



AGENDA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

Regular Meeting March 2, 2021

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9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Resolution Recognizing Finance Department Staff

Departments: Finance

5 minutes

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Proposed Resolution #R21-____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board Of Supervisors Recognizing the Mono County Finance Department for Continuing to Provide Excellent Service to the Residents and Staff of Mono County throughout 2020.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

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 - January 12, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

Departments: Community Development - Planning

The June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee currently has three seats open. Kevin Larson submitted an application and has been recommended by the District Supervisor for appointment to the Committee.

Recommended Action: Appoint Kevin Larson to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

Recommended Action:

- (1) Receive update on Eastside Lane and North River Lane emergency guardrail repair/replacement project.
- (2) As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in the staff report, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
- (3) Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of the emergency repair/replacement of the guardrails is approximately \$160,000. The emergency projects are eligible for 75% funding via the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) Program administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The LTC approved using transportation funding for the remaining 25% County match. Project costs are included in the amended budget for FY 2020-21.

D. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 1/31/2021.

Recommended Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month

ending 1/31/2021.

Fiscal Impact: None

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam; 2019 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report for Rhinedollar, Saddlebag, and Tioga Dams; High Flow Operations Plans; Report of Inspection and Attempted Repair of Sinkhole at Saddlebag Dam; and Updated Public Safety Plans for Saddlebag, Rhinedollar, and Sabrina Lake Dams.

B. Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones re: Wilson Creek Management

Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones regarding Wilson Creek and DeChambeau Ponds management.

C. Letter from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to Representative Obernolte re: House Committee on Oversight and Reform's COVID-19 Relief Bill Language

Letter of support from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to Representative Obernolte regarding the House Committee on Oversight and Reform's COVID-19 relief bill language that would provide direct financial assistance for counties.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Report

Departments: Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)
15 minutes

(Phil Moores, ESTA Executive Director) - The Joint Powers Authority agreement requires the submission of an annual report after the close of the fiscal year. With the fiscal audit in the final steps of completion, the financials of FY19-20 are fixed and ready for reporting. The annual report includes information on ridership, costs, revenue, and expenses.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

1 hour

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs Representative Update

Departments: CAO

10 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Report and discussion on the Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs representative.

Recommended Action: Receive report and provide staff direction.

Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update

Departments: CAO, Finance

20 minutes

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - CAO and Finance will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process.

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

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. Allocation List Amendment - Risk Management Position

Departments: County Counsel and CAO

5 minutes

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add the position of Risk Manager in the Office of the County Counsel and eliminate the position of Risk Manager in the County Administrative Office.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None. There is no change to the salary for the Risk Manager position.

F. Employment Agreement - Risk Manager

Departments: Human Resources

10 minutes

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Recommended Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R21-____, approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager 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 cost for this position for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (March 2nd to June 30th) is \$39,466 of which \$31,665 is salary and \$7,801 is the cost of the benefits and is included in the approved budget. Total cost for a full six months of the contract is \$59,199 of which \$47,497 is annual salary and \$11,702 is the cost of the benefits.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Anne Frievalt, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

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

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. SB1383 Overview

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

Item scheduled to start at 1:00 PM (45 minutes)

(CalRecycle Rep. Jeffory McDaniel) - Jurisdiction presentation by CalRecycle SB1383 representatives regarding regulations for reducing short-lived climate pollutants in California.

Recommended Action: Receive presentation. Designate department(s) responsible for required programs. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact at this point. However, unfunded mandates associated with SB1383 are projected to require additional County staff and/or additional contracts.

B. Mountain View Fire Update

10 minutes

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Recommended Action: Receive update from Incident Command for the Mountain View Fire and involved staff regarding impacts of the fire, recovery efforts, County response, debris removal and related topics. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: No impact from this update.

C. Follow Up On Legislative Platform

Departments: CAO, County Counsel

30 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - 1) Review changes made to the County's 2021 Legislative Platform and proposed resolution subsequent to your Board's February 16 review of the preliminary Draft Legislative Platform; and 2) Provide direction for the use and implementation of the Legislative Platform.

Recommended Action: 1) Make any further changes or recommendations for the 2021 Legislative Platform and/or approve for publishing; and 2) Adopt proposed resolution; and 3) Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: \$500 in printing costs.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Finance

TIME REQUIRED 5 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

SUBJECT Resolution Recognizing Finance Department Staff

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed Resolution #R21-____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board Of Supervisors Recognizing the Mono County Finance Department for Continuing to Provide Excellent Service to the Residents and Staff of Mono County throughout 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Janet Dutcher

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5494 / jdutcher@mono.ca.gov

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

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Time	Who	Approval
2/24/2021 9:40 AM	County Counsel	Yes
2/21/2021 11:31 AM	Finance	Yes
2/26/2021 11:03 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes



R21-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE
MONO COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING TO
PROVIDE EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF
OF MONO COUNTY THROUGHOUT 2020**

WHEREAS, in late January of 2021, Mono County and the greater Eastern Sierra experienced an atmospheric river driven blizzard, during which, the Mono County Finance Department staff worked tirelessly to process and mail all W-2 IRS forms to County employees by the January 31st deadline, all while experiencing several feet of snow, troubleshooting a malfunctioning postage machine, a closed Post Office and full closure of Highway 395. Like those Pony Express riders of long ago, not even a blizzard is too much for Mono County Finance employees; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant costs incurred by Mono County in responding to the COVID-19 and Mountain View fire emergencies, Finance Department staff continue to diligently deliver significant time investments required for compliance with the strict “paperwork” accounting rules that will secure more than \$2.6 million in funding from our Federal and State partners. Thus far, Finance staff have reviewed, processed, documented, and recorded more than 4,900 transactions, including more than 415 paychecks for the extra hire workforce, which transactions are certain to be battle tested as they work their way through the scrutiny of Federal and State auditors; and

WHEREAS, each year Finance Department employees collect more than \$82.7 million in property taxes on 21,721 parcels and make certain Mono County taxpayers have access to make their payments at the Mono County Tax Collector’s office 52 weeks a year, 5 days a week except holidays, which is 245 days a year, irrespective of weather, highway closings, fires, power shut downs, or even a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Finance Department employees daily demonstrate their commitment and dedication to public service and fiscal responsibility by quietly, consistently, and anonymously, in the background, engaging with 17 County departments, countless citizens and taxpayers, more than 350 employees, and several school and special districts, by processing, reviewing, auditing, and approving 9,972 vendor payments, 6,272 deposits, 1,326 journal entries, 4,298 credit card transactions, and 9,205 paychecks.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES THAT:

SECTION ONE: Finance Department employees’ time, expertise, and commitment to service during the fire, storm, power shut downs, and COVID-19 hardship of 2020 and 2021 continue to be invaluable to County staff and County residents.

1 **SECTION TWO:** The Board of Supervisors would like to recognize Finance
2 Department staff for their hard work and commitment to our County and the Eastern Sierra
3 community and wishes to convey its profound and sincere appreciation for their steadfast
4 assistance throughout 2020 and into the future.

4 **PASSED, APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2021, by
5 the following vote, to wit:

6 **AYES:**

7 **NOES:**

8 **ABSENT:**

9 **ABSTAIN:**

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14 Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

15 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 _____
20 Clerk of the Board

County Counsel



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Board Minutes - January 12, 2021

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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YES NO

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Time	Who	Approval
2/24/2021 9:38 AM	County Counsel	Yes
2/25/2021 9:04 AM	Finance	Yes
2/26/2021 2:01 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



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

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**Regular Meeting
January 12, 2021**

Backup Recording	Zoom
Minute Orders	M21-14 – M21-19
Resolutions	R21-09 – R21-11
Ordinance	ORD21-01 Not Used

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Mono County's 2020 Community Spirit Award

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Corless) - The inaugural Community Spirit Award celebrates the people who took initiative to do something beneficial for their community in the most difficult times. The Mountain View Fire caused unprecedented devastation and loss in Walker and the Antelope Valley. In the aftermath of the Mountain View Fire, a group of community members quickly organized and found ways to help their neighbors and friends who

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had lost everything, and created opportunities for well-meaning donors to contribute to the fire recovery.

Supervisor Corless, as outgoing 2020 Board Chair, requests that the Board of Supervisors recognize this incredible group of community members with the first-ever Mono County Community Spirit Award. As we start 2021 with hope and resiliency, let's create a new tradition of honoring people in our county who exemplify community spirit.

Action: Approve resolution designating the Mountain View Fire Volunteers the recipients of Mono County's 2020 Community Spirit Award.

Corless motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-14

Supervisor Corless:

- Introduced item

Supervisor Peters:

- Read proclamation
- Shared stories from fire and volunteer work

Public Comment:

- Jennifer
- Colonel Daniel Wittnam
- Annie
- Tracey Arnold

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Extension of agreement for donation center out of the Antelope Valley Community Center. Thanked Joe Blanchard and Jason Canger for help revising terms of agreement.
- Budget development with Janet Dutcher and Megan Mahaffey
- Assistant CAO update

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Recognized outgoing Assistant County Counsel Jason Canger. Shared projects Jason has been involved with during his time with Mono County.

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Update on public assistance programs
- Funding still available through Mammoth Lakes Housing for rental assistance
- New employee, Amber Rassler

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Spoke at Mountain View Fire meeting about ways to communicate with law enforcement; Text-to-911

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- Given recent national events and potential for protests and possible violence, Sheriff Braun shared that there are no threats in Mono County. Continuing to work with law enforcement partners to be prepared should anything happen in the coming week.

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 - December 1, 2020**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on December 1, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on December 1, 2020.

Corless motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-15

B. **Board Minutes - December 8, 2020**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2020.

Corless motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-16

C. **Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2020.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2020.

Corless motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-17

6. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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.

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A. Notice of Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Board Workshop

Notice from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Board Workshop on the January 13, 2021 meeting agenda.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director and Dr. Tom Boo, Local Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

The following individuals gave updates:

- Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director - PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – vaccines, outreach to community to sign up
- Supervisor Corless requested correspondence received from MLH/Judith Jimenez from last week be addressed at next meeting, 1/19

Public Comment:

- Monica Prella
- No Name
- Ron Day

B. COVID-19 Prevention Plan Policy

Departments: Risk Management

(Jay Sloane, Risk Manager) - Presentation by Risk Manager regarding Cal/OSHA's new regulations and the corresponding policy to address these requirements.

Action: None.

Jay Sloane, Risk Manager:

- Presented item

Public Comment:

- Fred Stump

Break: 10:48am

Reconvened: 11:01 am

C. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel, Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

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Action: Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared by the Board on November 17, 2020 and a need to continue the local health emergency declared by the Public Health Officer on November 19, 2020 (and subsequently ratified by the Board) as a result of the Mountain View Fire.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-18

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Phase 1 has been completed – everything deemed hazardous has been either removed from site or marked for pick up by future cleanup crews
- Moving into Phase 2 (general clean up phase) – anticipate beginning 2/2 and completion by 5/1

Supervisor Peters:

- Reminder that the next community meeting is in two weeks

D. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency

Departments: Public Works - Roads

(Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent) - Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

Action:

1. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
2. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-19

Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:

- Presented item

Note:

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E. State Housing (REAP and LEAP) Grant Applications

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Resolutions authorizing application for and receipt of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant funds for County housing programs.

Action:

1. Adopt Resolution R21-09 authorizing application for and receipt of REAP funds and making the required findings.
2. Adopt Resolution R21-10 authorizing application for and receipt of LEAP funds and making the required findings.

Gardner motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-09, R21-10

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Addressed funding timelines

F. Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program (SREMP) Resolution

Departments: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

(Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Administrative Services Contractor) - On October 16, 2020, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) adopted a resolution creating and describing a program of work to be known as the "ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program" (SREMP). The SREMP Resolution authorizes the ESCOG JPA to undertake actions to support regional sustainable recreation projects, such as writing and accepting grants for region-wide projects impacting regional sustainable recreation projects, or projects addressing ecosystem management, such as fire preparedness. The SREMP further authorizes the ESCOG JPA to retain contractors and hire staff; make recommendations about project feasibility, and enter into long term agreements.

Action: Approve proposed Resolution 21-11, Authorizing the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Commence a Program of Work to be Known as the "ESCOG: Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program."

Gardner motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-11

Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Administrative Services Contractor:

- Presented item

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Gordon Martin, Inyo National Forest District Ranger of the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts:

- On behalf of Inyo National Forest, supports and welcomes this initiative

John Wentworth, Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember:

- Addressed sustainable recreation portion of resolution
- Reviewed pending grants that can be pursued

Janet Hatfield, Plumas Corporation:

- Addressed ecosystem management portion of resolution

Public Comment:

- Rick Kattelman

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:30 PM

Reconvened: 1:41 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

B. 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: one.

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: County of Mono, et al. v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, et al. (Alameda Superior Court Case No.: RG18923377).

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- RCRC--interviews with CEO candidates, planning for events this week
- CSAC/Bill Chiat Institute planning discussion on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion program for counties

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- Through NACo, participated in a Federal Highways Administration advisory panel on a "Planning and Data-Sharing Partnerships Between Governments and Public Land Management Agencies Research Study" that will be developed this year
- Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System quarterly meeting: strategic planning is focus for upcoming months
- State Forest Management Task Force Meeting: the task force released a long-awaited action plan (available here: <https://fmtf.fire.ca.gov/media/cjwfpckz/californiawildfireandforestresilienceactionplan.pdf>), good news that Gov. Newsom's budget proposal includes \$1 billion for these types of projects. Read RCRC's "rural rundown" of state budget here: https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Documents/Resources/RCRCAnalysis_2021_22_ProposedBudget_FINAL.pdf

Supervisor Duggan:

- 01/6/21 – Mono County Fish & Wildlife Commission
 - I attended the meeting of MCFW Commission where they conducted installation of officers and discussed the areas of focus for the upcoming year.
 - There was much discussion of the changes to California Fish & Wildlife Regulations and how they will affect Eastern Sierra waters. Staff is taking the initiative to coordinate with Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Bishop Chamber of Commerce on educational messaging to residents and visitors.
- 01/6/21 Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board Meeting
 - I participated in the MLT Board meeting as current Treasurer of the Board. Discussions focus on local business assistance and economic sustainability. July- Nov revenues met or slightly exceeded revised budgets, but due to Covid-19 restrictions that forces business to close last December with no projected reopening date, forecasted TOT and TBID revenues will be greatly reduced.
 - Air Service from Mammoth Lakes Airport for United Airlines has been cancelled for the season and Advanced Air has been suspended until March.
 - Social media presence is minimal, and all marketing messaging is focused closure restrictions and responsible recreation. All messaging is coordinated with Visit California and in partnership with Mono County Tourism.
- 01/11/21 – Local Transportation Commission.
 - I participated in the LTC meeting where we welcomed new Commission members Jennifer Burrows, Bill Sauser, and myself. Board Chair and Vice Chair were selected, Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz and Town Councilmember John Wentworth, respectively.
 - There was a resolution of recognition for outgoing Commissioner Sandy Hogan, recognizing her years of service and dedication to the Eastern Sierra. Former Supervisor Fred Stump zoomed in to express his appreciation to Sandy for her contributions.
 - Of note was the report from MC Senior Engineer Chad Senior that outlined the County's road projects for the year. This information is so helpful to our residents.
- I want to thank Public Health Officer D. Boo and Public Health Director Bryan Wheeler for working with me last week through the many questions coming from District 2 regarding vaccinations, especially within the Tri-Valley area. Much like in the North County, the challenges of location and how to service the special needs was quickly addressed, enabling me to help get the word out. Feedback

Note:

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from the residents has been very appreciative and they are registering right way. Thanks again for responding so quickly.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday Jan. 6 I participated in the Eastern Sierra Substance Use Project January meeting. It was very interesting to hear about various treatment and other efforts under way to reduce substance abuse in our region.
- Also, last Wednesday I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizen's Advisory Committee. Topics discussed included continued concerns about Suddenlink internet service, and the possibility of installing electric charging stations in June Lake.
- On Thursday Jan. 7 I participated in a briefing sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center. There was much information provided about avalanche projection, related weather forecasting, and general safety precautions for backcountry recreation in our region.
- Also, on Thursday I met with Lesley Yen, the new Inyo National Forest Supervisor to discuss several issues of concern. I was impressed with how much Lesley knows about the Eastern Sierra based on her prior service here. I believe she will be a great partner with the County.
- On Friday Jan. 8 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. The tribe has several ongoing activities including trying to increase the cultural awareness of their tribal traditions.
- Yesterday with Supervisor Corless I attended the quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Board. Ridership has been down due to COVID impact, but they expect to operate a full schedule this coming summer, including our runs in the Eastern Sierra. YARTS has some tough issues to face in the future, especially regarding revenue and replacement of its aging fleet.
- Finally, I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. The Council is working on grant applications for potential activity in this summer and fall.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- I attended the regular Town Council meeting on January 6th. The Council approved a new Master Plan for The Parcel without any changes to the proposed plan. The plan allows for up to 580 units on the site, to be built out in approximately six phases. Concern over the scant parking to unit ratio was of the most concern to the public, neighbors and the three Council members presiding over the matter.
- Thursday, January 7th I watched the first Covid-19 Community Conversation of 2021.
- The regular meeting of the CCRH Board was held on Friday, January 8th. The Board discussed the housing related bills in the state legislature. There was robust discussion around Atkins' SB5 - Housing bond act and the breakdown of the use of the funding. There was consensus that more monies should be earmarked for homeownership. The CCRH Legislative Committee is holding a special meeting later this week to discuss further and will then provide CCRH's recommendations to the Senate President pro Tempore.
- I watched the Governor's budget hearing and am digging through the details. Newsom continues to focus on housing and homelessness as a key priority.
- The Local Transportation Commission met yesterday, January 11th. The commission has three (half) new commissioners. We welcomed Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, Jennifer Burrows from the Town of Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission, and Town Council Mayor Bill Sauser.

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We received a compressive update on road projects in both Mammoth Lakes and unincorporated Mono County.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanked CAO Lawton and EOC Director Nalder for continued high-energy and focus on recovery
- Continue to work on a regular basis with CSAC, navigating how Mono County will come out of Stay at Home order
- 1/5: Attended Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce – major focus on fire recovery and efforts to oversee the distribution of cash donations, talked about upcoming recreational season and their contributions to fish stocking, ATV/UTV Jamboree this summer
- 1/6: Attended Fish and Wildlife Commission, Governor's proposed budget allocated \$41 million in one time spending (\$7 million to respond to human-wildlife conflict incidents and to strengthen education in local communities, \$7 million to modernize fish hatcheries, \$750,000 to modernize the licensing platform)
- 1/6: Attended Economic Recovery Branch meeting
- 1/7: Attended Great Basin Air Quality Control Board, CSAC Broadband Working Group meeting, Antelope Valley RPAC – Insurance Commissioner for State of California gave presentation, discussion about fire insurance and the need for Antelope Valley to have a Fire Safe Council
- 1/11: Attended Local Transportation Commission – acknowledged Sandy Hogan and her great contribution to the LTC and community, Forest Management Taskforce meeting, Mountainview Fire Community Workshop, met new Assistant CAO

Moved to Item 9.

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ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Community Development - Planning

TIME REQUIRED

**PERSONS
APPEARING
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BOARD**

SUBJECT June Lake Citizens Advisory
 Committee Appointment

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee currently has three seats open. Kevin Larson submitted an application and has been recommended by the District Supervisor for appointment to the Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Appoint Kevin Larson to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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2/17/2021 10:59 PM	County Counsel	Yes
2/10/2021 9:36 AM	Finance	Yes
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February 16, 2021

TO: Honorable Mono County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Draper, Planning Analyst, for Bob Gardner, District 3 Supervisor
RE: June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments

RECOMENDATION

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

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacts are expected.

DISCUSSION

The June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (JLCAC) may consist of up to 10 members. The CAC currently consists of seven members. Supervisor Gardner recommends the appointment of Kevin Larson to one of the vacant seats for one, four-year term (see attachment). With the seat filled, the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee will consist of eight members and two vacant seats. Terms last for four years and are staggered to facilitate smooth transitions. The following summarizes the status of appointments and CAC membership:

Proposed appointment to term expiring Dec. 31, 2024:

1. Kevin Larson

Existing Members

2. Julie Brown
3. Jora Fogg
4. Janet Hunt
5. Sarah Holston
6. Brian McKinney
7. Bob Marks
8. David Rosky

Term Expires

12-31-22
12-31-22
12-31-22
12-31-22
12-31-23
12-31-24
12-31-24

This staff report has been reviewed by the Community Development Director.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Draper atmdraper@mono.ca.gov, 760-924-1805 or Supervisor Gardner, bgardner@mono.ca.gov.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Application for Kevin Larson

Regional Planning Advisory Committees

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This application is for membership in the following RPAC (choose one):

- Antelope Valley
- Benton/Hammil
- Bridgeport Valley
- Chalfant Valley
- June Lake CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee)
- Long Valley
- Mono Basin
- Swall Meadows

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Occupation/Business Medical Imaging Manager Mammoth Hospital

Special interests or concerns about the community:

Sustainable development. Full time
resident quality of life. Quality of
life for summer + winter visitors.
Maintaining the qualities that make
June Lake such a beautiful + magic
place to visit + live. Meet the challenges that
are presented + plan for a June Lake
that our children will enjoy raising their
children in.

Signature Kevin Larsen

Date 1-20-2021



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Public Works - Roads

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Emergency Guardrail Replacement -
Justification for Continued
Emergency

**PERSONS
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BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- (1) Receive update on Eastside Lane and North River Lane emergency guardrail repair/replacement project.
- (2) As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in the staff report, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
- (3) Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the emergency repair/replacement of the guardrails is approximately \$160,000. The emergency projects are eligible for 75% funding via the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) Program administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The LTC approved using transportation funding for the remaining 25% County match. Project costs are included in the amended budget for FY 2020-21.

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Date: March 02, 2021

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent

Re: Emergency Guardrail Replacement – Justification for Continued Emergency

Recommended Action:

1. Receive update on Eastside Lane and North River Lane emergency guardrail repair/replacement project.
2. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
3. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Fiscal Impact:

Based on the initial estimates obtained by the Public Works Department – Roads Division, the total cost of the emergency repair/replacement of the Eastside Lane and North River Lane guardrails is approximately \$160,000.00. The emergency projects are eligible for 75% funding via the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) Program administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). Staff proposes that the 25% County match for the emergency guardrail repairs/replacements be paid with available transportation funding.

Strategic Plan Alignment: *Infrastructure, Public Safety*

Current project status:

- Construction phase complete and contractor has mobilized off site
- Contract administration ongoing as project is closed out. Notice of acceptance has been submitted to the contractor. Notice of completion has been recorded

with the clerk/recorders office. Final invoice has been received from contractor and is being processed.

