



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

MEETING LOCATION Suite Z, 2nd Floor Minaret Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Special Meeting  
April 19, 2018**

3:30 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Gardner.

*Supervisors Present in Mammoth: Corless, Gardner, Stump.  
Supervisor Present in Bridgeport: Peters.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

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

*No one spoke.*

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

*Closed Session: 3:32 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 4:10 p.m.*

*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

**B. Letter to Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti regarding LADWP Agricultural Leases**

Departments: CAO, County Counsel, Agriculture

(Leslie Chapman, Jason Canger) - Proposed letter to Los Angeles mayor Garcetti regarding current-year reduction and proposed future elimination of

irrigation and stock water on lands owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power located within Mono County which have historically been used for agricultural purposes.

**Recommended Action:** Approve proposed letter and authorize Supervisor Gardner to sign on behalf of the Board.

**Stump moved; Corless seconded**

**Roll Call Vote: Stump: yes, Gardner: yes; Corless: yes;**

**Peters: yes**

**(4 yes; 0 no)**

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**Stacey Simon:**

- Introduced item.
- Follow up to an item on agenda last week.
- Issue affects more than 6,000 acres and many ranchers in Mono County. LADWP has proposed that they will remove provided water to these areas.
- Request from lessees that board intervene; decided it would be appropriate to send letter to the LA Mayor.
- She has copy of draft letter; not in agenda packet. The turn around time was short. She handed out letter to Board.
- Board took 10-minute break to review letter.
- Reconvened, asked for comments regarding letter.
- Without altering the signature page, they've added in addition people to be copied on the letter.

**Jason Canger:**

- Assisted with providing information to Board about details of letter.
- Discussion that Sage Grouse not listed under endangered species list.

**General Board discussion; recommended edits to letter.**

**Public Comments:**

Matt Kemp

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Thanked ranches and others in attendance; is in support of letter.
- We need to explore all possible sources of legal action in the future.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Thanked everyone; agrees with previous comments.
- We need to take an active role in determining our future; supportive of letter.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- In full support and agrees with other comments; need continued coordinated effort.
- As we move forward we need to ask for in writing guarantees of what we can expect with water.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Adds his support; concurs with all other Supervisors.
- He hopes this gets the attention of the Mayor.
- Any changes?

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Would like to submit to all local papers and the LA Times.
- Extraordinary effort from staff.

- Emphatically thanked everyone involved.

**ADJOURN 4:40 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**BOB GARDNER**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SHANNON KENDALL**  
**CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**