



**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
June 4, 2019**

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Peters.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Halferty, Peters, and Stump.

Supervisors Absent: None.

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>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Katie Maloney Bellomo, People for the Mono Basin Preservation:

- Discussed the drying up of lower Wilson Creek, and the fish-kill that resulted.

Supervisor Halferty:

- Requests that a letter be sent to SCE, and does not have faith that water will continue to flow for another week.
- Motioned to add "urgent" agenda item: "I move that the Board determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda." No second; motion did not carry.
- Advised Board to look into California Water Boards State Water Resources Control Board Order 98-05, which ordered the reallocation of water from Mill to Wilson Creek (available in additional documents).

Supervisor Gardner:

- Thinks it is very important, but does not want to be too hasty in responding.

Board consensus for an item to be added to the June 18, 2019 agenda.

2. RECOGNITIONS – NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Dave Wilbrecht, Interim CAO:

- He will be out of the office June 6 – June 19. Dave Butters will be acting CAO.
- Meeting with department directors: question about how to work towards improvements in Animal Control, had a discussion about moving the department into the Sheriff's department; budget discussions - Needs some regular reporting about what is actually happening in the field.
- CCP follow-up. Expecting a workshop to come to the Board.
- Met with Kevin Carunchio. Coming to Board to discuss land-inventory work prior to the budget. Working with County Counsel to finalize the MOU with Madera County; Possibility of having larger regional discussions with dispatch; housing.

Moved to Board Reports.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Michelle Raust, Social Services:

- Elder Abuse Awareness Month.
- June 11 proclamation.
- Calendar of events provided (available in additional documents).

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 May 14, 2019.

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2019.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-111

B. Allocation List Amendments - Department of Social Services

Departments: Social Services

Consider two staffing structure changes within the Department of Social Services that will result in a Social Worker Supervisor and a Social Service Aide positions.

Action: Adopt Resolution R19-35, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add one (1) full-time permanent Social Worker Supervisor I-II and delete one (1) Social Worker I/II, III, IV position; and, add one (1) Social Service Aide position and

delete one (1) Vocational Trainee/Assistant position.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-35

C. Appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals

Departments: Community Development – Building

Request to fill vacant seats on the Construction Board of Appeals which hears appeals of orders, decisions and determinations of the Building Official related to Mono County Title 15 and building codes.

Action: Appoint the following new members to the Construction Board of Appeals: Harry Petersen, CA General Contractor, and Melissa Swan, CA General Contractor.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-112

D. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2019.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2019.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-113

Supervisor Stump:

- Pulled item. Discussed Deutsche Bank. Do any of these investments have any substantial holdings in them?

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- We have no investments with Deutsche Bank currently.

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. Bodie Hills Letter

A letter from Marcia Escobosa to the Board of Supervisors opposing mining in the Bodie Hills area.

Supervisor Corless:

- Pulled item.
- No contact information for author of letter, or she would have contacted her directly.
- There hasn't been any new Board action on mining or industrial activity in the Bodie Hills.
- Support for protection of the Bodie Hills is included in the Legislative Platform.

B. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - Meadowcliff Lodge

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by We are Everywhere RV Park, doing business as Meadowcliff Lodge and Coleville / Walker KOA in Coleville, CA.

C. LADWP Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order Numbers 98-05 and 98-07

A submission from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights Deputy Director Erik Ekdahl of the Mono Basin Compliance Reporting May 2019. Due to its size, the full report can be found on the Mono County Board of Supervisors web page for the June 4, 2019 meeting.

D. Citizen Letter to FERC Director McClelland

A letter from Liz and Mike O'Sullivan to Joseph McClelland, Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing concerns over Premium Energy LLC's application for a project permit for the Owens Valley Pumped Storage Program.

E. USFS Region 5 Adjustment to Reimbursement to Local Government First Responder Agencies

A letter from the California Fire Chiefs Association, California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Districts Association of California, and League of California Cities Fire Chiefs Department to Local Government First Responders regarding a change by the United State Forest Service (USFS) in how invoices are paid according to the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA). Also included are letters to Supervisor Stump from Chief Dale Schmidt, President of the Mono County Fire Chiefs Association, and Chief Frank Frievalt of Mammoth Lakes Fire.

Supervisor Stump:

- Would like a future agenda item to invite the chiefs and OES to discuss further.

Supervisor Corless:

- Will send the letter to RCRC.

Supervisor Peters:

- Will send to CSAC and OES.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – MORNING

A. Use of CSA 5 Funds For Roadway Signage

Departments: County Counsel and Public Works

(Stacey Simon and Tony Dublino) - Discussion regarding the expenditure of funds from the County Service Area Number 5 (CSA 5) fund to purchase, install and maintain street identification signs on unsigned private roads for the purpose of enhancing emergency response, provided that adequate easements are given by the property owner(s). This item was requested by the CSA5 Advisory Board.

Action: None.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item.
- Not spending public dollars on private roads has an exception, if the government has a need for the roads. If the Board makes that finding by resolution, then public monies can be spent on private roads.
- CSA5 came to the County asking about using County funds to purchase street signs for some unsigned roads in Bridgeport, to aiding in County law enforcement and emergency response services.
- Chief Mokracek and Sheriff Braun agreed that having signage on these roads would aid them in their response capacities.
- There is a process through Public Works to move forward on projects that involve public roads, but require Board input for the private roads.
- There is no resolution today, one can be created if the Board directs it.

Supervisor Peters:

- This has been a multi-year request. Came through EMS personnel having challenges finding their way.

Steve Noble, CSA5 Chair:

- CSA5 area is the Bridgeport Valley.
- This was brought to the CSA5 Board's attention a couple of years ago.
- At this time, they didn't realize the roads were not within the County Road systems.
- They did a lot of research determining cost.
- Their current budget has \$10,000 set aside for this.

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Cost shows just for installation.
- The cost associated will be determined later and brought back to the Board.

Board direction to bring a resolution back.

B. Use of CSA 5 Funds for Radar Speed Sign on Emigrant Street

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - The Community Service Area #5 (CSA 5) Advisory Board recommends that the Board approve the purchase and installation of one radar speed sign on Emigrant Street, in Bridgeport, to be paid for with CSA 5 funds.

Action: Approve the purchase and installation of one radar speed sign on Emigrant Street in Bridgeport.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-114

Tony Dublino:

- Introduced item.
- Explained where the sign would be – Emigrant Road entering into Bridgeport.
- If the Board agrees to the appropriation of the funds, the Public Works roads division will install the sign.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Would like a sign that works. Caltrans might have information about which signs work better than the others.

C. Motor Pool Appropriation for Vehicle Purchases

Departments: Finance, Public Works

(Janet Dutcher, Tony Dublino) - On November 6, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of vehicles for the Motor Pool fund, totaling \$1,092,784 for vehicle replacements and \$500,000 for CARB replacements. Upon review of the phase II budget adjustment adopted on October 2, 2019, Finance and Public Works discovered the appropriation for these approved vehicle purchases was omitted from this agenda item. This item is to request ratification and adoption of a Motor Pool capital appropriation in the combined amount of \$1,592,784. (Requires 4/5ths voting threshold)

Action: Ratify and adopt an increase in appropriations for the Motor Pool in the amount of \$1,592,784, for purchasing vehicle and CARB replacements.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-115

Tony Dublino:

- Forgot to get the appropriation for the Board. Nothing has changed since his previous requests.

Break: 10:08 AM

Reconvene: 10:20 AM

D. FY 2019-2020 Budget Update

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Dave Wilbrecht, Janet Dutcher) - CAO and Finance will update the board about the FY 2019-2020 budget development and process.

Action: Receive information and provide direction to staff, if desired.

Dave Wilbrecht, Interim CAO:

- Introduced item.
- Asking to slow things down a bit, from the previous determined schedule.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

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- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).
Consensus option #3 Recommended budget published July 5, public hearing July 16.
Temp budget on July 11. Might go on consent.

Break: 11:35 AM

Reconvene: 11:44 AM

Janet Dutcher continued her presentation / discussion.

Liz Grans, Economic Development
Wendy Schneider, Friends of the Inyo

Items 7E and 7F were moved to the afternoon session.

E. Extend Suspension of Housing Mitigation Ordinance

Departments: Community Development, Finance

(Wendy Sugimura, Megan Mahaffey) - Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15.40.170 of the Mono County Code extending the temporary suspension of all housing mitigation requirements to Dec. 31, 2019.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance extending the current suspension of the Mono County Housing Mitigation Ordinance to December 31, 2019.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-116

Wendy Sugimura:

- Presented item.

F. Workshop: Housing Mitigation Ordinance

Departments: Community Development, Finance

(Wendy Sugimura, Megan Mahaffey) - Workshop on content of the Housing Mitigation Ordinance, which is currently suspended.

Action: 1. Direct staff to bring back a Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO) for adoption consideration with the supporting nexus and fee studies, and provide direction on the desired mitigation measures; or 2. Direct staff to rescind the Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO); or 3. Provide any other direction to staff.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Introduced item, went through presentation.

