



**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
February 4, 2020**

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Stump: Asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mary Pipersky, former Mono County Supervisor.

Supervisor Gardner: "Good leaders are those who take people where they want to go. Great leaders are those who take people where they don't necessarily want to go but should go." Rosalind Carter

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Steve Barwick, CAO:

- Last Friday, met with Chief Mokracek and Chief Doonan to talk about South County EMS.

- Continued work with Beth Cohen. Tomorrow's department head meeting will focus on that - Beth is Zooming into the meeting.
- Civic Center move. Will have a standing item on the agenda every week starting next week.
- MCPE negotiations wrapped up.
- Assistant CAO hiring – no decision has been made.
- One-on-one meetings with department heads.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- TOT first quarter results: 5% up over last summer.
- Congratulated Mono County Tourism – they are finalists in two categories for the Visit California Poppy Awards: Best social media campaign and best coop marketing campaign for Eastern Sierra Fall Colors.
- Read letter from local business to Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager.
- Have been pushing to increase international visitation and it is working, 11% to 25%. International visitors tend to spend more money and stay longer. Sent Jeff to India. Jeff spoke about his experience.

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Conway Ranch Cow Grazing Request for Proposals (RFP). Received 1 proposal. Staff will re-fly the RFP Feb 5 to March 4.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral health Director:

- January 22, sixth suicide in 6 months in the County. Community event to discuss loss and grief.

Sheriff Braun:

- Robin has been great for our community.
- Tim Kendall – arrests last week for a homicide from last year.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Adjustment to website to highlight upcoming Election in March.
- Civic Center transition,

Dr Tom Boo, County Health Officer:

- Unhealthy mercury levels in fish in Bridgeport Reservoir and Topaz Lake (posters available in additional documents).
- Coronavirus update. No suspected cases in Mono County. 6 in California and 11 in the US, expected to become an epidemic in the US.
- TOML enacted completed ban on flavored Tobacco products.

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 the Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on December 17, 2019.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting on December 17, 2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

M20-21

Supervisor Peters

- Did not attend the December 17, 2019 meeting.

B. 2020-21 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff

2020-2021 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Action: Approve Resolution 20-11, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-11

C. Claim for Damages - Arturo Vela

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Arturo Vela against the County of Mono for an alleged injury on Hwy 395, which is not a County owned or maintained road.

Action: Deny the claim submitted by Arturo Vela on December 27, 2019, and authorize the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice of denial to Mr. Vela.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-22

D. Resolution Approving Use of a 3-Year Audit Cycle for Lee Vining Fire Protection District

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Proposed resolution approving the use of a three-year audit cycle for the Lee Vining Fire Protection District.

Action: Approve Resolution R20-12, approval of a change to a three-year audit cycle for the Lee Vining Fire Protection District.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-12

E. Resolution Approving Use of a 5-year Audit Cycle for Mono County Resource Conservation District

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Proposed resolution approving the use of a five-year audit cycle for Mono County Resource Conservation District in lieu of an annual audit.

Action: Approve Resolution R20-13, approval of a change to a five-year audit cycle for Mono County RCD in lieu of an annual audit.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-13

F. June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

Departments: Community Development - Planning

Appoint Bob Marks to a four-year term on the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee, expiring Dec. 31, 2024, as recommended by Supervisor Gardner.

Action: Appoint Bob Marks to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee for a four-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2024.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-23

G. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2019.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 12/31/2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-24

H. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2019.

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 12/31/2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-25

I. MCCCC Certification Statement Board Signature Authorization

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

On January 14, 2020, the Mono County Child Care Council (MCCCC) sought authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership after the approval of (re)appointments to the MCCCC. At that time, the incorrect Certification Statement had been attached to the agenda (the 2017-2018 Certification Statement). MCCCC is seeking approval of the 2019-2020 Certification Statement at this time.