Justification for Continued Emergency – Eastside Lane and North River Lane:

Construction phase is complete, however, the continued emergency declaration needs to remain in force until project closeout.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at 760.932.5449. I may also be contacted by email at kjulian@mono.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Julian
Road Operations Superintendent



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Finance

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 1/31/2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 1/31/2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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2/17/2021 10:58 PM	County Counsel	Yes
2/11/2021 10:46 AM	Finance	Yes
2/26/2021 11:04 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes



Mono County Transaction Summary by Action Investment Portfolio

Begin Date: 12/31/2020, End Date: 1/31/2021

Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
Buy Transactions									
Buy	1/26/2021	3130AKMD5	1,000,000.00	FHLB 0.5 1/26/2026-21	99.88	998,755.00	0.00	0.53	998,755.00
Buy	1/28/2021	3130AKPC4	1,000,000.00	FHLB 0.6 1/28/2026-21	100.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.60	1,000,000.00
Buy	1/28/2021	3135G06R9	1,000,000.00	FNMA 0.55 1/28/2026-21	100.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.55	1,000,000.00
Subtotal			3,000,000.00			2,998,755.00	0.00		2,998,755.00
Deposit	1/4/2021	CAMP60481	852.48	California Asset Management Program LGIP	100.00	852.48	0.00	0.00	852.48
Deposit	1/15/2021	LAIF6000Q	105,240.75	Local Agency Investment Fund LGIP	100.00	105,240.75	0.00	0.00	105,240.75
Deposit	1/29/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	2,665.85	Oak Valley Bank Cash	100.00	2,665.85	0.00	0.00	2,665.85
Deposit	1/31/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	16,399,670.39	Oak Valley Bank Cash	100.00	16,399,670.39	0.00	0.00	16,399,670.39
Subtotal			16,508,429.47			16,508,429.47	0.00		16,508,429.47
Total Buy Transactions			19,508,429.47			19,507,184.47	0.00		19,507,184.47
Interest/Dividends									
Interest	1/1/2021	84485EAE7	0.00	Southwest Financial Federal CU 3.15 2/26/2021		0.00	666.16	0.00	666.16
Interest	1/1/2021	586840NA4	0.00	Menlo Park City School Dist 1.928 7/1/2024		0.00	4,820.00	0.00	4,820.00
Interest	1/1/2021	299547AQ2	0.00	Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union 2.6 6/12/		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	1/1/2021	538036HP2	0.00	Live Oak Banking Company 1.85 1/20/2025		0.00	391.24	0.00	391.24
Interest	1/1/2021	76124YAB2	0.00	Resource One Credit Union 1.9 11/27/2024		0.00	395.36	0.00	395.36
Interest	1/1/2021	91435LAB3	0.00	University of Iowa Community Credit Union 3 4/28/2		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	1/1/2021	33651FAD1	0.00	First Source Federal Credit Union 1.95 3/26/2021		0.00	412.38	0.00	412.38
Interest	1/1/2021	499724AD4	0.00	Knox TVA Employee Credit Union 3.25 8/30/2023		0.00	676.27	0.00	676.27
Interest	1/1/2021	052392AA5	0.00	Austin Telco FCU 1.8 2/28/2025		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	1/2/2021	15118RUR6	0.00	Celtic Bank 1.35 4/2/2025		0.00	285.50	0.00	285.50
Interest	1/3/2021	9497486Z5	0.00	WELLS FARGO BK NA SIOUXFALLS SD 1.6 8/3/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	1/5/2021	32117BCX4	0.00	First National Bank Dama 2.8 5/5/2023		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	1/5/2021	981571CE0	0.00	Worlds Foremost Bk Sidney NE 1.75 5/5/2021		0.00	297.26	0.00	297.26



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Begin Date: 12/31/2020, End Date: 1/31/2021

Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
Interest	1/7/2021	90983WBT7	0.00	United Community Bank 1.65 2/7/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	1/8/2021	89236TFS9	0.00	Toyota Motor Credit 3.35 1/5/2024		0.00	8,375.00	0.00	8,375.00
Interest	1/8/2021	29367SJQ8	0.00	Enterprise Bank & Trust 1.8 11/8/2024		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	1/8/2021	89579NCB7	0.00	Triad Bank/Frontenac MO 1.8 11/8/2024		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	1/9/2021	59452WAE8	0.00	Michigan Legacy Credit Union 3.45 11/9/2023		0.00	729.60	0.00	729.60
Interest	1/10/2021	25460FCF1	0.00	Direct Federal Credit Union 3.5 9/11/2023		0.00	740.18	0.00	740.18
Interest	1/10/2021	59013JZP7	0.00	Merrick Bank 2.05 8/10/2022		0.00	426.57	0.00	426.57
Interest	1/11/2021	910160AR1	0.00	United Credit Union 1.9 1/11/2021		0.00	401.81	0.00	401.81
Interest	1/11/2021	20033APV2	0.00	COMENITY CAP BK SALT LAKE CITY UTAH 1.6 4/12/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	1/11/2021	61747MF63	0.00	Morgan Stanley Bank 2.65 1/11/2023		0.00	3,272.93	0.00	3,272.93
Interest	1/12/2021	501798LJ9	0.00	LCA Bank Corporation 2.3 1/12/2022		0.00	2,840.66	0.00	2,840.66
Interest	1/12/2021	856487AM5	0.00	State Bank of Reeseville 2.6 4/12/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	1/13/2021	66736ABP3	0.00	Northwest Bank 2.95 2/13/2024		0.00	623.86	0.00	623.86
Interest	1/13/2021	31938QQ98	0.00	FIRST BUSINESS BK MADISON WIS 1.9 1/13/2021		0.00	2,346.63	0.00	2,346.63
Interest	1/13/2021	69417ACG2	0.00	Pacific Crest Savings Bank 2.85 3/13/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	1/13/2021	15721UDA4	0.00	CF Bank 2 8/13/2024		0.00	422.96	0.00	422.96
Interest	1/13/2021	3137EADB2	0.00	FHLMC 2.375 1/13/2022		0.00	11,875.00	0.00	11,875.00
Interest	1/14/2021	3136G4YL1	0.00	FNMA 0.625 7/14/2025-22		0.00	3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00
Interest	1/14/2021	32114VBT3	0.00	First National Bank of Michigan 1.65 2/14/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	1/14/2021	17801GBX6	0.00	City National Bank of Metropolis 1.65 2/14/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	1/14/2021	45581EAR2	0.00	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China USA, NA 2.		0.00	551.42	0.00	551.42
Interest	1/15/2021	LOANHCCSD	0.00	Hilton Creek Community Service District 3.3 7/15/2		0.00	1,665.66	0.00	1,665.66
Interest	1/15/2021	20143PDV9	0.00	Commercial Bank Harrogate 3.4 11/15/2023		0.00	719.03	0.00	719.03
Interest	1/15/2021	55266CQE9	0.00	MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSN 1.8 1/15/2021		0.00	374.55	0.00	374.55
Interest	1/15/2021	478160CJ1	0.00	Johnson & Johnson 2.625 1/15/2025-17		0.00	6,562.50	0.00	6,562.50



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Begin Date: 12/31/2020, End Date: 1/31/2021

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Interest	1/15/2021	061785DY4	0.00	Bank of Deerfield 2.85 2/15/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	1/15/2021	30257JAM7	0.00	FNB Bank Inc/Romney 3 1/16/2024		0.00	634.44	0.00	634.44
Interest	1/15/2021	62384RAF3	0.00	Mountain America Federal Credit Union 3 3/27/2023		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	1/16/2021	740367HP5	0.00	Preferred Bank LA Calif 2 8/16/2024		0.00	422.96	0.00	422.96
Interest	1/16/2021	33640VCF3	0.00	First Service Bank 3.3 5/16/2023		0.00	697.88	0.00	697.88
Interest	1/16/2021	42971GAA9	0.00	High Plains Bank 3 1/16/2024		0.00	3,705.21	0.00	3,705.21
Interest	1/17/2021	855736DA9	0.00	STATE BK & TR CO DEFIANCE OHIO 1.6 2/17/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	1/17/2021	219240BY3	0.00	Cornerstone Community Bank 2.6 5/17/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	1/17/2021	3133EH7F4	0.00	FFCB 2.35 1/17/2023		0.00	11,750.00	0.00	11,750.00
Interest	1/17/2021	50116CBE8	0.00	KS Statebank Manhattan KS 2.1 5/17/2022		0.00	436.97	0.00	436.97
Interest	1/18/2021	457731AK3	0.00	Inspire Federal Credit Union 1.15 3/18/2025		0.00	243.20	0.00	243.20
Interest	1/18/2021	00257TBJ4	0.00	Abacus Federal Savings Bank 1.75 10/18/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
Interest	1/18/2021	42228LAC5	0.00	Healthcare Systems Federal Credit Union 3.2 1/18/2		0.00	3,952.22	0.00	3,952.22
Interest	1/18/2021	22766ABN4	0.00	Crossfirst Bank 2.05 8/18/2022		0.00	426.57	0.00	426.57
Interest	1/18/2021	48836LAF9	0.00	Kemba Financial Credit Union 1.75 10/18/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
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Interest	1/20/2021	50625LAK9	0.00	Lafayette Federal Credit Union 3.5 11/20/2023		0.00	740.18	0.00	740.18
Interest	1/20/2021	32112UCW9	0.00	First National Bank of McGregor 2.85 2/21/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	1/22/2021	061803AH5	0.00	Bank of Delight 2.85 2/22/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	1/22/2021	33847E3W5	0.00	Flagstar Bank FSB 0.6 7/22/2025		0.00	753.14	0.00	753.14
Interest	1/22/2021	90352RAC9	0.00	USAlliance Federal Credit Union 3 8/20/2021		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	1/22/2021	92535LCC6	0.00	Verus Bank of Commerce 2.8 2/22/2024		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	1/22/2021	3134GV5V6	0.00	FHLMC 0.6 7/22/2025-22		0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00



Mono County Transaction Summary by Action Investment Portfolio

Begin Date: 12/31/2020, End Date: 1/31/2021

Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
Interest	1/23/2021	938828BJ8	0.00	Washington Federal Bank 2.05 8/23/2024		0.00	433.53	0.00	433.53
Interest	1/23/2021	33766LAJ7	0.00	Firstier Bank 1.95 8/23/2024		0.00	412.38	0.00	412.38
Interest	1/24/2021	90331HNV1	0.00	US Bank NA 3.4 7/24/2023-23		0.00	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00
Interest	1/24/2021	03753XBD1	0.00	Apex Bank 3.1 8/24/2023		0.00	645.05	0.00	645.05
Interest	1/24/2021	90348JEV8	0.00	UBS Bank USA 3.45 10/24/2023		0.00	729.60	0.00	729.60
Interest	1/24/2021	20726ABD9	0.00	Congressional Bank 2.1 7/24/2024		0.00	2,614.82	0.00	2,614.82
Interest	1/24/2021	3136G4YE7	0.00	FNMA 0.7 7/24/2025-22		0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Interest	1/25/2021	063907AA7	0.00	Bank of Botetourt 1.75 10/25/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
Interest	1/25/2021	22230PBY5	0.00	Country Bank New York 3 1/25/2024		0.00	634.44	0.00	634.44
Interest	1/25/2021	330459BY3	0.00	FNB BANK INC 2 2/25/2022		0.00	416.16	0.00	416.16
Interest	1/26/2021	32065TAZ4	0.00	First Kentucky Bank Inc 2.55 4/26/2024		0.00	539.27	0.00	539.27
Interest	1/26/2021	05465DAE8	0.00	AXOS Bank 1.65 3/26/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	1/26/2021	56065GAG3	0.00	Mainstreet Bank 2.6 4/26/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	1/26/2021	3133EJM48	0.00	FFCB 3.17 1/26/2024		0.00	15,850.00	0.00	15,850.00
Interest	1/27/2021	39115UBE2	0.00	Great Plains Bank 2.8 2/27/2024		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	1/27/2021	32063KAV4	0.00	First Jackson Bank 1.05 3/27/2025		0.00	222.05	0.00	222.05
Interest	1/27/2021	79772FAF3	0.00	San Francisco FCU 1.1 3/27/2025		0.00	232.63	0.00	232.63
Interest	1/28/2021	080515CH0	0.00	Belmont Savings Bank 2.7 2/28/2023		0.00	561.82	0.00	561.82
Interest	1/28/2021	59828PCA6	0.00	Midwest Bank of West IL 3.3 8/29/2022		0.00	697.88	0.00	697.88
Interest	1/29/2021	01748DAX4	0.00	ALLEGIANCE BK TEX HOUSTON 2.15 9/29/2022		0.00	447.38	0.00	447.38
Interest	1/29/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	0.00	Oak Valley Bank Cash		0.00	2,665.85	0.00	2,665.85
Interest	1/31/2021	710571DS6	0.00	Peoples Bank Newton NC 2 7/31/2024		0.00	422.96	0.00	422.96
Interest	1/31/2021	694231AC5	0.00	Pacific Enterprise Bank 1.15 3/31/2025		0.00	243.20	0.00	243.20
Interest	1/31/2021	CAMP60481	0.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP		0.00	991.44	0.00	991.44
Interest	1/31/2021	29278TCP3	0.00	Enerbank USA 3.2 8/30/2023		0.00	665.86	0.00	665.86
Interest	1/31/2021	67054NAM5	0.00	Numerica Credit Union 3.4 10/31/2023		0.00	719.03	0.00	719.03
Interest	1/31/2021	084670BF4	0.00	Berkshire Hathaway Inc 3.4 1/31/2022		0.00	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00



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Interest	1/31/2021	06426KAM0	0.00	Bank of New England 3.2 7/31/2023		0.00	671.30	0.00	671.30
Interest	1/31/2021	24773RBW4	0.00	Delta National Bank and Trust 0.55 7/21/2025		0.00	690.38	0.00	690.38
Interest	1/31/2021	98138MAB6	0.00	Workers Credit Union 2.55 5/31/2022		0.00	530.61	0.00	530.61
Subtotal			0.00			0.00	158,266.06		158,266.06
Total Interest/Dividends			0.00			0.00	158,266.06		158,266.06
Sell Transactions									
Matured	1/11/2021	910160AR1	249,000.00	United Credit Union 1.9 1/11/2021	0.00	249,000.00	0.00	0.00	249,000.00
Matured	1/13/2021	31938QQ98	245,000.00	FIRST BUSINESS BK MADISON WIS 1.9 1/13/2021	0.00	245,000.00	0.00	0.00	245,000.00
Matured	1/15/2021	55266CQE9	245,000.00	MB FINANCIAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSN 1.8 1/15/2021	0.00	245,000.00	0.00	0.00	245,000.00
Subtotal			739,000.00			739,000.00	0.00		739,000.00
Sell	1/15/2021	LOANHCCSD	61,936.49	Hilton Creek Community Service District 3.3 7/15/2	0.00	61,936.49	0.00	0.00	61,936.49
Subtotal			61,936.49			61,936.49	0.00		61,936.49
Withdraw	1/7/2021	CAMP60481	2,000,000.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP	0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
Withdraw	1/27/2021	CAMP60481	3,500,000.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP	0.00	3,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,500,000.00
Withdraw	1/29/2021	CAMP60481	2,000,000.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP	0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
Withdraw	1/31/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	13,546,589.95	Oak Valley Bank Cash	0.00	13,546,589.95	0.00	0.00	13,546,589.95
Subtotal			21,046,589.95			21,046,589.95	0.00		21,046,589.95
Total Sell Transactions			21,847,526.44			21,847,526.44	0.00		21,847,526.44



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

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SUBJECT

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission (FERC) Letters re:
Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek
Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam; 2019 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report for Rhinedollar, Saddlebag, and Tioga Dams; High Flow Operations Plans; Report of Inspection and Attempted Repair of Sinkhole at Saddlebag Dam; and Updated Public Safety Plans for Saddlebag, Rhinedollar, and Sabrina Lake Dams.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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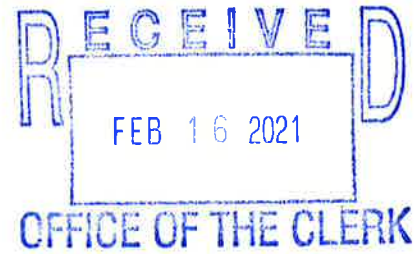
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2/24/2021 9:45 AM	County Counsel	Yes
2/21/2021 11:31 AM	Finance	Yes
2/26/2021 2:03 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



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January 28, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project No. 1388-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle
Director
Generation
Southern California Edison Company
1515 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam, FERC Project No. 1388

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated November 12, 2020, from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam, which are part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388. We have reviewed the submittal and have the following comments.

General

1. When our office can once again receive mail, please submit the input and output files of any model simulations used in the above hydraulic analyses, including shapefiles and calculation spreadsheets.

Saddlebag Dam

2. We compared the spillway geometry from the memo (submitted November 12, 2020) to the as-built drawing provided in Focused Spillway Assessment Report - Drawing 5453842-2 (submitted April 23, 2020) and our comparison shows the as-built geometry of the spillway apron is significantly less steep than that used for the current spillway flow calculations (As-built Slope \approx 5% vs. Memo Slope \approx 18%). Please re-evaluate the analysis using the as-built spillway geometry, or provide survey

data to indicate the actual geometry of the spillway. Also include the depth, velocity, Froude number, type of flow (supercritical, critical, or subcritical), and potential for overtopping the training wall (i.e. from flow depth or a hydraulic jump) at each analysis station.

Tioga Dam

3. In *Table 1 - Summary of Results* of the analysis memo for Tioga Dam, it appears that the headings in the table for water depth and peak velocity should be reversed. Please resubmit an updated memo, which should include a water surface profile.
4. In *Figure 4 - Summary of Results* of the analysis memo for Tioga Dam, the plot of velocity along the spillway profile shows three peaks whereas the velocity data in *Table 1* (which we believe to be erroneously listed under the Water Depth column) shows two peaks. Please explain.

Within 45 days of the date of this letter, please address our comments or submit a plan and schedule to address our comments. We appreciate your cooperation in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

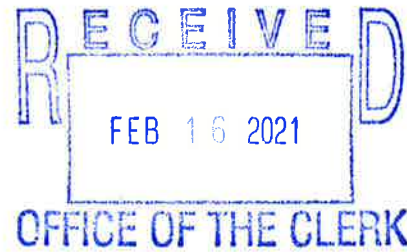
Sincerely,



Frank L. Blackett, P.E.
Regional Engineer

cc:

Ms. Sharon Tapia, Chief
CA Dept. of Water Resources
Division of Safety of Dams
P.O. Box 942836
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February 8, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project No. 1388-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle
Director of Generation
Southern California Edison Company
1515 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: 2019 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report for Rhinedollar, Saddlebag,
and Tioga Dams

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated March 5, 2020 from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the 2019 dam safety surveillance and monitoring reports for Rhinedollar, Saddlebag, and Tioga dams, which are parts of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC No. 1388. We have reviewed the submittal, and we have no comments.

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Blackett, P.E.
Regional Engineer

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February 11, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project Nos. See Enclosure

Mr. James A. Buerkle
Director of Generation
Southern California Edison Company
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Re: High Flow Operations Plans

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to letters dated January 8, 2019 and March 28, 2019 from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the High Flow Operations Plans for the dams listed in the Enclosure. We have reviewed the submittal, and we have the following comment:

- Revise the high flow operations tables to include the following where applicable: 1 - essential operations at the project before, during and after flood flows reach the project; 2 - for remotely operated projects, a description of what triggers sending staff to the project and at what point personnel are to be physically present at the site; and 3 - pre-flood coordination to include coordination with resource agencies on anticipated or pre-emptive flow releases or reservoir drawdown. Refer to Chapter 6 of the FERC Engineering Guidelines for further information.

Within 45 days of the date of this letter, please provide a response to our comment or a plan and schedule to address our comment. We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Wang at (415) 369-3366.

Sincerely,

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Frank L. Blackett, P.E.
Regional Engineer

Enclosure

cc:
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Enclosure – Southern California Edison Dams

Project No.	Project Name	Dam Name
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Florence Lake Dam
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Shaver Lake Dam
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Big Creek Dam No. 5
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Balsam Meadow Dam
120	Big Creek No. 3	Big Creek Dam No. 6
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Rhinedollar Dam
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Tioga Dam
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Saddlebag Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Agnew Lake Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Gem Lake Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Rush Meadows Dam
1390	Lundy	Lundy Lake Dam
1394	Bishop Creek	Hillside Dam
1394	Bishop Creek	Sabrina
1394	Bishop Creek	Bishop Intake No. 2
2017	Big Creek No. 4	Big Creek dam No. 7
2085	Mammoth Pool	Mammoth Pool Dam
2086	Vermilion Valley	Vermilion Valley Dam
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 1
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 2
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 3
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 4

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February 17, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project No. 1388-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle
Director of Generation
Southern California Edison Company
1515 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: Report of Inspection and Attempted Repair of Sinkhole at Saddlebag Dam

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated February 7, 2019 from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the report of inspection and attempted repair of a sinkhole at Saddlebag Dam, which is part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC No. 1388. We have reviewed the submittal, and we have no comments.

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,



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February 17, 2021

In reply refer to:
Project Nos. 1388-CA and
1394-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle
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Southern California Edison Company
1515 Walnut Grove Ave
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: Saddlebag, Rhinedollar, and Sabrina Lake Dams – Updated Public Safety Plans

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

By letter dated November 13, 2019, SCE submitted public safety plans for parts of the Lee Vining and Bishop Creek Projects, FERC Nos. 1388 and 1394. Based on our review of the plans, we have no comments on the public safety plans. You are reminded that you are required to ensure compliance with all safety requirements applicable to your license. In addition, per requirements of 18 CFR § 12.42, it is your responsibility to take all reasonable measures for maintaining and operating your hydropower project in a manner safe for the public. This requires that you are continually aware of public use at your project and regularly review your project for the adequacy of safety devices, warnings systems, and/or other measures necessary to protect the public in the use of project lands and waters. A copy of your public safety plan should be kept readily available at the project and site staff should be familiar with the plan. While FERC recognizes that a properly prepared public safety plan and well-maintained and implemented safety measures do not guarantee that public safety incidents will not occur at a project, lack of due diligence regarding public safety provisions may put the public at greater risk.

Please note that the Commission's regulatory programs are always subject to review and modification. Therefore, future enhancements to your public safety plan may be necessary based on our inspections, revised conditions at the project, or new FERC program policies or guidance. We appreciate your continued cooperation in ensuring public safety at your project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,

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Frank L. Blackett, P.E.
Regional Engineer



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

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SUBJECT

Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones re:
Wilson Creek Management

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones regarding Wilson Creek and DeChambeau Ponds management.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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2/17/2021 10:57 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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From: Hillary Hansen <hillaryhansen@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 5:39 PM

To: Rhonda Duggan <rduggan@mono.ca.gov>; John Peters <jpeters@mono.ca.gov>; Stacy Corless <scorless@mono.ca.gov>; Jennifer Kreitz <jkreitz@mono.ca.gov>; Bob Gardner <bgardner@mono.ca.gov>

Cc: Queenie Barnard <qbarnard@mono.ca.gov>; Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Official Correspondence to the Mono County Board of Supervisors re Wilson Creek

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The original press release can be found here: https://thesheetnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Sheet_02132021.pdf

Ice dam at Cemetery Road diversion of Wilson Creek taken 1/16/2021



Hillary Hansen Jones

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to hillary@highsierrabrineshrimp.com

Thank You!

In a recent press release, the Inyo National Forest announced a "win for the Mono Basin" based upon the completion of the hot pipe repair at the DeChambeau Ponds. This repair was crucial to the wetland system operating correctly. Though unfortunately, the pond's habitat was allowed to degrade for over a decade before the repair took place, it is fantastic to see the hot water system restored. I want to express my gratitude to Paul McFarland, the Beaver family, the Banta family, Chris Lizza, Shelly Channel, Rick Noles, and the many other local Mono Basin residents who came together on this project to help maintain critical habitat in the Mono Basin. Bravo!

I notice that there is no mention in the news release about Wilson Creek's importance to the DeChambeau ponds system. The original water management documents state that if the hot water isn't mixed with a healthy amount of fresh water, the ponds will turn toxic over time. For this reason, it is critical that enough water must remain at the Cemetery Road diversion in order to reach the ponds. It also means that the water needs to be managed appropriately to ensure it arrives at the ponds.

Based on what we have seen so far, I am concerned about whether the creek will be appropriately managed moving forward. This is due to the mismanagement and incompetence we saw last season, which led to multiple ponds unnecessarily drying out and the entirety of lower Wilson Creek drying out, which affected the dependent waterfowl habitat at the lakeshore delta, and the Wilson fishery. No adjustment to remedy these mistakes has taken place, and this can be easily viewed by merely looking at the diversion at Cemetery Road.

As recently as mid-January, I documented severe flooding and other negligence at the diversion point on Cemetery Road just before the big storm. Since the USFS and the Mono Lake Committee have refused to remove boards that they placed into the spillway at the Wilson/Cemetery diversion (since May 2020, cutting off all flow to Mono Lake) and as fall turned into winter, a major ice dam developed over the boards. By mid- January all the diversion infrastructure was buried under several inches of ice, inaccessible and possibly getting damaged. Appallingly, water that could have been being sent down the creek to the lake and the ponds was instead being pushed out into the open desert above the boards in all directions. This tremendous waste of water was easily documented, as it was frozen far out into the bushes. Photos included.

I cannot express enough how happy I am to see the hot pipe repair completed, but we cannot allow this "win for the Mono Basin" to become a tragic net loss if the creek water continues to be mismanaged. Enough water needs to be in lower Wilson Creek to maintain these Public Trust resources that have long existed. The local community is the only reason the hot pipe project was completed, and I call on all of us to keep a close eye on the situation this spring and summer.

The Mono Lake Committee can continue to claim that a tiny trickle of water is enough to maintain the ponds, ranch, and lower Wilson Creek, but that is simply untrue. Their disingenuous concern for the ponds is too little too late. The US Forest Service needs to be held accountable for their management choice to continue to destroy habitat in Wilson Creek, at the DeChambeau Ponds, and at the ranch by keeping water from flowing there. Instead, they let it run, wasted and unmanaged, into the open desert while publicly proclaiming a fallacious "win for the Mono Basin".

Hillary Hansen Jones
Mono Lake



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SUBJECT

Letter from Rural County
Representatives of California
(RCRC) to Representative Obernolte
re: House Committee on Oversight
and Reform's COVID-19 Relief Bill
Language

**PERSONS
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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Letter of support from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to Representative Obernolte regarding the House Committee on Oversight and Reform's COVID-19 relief bill language that would provide direct financial assistance for counties.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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2/26/2021 2:01 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



February 16, 2021

The Honorable Jay Obernolte
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Coronavirus Relief Package - Direct Funding for Local Governments

Dear Representative Obernolte:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to share our appreciation and support for the House Committee on Oversight and Reform coronavirus (COVID-19) relief bill language that would provide desperately needed direct financial assistance for counties, including those with lower population thresholds.

RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural, low-population California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties. Like our counterparts in more urbanized areas, small, low-population counties remain on the front lines in responding to this deadly and costly pandemic. As such, our members firmly believe counties should receive direct federal assistance – as experienced recently by their urban counterparts - if there is to be another federal COVID-19 relief package.

In the closing days of the 116th Congress, a group of bi-partisan/bi-cameral lawmakers worked tirelessly to craft a comprehensive COVID-19 relief package. Despite the weeks of negotiations, the \$908 billion COVID-19 relief package that was enacted did not include assistance for state and local governments. This lack of assistance to state and local governments extended months of financial difficulty for small counties across the Golden State, coupled with a growing pandemic whose burden of response often falls upon RCRC members.

RCRC is encouraged to see aid for state and local governments is included in the House Committee on Oversight and Reform's reconciliation text and we ask for your support to ensure this language stays in any final COVID-19 relief package. After a year of this pandemic, many of California's rural counties have had to rely on the Newsom Administration along with approval of the California Legislature to receive monies that

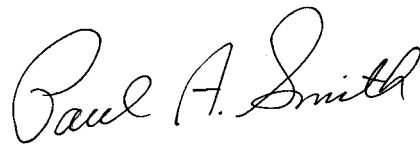
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were approved last March by Congress under the CARES Act. Simultaneously, counties continue to expend resources to meet their vast community health needs. Without direct, flexible, population-based aid, small counties in California and around the country will continue to face the economic realities of delivering needed and mandated services as the costly pandemic continues.

Again, RCRC fully supports the adoption of the \$350 billion proposal to provide state and local assistance and fully appreciates the distribution method being put forth by the House Committee of Oversight and Reform. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at psmith@rcrcnet.org or (916) 447-4806, or RCRC's legislative advocate in Washington D.C., Sheryl Cohen at cohen@acg-consultants.com or (202) 327-8100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

PAUL A. SMITH
Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

cc: Members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Members of the Mono County Board of Supervisors



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)

TIME REQUIRED 15 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Phil Moores, ESTA Executive Director

SUBJECT Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
(ESTA) Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual
Report

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The Joint Powers Authority agreement requires the submission of an annual report after the close of the fiscal year. With the fiscal audit in the final steps of completion, the financials of FY19-20 are fixed and ready for reporting. The annual report includes information on ridership, costs, revenue, and expenses.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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STAFF REPORT

Subject: ESTA Annual Report FY19-20

Initiated by: Phil Moores, Executive Director

BACKGROUND:

The Joint Powers Authority agreement requires the submission of an annual report after the close of the fiscal year. With the fiscal audit in the final steps of completion, the financials of FY19-20 are fixed and ready for reporting. The annual report includes information on ridership, costs, revenue, and expenses.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

ESTA has several exciting projects underway that started way back in FY19-20 and is hopeful for more. The Bishop Operations Facility architectural and engineering planning will begin shortly. We are striving for a ground breaking on the new building next fiscal year. Staff is looking forward to new and more spacious offices. The Short-Range Transit and Coordinated Human Services Plan RFP is being prepared for issue. This plan guides ESTA's direction for the next five years. Also, we are applying for a Caltrans grant to fund a transition to zero-emission vehicles and are hopeful for success.