Moved to CAO Report.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 12:49 PM

A. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

B. 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.

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *Colleen Tabor v. Mono County Sheriff's Department* (Department of Labor Standards Enforcement Case No. CM-257967).

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 PM.

Reconvene at 1:42 PM

Nothing to report out of closed session.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Moved to item 7E.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 5/30 California Association for Local Economic Development Meeting
- 5/30 Meeting with Rich Harasick/LADWP: Short, informal discussion with Rich Harasick, at which he told me that DWP is planning to change the scope of the ranchland lease renewal project. He indicated that it would be closer to "status quo" or past practice with irrigation, using ranching and irrigation as a water management tool, and that DWP would be making an announcement in the coming weeks.
- 6/3 Mammoth Lakes Housing Board:
- IMACA/Continuum of Care Presentation: homelessness, 2019 PIT count results will be released soon, update on additional state funding for COCs available to lease, improve units, need to find units in Mono. Planning—creating homeless plan, will give focus to COC efforts. Since most people experiencing homelessness in this area living in vehicles, target that.

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- Committees: formed, appointed board members to Governance, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion -standing committee; also two ad hoc committees— programs/housing development, marketing/communications
- Letter to HUD re: verification of eligible status—gave staff direction to draft letter w/TOML expressing concerns about policy on mixed-immigration status households. Upcoming: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Fire Town Hall on June 12.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Friday May 24 I attended with Supervisor Stump a meeting with Shelly Abajian, Senator Feinstein's District Director, in Mammoth. It was a good opportunity to brief Shelly on issues in Mono County, and to get her perspective on Senator Feinstein's priorities. She was very supportive of many of our County strategic priorities.
- On May 28 and May 29, I attended the Budget Workshops with our County department heads. This was an excellent chance to learn more about each of our County departments, and to ask how current resource levels are linked to providing service to our residents. I appreciate the preparation and effort put into these two days by all the department heads, and especially by Janet Dutcher, our Finance Director.
- Finally, from last Friday morning May 31 through Sunday afternoon June 2, I participated as a trainee in the Mono Lake Committee volunteer orientation program all over the Mono Basin. I graduated on Sunday and am now able to volunteer in various roles around Mono Lake with over 80 other MLC Volunteers. This program is a model for what we should be doing all over the County and region. While we do have many volunteers that do much for our County, we could use many more to increase our impact and success in serving both our residents and our visitors.

Supervisor Halferty:

- On May 22 I participated in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation draft Guidelines Public Hearing webinar. This is the Permanent source for affordable housing throughout the state and these guidelines set forth how the funding will be allocated and what activities will be permissible beginning in 2020 for Mono County. The County will receive approximately \$63,000/year and the Town will received roughly \$71,000/year. The public comment period closes tomorrow and I have submitted comments to HCD on the draft guidelines.
- On May 30th, I attended a meeting with the Mono County Economic Development staff and CalED to discuss rural infrastructure financing as part of a grant was awarded. We discussed the need for the PUDs in unincorporated County communities to address the limitation of the infrastructure as that relates to the need and ability to create additional community housing options.
- Yesterday, June 3rd, I participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing Legislative Committee call. We received an update on housing bills, the Governor's budget trailer language and the committee expressed support for CSAC recommended language for the budget trailer language relating to the Infill Infrastructure Grant program and rural, unincorporated counties ability to access this funding source.

Supervisor Peters:

- 22nd Liberty Energy Call
- 23rd Solid Waste Task Force
- 23rd IMACA
- 24th Site Logiq
- 28th 29th Budget Workshop
- 31st Jan Cutts HT BP Ranger District Ranger
- 1st Gun Rights Dinner
- 3rd Governors Office Summit Emergency Management Preparedness (One Team One Fight)

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- Mark Ghilarducci, Director Cal OES
- James Gore, Kelly Long, Carmel Angelo
- Upcoming:
- Jason Bullington Celebration of Life Saturday 8th
- June 19th Town Hall – Radio, Fisheries,
- June 27th CSAC Regional Meeting in Fresno

Supervisor Stump:

- 5-22: Attended the Tri Valley Water Commission - Commission approved a letter supporting the proposed "Low" rating for the Owens Valley Basin
- 5-28 & 29: Budget Workshop
- 5-3 : Interviewed by Metabolic Studios concerning the Keep Long Valley Green circumstances.
- 6-1: I was the Mono County representative at the Lone Pine Film Museum Fundraiser

ADJOURNED at 3:14 PM

ATTEST

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**