Action: Authorize the Board Chair to sign the Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-26

J. Allocation List Amendment - Economic Development

Departments: Economic Development

Due to increased scope of work and job responsibilities of the Economic Development Assistant, the Economic Development department respectfully requests that the Allocated List of Positions be amended to eliminate one Fiscal Technical Specialist IV (Economic Development Assistant) position and add one Administrative Services Specialist (Economic Development Coordinator) position to the Economic Development department.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R20-14, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add one full-time Administrative Services Specialist (Economic Development Coordinator) position, and eliminate one full-time Fiscal Technical Specialist IV (Economic Development Assistant) position within the Economic Development department.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-14

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. MBK Engineers Letter to California DWR re: Walker River Irrigation Districts Petitions for Change

A letter from MBK Engineers to the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights regarding Walker River Irrigation District petitions for changing involving water transfers and instream flow dedication.

Supervisor Peters:

- This particular practice is continuing to add water to Walker Lake. There is legislation out to hope that the lake recovers. However, the nature of the 25,000 acre feat surface water that is being leased back to Walker Lake, does not define how much water comes from one source, being Topaz Reservoir or Bridgeport Reservoir.
- Walker River Irrigation District meeting Friday 2/7 at 10 am in Yerington. Will ask questions how that distribution may occur.

Moved to item 7C.

B. FERC Letter to SCE re: 2019 Dam Safety Inspection Follow-up for SCE Eastern Operations Dams

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter to Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding 2019 Dam Safety Inspection Follow-up for SCE eastern operations dams.

C. FERC Order Incorporating Revised Forest Service Conditions

On October 17, 2019, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed a request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to incorporate the revised United States Forest Service (USFS) 4(e) conditions no. 4 and no. 5 into the project license for the Lee Vining Project No. 1388, located on Lee Vining Creek.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Mid-Year Budget

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) - Present mid-year budget review and discuss budget updates

Action: Approve mid-year budget adjustments, as presented.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-28

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presented item.

Break: 10:38 AM

Reconvene: 10:48 AM

Janet Dutcher continued her presentation.

B. FY 2020-2021 Budget Calendar

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Report and discussion regarding the budget calendar for adoption of the County's FY 2020-2021 final budget

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher:

- Presented item.

C. Letter of Support for Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Plumas Corporation's Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) encompasses an approximately 55,000-acre planning area of Inyo National Forest lands surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County. The project is designed to return Inyo National Forest lands to fire-adapted, climate-resilient forests.

Action: Approve letter of support for Plumas Corporation's application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-27

Janet Hatfield, Plumas Corporation:

- Presented item; Described Plumas Corp.

Supervisor Corless:

- Support of the initial planning.

Moved to item 7a.

D. Contract for Public Defender Services - Brad Braaten

Departments: Human Resources

(Dave Butters) - Proposed contract with Brad Braaten pertaining to the provision of Public Defender services in Mono County commencing March 16, 2020.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-29

Dave Butters, Human Resources Director:

- Presented item.

E. Employment Agreement - Phillip West / Undersheriff

Departments: Human Resources

(Dave Butters) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Phillip West as Undersheriff, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R20-15, approving a contract with Phillip West as Undersheriff, 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: Total cost of the Undersheriff position for remainder of Fiscal Year 19/20 is \$119,589, of which \$74,461 is salary and \$45,128 is benefits. Total cost for a full year is \$239,178 of which \$148,922 is salary and \$90,256 is benefits. This position was fully funded in the Fiscal Year 19/20 Budget.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-15

Dave Butters, Human Resources Director:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Corless announced the fiscal impact.

F. Employment Agreement - Seth Clark / Sheriff's Lieutenant

Departments: Human Resources

(Dave Butters) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Seth Clark as Sheriff's Lieutenant, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R20-16, approving a contract with Seth Clark as Sheriff's Lieutenant, 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: Total cost of the Lieutenant position for remainder of Fiscal Year 19/20 is \$100,613, of which \$70,916 is salary and \$29,697 is benefits. Total cost for a full year is \$201,226, of which \$141,831 is salary and \$59,395 is benefits. This position was fully funded in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-16

Dave Butters:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Corless announced the corrected fiscal impact.