While the Covid-19 pandemic is taking a bite out of our revenue, FY19-20 ended with a budget surplus and ESTA reserves remain strong in 2021, and the fiscal audit ended without significant findings.

The difficult decision to cancel the Reds Meadow Shuttle in the summer of 2020 must be revisited in the Spring of 2021. It is still unclear how social distancing rules will affect the summer's service. You may recall, that severely limited loads on the buses made the business model untenable.

The Unmet Needs process in FY19-20 resulted in the extension of Bridgeport to Gardnerville route. The route now goes to Carson City upon request.

Training in late FY19-20 was interrupted by Covid-19 and continues to be a challenge. Virtual training sessions are scheduled and our plan is to record the sessions for viewing by absent drivers.

Administrative staff performance evaluations will be designed and implemented for the coming fiscal year, and a written succession plan is still forthcoming too.

A customer survey provided the following data:

Category	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	No Answer	Average
Drivers Courtesy & Competency	0	0	12	89	1	3.88
Phone Courtesy & Competency	1	0	15	80	6	3.81
Reliability & On- Time	0	4	19	79	0	3.74
Cost To Ride	1	6	22	71	2	3.63
Service Coverage	0	4	19	79	0	3.74
Schedules	1	8	32	61	0	3.50
Safety	0	0	14	88	0	3.86
					overall	3.74

The overall score of 3.74 out of 4.00 is reflective of the hard work and attitude of the ESTA employees. Here is a sample of the comments from the surveys:

- Great Job!
- You guys do an outstanding job...Bus driver Mike is a model for high standards of professionalism as a driver and person
- The drivers need to wait till the elderly passengers are seated and their bags are secure before they start to drive off. The buses go to fast by the covered stops so they miss the people if they are seated.
- Bus drivers are extremely courteous & very alert to traffic & people waiting. The bus has never missed me. Even when visibility is poor from (snow etc)
- We love the bus and the bus people. Y'all are the best
- You guys are the best. I like this bus
- Give ESTA staff free coffee & donuts
- Great Service!!
- I have a car. Riding ESTA is such a positive & safe alternative. I don't drive very much. It is like a carpool to take ESTA to work & home again. The ESTA to/fm Bishop is a life saver
- Born & Raised in South Cal. Moved up here 2 1/2 yrs ago. Have a car but our service is good & it's very good. Thanks
- (name of driver) needs to retire. He keeps flying past stops.
- The Drivers are awesome! Down to earth, real, friendly & personable
- Thank you for being available
- I love ESTA. I take buses every day in Mammoth, and I take the Mammoth Express two times a week.
- (comment only- no survey scored) I never heard back on confirmation of my reservation request, so I never made the trip. I know there are not normal times, with Covid and the fires but I would strongly recommend that when circumstances allow, ESTA needs to look not an update of its reservation system. Your actual service has been great, but communication is a little clunky
- The reservation system is broken. I submitted a request after hours on a Friday, expecting a return email on Monday. I called on Wednesday and got the last available seat. Never heard anything as a response to my original email. I got lucky. The folks make the reservation and processing the payment on the phone were apologetic and nice. I think you should invest in automating reservation system so that real time

reservations/payments can be made online. I understand ESTA may be a relatively small operation but that's become an expectation from the traveling public. Other than that everything was fine.

- The only "issue" I had was the driver barely used his mask. Nor did he enforce it with other riders. I know it's a tough time right now but I found it discouraging and dangerous to not be enforcing this especially on a bus that could promote community spread. Other than that I LOVE ESTA. you guys rule.
- I believe it would be easier to make reservations and pay tickets online instead of waiting for a callback. Then make the payment after you called.
- Local people should have a discount on the different travel sections, especially those with long traffic.
- The driver was wonderful and so nice!
- Possibly letting us know when stops will be longer for bathroom etc. Took it SOBO and BOBO. Reno to LP and then Independence to Reno. Long trip. Nice to know the next stop will be for 10mins and to take a bathroom break then.
- This was my first time using ESTA, and you guys got me to/From Reno for my JMT hike, saving me lots of time and expense. Drivers were very courteous, and the buses were clean! My only wish is that there was a way to charge electronics while en route. Thanks for a great experience!
- I only use the 395 bus. I live in LA and use it with metrolink to get to the eastern sierras with a bicycle. It's a long ride, but comfortable, and reasonable. Syncs up well with metroline.
- I have only used the Lone Pine to Reno shuttle when I come off trail, but that has worked well for me.
- I appreciate the service you provide. Operating public transit in a rural area is a tough job. We use the transit to return home after a backpacking trip. It save our group from having to drive an additional 5 hours to shuttle our vehicle. The buses were comfortable and on time. Thanks again for your serve.
- Great trip. I can't wait to do it again.
- Was super happy to be able to change my reservations to a day earlier as I completed the JMT early. Having a save, reliable transport at the end of an incredible hike was fantastic...thank you!
- Excellent service
- Keep driver Mike! He is top quality.
- The service was excellent. I used it for my son coming off the Whitney. However, I ordered and paid for a ticket on Tuesday evening for Wednesday morning ride. The driver did not have his name on the manifesto so my son paid again. We were happy the driver let him on though.
- Was surprised that a cutaway picked us up and not a full-size over the road coach like YARTS uses. Was glad that one stop had a restroom. First operator was friendly. The second was a little gruff but a safe Operator. Really appreciated the service. Thank you.

- We traveled from Reno to Lone Pine 6 hrs. We had to ask our driver to stop to use a restroom. I would think that rest stops/restroom stops would be part of the route. But overall the bus ride was good.
- The driver asked if I was connecting to YARTS and let me off right across the street from their pickup to save me a walk. Greatly appreciate it!
- I love your guys! Drivers are amazing, response time is prompt for emails. Wish I lived in the Sierra so I could ride you guys more.
- Thank you very much Carla for picking me up every day my son and me we really appreciate Carla and the Eastern Sierra Transit. Thank youuuu
- Carla & others are great- too bad no weekends or more hours after 3:00- we need this bus!
- Weekends
- I've utilized the Inyo Mono Transit for 15 years & I'm always extremely pleased not only with the service but the fact it exists. Carl is the absolute best! Thank you for your service if you guys could add Saturday that would be best!
- For me you're the best
- We need night rider more days a week and longer hours
- Without your services I would be unable to function. Thank God for your services! It would be unreasonable for you to run on my schedule wouldn't it? I think your schedules serve most of us very well!!
- More Availability
- Cost is too high. Bus only gives seniors discounts. On time isn't so good at times- been late a lot to work. Need to post in the bus when there not running on Holidays. I missed work not knowing bus isn't running
- Without this service my wife and I and others would be limited. We could go anywhere
- DAR, Drivers and Dispatch are the best! My mother and I love the service, drivers and all who help to make Bishop run efficiently, and effectively. Take Care! CeCe & April
- I am handicapped in a wheelchair and very reliant on ESTA for Transportation your drivers and staff me for the last 17 years. I am grateful for the service to keep me independent and the night rider on Rfi, Sat is great. I wish we had a bus from 6-10 pm every night so some of us can go out at night. Please consider. A night rider every day of the week. Thank you very much
- It would be more convenient to have later service times on week days and Sundays

The ESTA fleet size is not optimal in that we have too many older buses as spares. Once we receive the new cutaways, the older buses will be retired. This will optimize our fleet size and reduce maintenance costs.

ESTA's IT is satisfactory, but would benefit from some new technology. The upcoming Short-Range Transit Plan will evaluate our systems and make

some recommendations for upgrades. Mobile ticketing and payroll software are among the top priorities.

The following tables summarize the performance and state of ESTA at the end of FY19-20, June 30, 2020.

System Stats				
Fiscal Year	18	19	20	Var
Ridership	1,076,085	1,123,614	880,531	-21.63%
Service Hours	58,287	58,340	52,466	-10.07%
Revenue Miles	961,034	944,357	863,766	-8.53%
Fare Revenue ¹	1,899,354	2,011,500	1,808,606	-10.09%
Subsidy Revenue ²	3,062,731	3,060,994	3,488,148	13.95%
Operating Expenses	4,623,575	4,454,065	4,433,259	-0.47%
Preventable Accidents	15	22	13	-40.91%
Maintenance Expense ³	550,469	566,724	609,460	7.54%
KPI's				
Fiscal Year	18	19	20	Var
Farebox Recovery	41.08%	45.16%	40.80%	-9.66%
Subsidy per Passenger	\$2.85	\$2.72	\$3.96	45.41%
Maintenance Cost per Mile	\$0.57	\$0.60	\$0.71	17.57%
Passengers per Hour	18.5	19.3	16.8	-12.86%
Accidents per 100,000 Miles	1.56	2.33	1.51	-35.40%
Cost per Hour	\$79.32	\$76.35	\$84.50	10.68%

Reduced service hours and ridership absorbed the still required expenses and resulted in increases in cost per hour and subsidy per passenger. The Maintenance cost increase is the most notable item. The cost went up dramatically despite the reduced service hours and miles. This highlights the importance of replacing the aging fleet with new vehicles. Our fleet of cutaway buses is receiving an infusion of new vehicles, but the heavy-duty buses and trolleys in Mammoth are in serious need of replacement.

Revenues remained strong from funding sources, fuel and oil expenses were reduced, and the overall expenses were reduced due to cancelled services in the spring.

Revenues				
Fiscal Year	18	19	20	Var
Passenger Fares	905,063	985,620	916,764	-7.0%
Local & State Funds	1,702,091	1,824,239	1,988,979	9.0%
Federal Funds	483,684	404,990	517,195	27.7%
Contract Services	1,854,362	1,838,603	1,767,535	-3.9%
Other	61,139	124,453	108,791	-12.6%
total	5,006,339	5,177,905	5,299,264	2.3%
Operating Expenses				
Fiscal Year	18	19	20	Var
Salaries & Benefits	2,278,406	2,412,360	2,383,312	-1.2%
Insurance	601,979	534,066	539,694	1.1%
Fuel & Oil	454,960	475,648	409,337	-13.9%
Maintenance	550,470	566,725	609,460	7.5%
Other	737,760	1,189,106	491,455	-58.7%
Capital Replacement	175,030	170,520	158,990	-6.8%
total	4,623,575	5,177,905	4,433,258	-14.4%



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

TIME REQUIRED 1 hour

SUBJECT COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

**PERSONS
APPEARING
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BOARD**

Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan
Wheeler, Public Health Director

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Departments: CAO

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Robert C. Lawton, CAO

SUBJECT Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs Representative Update

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Report and discussion on the Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs representative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive report and provide staff direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Robert C. Lawton

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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: CAO, Finance

TIME REQUIRED 20 minutes

SUBJECT Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director,
Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

CAO and Finance will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information and provide direction to staff, if desired.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Janet Dutcher

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF MONO

Kim Bunn
Assistant Finance Director
Auditor-Controller

Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Director of Finance

Gerald Frank
Assistant Finance Director
Treasurer - Tax Collector

TO: Mono County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Janet Dutcher – Mono County, Director of Finance
Megan Mahaffey – Mono County, Accountant II
Bob Lawton – Mono County, CAO

DATE: March 2, 2021

RE: FY 2021-2022 Budget Update #1

Action Requested:

Receive information and provide direction to staff if desired.

Discussion:

On February 9, staff discussed next year's budget calendar with your Board. The schedule includes four opportunities for updating you and the public about our budget process. This is the first budget update.

- March 2: discuss rate development results
- April 13: update about economics, revenue estimates, base budget development, structural status of GF deficit and range of options to balance the budget
- May 11: budget workshop format, schedule and content, present framework of estimated recommended budget
- June 8: present recommended budget

The budget team is nearly done with the initial workforce calculations before distribution to departments for their review, and has set up the OpenGov budget project in anticipation of building the base budget. Concurrently, work is underway to calculate rates affecting the budgets of all operating departments.

Current budget development progress and plans are discussed below:

- Estimating salary and benefits. We continue to use the Workforce develop application connected and interlinked with OpenGov budget builder. The application calculates salaries and benefit cost amounts using modeling, positions, and incumbents. The goal is continuous achievement of a higher level of precision in the budget for this significant expense category, along with greater automation and transparency. Factors we consider in our simulation include:
 - Known and anticipated COLAs
 - Next year's PERS contribution rates for current service costs

- Next year's allocation of PERS unfunded accrued liability payment
- Scheduled pension obligation bond debt service payments
- Level of funding for retiree other post-employment benefits
- Anticipated cost per employee for health care premiums
- Vacant positions on the allocation list which are not currently funded in the budget
- Insurance expense allocation to Departments
- A87 charges
- Internal service charges including motor pool, copier, and IT

The budget team will present current results and trends at your public meeting on March 2.

CAO and Finance continue to strategize about our approach towards budget balancing and setting expectations so departments can formulate budget requests more closely aligned with our objective of structurally balancing the General Fund operating budget.



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: County Counsel and CAO

TIME REQUIRED 5 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Stacey Simon, County Counsel

SUBJECT Allocation List Amendment - Risk Management Position

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add the position of Risk Manager in the Office of the County Counsel and eliminate the position of Risk Manager in the County Administrative Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. There is no change to the salary for the Risk Manager position.

CONTACT NAME: Stacey Simon

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Stacey Simon

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Paralegal
Kevin Moss

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Stacey Simon
Date: March 2, 2021
Re: Amendment to Allocation List

Recommended Action

Approve proposed Resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add the position of Risk Manager to the Office of the County Counsel and eliminate the position of Risk Manager in the County Administrative Office.

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

Economic Base Infrastructure Public Safety
 Environmental Sustainability Mono Best Place to Work

Fiscal Impact

None. The salary for the position is unchanged.

Discussion

The County's list of allocated positions currently includes the position of Risk Manager within the County Administrative Office. Following discussions between the County Administrative Officer and the County Counsel, it was determined that the Risk Manager position should, at least temporarily, be moved to within the County Counsel's office due to the significant collaboration between those positions and anticipated restructuring within the County Administrative Office. The proposed resolution would accomplish that change.



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER TO AMEND THE COUNTY OF MONO LIST OF ALLOCATED POSITIONS
TO ADD THE POSITION RISK MANAGER IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
COUNSEL AND ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF RISK MANAGER IN THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the County of Mono maintains a list of County job classifications, the pay ranges or rates for those job classifications, and the number of positions allocated by the Board of Supervisors for each of those job classifications on its List of Allocated Positions (or “Allocation List”); and,

WHEREAS, the Allocation List identifies approved vacancies for recruitment and selection by Human Resources and implements collective bargaining agreements related to job classifications and pay rates; and,

WHEREAS, the County seeks to provide public services in the most efficient and economical manner possible, which at times requires the modification of the job classifications on the Allocation List; and

WHEREAS, it is currently necessary to amend the Allocation List as part of maintaining proper to amend the Allocation List as part of maintaining proper accounting for hiring employees to perform public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: The County Administrative Officer is authorized to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to reflect the following changes:

Increase the allocation of full-time Risk Manager positions in the Office of the County Counsel by one (1) position. New total: One (1). (Annual Salary: \$94,994.)

Decrease the allocation of full-time Risk Manager positions in the County Administrative Office by one (1) position. New total: Zero (0). (Annual Salary of deleted position: \$94,994.)

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ___ day of March 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

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Jennifer Krietz, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Queenie Barnard
Clerk of the Board

Stacey Simon
County Counsel



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

Departments: Human Resources

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
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Stacey Simon, County Counsel

SUBJECT Employment Agreement - Risk
Manager

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R21-____, approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager 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 cost for this position for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (March 2nd to June 30th) is \$39,466 of which \$31,665 is salary and \$7,801 is the cost of the benefits and is included in the approved budget. Total cost for a full six months of the contract is \$59,199 of which \$47,497 is annual salary and \$11,702 is the cost of the benefits.

CONTACT NAME: Stacey Simon

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Paralegal
Kevin Moss

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Stacey Simon
Date: March 2, 2021
Re: Employment Agreement with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager

Recommended Action

Announce Risk Manager's salary of \$92,004 annually, and adopt Resolution #R21-____, approving agreement with Jacob Sloane as Risk Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Strategic Plan Focus Area(s) Met

Economic Base Infrastructure Public Safety
 Environmental Sustainability Mono Best Place to Work

Fiscal Impact

None. The salary for the position is unchanged.

Discussion

The County currently employs Jacob (Jay) Sloane as its Risk Manager. Mr. Sloane's employment agreement has expired and it is necessary to enter into a new agreement governing his employment. The proposed agreement is for a shortened period (6 months) due to Mr. Sloane's residence out of state and the mutual understanding reached between Mr. Sloane and a prior County Administrative Officer that he would remain in his position until such time as he secured employment in North Carolina and/or the County hired his replacement, whichever was to occur first.

In addition to the shortened timeframe, several changes have been made to the standard at-will employment agreement to conform with the anticipated length of employment, including elimination of notice of contract renewal, severance and other provisions. Finally, the appointing authority has been changed from CAO to the County Counsel to reflect the move of the Risk Management position to the County Counsel's office. The salary and benefits remain unchanged.



RESOLUTION NO. R21-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING AN
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JACOB SLOANE
AND PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION, APPOINTMENT,
AND CONDITIONS OF SAID EMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Section 25300 of the Government Code to prescribe the compensation, appointment, and conditions of employment of County employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mono County Board of Supervisors, that the Employment Agreement of Jacob Sloane, a copy of which is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth, is hereby approved and the compensation, appointment, and other terms and conditions of employment set forth in that Agreement are hereby prescribed and shall govern the employment of Jacob Sloane. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors shall execute said Agreement on behalf of the County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board

Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY COUNSEL

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
WITH JACOB SLOANE
AS MONO COUNTY RISK MANAGER**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Jacob Sloane (Mr. Sloane) and the County of Mono (County) for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions of Mr. Sloane's continued employment with the County as Risk Manager.

I. RECITALS

Jay Sloane is currently employed by the County as its Risk Manager. The County wishes to continue to employ Mr. Sloane as its Risk Manager on a full-time basis on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Mr. Sloane wishes to accept employment with the County on said terms and conditions.

II. AGREEMENT

1. Mr. Sloane shall be employed by Mono County as Risk Manager, serving at the will and pleasure of the County Counsel in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Mr. Sloane accepts such employment. The County Counsel shall be deemed the "appointing authority" for all purposes with respect to Mr. Sloane's employment.
2. The term of this Agreement shall be March 2, 2021, until September 1, 2021, unless earlier terminated by either party in accordance with this Agreement.
3. Mr. Sloane's salary shall continue to be \$94,994.13 annually (\$7,916.18 per month). The Board may unilaterally increase Mr. Sloane's compensation in its discretion at any time while this Agreement is in effect. Should a wage increase be granted under the MOU with Local 39, applicable to Mono County Public Employees (MCPE), it is agreed that this agreement may be reopened for discussion and potential re-negotiation with respect Mr. Sloane's salary. During such negotiations, the County shall consider and discuss the issue of increased compensation with Mr. Sloane in good faith, but the County's decision whether or not to grant such additional compensation shall be final and non-appealable.
4. Mr. Sloane shall earn and accrue vacation and sick leave in accordance with the County's Management Benefits Policy and in accordance with any applicable County Code provisions not in conflict with said Policy. Also, pursuant to said Policy, in recognition of the fact that his employment will be exempt from the payment of overtime or compensatory time-off under the Fair Labor Standards Act, he shall be entitled to 80 hours of merit leave (aka

administrative leave) during each year of service under this Agreement. Mr. Sloane understands that said merit leave does not accrue from one calendar year to the next; rather, it must be used by December 31st of each calendar year in which it is provided or it is lost, unless provided otherwise by action of the Board of Supervisors. (Note: The foregoing does not add to or take away from the merit leave that Mr. Sloane was already entitled to for the 2020 calendar year under his former terms of employment.)

5. To the extent deemed appropriate by the County Counsel, the County shall pay the professional dues, subscriptions, and other educational expenses necessary for Mr. Sloane's full participation in applicable professional associations, or for his continued professional growth and for the good of the County.
6. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, Mr. Sloane shall be entitled to the same general benefits provided by the County to other management-level employees, as described more fully in the County's Management Benefits Policy. Such benefits include but are not limited to CalPERS retirement benefits applicable to PERS members whose membership followed the passage of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) (currently 2.0% at 62), CalPERS medical insurance, County dental and vision coverage, and life insurance. Any and all references in this Agreement to the County's Management Benefits Policy shall mean the "Policy Regarding Benefits of Management-level Officers and Employees," adopted by Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, as the same may be amended from time to time and unilaterally implemented by the County.
7. Mr. Sloane understands and agrees that his receipt of compensation or benefits of any kind under this Agreement or under any applicable County Code provision or policy – including but not limited to salary, insurance coverage, and paid holidays or leaves – is expressly contingent on his actual and regular rendering of personal services to the County or, in the event of any absence, upon his proper use of any accrued leave. Should Mr. Sloane cease rendering such services during this Agreement and be absent from work without any accrued leave to cover said absence, then he shall cease earning or receiving any additional compensation or benefits until such time as he returns to work and resumes rendering personal services; provided, however, that the County shall provide any compensation or benefits mandated by state or federal law. Furthermore, should Mr. Sloane's regular schedule ever be reduced to less than full-time employment, on a temporary or permanent basis, then all compensation and benefits provided by this Agreement or any applicable County policies shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis, or any benefit

that the County does not generally pro-rate for its other part-time employees.

8. Consistent with the "at will" nature of Mr. Sloane's employment, the County Counsel may terminate Mr. Sloane's employment at any time during this agreement, without cause. In that event, this Agreement shall automatically terminate concurrently with the effective date of the termination. Mr. Sloane understands and acknowledges that as an "at will" employee, he will not have permanent status nor will his employment be governed by the County Personnel System except to the extent that System is ever modified to apply expressly to at-will employees. Among other things, he will have no property interest in his employment, no right to be terminated or disciplined only for just cause, and no right to appeal, challenge, or otherwise be heard regarding any such termination or other disciplinary action the County Counsel may, in his or her discretion, take during Mr. Sloane's employment.
9. Mr. Sloane may resign his employment with the County at any time. His resignation shall be deemed effective when tendered, and this agreement shall automatically terminate on that same date, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Mr. Sloane shall not be entitled to any severance pay or additional compensation of any kind after the effective date of such resignation.
10. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the employment of Jacob Sloane. Consistent with Mr. Sloane's uninterrupted employment status, this Agreement shall have no effect on any sick leave or vacation time that Mr. Sloane may have accrued as of the effective date of this Agreement nor on his original date of hire or total years of service as a County employee, to the extent the same may be relevant in determining such accruals or Mr. Sloane's date of eligibility for or vesting of any non-salary benefits or for any other purpose.
11. The parties agree that the Board of Supervisors' approval of this Agreement on behalf of the County is a legislative act and that through this agreement, the Board of Supervisors is carrying out its responsibility and authority under Section 25300 of the Government Code to set the terms and conditions of County employment. It is not the parties' intent to alter in any way the fundamental statutory (non-contractual) nature of Mr. Sloane's employment with the County nor to give rise to any future contractual remedies for breach of this Agreement or of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Rather, the parties intend that Mr. Sloane's sole remedy in response to any failure by the County to comply with this Agreement shall be traditional mandamus. Pursuant to Government Code sections 53243. Mr. Sloane shall reimburse the County for any paid leave pending an investigation, legal

criminal defense, or cash settlement related to termination by the County if Mr. Sloane is convicted of a crime involving abuse of office or position.

12. Mr. Sloane acknowledges that this Agreement is executed voluntarily by him, without duress or undue influence on the part or on behalf of the County. Mr. Sloane further acknowledges that he has participated in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement and has had the opportunity to be represented by counsel with respect to such negotiation and preparation or does hereby knowingly waive his right to do so, and that he is fully aware of the contents of this Agreement and of its legal effect. Thus, any ambiguities in this Agreement shall not be resolved in favor of or against either party.

III. EXECUTION:

This Agreement is executed between the parties on _____, 2021.

EMPLOYEE

THE COUNTY OF MONO

By: Jacob Sloane

By: Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY COUNSEL



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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Anne Frievault, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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SUBJECT Closed Session - Public Employee
Evaluation

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

TIME REQUIRED Item scheduled to start at 1:00 PM
(45 minutes)

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD CalRecycle Rep. Jeffory McDaniel

SUBJECT SB1383 Overview

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Jurisdiction presentation by CalRecycle SB1383 representatives regarding regulations for reducing short-lived climate pollutants in California.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive presentation. Designate department(s) responsible for required programs. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this point. However, unfunded mandates associated with SB1383 are projected to require additional County staff and/or additional contracts.

CONTACT NAME: Justin Nalder

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Staff Report - SB1383 Overview
Presentation

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2/26/2021 1:59 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors
From: Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent
Date: March 2, 2021
Subject: SB 1383 Overview

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation. Designate department(s) responsible for required programs. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact at this point. However, unfunded mandates associated with SB1383 are projected to require additional County staff and/or additional contracts.

Discussion:

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, 2016) was signed into law and establishes methane emissions reduction goals of 50 percent in the level of the statewide landfill disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and 75 percent by 2025. It also establishes an increase to edible food recovery by 20 percent by 2025. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) developed regulations in Title 14 Natural Resources, Division 7, Chapter 12: Short-lived Climate Pollutants in the California Code of Regulations to implement the goals in SB 1383. Rural jurisdictions that were granted an AB1826 waiver may submit a resolution which allows for exemption through the end of 2026 at which point an application may be submitted for low-population or high elevation.

