



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
May 7, 2019**

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Peters.
Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: Halferty.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream all of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To listen to any meetings from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Welcomed Interim CAO Dave Wilbrecht.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Wilbrecht.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Carolyn Webb, Virginia Lakes Resort:

- Brought documents, better idea of why Fish and Wildlife is going through regulation changes.
- Supervisor Peters advised her that the item is on today's agenda, so she can speak about it then.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. California State Association of Counties Technology Executive Credential - Kirk Hartstrom

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg; Kirk Hartstrom) - CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is a professional, practical continuing education program for senior county staff and elected officials. The CSAC Technology Credential program is focused on management level technology professionals who are interested in furthering their skills at overseeing the complexities of the evolving technology

space while simultaneously managing staff. Kirk Hartstrom recently completed the CSAC Technology Credential program and was presented with an award during a recent CCISDA meeting in Monterey.

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Gary Coverdale received Chief Information Security Officer. Received a Lifetime Achievement award.
- Discussed the accomplishments of Kirk Hartstrom. Presented the certificate.

Kirk Hartstrom:

- Spoke, expressed gratitude for the opportunity and to the Board.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Dave Wilbrecht, Interim CAO:

- Appreciates the opportunity to return to the County.
- Pleased with the organization.
- Budget, Civic Center, Strategic Plan, Labor Negotiations,
- Goal is to implement changes without affecting how the next CAO may want to do things.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- March 31 - completed audit reports issued.
- Item on the agenda next week to present financial statements.
- Passed out bound copies of the report (available as additional documents).

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Second year of flow agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML). Was put in place as insurance of waste flow to Benton crossing landfill.
- April 20 community clean up event in Lee Vining. Household hazardous and universal waste. Collected 240 pounds of waste.
- April 30 presentation at Bridgeport Elementary School of the lifecycle of plastics. The children took a tour of facility in Bridgeport.
- May 11, June Lakes is hosting fire prevention and community clean up day. Mostly organic material coming in.
- Supervisor Stump – TOML is holding a cleanup day; Supervisor Corless – scheduled for June 8.

Nate Greenberg:

- Update on total communications outage in Mono and Inyo counties. Fiber cut North of Independence. Also impacting cell service.
- System down in Bridgeport and most of the County outside of Crowley, Mammoth, and June Lake.
- Not sure what cause is, nor the ETA.
- March 23 – 24 outage, received direction from Board to contact CPUC regarding these issues. Letter drafted shortly afterwards. But TOML was interested in co-signing. Was ready to send out this morning right before hearing about the outage today, so will wait, to allow Inyo to sign.

- Supervisor Halferty: How does the fiber optic impact the Cellular? Essentially the fiber optic, also delivers ethernet service to other service providers.

Sheriff Braun:

- Mono County 911 is working. Cell service is spotty.
- Supervisor Peters: Discussed the Sheriff's Department response to a driver driving into a building in Bridgeport.
- Boat capsized on Bridgeport Reservoir, but everyone is okay.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Update on Planning Commission activities.
- At the April meeting, Jake Suppa brought to the commission an interpretation of whether or not applications for a mobile food vendor could be taken in at properties up in Coleville / Walker, since they aren't technically commercial. The planning commission approved.
- Other activities: North County Water Transaction, Westside Energy Corridor.
- Sage Grouse issues – counting has just finished in the Long Valley area. Counting is moving towards the Bodie area.
- USFW proposed listing for Sage Grouse - Comment period coming to a close later this month.
- Incident on Bridgeport Main Street, whatever the building commission can do to assist we will, Jason Davenport assisted over the weekend. Ken's sporting goods.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2019.

Action: Approval the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2019.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-84

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of Special Meeting held on April 11, 2019.

Action: Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 11, 2019.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-85

C. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2019, and the Adjourned Meeting held on April 17, 2019.

Action: Approve the minutes from the April 16, and April 17, 2019 meetings, as amended.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-86

Supervisor Stump:

- Pulled item to be discussed.
- On page 6 of 15 - Continuation of new County Building topic from page 5 - please insert the word "not" into the last sentence of my comment to read. "... make sure that we are **not** diminishing the usability of the building for the public."

D. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of Special Meeting held on April 18, 2019.

Action: Approve the minutes of Special Meeting held on April 18, 2019.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-87

E. Cooperative Agreements Pertaining to Assistance with Tioga Pass Spring Opening

Departments: Public Works

The National Park Service and Caltrans have both initiated snow removal operations on Highway 120 this year. As of the writing of this report, no formal requests for assistance have been received, but this approval will enable the Department of Public Works to act immediately if/when such requests emerge.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R19-26, Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute and administer cooperative agreements to enable Department of Public Works personnel and equipment to assist with snow removal activities associated with Spring openings of Highway 120, Tioga Pass Highway.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-26

Returned to item after item 7c.

Re-open agenda item 5e to reconsider the second agreement produced to the Board.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-97

Stacey Simon:

- Agenda went to print with only one agreement, item re-opened so Tony Dublino could pass out the second draft agreement (available in additional documents).

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Mammoth Mountain would supply snow cats to aid in snow removal.
- Will be a correction from Alterra to Mammoth Mountain.

Supervisors Corless and Halferty recused themselves.

Authorize the Public Works Director to execute and administer cooperative agreements with the National Park Service and Mammoth Ski Area for the provision of snow removal assistance services on California State Route 120 and within Yosemite National Park, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain

M19-98

Moved to item 10d.

F. FY 19-20 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement

Departments: Sheriff

The purpose of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program is to provide State financial aid to local governmental agencies whose waterways have high usage by transient boaters and an insufficient tax base to fully support a boating safety and enforcement program. The program is intended to augment existing local resources for boating safety and enforcement activities and is not intended to fully fund Boating Safety and Enforcement programs.

Action: Approve Resolution 19-27, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-27

G. Second Amendment to MOU with Deputy Sheriff's Association

Departments: Human Resources

Proposed Resolution Adopting and Approving Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Mono County Deputy Sheriff's Association, related to the County's deferred compensation plan.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R19-28, Adopting and Approving Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Mono County Deputy Sheriff's Association, related to the County's deferred compensation plan.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-28

H. Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Appointments

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - On April 1, 2019 the appointments of Jim King and Jeff Parker to the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission expired. In addition to those expiring terms, commissioner Dan Anthony sent in his resignation from the commission on February 5, 2019.

A Notice of Vacancy was published in local newspapers on the second week of March, resulting in one new application from James Ricks of Coleville. Mr. King and Mr. Parker wish to remain on the commission and be re-appointed for a new four-year term.

Action: The Board consider and appoint James Ricks and reappoint Jim King and Jeff Parker to a 4-year term on the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission starting May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2023.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-88

I. Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Appointments

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - The appointment of Steve Morrison to the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission recently expired. In addition to that expiring term, commissioner Jimmy Little sent in his resignation from the commission January 29, 2019.

A Notice of Vacancy was published in local newspapers on the second week of March, resulting in one new application from Erinn Wells of Bridgeport. Mr. Morrison wishes to remain on the commission and be re-appointed for a new four-year term.

Action: The Board consider and appoint Erinn Wells and reappoint Steve Morrison to 4-year terms on the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission starting May 7, 2019 and ending April 30, 2023.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-89

J. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2019.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2019.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-90

K. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2019.

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2019.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-91

L. Public Defender Investigator Contract

Departments: CAO

Contract with Brian Grice for Public Defender Investigator Services from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-92

M. Letter to Madera County re: County Boundary Adjustment

Departments: CAO

On April 17, 2019, our Board received an update on efforts to work with Madera County to pursue a county boundary adjustment following several miscues related to emergency services in the Reds Meadow Valley/Middle Fork San Joaquin River area of Madera County in 2017 and 2018. The draft letter presented at that time has been updated to request that the Madera County Board of Supervisors formally consider our Board's request to adjust the county boundary at a time when members of our Board and other Eastside partners can be in attendance and provide testimony.

