



**MEETING MINUTES  
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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
February 6, 2024**

9:15 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Duggan.

*Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Salcido and Peters. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).*

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Duggan.

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

No one spoke.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Election of New 2024 Board Chair**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Rhonda Duggan, Outgoing Board Chair) - The outgoing Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair of the Board for 2024.

**Action:** Elected the Supervisor Peters as the new Chair of the Board for 2024.

**Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-022**

**Rhonda Duggan, Outgoing Board Chair:**

- Presented item.

**Supervisor Salcido:**

- Nominated Supervisor John Peters as Board Chair.

## **B. Presentation to Outgoing Board Chair Rhonda Duggan**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Newly Elected Board Chair) - Presentation to outgoing Board Chair Rhonda Duggan by newly elected Board Chair honoring Supervisor Duggan's service to the Board in 2023.

**Action:** None.

**Chair Peters:**

- Presented item.

## **C. Election of New 2024 Vice Chair**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Newly Elected Board Chair) - The newly elected Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Vice Chair of the Board for 2024.

**Action:** Elected the Supervisor Salcido as the new Vice Chair of the Board for 2024.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-023**

**Chair Peters:**

- Presented item.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Nominated Supervisor Salcido.

## **D. Election of New 2024 Chair Pro-Tem**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Newly Elected Board Chair) - The newly elected Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2024.

**Action:** Elected Supervisor Kreitz as the new Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2024.

**Salcido moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-024**

**Chair Peters:**

- Presented item.

**Supervisor Salcido:**

- Nominated Supervisor Kreitz.

### **E. Retirement Recognition of Olivia Wilson**

Departments: Health and Human Services

(Kathryn Peterson, Health, and Human Services Director and Marjoree Neer, Public Health Nurse) - Proposed proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing the retirement of Olivia Wilson following 20 years of service to Mono County and the Division of Public Health as a Community Health Outreach Specialist. Ms. Wilson retired from County service on February 1, 2024.

**Action:** Adopted proclamation recognizing the retirement of Olivia Wilson.

**Duggan moved; Salcido seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-025**

**Kathryn Peterson, Health, and Human Services Director:**

- Presented item.

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:**

- Discussed the Housing Budget items.
- Update on Bridgeport Post Office.

### **4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Paul Roten, Public Works Director:**

- Update on Roads Department.
- Avalanche update.
- Discussion on Benton Crossing Road.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Thanked Public Works staff (Steve Reeves) for the communication regarding Benton Road.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Discussion on the road closures and way finding apps.

*Break: 9:46 AM*

*Reconvened: 9:51 AM*

## 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

Departments: Clerk of the Board

1. Approval of Board minutes from the January 2024, regular meetings. 2. Approval of corrected Board minutes from the November 7, 2023

**Action:** 1. Approved the Board minutes from the January 9, 2024, regular meeting. 2. Approved the Board minutes from the January 16, 2024, regular meeting. 3. Approved the corrected Board minutes from the November 7, 2023, correcting the action for Item #9b.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-026**

### B. Help America Voting Act Polling Place Accessibility Training Program

Departments: Elections

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) agreement with the California Secretary of State for receipt of up to \$20,000 to be used for the Polling Place Accessibility Training Program.

**Action:** Approved entry into an agreement (#23G26126) with the California Secretary of State for receipt of up to \$20,000 to be used for the HAVA Polling Place Accessibility Training Program and authorize the Mono County Registrar of Voters in consultation with County Counsel to sign said agreement, including future amendments, if any.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-027**

### C. Letter of Support for Bodie Foundation Invitation to George Strait

Departments: County Administrative Office

Letter of support for Bodie Foundation request that George Strait visit Bridgeport for a concert to benefit Bodie.

**Action:** Approved and authorized Chair to sign letter of support.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-028**

### D. Appointment of Dr. Boo to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Appointment of Dr. Boo to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

**Action:** Appointed Dr. Boo to the Mono County Children and Families Commission to serve a five-year term commencing February 6th, 2024, and expiring February 7, 2029.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-029**

**E. Appointments to County Service Area #1**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Appointment of Jeffrey Block and Shaun Troy to County Service Area #1 Board.

**Action:** 1) Appointed Jeffrey Block to the County Service Area #1 Board for the remainder of the term expiring on November 30, 2024; and 2) Appointed Shaun Troy to the County Service Area #1 Board for the remainder of the term expiring on November 30, 2026.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-030**

**F. Lease of Office Space in Civic Center to Eastern Sierra Child Support Services**

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed lease with Eastern Sierra Child Support Services pertaining to leasing space in the Mono County Civic Center.