Local jurisdictions will be responsible for organic waste collection services to all businesses and residences (unless otherwise exempt), establishing an edible food recovery program, conducting education and outreach to community, procuring recyclable and recovered organic products, securing access to recycling and edible food recovery capacity, and monitoring compliance and conducting enforcement. As these are interdisciplinary programs it will be necessary to designate which department(s) will be responsible for required programs.

A program overview will be provided by our CalRecycle representative Jeffory McDaniel. Information regarding Mono County status under the regulations will be covered during the presentation.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (760) 932-5453.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Nalder".

Justin Nalder
Solid Waste Superintendent

SB 1383

Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California

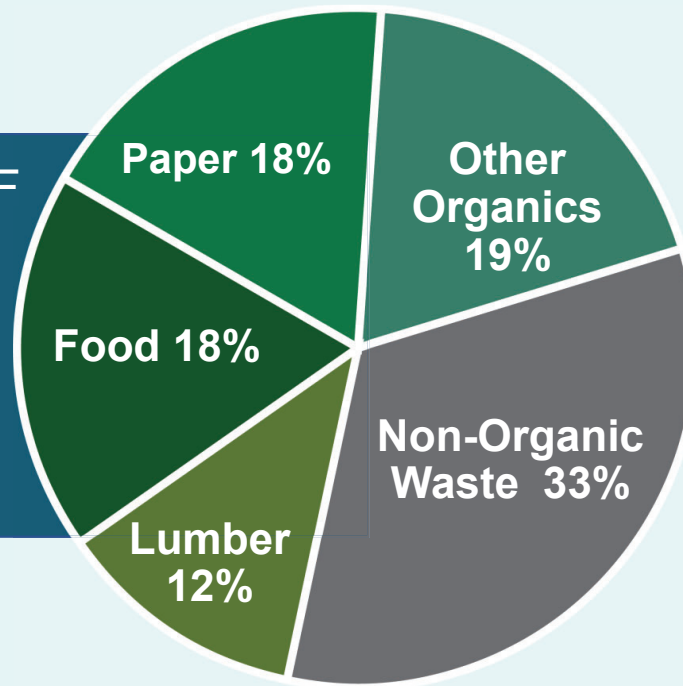
Jurisdiction Presentation
December 2020

An Overview of SB 1383's
Organic Waste Reduction
Requirements



Organic Waste Is the Largest Waste Stream in California

CALIFORNIA DISPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 27 MILLION TONS OF ORGANIC WASTE IN 2017



California's Waste Stream

IN CALIFORNIA, MILLIONS ARE
FOOD INSECURE

1 IN 5 CALIFORNIANS



CALIFORNIA THROWS AWAY
MORE THAN 6 MILLION TONS
OF FOOD WASTE EVERY YEAR!

SB 1383 Requirements

2020

50% REDUCTION IN LANDFILLED ORGANIC WASTE
(11.5 Million Tons Allowed Organic Waste Disposal)

2022

REGULATIONS TAKE EFFECT

2025

75% REDUCTION IN LANDFILLED ORGANIC WASTE
(5.7 Million Tons Allowed Organic Waste Disposal)

2025

**20% RECOVERY OF CURRENTLY DISPOSED EDIBLE
FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

Department Issued Exemptions and Waivers

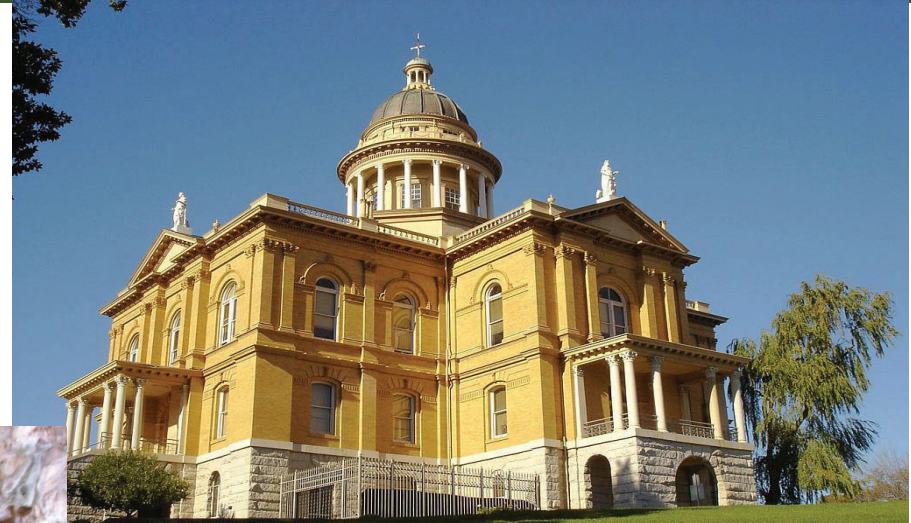
Rural Exemption

Low-Population Waiver

High-Elevation Waiver



Department Issued Exemptions and Waivers



Department Issued Waivers

- Which regulatory requirements would be waived for a jurisdiction that receives a low population waiver from CalRecycle?



SB 1383 IN ACTION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SB 1383 doesn't just apply to waste management and recycling departments. Every local department plays a role in SB 1383 implementation.



Jurisdiction Responsibilities

**Provide Organics
Collection Services to All
Residents and Businesses**



**Conduct Education and
Outreach to Community**



**Secure Access to
Recycling and Edible
Food Recovery Capacity**



**Establish Edible Food
Recovery Program**



**Procure Recyclable and
Recovered Organic
Products**



**Monitor Compliance
and Conduct
Enforcement**

COMMERCIAL EDIBLE FOOD GENERATORS (ARTICLE 10) (SECTIONS 18991.3 – 18991.5)

Tier 1



Wholesale Food Vendors



Food Service Providers & Food Distributors



Grocery Stores
Facilities \geq 10,000 sq. ft.



Supermarkets

Tier 2

Starts 2024



Restaurants
Facilities \geq 5,000 sq. ft.



Large Venues and Events



Hotels
with on-site food facility and \geq 200 rooms



State Agencies
with cafeterias



Local Education Agencies
with on-site food facility



Health Facilities
with \geq 100 beds and on-site food facility



Federal Facilities

SB 1383 IN ACTION

INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS



Monitor Compliance and Conduct Enforcement

JURISDICTION REQUIREMENTS

Ordinance 2022



Adopt an Ordinance
(Enforceable
Mechanism)
Including
Enforcement

Compliance Monitoring & Education 2022-2024



Annual
Compliance
Reviews, Route
Reviews,
Inspections

Educate Violators

Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement 2024



Annual Compliance
Reviews
Route Reviews,
Inspections,
Notice of Violations,
Penalties for
Violators



STATE ENFORCEMENT



CalRecycle

CALRECYCLE OVERSIGHT (BEGINS IN 2022)



Authorize Waivers

- Low Population
- Rural Areas

Emergency Circumstances

Oversee and Monitor

- State Agencies and Facilities
- Local Education Agencies



Oversee and Monitor for Compliance

Jurisdiction Review

- Conduct joint inspections with jurisdictions
- Review Implementation Record



If Violations

- Issue Notices of Violation
- May Authorize Corrective Action Plan
- Allows up to 24 months to address barriers outside of a jurisdiction's control

Model Implementation Tools



Franchise
Agreement



Mandatory Organics Disposal
Reduction Ordinance



Procurement
Policy



Food Recovery
Agreement



<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/152>

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>

Contact your LAMD Liaison
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MEETING DATE March 2, 2021

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

SUBJECT Mountain View Fire Update

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Justin Nalder, EOC Director

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive update from Incident Command for the Mountain View Fire and involved staff regarding impacts of the fire, recovery efforts, County response, debris removal and related topics. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact from this update.

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Departments: CAO, County Counsel

TIME REQUIRED 30 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Stacey
Simon, County Counsel

SUBJECT Follow Up On Legislative Platform

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

- 1) Review changes made to the County's 2021 Legislative Platform and proposed resolution subsequent to your Board's February 16 review of the preliminary Draft Legislative Platform; and 2) Provide direction for the use and implementation of the Legislative Platform.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Make any further changes or recommendations for the 2021 Legislative Platform and/or approve for publishing; and 2) Adopt proposed resolution; and 3) Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$500 in printing costs.

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Mono County

2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform

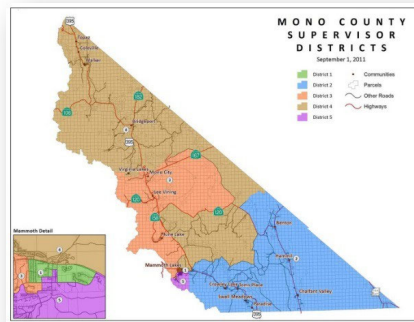
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Reviewed and adopted by the Mono County Board of Supervisors
March 2, 2021

Mono County Board of Supervisors



- Jennifer Kreitz..... District 1
- Rhonda Duggan..... District 2
- Bob Gardner District 3
- John Peters District 4
- Stacy Corless..... District 5



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Introduction

Mono County, California, is a rural county situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada and the California/Nevada border. Accessed by US Highway 395 which weaves its way north-south and is a state-designated Scenic Byway from its southern boundary all the way to Topaz Lake in the north, Mono County is 108 miles in length, and has an average width of only 38 miles. With dramatic mountain boundaries that rise in elevation to over 13,000 feet, the county's diverse landscape includes forests of Jeffrey and Lodgepole pine, juniper and aspen groves, hundreds of lakes, alpine meadows, streams and rivers, and sage-covered high desert. The county has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of the land is contained in the Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, as well as the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas. As a result, Mono County offers vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and outdoor recreation and adventure.

Tourism and recreation are the County's primary economic drivers, with Tourism generating more than \$670 million in direct visitor spending during 2019 and providing employment for over half its residents. Agriculture is the County's second most significant industry.



Mono County Tourism / Mono Lake Tufas

The county is home to, and named after, Mono Lake, which is a ~~large vast high-~~ desert saline lake with intriguing limestone tufa formations and is a vital habitat for millions of migratory and nesting birds. Mono Lake is just one of ~~the many~~ reasons that Mono County draws landscape photographers year-round.

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Commented [RL3]: Amendment recommended by Alicia Vennos

Another highlight is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800s, was home to as many as 10,000 people, and is now maintained as a State Historic Park with about 200 buildings still standing as they were left, preserved in a state of “arrested decay” for visitors to enjoy. Other natural wonders that attract people to Mono County include Devils Postpile National Monument, one of the world’s finest examples of columnar basalt and the headwaters of the Owens and Middle Fork San Joaquin Rivers; two of the state’s most important watersheds. Yosemite National Park’s eastern entrance at Tioga Pass is only 12 miles from Lee Vining and Mono Lake.



Mono County Tourism / Bodie State Historic Park



Mono County Tourism / Bridgeport Courthouse

Mono County has several small towns and charming villages, each with ~~its~~ their own ~~distinct~~ scenic beauty, year-round recreational opportunities, natural and historical attractions, and unique characteristics. The County seat is proudly located in Bridgeport, where the original 1881 courthouse is the second oldest in the state to be in continuous use. The only incorporated town in the county is Mammoth Lakes, which is located at the base of world-renowned Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, with a summit of 11,053 feet, over 3500 skiable acres, 28 lifts, and an average of 400 inches of snowfall annually.

~~For example, January 2017 recorded historic amounts of snow, with 20.5 feet accumulating in Mammoth during that month alone.~~ Approximately 8,100 people reside in the Mammoth Lakes area year-round, and during the peak winter season, the population swells to over 35,000 when visitors from around the state, country, and world come to ski, snowboard, and take part in many other winter activities. ~~The sister~~ Sister resort, June Mountain, just 20 miles north of Mammoth Lakes, offers uncrowded, wide-open slopes and a more peaceful, family-friendly alternative to busier ski areas.

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Commented [RL6]: Amendment per Alicia Vennos

Summer, however, is when Mono County really shines. The region offers countless miles of alpine hiking, superb trout fishing at dozens of well-stocked lakes, streams and rivers, kayaking,



Mono County Tourism / Silver Lake

cycling, horseback riding, golfing, and endless warm-weather adventures. Photographers flock to the county in September and October when it is almost impossible to take a bad photo of the fall color that lights up the Eastern Sierra landscape. *Sunset Magazine* named Mono County one of the “Top 5 places to Hike” in autumn and *TravelAndLeisure.com* listed Mono County as one of “America’s Best Fall Color Drives.”

A wide variety of lodging, restaurants, and shops are available throughout the county, and although commercial air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport will not be available in Summer/Fall 2021, regularly scheduled commercial flights to Bishop Airport from major west coast cities are projected to begin in December 2021. Chartered airlines and private aircraft will continue utilizing Mammoth Yosemite Airport, just a 10-minute drive from the Town of Mammoth Lakes, is accessible non-stop and year-round from Los Angeles, and seasonally from many other airports. Air services are offered through United Airlines and JSX.

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State and Federal General Guidelines Principles

The Mono County Board of Supervisors supports the general guidelines principles set forth below. County staff will apply these guidelines in evaluating State and Federal legislation, as well as executive and regulatory actions. It is the Board's objective to implement these guidelines.

Following preparation of the 2020 Legislative Platform, the COVID-19 Pandemic swept across the United States, taking 500,000 lives to date, and leaving no region unaffected. As a direct service provider, Mono County is responsible for mitigating and responding to COVID's effects on our residents, visitors and infrastructure.

This document includes expressions of policy support for specific COVID-19 relief measures already proposed or under consideration. The listing of these items should not be regarded as limiting the County's general support for other COVID-19 relief measures supporting individuals and service agencies which may be proposed subsequent to approval of this Platform.

Beyond inspiring policies directly related to COVID-19 response, the pandemic has illuminated the need for resilience-focused state and local disaster prevention, response and recovery planning strategies. Mono County supports state and federal initiatives to assist individuals and localities in developing greater resilience capacity.

To support the County's service to the community, the County should:

- Support legislative, regulatory or other policy and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local government revenues, maximize the County's access to state and federal funding sources, including pandemic support and relief programs, and/or increase local funding flexibility;
- Oppose any effort to balance the State budget through the taking of local government resources;
- Support legislation that protects the County's quality of life and diverse natural resources, while preserving the essence and historic values of the County;
- Support legislation that provides tax and funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state and federal monies while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources;
- Support legislation and budget action which provides additional and continued funding for local road infrastructure, including complete street features;
- Oppose legislative and administrative actions which would create federal unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority;

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- Support legislation that realigns governmental services in such a manner as to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people;
- Support the promotion of tourism, recreation, sustainable fisheries, filming, and a diversified local economy in the Eastern Sierra to achieve strong economic growth and prosperity;
- Continue to support legislation that honors our veterans for their service to our country;
- Support efforts that further the strategic directions outlined in the County's Strategic Plan;
- Engage on any proposals to repeal or additionally alter the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which provides Mono County citizens the ability to obtain affordable health care;
- Support efforts to combat climate change;
- Support legislation that seeks to address the insufficient quantity and quality of homes affordable to our residents; and
- Support legislation that addresses the burgeoning substance use disorder crisis and increases access to Medication Assisted Treatment.
- Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.
- Support legislation that waives the local share of cost of all emergency response and disaster recovery activities.
- Support funding for counties to provide for higher demands on critical recovery services.
- Support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives and legislation that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism and reduce inequity.

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State Priorities

1) Protect County revenue sources

Many County programs are at risk due to the instability of State funding. The Board of Supervisors supports efforts to sustain funding, enabling the continuation of critical programs for Mono County's constituents.

2) Encourage regulation relief/reform

Mono County applauds California's efforts to protect the environment. The Board supports efforts to achieve responsible regulation relief in the following areas:

a) Provide regulatory relief for solid waste operations

- i) Continue to provide regulatory relief to rural jurisdictions from statewide solid waste and recycling mandates when recycling infrastructure does not yet exist and causes significant transportation costs and emissions.
- ii) Provide funding for the siting and development of recycling infrastructure, and/or develop policies within state agencies and businesses such as Caltrans, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Edison for the local re-use of materials (glass cullet, wood chips) when generated in rural areas.
- iii) Support development of domestic recycling markets and streamline process for recycling infrastructure development.
Domestic recycling markets are needed to address the changes in international trade policies which have disrupted California's solid waste and recycling industry by restricting foreign imports of recyclable materials and requiring reduced contamination levels in recycling streams. In order to meet California's ambitious recycling mandates, investment in and development of domestic markets has become necessary.
- iv) Support legislation that allows for alternative organic programs for rural areas and exempts them from the SB 1383 requirements until such time that an economically feasible infrastructure is in place
Rural jurisdictions are disproportionately burdened under mandates of SB 1383/Short Lived Climate Pollutants. With no developed infrastructure, no economy of scale and great hauling distances to existing infrastructure, this remains a major challenge for rural areas.

b) Support CARB compliance legislation

Support legislation regarding California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliance to assist rural counties with the costs associated with State mandated compliance.

- c) ~~Encourage communication between air districts especially as it relates to smoke management.~~

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e)c) _____ Support environmental processing legislation

Support legislation that streamlines environmental processing, including the application of certain urban exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to rural communities.

e)d) _____ Support regulation of short-term rental online platforms

Online short-term rental platforms are unregulated, leaving accountability and compliance issues to local jurisdictions. Mono County urges the legislature to support regulation of short-term rentals to ensure an even playing field with traditional commercial lodging, require accountability, provide for tax collection, and support compliance at the state and local levels.

f)e) Ensure adequate oversight of state requirements for commercial cannabis activities, respect local CEQA processes for cannabis permits and encourage development of hemp regulations

Mono County is concerned about the state’s allocation of resources for monitoring and inspection of commercial cannabis permits to ensure compliance with state requirements, particularly in rural areas like Mono County. Where oversight is delegated to local agencies, such as the Agricultural Commissioner, adequate funding should also be provided. Where oversight is retained by the state, state agency staff should have adequate on-the-ground presence to ensure accountability and compliance without increasing the burden on local jurisdiction staff. Further, the state should respect the CEQA process conducted by local jurisdictions serving as lead agencies, even if the state’s responsible agency role is not triggered, or assume lead agency status and conduct separate CEQA evaluations for the approval of state licenses. In addition, the state has issued emergency regulations for hemp cultivation but has not yet proposed a regulatory plan for final regulations or federal government review. As with cannabis, state industrial hemp regulations are critical for local governments to craft local regulations that create a comprehensive set of rules to that protect public health and safety while providing for the industry. Without those state regulations, local jurisdictions are acting in a vacuum that may increase challenges due to uncoordinated or inconsistent requirements and approval processes. The state should continue working toward federally approved industrial hemp regulations.

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g)f) Continue to provide and increase funding for local jurisdictions to meet affordable housing goals

In an effort to address affordable housing needs throughout the state, new housing laws are passed every year. Some carry new mandates that place a regulatory burden on local jurisdictions, and some simply require funding to implement. We encourage the State to continue providing new funding streams, such as SB 2 and the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants program, as well as technical assistance programs, to assist local

jurisdictions with meeting new mandates and working toward statewide and local housing goals.

3) Natural Resources, Public Lands and Agriculture

a) **Support sustainable funding for State parks**

Continue to support measures to sustain our State parks, roads that access these parks, and recreation programs for the continued enjoyment of visitors and residents. Closure or underfunding of these parks would result in a significant negative economic impact on our County as tourism and recreation are our most important economic drivers.

b) **Encourage communication between air districts especially as it relates to smoke management.**

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b)c) **Protect our communities from wildfire and promote forest health. Prioritize Wildfire Prevention and Forest Health**

Support a balanced approach to fuels management that increases funding and capacity for community protection and, also, considers air quality and other health related issues within the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District comprehensive approach to forest and watershed health that increases funding and capacity building for community protection, home hardening, fuels reduction and biomass development. These efforts should also consider air quality and smoke impacts, and promote communication and collaboration among air pollution control districts and land management agencies regarding smoke impacts.

Commented [R20]: Amendments to this Item proposed by Supervisor Corless

d) **Disaster Prevention, Response and Recovery. Support legislation regarding programs and policies that promote the creation of both state and local disaster prevention, response, and recovery planning policy.**

i) **Support legislation that promotes the creation of both state and local disaster prevention, response and recovery planning policy and assistance programs**

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e) **Support legislation that promotes, protects, or facilitates the sustainability of our local agriculture**

Mono County agriculture is an important local economic driver. It provides jobs and contributes to the open-space landscape that draws visitors.

i) **Reinstate Williamson Act subventions and continue to develop alternative funding measures, such as the Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.**

ii) **Support continued and enhanced state funding for non-native, invasive plant management programs**

After years of no state funding allocation, weed management area groups throughout the state will have funding opportunities in the coming budget year. These programs are critical to the protection of our local and statewide environment, and have proven positive effects on natural fire regimes, species diversity, watershed health, and many other concerns. State funding for these programs should be maintained and enhanced if possible.

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e)g) Ensure full funding of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Program (AB 7 - 2006)

In 2006, AB 7 dedicated by law one third of all sport fishing license fees to be used for adequate stocking of Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatcheries. Beyond the funding dedication, AB 7 dictated the size of fish to be stocked. Recent California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) actions, as well as state budget actions, have reduced the size of the stocking fish and not fully directed the fee funding to this program. Mono County supports the original intent including all funding being directed to the state hatchery program, fish size, and reproducing diploid fish countywide as described in the original legislation.

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e)h) Support budget appropriations to modernize and maintain the state hatchery system.

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f)i) Support a balanced approach to regulating fishing

Support a fishing season in the Eastern Sierra that provides economic opportunity while maintaining the balance of environmental health and sustainable fisheries and requires California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to notify local government of proposed fishing regulation changes.

g)j) Support sustainable fishing

Support the funding of efforts to enhance the fish population in Mono County including sustainable fishing, ongoing fish stocking, education for proper catch and release practices, protection of spawning waterways, and support of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stocking of diploid trout in allowable waters.

~~h)k)~~ **Support bio-energy action plan development**

Encourage the various state agencies involved to continue evolving this field of work to produce and permit cleaner, more affordable technology based on sustainable and healthy forestry principles in a manner that benefits rural Sierra economies. Mono County has encouraged state agencies, such as the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) and California Energy Commission (CEC) to provide funding for project scoping and planning.

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~~j)~~ **Support development of domestic recycling markets and streamline process for recycling infrastructure development.**

Domestic recycling markets are needed to address the changes in international trade policies which have disrupted California's solid waste and recycling industry by restricting foreign imports of recyclable materials and requiring reduced contamination levels in recycling streams. In order to meet California's ambitious recycling mandates, investment in and development of domestic markets has become necessary.

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Rural jurisdictions are disproportionately burdened under mandates of SB 1383/Short Lived Climate Pollutants. With no developed infrastructure, no economy of scale and great hauling distances to existing infrastructure, this remains a major challenge for rural areas.

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~~l)~~ **Support legislation and funding that eases the burden of implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including creating necessary infrastructure in rural, sparsely populated areas**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act provides for local agencies to develop groundwater sustainability plans and, pursuant to those plans, sustainably manage groundwater resources. The funding mechanism for these activities provided in the law is for local agencies to impose fees on water users. Areas subject to the Act in Mono County that have been subject to the Act in the past are sparsely populated and primarily in agricultural production. Accordingly, very few individuals (less than a dozen) would have to bear the significant burden of funding compliance with the Act, should it apply again in the

~~future, which would endanger the viability of. This raises real concerns regarding the future of Mono County's agricultural operations.~~

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m) **Continued engagement in Bi-State Sage Grouse conservation efforts**

Mono County appreciates the State's increased role in sage-grouse conservation efforts and addressing the threat posed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP's) management of water in Long Valley, a key habitat area for the South Mono Population Management Unit. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is a significant player in this conservation effort. Ultimately, continuation of the collaborative multi-party partnership, ~~strengthened by including the cooperative engagement by of~~ LADWP, would be the ideal outcome to ensure the health and viability of sage grouse populations warrant a new decision not to list the species under the federal Endangered Species Act. If the bird is ultimately listed, the result could would be an additional regulatory burden with devastating impacts to our Mono County's agricultural and recreational activity-based economy.

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n) **Climate and drought resiliency**

Support measures that provide funding and resources to develop drought and climate resilient water supplies in California, such as water recycling and reuse, leak and loss prevention/remediation and other solutions to enhance the State's water resources in order to reduce reliance on increasingly unpredictable precipitation amounts.

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4) Public Safety and Criminal Justice

a) **Advocate to prevent adverse local impacts from cannabis and hemp legislation**

Advocate for local control, taxation and funding for addressing the environmental, land use, and public safety impacts of the cultivation of cannabis and hemp.

b) **Ensure State realignment & cost-shifts**

Continue to ensure successful implementation of the broad array of programs transferred to county jurisdiction under the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, including appropriate distribution of AB 109 funding. Support state policy changes that will allow for greater administrative and program flexibility for county programs associated with this shift of responsibility.

c) **Support of rural fire districts**

The population of Mono County is highly rural and dependent upon voluntary associations that provide basic emergency services. These volunteer fire districts provide services to residents and tourists, and they are often the first responders to accidents. Support relief for rural fire districts.

d) **Advocate for Community Paramedicine**

Advocate for the State Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) to expand the current number of EMS Programs participating in the Community Paramedicine Demonstration Project.

e) **Advocate for legislation to extend the age for juvenile services from 18 through the age of 20**

Neuroscience supports that brain development continues until the age of 23.

f) **Support legislation that provides financial support to probation**

Provide financial support to probation to include more evidence-based services and incentives for both adults and youth.

5) **Transportation and Infrastructure**

a) **Support action for transportation funding**

Support the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads and related infrastructure.

b) **Support State highway access**

Mono County supports budget policy and legislation to fund rehabilitation of the Bodie Road (Highway 270) that provides access to Bodie State Park and to facilitate early Sierra Pass openings (including Highways 120 and 108).

c) **Support complete streets and walkable community principles**

Mono County is a strong supporter and advocate of the complete streets and walkable community principles in the 2040 California Transportation Plan. This focus is a transportation paradigm and culture shift that will impact projects from initiation to completion and maintenance. Recently, local jurisdictions have been increasingly tasked with the funding and maintenance of complete street features on state facilities such as state highways. These maintenance responsibilities lie with the state, and a corresponding shift in the functioning and funding of Caltrans is needed to ensure success of complete street designs.

Commented [RL30]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Wendy Sugimura

d) **Support broadband deployment and communications systems improvements**

Leverage existing work efforts focused on broadband infrastructure investments and deployment projects to further increase access to Gigabit Gigabit broadband throughout the County. Advocate and work to improve communication systems including:

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- i) Implementation of the California Broadband Council's "Broadband for All Action Plan," including, but not limited to, support for enactment of SB4 and AB14;
- ii) Plain Old Telephone Systems (POTS) system reliability;
- iii) Reliable 911 service, the NextGen 911 transformation (including the leveraging of broadband for improving 911), 211 service, and public notification and warning services;
- iv) Cellular-based communication systems and networks including those designed for commercial and public safety use (such as FirstNet);
- v) Policies, programs, and funding opportunities for other public safety communication platforms, including but not limited to Land Mobile Radio;
- vi) Appropriate and effective definitions of "broadband" which recognize the importance of technology and dependence on the internet for public safety and economic development;
- vii) Legislation and associated programs that provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects and adoption/education efforts.

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e) Investor-Owned Utility Wildfire Mitigation and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy

In coordination with local allied agencies and community organizations, advocate for policies and practices which ensure public safety while recognizing and addressing the unique challenges of PSPS events in a tourism-driven rural environment. Encourage utilities' investment in infrastructure hardening, grid modernization, and situational awareness tools.

6) Administrative and Fiscal Services

a) Support Clerk/Recorder Services and Elections Administration improvements

Support resources for improving county record keeping services and election administration, and monitor legislation that may impact the following:

- i) Recording fees and process, and recorded documents;
- ii) Vital statistic fees and process;
- iii) Public records;
- iv) Unfunded mandates;
- v) Vote-by-mail, voter registration, election management systems, elections process, and election equipment;
- vi) Funding for records preservation (such as Board of Supervisors historic records);
- vii) Funding for modernization of elections equipment.

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b) Support Vote-by-mail legislation

Support legislation to authorize vote-by-mail ballot elections for rural counties.

c) Support leveraging SB2 Recording fees to return to Mono County for housing.

d) **Support the full funding of all Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)**

Support legislation and budget efforts that provide for payment of past due balances and continue to maximize the PILT revenue to counties and maintain full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.

e) **Oppose legislation that would limit and/or impose significant procedural or substantive barriers to counties' ability to contract for services.**

7) Health and Human Services

a) **Support accurate, adequate, flexible, and stable funding and regulatory interpretation to best meet Federal/State Health and Human Services program requirements**

These include Child Welfare Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Use Disorder Services, Human Services, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, California Children Services, and Health Reform. In addition, support new innovation by maximizing flexibility in program design, increase Federal/State funding leveraging opportunities, and streamline State program requirements and regulations including those serving specialized needs due to COVID-19.

b) **Support client access permitting online engagement and electronic interviews to reduce cost, increase participation and reduce duplicative eligibility processes.**

b)c) **Ensure State and Federal Healthcare Reform has equitable funding formulas for rural counties**

Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation began in 2014, and it is vital that local government funding streams reflect equitable distribution formulas to service our rural constituents. Securing adequate funding to sustain health care reform measures is important to Mono County. Key issues include Medi-Cal expansion and funding for these mandates and continuation of 1991 realignment allocation/amounts.

e) **Support legislation that provides funding to support the Local Primacy Agency (LPA) program that ensures safe drinking water to Mono County residents.**

d) **Support funding opportunities for environmental health regulation**

Support funding opportunities including fees for State mandates related to environmental health regulation of food establishments, sewage disposal facilities, water systems, well construction, swimming pools, and recreational health facilities, occupied housing, underground storage tank facilities, solid waste facilities, land use development, rabies and vector control, and the management of hazardous waste/materials.

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Commented [RL36]: Amendment to this Item recommended by Louis Molina. See also Item "D"

e) **Support legislation that provides funding for the Local Primacy Agency (LPA) program that ensures safe drinking water to residents**

The LPA program provides local oversight of small public water systems (SPWS) in Mono County. This program is implemented by the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department. Currently, program costs are offset by annual permit fees collected from the SPWS and by Public Health Realignment. The revenues do not cover the costs of this program. ~~AB 402, introduced last legislative cycle but continued to this year, proposes a new method of financial support of LPA programs statewide whereby an LPA would be able to bill the state for costs associated with implementing their LPA program. AB 402 is expected to be voted upon by the State legislature this legislative cycle.~~

Commented [RL37]: Amendment to this Item recommended by Louis Molina; legislation not signed by Governor Newsom.

f) **Support funding opportunities for Mono County's CUPA Program**

The California Unified Program Agency (CUPA) is implemented by the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department. Funding for this program is provided through environmental health fees and Public Health Realignment. In the past, the CUPA was provide grant funding through Cal EPA to offset costs incurred in implementing the program. This grant funding was subsequently discontinued last year. Negotiations are ongoing to reinstitute this funding program.

g) **Support legislation for public health programs**

Support legislation and programing, and advocate for upstream approaches to health and preventative public health programs including Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH), Oral Health, Tobacco Education, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Emergency Preparedness, Communicable Disease, HIV/STDs, and Immunizations.

h) **Support revenue opportunities and increased flexibility with State allocations for local public health departments**

With rising costs of business, the Mono County Health Department's expenditures are now greater than its revenues. With a decline of Public Health Realignment funds since 2007, these dollars no longer cover the cost of fulfilling mandates, backfilling State grants, and addressing local health priorities. Opportunities include increasing revenues through State allocations and advocating for a broader, less restrictive scope of work which can be tailored to a community's unique health needs.

i) **Support public health fiscal sustainability in rural counties in the form of relaxed programmatic FTE requirements and indirect cost rate caps**

Health programs are continually evolving and new opportunities to improve community wellness are on the rise. Rural counties face unique recruitment and retention challenges and much of the prospective funding comes with strict FTE requirements and/or caps on what can be reimbursed in indirect costs. Funding allocations usually do not provide

enough resources to hire new staff and the majority of existing staff manage or support multiple public health programs. Additionally, funding allocations do not cover the true cost of the program, especially overhead costs, leading to difficult decisions about implementing programs that have been recognized as a need in our rural communities.

j) Support legislation for health providers

Support legislation and advocate for increasing the number of dental and medical providers in rural counties, especially those who accept Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal insurance.

k) Advocate for a level of funding that enables counties to properly administer the Medi-Cal program on the state's behalf.

l) Support improvements to Medi-Cal

i) Support the streamlining of the Medi-Cal administration and improve access to health coverage for uninsured families.

ii) Support five-year continuous medical eligibility for children and one-year continuous eligibility for mothers.

Commented [R38]: Amendment to this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

Commented [RL39]: Addition of this item recommended by Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono

m) Support legislation that would increase the number of volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians

Current licensing requirements are onerous and deter volunteer first responders from seeking EMT licenses.

n) Provide a State funding stream for county spending on Public Administrator/Public Guardian/Public Conservator (PA/PG/PC) programs

County Public Administrator, Public Guardian and Public Conservator (PA|PG|PC) programs provide critical safety net services to the most vulnerable adult Californians. The PG/PC provides protective services to individuals with diminished capacity to make decisions due to cognitive impairments and severe mental illness. The PA function handles the disposition of deceased estates. Working collaboratively with local medical, mental health, social services, and justice providers, PA|PG|PC programs petition the Courts to be appointed the legal decision maker with regard to healthcare, psychiatric care, and/or financial management for clients who are unable to make decisions for themselves. County PA|PG|PCs are the only major county safety net programs that receive no direct State or Federal funding. Significant legislative changes to PA|PG|PC services, such as the Omnibus Conservator Act of 2006, and amendments to California Penal Code 1370 regarding criminal defendants who are found to be incompetent to stand trial and deemed unrestorable, have profoundly impacted programs through significant increases in referrals and case complexity. County PA|PG|PC programs on average are short staffed by 20% or more according to a 2018 study by CAPAPGPC and this impacts their ability to provide high quality services, find housing for conservatees, and stabilize treatment. Last year, the

coalition requested augmenting spending on PA|PG|PC programs by \$68 million GF annually or by 35% statewide which would significantly improve the lives of impaired Californians. (Co-sponsored by CBHDA with the California State Association of Counties, California Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians and Public Conservators, and Service Employees International Union – California)

Commented [R40]: Amendment to this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

o) Support legislation that increases services and supports Child Welfare

i) Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018: Support full state funding of required program changes to enact the newly mandated child welfare system reforms related to this Act.

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ii) Support legislation that increases services and resources for caregivers of children and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

iii) Support legislation that increases and supports appropriate short and long term placements, services, and resource options for children and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Commented [RL42]: Deletion of this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

p) Support county implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform

Support adequate funding for county implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform including the recruitment, retention, and support of resource families so that they may provide stable, loving homes for children in the foster care system.

q) Support legislative, administrative and budgetary efforts that seek to maintain active and healthy independence for seniors and the disabled, including affordable housing, funding and other support for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness

r) Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities ~~Support legislation that increases Adult and Disability Services~~

i) Support legislation that promotes the financial sustainability of the In-Home Supportive Services Program through programmatic changes and appropriate cost sharing mechanisms between the State and counties.

ii) Support efforts to increase resources and services available to adults who are unable to live independently or victims of or at risk of abuse or neglect and the individuals who provide them with care. Support legislative and budgetary efforts to reduce fragmentation within the long-term care delivery system and adequately fund a system of care for seniors in California. A coordinated support system would better utilize state resources and provide a greater benefit to those receiving services.

iii) Support the continuation of federal and state funding for IHSS and oppose any efforts to shift additional IHSS costs to counties.

iv) Support funding for the full range of aging programs that provide services to older adults including services provided by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), senior nutrition

programs, caregiver supports, resource centers, ombudsman programs, and home and community-based supports.

iv) Support legislation that would establish a comprehensive and coordinated system and provide options for long term care activities that will secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment, remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence, provide a continuum of care for vulnerable seniors, and provide a comprehensive response to elder abuse/neglect and exploitation.

ii)v) Support legislation to increase skilled nursing facilities that are willing to accept dually diagnosed seniors with comorbid medical and mental health conditions.

Commented [RL43]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

s) Support efforts to develop permanent supportive housing and affordable housing

- i) Support State laws that support affordable housing and broaden the opportunities and reduce barriers for local government, and non-profit housing entities and instrumentalities of government to increase homeownership and the creation of rental housing. This includes repealing of California State Constitution Article XXXIV. In addition, support increased financing, subsidy options, and tax incentives to support development of new, affordable housing units in rural communities such as Mono County.
- ii) Support efforts to streamline funding, construction processes and land use regulations, which expedite the development of low and moderate income housing units and allow local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of all economic segments of the community.
- iii) Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population to obtain affordable housing and live independently.
- iv) Support additional funding for the Older Californians Act and other programs that assist older adults and caregivers.

t) Support the enhancement of childcare and development

Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of childcare and development programs. Specifically, support legislation and budget action that would:

- i) Ensure continuity of childcare for children and families.
- ii) Preserve, protect and increase funding for subsidized and other government-funded childcare.
- iii) Expand access to child care.
- iv) Reform the reimbursement rate structure for providers.

u) Support measures to extend family benefits, such as Paid Sick COVID days; and expand Paid Family Leave

v) Support increased funding for special education early intervention for infants, toddlers and preschoolers

w) Support home visiting and whole family wellness, including but not limited to CalWORKS Home Visiting funding

u)x) Support 15% equivalency on vape taxes for Proposition 10 (First 5)

Commented [RL44]: Addition of these Items recommended by Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono

y) Support measures that seek to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), address the impacts of trauma, and build resilience.

i) Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality childcare and preschool opportunities, homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities.

Commented [RL45]: Addition of this item recommended by Kathy Peterson

v)z) Support legislation to combat human trafficking

Support legislation that will develop or enhance programs and services to combat the negative impact that human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children has on victims and support efforts to provide additional tools, resources, and funding to help counties address this growing problem.

w)aa) Support full funding to ensure that state mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.

x)bb) State Realignment & Cost-Shifts

Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of programs to local government, without commensurate compensation.

y)cc) Support legislation, funding opportunities, and multidisciplinary efforts to provide harm reduction and substance use disorder services in Mono County.

z) Support Peer Support Certification (SB 803)

Unlike 48 states, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), California fails to value or maximize the benefits of providers with lived experience in the state's Medicaid program, Medi-Cal, because California does not certify peer support specialists nor recognize these professionals as Medi-Cal billable providers. In addition, unlike most states and the DVA, California does not include peer support services as a Medi-Cal mental health benefit. Demand for peer services is growing, but there is no statewide scope of practice, training standards, supervision standards, or certification in California. SB 803 (Beall) establishes a statewide certification program for peer support specialists and provides the structure needed to maximize the federal match

for peer services under Medi-Cal. The program defines the range of responsibilities and practice guidelines for peer support specialists, specifies required training and continuing education requirements, determines clinical supervision requirements, and establishes a code of ethics and processes for revocation of certification. (Cosponsored by CBHDA with Los Angeles County, The Steinberg Institute, and the California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO))

Commented [R46]: Deletion of this item recommended by Robin Roberts

dd) Support legislation to develop county behavioral health statewide outcomes and performance measures, inclusive of Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal programs (e.g. MHSA) – specialty mental health services and substance use disorders.

i) This effort will include recommendations by data researchers and experts regarding appropriate measures to evaluate the effectiveness of county behavioral health interventions.

ii) An outcome of the plan will include identifying a standard statewide method to collect Race, Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity behavioral health client data, as outlined in the AB 470 Advisory Group.

Commented [R47]: Addition of this Item recommended by Robin Roberts

aa) Support legislation effort that would encourage Integrated School Behavioral Health Services

The Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Services Partnership Program (Partnership Program) encourages local educational agencies (LEAs) and county behavioral health agencies to collaborate on providing on-campus services for students at the earliest onset of a behavioral health condition. In the schools participating in the Partnership Programs, county behavioral health agency trained professionals will serve any student appropriately referred by school personnel, including Medi-Cal beneficiaries, privately-insured and uninsured students and provide brief initial intervention services intended to prevent a behavioral health condition from worsening. The county behavioral health professionals will ensure privately-insured students access a private plan provider, if available. If the private plan cannot provide an appropriate provider within state mandated timely access timeframes, the county behavioral health agency will initiate services as appropriate and consistent with professionally recognized standards of practice. The Partnership Program will include annual reporting requirements to help the state evaluate the impact of these intervention services on the health and well-being of students.

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bb) Strengthen the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

Support legislation proposals to review the MHSA, recognizing the importance and significant contribution this critical funding source has made to persons with mental illness. The MHSA review provides the opportunity to reflect on 15 years of MHSA implementation and find areas for improvement while preserving core MHSA services, including the crisis continuum, prevention/early intervention, and full-service partnerships. Improvements should seek to eliminate restrictive mandatory funding distributions for each component of

the MHSA and ensure MHSA funds can be used for individuals with primary substance use disorder diagnoses, as well as support the protection of MHSA's current ratios and funding for small, rural counties. A review should also identify a process for the development of statewide performance and outcome measures to be reported annually to the state, the legislature and the public.

ee)ff) Enhance Board and Care rates to prevent further loss of critical housing for SMI clients and build out housing options

There is a critical lack of housing in California, particularly for its most vulnerable low-income adults most at-risk of homelessness: older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons with serious mental illness (SMI). With the rapidly growing aging population and continually rising housing costs, the homeless population is expected to grow, and a larger number of the homeless population are expected to be disabled and elderly. Even more alarming, California has lost hundreds of board and care homes in recent years that are specifically set up to serve these very populations. Los Angeles County has lost about 1200 beds since January 2016. The reimbursement rates provided by SSI/SSP are inadequate at \$35/ day and counties do not have the capacity to patch facilities at the demand needed. CBHDA proposes enhancing board and care rates through \$500 million one-time General Fund (GF), reforming punitive regulations/ enforcement of facilities by CDSS, and exploring federal waiver opportunities to fund board and cares. (Co- sponsored by CBHDA with the Steinberg Institute)

~~i) **Status:** Board and Care funding is a component of the \$750 million Flexible Funding Pool Proposed in the Governor's January budget, however, CBHDA will request a state-lawmaker sponsor the full \$500 million budget request via the legislature for consideration as part of the budget.~~

ee)gg) Pursue Funding for Pretrial Mental Health Diversion (AB 1810)

There is an overrepresentation of individuals with SMI in the criminal justice system. All too often, individuals with SMI in crisis are inappropriately routed by law enforcement into jails and ultimately prison, instead of receiving treatment in the community. Once incarcerated, individuals living with a mental illness tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning to incarceration than those without a mental illness. A significant number of individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health conditions can cycle in and out of the criminal justice system. California passed in 2018 AB 1810 which establishes pre-trial MH diversion in CA for individuals with SMI and who could be experiencing homelessness. Funding AB 1810 with \$250 million one- time GF would help alleviate strains on justice systems and break the cycle of individuals experiencing homelessness with SMI from cycling in and out of the justice system. (Co-sponsored by CBHDA with the Steinberg Institute)

hh) Support Direct Provider Reporting to DHCS

Support Legislation that would implement and improve the recommendation of the California State Auditor, to allow for direct reporting from providers to DHCS of those data currently reported to DOJ, along with additional patient data on the gravely disabled population to facilitate improved care coordination and analysis at the state level for trends and disparities.

Commented [R49]: Addition of this Item recommended by Robin Roberts

ii) **Support Outcome Measurement**

i) Support Legislation that adopts statewide Behavioral Health outcomes and performance measures, inclusive of Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal programs (e.g., MHSA) with CBHDA in a leadership role.

ii) Develop and implement a standard statewide method to collect Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) behavioral health client data

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ii) **Support SB 803**

Implement the Peer Support Specialist Certification in a manner that maximizes the opportunity to diversify the county behavioral health workforce and expand the use of peers throughout the system.

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8) Economic Development

a) **Support new and current business development**

Support legislation and programs that support economic development efforts that augment and promote business retention and expansion, as well as create an environment conducive to new business attraction.

b) **Support of commercial filming**

Support bills and initiatives to attract and retain film production in the state as increased filming statewide will result in commercial opportunities for commercial filming projects in Mono County.

c) **Support sustainable tourism and recreation economy**

Support legislation that strengthens the tourism and recreation economy, including the formation of a State Office of Outdoor Recreation California's sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Commented [RL52]: Amendments proposed by Supervisor Corless

Federal Priorities

1) Support Funding/Program Preservation

Support legislative, regulatory, and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local government revenues, maximize the County's access to federal funding sources, and/or increase local funding flexibility. Oppose legislative and administrative actions that would create federal unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority. Strongly encourage Congress and the President to commit to negotiate successfully so as to avoid any future Federal Government shutdowns.

a) **Support Sustainable Funding for Secure Rural Schools**

Support legislation that creates a sustainable revenue stream for Secure Rural Schools, such as the Forest Management for Rural Sustainability Act.

b) **Support the full funding of all Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)**

Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the PILT revenue to counties and continue full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.

c) **Support full federal funding for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Programs**

Support funding for community development programs and affordable housing such as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program and the necessary program staff to implement these programs.

d) **Support full and expanded federal funding for Housing and Economic Development programs**

Support the highest possible funding level for key federal housing and economic development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and ~~the creation of a minimum four percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit floor reduction from 50% to 25% of the private activity bond cap.~~

e) **Support continued rural broadband deployment and communications improvements through local, State, and Federal policy advocacy, infrastructure projects, and grant programs**

Having appropriate policy at the local, State, and Federal levels is imperative to ensure adequate communications connectivity, which is a critical part of public safety and economic development. Because Mono County has dedicated resources to improve access to high-quality broadband in our communities and as a result of the completion of the

Digital 395 project, roughly 90% of our households have access to Gigabit internet. Unfortunately, several Mono County communities and residents still face barriers to connectivity as there is inadequate infrastructure to support basic Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) telephone service, including cellular phone service, let-alone high-speed Internet. In order to improve the landscape, the County should advocate for:

- i) Policies, regulations, and enforcement around providers delivering basic POTS services to all locations desiring this service;
- ii) Appropriate and effective definitions of 'broadband' which recognize the importance of technology and dependence on the internet for public safety and economic development;
- iii) Legislation and associated programs that provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects and adoption/education efforts; programs and efforts that move to improve the accuracy of metrics used to represent the current state of broadband in Mono County.
- iii)iv) Legislation supporting digital equity, including, but not limited to the creation of affordable broadband for all.

Commented [R53]: Addition of this item recommended by Supervisor Peters

f) Support legislation that promotes, protects, or facilitates the sustainability of our local agriculture

Mono County agriculture is an important local economic driver, provides jobs, puts food on the table and contributes to the open-space landscape that draws visitors.

g) Support Economic Development resources

- i) Support legislation and federal programs that provide access to small business capital for local business development through the Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Corporation and other government loan and financial programs.
- ii) Support legislation and federal programs that promote locally-based business retention and expansion, as well as create an environment conducive to new business attraction.
- iii) Support initiatives to attract commercial filming opportunities to the region: in particular, budgetary allocations that increase capacity for processing special use permits on the Inyo and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forests.
- iv) Support bills, initiatives, and programs that strengthen the tourism and recreation economy, with a focus on sustainable practices.

h) Disaster Response

Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.

Commented [RL54]: Addition of this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

2) Natural Resources, Public Lands, and Agriculture

Support legislation that promotes agriculture and that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County, along with legislation that provides adequate funding for stewardship of our public lands.

a) **Support sustainable funding for federal public lands**

Support measures to sustain our federal lands. Closure or underfunding of these lands managed by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service would result in a significant negative impact to our county as tourism and recreation are our economic drivers.

b) ~~Support outdoor recreation economy and public lands~~ **Support legislation and funding to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands**

e)b) ~~Support the enacted 2016 Outdoor Recreation and Jobs Act and the effort to measure the outdoor recreation economy's contribution to the US Gross Domestic Product. Once the federal government fully understands the economic benefits of outdoor recreation, land management agencies and local governments will have necessary data to measure the impact of the recreation economy and the key role that sustainable recreation needs to play in the management decisions of public lands agencies.~~

Commented [RL55]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Supervisor Corless

e)c) **Support special designations**

Support special use designations for public lands such as National Scenic Areas, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wilderness, National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, when demonstrated conservation values and public support warrant such designations.

e)d) **Oppose public lands disposal**

Oppose the large-scale sale, transfer or "disposal" of public lands except for strategic, widely supported transfers or exchanges for management and boundary adjustments with demonstrated public benefit, for example community expansion in support of affordable housing.

f)e) **Support wildfire funding and fuels reduction**

Support immediate enactment of legislation to change the method of funding wildfire suppression on National Forests by providing access to funding outside of the statutory discretionary limits for emergency purposes and for investment in additional resources for forest management/fuels reduction to mitigate wildfire risk to communities and increase forest health.

e)f) ~~Support public land infrastructure~~ **Support Wildfire Prevention and Forest Health**

Support legislation and funding for comprehensive wildfire prevention and forest health programs on public lands increased funding for public land management agencies to

~~address deferred maintenance of infrastructure in forests, national parks and reserves that rural counties depend on for tourism and recreation based economies.~~

Commented [RL56]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Supervisor Corless

h)g) Support regulatory relief for Mill City Cabin Tract funding

Support administrative and legislative solutions for funding and/or regulatory relief for the cleanup of contaminated soils at the Mill City recreation residence tract on the Inyo National Forest in Mammoth Lakes.

i)h) Support land management directives

Support Mono County's tourism and recreation economy by ensuring funding, programs, and management directives for federal land agencies (including the Land & Water Conservation Fund) that facilitate the planning, building, and maintenance of infrastructure for sustainable recreation, travel, and commercial film permitting on public lands.

i)i) Support sustainable fishing

~~Support the federal initiatives and / or funding of efforts to enhance the fish population in Mono County towards enhancement of Mono County's fish population, including sustainable fishing, ongoing fish stocking, education for proper catch and release practices, protection of spawning waterways, and support of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocking of diploid trout in allowable waters.~~

Commented [RL57]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Alicia Vennos

k)j) Support the control of invasive species

Support control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve, and restore public and private lands.

l)k) Support biomass project development

Support legislation that encourages the US Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to continue actively promoting and assisting with biomass project development.

m)l) Support alternative energy

- i) Support local efforts to develop renewable, distributed energy sources including but not limited to environmentally and appropriately scaled biomass, solar, and wind, while ensuring projects and their supporting infrastructure (i.e., transmission lines, pipes lines, towers, service roads) does not degrade the County's quality of life, natural or visual resources, water or essence and history.
- ii) Continue to support geothermal power production that is environmentally sustainable and doesn't negatively affect local domestic water supplies.

n)m) Support Devils Postpile National Monument legislative requests

Support legislation to authorize a boundary adjustment request, and to designate a portion of the Middle Fork San Joaquin River as Wild & Scenic, as described in Devils Postpile National Monuments 2015 Management Plan.

~~e)l)~~ **Support endangered species conservation**

Support a balanced approach to the implementation of endangered species regulation with impacts to the rural economy and communities of Mono County. Mono County is fortunate to have a rich natural heritage that should be conserved, and it supports the need to protect and recover imperiled species. These conservation measures should be specifically tailored to the threats and circumstances in the Eastern Sierra and Mono County, and must be weighed and balanced against impacts to the fragile tourism and recreation-based rural economy and local communities. Every effort must be made to protect private property rights and avoid detrimental impacts to county residents.

~~e)l)~~ **Support Red Fox conservation**

~~In particular, the current proposed listing of the Sierra Nevada Red Fox should be carefully evaluated to ensure conditions specific to the Eastern Sierra/Mono County have been taken into account.~~

Commented [RL58]: Deletion of this Item recommended by Wendy Sugimura

~~e)l)~~ **Support sage grouse conservation**

Mono County appreciates the strong support of the multi-party, collaborative Bi-State conservation effort, including several federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service (Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest), and U.S. ~~Geologic-Geological~~ Survey. The coalition includes technical and scientific support, legislative and policy support, and funding to ensure conservation commitments ~~made during the 2015 listing withdrawal~~ are met and honored by federal agencies. Ultimately, continuation of the collaborative partnership requires the federal agencies to remain stalwart in their commitments with the flexibility to address new issues, such as the ~~threat posed~~ management of water by the Los Angeles Department of Water and ~~Power's (LADWP's) dewatering of~~ Power (LADWP) in Long Valley, and adequate budgets to support a positive conservation outcome ~~such that a new decision can be made not to list the species under the federal Endangered Species Act~~. If the bird is listed, the result could be an additional regulatory burden with devastating impacts to ~~our~~ Mono County's agricultural and recreational activity-based economy.

Commented [RL59]: Amendments to this Item proposed by Wendy Sugimura

~~e)l)~~ **Support legislation to avoid landfilling of waste originating on Federal Land**

Develop policies and programs that successfully re-use, recycle and transform resources that originate on USFS, BLM, and DOD lands. Support policies that reduce the impacts of Federally generated waste on local jurisdictions' waste management systems, and/or support policies that enhance local systems to effectively manage Federally-generated waste.

3) Public Safety and Criminal Justice

a) **Support full funding of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants**

Support the preservation of funding levels for existing safety programs such as the Byrne Justice Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding away from these programs.

b) **Support continued funding of FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program**

Support continued funding to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies. This funding is for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

c) **Support legislation that resolves the conflict federal statutes have with legalization of recreational cannabis use in California**

~~Ideally, this~~ This includes removing cannabis as a schedule 1 drug and providing cannabis businesses with access to business banking services by changing federal banking access laws. Barring a legislative solution by Congress, the County supports reinstatement of the concepts stated in the past Justice Department memorandums allowing for commercial cannabis activities to operate free and clear of federal enforcement interference so long as the County has a robust regulatory framework in place.

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d) **Urge common-sense gun safety legislation.**

e) **Support sustainable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding for airport safety related projects on public and private property on or near our airports.**

4) Transportation and Infrastructure

a) **Ensure that federal transportation formulas support rural road infrastructure**

Mono County relies on the network of state highways and locally maintained roads to link residents to essential services. Transportation funding formulas should provide funding protections or guarantees for California's rural transportation system and reflect that rural counties lack viable means to fund larger projects that provide statewide benefit. We must advocate for formulas that distribute federal funds to support local transportation priorities.

b) **Support efforts to protect the Highway Trust Fund**

Support efforts protecting the Highway Trust Fund and programs that provide funding for local roads, bridges, and transit initiatives including pedestrian and bicycle systems, and other multi-modal transportation programs.

c) **Provide funding that maintains and enhances regional access across Federal Lands and National Parks**

Mono County supports budget policy and legislation that maintains, enhances, and extends the operational season of roads crossing federal lands and National Parks that provide access to communities, federal lands, national parks and monuments.

d) ~~Support federal highway access~~ Mono County supports budget policy and legislation that funds infrastructure such as roads on federal land with access to popular destinations including national parks and monuments.

e)d) **Support Yosemite Area Regional Transportation and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority funding**

Support efforts to seek sustainable funding for regional public transportation to Yosemite National Park, other National Parks in our region, and other public lands destinations throughout the Eastern Sierra.

f)e) **Support the resurgence of the Scenic Byway program**

Mono County completed a Scenic Byway Corridor Plan through a federal grant, then shelved the plan because the Scenic Byway program was not funded. The program has been re-established, and continuity of funding is needed for jurisdictions to dust off inactive plans, program their implementation into the workflow again, and being making an impact.

5) Health and Human Services

a) **COVID 19**

Support and advocate for any legislative or budgetary action, including stimulus money and direct funding for counties, related to the response, recovery and/ or economic impacts of COVID-19 during both the emergency and throughout the long-term effects of the pandemic.

b) **Disaster Response**

Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.

c) **Support Cost-Neutral Federal Mandates**

Commented [RL61]: Addition of this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson and revised to reflect recommendations by Supervisor Corless

Commented [RL62]: Addition of this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

Support full funding to ensure that federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.

d) **Oppose legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Work to preserve and expand the number of citizens currently receiving health insurance. Oppose efforts to reduce benefits and block grants or other actions that would shift the current federal/state cost and responsibility to the states and counties.

e) **Ensure that Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding is maintained for local governments**

Support the Prevention and Public Health Fund of the ACA, the nation's first dedicated mandatory funding stream for public health and prevention activities, which supports Mono County health care services to underserved residents.

f) **Medi-Cal Funding**

Support all efforts to adequately fund the federal Medicaid program. Similarly, oppose all efforts to block grant, cap or otherwise reduce federal and state funding to support this critical safety net program.

g) **Administration of the Medi-Cal program**

Fully fund county costs for County administration of the Medi-Cal program.

h) **Managed Care Medi-Cal**

Advocate for a Medi-Cal Managed Care model that generates high healthcare quality scores, increases primary care capacity, improves coordination of care, and conducts outreach to enroll uninsured populations.

i) **~~Oppose funding reductions for Medicaid~~**

~~Oppose efforts to reduce or block grant federal funding for Medicaid administration or benefits, including efforts to place a per capita cap on funding or limiting the ability of states to leverage funds through assessments on providers.~~

j) **~~Oppose federal efforts mandating states to require work as a condition for receiving Medicaid benefits.~~**

k) Oppose other eligibility changes, including but not limited to elimination of retroactive benefits or grace periods for eligibility pending verifications.

~~k) Oppose turning Medicaid over to States~~

Oppose efforts to turn Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) over to the states with less federal funding.

~~h)l)~~ Support full funding of programs that provide health insurance to children.

~~h)m)~~ Support funding of Veterans benefits

Support provision and funding for current benefits and health care programs for Veterans.

~~e)n)~~ Support Women's Rights to Health

Health care is key to women's well-being and economic stability. Support provisions that make sure new health care law works for women.

~~p)o)~~ Support Child Welfare

i) Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018

Advocate for full federal and state funding of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-123) enacted to reform the federal foster care system.

~~i) Support amendments to the Family First Prevention Services Act to better align the FFPSA with California's Continuum of Care Reform initiatives and prevention services provided in the state.~~

ii) Support efforts to reform child welfare financing, including expanding the types of prevention activities eligible for the IV-E foster care financial match.

iii) Support a provision allowing for "skyping" with non-minor youth in the extended foster care program when the youth is attending college or living in another state or out of country as an alternative to monthly, in-person visits.

iv) Support increased federal funding for services and income support needed by parents seeking to reunify with their children in foster care.

v) Support increased federal financial support for programs that assist foster youth in the transition to self-sufficiency, including post- emancipation assistance such as secondary education, job training, and access to health care.

vi) Support retaining the entitlement nature of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs and eliminate outdated rules that base the child's eligibility for funds on parental income and circumstances.

vii) Support legislation that would provide tax credits to companies that hire current or former foster youth.

viii) Support increased federal funding to respond to the service needs of youth who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

~~iiii)ix)~~ Support working families and reduce childhood poverty through legislation to retain and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit.

~~e)p)~~ Support legislation to combat human trafficking

Support legislation that will develop or enhance programs and services to combat the negative impact that human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children has on victims and support efforts to provide additional tools, resources, and funding to help counties address this growing problem.

g) Support the enhancement of childcare and development

Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of childcare and development programs. Specifically, support legislation and budget action that would:

- i) Ensure continuity of childcare for children and families.
- ii) Preserve, protect and increase funding for subsidized and other government-funded childcare.
- iii) Waive family fees, increase vouchers, and establish "crisis factor" stipends

Commented [RL63]: Addition of this Item recommended by Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono

r) Oppose Immigration Reform

- i) Support immigration reform efforts that would create pathways to full and equal citizenship~~Oppose immigration reform efforts that would eliminate a pathway to full and equal citizenship,~~
- ii) Oppose immigration reform efforts that would restrict the rights of immigrants or break up families, or that would focus on a mass deportation of undocumented immigrants.

Commented [RL64]: Amendments to this Item proposed by Supervisor Corless

s) Oppose Legal Immigrant Benefit Changes

- i) Oppose the Administration's regulatory any efforts to include non-cash benefits in the definition of 'public charge'.
- ii) Oppose federal any efforts to further restrict legal immigrants' access to federal benefits.

Commented [RL65]: Amendments to this Item recommended at BOS 02/16/21

t) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reauthorization

- i) Support increased federal support for TANF/CalWORKS subsidized employment programs.
- ii) Support more flexible work participation requirement measures to give credit for client engagement and for work activities not meeting the current thresholds.
- iii) Support the ability of states to provide and receive federal support for vocational education and career technical training for longer than 12 months.
- iv) Support new federal measures demonstrating success in meeting outcomes rather than processes that would align with the CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (CalOAR) process underway in the state.

~~v) Support federal efforts aligning with the goals and vision of the CalWORKs 2.0 Strategic Initiative to better meet the needs of individual families and support families in a more holistic way.~~

Commented [RL66]: Deletion of these Items recommended by Kathy Peterson

~~v)u) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)~~

- i) Oppose proposed rules to limit eligibility, reduce benefits and/or limit state and county flexibility in administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh).
- ii) Oppose efforts to block grant or otherwise limit the federal contribution to SNAP/CalFresh.
- iii) Oppose federal mandates to require states to increase SNAP/CalFresh work requirements.
- iv) Support a thorough review and updates to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) to more accurately account for the cost of food, dietary needs, purchasing patterns and regional differences in food costs, housing and medical care, which affect the purchasing power of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- v) Support increased nutritional supplementation efforts at the state and federal levels, including increased aid, longer terms of aid, and increased access for those in need.
- ~~vi) Support extending Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents work requirement waivers for as many counties and sub-county regions as possible.~~
- vii) Support further collaboration with the federal government and national partners to increase outreach and enrollment for SNAP/CalFresh, especially in underserved populations such as students, former foster youth, non-English-speaking populations and seniors.
- viii) Support provisions to further streamline and simplify federal requirements for SNAP/CalFresh recipients to enhance enrollment and retention.
- ix) Support additional flexibility for states to align SNAP/CalFresh eligibility and processes with state TANF/CalWORKS programs.
- x) Support efforts to improve timeliness of data provided by the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to states for use in administering SNAP/CalFresh.

~~w)v) Support the Older Americans Act (OAA)~~

~~Support the Older Americans Act (OAA) and increased federal funding for the OAA programs. The Act established a national network of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) which oversee a variety of social services for seniors, including nutrition, elder abuse prevention, legal services and advocacy, and caregiver resources. The OAA is not adequately funded and does not reflect the need for senior services or the population growth of people over age 60. With the limited state funding to support California's AAA programs, it is critical that the federal funding expand to support senior services.~~

Commented [RL67]: Deletion of this Item as duplicative recommended by Kathy Peterson

~~x)w) Support Adult and Disability Services~~

Support legislation that would provide adequate funding such as state-only funded programs, programs authorized under the Older Americans Act, a return to full funding for Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs and increases to the SSBG allocation to keep up with inflation and population growth.

- ~~i) Support full appropriations of \$100 million authorized under the Elder Justice Act to support state and county adult protective services programs.~~
- ~~ii) Oppose the termination of the Social Services Block Grant, which in California is used primarily to augment county and state funded in-home supportive services for elderly and disabled persons, and to coordinate services to children with disabilities.~~
- ~~iii) Support the Older Americans Act OAA reauthorization and increased federal funding for the OAA programs.~~

Commented [RL68]: Amendments to this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

~~y)x)~~ **Support Homelessness Legislation**

Support federal homelessness legislation funding an array of services to individuals and families at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness.

~~z)y)~~ **Support State and Federal funding and regulatory changes or guidance that supports landlords and tenants, and prevents homelessness resulting from COVID-19 related financial impacts.**

Commented [RL69]: Addition of this Item recommended by Kathy Peterson

County Attractions



TOP ATTRACTIONS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK Drive California's highest pass to Yosemite's east entrance—just 12 miles from Lee Vining—for ten-story waterfalls, iconic granite domes, rock climbing, hiking, and more (pass closed in winter). www.NPS.gov/yose • 209-372-0200 • Bus service: www.Yarts.com

MONO LAKE This ancient inland sea with its unique limestone formations and alkaline waters is home to hundreds of bird species! Learn more at: *Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center* 760-647-3044 • *Mono Lake Committee* www.MonoLake.org • 760-647-6595

DEVILS POSTPILE NATIONAL MONUMENT Located near Mammoth Lakes, Devils Postpile is one of the world's finest example of columnar basalt formations. www.NPS.gov/dpo • 760-924-5500



BODIE STATE HISTORIC PARK With about 200 buildings still standing—thanks to ongoing preservation efforts—keep an eye out for spirits roaming the once-wild streets of this genuine gold-mining ghost town. www.Parks.CA.gov • 760-647-6445 www.BodieFoundation.org

WHAT LIES BEYOND?

When the things right in front of us turn invisible and the everyday loses its magic, you know it's time to go beyond.

Beyond the traffic, the deadlines and the incessant chatter of so-called civilization.

A journey to Mono County will take you to a California you didn't even imagine existed. A land of lava and ice, sparkling clear waters, miles of hiking trails and dozens of secret fishing holes.

Discover rock formations from another world at Mono Lake and Gold Rush history at Bodie ghost town. You'll also find genuine local hospitality, like a welcome from another era.

It takes a bit of traveling to get here, but that's the way we like it. Because once you're out here, you'll start to see again.

Welcome to Mono County: California's Great Beyond.

TOWNS & COMMUNITIES

BENTON HOT SPRINGS Soak in hot tubs fed by natural hot springs at the Historic Benton Inn. Once a bustling Wells Fargo stagecoach station, Old Benton offers a self-guided tour of numerous original buildings, historic sites and the cemetery.

BRIDGEPORT Gateway to Bodie ghost town and home of the county seat, Bridgeport's iconic courthouse has been in use since 1880. The California state-record brown trout, at 26 lbs 8 oz, was caught in Bridgeport's Twin Lakes.

CONVICT LAKE / MCGEE CREEK Dramatically situated under towering Mt. Morrison, Convict Lake is loved by anglers, hikers, and...wedding parties! Catch wildflowers or fall colors at McGee Creek Canyon—hiking or on horseback.

CROWLEY LAKE Fishing season opener's home base, this expansive lake offers world-class trout fishing.

JUNE LAKE Tucked away at the base of 10,909-ft. Carson Peak, June Lake is a scenic mountain hideaway. Famous for trout fishing and brilliant fall colors, the June Lake Loop is a snowy retreat in winter. June Mountain Ski Area offers free lift tickets every day, all winter long for kids age 12 and under.

LEE VINING Overlooking dramatic Mono Lake, Lee Vining is the gateway town to Yosemite National Park—just 12 breathtaking miles up Tioga Pass Road/SR 120.

MAMMOTH LAKES Mammoth Mountain Ski Area consistently ranks as one of the top winter sports destinations in North America. In the town of Mammoth Lakes, you'll find quaint shops, gourmet restaurants and accommodations from cozy cabins to four-star luxury hotels.

ROCK CREEK / TOM'S PLACE With beautiful Little Lakes Valley hiking trail, fall colors and winter "Adventure Dining" at Rock Creek Lodge—complete with snowmobile taxi—Rock Creek Canyon is magical all four seasons.

TOPAZ At the northern tip of the county, Topaz Lake boasts a nine month fishing season, a big cash derby and a Nevada casino.

WALKER AND COLEVILLE Ranch towns in the northern part of Mono County, Walker and Coleville host California's only ATV/UTV Jamboree every September!

VISITOR AMENITIES

LODGING With more than 140 hotels, motels, bed & breakfast inns, cabins and campgrounds, Mono County has a diverse lodging base – from deluxe spa hotels to rustic cottages and scenic RV parks.

DINING There are more than 100 restaurants, cafés, pubs and bakeries to choose from throughout Mono County, with options ranging from traditional comfort food to delicious ethnic cuisine and fine dining.

SHOPPING If you're looking for Macy's, you won't find it in Mono County! However, with over 125 stores to browse through, you'll find intriguing shops, art galleries, Native American crafts, fishing and sports gear, and unique souvenirs in every community.

MUSEUMS The Mono County Museum in Bridgeport, Mono Basin History Museum and Upside-Down House, Hayden Cabin in Mammoth Lakes and Benton Historical Society all bring the region's rich history to life with unique exhibits.

VISITOR INFORMATION Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center and Mono Lake Committee Information Center in Lee Vining, as well as the Bridgeport Ranger Station provide maps, guide books, permits, and visitor info.

TOP MONO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER

Hiking, Backpacking & Rock Climbing
Fishing & Camping
Mountain Biking & Road Cycling
Kayaking & Canoeing
Horseback Riding
ATVs & Off-Highway Vehicles

WINTER

Skiing & Snowboarding
Cross Country Skiing
Snowshoeing & Ice Skating
Snowmobiling
Dog-Sledding
Sledding & Tubing

FAMOUS FOR FALL

Mono County and the surrounding Eastern Sierra provide the best show of brilliant golden-orange-crimson fall colors in the western United States. Our natural landscape in the Eastern Sierra, where rugged granite canyons are carved by rushing streams and framed by an azure sky, offers a spellbinding contrast of colors during autumn. Photogenic aspens, willows, and/or cottonwoods show off their colors from late September through October at Rock Creek, McGee Creek, Convict Lake, June Lake Loop, Lundy Canyon, Virginia Lakes, Green Creek in Bridgeport, Sonora Pass, and the West Walker River. For a free Eastern Sierra Fall Color guide, and for current fall color updates, please visit MonoCounty.org.



GETTING TO MONO COUNTY

DRIVE Mono County is situated along beautiful Scenic Byway US 395 – a few hours' drive from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas.

FLY Scheduled commercial air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) will not be available in Summer/Fall 2021. Regularly scheduled commercial flights to Bishop Airport (KBH) from major west coast cities are projected to begin in December 2021. Chartered airlines/private aircraft will continue to utilize Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH). As soon as detailed information regarding Winter 2022 air service and scheduled flights to the Eastern Sierra are available, updates will be posted at www.MonoCounty.org/plan-your-trip/Transportation, www.VisitMammoth.com/Flying, and www.BishopVisitor.com.

DRIVING DISTANCES AND TIMES

Reno	2.5 hours	140 miles / 225 km
San Francisco	5.5 hours	250 miles / 402 km
Los Angeles	5.5 hours	330 miles / 531 km
Sacramento	4 hours	220 miles / 354 km
Las Vegas	5.5 hours	340 miles / 547 km
Yosemite Valley	2 hours	75 miles / 121 km

*All mileages and times are from Lee Vining, CA. *East-west mountain passes (Highways 120 East/Tioga Pass, 108/Sonora Pass and 89/Monitor Pass) are closed in winter due to snow and usually open before Memorial Day.*

For more info and a FREE Visitor Guide, visit www.MonoCounty.org | 800-845-7922



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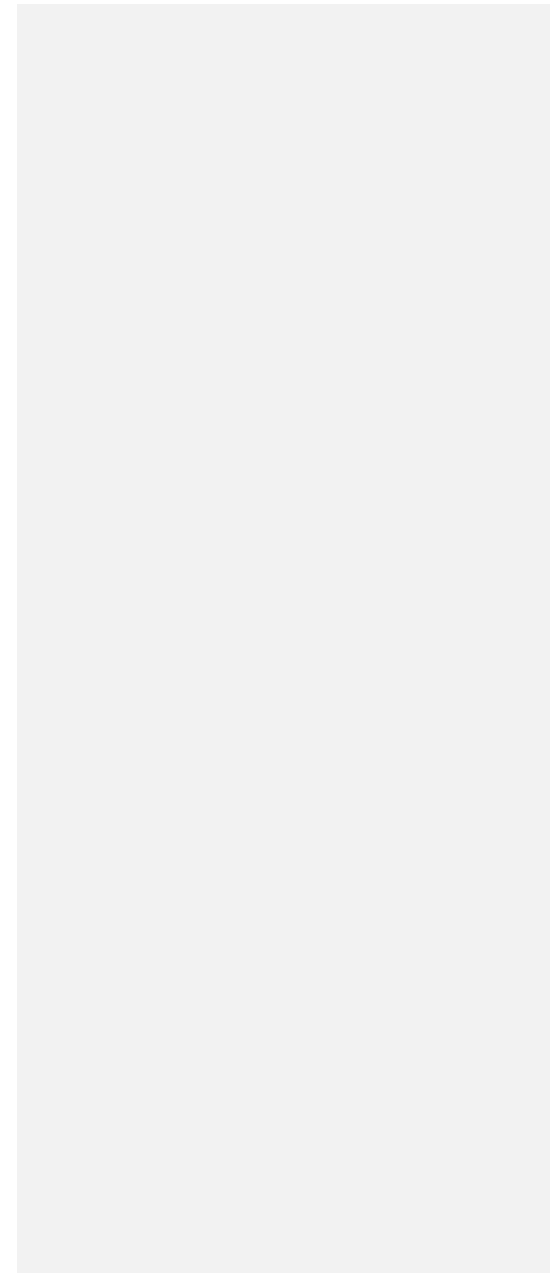
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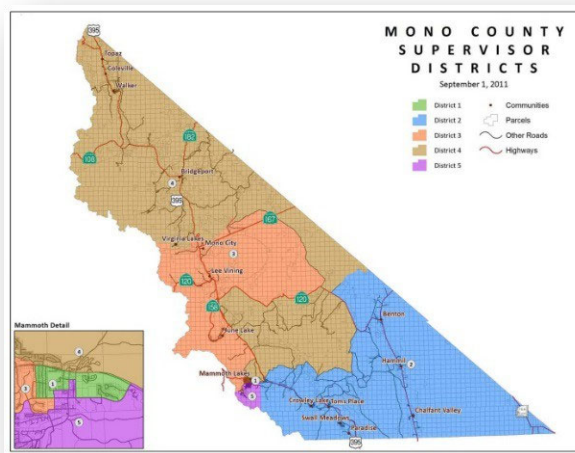
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Introduction

Mono County, California, is a rural county situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada and the California/Nevada border. Accessed by US Highway 395 which weaves its way north-south and is a state-designated Scenic Byway from its southern boundary all the way to Topaz Lake in the north, Mono County is 108 miles in length, and has an average width of only 38 miles. With dramatic mountain boundaries that rise in elevation to over 13,000 feet, the county's diverse landscape includes forests of Jeffrey and Lodgepole pine, juniper and aspen groves, hundreds of lakes, alpine meadows, streams and rivers, and sage-covered high desert. The county has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of the land is contained in the Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, as well as the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness areas. As a result, Mono County offers vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and outdoor recreation and adventure.

Tourism and recreation are the County's primary economic drivers, with Tourism generating more than \$670 million in direct visitor spending during 2019 and providing employment for over half its residents. Agriculture is the County's second most significant industry.



Mono County Tourism / Mono Lake Tufas

The county is home to, and named after, Mono Lake, which is a vast high-desert saline lake with intriguing limestone tufa formations and is a vital habitat for millions of migratory and nesting birds. Mono Lake is just one of many reasons that Mono County draws landscape photographers year-round.

Another highlight is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800s, was home to as many as 10,000 people, and is now maintained as a State Historic Park with about 200 buildings still standing as they were left, preserved in a state of “arrested decay” for visitors to enjoy. Other natural wonders that attract people to Mono County include Devils Postpile National Monument, one of the world’s finest examples of columnar basalt and the headwaters of the Owens and Middle Fork San Joaquin Rivers; two of the state’s most important watersheds. Yosemite National Park’s eastern entrance at Tioga Pass is only 12 miles from Lee Vining and Mono Lake.



Mono County Tourism / Bodie State Historic Park

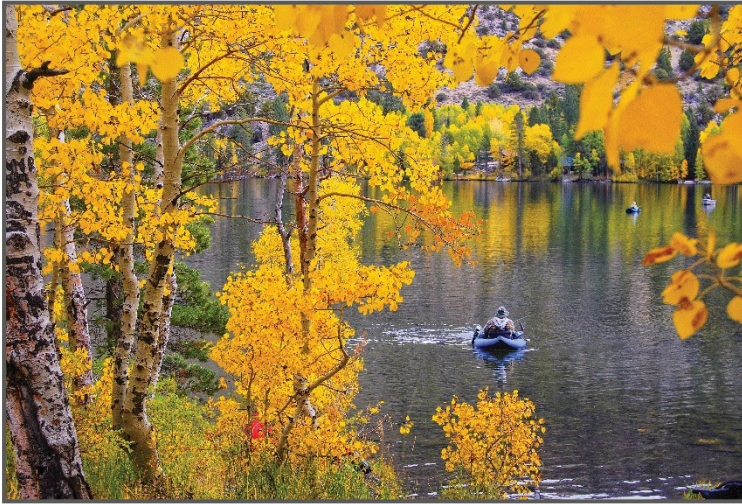


Mono County Tourism / Bridgeport Courthouse

Mono County has several small towns and charming villages, each with their own distinct scenic beauty, year-round recreational opportunities, natural and historical attractions, and unique characteristics. The County seat is proudly located in Bridgeport, where the original 1881 courthouse is the second oldest in the state to be in continuous use. The only incorporated town in the county is Mammoth Lakes, which is located at the base of world-renowned Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, with a summit of 11,053 feet, over 3500 skiable acres, 28 lifts, and an average of 400 inches of snowfall annually.

Approximately 8,100 people reside in the Mammoth Lakes area year-round, and during the peak winter season, the population swells to over 35,000 when visitors from around the state, country, and world come to ski, snowboard, and take part in many other winter activities. Sister resort, June Mountain, just 20 miles north of Mammoth Lakes, offers uncrowded, wide-open slopes and a more peaceful, family-friendly alternative to busier ski areas.

