

Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 12, 2014, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center

Members present: Bartshe Miller, Ilene Mandelbaum, Tim Hansen, Mark Logan, and Duncan King. **Absent:** Katie Bellomo, Lisa Cutting, Chris Lizza, Paul McFarland, Margy Verba and Zane Davis.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Tim Alpers, Tony Dublino and Scott Burns

1. **Call to order:** 6:38 pm.
2. **Public comment:** None
3. **Review Minutes:** Deferred to next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
4. **Chairman's report:** Bartshe thanked Tim Hansen for chairing the October 8 2014 RPAC meeting. On November 13 and 14 there is to be a live hookup to a Sage Grouse Symposium here in Lee Vining Community Center. Jeff Hunter from the Bodie Hills foundation is organizing it and the Bi-state population discussion is scheduled for 7:30 am on Friday 11/14.
5. **Members reports:**

A: Mark Logan: Commented on the successes in the recent elections.

B: Ilene Mandelbaum: Commented on the 100th anniversary of

C: Duncan King: Commented on the recent Board of Supervisor's discussion on the Conway Ranch easement conveyance.

D: Tim Hansen mentioned a boating incident on Mono Lake, the need for better incident response, and that the Mono City fire road was now paved.

6. Supervisor's Report:

Tim Alpers reported that Leslie Chapman has spearheaded the Mono County Investment Policy and details are available on the county website. The National Park Service is considering a revised fee structure for Yosemite with major increases in prices. The county has responded in writing and the cutoff date for comments is 11/21.

7. Conway Ranch status report:

Tony Dublino reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the conservation easement at their meeting on 10/21 and it will now go for review by NFWF, Caltrans and State Parks. Escrow is expected to be recorded on 12/1. Plans for Conway for 2015 are weather dependent but will be circulated. A possibility is that Desert Springs could use the ponds for holding fish. The BOS would need to approve this. Some people have observed a backhoe working at the north end of the ranch – this has been to clean out the north irrigation ditch.

8. Consider Mono-Yosemite Trail final report and provide direction to staff:

It is intended to incorporate the report into the Regional Transportation Plan. The major perceived issue is the ongoing maintenance of trails.

9. Information items and provide direction to staff:

- a. The Inyo National Forest proposed North Zone “Motorized Transportation System Modifications” includes the re-opening of the Rush Creek access road from Test Station Road to Mono Lake.
- b. Energy Upgrade programs are going ahead: Pace – assistance with solar – and Woodstoves – details available at the county website.
- c. Main street grant: Didn’t happen this year, will be resubmitted.
- d. YARTS update: Fresno city may start a service via highway 41, and Madera and Tuolumne counties are also showing interest

10: Upcoming agenda items: The suggestion was that with the lack of items that we could skip the December meeting and adjourn until 1/14/2015.

Adjourn: 7:48 pm.