**Action:** Approved and authorized the CAO to sign lease with Eastern Sierra Child Support Services to lease space within the Mono County Civic Center for the period March 1, 2024, through March 1, 2027, at a rate of \$250 per month (\$3,000 per year).

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-031**

**G. A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Public Works Director to Accept and Consent to Recordation of Two Easement Deeds for Eastside Lane**

Departments: Public Works

Proposed resolution, "A Resolution Of The Mono County Board Of Supervisors Authorizing The Public Works Director To Accept And Consent To Recordation Of Two Easement Deeds For Eastside Lane".

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-013, Authorizing The Public Works Director To Accept And Consent To Recordation Of Two Easement Deeds For Eastside Lane.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-013**

#### **H. County Membership in Local Chambers of Commerce**

Departments: County Administrative Office

A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors declaring a public purpose for and authorizing County membership in Chambers of Commerce within the jurisdictional boundaries of Mono County.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-014, Declaring a public purpose for and authorizing County membership in Chambers of Commerce within the jurisdictional boundaries of Mono County.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-014**

#### **I. Approval of 2022-23 Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant**

Departments: District Attorney

Resolution authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Victim/Witness Grant Program (FY 2022-23) and authorizing the District Attorney to sign for and administer the grant.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-015, Authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Victim/Witness Grant Program (FY 2022-23).

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-015**

#### **J. Approval of 2023-24 Victim/Witness Assistance Program Grant**

Departments: District Attorney

Resolution authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Victim/Witness Grant Program (FY 2023-24) and authorizing the District Attorney to sign for and administer the grant.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-016, Authorizing the Mono County District Attorney's Office to participate in the Victim/Witness Grant Program (FY 2023-24).

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-016**

**K. Resolution to Apply for Drought Relief Program Funding from State Department of Water Resources**

Departments: Community Development

Proposed resolution authorizing the Community Development Department to apply for funding from the Department of Water Resources for the Mono County Drought Task Force and Drought Resilience Plan in the amount of \$91,221 and to accept such funds if awarded by execution of the funding agreement.

**Action:** 1. Adopted Resolution R24-017, Authorizing the Community Development Department to apply for funding from the Department of Water Resources for the Mono County Drought Task Force and Drought Resilience Plan in the amount of \$91,221 and to accept such funds if awarded by execution of the funding agreement. 2. Find that the proposal is exempt from CEQA per guidelines §15306 - Information Collection and §15307 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-017**

**L. CalOES Governing Body Resolution for purposes of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Homeland Security Grant Administration**

Departments: Emergency Management

Mono County is a sub-grantee of the State of California for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) which is managed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). CalOES requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint specific staff to execute for, and on behalf of the County for all actions related to the administration of these grants. The authorization of these specific staff is signified via the Governing Body Resolution (GBR) document which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. This GBR will cover EMPG and HSGP applications for the next three years. FY2023 grants are listed because they were just released in December 2023.

**Action:** Authorized the Board Chair to sign a Governing Body Resolution R24-018, for CalOES for the purpose of grant submission and administration.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-018**

**M. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Privacy and Security Agreements (PSA) Extension**

Departments: Health and Human Services

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) both have Privacy and Security Agreements (PSA) with Mono County Social Services. DHCS and CDSS will be electing to use the available 6-month extension detailed within both of their 2022 PSA agreements with the County to extend the term of the current PSAs through September 2024 which will allow time for review of the PSA renewal. This item is to provide DHCS and CDSS with written acknowledgement of the County's agreement to the 6-month extension.

**Action:** Agreed to extend the Privacy and Security Agreements between Mono County and the DHCS and CDSS through September 1, 2024, and authorized Mono County Health and Human Services Director, Kathy Peterson, to execute a document memorializing such extension upon its issuance.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-032**

**N. Resolution Authorizing Amendment of the Mono County Allocation List for the Health and Human Services Department**

Departments: Health and Human Services

Proposed resolution amending the County of Mono list of allocated positions to eliminate one Fiscal Technical Specialist IV and add one Community Health Outreach Specialist in the Health and Human Services Department for the purposes of better meeting the business needs of the department.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-19, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to eliminate one Fiscal Technical Specialist IV and add one Community Health Outreach Specialist in the Health and Human Services Department.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-019**

**O. Adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

Departments: Public Works

Review 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Action:** Adopted the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

**Gardner moved; Salcido seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-033**

**Supervisor Salcido:**

- Pulled item from Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**Paul Roten, Public Works Director:**



- Presented item.

