



Clerk of the Board

2015 Novus Agenda deadlines now available – Attached with the Board Update is the list of all dates for the submission of Board Agenda items. Please let the Clerk’s office know if you or any member of the staff has a question about them or needs a refresher in submitting items in Novus.

CONTACT: Shannon Kendall, (760) 932-5530

Community Development

June Lake CAC – At its Tuesday meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee received a thorough overview of June Mountain’s upcoming season from Carl Williams, Greg Dallas and Abbie Ross. Topics ranged from the struggles and costs of last season, current snowmaking well exploration efforts, timing of Chair 1 improvements, new marketing efforts including on-line lift and lodging reservations, promoting June as “California’s Family Resort” and continuing kids ski free pricing. Anticipated benefits of the Cali4nia Pass, participating with the community in gateway signage, re-instituting summer operations, and this Saturday’s opening day were also discussed. Courtney Weiche summarized the results from last month’s Main Street character workshop, and Wendy Sugimura continued review of the June Lake Area Plan update.



Local Transportation Commission – At Monday’s meeting, the Commission was introduced to Mike Beauchamp, Caltrans District 9 new acting director, received a funding update from Megan Mahaffey, and discussed non-motorized project development protocols. Gerry Le Francois presented a workshop on the Regional Transportation Plan Update, and John Helm reviewed the results of triennial audit report for Eastern Sierra Transit.

Planning Commission – Thursday, the Commission approved a variance for a June Lake residential project presented by Gerry Le Francois and received a thorough presentation from Stacey Simon on new sustainable groundwater management regulations. Courtney Weiche also conducted workshops on the Highway 395 National Scenic Byway planning effort and the recently completed Mono Yosemite Trail Plan.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, 760.924.1804

County Administrator’s Office

Thank you to Stuart Brown for the following information on the Mammoth Lakes Ice Rink!

Town of mammoth Lakes has Ice Skating offer for County Employees - This winter, the Mammoth Ice Rink would like to offer Mono County employees the Adult Five Skate Pass (5SP) for only \$40.00 (reg. \$50). The Five Skate Pass includes skate rental, 3-hours of ice-time and the 6th skate FREE! Employees are also able to purchase a Youth (5-15yrs) 5SP for their family for only \$30.00 (reg. \$40). To take advantage of this special



This is why CAO Leddy is no longer is allowed on the ice...

promotion, please direct employees to present their Mono County employee Business Card or ID to staff at the Mammoth Ice Rink. For the complete winter schedule, rates and special promotions visit www.mammothicerink.com, or call (760) 934-2505.

CONTACT: Stuart Brown, (760) 934-8989 ext. 210

ALL EMPLOYEES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

*Please join us to celebrate the holiday, achievements over the last year and
Years of Service Awards*

We will be having a "Best Hot Chocolate" challenge.

*Each Department please bring your best Hot Chocolate or Holiday drink,
employees will vote on the best drink for a prize.*

Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Pictures with Santa will be at 3:00p.m.

***All Employees will come together this year at the
Lee Vining Community Center***

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Eastern Sierra Community Bank and the SOS –
Supporting Our Soldiers - We Support ALL
Branches of the Military! Would like to show their
support of our local Marine Corps and Families!**



COOKIES FOR SINGLE MARINES AND ALL PERSONNEL – Another reminder -- when baking your Christmas goodies, bake a couple dozen more and drop off at:

***Eastern Sierra Community Bank
Bridgeport Branch***

Monday, December 15th - Before 11:00 AM

CONTACT: Janelle at Eastern Sierra Bank, (760) 932-7926

**MARINE CORPS
FAMILY
HOLIDAY
PARTY!**

California State Association of Counties provides end of Session video – CSAC Executive Director, Matt Cate can be seen at this YouTube link discussing the end of the Legislative season and the impacts on Counties. Take a look.