G. Memorandum of Understanding for Mono County Public Employees Bargaining Unit (MCPE)

Departments: CAO, HR, Finance and County Counsel

(Dave Butters) - Resolution approving Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO, the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization Representing the Mono County Public Employees (January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023) and associated Side Letter.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R20-17, approving MOU and Side Letter.
Provide any desired direction to staff.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-17

Dave Butters:

- Presented item.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Explained aspects of the MOU.

Moved to Board reports.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve Barwick, Stacey Simon, 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 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session: Workers' Compensation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION.
Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Worker's compensation claim of Colin Tams.

D. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1.

E. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Michael Hallum v. County of Mono (Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV170086).

Closed Session: 12:14 PM

Reconvene: 1:30 PM

No item 9d.

Report out of Closed Session:

(Item 9e)

The Board approved a settlement of pending litigation, in the case of Michael Hallum v. County of Mono (mono County Superior Court case number CV170086).

Adjourned to the Walker Community Center: 1:30 PM

Reconvene: 3:00 PM

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 3:00 P.M.

The meeting will adjourn to Closed Session and reconvene at the Walker Community Center located at 442 Mule Deer Rd., Coleville, CA., 96107. This portion of the meeting will not be available on Granicus. An audio recording will be posted to the Mono County website after the meeting.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Application for Alcoholic License - Andruss Motel (Walker, CA)

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Steve Wright, Owner Andruss Motel) - Steven Patrick Wright is applying for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at a premises where undue concentration exists. Sections 23958 and 23958.4 of the Business Code requires the California Department of Beverage Control to deny the application unless the local governing body of the area in which the application premises are located, or its designated subordinate officer or body, determines within 90 days of notification of a completed application that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance.

Action: Determine that issuance of the applied for license by the Andruss Motel in Walker, California, would service as a public convenience or necessity. Authorize Board Chair to sign application.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-30

Steven Wright:

- Presented item.

B. Operation Permit 19-005/Colitas Farms Manufacturing

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr) - Review and potential approval of Operation Permit 19-006 for cannabis manufacturing at 324 N River Lane (APN 002-460-015) in Walker.

Action: Deny the permits, and direct staff to return at a subsequent meeting with written denial findings for Cannabis Operation Permits 19-005/Colitas Farms Cultivation and 19-006/ Colitas Farms Manufacturing.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 2 yes; 3 no

M20-31

Both items 11a and 11b being heard at once.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented the item.
- Went through power point presentation.

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Continued the presentation.

Jeni Verdon-Pearsons, Applicant:

- Went through presentation.

Public comment:

Karen Davis
Nancy Boardman
Marye Roeser
Nyla Byrd
Alison Young
John McKnight
Kerry Roeser
Pat Shanahan
Rose Murray
Red Patton
Donna Patton
DeeDee Grafius
Sally Rosen
Robert Carpenter
Karen and Bret Paulson
Kelly Turner
Kristine Kerkhoff
Clark Roberts
Jacqueline Yates
Ron Kaiser
Roger Donahue
Phil Wall

Heidi Hall
Priscilla Rosen
CJ Haramis

Board comment:

Supervisor Peters:

- Does not support this project in its current location.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Opposed – too close to residential area.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- There have to be clear findings with articulable negative impacts. Bigger policy issue that needs to be looked at. Don't think we need to penalize the people who already invested into this project. Don't see actual impacts that are greater than the other agricultural uses that could be done on this land. Applaud those who came out and spoke out in support.

Supervisor Stump:

- Opposed. Water and roads.
- County does not care for private roads, the only recourse is civil action in the courts.
- Basin in N Lahontan, north central region for DWR. If you do things in a basin, there is an automatic trigger for basin to be re-rated, get put into automatic compliance arena that could curtail activity in the whole basin. This is an ounce of prevention over a pound of cure

Supervisor Corless:

- Concur that we need to honor you and look at changing the rules in the AV. Breaks my heart a little bit that the proponents came this far only to be shot down. This can't happen to another.
- We heard things that simply weren't true. Try to have understanding for other points of views.

Not enough support to pass.