Moved to item #7a.

**P. Adopt 2024-25 Federal Legislative Platform**

Departments: County Administrative Office

In 2022, Mono County engaged the services of The Ferguson Group (TFG), to support County efforts concerning Federal funding and policy. With TFG's assistance, Mono County adopted the 2023/24 Platform on January 18, 2023, and was allocated \$3,000,000 for radio system improvements in the FY2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Members of the Board of Supervisors will attend the National Association of Counties' Legislative Conference taking place in Washington from February 10-13, 2024. The 2024 Federal Platform will continue to guide Mono County's Federal legislative and agency advocacy efforts throughout the 118th Congress.

**Action:** 1) Received the Federal Platform as proposed; and 2) adopted the Platform as the basis for Board and staff advocacy during the 118th Congress, subject to future revision.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-034**

**Q. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2023.

**Action:** Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2023.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-035**

**R. Quarterly Investment Report**

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2023.

**Action:** Approved the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2023.

**Gardner moved; Duggan seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-036**

Moved to item #5o.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE**

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

## 7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

### A. Overview of Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Activities

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director) - Overview of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) organization and its current projects. The current projects of the ESCOG include: the Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator supporting NEPA compliance for the Eastern Sierra Resilient Climate and Communities Project, the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative, the Towns-to-Trails planning initiative, regional coordination for the Eastern Sierra sub region of the California Jobs First Initiative (formerly Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF)), and other regional planning and economic development initiatives.

**Action:** None.

**Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director:**

- Presented item.

### B. Appointments of Supervisors to Boards, Commissions, and Committees for 2024

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Mono County Supervisors serve on various boards, commissions, and committees for one-year terms that expired on December 31, 2023. Each January, the Board of Supervisors makes appointments for the upcoming year. The Board of Supervisors made appointments for 2024 at the January 9, 2024, meeting. However, due to Supervisor Peters' absence, this item is being brought forward again to make any additional changes.

**Action:** Appointed Chair Peters to the Eastern Sierra Child Support Regional Oversight Committee and to the Mono County Law Library.

**Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-037**

**Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:**

- Presented item.

### C. Election Education Series Part 3: Voting In Person at a Poll Place vs Voting by Mail

Departments: Elections

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - In anticipation of the upcoming March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election, the Mono County Registrar will be presenting a four-part Election Education Series to the Board of Supervisors and public. Part 3 of the series will review Voting In Person at a Poll Place vs Voting by Mail.

**Action:** None.

**Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:**

- Presented item.

*Break 11:02 AM*

*Reconvened 11:14 AM*

**D. Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) for Alcoholic Beverages Licenses**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Letter received by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) regarding the Public Convenience or Necessity (23958.4 CA Business & Professions Code) Designation of Subordinate Officer or Body.

**Action:** Approved option #1, Make its own determinations regarding Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) for applications for an ABC license.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstain**

**M24-038**

**Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:**

- Introduced item.

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented item.

**Chair Peters:**

- Recused himself from item.

**E. Ordinance Amending Mono County Code Section 3.04.030 - Purchasing**

Departments: County Administrative Office and County Counsel

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Proposed ordinance amending subsection A of Mono County Code Section 3.04.030 regarding processes for contracts, purchase orders and invoices.

**Action:** Introduced, read title, and waived further reading of proposed ordinance.

**Gardner moved; Salcido seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-039**

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented item.

**F. Mono County Jail Facility - Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Presentation by Public Works Director, Paul Roten regarding the progress in constructing a new Mono County Jail on Twin Lakes Road in Bridgeport.

**Action:** None.

**Paul Roten, Public Works Director:**

- Presented item.

### **G. Proposition 1 on March 2024 Ballot: Governor’s “Transformation of Behavioral Health Services”**

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Presentation by Robin K. Roberts, Director of Mono County Behavioral Health, regarding Proposition 1 on March 2024 Ballot: Governor’s “Transformation of Behavioral Health Services” and its impacts on Mono County Behavioral Health.

**Action:** None.

**Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:**

- Presented item.

### **H. Update on COVID-19 Guidance**

Departments: Health and Human Services

(Kathryn Peterson, Health and Human Services Director and Dr. Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - Update provided by Kathryn Peterson, Health and Human Services Director and Dr. Boo, Mono County Health Officer regarding the COVID-19 guidance.

**Action:** None.

**Dr. Boo, Mono County Health Officer:**

- Presented item.

Moved to Item #7k.

### **I. Appropriation and Reallocation of Funds to Meet Housing Needs**

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager) - Request to transfer committed funds and one-time funds previously allocated to Public Utility District Loans to the Affordable Housing Fund.

**Action:** 1. Approved the appropriation of the \$1.5 million previously allocated for housing in the affordable housing budget unit to be included at Mid-year 2. Approved reallocation of the \$2.5 million previously committed to Public Utility District (PUD) Loans for affordable housing 3. Directed staff transfer the outstanding \$1 million loan to Bridgeport PUD upon repayment for affordable

housing 4. Directed staff bring back the full \$1.5 million reallocated to housing for appropriation in the affordable housing fund as part of the Mid-year

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**M24-040**

**Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager:**

- Presented item.

**J. Permanent Local Housing Allocation Award and Match, and Creation of a Local Housing Trust Fund**

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager) - Resolution Committing to matching the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) award of \$327,826 and create a Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) to meet requirements of the PLHA award.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution R24-022, Committing PLHA match and creating Local Housing Trust Fund.

**Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

**R24-022**

**Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager:**

- Presented item.

Moved to Board Reports.

**K. Terms and Conditions of Employment for Michelle Raust as Health, and Human Services Deputy Director**

Departments: Health and Human Services

(Kathryn Peterson, Health and Human Services Director) - Agreement Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment for Michelle Raust as Health and Human Services Deputy Director for Mono County, an at-will position, at Range 18, Step B.

**Action:** Announced fiscal impact and approved Agreement Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment for Michelle Raust as Health and Human Services Deputy Director for Mono County, an at-will position, at Range 18, Step B.

**Fiscal Impact:** This item increases spending for the remainder of this fiscal year by \$3,303, of which \$2,445 is salary and \$858 is benefits. If this item is approved, the annual cost will be \$192,941, of which \$133,483 is salary and \$59,458 is benefits. The fiscal impact of this item is included in the Health and Human Services FY 2023-24 adopted budget.

**Duggan moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No**

## **R24-020**

**Kathryn Peterson, Health and Human Services Director:**

- Presented item.

Moved to Item #7i.

### **8. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 1:10 PM*

*Reconvened: 3: 23 PM*

No action to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Adjournment

#### **A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Jay Sloane, Christine Bouchard, and Oliver Yee. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

#### **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, et al. v. Liberty Utilities, et al.* (U.S. District Court for the Central District of California Case No.: 2:21-cv-00769-GW-JPR).

#### **C. Closed Session – Real Property Negotiation**

Closed Session – Real Property Negotiation – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR. Government Code section 54956.8. Property Address: 2784 Highway 158, June Lake, CA County Negotiator: Sandra Moberly, Tyrone Grandstrand. Negotiating Parties: Don Morton and County of Mono. Under Negotiation: Price, terms, and conditions.

#### **D. Closed Session - Public Employment**

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

#### **E. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

### **9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 1/17 Along with Supervisor Salcido, I attended the RCRC Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento and the Installation of Officers. Robust discussion on Prop 1 and how RCRC will strive to be effective in its exemption advocacy for small counties.
- I attend the Woman of NACo Committee meeting to assist with planning their upcoming event t the NACO Legislative Conference.
- 1/19 I attended the Eastern Sierra Advisory Agency on Aging. Programs are continuing thru out the county even though funding has been reduced.
- 1/23 I attended the CSA #1 Meeting, discussed trail expansion opportunities for the districts and added two new Board Members – Welcome!
- 1/24 I attended TVGMD Meeting, discussed timelines and options to fill Board vacancy. They are looking forward to the consultants starting the Groundwater Model work.
- 1/25 RCRC Legislative update and discussed upcoming Ballot Measures.
- 1/30 I attended the Economic Development Tourism and Film Commission meeting.
- 2/1 I participated in RCRC Roads and Transportation AD Hoc Committee and discussed common issues and areas focused on way finding applications.
- 2/5 I participated in the prep meeting for NACo Environmental Steering Committee panel on NEPA and Thank you to Paul Roten for his assistance on identifying NEPA challenges and ideas for reform.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Jan. 17 I participated in a regular meeting and strategic planning session for the Mono County First 5 Commission. We reviewed accomplishments for the past five years and discussed areas of emphasis for the next few years. School readiness continues to be an area of concern as well as childcare and support for home visiting.
- On Thursday Jan. 18 I participated with Supervisor Salcido in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Program Finance Team, now renamed the Wildfire Resilience Action Finance Team. We reviewed progress on current and future fuels treatment projects in our region and discussed plans and opportunities for funding to support these projects. A proposal for support for this work will be coming to the Board soon.
- Yesterday I attended with Supervisor Salcido the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We reviewed the status of several ongoing and future projects and heard about other recreation-related initiatives.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- The Mono County Housing Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet on an almost weekly basis.
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, the IMACA Board of Directors held their regular meeting. The Board approved the annual audit and quarterly financial statements. We agreed to keep working on the draft strategic plan and to bring back more detailed information on the organization's two affordable housing complexes this month.
- February 1, the CSAC Housing Land-use and Transportation Committee met for introductions of the new two Vice Chairs to the Committee and discuss the coming year goals. The two new vice chairs are San Bernadino Supervisor Jesse Armendarez and Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs.
- Also on February 1, the Southeast Subregion Representatives of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Kern County has been added to the subregion because of the legislation expanding the SNC boundaries from 22 to 24 counties. The four counties included in the Southeast Subregions now include; Kern, Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties. There are six sub-regions and now each have four counties within. Currently, Inyo Supervisor Jeff

Griffiths is serving his second year as the subregion's representative on the SNC Board. The group appointed me to the alternate role, which means I will be serving on the Board for years 2025 and 2026.

- February 2, the Multifamily Housing Smoking Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss some final recommendations for the policy update.
- February 5, I participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing legislative Committee meeting. The Agenda:
- Sponsored Bills
  - Tribal Housing Bill
- Other Bills for Support/Discussion (see attachments)
  - [AB 1878 \(Garcia\)](#)
  - Tribal Housing Density Bonus proposal from Asm. Lee
  - CHP Bills
    - Strengthening Preservation Notice (Kalra; co-sponsored by CHP, CRLAF, and the National Housing Law Project)
    - CHP Public Land Trust Bill (potential co-sponsor)
    - AB 84 follow-up from Asm. Ward focused on allowing developers to withhold property tax payments without penalty while their welfare exemption applications are pending
    - AB 1789 to expand eligibility for the Portfolio Preservation Program (PRP)
  - California Association of Winegrape Growers – Ag Worker Housing Bill
- ACA 1 (campaign to lower the voter threshold) updates
- Bond campaign updates

**Chair Peters:**

- 1/25 Attended the IMACA meeting.
- 1/3- Attended the Tourism Commission meeting.
- Met with the new District Ranger via zoom.
- Attended the MAC Ad Hoc meeting.
- Discussed the Postal Service weekly call
- Attended a meeting with the CAO and Jimmy Little regarding projects in Buckeye and year-round tourism in Bodie.
- 1/26 Attended the WIR monthly meeting.

**Supervisor Salcido:**

- January 17: I attended the RCRC, GSFA and GSCA Board meetings in Sacramento with Supervisor Duggan as her alternate. These meetings included the RCRC installations and reception.
- January 18: The eastern Sierra wildlife stewardship working group held their monthly meeting to discuss outreach and education efforts.
- January 18th, 2024: ESCCRP, Eastern Sierra Community Climate Resilience Plan, Financial Advisory Team, held their monthly meeting to discuss projects, financing and outreach. Including topics such as biomass management and the awarded grant at Ormat, how the California 1st Jobs Initiative may weave into this, and the MOU between ESCCRP partners defining roles. This group rebranded themselves as the Wildfire Resilience Action Finance Team (WRAFT)
- January 19, 2024: YARTS. Meeting with Supervisor Gardener and CAO, Sandra Moberly along with YARTS staff to discuss the idea of Mono County providing free ridership for local residents this coming 2024 season. More information to be gather on both sides and will meet again in a few weeks to strategize.
- January 22, 2024. ESWST finance and outreach subcommittee met to discuss financial opportunities going forward, aiming for construction start in 2027. Assignments made and work will begin this early to secure funding. New logo is almost ready to go.



- January 25. Collaborative Planning Team (CPT). Each member gave an update of activities in their agencies. Longer presentations were made by the BBLM regarding SCE's Silver Peak Project which is just commencing preparation. This project will replace two existing 55KW lines which transverse public, private and forest lands in California commencing around Bishop. SCE proposes removal of existing lines and replacement with tubular monopoles (double circuit). The other presentation was by Lahontan and the upcoming revision of the Timber Waiver, 2024.
- January 26th. Art Ad Hoc Committee. Met with Supervisor Peters and CAO Moberly regarding the benefits of displaying art in the County buildings. Discussed the benefits of having some signature pieces, especially in the conference rooms named for famous sites. The CAO will reach out to the MAC regarding possibly assisting with this. Ongoing, Christine Bouchard, the assistant CAO, will be serving with this group.

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