<http://youtu.be/B2Roy1m7p2s>

CONTACT: Gregg Fishman, (916) 327-7500, EXT. 516

South County December Round Table – Thursday, December 18th at 8:00am – A Quick reminder that the South County Employee Round Table will be on Thursday, December 18th at 8:00am at the Sierra Center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers. Hope to see you there!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

The Strategic Plan moving forward! – On December 4th at 4:00pm, the Ambassadors and Steering Committee Crew met and shared the feedback from the latest wave of department meetings.



We are keeping the focus on taking your ideas and getting them into the Draft. Once we have been through in hearing from all of you we go to the Board and then to the community for additional input. It is moving along and the information and participation is critical.

Here are some additional Department or program meeting where we are still getting great feedback:

<u>Dept./Program</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
1) Facilities	Erin/Jason
2) Clerk's Office/Assessor's Office	Megan/Kirk
3) District Attorney	Stacie K.

Next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday December 18th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.

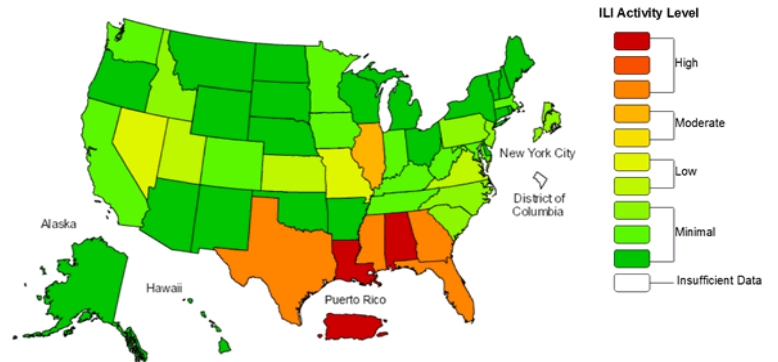
CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Public Health

Flu Season May Be Severe - It's time to turn our attention away from Ebola for a moment, and focus on influenza. Two people have died from Ebola so far in the United States, but many thousands are expected to die from influenza infections and complications this winter.

Current Situation- The flu season has begun earlier than last year, with high levels of illness being reported from states in the southeast. Five pediatric deaths have been reported so far. Over 500 hospitalizations have been reported nationally. Southern California is reporting

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet
2014-15 Influenza Season Week 48 ending Nov 29, 2014



increased flu activity, with an outbreak in a long-term care facility occurring already. Only sporadic activity has been reported in the Eastern Sierra so far.

Two additional facts are cause for concern:

- Influenza A (H3N2) viruses are most common so far (91% of 1,200 specimens tested). Seasons in which this strain predominates are associated with more severe illness and death, especially in older people and young children.
- More than half of the specimens analyzed so far indicate that the virus circulating in the community has mutated. This means that the vaccine will not be as effective as it usually is.

What Should You Do?

1. Get your flu vaccination from you healthcare provider, pharmacy, or health department. This is still the single most important thing you can do to prevent serious illness or death from the flu. Getting a vaccine that provides at least partial protection may be more important than ever. Even though there may be decreased protection against the drifted strains, cross protection may reduce the likelihood of severe outcomes such as hospitalization and death. The time to act is NOW, since the vaccine takes effect after 2 weeks. This means you have little time to get vaccinated before seeing grandma or the grandkids during the holiday season. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for all persons aged >6 months, and is particularly important for persons who are at increased risk for severe complications from the flu, including:
 - a. all children aged 6 months through 5 years of age and persons >64 years of age
 - b. anyone who has chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, renal, hepatitis, neurologic, or metabolic disorders
 - c. persons who have suppressed immune systems due to disease or medication
 - d. women who are or will be pregnant during the flu season
 - e. children and adolescents on long-term aspirin therapy
 - f. residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
 - g. American Indians/Alaska Natives
 - h. Persons who are morbidly obese (BMI>39)
2. As always, but even more important this year, people at high risk for serious flu complications should see a health care professional promptly if they get flu symptoms, even if they have been vaccinated. There are 2 prescription drugs that can be used to treat the flu or to prevent infection with flu viruses following exposure. Treatment with these antivirals works best when begun within 48 hours of getting sick, but can still be beneficial when given later in the course of the illness. They can make your illness milder and shorter, and can lessen the risk of being hospitalized or dying from the flu. They are effective across all age and risk groups.
3. And, of course, take everyday preventive actions to prevent infection with and spread of infections:
 - a. Cover your coughs and sneezes with your sleeve or elbow
 - b. Stay away from sick people
 - c. Stay home from work or school if you are sick
 - d. Wash your hands often

