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Minutes

April 29, 2021 – 9 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS:** Supervisor Corless called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment
**Note, recording began after the introductions*
3. **MINUTES:**
Motion: Approve the minutes presented in the agenda packet
Moberly motioned; Doug seconded
All participants motioned that they agree to approve the minutes
4. **AGENCY ROUNDTABLE:** Agency planning issues and pending projects
 - Doug Power/Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center: Enough snow to successful train. Full classes with the US forces. Not as much traveling from outside the country due to COVID. Starting training for the summer. No major projects to report.
 - Philip DeSenze, Gordon Martin, Lesley Yen/Inyo National Forest: Wild horse and burros management. Inyo is getting ready for the fire season. Short staffed but able to support the area. Casa Diablo IV power plant starting construction including road widening, drilling return wells, water monitoring system, drilling production wells close to the Shady Rest Park. The Lakes Basin will be opening within the next three weeks and once the Lakes Basin is open, the focus will shift to Reds Meadow. Campgrounds are starting to open across INF.
 - Heidi Calvert/CA Fish and Wildlife: Field season has been arrived. Fish eggs are back into the hatchery. All staff are remote working.
 - Jan Cutts/Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: Prepping for summer. Lots of seasonal employees have arrived and started work. Bathrooms are open and being used. Front office will not be open other than the walk-up window. Buckeye hot springs restoration was approved. Jan Cutts reported that she will be accepting a job in New Mexico and will be leaving the area.
 - Sarah Rea/ Sandra Moberly Town of Mammoth Lakes: Town council approved the disposition agreement for the affordable housing program. Lots of requests from private landowners to build hotels. Sierra Center Mall will be converted into a hotel. Heavy push for summer visitation.
 - Lahontan: Not much to report other then continued effort on protecting the water ways and staff continues to work from home.
 - LADWP: King Ranch remodel and expanding the facilities. Getting ready for visitations this summer.

Increased concerns for fire and campers not where they are supposed to be. Looking to expand the Whitmore facilities. The approval of the EIR for the Mono Basin Restoration Project.

- Caltrans: Mono County applied for a state grant for Lee Vining to restore the roads in that area. Climate action plan for transportation. Sherwin shoulders widening plan. 108 has asphalt repairs before the road can open.
- Bureau of Land Management: Remote working but slowing getting into the office. Thank you to DR. Boo and the response of COVID. We are going into what will be called "Fire Year", No longer a fire season. Sage Grouse protection is a priority. Land and Water conservation funding was approved for around two million dollars.
- Mono County: West Walker River Parkway Project which is a trails and recreation project for the Mountain Gate Park that connects back to the community. Bridgeport Combined Use Road which is an extension of OHV to travel on County roads to access business in the town of Bridgeport. Tioga Inn project was denied through the Board of Supervisors by inaction with a 4-member board. Tri-Valley Ground Water Management water district conversations on the water sustainability plan.

5. 10:10 a.m. WILDFIRE UPDATE: Justin Nalder presented and answered questions

- Mountain View Fire Coordination
 - Interviews and established the needs of families that were affected by the fire.
 - Red Cross was in place to aid with emergency shelters for the first few weeks.
- Mountain View Fire Recovery & Housing
 - 31 Families in need of housing
 - IMACA will support 5 additional victims
 - TED's are for 3 years
 - Shortage of rebuilding resources
 - Once families are finished with the trailers, they will go back to IMACA
 - 200,000 donated for recovery efforts

6. 10:25 a.m. LONG VALLEY EXPLORATION DRILLING PROJECT

- Kore Mining is proposing to construct 14 well pads and re-open segments of roads that would access the well pads. Take samples and analyze to see if any other exploration is warranted. Once the exploration occurs, they will de-compact and re-seed the area disturbed. Overall, less than one-acre will be disrupted.
- Received over 500 comments regarding the exploration. Both in support of and against the project

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **No future items presented**

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9 a.m.

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