

**Mono Basin RPAC**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

**Members present:** Ilene Mandelbaum, Duncan King, Tim Hansen, Katie Bellomo, Paul McFarland, Chris Lizza.

**Present:** Tim Alpers, Scott Burns, Tony Dublino, Jeff Walters

1. **Call to Order:** In Bartshe Miller's absence Vice-Chair Tim Hansen opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Review Minutes:** Ilene Mandelbaum proposed and Paul McFarland seconded that the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2014 be accepted. The motion passed with Katie Bellomo abstaining.
4. **Supervisor's Report:** Tim Alpers reported that Margy Verba has been appointed to the Mono Basin RPAC. County negotiations have approved three new contracts meaning that no layoffs will be required to balance the budget. County employees now number 281, down from a high of 347. Our new County Sheriff will take over on 1/1/15. Lessons were learned during the recent fires and an Incident Command System reshuffle will take place as a result.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Absent.
6. **Member's reports:**
  - a. Ilene Mandelbaum: The fires affecting highway 395 at Conway and at June Lake caused significant problems recently. Hopefully we can learn from this for next year when 395 traffic will be disrupted for the rockfall project, especially for YARTS and school bus routes.
  - b. Lisa Cutting: Absent
  - c. Zane Davis: Absent.
  - d. Duncan King: Reported on 395 disruption caused by the Conway fire.
  - e. Chris Lizza: Nothing to report.
  - f. Tim Hansen: Nothing to report.
  - g. Mark Logan: Absent.
  - h. Katie Bellomo: Nothing to report.
  - i. Paul McFarland: Reported on the June Lake fire and the effectiveness of the Friends of the Inyo firebreak. He praised the local fire department crews and the hotshot crew that worked so well.
7. **Conway Ranch status report:** Tony Dublino reported that the final draft documents were with the granting agencies and available on the web. Assuming no substantive changes were required the conservation easement will go to the Board of Supervisors on 10/21 for their approval. The deadline for comments for the BoS packet of documents for the meeting is 10/14. If the BoS approve then the grantors, the BoS and the ESLT will then all sign the documents. Katie Bellomo asked what feedback and changes had been asked for by the grantors. Tony replied that Caltrans, State and NFWF all seemed comfortable so far.
8. **Mono City Speed Limit:** Jeff Walters gave an introductory statement on the status of Mono City. There is no official speed limit and for one to be put in place a study would be required as the current housing density does not fall within the State requirements for a mandatory limit. Katie Bellomo raised many questions querying the population density data, advisory signs, special county ordinances, and the need for a multi-pronged approach to the issue. DeeDee raised the issue of the blind corner entering Mono City having no warning signs, the hill leading down into the housing

area, the multiple school bus stops in the next mile, the lack of official signs and the need for speed mitigation measures such as dips or bumps. Jeff reiterated that a speed study was the best future step in the search for a solution. Citizens from Mono City reported on a petition requesting a Mono City speed limit having 32 signatures so far with work continuing. Katie Bellomo said that she would be willing a spearhead a citizens' effort to pursue this issue.

9. **Mono-Yosemite Trail report:** Courtney Weiche reported on a meeting with the SCE property and real estate manager who was very open to the Pole Line to Lee Vining Creek trail usage along existing routes. The fee structure for this was high but open for discussion. Simple signage and trail maintenance would be required.
10. **Information items and provide direction to staff (Planning):**
  - a) Lee Vining Main Street grant: Scott distributed some details of a Lee Vining Character Inventory study by Opticos Design for a Walkable streets planning process. This inventory of what is unique could feed into the County Management plan.
11. **RPAC membership:** 50% of the membership terms will be expiring in December 2014. These are Bartshe Miller, Katie Bellomo, Zane Davis, Chris Lizza and Ilene Mandelbaum.
12. **Upcoming agenda items:**
13. **Adjourn: 8:45 Next meeting Wednesday November 12, 2014**