Public Works

Roads Projects making great strides!

Chalfant Streets Rehabilitation Project is complete! – This project rehabilitated all of the local streets in the communities of Chalfant and White Mountain Estates, upgraded all of the traffic and street signs, and improved drainage. The project included locking mailbox cluster units for White Mountain Estates and a cattle guard relocation at the intersection of Highway 6 and Chalfant Road. The total project cost is approximately \$1.5 million. The following team members did a great job and deserve recognition for making it happen:



1. **Phil Touchstone** did a great job inspecting the work and coordinating with the contractor.
2. **Paul Roten** reviewed submittals and filled-in on several pinch-hit inspections.
3. **Walt Lehmann** prepared public notices and a public survey to gauge support for new mailbox cluster units in East and West Chalfant. The survey showed that the communities surveyed did not want new mailbox cluster units, so the funding was used to pave a pullout at some existing mailboxes and relocate a cattle guard.
4. **Qualcon Contractors** constructed the work.



June Lake Streets Rehabilitation Project drainage work is complete for 2014. – Approximately \$500,000 of culvert and storm drain work is completed. We took advantage of historically low groundwater levels and replaced all of the major culverts and storm drains in the village area of June Lake. This project included obtaining four (4) environmental and water quality permits and drainage easements from six (6) different private property owners.



Issues with other underground utilities were resolved and the project site was buttoned-up and winterized before it snowed. This project will reduce flood risk for the June Lake village and protect water quality long term because of 17 new catch basins that will function as oil/water separators and pre-treat water flowing off the streets. The following team members did a great job and deserve recognition for making it happen:

1. **Phil Touchstone** did a great job inspecting the work and coordinating with the contractor.



2. **Paul Roten** prepared permit applications, drainage easement documents, and the bid package. He also reviewed submittals, and processed change orders.
3. **Walt Lehmann** prepared public notices and figures for the drainage easements.
4. Assistant County Counsel, **Stacey Simon**, patiently reviewed many documents.
5. The **Lee Vining Road Crew** trimmed trees, placed clean rip-rap in the sediment basin at Gull Lake Park, and helped winterize the site.

6. **Construction Specialty** constructed the work.

CONTACT: Garrett Higerd, (760) 932-5457

Public Works Project Updates:

1. The **Memorial Hall ADA bathroom upgrade** is progressing well due to Facilities diligent efforts. On Tuesday a large beam was installed with a crane (see attached picture) and the roof was sealed up before the storm thanks to **Joe Blanchard, Claude Fiddler** and all their Facilities staff.
2. The **wind storm** on Thursday kept all Road staff busy dealing with downed trees, signs and other debris. Maybe next storm there will be more snow.
3. Request for Bid documents are being prepared for the two backhoes approved by the BOS.



CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Sheriff's Office

1. Sheriff-elect Braun attended CSSA new sheriff training this week.
2. Staff participated in the Shop With A Cop with multiple other agencies benefiting children from around both Mono and Inyo counties.
3. Jennifer Hansen attended the grant writing class out on by Chief Humiston.
4. Staff monitored and handled various wind damaged incidents this week from our midweek storm. Lee Vining was the hardest hit.