Action: Approve proposed letter to Madera County regarding the proposed County boundary adjustment and authorize Board Chair to sign.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-93

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife from Long Valley Fire Protection District re: Proposed New Fishing Regulations

A letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from the Long Valley Fire Protection District regarding the proposed new fishing regulations, discussing safety issues with year-round fishing.

B. Inyo - Mono 4-H Road Runner Newsletter Spring 2019

The Inyo-Mono 4-H Road Runner Newsletter for Spring 2019.

C. Agricultural Commissioner's Office Department Update May 2019

May 2019 Department Update from the Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

D. Letter to LADWP re: Mono County Superior Court Case No. 10088

A letter from California Deputy Attorney General Nichole Rinke, Mono County District Attorney Tim Kendall, and Mono County Counsel Stacey Simon to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) acknowledging receipt of quarterly progress reports from LADWP and asking to arrange a call with LADWP to receive an update on its remaining tasks.

E. Caltrans Notice of Conway Ranch Shoulders Surveys

A letter from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) notifying the Board of Supervisors of studies / surveys that will be conducted for the proposed "Conway Ranch Shoulders" project, which are anticipated to start in May and be completed prior to November 2019.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Short-Term Rental (STR) Activity Permit 19-002/Thompson

Departments: Community Development

(Hailey Lang) - Public hearing regarding Short-Term Rental (STR) Activity Permit 19-002/Thompson, an owner-occupied short-term rental use involving one bedroom in an existing Single-Family Residential (SFR) house with a total of three bedrooms at 1613 Eastside Lane (APN 002-130-047) in Coleville.

Action: Conduct public hearing. Consider and: 1. Find that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exemption under CEQA guidelines 15301 and file a Notice of Exemption; 2. Make required findings; approve STR Activity Permit 19-002 (subject to the findings and conditions) as recommended or with desired modifications.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-94

Public Hearing opened at 9:38 AM

Hailey Lang, Planning Analyst:

- Went through presentation.

Tish Thompson:

- Appreciate everyone who contributed to the process. Makes it easier to have a plan. It's nice to have the ABCs of the process made clear.

Public Hearing Closed at 9:48 AM

B. Presentation by Trout Unlimited

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Sam Sedillo) - A presentation by Sam Sedillo, California Public Lands Organizer of Trout Unlimited on current activities and initiatives.

Action: None.

Sam Sedillo:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).
- Discussing the public lands work done throughout the state and in Mono County.
- Stump: would like to add to task list the joint recreation position. There is an initiative, "Tangle Free Waters," to create collection points for monofilament fishing line along streams and lakes to be collected and recycled.
- The organization tries to track angling, especially through surveys. Want to see increased license sales.
- Supervisor Peters: June 19 Town hall Meeting in Bridgeport at 6 PM, hopes that Sam could attend.
- Sent in a letter to CADFW regarding the regulations. Encourage everyone to make respectful comments.

April Sall, Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership:

- Applaud the work done by Trout Unlimited in the Eastern Sierra.

Carolyn Webb:

- Thanked TU for work on getting kids into fishing.

Jason Canger, Deputy County Counsel:

- County activities that he would like to make TU aware of:
- Litigation against LADWP involving waters of Owens River through the Lower Gorge.
- Recent proposal to develop hydroelectric power plant in mountains above Bishop.

Break: 10:20 AM

Reconvene: 10:30 AM

C. History of Fish Stocking in Mono County

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - Presentation by Jeff Simpson regarding the history of fish stocking in Mono County, as well as an update on current status of Mono County trophy trout stocking program.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission approved \$5,000 allocation for Tangle Free program. Coming to the Board May 21.
- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).

Public Comment:

(Unknown) King

Carolyn Webb, Virginia Lakes Resort

Misti Sullivan, Twin Lakes Resort

Lisa Cutting

D. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposed Fishing Regulations

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - Presentation by Jeff Simpson regarding the new proposed fishing regulations by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).
- Bishop scoping meeting was the most contentious one in the entire state.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Thinks we need to spend more time getting into the specifics.