C. Operation Permit 19-005/Colitas Farms Cultivation

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr) - Review and potential approval of Operation Permit 19-005 for cannabis cultivation at 324 N River Lane (APN 002-460-015) in Walker.

Action: 1. Find that the project qualifies as an exemption under CEQA guideline 15183 and file a Notice of Exemption. 2. Make the required findings pursuant to Mono County Code Chapter 5.60 and approve Cannabis Operation Permit 19-005 subject to the findings and conditions as recommended or with desired modifications.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 15th RCRC Board meeting, update on State Budget and Legislative outlook. Rural Leadership awards presented to Senator Hannah Beth Jackson and Assembly

member Jay Obernolte, mostly for work they did around forest health, forest management, a wildfire prevention.

- 16th CDFW Stafford Lehr, need to figure out funding for environmental work, the Hwy 395 wildlife crossing project, he put me in contact with the Wildlife Conservation Board Executive Director.
- 16th Met with California Natural Resources Agency Undersecretary Tom Gibson. Provided a status update on Long Valley LADWP, wildlife crossing project, advocated for State Parks Ranger position that the Board advocated for last year. Wade Crowfoot's agency priorities, access for all in State Parks and public lands. Access for all is a big priority.
- 30th Chaired the Collaborative Planning Meeting potential listing of red fox as a federal endangered species - already on the state endangered species list. Will not be a critical habitat designation.
- Attended the ESSRP meeting.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Thursday Jan. 23 I attended a meeting of the First 5 Commission in Mammoth. We reviewed the 2018-2019 Evaluation Report for First 5 Mono County and received updates on several ongoing First 5 programs. I have asked Molly, our Executive Director, to send a handout on the Home Visiting Program, to all Board members. I would encourage you to read it as it provides an excellent guide on this program which we enhanced with County funds this year. Studies have documented the immediate and long-term benefits of home visiting for families and society. These include improved parenting practices, reduced child maltreatment, family resiliency and self-sufficiency, better birth outcomes, and increased school readiness.
- On Friday Jan. 23 I attended the meet and greet session for the candidates for the Assistant CAO position. It was a good opportunity to speak with each of them about their qualifications and the position.
- Yesterday I attended with Supervisor Corless the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership in Mammoth. We heard updates on potential recreation-related grant opportunities from several sources, including the National Forest Foundation, the National Park Service, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and others. These grants are what I referred to during our discussion about the Joint Powers Authority we approved in January and are an important legal and administrative role the JPA will play as we move ahead in the future. We also heard a summary of the community meeting held in Lone Pine on Jan. 16 to solicit ideas and needs for recreation projects. There were 64 community members in attendance at the meeting. This meeting was one of several that will be held, including four in Mono County, to solicit project ideas as part of one of the tasks of the SNC grant already received.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- On January 22, I participated in a MUSD Budget Advisory meeting. The district is needing to cut between \$500,000 to \$750,000 out of their annual budget to avoid a continued draw on their reserves. We previewed and rated roughly seven possible cost cutting solutions which are expected to go out as survey questions to the community.
- I am working on a sub-committee group of the Community Correction Partnership (CCP) to write the strategic plan. We had our initial meeting on January 23. The goal is to create a plan this is not too large that others won't read it and that is clear to the

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community as to what the CCP is mandated to do and is going to bring to Mono County over the coming five years.