CONTACT: Sheriff Ralph Obenberger, (760) 932-5279

Social Services

December 15 Deadline to Sign Up for Health Coverage That Starts January 1! - The first deadline of the second open enrollment period is coming up. The renewal period has started and will end on Dec. 15, 2014. To have health coverage starting on New Year's Day, your Covered California plan must be

renewed by Dec. 15, and to avoid any gap in coverage. [Click here](#) to sign in to your online Covered California account, where you can renew your coverage or see other coverage options for 2015.

Check out the Shop and Compare Tool on the Covered California website, at www.CoveredCA.com/shopandcompare/#calculator, to look at plans and products in our area and to get a preliminary estimate of costs and premium assistance.



Medi-Cal enrollment for those with qualifying incomes is available year-round. To see if you qualify for Medi-Cal, or for questions in about health insurance coverage in general, call our office at 760-924-1770.

CONTACT: Francie Avitia, Program Manager, 760-924-1789

Workforce Services Ramp Up! - The Mono County Workforce Services programs are moving full steam ahead! An **On-the-Job Training** contract is in the final stages of being signed with the Town of Mammoth Lakes for a new employee in a Revenue Specialist position. We are very excited about this contract because it has incentivized the hiring of a previously minimum wage employee into a well-paid career position. The training period for the new employee will last 6 months, and 75% of his wages will be reimbursed to the Town of Mammoth Lakes once his training period has been completed. The funding for this agreement comes from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which is a federal program designed to increase workplace skills and get people better jobs.



We are poised to begin our first **Job Skills Placement (JSP)** in Mono County! A CalWORKs clients will be placed in a work experience program with a local business in the northern Mono County. The Job Skills Placement (JSP) program is designed to provide work experience, job related skills, job references, and resume continuity for clients receiving CalWORKs benefits. As Social Services develops more relationships with businesses and organizations countywide, similar work experience placements will be accomplished. Jay Sloane with Workforce Services and Jeff Simpson with Economic Development, will visit businesses outside of Mammoth Lakes in January to provide information on various new workforce programs and their economic benefits. We would like to make an early trip to northern Mono County this winter, and then a second trip this spring before many of the businesses open for the summer. We want to make sure that these programs reach throughout the county, and we are always looking for suggestions on how to be more effective in lower population areas. Visit us at: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/workforce-services/page/mono-county-workforce-services>.

CONTACT: Jay Sloane, Mono County Workforce Services, 760-924-1788



Social Services Welcomes New Employees - We are pleased to welcome Alyssa Damico and Wendy Guzman-Rangel as our newest members of the Eligibility Staff. Both will lend their considerable talent and enthusiasm to helping people gain health care coverage and other essential services.



CONTACT: Jack Anderson, (760) 924-1792

Workforce Education Program Special Project Director Sought - Attached is the Workforce Education Program Special Project Director job description. This position is a partnership between Mono County DSS and the Mono County Office of Education, for the provision of Workforce Education Services for our CalWORKS participants to assist them in maintaining and/or returning to work or to required Welfare to Work program activities. General community members can also participate in the classes offered through this contract, contingent upon space available.

Workshops to be offered countywide are for the development of the “soft skills” necessary to succeed in the workplace, including the following skill development: communication, interpersonal, decision-making, and life skills. Topics will cover job interviews, resume building, customer service, basic computer skills, and much more.

This is a benefitted position, 80% FTE, \$38,000.00 - \$46,700.00 per year (not including benefits). Interested individuals can go to Edjoin.org to apply <http://www.edjoin.org> or click here [Click Here](#). **The application deadline is 1-2-15 at midnight.**

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763

DACA Information Seminar by United Farm Workers Federation at Mammoth Lakes Library - Next Tuesday, December 16th at 3:00 PM representatives from the United Farm Workers Federation will be at the Mammoth Lakes Library to share information on DACA, DAPA and President Obama's New Executive Order. See attached flyers!

The evening of the December 16th the Library will also have an informative session by Mono County Courts and California DMV on AB60, the new legislation to grant driver's licenses.

CONTACT: Ana Danielson, Interim Mono County Library Director, (760) 934-8670 ext 2.