Supervisor Halferty:

- In support of sending a letter that does not oppose the changes.

Supervisor Corless:

- Supports requesting that CDFW come and talk to the people more about this before setting regulations.

Supervisor Stump:

- Not in favor of sending a letter of support as it exists. In favor of them holding further workshops.

Supervisor Peters:

- Supports meeting with Fish and Wildlife.

Sam Sedillo:

- TU sent a letter. Included 3 recommendations:
- Not increase harvest or loosen gear restrictions.
- Provide documentation that can increase those changes.
- If seasons are expanded, it should be catch and release. Specifically, for spawning wild fish.
- Diversity in fishing experiences should be a primary goal.

Public Comment:

John (Unknown)

April Sall

Carolyn Webb

Name Unknown

Lisa Cutting

E. 2019 – 2024 Mono County Strategic Plan

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg) - The 2019 – 2024 Mono County Strategic Plan is rooted in the organization's Vision, Mission, and Values – the underpinnings which describe *why* and *how* we do what we do. Articulated through five Initiatives, underlying Goals, and associated Outcomes, these are the major areas the County intends to move forward in the next five years through tactical work efforts by each department.

Action: Adopt the 2019-2024 Mono County Strategic Plan.

Halferty moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-95

Nate Greenberg:

- Went through presentation (Available in additional documents).

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION At 12:43 PM

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Dave Wilbrecht, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers

Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer (CAO).

Reconvene: 1:16 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Notice of Preparation for the Walker Basin Water Transaction Program EIR

Departments: Community Development

(Iain Fisher) - Presentation by Iain Fisher of Panorama Environmental, Inc., regarding a potential water transfer program for the restoration of Walker Lake and scoping of environmental impacts for a future Environmental Impact Report.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Introduced item.

Iain Fisher:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).

Supervisor Stump:

- Encouraged moving wildfire to the analysis. This is an opportunity that Mono County – having similar issues involving LADWP – to craft something so that the circumstance isn't recreated.

Supervisor Peters:

- It would be helpful if there was a more detailed GIS map to show who actually has rights to the water. When the potential participants look at the impacts, they should also look at the water rights.
- Stacey Simon: Owners felt it was an invasion of their privacy.
- Iain: Has the ownership information.

Jason Canger, Deputy County Counsel:

- Discussed decisions on 3 cases related to the "Walker River litigation" - Water rights decree; Whether or not the Walker Basin Paiute tribe should be entitled to a certain reserved water right; Procedural matters related to both of these cases.
- Stacey Simon: Overlap between litigation and this program is if sufficient water can be voluntarily acquired by a program such as this, it would remove the litigation.

B. Premium Energy, LLC's Application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Owens Valley Pumped Storage Project

Departments: Community Development

(Supervisor Stump, Michael Draper) - Discussion regarding the Owens Valley Pumped Storage Project application that has been filed with FERC and FERC's approval process.

Action: None.

Supervisor Stump:

- Confirmed that the Board had a chance to look at the staff report, so he asked Michael Draper to explain the item if necessary.
- Pump-back projects can be a good idea for energy generation, but this is not a good idea here. Issues to consider are:
- Notification is important. The Inyo National Forest Supervisor was not notified, though they would be an interested party. Does not appear that any of the governmental interested parties were notified.
- Public safety: Paradise and Swall Meadows would be put in jeopardy if they put in large reservoirs in an area that is seismically active and subject to avalanches. This project will also create penstocks up to 30 feet in diameter, and there is a history of penstock failure in the area.
- Electrical infrastructure – this area has been impacted by wildlife caused by electrical malfunction.
- Land use planning and protection of private property rights. Habitat for species and habitat corridor protection.

Michael Draper, Community Development:

- Provided overview of the item.

Public Comment:

Liz O'Sullivan

Name not provided

Michael O'Sullivan

Fran Hunt

Evan Russell

Jora Fogg

Lynn Bolton

Hand out provided (available in additional documents).

Supervisor Gardner:

- Not much is known about Premium Energy.
- Echoed concern for seismic issues.
- How much power will we get out of this in the long run? Let's reduce energy use.

Supervisor Corless:

- Wants the Board to send a comment letter to FERC to not issue the preliminary application.
- Wishes to also communicate with Premium Energy to indicate the County's concern, if for nothing else to represent our constituents.
- Actively indicated that though the County supports renewable energy development, it has to be appropriately cited, since preservation of open space and natural values is a priority in this County.
- Did receive correspondence from Richard Harris, LADWP, stating that his organization has nothing to do with the actions of Premium Energy.

Supervisor Peters:

- Give them a path to bow out gracefully. But let them know that if they continue down this path, it will be a very bumpy road.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Board direction: Submit a comment letter now, including:
- Ask that FERC hold a public meeting for public input be held should the application be approved.
- Urge FERC not to grant the preliminary permit.
- Generally list environmental impacts and try to convey the extent and intensity of community concerns on impacts.
- Offer alternatives.
- CC Premium Energy.

Jason Canger:

- Suggested including the formulative approach of pointing out what the application is missing.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Possible that the letters coming forward may not have the horse power desired, so a resolution might better serve what the Board is trying to accomplish.

C. Comment Letter on LADWP "Field Data Collection in Long Valley" Project

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Comment letter on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) "Field Data Collection in Long Valley, Mono County" Project, which would involve the installation of 40 monitoring wells in the Long Valley Area. LADWP issued a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act on April 5, 2019.

Action: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign comment letter as drafted.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-96

Stacey Simon:

- Introduced item.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Letter just received yesterday (Available in additional documents)
- Typo in CC list, corrected.

Moved to item 5e.

D. Amendment to Employment Agreement with David Wilbrecht

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - Proposed resolution approving an amendment to the contract with David G. Wilbrecht as Interim County Administrative Officer (CAO) and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Adopt Resolution #R19-29, Approving an amendment to the contract with David G. Wilbrecht as Interim County Administrative Officer and prescribing

the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The amendment would increase Mr. Wilbrecht's hourly rate by \$10.39. As a retired PERS annuitant filling a vacancy during an active recruitment, Mr. Wilbrecht may not work in excess of 960 hours in a fiscal year. The cost to the County for this position remains less than the cost for the previous CAO, because Mr. Wilbrecht receives no benefits.

Fiscal Impact read into record by Chair Peters.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-29

Stacey Simon:

- Introduced item.
- Salary survey – changed salary range for the CAO.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 4/23: Collaborative Planning Team
- 4/24-26: CSAC Legislative Conference—met with Sen. Borgeas Chief of Staff, visited Senate Floor.
- 5/1-2 RCRC “County of the chair” meeting in Death Valley: Meeting highlights attached. Golden State Finance Authority—formed Golden State Natural Resources, “dedicated to promoting public safety, forest resiliency, wildfire risk reduction, air quality improvement, organic waste reduction, rural economic development, and related public purposes;” I will serve on the board of GSNR for RCRC. Support positions on: AB 1049/Volunteer Fire Dept equipment purchase; and three measures that would go to the voters for approval: SB 45—Wildfire, Drought, Flood Protection Bond; ACA 1—lowering the voter approval threshold; SCA 1/affordable housing; endorsed Sec. Karen Ross’ reappointment as CA Dept of Food and Agriculture Secretary; also updates on CPUC wildfire proceedings, and a state forest management and wildfire update (lots of legislation and other efforts to address the crisis).
- Mammoth Lakes Housing:
- Latino Housing Coalition: creating new staff position funded with grant \$ from MCBH
- New vision statement: Eastern Sierra communities thrive because everyone has access to safe, affordable, quality housing.
- Adopted strategic plan, approved 19/20 budget
- Intern will start June 3.

Supervisor Gardner:

- No report.

Supervisor Halferty:

- On April 18th, I attended the Board’s special meeting with the Prothman Group, the recruiting firm hired by the County to help us find a new CAO.
- April 22, I was given a tour of the norther Mono Lake Basin by the Mono Lake Committee. There is a rich history of water diversion out of Lundy Canyon and I look forward to seeing how SCE works with the stakeholders to get the return ditch to Mill Creek back into regular usage.

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- April 23-26th, I was in Sacramento for the CSAC Legislative Conference and a CSAC Institute Course on strategic planning. Both were of high quality and well worth the time and resources. I participated in several CSAC committees with topics ranging from affordable housing, wildfires, cannabis, recycling, court-levied fines and fees, I attended a meeting with our Assembly Member Bigelow, and a visit to the Assembly Floor where multiple housing bills were going through committee, and listened to a speech by Governor Newsom. CSAC is doing a solid job as representing the interests of Counties and rural counties were a common topic, including by the Governor.
- I attended the Land TAC meeting yesterday, May 6th. There are a couple of cannabis related projects moving through the county as well as the first multi-family housing development since the early 1990s. The development proposed is in the community of June Lake.
- Yesterday, I also participated in the CCRH Legislative Committee monthly meeting where the committee voted to approve supporting tenant protection bills moving through the state legislature - they included rent cap, just cause eviction, and voucher non-discrimination.
- Finally, I closed out the day by attending the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting. The Town has announced a 4-day charrette event for The Parcel - August 20-23 with the location to be announced.

Supervisor Peters:

- 18th Prothman
- 18th Regional Oversight Committee Child Support
- 22nd Travel to Sacramento
- Diane Blanchard Office of Business and Economic Development Senior Business Development Specialist
- Discussed CalBis and other opportunities for Local Business Resources
- 23rd CDFW Director Chuck Bonham and Deputy Director Stafford Lehr
- 23rd Lengthy Conversation with Beth Cohen
- 24th CSAC Leg Conference
- CSAC Resiliency Advisory Board – Split up Duties Hazard Mitigation Planning
- 25th IHSS Co Chair Governor indicated the Money to sustain IHSS will be included in May revise
- 25th Senator Borgeous
- 30th Jim Erdman CDFW in Bishop
- 30th RCRC Death Valley
- 1st – 2nd RCRC
- 6th Walker Senior Services Pat Espinosa
- 6th RCD Meeting
- 6th Dave Wilbrecht
- Saturday the 4th Kens Sporting Goods J Davenport and Tom Perry, Joe Blanchard Wilbrecht
- **Upcoming:**
- June 2 Governor's Office on Emergency Services Summit
- June 19th Town Hall

Supervisor Stump:

- 4-29: Attended the Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council meeting - The joint Swall Meadows / Paradise Community Wildfire Prevention Plan is done and signed off. I have a copy to be included as an appendix in the County's soon to be ratified Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The topic of greatest interest to the Community was the Power Generation Pump Back proposal. Not one person in attendance spoke in favor.

- 5-2: Attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting - Both budgets for the air district approved, one budget being general operations and the other being the DWP funded dust control actions overseen by the GBUAPCD budget. - The District is updating both its smoke management plan and the MOU with public land agencies inside GBUAPCD boundaries that engage in smoke producing activities. Both documents are many years out of date. It is hoped that the documents will be finished by late this summer. Requests were made to share the documents with both the County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
- Last week the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority was notified by the California Department of Water Resources that the appeal of the proposed "high" rating for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin was successful and that the Basin was being rerated "low". This is due to the removal of DWP adjudicated groundwater pumping activities from the Basin rating criterion. Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Adjudicated activities are not to be counted towards a basin's rating as they are already covered by a management scheme. The rerating to low removes the potential for direct State intervention into the management of the Basin. There is a 30-day comment period on the rerating. I am requesting that Mono County write a letter of support to DWR. The Wheeler Crest CSD has already done so and I expect that the Tri Valley Water Commission will do the same.
- The Inyo Forest is proposing an invasive plant removal project that could reduce the fire hazard potential created by cheat grass. Is there interest on this Board to discuss and potentially offer a letter of support?

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