- Thanks to CAO Barwick and his team for hosting the Assistant CAO candidates. It was a nice opportunity to converse with the candidates on January 24. Later that day I met with Chair Coreless and Beth Cohen to discuss the CAO 360 evaluation. And the three of us met again on January 28th as a follow-up on the CAO's 360 evaluation.
- January 30th was the region's annual HUD Point-in-Time Count. The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care coordinated the count with assistance from all the CoC members. The Count includes Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties. Talking with one homeless person, he noted that people live out of all sized vehicles, not just vans, trucks, and SUVs, but even small economy cars.
- As a member of the MLH Board of Directors, I am serving on the Program and Development subcommittee. The Committee has been focusing on spurring Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) creation and subsequently incentivizing those homeowners to use any new ADUs as rentals for people living and working in our communities. The Committee met on January 31 to further discuss new material with Town of Mammoth Lakes Housing Coordinator, Nolan Bobroff and Mono County Planner, Bentley Regehr. This endeavor compliments and could be collaboratively used with the County's SB2 endeavor for ADU prescriptive designs.
- Later that day, I attended and spoke at The Dave's Scholars of Cerro Coso brunch. An impressive group of young future leaders attended. Cerro Coso has a great support network for their students.
- I met with the Community Development Director the afternoon of January 31st to discuss the Colitas Farm item on our agenda later today.
- Monday, February 3rd, I participated in the CCRH Legislative Committee call. The committee received an update on the state's SB 50 bill, which was a two year bill and died at the end of January. SB 50 would have, in part, required jurisdictions to permit higher density development near transit. Similarly, though perceived to be more hospitable to affordable house and avoid gentrification is AB 1279. The Governor has appointed a Housing Czar, Jason Eliot. The Governor's January proposed budget did not include any significant housing dollars compared with last year.
- Monday evening I participated in the MLH Board meeting. We received a brief training on affordable housing finance from an expert affordable housing developer that now works for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). The Board evaluated various federal and state funding resources for their appropriateness for the MLH conversion of commercial property to 11 apartments on Sierra Manor Road. MLH has submitted a \$1.3 million HOME grant application for this project and the board gave staff direction to work with the Town of Mammoth Lakes on a CDBG planning grant to get final architectural plans, which will get the project CDBG application ready for their next funding cycle. The Board was asked by the Town if there's support for a 2/3 vote to increase the Town's TOT by one point for housing. The Board generally supports more funding for housing, but felt the devil is in the details. The Board had a few suggestions: A draft ordinance to go along with the ballot initiative and clarification on whether the current TOT funding for housing passed by an advisory vote could be incorporated into the new special tax. Lastly, the Board approved a CalHome grant application for both homebuyer assistance and ADU loans. The promising aspect to this grant is that, if awarded, it will be available to households in Alpine, Mono and Inyo Counties.

Supervisor Peters:

- 14th BP RPAC
- 15th RCRC Installation Frank Bigelow, Jay Olberholte. Congratulate Supervisor Corless on her installation as 1st Vice Chair
- 16th Stafford Lehr CDFW & CSAC Exec Board
- Future Participation in LCT Walker Recovery Implementation Team Meetings with USFW
- LCT Interagency Meeting in Reno 22nd and 23rd
- 22nd Phil West and Seth Clark Hospice
- 23rd IMACA
- 23rd Meet and Greet Asst CAO
- 23rd AV RPAC
- 24th PW Director Tony Dublino and Misti Sullivan
- 29th MWTC Tour
- 1st AV Lions Club meeting
- 3rd Jan Cutts
- 3rd Probation Karin Humiston
- Appointed to NACO WIR Board of Directors as one of two CSAC Representatives
- New Stove in AV CC and BP CC Kitchen remodel moving forward (Thank CSA)
- **Upcoming:**
- Fisheries Commission 5th
- AV RPAC 6th
- WRID 7th
- Bodie Road
- CSAC BOD Meeting and Resiliency Advisory Board (Co-Chair) Meeting 12th and 13th

Supervisor Stump:

- 1-24: Attended the Mammoth Asst CAO "meet and greet".
- 1-28: Attended CSA 1 - Community improvements continue to be discussed
- 1-29: Attended Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging - Mono County Senior Program Received \$44,967 of additional one-time State Funding as part of the Inyo / Mono Regional Senior Program. Kathy Peterson and staff still need to assess the best use of the funds. Thank you to Patty from Walker for volunteering to serve on the Advisory Committee. This is also the year that ESAAA has to do a mandated Area Plan Update.
- 1-2: Attended the Tri Valley Water Commission.
- 1-30: Attended the Collaborative Planning Team to hear an update from US Fish and Wildlife on the proposed listing of the Sierra Nevada Distinct Population of the Red Fox.

ADJOURNED at 5:45 PM in honor of Mary Pipersky.

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

SCHEEREN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK