extensive list of projects from across the country. We are fortunate in the Eastern Sierra that existing collaborative efforts like the SRTI have helped the forest understand common themes in what partners and the public are interested in addressing when it comes to sustainable recreation and deferred maintenance. We have also used the ESSRP partner forum to provide updates on GAOA efforts and plan to use that and other existing forums to seek feedback during this next round of funding submissions.

We have some indication that partner contributions to projects improves competitiveness. Partner matching support also increases the capacity of the Inyo NF to implement more comprehensive projects.



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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 9, 2021

Departments: Community Development Department

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Wendy Sugimura, Community
Development Director

SUBJECT Memorandum of Understanding
Regarding Bi-State Sage-Grouse
Conservation Efforts

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Consider memorializing Mono County's role and responsibilities in the Bi-State Sage-Grouse effort by signing the multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Bi-State partners for Bi-State sage-grouse conservation (Attachment 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impacts are expected. Staff time and conservation commitments are programmed in existing budgets and work, and some staff time is offset by a cooperative grant with the Bureau of Land Management. (Total grant award is subject to annual BLM budget allocations and provides for up to \$150,000 over three years.)

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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3/4/2021 9:11 AM	County Counsel	Yes
3/2/2021 10:11 AM	Finance	Yes
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March 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Mono County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Wendy Sugimura, Director
RE: Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Bi-State Sage Grouse Conservation Efforts

RECOMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

A collaborative approach for conservation of the Bi-State sage-grouse (BSSG) was initiated in 2002 by the Bi-State Local Area Working Group (LAWG) under the guidance of the Nevada Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Team. (For more information about conservation effort history and the species, please see the link listed in Attachment 2.) The LAWG consists of land management agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service, private landowners, Nevada and California wildlife management agencies, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and others. Since then, resource management agencies and stakeholders have implemented actions for long-term conservation of BSSG, guided first by the 2004 Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan and now by the updated [2012 Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Action Plan](#) (Action Plan).

In 2011, the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) was established to engage the administration and leadership of natural resource management agencies and ensure a coordinated conservation effort across jurisdictional boundaries. The EOC in turn established the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in late 2011, consisting of agency biologists, to provide technical expertise and guidance.

Mono County has been part of the LAWG since 2002, participating at varying levels, and in the last several years has become more active in the EOC. In 2012, the County took an innovative, proactive approach to dealing with a potential Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing by helping with or leading projects to conserve the bird and its habitat rather than simply opposing a potential listing. The County worked across jurisdictional boundaries, assisting with activities that would benefit the Bi-State DPS across its range, not just the work that would benefit or take place in Mono County. The County's part in summarizing past conservation activities completed by all parties in the LAWG and the future commitments of the LAWG to fund high priority sage-grouse projects in the future was key in informing the decision not to list the bird as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act in April of 2015.

In 2014 and then again in 2019, the County entered into an Assistance Agreement with the BLM to assist in implementing the Bi-State Strategic Action Plan of 2012. In 2016, the County was honored with the

Conservation Leadership partner of the Year Award, a national award recognizing outstanding conservation accomplishments for fish, wildlife, and/or native plants and their habitat on public lands, at a ceremony in Pennsylvania.

As part of the effort and commitment to BSSG conservation, the County submitted two signed “commitment letters” in 2014 (Attachment 3) and 2018 (Attachment 4) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the proposed ESA listings.

DISCUSSION

Shortly after the EOC was formed, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the federal and state land and wildlife management agencies to memorialize the collaborative conservation effort and agency roles. The MOU is now being updated and broadened to include other local partners, and Mono County has been invited to sign in recognition of our contributions and proactive role in BSSG conservation. Mono County’s proposed role and responsibilities is listed as follows in the MOU, which is consistent with the commitment letters the County previously submitted:

- A. Provide representation for Mono County on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee and vet with County leadership as necessary.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Collaborate with technical experts on data and resource management regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats, particularly within the Mono County portion of the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement land use management actions that provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats on private lands within the Mono County portion of the Bi-State DPS and the County’s legal and jurisdictional authority.
- E. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Implement Mono County General Plan policies and regulations for sage-grouse conservation.
- G. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 760.924.1814 or wsugimura@mono.ca.gov.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Listed Agencies for Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation
2. Bi-State sage-grouse species information: <https://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/speciesinfo.php>.
Bi-State sage-grouse collaborative conservation effort information: <https://www.fws.gov/cno/es/bistate-sagegrouse/bi-statesagegrouse.cfm> and <https://www.bistatesagegrouse.com/>.
3. Mono County Commitment Letter for 2012 ESA Listing
4. Mono County Commitment Letter for 2018 ESA Listing

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE;
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE;
USDI, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CALIFORNIA;
USDI, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NEVADA;
USDI, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, REGION 8;
USDI, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WESTERN ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER;
USDA, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, CALIFORNIA;
USDA, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, NEVADA;
USDA, FOREST SERVICE, REGION 5, INYO NATIONAL FOREST;
And
USDA, FOREST SERVICE, REGION 4, HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Nevada Department of Wildlife hereinafter referred to as “NDOW”; the California Department of Fish and Wildlife hereinafter referred to as “CDFW”; the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, California and Nevada hereinafter referred to as “BLM”; the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8 hereinafter referred to as “FWS”; the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center hereinafter referred to as “USGS”; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, California and Nevada, hereinafter referred to as “NRCS” ; Mono County; and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Region 5, Inyo National Forest and Region 4, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest hereinafter referred to as the “U.S. Forest Service.”

Background: The Bi-State distinct population segment (DPS) of the greater sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) extends over an approximately 170-mile-long range along the border of California and Nevada that is up to 60 miles wide and includes portions of three counties in eastern California and five counties in western Nevada. Populations and habitats occur on a mixture of public and private lands within both states and involve multiple federal, state, and local jurisdictions. Most of the federally managed lands within the Bi-State DPS are administered by the BLM (Bishop, Sierra Front, Stillwater and Tonopah Field Offices) and the USFS (Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests).

The Bi-State DPS has been considered for listing under the Endangered Species Act. In March 2010, the FWS found that listing for the Bi-State DPS was warranted, but precluded, by higher priority listing actions. In October 2013, the FWS proposed listing the species as threatened, and the Bi-State Local Area Working Group (LAWG), Executive Oversight Committee, including the parties to this MOU, were able to respond with a commitment of funding for the implementation of the group's 2012 conservation strategy, the Bi-State Action Plan: Past, Present and Future Actions for Conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment (the “Bi-State Action Plan”). This funding and other assurances, including a BLM land use plan amendment for Nevada and California and a Forest Service land and resource management plan amendment for the Toiyabe National Forest (both completed in May 2016) provided the confidence the FWS needed to withdraw the proposed listing. The listing decision was up for review again in 2019, and again, due in part to the commitment of Bi-State collaborative partners, was found not-warranted for listing.

The parties to this MOU have been key participants in developing and implementing conservation efforts within the Bi-State DPS since 2000. The 2012 Bi-State Action Plan continues to guide a diverse group of federal, state, and local agencies, private landowners, special interest groups, and individuals toward united conservation efforts for sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS. Continued interagency cooperation is needed to ensure a coordinated multi-jurisdictional effort at a scale that is sufficient to ameliorate threats to the DPS and to provide certainty that planned conservation measures will be implemented efficiently and effectively.

Title: Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation; Bi-State Distinct Population Segment (DPS)

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation between the parties to ensure a coordinated multi-jurisdictional effort to conserve greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS of California and Nevada in accordance with the following provisions.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

To ensure the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS, a coordinated multi-jurisdictional conservation effort must occur based on population and habitat conservation goals rather than land ownership or jurisdictional boundaries. Effective interagency cooperation is key to successful sage-grouse conservation within the Bi-State DPS and of mutual benefit and interest to the parties to this MOU.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. ORGANIZATION:

This coordinated interagency effort to conserve greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS shall be supported by the following structure, roles, and responsibilities.

A. Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) - Leadership Support

1. The EOC includes resource agency directors from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Mono County, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The responsibilities of EOC members include:
 - a. Leverage collective resources
 - b. Assemble the best technical talent to direct and prioritize future conservation actions
 - c. Ensure consistent regulatory oversight
 - d. Achieve long-term conservation of the Bi-State greater sage-grouse Distinct Population Segment (DPS)
 - e. Ensure a coordinated conservation effort across jurisdictional boundaries

B. Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) -Technical Support

1. The TAC includes biologists and resource staff from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Geological Survey, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Additionally, USGS will serve as science advisor to the TAC. The responsibilities of the TAC members include:
 - a. Providing technical expertise and data regarding greater sage- grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS
 - b. Identify and implement actions necessary for the long-term conservation of Bi-State DPS populations and their habitats
 - c. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan
 - d. Provide leadership and encourage collaborative conservation approaches through continued involvement of the Local Area Working Group (LAWG)

C. Bi-State Local Area Working Group (LAWG) -Stakeholder Support

1. The LAWG provides an open forum for all interested parties to engage in Bi-State Sage-Grouse conservation and management. Participants include federal, state, and local governments; Native American tribes; non-profit organizations; ranchers and landowners; and general public.

D. Bi-State Tribal Natural Resource Committee (BTNRC) -Tribal Support

1. The BTNRC is a Tribally convened and led group made up of official representatives of the Tribes in the Bi-State area, individual Tribal members, and representatives of the land and wildlife management agency units who are ex-officio members.
 - a. The mission of the BTNRC is to promote, protect, and preserve good management of lands in the Bi-State through advocacy and education using a holistic approach
 - b. The purpose of the Committee is to educate and facilitate communication between Tribes and land management agencies
 - c. The BTNRC meetings are not government to government consultation and do not replace the need and responsibility of federal agencies to engage in required and meaningful consultation.

IV. NDOW shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.

V. CDFW shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS a CDFW priority.

VI. BLM shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation for both California BLM and Nevada BLM on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats on BLM lands within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Implement the applicable Resource Management Plan direction to conserve and protect sage-grouse habitat and populations. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS a priority for California BLM and Nevada BLM.

VII. FWS shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS a priority for the FWS in Region 8.

VIII. USGS shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee and the Bi-State Local Area Working Group.
- C. Serve as science advisor to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee.

- D. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Provide science to inform the identification of key conservation measures that can be used in implementing and amending, if necessary, agency land use plans and land and resource management plans.

IX. NRCS shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation for both California NRCS and Nevada NRCS on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats on private (and public) lands within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS a priority for California NRCS and Nevada NRCS.

X. The USFS shall:

- A. Provide leadership representation for both the Inyo National Forest and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests on the Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee.
- B. Provide staffing assistance and support to the Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee, the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, and the Bi-State Tribal Natural Resources Committee.
- C. Share technical expertise and data regarding greater sage-grouse populations and habitats within the Bi-State DPS.
- D. Identify and implement management actions that will provide for the long-term conservation of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats on National Forest System lands within the Bi-State DPS.
- E. Support the review, update, and continued implementation of the Bi-State Action Plan.
- F. Consider the identification and implementation of greater sage-grouse conservation actions within the Bi-State DPS a priority for the Inyo National Forest and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- G. Implement the Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (2019) and the Greater Sage grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment Forest Plan Amendment on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

XI. Mono County shall:

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XII. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. REPRESENTATIVES. Each party shall designate representatives for the Executive Oversight Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Tribal Natural Resources Committee. Primary contacts that will either serve on these committees or coordinate with representatives on these committees shall be identified in **Attachment A** of this MOU.
- B. OVERSIGHT. The Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) shall provide direction and guidance for the Technical Advisory Committee. The EOC shall be Co-Chaired by at least one state wildlife agency representative and at least one federal land management agency representative. The NDOW and the USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest shall serve as the initial Co-Chairs. Co-Chair responsibilities may be modified by mutual consent of the parties to this MOU.
- C. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS. The Administrative Contact for each party shall be identified and maintained on **Attachment B** to this MOU.
- D. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or cooperators is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the MOU.

To cooperators, at cooperator's address shown in the MOU or such other address designated within the MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

- E. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This MOU in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or cooperators from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- F. ENDORSEMENT. Any of cooperator's contributions made under this MOU do not by direct reference or implication convey U.S. Forest Service endorsement of cooperator's products or activities by the other parties to this agreement.
- G. NONBINDING AGREEMENT. This MOU creates no right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity. The parties shall manage their respective resources and activities in a separate, coordinated and mutually beneficial manner to meet the purpose(s) of this MOU. Nothing in this MOU authorizes any of the parties to obligate or transfer anything of value.

Specific, prospective projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party requires the execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon numerous factors, including, as applicable, but not limited to: agency availability of appropriated funds and other resources; cooperator availability of funds and other resources; agency and cooperator administrative and legal requirements (including agency authorization by statute); etc. This MOU neither provides, nor meets these criteria. If the parties elect to enter into an obligation agreement that involves the transfer of funds, services, property, and/or anything of value to a party, then the applicable criteria must be met. Additionally, under a prospective agreement, each party operates under its own laws, regulations, and/or policies, and any Forest Service obligation is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and other resources. The negotiation, execution, and administration of these prospective agreements must comply with all applicable law.

Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.

- H. USE OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE INSIGNIA. In order for any party to use the U.S. Forest Service insignia on any published media, such as a Web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted, and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications (Washington Office) prior to use of the insignia.
- I. MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no U.S. member of, or U.S. delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.

- J. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA). Public access to MOU or agreement records must not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).
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- R. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. By signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below.

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The authority and format of this instrument (enter agreement #) has been reviewed and approved for signature.

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RE: US Fish & Wildlife Service Public Hearing on the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Greater Sage-Grouse Proposals

Dear Mr. Koch:

The purpose of this letter is to provide supplemental information regarding Mono County's Bi-State Action Plan efforts, and highlight relevant new information as a companion to the Mono County Board of Supervisor's comments presented by Chairman Johnston at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's public hearings in May, 2014. Mono County continues to actively participate in the Local Area Working Group (LAWG) and multi-agency efforts to refine and implement the 2012 Bi-State Action Plan (Plan), and conserve Bi-State DPS populations and habitat. Collectively, these efforts meet the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's policy for the evaluation of conservation efforts (PECE) by assuring implementation and demonstrating effectiveness, and therefore a listing of the Bi-State DPS is not necessary. **This letter summarizes our completed and proposed work, and commits \$5.9 million in implementation funding (Attachment 1).**

Mono County's completed and/or ongoing work includes the following:

Actions MER2-7 through MER2-11: Secure conservation easement or agreement with willing landowners in various Mono County locations.

- Mono County convenes a meeting of agencies to discuss landownership adjustment projects on a quarterly basis, and hosted a meeting specific to Bi-State DPS projects on May 5, 2014. This group will continue to meet regularly and coordinate opportunities, funding, and interested landowners.
- Through day-to-day interactions with landowners via phone, webpage, and at permit counters in Bridgeport and Mammoth the County disseminates informational material, offers suggestions/guidance, and occasionally makes contact with willing landowners.
- Ongoing costs of \$5,000 annually is fully funded.

Action MER3-12: Provide educational opportunities to landowners about the importance of sage-grouse habitat and the need to reduce predation caused by pets in areas where sage-grouse occur.

- Mono County has and will continue to assist with LAWG educational events.
- Discretionary permits in sage-grouse areas include conditions for restraining pets.
- The County maintains an Animal Control office that provides educational outreach services to pet owners and enforcement of County leash laws in sage grouse habitat areas.
- Ongoing costs of \$5,000 annually is fully funded.

Actions RAM5-1A and B: Develop and implement a standardized spatial and tabular database to collect and store all greater sage-grouse conservation related project work occurring in the Bi-State area.

- Mono County worked with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office to initiate database development, and will continue to assist as requested.

Action MSI2-1: Conduct workshops to provide information about programs available to assist ranchers and other private landowners that may be interested in the implementation of sage-grouse conservation projects and to explore opportunities for cooperative conservation of sage-grouse in the Bi-State area.

- Mono County coordinated and hosted a public LAWG workshop on the Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS's) Working Lands for Wildlife Program, and the proposed 4(d) Rule and critical habitat on May 27, 2014.
- Mono County is outreaching on Bi-State DPS issues to private property owners and agricultural operators through the Resource Conservation District, Inyo-Mono Agricultural Commissioner's office, Regional Planning Advisory Committees, and local land trust.
- Ongoing costs of \$5,000 annually is fully funded.

Mono County's projects in progress or anticipated for the future include the following:

Action IRM2-1: Coordinate with Mono County to develop and incorporate sage-grouse conservation guidance into applicable plans and programs.

- A multi-agency meeting to discuss mitigation strategies and measures was held on April 24, 2014.
- An update of General Plan policies specific to the Bi-State DPS conservation will be reviewed with RPACs, Planning Commission, county departments and interested agencies and landowners in late 2014, and adoption is anticipated by late 2015.
- These projects are fully funded at \$50,000.

Action MER3-2: Identify and prove an alternate location for the Mono County landfill and work towards removing the existing landfill out of the Long Valley portion of the South Mono PMU.

- A closure plan and funding program for 2023 is under development and will include raven mitigation measures. Various options for site relocation and operation reconfiguration have been identified.
- Non-lethal raven deterrents are being employed with measures to reduce attractants/subsidies.
- \$2+ million in closure costs is currently funded, and approximately \$6 million is expected to be funded by 2023. Additional costs for the closure / raven mitigation plan are anticipated at about \$5,000/yr.

Action MER3-11: Install "grouse crossing" signs at strategic locations along the Owens River Road in the Long Valley portion of the South Mono PMU where birds are known to roost and road kills have been documented.

- Mono County will assist with the placement and installation of signs in Mono County's right-of-way.
- Up to \$5,000 is fully funded by Mono County/BLM Bishop.

In addition, Mono County has been advocating with Congressional Representatives and other government officials for up to \$38 million in new federal appropriations to implement the Plan (see Attachments 2 and 3). Congressman Paul Cook, in particular, has been very helpful, submitting Mono County's request to the federal budget process. Congressmen Mark Amodei and Mike Simpson; Senators Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Harry Reid and Dean Heller; and Governors Jerry Brown and Brian Sandoval have also been contacted. Concurrently, federal land managers such as the BLM, US Forest Service, and NRCS have been working within their respective agencies to secure the necessary funding. The NRCS has largely secured its share of federal funding through the recently passed Farm Bill, and the other agencies are making progress.

Collectively, the projects and funding efforts by all Bi-State DPS cooperators provide **assurance of implementation**. The recently released *Update and Preliminary Findings for Great Sage-Grouse Integrated Population Model in the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment* (May 27, 2014), which coincides with the Bi-State Action Plan implementation period of 2002-2012, concludes the "population growth rate could not be distinguished from a stable population for all sites, except Parker Meadows" and provides **assurance of effectiveness**. Taken together, all the efforts combined with biological data demonstrate **the Bi-State Action Plan is clearly meeting the PECE policy and a listing of the Bi-State DPS is not necessary**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this additional information. Please contact Analysts Wendy Sugimura, 760.924.1814 and Brent Calloway, 760.924.1809 if you have questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



Scott Burns
Director

Attachments:

1. Mono County ten-year implementation timeline and funding commitments
2. Preservation Plan
3. Funding Request

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ATTACHMENT 1

Mono County Ten-Year Implementation Timeline and Funding Commitments

Fiscal Year	Activity	Action Plan #	Activity/Restoration Goals	Cost Estimates
COMPLETED PROJECTS				
	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Bi-State DPS meeting on private land projects and regular agency coordination, daily contacts	N/A
	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 3-12	Landowner education: LAWG workshop, use permit conditions, animal control enforcement	
	Monitoring	RAM 5-1A & B	Geodatabase and spreadsheet data collection and organization	
	Implementation: Stakeholder Involvement	MSI 2-1	LAWG workshop, outreach to private property owners	
FUTURE/ONGOING PROJECTS				
FY 13-14	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$2M
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Landfill closure & raven mitigation plan, raven deterrents and reduction of subsidies/attractants	\$5,000
	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 3-12	Educate landowners on value of sage-grouse habitat and reduce predation by pets.	\$5,000
	Implementation: Stakeholder Involvement	MSI 2-1	LAWG workshop, outreach to private property owners	\$5,000
	Implementation: Improve Regulatory Mechanisms	IRM 2-1	Incorporate sage-grouse conservation guidance into applicable Mono County plans and programs	\$20,000
FY Subtotal				\$2,040,000
FY 14-15	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$270,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Landfill closure & raven mitigation plan, raven deterrents and reduction of subsidies/attractants	\$5,000
	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 3-12	Educate landowners on value of sage-grouse habitat and reduce predation by pets.	\$5,000
	Implementation: Stakeholder Involvement	MSI 2-1	LAWG workshop, outreach to private property owners	\$5,000
	Implementation: Improve Regulatory Mechanisms	IRM 2-1	Incorporate sage-grouse conservation guidance into applicable Mono County plans and programs	\$20,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-11	Reduce road kills by installing "grouse crossing" signs	\$5,000
FY Subtotal				\$315,000
FY 15-16	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$270,000
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FY Subtotal				\$305,000
FY 16-17	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$270,000
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FY Subtotal				\$305,000
FY 17-18	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$270,000
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FY Subtotal				\$305,000
FY 18-19	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
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FY Subtotal				\$305,000
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FY Subtotal				\$305,000
FY 20-21	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$600,000
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	Implementation: Improve Regulatory Mechanisms	IRM 2-1	Implement sage-grouse conservation policies in applicable Mono County plans and programs	\$10,000
FY Subtotal				\$630,000
FY 21-22	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$600,000
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FY Subtotal				\$630,000
FY 22-23	Implementation: Human Disturbance	MER 2-7 thru 2-11	Maintain private lands and associated sage grouse habitat values, minimize risk of future development	\$5,000
	Implementation: Infrastructure	MER 3-2	Relocate/remove existing landfill in S. Mono PMU	\$600,000
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FY Subtotal				\$130,000
TEN YEAR FUNDING TOTAL				\$5,900,000



Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of Greater Sage-Grouse Preservation Plan

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing to list the Bi-State distinct population segment of Greater Sage-Grouse as threatened, and designate approximately **1.87 million acres** of critical habitat in Carson City, Lyon, Douglas, Mineral, and Esmeralda Counties in Nevada, and Alpine, Mono, and Inyo Counties in California. In Mono County, the proposed critical habitat designation covers **82% of privately-owned lands**. Although private land comprises only 6% of the County’s land base, it generates \$16.2 million (45%) of the General Fund revenues for local public services. We must work collaboratively across federal, state and local agencies to find an alternative to this listing. The proposed action on sage-grouse will have devastating implications for Mono County.

Mono County has worked actively with multiple state and federal agencies, private property owners, and other key stakeholders in the Bi-State Local Area Working Group (LAWG) to seek a means to prevent this devastating listing. Since 2004, this effort has implemented long term conservation actions for sage-grouse in the Bi-State area, and supported the development of the *2012 Bi-State Action Plan for Conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment* (Bi-State Action Plan).

The Bi-State Action Plan is an exemplary model of collaboration among all stakeholders, all of whom have committed time, effort, and resources to preserve sage-grouse. Unfortunately, these voluntary efforts are insufficient due to lack of committed funding.

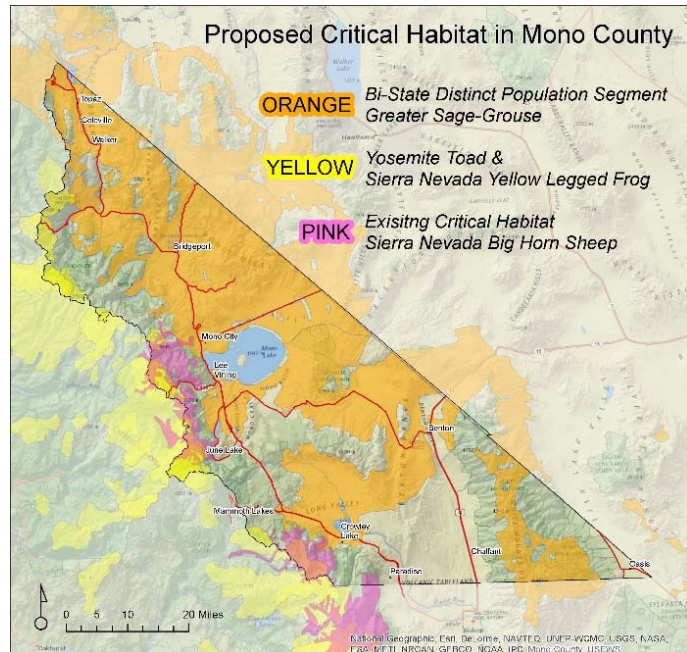
Resources are required to avoid the listing and Agency managers refined the Plan for a cost of \$37.9 million over five years (see attachment). The Federal Register Notice (Vol. 58, No. 208, p. 64377) states, “...the Bi-State Action Plan, if completely refined and fully implemented, may result in the removal of threats to the Bi-State DPS so that protections of the Act may no longer be warranted...” Conversations with Service staff clarified that “fully implemented” includes ensuring adequate funding to implement agreed-upon conservation actions developed in the Action Plan. Mono County would contribute an additional \$2.2 million over the next five years, and \$5.7 million by 2023, through the closure of a landfill, reconfiguration of solid waste operations, and land use policy updates, for a total cost of \$40.7 million in five years.

This collaborative conservation model reflects a best practice to protect a sensitive species as envisioned by the Endangered Species Act. A listing would undermine good-faith efforts and create an overly regulatory, ineffective program. The result will be frustrated stakeholders and a less effective effort to save the species.

Resource agencies and local government would request continued engagement with all stakeholders to focus limited resources on conservation actions that will benefit the sage-grouse, rather than taking a defensive position to protect ourselves from future private property takings claims and other litigation; property tax loss; and devastation to the agricultural economy, the second largest sector in Mono County.

Therefore, **we are requesting \$7.6 million/year for the next five years be allocated to fund the Bi-State Action Plan.**

Contact: Scott Burns, (760) 924-1807, Wendy Sugimura, (760) 924-1814, Brent Calloway, (760) 924-1809.



Attachment: Bi-State Sage-Grouse Preservation Plan 5-Year Cost Estimate

Action Item	<i>Sub-total (5-year Costs):</i>	Mono County Match
Science Advisor & Conservation Planning Tool	\$1,325,000	
Interagency Wildfire Management	\$250,000	
Urbanization Abatement (Conservation Easements)	\$12,880,708	
Infrastructure/Human Disturbance ¹	\$517,100	\$2,700,000
Pinyon and Juniper Encroachment	\$12,991,843	
Disease and Predation	\$250,000	
Wild Horse Management	\$1,250,000	
Small Populations (DPS Translocations)	\$750,000	
Habitat Improvement	\$641,039	
Habitat Improvement & Restoration	\$895,000	
Improve Regulatory Mechanisms		\$50,000
Maintain and Improve Stakeholder Involvement		\$50,000
Total Direct Costs:	\$31,750,690	
NEPA Related Costs (25% for applicable actions):	\$3,944,471	
Effectiveness Monitoring Costs (15% for applicable actions):	\$2,179,182	
Total Planning/Implementation/Monitoring Costs:	\$37,874,343	
with Mono County match	\$40,674,343	

The funding request is for Federal agencies, such as the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, to implement their portions of the Bi-State Action Plan, which is available from <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FWS-R8-ES-2013-0042-0007>. Specific projects that will be enabled by this funding are located on pages 81-101.

¹ \$5.7 million match from Mono County by 2023.



Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of Greater Sage-Grouse Federal Appropriations Request

Date: April 2014

To: Congressional Representatives of the United States

The Endangered Species Act (Act) is quickly becoming a leading issue across the United States. In California and Nevada, we are seeing the potentially devastating impacts from multiple species listings and the constraining burden of new regulations, driven by an aggressive litigation settlement timeline. The Bi-State distinct population segment of Greater Sage-Grouse is currently proposed for designation of critical habitat and listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, with a decision due late this year.

Local landowners and agencies, including Mono County, working for over a decade in collaboration with state and federal agencies which include the Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, have developed a proactive, cost-effective plan to prevent a listing. This 2012 Bi-State Action Plan (Plan), if funded, would ensure the policy objectives of the Act are achieved, namely saving a species, while also ensuring the viability of local economies. We are asking for your support through a supplemental appropriation.

We request a \$30,043,639 million supplemental appropriation for habitat conservation programs detailed in the Plan (see attached). This Plan has been fully vetted, reflects stakeholder and agency commitment, and over the next five years will provide the science-based protections required to justify a not to list.

The funding necessary to implement the plan in the next five years totals \$30,043,639, after deducting funding available to the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the recently passed Farm Bill. These funds would be apportioned for the U.S. Forest Service (\$16,135,021), Bureau of Land Management (\$6,352,099), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (\$5,967,808), U.S. Geological Survey (\$1,325,000), and Department of Defense (\$263,711). We have verified these needs with Nevada and California agencies, and attached is the project-specific spreadsheet identifying costs as well as a one-page project description which reflects the needed investment strategies.

When compared to the \$2 billion going to Lake Tahoe and billions going to Sacramento Bay Delta, this small investment will create a return on investment of federal dollars along with effectively achieving policy goals. In fact, already matching funds totaling just under \$3 million have been identified from Mono County (\$2.8 million) and the Department of Defense (\$168,000).

Finally, this potential critical habitat designation and listing could impact the training ability of our nation's armed forces. The Hawthorne Army Depot and 82% of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center's usage training areas are located within proposed critical habitat.

Please join us in supporting a model conservation effort that restores the true spirit of the Endangered Species Act, protects local economies, and provides a real solution to a growing problem facing public and private lands.

Note: For brevity, the attachment to this document (pages 81-101 of the 2012 Bi-State Action Plan) were not included.



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1849 C STREET NW, ROOM 3331
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Subject: Continuing Commitment and Assurance to Implement Conservation Actions for the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of the Greater Sage Grouse

Dear Director:

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm Mono County's commitment to aggressively implement conservation actions in support of maintaining and improving habitat and species viability for the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of the Greater Sage Grouse. As previously stated in the attached June 9, 2014 letter to the Service (Attachment 1), Mono County continues to be highly engaged in the Bi-State Local Area Working Group (LAWG), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) and remains firmly committed to completing its share of the Bi-State Action Plan.

Accomplishments since 2014

Since our 2014 commitment letter, Mono County has directed approximately \$1.7 million to sage-grouse conservation work, including setting aside funding to relocate and remove the existing landfill in the South Mono Population Management Unit (PMU) by 2023, updating the 2015 Mono County General Plan to include required mitigation measures for discretionary projects that may impact sage-grouse populations or habitat, review of other plans with sage-grouse conservation measures (e.g., Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Plan update, Inyo National Forest Plan update), developing a website to provide outreach and information dissemination, updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to include best practices to reduce the threat of wildfire to sage-grouse habitat, filing as intervenors on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to defend the decision to withdraw the listing, reviewing ministerial permits (e.g., building permits) and working with applicants to minimize potential impacts, initiating legal action against the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for dewatering a portion of the South Mono PMU prior to complying with the California Environmental Quality Act, and responding to LADWP's Notice of Preparation of and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed dewatering project (known as the Ranch Lease

Renewal Project). Mono County has also helped convene other interested parties such as environmental organizations to collaborate on the LADWP dewatering issue.

In addition, Mono County has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office on nearly \$225,000 of services and projects (funded by the BLM), including habitat conservation projects to restore/protect wet meadows in Long Valley and Bodie Hills, assistance coordinating and attendance at meetings (Local Area Working Group, Technical Advisory Committee, and Executive Oversight Committee), assistance with annual lek counting, editing annual reports, and engaging in conservation and management issues on lands owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

Future commitment

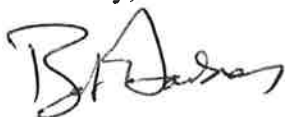
Please see the attached revised Mono County Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Commitments (Attachment 2), which outlines how the agency plans to complete its share of Bi-State Action Plan conservation projects. We remain firmly committed to directing the estimated \$5.08 million required to implement this work and completing it over the next 5-6 years.

Additional info/Closing comments

The Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) for the Bi-State LAWG has submitted a summary of its conservation accomplishments to date under separate cover to your agency. We hope you will consider our significant accomplishments to date along with this commitment from Mono County as you evaluate development of either a final rule to list the species, or a finding that listing is no longer warranted. With this letter we wish to clearly indicate our commitment to conservation of the species and its habitats.

We will continue to maintain close relationships with your staff and our partners to prioritize funding where biological benefits are maximized. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director, at (760) 924-1814 or wsugimura@mono.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Bob Gardner
Chair

Attachments:

1. Commitment Letter dated June 9, 2014
2. Updated Mono County Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Commitments (2018)

CC: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Reno Office
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Senator Kamala Harris
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