Summer, however, is when Mono County really shines. The region offers countless miles of alpine hiking, superb trout fishing at dozens of well-stocked lakes, streams and rivers, kayaking,



cycling, horseback riding, golfing, and endless warm-weather adventures. Photographers flock to the county in September and October when it is almost impossible to take a bad photo of the fall color that lights up the Eastern Sierra landscape. *Sunset Magazine* named Mono County one of the “Top 5 places to Hike” in autumn and *TravelAndLeisure.com* listed Mono County as one of “America’s Best Fall Color Drives.”

Mono County Tourism / Silver Lake

A wide variety of lodging, restaurants, and shops are available throughout the county and although commercial air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport will not be available in Summer/Fall 2021, regularly scheduled commercial flights to Bishop Airport from major west coast cities are projected to begin in December 2021. Chartered airlines and private aircraft will continue utilizing Mammoth Yosemite Airport, just a 10-minute drive from the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

State and Federal General Principles

The Mono County Board of Supervisors supports the general principles set forth below. County staff will apply these guidelines in evaluating State and Federal legislation, as well as executive and regulatory actions. It is the Board's objective to implement these guidelines.

Following preparation of the 2020 Legislative Platform, the COVID-19 Pandemic swept across the United States, taking 500,000 lives to date, and leaving no region unaffected. As a direct service provider, Mono County is responsible for mitigating and responding to COVID's effects on our residents, visitors and infrastructure.

This document includes expressions of policy support for specific COVID-19 relief measures already proposed or under consideration. The listing of these items should not be regarded as limiting the County's general support for other COVID-19 relief measures supporting individuals and service agencies which may be proposed subsequent to approval of this Platform.

Beyond inspiring policies directly related to COVID-19 response, the pandemic has illuminated the need for resilience-focused state and local disaster prevention, response and recovery planning strategies. Mono County supports state and federal initiatives to assist individuals and localities in developing greater resilience capacity.

To support the County's service to the community, the County should:

- Support legislative, regulatory or other policy efforts that protect and/or enhance local government revenues, maximize the County's access to state and federal funding sources, including pandemic support and relief programs, and/or increase local funding flexibility;
- Oppose any effort to balance the State budget through the taking of local government resources;
- Support legislation that protects the County's quality of life and diverse natural resources, while preserving the essence and historic values of the County;
- Support legislation that provides tax and funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state and federal monies while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources;
- Support legislation and budget action which provides additional and continued funding for local road infrastructure, including complete street features;
- Oppose legislative and administrative actions which would create unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority;

- Support legislation that realigns governmental services in such a manner as to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people;
- Support the promotion of tourism, recreation, sustainable fisheries, filming, and a diversified local economy in the Eastern Sierra to achieve strong economic growth and prosperity;
- Continue to support legislation that honors our veterans for their service to our country;
- Support efforts that further the strategic directions outlined in the County's Strategic Plan;
- Engage on any proposals to repeal or additionally alter the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which provides Mono County citizens the ability to obtain affordable health care;
- Support efforts to combat climate change;
- Support legislation that seeks to address the insufficient quantity and quality of homes affordable to our residents; and
- Support legislation that addresses the burgeoning substance use disorder crisis and increases access to Medication Assisted Treatment.
- Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.
- Support legislation that waives the local share of cost of all emergency response and disaster recovery activities.
- Support funding for counties to provide for higher demands on critical recovery services.
- Support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives and legislation that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism and reduce inequity.

State Priorities

1) Protect County revenue sources

Many County programs are at risk due to the instability of State funding. The Board of Supervisors supports efforts to sustain funding, enabling the continuation of critical programs for Mono County's constituents.

2) Encourage regulation relief/reform

Mono County applauds California's efforts to protect the environment. The Board supports efforts to achieve responsible regulation relief in the following areas:

a) Provide regulatory relief for solid waste operations

- i) Continue to provide regulatory relief to rural jurisdictions from statewide solid waste and recycling mandates when recycling infrastructure does not yet exist and causes significant transportation costs and emissions.
- ii) Provide funding for the siting and development of recycling infrastructure, and/or develop policies within state agencies and businesses such as Caltrans, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Edison for the local re-use of materials (glass cullet, wood chips) when generated in rural areas.
- iii) Support development of domestic recycling markets and streamline process for recycling infrastructure development.

Domestic recycling markets are needed to address the changes in international trade policies which have disrupted California's solid waste and recycling industry by restricting foreign imports of recyclable materials and requiring reduced contamination levels in recycling streams. In order to meet California's ambitious recycling mandates, investment in and development of domestic markets has become necessary.

- iv) Support legislation that allows for alternative organic programs for rural areas and exempts them from the SB 1383 requirements until such time that an economically feasible infrastructure is in place

Rural jurisdictions are disproportionately burdened under mandates of SB 1383/Short Lived Climate Pollutants. With no developed infrastructure, no economy of scale and great hauling distances to existing infrastructure, this remains a major challenge for rural areas.

b) Support CARB compliance legislation

Support legislation regarding California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliance to assist rural counties with the costs associated with State mandated compliance.

c) Support environmental processing legislation

Support legislation that streamlines environmental processing, including the application of certain urban exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to rural communities.

d) Support regulation of short-term rental online platforms

Online short-term rental platforms are unregulated, leaving accountability and compliance issues to local jurisdictions. Mono County urges the legislature to support regulation of short-term rentals to ensure an even playing field with traditional commercial lodging, require accountability, provide for tax collection, and support compliance at the state and local levels.

e) Ensure adequate oversight of state requirements for commercial cannabis activities, respect local CEQA processes for cannabis permits and encourage development of hemp regulations

Mono County is concerned about the state's allocation of resources for monitoring and inspection of commercial cannabis permits to ensure compliance with state requirements, particularly in rural areas like Mono County. Where oversight is delegated to local agencies, such as the Agricultural Commissioner, adequate funding should also be provided. Where oversight is retained by the state, state agency staff should have adequate on-the-ground presence to ensure accountability and compliance without increasing the burden on local jurisdiction staff. Further, the state should respect the CEQA process conducted by local jurisdictions serving as lead agencies, even if the state's responsible agency role is not triggered, or assume lead agency status and conduct separate CEQA evaluations for the approval of state licenses. As with cannabis, state industrial hemp regulations are critical for local governments to craft local regulations that create a comprehensive set of rules to protect public health and safety while providing for the industry. Without state regulations, local jurisdictions are acting in a vacuum that may increase challenges due to uncoordinated or inconsistent requirements and approval processes. The state should continue working toward federally approved industrial hemp regulations.

f) Continue to provide and increase funding for local jurisdictions to meet affordable housing goals

In an effort to address affordable housing needs throughout the state, new housing laws are passed every year. Some carry new mandates that place a regulatory burden on local jurisdictions, and some simply require funding to implement. We encourage the State to continue providing new funding streams, such as SB 2 and the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants program, as well as technical assistance programs, to assist local jurisdictions with meeting new mandates and working toward statewide and local housing goals.

3) Natural Resources, Public Lands and Agriculture

a) **Support sustainable funding for State parks**

Continue to support measures to sustain our State parks, roads that access these parks, and recreation programs for the continued enjoyment of visitors and residents. Closure or underfunding of these parks would result in a significant negative economic impact on our County as tourism and recreation are our most important economic drivers.

b) **Encourage communication between air districts especially as it relates to smoke management.**

c) **Prioritize Wildfire Prevention and Forest Health**

Support a comprehensive approach to forest and watershed health that increases funding and capacity building for community protection, home hardening, fuels reduction and biomass development. These efforts should also consider air quality and smoke impacts, and promote communication and collaboration among air pollution control districts and land management agencies regarding smoke impacts.

d) **Disaster Prevention , Response and Recovery**

i) Support legislation that promotes the creation of both state and local disaster prevention, response and recovery planning policy and assistance programs

e) **Support legislation that promotes, protects, or facilitates the sustainability of our local agriculture**

Mono County agriculture is an important local economic driver. It provides jobs and contributes to the open-space landscape that draws visitors.

i) Reinstate Williamson Act subventions and continue to develop alternative funding measures, such as the Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.

ii) Support continued and enhanced state funding for non-native, invasive plant management programs

After years of no state funding allocation, weed management area groups throughout the state will have funding opportunities in the coming budget year. These programs are critical to the protection of our local and statewide environment, and have proven positive effects on natural fire regimes, species diversity, watershed health, and many other concerns. State funding for these programs should be maintained and enhanced if possible.

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g) **Ensure full funding of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Program (AB 7 - 2006)**

In 2006, AB 7 dedicated by law one third of all sport fishing license fees to be used for adequate stocking of Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatcheries. Beyond the funding dedication, AB 7 dictated the size of fish to be stocked. Recent California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) actions, as well as state budget actions, have reduced the size of the stocking fish and not fully directed the fee funding to this program. Mono County supports the original intent including all funding being directed to the state hatchery program, fish size, and reproducing diploid fish countywide as described in the original legislation.

h) **Support budget appropriations to modernize and maintain the state hatchery system.**

i) **Support a balanced approach to regulating fishing**

Support a fishing season in the Eastern Sierra that provides economic opportunity while maintaining the balance of environmental health and sustainable fisheries and requires California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to notify local government of proposed fishing regulation changes.

j) **Support sustainable fishing**

Support the funding of efforts to enhance the fish population in Mono County including sustainable fishing, ongoing fish stocking, education for proper catch and release practices, protection of spawning waterways, and support of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) stocking of diploid trout in allowable waters.

k) **Support bio-energy action plan development**

Encourage the various state agencies involved to continue evolving this field of work to produce and permit cleaner, more affordable technology based on sustainable and healthy forestry principles in a manner that benefits rural Sierra economies. Mono County has encouraged state agencies, such as the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) and California Energy Commission (CEC) to provide funding for project scoping and planning.

l) Support legislation and funding that eases the burden of implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including creating necessary infrastructure in rural, sparsely populated areas

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act provides for local agencies to develop groundwater sustainability plans and, pursuant to those plans, sustainably manage groundwater resources. The funding mechanism for these activities provided in the law is for local agencies to impose fees on water users. Areas in Mono County that have been subject to the Act in the past are sparsely populated and primarily in agricultural production. Accordingly, very few individuals (less than a dozen) would have to bear the significant burden of funding compliance with the Act, should it apply again in the future, which would endanger the viability of Mono County's agricultural operations.

m) Continued engagement in Bi-State Sage Grouse conservation efforts

Mono County appreciates the State's increased role in sage-grouse conservation efforts and addressing the threat posed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP's) management of water in Long Valley, a key habitat area for the South Mono Population Management Unit. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is a significant player in this conservation effort. Ultimately, continuation of the collaborative multi-party partnership, including the cooperative engagement of LADWP, would be the ideal outcome to ensure the health and viability of sage grouse populations. If the bird is ultimately listed, the result would be an additional regulatory burden with devastating impacts to Mono County's agricultural and recreational activity-based economy.

n) Climate and drought resiliency

Support measures that provide funding and resources to develop drought and climate resilient water supplies in California, such as water recycling and reuse, leak and loss prevention/remediation and other solutions to enhance the State's water resources in order to reduce reliance on increasingly unpredictable precipitation amounts.

4) Public Safety and Criminal Justice

a) Advocate to prevent adverse local impacts from cannabis and hemp legislation

Advocate for local control, taxation and funding for addressing the environmental, land use, and public safety impacts of the cultivation of cannabis and hemp.

b) Ensure State realignment & cost-shifts

Continue to ensure successful implementation of the broad array of programs transferred to county jurisdiction under the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, including appropriate distribution of AB 109 funding. Support state policy changes that will allow for greater

administrative and program flexibility for county programs associated with this shift of responsibility.

c) **Support of rural fire districts**

The population of Mono County is highly rural and dependent upon voluntary associations that provide basic emergency services. These volunteer fire districts provide services to residents and tourists, and they are often the first responders to accidents. Support relief for rural fire districts.

d) **Advocate for Community Paramedicine**

Advocate for the State Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) to expand the current number of EMS Programs participating in the Community Paramedicine Demonstration Project.

e) **Advocate for legislation to extend the age for juvenile services from 18 through the age of 20**

Neuroscience supports that brain development continues until the age of 23.

f) **Support legislation that provides financial support to probation**

Provide financial support to probation to include more evidence-based services and incentives for both adults and youth.

5) **Transportation and Infrastructure**

a) **Support action for transportation funding**

Support the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads and related infrastructure.

b) **Support State highway access**

Mono County supports budget policy and legislation to fund rehabilitation of the Bodie Road (Highway 270) that provides access to Bodie State Park and to facilitate early Sierra Pass openings (including Highways 120 and 108).

c) **Support complete streets and walkable community principles**

Mono County is a strong supporter and advocate of the complete streets and walkable community principles in the 2040 California Transportation Plan. This focus is a transportation paradigm and culture shift that will impact projects from initiation to completion and maintenance. Recently, local jurisdictions have been increasingly tasked

with the funding and maintenance of complete street features on state facilities such as state highways. These maintenance responsibilities lie with the state, and a corresponding shift in the functioning and funding of Caltrans is needed to ensure success of complete street designs.

d) Support broadband deployment and communications systems improvements

Leverage existing work efforts focused on broadband infrastructure investments and deployment projects to further increase access to Gigabit broadband throughout the County. Advocate and work to improve communication systems including:

- i) Implementation of the California Broadband Council's "Broadband for All Action Plan," including, but not limited to, support for enactment of SB4 and AB14;
- ii) Plain Old Telephone Systems (POTS) system reliability;
- iii) Reliable 911 service, the NextGen 911 transformation (including the leveraging of broadband for improving 911), 211 service, and public notification and warning services;
- iv) Cellular-based communication systems and networks including those designed for commercial and public safety use (such as FirstNet);
- v) Policies, programs, and funding opportunities for other public safety communication platforms, including but not limited to Land Mobile Radio;
- vi) Appropriate and effective definitions of 'broadband' which recognize the importance of technology and dependence on the internet for public safety and economic development;
- vii) Legislation and associated programs that provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects and adoption/education efforts.

e) Investor-Owned Utility Wildfire Mitigation and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy

In coordination with local allied agencies and community organizations, advocate for policies and practices which ensure public safety while recognizing and addressing the unique challenges of PSPS events in a tourism-driven rural environment. Encourage utilities' investment in infrastructure hardening, grid modernization, and situational awareness tools.

6) Administrative and Fiscal Services

a) Support Clerk/Recorder Services and Elections Administration improvements

Support resources for improving county record keeping services and election administration, and monitor legislation that may impact the following:

- i) Recording fees and process, and recorded documents;
- ii) Vital statistic fees and process;
- iii) Public records;

- iv) Unfunded mandates;
- v) Vote-by-mail, voter registration, election management systems, elections process, and election equipment;
- vi) Funding for records preservation (such as Board of Supervisors historic records);
- vii) Funding for modernization of elections equipment.

b) Support Vote-by-mail legislation

Support legislation to authorize vote-by-mail ballot elections for rural counties.

c) Support leveraging SB2 Recording fees to return to Mono County for housing.

d) Support the full funding of all Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Support legislation and budget efforts that provide for payment of past due balances and continue to maximize the PILT revenue to counties and maintain full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.

e) Oppose legislation that would limit and/or impose significant procedural or substantive barriers to counties' ability to contract for services.

7) Health and Human Services

a) Support accurate, adequate, flexible, and stable funding and regulatory interpretation to best meet Federal/State Health and Human Services program requirements

These include Child Welfare Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Use Disorder Services, Human Services, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, California Children Services, and Health Reform. In addition, support new innovation by maximizing flexibility in program design, increase Federal/State funding leveraging opportunities, and streamline State program requirements and regulations including those serving specialized needs due to COVID-19.

b) Support client access permitting online engagement and electronic interviews to reduce cost, increase participation and reduce duplicative eligibility processes.

c) Support funding opportunities for environmental health regulation

Support funding opportunities including fees for State mandates related to environmental health regulation of food establishments, sewage disposal facilities, water systems, well construction, swimming pools, and recreational health facilities, occupied housing, underground storage tank facilities, solid waste facilities, land use development, rabies and vector control, and the management of hazardous waste/materials.

d) Support legislation that provides funding for the Local Primacy Agency (LPA) program that ensures safe drinking water to residents

The LPA program provides local oversight of small public water systems (SPWS) in Mono County. This program is implemented by the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department. Currently, program costs are offset by annual permit fees collected from the SPWS and by Public Health Realignment. The revenues do not cover the costs of this program.

e) Support funding opportunities for Mono County's CUPA Program

The California Unified Program Agency (CUPA) is implemented by the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department. Funding for this program is provided through environmental health fees and Public Health Realignment. In the past, the CUPA was provide grant funding through Cal EPA to offset costs incurred in implementing the program. This grant funding was subsequently discontinued last year. Negotiations are ongoing to reinstitute this funding program.

f) Support legislation for public health programs

Support legislation and programing, and advocate for upstream approaches to health and preventative public health programs including Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH), Oral Health, Tobacco Education, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Emergency Preparedness, Communicable Disease, HIV/STDs, and Immunizations.

g) Support revenue opportunities and increased flexibility with State allocations for local public health departments

With rising costs of business, the Mono County Health Department's expenditures are now greater than its revenues. With a decline of Public Health Realignment funds since 2007, these dollars no longer cover the cost of fulfilling mandates, backfilling State grants, and addressing local health priorities. Opportunities include increasing revenues through State allocations and advocating for a broader, less restrictive scope of work which can be tailored to a community's unique health needs.

h) Support public health fiscal sustainability in rural counties in the form of relaxed programmatic FTE requirements and indirect cost rate caps

Health programs are continually evolving and new opportunities to improve community wellness are on the rise. Rural counties face unique recruitment and retention challenges and much of the prospective funding comes with strict FTE requirements and/or caps on what can be reimbursed in indirect costs. Funding allocations usually do not provide enough resources to hire new staff and the majority of existing staff manage or support multiple public health programs. Additionally, funding allocations do not cover the true cost

of the program, especially overhead costs, leading to difficult decisions about implementing programs that have been recognized as a need in our rural communities.

i) Support legislation for health providers

Support legislation and advocate for increasing the number of dental and medical providers in rural counties, especially those who accept Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal insurance.

j) Advocate for a level of funding that enables counties to properly administer the Medi-Cal program on the state's behalf.

k) Support improvements to Medi-Cal

- i) Support the streamlining of Medi-Cal administration and improve access to health coverage for uninsured families.
- ii) Support five-year continuous medical eligibility for children and one-year continuous eligibility for mothers.

l) Support legislation that would increase the number of volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians

Current licensing requirements are onerous and deter volunteer first responders from seeking EMT licenses.

m) Provide a State funding stream for county spending on Public Administrator/Public Guardian/Public Conservator (PA/PG/PC) programs

County Public Administrator, Public Guardian and Public Conservator (PA|PG|PC) programs provide critical safety net services to the most vulnerable adult Californians. The PG/PC provides protective services to individuals with diminished capacity to make decisions due to cognitive impairments and severe mental illness. The PA function handles the disposition of deceased estates. Working collaboratively with local medical, mental health, social services, and justice providers, PA|PG|PC programs petition the Courts to be appointed the legal decision maker with regard to healthcare, psychiatric care, and/or financial management for clients who are unable to make decisions for themselves. County PA|PG|PCs are the only major county safety net programs that receive no direct State or Federal funding.

n) Support legislation that increases services and supports Child Welfare

- i) Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018: Support full state funding of required program changes to enact the newly mandated child welfare system reforms related to this Act.
- ii) Support legislation that increases services and resources for caregivers of children and former foster youth who are victims of or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation..

o) Support county implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform

Support adequate funding for county implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform including the recruitment, retention, and support of resource families so that they may provide stable, loving homes for children in the foster care system.

p) Support legislative, administrative and budgetary efforts that seek to maintain active and healthy independence for seniors and the disabled, including affordable housing, funding and other support for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness

q) Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

- i) Support legislation that promotes the financial sustainability of the In- Home Supportive Services Program through programmatic changes and appropriate cost sharing mechanisms between the State and counties.
- ii) Support the continuation of federal and state funding for IHSS and oppose any efforts to shift additional IHSS costs to counties.
- iii) Support funding for the full range of aging programs that provide services to older adults including services provided by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), senior nutrition programs, caregiver supports, resource centers, ombudsman programs, and home and community-based supports.
- iv) Support legislation that would establish a comprehensive and coordinated system and provide options for long term care activities that will secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment, remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence, provide a continuum of care for vulnerable seniors, and provide a comprehensive response to elder abuse/neglect and exploitation.
- v) Support legislation to increase skilled nursing facilities that are willing to accept dually diagnosed seniors with comorbid medical and mental health conditions.

r) Support efforts to develop permanent supportive housing and affordable housing

- i) Support State laws that support affordable housing and broaden the opportunities and reduce barriers for local government, and non-profit housing entities and instrumentalities of government to increase homeownership and the creation of rental housing. This includes repealing of California State Constitution Article XXXIV. In addition, support increased financing, subsidy options, and tax incentives to support development of new, affordable housing units in rural communities such as Mono County.
- ii) Support efforts to streamline funding, construction processes and land use regulations, which expedite the development of low and moderate income housing units and allow local governments to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

- iii) Support measures that enable seniors and the adult disabled population to obtain affordable housing and live independently.
- iv) Support additional funding for the Older Californians Act and other programs that assist older adults and caregivers.

s) **Support the enhancement of childcare and development**

Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of childcare and development programs. Specifically, support legislation and budget action that would:

- i) Ensure continuity of childcare for children and families.
- ii) Preserve, protect and increase funding for subsidized and other government-funded childcare.
- iii) Expand access to child care.
- iv) Reform the reimbursement rate structure for providers.

t) **Support measures to extend family benefits, such as Paid Sick COVID days; and expand Paid Family Leave**

u) **Support increased funding for special education early intervention for infants, toddlers and preschoolers**

v) **Support home visiting and whole family wellness, including but not limited to CalWORKS Home Visiting funding**

w) **Support 15% equivalency on vape taxes for Proposition 10 (First 5)**

x) **Support measures that seek to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), address the impacts of trauma, and build resilience.**

- i) Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality childcare and preschool opportunities, homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities.

y) **Support legislation to combat human trafficking**

Support legislation that will develop or enhance programs and services to combat the negative impact that human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children has on victims and support efforts to provide additional tools, resources, and funding to help counties address this growing problem.

z) **Support full funding to ensure that state mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.**

aa) **State Realignment & Cost-Shifts**

Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of programs to local government, without commensurate compensation.

bb) **Support legislation, funding opportunities, and multidisciplinary efforts to provide harm reduction and substance use disorder services in Mono County.**

cc) **Support legislation to develop county behavioral health statewide outcomes and performance measures, inclusive of Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal programs (e.g. MHSA) – specialty mental health services and substance use disorders.**

i) This effort will include recommendations by data researchers and experts regarding appropriate measures to evaluate the effectiveness of county behavioral health interventions.

ii) An outcome of the plan will include identifying a standard statewide method to collect Race, Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity behavioral health client data, as outlined in the AB 470 Advisory Group.

dd) **Strengthen the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)**

Support legislation proposals to review the MHSA, recognizing the importance and significant contribution this critical funding source has made to persons with mental illness. The MHSA review provides the opportunity to reflect on 15 years of MHSA implementation and find areas for improvement while preserving core MHSA services, including the crisis continuum, prevention/early intervention, and full-service partnerships. Improvements should seek to eliminate restrictive mandatory funding distributions for each component of the MHSA and ensure MHSA funds can be used for individuals with primary substance use disorder diagnoses, as well as support the protection of MHSA's current ratios and funding for small, rural counties. A review should also identify a process for the development of statewide performance and outcome measures to be reported annually to the state, the legislature and the public.

ee) **Enhance Board and Care rates to prevent further loss of critical housing for SMI clients and build out housing options**

There is a critical lack of housing in California, particularly for its most vulnerable low-income adults most at-risk of homelessness: older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons with serious mental illness (SMI). With the rapidly growing aging population and continually rising housing costs, the homeless population is expected to grow, and a larger number of the homeless population are expected to be disabled and elderly. Even more alarming, California has lost hundreds of board and care homes in recent years that are

specifically set up to serve these very populations. Los Angeles County has lost about 1200 beds since January 2016. The reimbursement rates provided by SSI/SSP are inadequate at \$35/ day and counties do not have the capacity to patch facilities at the demand needed. CBHDA proposes enhancing board and care rates through \$500 million one-time General Fund (GF), reforming punitive regulations/ enforcement of facilities by CDSS, and exploring federal waiver opportunities to fund board and cares. (Co- sponsored by CBHDA with the Steinberg Institute)

ff) Pursue Funding for Pretrial Mental Health Diversion (AB 1810)

There is an overrepresentation of individuals with SMI in the criminal justice system. All too often, individuals with SMI in crisis are inappropriately routed by law enforcement into jails and ultimately prison, instead of receiving treatment in the community. Once incarcerated, individuals living with a mental illness tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning to incarceration than those without a mental illness. A significant number of individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health conditions can cycle in and out of the criminal justice system. California passed in 2018 AB 1810 which establishes pre-trial MH diversion in CA for individuals with SMI and who could be experiencing homelessness. Funding AB 1810 with \$250 million one- time GF would help alleviate strains on justice systems and break the cycle of individuals experiencing homelessness with SMI from cycling in and out of the justice system. (Co-sponsored by CBHDA with the Steinberg Institute)

gg) Support Direct Provider Reporting to DHCS

Support Legislation that would implement and improve the recommendation of the California State Auditor, to allow for direct reporting from providers to DHCS of those data currently reported to DOJ, along with additional patient data on the gravely disabled population to facilitate improved care coordination and analysis at the state level for trends and disparities.

hh) Support Outcome Measurement

- i) Support Legislation that adopts statewide Behavioral Health outcomes and performance measures, inclusive of Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal programs (e.g., MHSA) with CBHDA in a leadership role.
- ii) Develop and implement a standard statewide method to collect Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) behavioral health client data

ii) Support SB 803

Implement the Peer Support Specialist Certification in a manner that maximizes the opportunity to diversify the county behavioral health workforce and expand the use of peers throughout the system.

8) Economic Development

a) **Support new and current business development**

Support legislation and programs that support economic development efforts that augment and promote business retention and expansion, as well as create an environment conducive to new business attraction.

b) **Support of commercial filming**

Support bills and initiatives to attract and retain film production in the state as increased filming statewide will result in commercial opportunities for commercial filming projects in Mono County.

c) **Support sustainable tourism and recreation economy**

Support legislation that strengthens California's sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Federal Priorities

1) Support Funding/Program Preservation

Support legislative, regulatory, and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local government revenues, maximize the County's access to federal funding sources, and/or increase local funding flexibility. Oppose legislative and administrative actions that would create federal unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority. Strongly encourage Congress and the President to commit to negotiate successfully so as to avoid any future Federal Government shutdowns.

a) **Support Sustainable Funding for Secure Rural Schools**

Support legislation that creates a sustainable revenue stream for Secure Rural Schools, such as the Forest Management for Rural Sustainability Act.

b) **Support the full funding of all Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)**

Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the PILT revenue to counties and continue full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.

c) **Support full federal funding for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Programs**

Support funding for community development programs and affordable housing such as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program and the necessary program staff to implement these programs.

d) **Support full and expanded federal funding for Housing and Economic Development programs**

Support the highest possible funding level for key federal housing and economic development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the reduction from 50% to 25% of the private activity bond cap.

e) **Support continued rural broadband deployment and communications improvements through local, State, and Federal policy advocacy, infrastructure projects, and grant programs**

Having appropriate policy at the local, State, and Federal levels is imperative to ensure adequate communications connectivity, which is a critical part of public safety and economic development. Because Mono County has dedicated resources to improve access to high-quality broadband in our communities and as a result of the completion of the Digital 395 project, roughly 90% of our households have access to Gigabit internet.

Unfortunately, several Mono County communities and residents still face barriers to connectivity as there is inadequate infrastructure to support basic Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) telephone service, including cellular phone service, let-alone high-speed Internet. In order to improve the landscape, the County should advocate for:

- i) Policies, regulations, and enforcement around providers delivering basic POTS services to all locations desiring this service;
 - ii) Appropriate and effective definitions of 'broadband' which recognize the importance of technology and dependence on the internet for public safety and economic development;
 - iii) Legislation and associated programs that provide funding for broadband infrastructure projects and adoption/education efforts; programs and efforts that move to improve the accuracy of metrics used to represent the current state of broadband in Mono County.
 - iv) Legislation supporting digital equity, including, but not limited to the creation of affordable broadband for all.
- f) **Support legislation that promotes, protects, or facilitates the sustainability of our local agriculture**

Mono County agriculture is an important local economic driver, provides jobs, puts food on the table and contributes to the open-space landscape that draws visitors.

g) **Support Economic Development resources**

- i) Support legislation and federal programs that provide access to small business capital for local business development through the Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Corporation and other government loan and financial programs.
- ii) Support legislation and federal programs that promote locally-based business retention and expansion, as well as create an environment conducive to new business attraction.
- iii) Support initiatives to attract commercial filming opportunities to the region: in particular, budgetary allocations that increase capacity for processing special use permits on the Inyo and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forests.
- iv) Support bills, initiatives, and programs that strengthen the tourism and recreation economy, with a focus on sustainable practices.

h) **Disaster Response**

Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.

2) Natural Resources, Public Lands, and Agriculture

Support legislation that promotes agriculture and that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County, along with legislation that provides adequate funding for stewardship of our public lands.

a) **Support sustainable funding for federal public lands**

Support measures to sustain our federal lands. Closure or underfunding of these lands managed by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service would result in a significant negative impact to our county as tourism and recreation are our economic drivers.

b) **Support legislation and funding to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands**

c) **Support special designations**

Support special use designations for public lands such as National Scenic Areas, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wilderness, National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, when demonstrated conservation values and public support warrant such designations.

d) **Oppose public lands disposal**

Oppose the large-scale sale, transfer or "disposal" of public lands except for strategic, widely supported transfers or exchanges for management and boundary adjustments with demonstrated public benefit, for example community expansion in support of affordable housing.

e) **Support wildfire funding and fuels reduction**

Support immediate enactment of legislation to change the method of funding wildfire suppression on National Forests by providing access to funding outside of the statutory discretionary limits for emergency purposes and for investment in additional resources for forest management/fuels reduction to mitigate wildfire risk to communities and increase forest health.

f) **Support Wildfire Prevention and Forest Health**

Support legislation and funding for comprehensive wildfire prevention and forest health programs on public lands.

g) Support regulatory relief for Mill City Cabin Tract funding

Support administrative and legislative solutions for funding and/or regulatory relief for the cleanup of contaminated soils at the Mill City recreation residence tract on the Inyo National Forest in Mammoth Lakes.

h) Support land management directives

Support Mono County's tourism and recreation economy by ensuring funding, programs, and management directives for federal land agencies (including the Land & Water Conservation Fund) that facilitate the planning, building, and maintenance of infrastructure for sustainable recreation, travel, and commercial film permitting on public lands.

i) Support sustainable fishing

Support federal initiatives and / or funding of efforts towards enhancement of Mono County's fish population, including sustainable fishing, ongoing fish stocking, education for proper catch and release practices, protection of spawning waterways, and support of the stocking of diploid trout in allowable waters.

j) Support the control of invasive species

Support control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve, and restore public and private lands.

k) Support biomass project development

Support legislation that encourages the US Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to continue actively promoting and assisting with biomass project development.

l) Support alternative energy

i) Support local efforts to develop renewable, distributed energy sources including but not limited to environmentally and appropriately scaled biomass, solar, and wind, while ensuring projects and their supporting infrastructure (i.e., transmission lines, pipes lines, towers, service roads) does not degrade the County's quality of life, natural or visual resources, water or essence and history.

ii) Continue to support geothermal power production that is environmentally sustainable and doesn't negatively affect local domestic water supplies.

m) Support Devils Postpile National Monument legislative requests

Support legislation to authorize a boundary adjustment request, and to designate a portion of the Middle Fork San Joaquin River as Wild & Scenic, as described in Devils Postpile National Monuments 2015 Management Plan.

n) **Support endangered species conservation**

Support a balanced approach to the implementation of endangered species regulation with impacts to the rural economy and communities of Mono County. Mono County is fortunate to have a rich natural heritage that should be conserved, and it supports the need to protect and recover imperiled species. These conservation measures should be specifically tailored to the threats and circumstances in the Eastern Sierra and Mono County, and must be weighed and balanced against impacts to the fragile tourism and recreation-based rural economy and local communities. Every effort must be made to protect private property rights and avoid detrimental impacts to county residents.

o) **Support sage grouse conservation**

Mono County appreciates the strong support of the multi-party, collaborative Bi-State conservation effort, including several federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service (Inyo National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest), and U.S. Geological Survey. The coalition includes technical and scientific support, legislative and policy support, and funding to ensure conservation commitments are met and honored by federal agencies. Ultimately, continuation of the collaborative partnership requires the federal agencies to remain stalwart in their commitments with the flexibility to address new issues, such as the management of water by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) in Long Valley, and adequate budgets to support a positive conservation outcome. If the bird is listed, the result could be an additional regulatory burden with devastating impacts to Mono County's agricultural and recreational activity-based economy.

p) **Support legislation to avoid landfilling of waste originating on Federal Land**

Develop policies and programs that successfully re-use, recycle and transform resources that originate on USFS, BLM, and DOD lands. Support policies that reduce the impacts of Federally generated waste on local jurisdictions' waste management systems, and/or support policies that enhance local systems to effectively manage Federally-generated waste.

3) **Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

a) **Support full funding of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants**

Support the preservation of funding levels for existing safety programs such as the Byrne Justice Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program and oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding away from these programs.

b) Support continued funding of FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program

Support continued funding to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies. This funding is for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

c) Support legislation that resolves the conflict federal statutes have with legalization of recreational cannabis use in California

This includes removing cannabis as a schedule 1 drug and providing cannabis businesses with access to business banking services by changing federal banking access laws. Barring a legislative solution by Congress, the County supports reinstatement of the concepts stated in the past Justice Department memorandums allowing for commercial cannabis activities to operate free and clear of federal enforcement interference so long as the County has a robust regulatory framework in place.

d) Urge common-sense gun safety legislation.

e) Support sustainable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding for airport safety related projects on public and private property on or near our airports.

4) Transportation and Infrastructure

a) Ensure that federal transportation formulas support rural road infrastructure

Mono County relies on the network of state highways and locally maintained roads to link residents to essential services. Transportation funding formulas should provide funding protections or guarantees for California’s rural transportation system and reflect that rural counties lack viable means to fund larger projects that provide statewide benefit. We must advocate for formulas that distribute federal funds to support local transportation priorities.

b) Support efforts to protect the Highway Trust Fund

Support efforts protecting the Highway Trust Fund and programs that provide funding for local roads, bridges, and transit initiatives including pedestrian and bicycle systems, and other multi-modal transportation programs.

c) **Provide funding that maintains and enhances regional access across Federal Lands and National Parks**

Mono County supports budget policy and legislation that maintains, enhances, and extends the operational season of roads crossing federal lands and National Parks that provide access to communities, federal lands, national parks and monuments.

d) **Support Yosemite Area Regional Transportation and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority funding**

Support efforts to seek sustainable funding for regional public transportation to Yosemite National Park, other National Parks in our region, and other public lands destinations throughout the Eastern Sierra.

e) **Support the resurgence of the Scenic Byway program**

Mono County completed a Scenic Byway Corridor Plan through a federal grant, then shelved the plan because the Scenic Byway program was not funded. The program has been re-established, and continuity of funding is needed for jurisdictions to dust off inactive plans, program their implementation into the workflow again, and being making an impact.

5) Health and Human Services

a) **COVID 19**

Support and advocate for any legislative or budgetary action, including stimulus money and direct funding for counties, related to the response, recovery and/ or economic impacts of COVID-19 during both the emergency and throughout the long-term effects of the pandemic.

b) **Disaster Response**

Support measures that increase resources for disaster response initiatives requiring county involvement.

c) **Support Cost-Neutral Federal Mandates**

Support full funding to ensure that federal mandates are cost-neutral to the County and pursue revisions to streamline the process for local government.

d) **Oppose legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Work to preserve and expand the number of citizens currently receiving health insurance. Oppose efforts to reduce benefits and block grants or other actions that would shift the current federal/state cost and responsibility to the states and counties.

e) **Ensure that Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding is maintained for local governments**

Support the Prevention and Public Health Fund of the ACA, the nation's first dedicated mandatory funding stream for public health and prevention activities, which supports Mono County health care services to underserved residents.

f) **Medi-Cal Funding**

Support all efforts to adequately fund the federal Medicaid program. Similarly, oppose all efforts to block grant, cap or otherwise reduce federal and state funding to support this critical safety net program.

g) **Administration of the Medi-Cal program**

Fully fund county costs for County administration of the Medi-Cal program.

h) **Managed Care Medi-Cal**

Advocate for a Medi-Cal Managed Care model that generates high healthcare quality scores, increases primary care capacity, improves coordination of care, and conducts outreach to enroll uninsured populations.

i) **Oppose other eligibility changes, including but not limited to elimination of retroactive benefits or grace periods for eligibility pending verifications.**

j) **Oppose turning Medicaid over to States**

Oppose efforts to turn Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) over to the states with less federal funding.

k) **Support full funding of programs that provide health insurance to children.**

l) **Support funding of Veterans benefits**

Support provision and funding for current benefits and health care programs for Veterans.

m) **Support Women's Rights to Health**

Health care is key to women's well-being and economic stability. Support provisions that make sure new health care law works for women.

n) **Support Child Welfare**

i) **Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018**

Advocate for full federal and state funding of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-123) enacted to reform the federal foster care system.

- ii) Support efforts to reform child welfare financing, including expanding the types of prevention activities eligible for the IV-E foster care financial match.
- iii) Support a provision allowing for “skyping” with non-minor youth in the extended foster care program when the youth is attending college or living in another state or out of country as an alternative to monthly, in-person visits.
- iv) Support increased federal funding for services and income support needed by parents seeking to reunify with their children in foster care.
- v) Support increased federal financial support for programs that assist foster youth in the transition to self-sufficiency, including post- emancipation assistance such as secondary education, job training, and access to health care.
- vi) Support retaining the entitlement nature of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs and eliminate outdated rules that base the child's eligibility for funds on parental income and circumstances.
- vii) Support legislation that would provide tax credits to companies that hire current or former foster youth.
- viii) Support increased federal funding to respond to the service needs of youth who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
- ix) Support working families and reduce childhood poverty through legislation to retain and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit.

o) Support legislation to combat human trafficking

Support legislation that will develop or enhance programs and services to combat the negative impact that human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children has on victims and support efforts to provide additional tools, resources, and funding to help counties address this growing problem.

p) Support the enhancement of childcare and development

Support measures that enhance the overall quality, affordability, capacity, accessibility, and safety of childcare and development programs. Specifically, support legislation and budget action that would:

- i) Ensure continuity of childcare for children and families.
- ii) Preserve, protect and increase funding for subsidized and other government-funded childcare.
- iii) Waive family fees, increase vouchers, and establish "crisis factor" stipends

q) Immigration Reform

- i) Support immigration reform efforts that would create pathways to full and equal citizenship.
- ii) Oppose immigration reform efforts that would restrict the rights of immigrants or break up families, or that would focus on a mass deportation of undocumented immigrants.

r) **Oppose Legal Immigrant Benefit Changes**

- i) Oppose any efforts to include non-cash benefits in the definition of ‘public charge’.
- ii) Oppose any efforts to further restrict legal immigrants’ access to federal benefits.

s) **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reauthorization**

- i) Support increased federal support for TANF/CalWORKS subsidized employment programs.
- ii) Support more flexible work participation requirement measures to give credit for client engagement and for work activities not meeting the current thresholds.
- iii) Support the ability of states to provide and receive federal support for vocational education and career technical training for longer than 12 months.

t) **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

- i) Oppose proposed rules to limit eligibility, reduce benefits and/or limit state and county flexibility in administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh).
- ii) Oppose efforts to block grant or otherwise limit the federal contribution to SNAP/CalFresh.
- iii) Oppose federal mandates to require states to increase SNAP/CalFresh work requirements.
- iv) Support a thorough review and updates to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) to more accurately account for the cost of food, dietary needs, purchasing patterns and regional differences in food costs, housing and medical care, which affect the purchasing power of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- v) Support increased nutritional supplementation efforts at the state and federal levels, including increased aid, longer terms of aid, and increased access for those in need.
- vi) Support extending Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents work requirement waivers for as many counties and sub-county regions as possible.
- vii) Support further collaboration with the federal government and national partners to increase outreach and enrollment for SNAP/CalFresh, especially in underserved populations such as students, former foster youth, non-English-speaking populations and seniors.
- viii) Support provisions to further streamline and simplify federal requirements for SNAP/CalFresh recipients to enhance enrollment and retention.
- ix) Support additional flexibility for states to align SNAP/CalFresh eligibility and processes with state TANF/CalWORKS programs.
- x) Support efforts to improve timeliness of data provided by the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to states for use in administering SNAP/CalFresh.

u) **Support Adult and Disability Services**

Support legislation that would provide adequate funding such as state-only funded programs, programs authorized under the Older Americans Act, a return to full funding for Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs and increases to the SSBG allocation to keep up with inflation and population growth.

v) **Support Homelessness Legislation**

Support federal homelessness legislation funding an array of services to individuals and families at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness.

w) **Support State and Federal funding and regulatory changes or guidance that supports landlords and tenants, and prevents homelessness resulting from COVID-19 related financial impacts.**

County Attractions



TOP ATTRACTIONS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK Drive California's highest pass to Yosemite's east entrance—just 12 miles from Lee Vining—for ten-story waterfalls, iconic granite domes, rock climbing, hiking, and more (pass closed in winter). www.NPS.gov/yose • 209-372-0200 • Bus service: www.Yarts.com

MONO LAKE This ancient inland sea with its unique limestone formations and alkaline waters is home to hundreds of bird species! Learn more at: *Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center* 760-647-3044 • *Mono Lake Committee* www.MonoLake.org • 760-647-6595

DEVILS POSTPILE NATIONAL MONUMENT Located near Mammoth Lakes, Devils Postpile is one of the world's finest examples of columnar basalt formations. www.NPS.gov/dpo • 760-924-5500



BODIE STATE HISTORIC PARK With about 200 buildings still standing—thanks to ongoing preservation efforts—keep an eye out for spirits roaming the once-wild streets of this genuine gold-mining ghost town. www.Parks.CA.gov • 760-647-6445 www.BodieFoundation.org

WHAT LIES BEYOND?

When the things right in front of us turn invisible and the everyday loses its magic, you know it's time to go beyond.

Beyond the traffic, the deadlines and the incessant chatter of so-called civilization.

A journey to Mono County will take you to a California you didn't even imagine existed. A land of lava and ice, sparkling clear waters, miles of hiking trails and dozens of secret fishing holes.

Discover rock formations from another world at Mono Lake and Gold Rush history at Bodie ghost town. You'll also find genuine local hospitality, like a welcome from another era.

It takes a bit of traveling to get here, but that's the way we like it. Because once you're out here, you'll start to see again.

Welcome to Mono County: California's Great Beyond.

TOWNS & COMMUNITIES

BENTON HOT SPRINGS Soak in hot tubs fed by natural hot springs at the Historic Benton Inn. Once a bustling Wells Fargo stagecoach station, Old Benton offers a self-guided tour of numerous original buildings, historic sites and the cemetery.

BRIDGEPORT Gateway to Bodie ghost town and home of the county seat, Bridgeport's iconic courthouse has been in use since 1880. The California state-record brown trout, at 26 lbs 8 oz, was caught in Bridgeport's Twin Lakes.

CONVICT LAKE / MCGEE CREEK Dramatically situated under towering Mt. Morrison, Convict Lake is loved by anglers, hikers, and...wedding parties! Catch wildflowers or fall colors at McGee Creek Canyon—hiking or on horseback.

CROWLEY LAKE Fishing season opener's home base, this expansive lake offers world-class trout fishing.

JUNE LAKE Tucked away at the base of 10,909-ft. Carson Peak, June Lake is a scenic mountain hideaway. Famous for trout fishing and brilliant fall colors, the June Lake Loop is a snowy retreat in winter. June Mountain Ski Area offers free lift tickets every day, all winter long for kids age 12 and under.

LEE VINING Overlooking dramatic Mono Lake, Lee Vining is the gateway town to Yosemite National Park—just 12 breathtaking miles up Tioga Pass Road/SR 120.

MAMMOTH LAKES Mammoth Mountain Ski Area consistently ranks as one of the top winter sports destinations in North America. In the town of Mammoth Lakes, you'll find quaint shops, gourmet restaurants and accommodations from cozy cabins to four-star luxury hotels.

ROCK CREEK / TOM'S PLACE With beautiful Little Lakes Valley hiking trail, fall colors and winter "Adventure Dining" at Rock Creek Lodge—complete with snowmobile taxi—Rock Creek Canyon is magical all four seasons.

TOPAZ At the northern tip of the county, Topaz Lake boasts a nine month fishing season, a big cash derby and a Nevada casino.

WALKER AND COLEVILLE Ranch towns in the northern part of Mono County, Walker and Coleville host California's only ATV/UTV Jamboree every September!

VISITOR AMENITIES

LODGING With more than 140 hotels, motels, bed & breakfast inns, cabins and campgrounds, Mono County has a diverse lodging base— from deluxe spa hotels to rustic cottages and scenic RV parks.

DINING There are more than 100 restaurants, cafés, pubs and bakeries to choose from throughout Mono County, with options ranging from traditional comfort food to delicious ethnic cuisine and fine dining.

SHOPPING If you're looking for Macy's, you won't find it in Mono County! However, with over 125 stores to browse through, you'll find intriguing shops, art galleries, Native American crafts, fishing and sports gear, and unique souvenirs in every community.

MUSEUMS The Mono County Museum in Bridgeport, Mono Basin History Museum and Upside-Down House, Hayden Cabin in Mammoth Lakes and Benton Historical Society all bring the region's rich history to life with unique exhibits.

VISITOR INFORMATION Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center and Mono Lake Committee Information Center in Lee Vining, as well as the Bridgeport Ranger Station provide maps, guide books, permits, and visitor info.

TOP MONO COUNTY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER

Hiking, Backpacking & Rock Climbing
Fishing & Camping
Mountain Biking & Road Cycling
Kayaking & Canoeing
Horseback Riding
ATVs & Off-Highway Vehicles

WINTER

Skiing & Snowboarding
Cross Country Skiing
Snowshoeing & Ice Skating
Snowmobiling
Dog-Sledding
Sledding & Tubing

FAMOUS FOR FALL

Mono County and the surrounding Eastern Sierra provide the best show of brilliant golden-orange-crimson fall colors in the western United States. Our natural landscape in the Eastern Sierra, where rugged granite canyons are carved by rushing streams and framed by an azure sky, offers a spellbinding contrast of colors during autumn. Photogenic aspens, willows, and/or cottonwoods show off their colors from late September through October at Rock Creek, McGee Creek, Convict Lake, June Lake Loop, Lundy Canyon, Virginia Lakes, Green Creek in Bridgeport, Sonora Pass, and the West Walker River. For a free Eastern Sierra Fall Color guide, and for current fall color updates, please visit MonoCounty.org.



GETTING TO MONO COUNTY

DRIVE Mono County is situated along beautiful Scenic Byway US 395 — a few hours' drive from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas.

FLY Scheduled commercial air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) will not be available in Summer/Fall 2021. Regularly scheduled commercial flights to Bishop Airport (KBH) from major west coast cities are projected to begin in December 2021. Chartered airlines/private aircraft will continue to utilize Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH). As soon as detailed information regarding Winter 2022 air service and scheduled flights to the Eastern Sierra are available, updates will be posted at www.MonoCounty.org/plan-your-trip/Transportation, www.VisitMammoth.com/Flying, and www.BishopVisitor.com.

DRIVING DISTANCES AND TIMES

Reno	2.5 hours	140 miles / 225 km
San Francisco	5.5 hours	250 miles / 402 km
Los Angeles	5.5 hours	330 miles / 531 km
Sacramento	4 hours	220 miles / 354 km
Las Vegas	5.5 hours	340 miles / 547 km
Yosemite Valley	2 hours	75 miles / 121 km

*All mileages and times are from Lee Vining, CA. *East-west mountain passes (Highways 120 East/Tioga Pass, 108/Sonora Pass and 89/Monitor Pass) are closed in winter due to snow and usually open before Memorial Day.*

For more info and a FREE Visitor Guide, visit www.MonoCounty.org | 800-845-7922



Elected State Representatives:

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Elected Federal Representatives:

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROVIDING
DIRECTION FOR THE USE AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

WHEREAS, each year the Board of Supervisors updates and adopts its Legislative Platform for the purpose of supporting legislation, regulatory actions and policies that are beneficial to the County and its citizens and guiding staff and Board actions during the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Resolution to specify the manner in which the Legislative Platform may be utilized and implemented in order to maximize the County's advocacy on behalf of matters which benefit our region and our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that the following procedures for implementing the Mono County Legislative Platform are established:

1. Advocacy by a Board Member

Any individual Board Member or Department Head, in consultation with the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Board Chair (unless consultation with the Board Chair would result in a violation of the Brown Act), may draft and submit a letter or speak orally on behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors in support of or in opposition to an issue or matter addressed in the adopted Legislative Platform, provided that the letter or oral presentation is consistent with the position expressed in this Platform.

2. Advocacy by a Department Head

When a Department Head is asked to take an official position on a legislative, regulatory, administrative or policy matter within the jurisdiction of the Department, the Department Head shall first consult the adopted Legislative Platform for consistency. If the matter is not inconsistent with any position taken in the Legislative Platform, then the Department Head shall proceed as outlined below.

A. Issue is addressed in and consistent with Legislative Platform

If the requested position is consistent with the adopted Legislative Platform, then the Department Head shall, in consultation with the CAO, draft a letter (or oral remarks, as applicable) for review by the CAO. Upon approval by the CAO, the Department Head may deliver the letter or the oral remarks under his or her own signature as a Department Director of the County.

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2 *B. Issue is not addressed in Legislative Platform*

3 If the issue is not addressed, or if there is no clear policy direction regarding the issue
4 in the Legislative Platform, but the subject of the letter is consistent with the goals
5 and workplan of the department, the Department Head may draft a proposed letter or
6 oral remarks and present it to the CAO for approval. The CAO may additionally
7 consult with the Board Chair in his or her discretion. If the proposed letter or remarks
8 are approved by the CAO, then the Department Head may deliver the letter or
9 remarks under his or her own signature as a Department Director of the County.

10 If the proposed letter (or oral remarks) is not approved by the CAO, or the
11 Department Head seeks full Board support, then the Department Head may agendize
12 the matter for consideration by and direction and/or approval from the Board of
13 Supervisors. Any approved letter (or remarks) may be delivered under the Chair's
14 signature on behalf of the entire Board.

15 **3. Final Disposition of Written Letter or Summary of Oral Remarks**

16 *A. Letter or remarks delivered by a Board Member*

17 Following delivery or mailing, any letter drafted by a Board Member on behalf of the
18 Board shall be placed on the next available Board of Supervisors' agenda as
19 correspondence. For oral remarks, the Board Member shall orally report a summary
20 in a subsequent Board Report.

21 *B. Letter or remarks delivered by a Department Head*

22 Any final letter (or written summary of oral remarks) delivered by a Department
23 Head pursuant to this Resolution shall be provided to the full Board and to the Clerk
24 following its delivery and is a public record. If requested by a Board Member, the
25 Clerk shall add it to an upcoming meeting agenda as correspondence.

26 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2021,
27 by the following vote, to wit:

28 **AYES:**

29 **NOES:**

30 **ABSENT:**

31 **ABSTAIN:**

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Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel