



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 May 18, 2021

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

As authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Order, N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Board attending from separate remote locations. This altered format is in observance of recommendations by local officials that precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

Important Notice to the Public Regarding COVID-19

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Officer, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, please note the following:

1. Joining via Zoom

There is no physical location of the meeting open to the public. You may participate in the Zoom Webinar, including listening to the meeting and providing public comment, by following the instructions below.

To join the meeting by computer:

Visit <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/98747334365>

Or visit <https://www.zoom.us/> click on "Join A Meeting" and use the Zoom Meeting ID 987 4733 4365.

To provide public comment (at appropriate times) during the meeting, press the "**Raise Hand**" button on your screen.

To join the meeting by telephone:

Dial (669) 900-6833, then enter Webinar ID 987 4733 4365.

To provide public comment (at appropriate times) during the meeting, press *9 to raise your hand.

2. Viewing the Live Stream

If you are unable to join the Zoom Webinar of the Board meeting you may still view the live stream of the meeting by visiting http://monocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=759e238f-a489-40a3-ac0e-a4e4ae90735d

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Shannon Kendall, Clerk of the Board, at (760) 932-5533. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (See 42 USCS 12132, 28CFR 35.130).

ON THE WEB: You can view the upcoming agenda at <http://monocounty.ca.gov>. If you would like to receive an automatic copy of this agenda by email, please subscribe to the Board of Supervisors Agendas on our website at <http://monocounty.ca.gov/bos>.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY TIME, ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON SESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE TIME AND PRESENCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS. PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE TIME THE ITEM IS HEARD.

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. Recognition of Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District Ranger Jan Cutts

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Peters
10 minutes

(Supervisor Peters) - Proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing District Ranger Jan Cutts for her years of service.

Recommended Action: Adopt resolution recognizing Jan Cutts.

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. Out-of-State Travel Authorization for 2021 National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Out-of-state travel request for Supervisor Duggan to attend the 2021 National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Recommended Action: Approve out-of-state travel request for Supervisor Duggan to attend the 2021 National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference in Prince George's County, Maryland from July 9-12, 2021.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$3,000 for conference registration, hotel stay, and air travel for Supervisor Duggan, which is included in the Board of Supervisors' budget for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

B. Letter of Support - CAL FIRE Grant

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Corless

Letter in support of CAL FIRE grant application proposal "Early Detection of Wildfires in Three Mono County Communities" being submitted by the Whitebark Institute.

Recommended Action: Approve letter as presented or amended, and authorize Board Chair to sign.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee Appointments

Departments: Community Development

Reappoint three existing members (Laura Beardsley, Ron Day, and Haislip Hayes) and appoint one new member, Betty Kittle, to the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee as recommended by Supervisor Duggan.

Recommended Action:

- 1) Reappoint Laura Beardsley, Ron Day, and Haislip Hayes to the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Duggan, for a three-year term ending May 31, 2024.
- 2) Appoint Betty Kittle to the Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee, as recommended by Supervisor Duggan, for a three-year term ending May 31, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impacts are expected.

D. Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Appointment

Departments: EMS

Jessica Wagner, RN was approved by the voting members of the Mono County EMCC on October 27, 2020 to replace Rosemary Sachs, RN upon her retirement. Jessica will fill the Mammoth Hospital Paramedic Liaison position on the EMCC.

Recommended Action: Appoint Jessica Wagner, RN, PLN, to the Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee for a two-year term ending May 31, 2023, in accordance with the EMCC's Bylaws.

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. Purchase of Portable Subscriber Radios for EMS, Sheriff and MLPD

Departments: Information Technology

Use of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and Homeland Security

Grant Program (HSGP) monies to purchase 54 “subscriber” radios to replace end-of-life units in the Emergency Medical Services and Sheriff’s Department of Mono County, as well as Mammoth Lakes Police Department.

Recommended Action: Find that the provision of portable radios to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department to replace end-of-life radios serves the public purpose of ensuring that MLPD officers have reliable communication with County dispatch and others and can promptly respond to law enforcement and public safety needs in Mono County.

Approve purchase of 54 portable subscriber radios, as set forth in the attached quote (or substantially similar) for a cost not to exceed \$220,000 using EMPG and HSGP grant funds for 2020-21, provided that the terms and conditions of the purchase are reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Officer and County Counsel.

Authorize up to 10 of the 54 radios to be provided to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department for use in the performance of its law enforcement and public safety duties.

Fiscal Impact: This entire amount is in the existing Mono County budget and is supported by \$127,790 received through the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) and \$89,221 from the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for the 2019 grant cycle. Beginning in 2019, EMPG has a two-year performance period, requiring funds to be expended by 6/30/2021. HSGP is a three-year performance period with a end date of 5/30/2021. EMPG funds are matched by County dollars spent on Information Technology Department staff eligible under the grant. The HSGP program requires no local match.

F. Allocation List Amendment - Public Health

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Resolution amending Mono County List of Allocated Positions to add two (2) limited-term positions within the Department of Public Health related to COVID-19.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-____, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add two (2) new limited-term positions consisting of two COVID Case Investigators in the Department of Public Health with terms ending July 31, 2023 or sooner depending on necessity and availability of grant funding.

Fiscal Impact: There is no impact to the County General Fund. The COVID-19 Enhancing Laboratory Capacity/Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding Grant Award supports \$1,463,197 in expenditures over the grant term of January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2023 (30.5 month). Estimated remaining 2020-21 position cost for the two (2) COVID Case Investigators is \$12,939 consisting of \$6,943 in Salaries and \$5,996 in Benefits. The cost of approximately \$160,000 for the two positions is included in the Department's budget proposal for FY 2021-22.

G. Budget Adjustment Request - Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Fund 169

Departments: Public Works

Request to amend budget (Fund 169 - PSPS) to provide appropriations and reflect revenue relating to Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) projects.

Recommended Action: Amend Fund 169 PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff) budget to reflect revenue received of \$77,000 and expenditures of \$100,000 in FY 2020-2021 budget. (4/5 vote required.)

Fiscal Impact: There is carryover of \$126,095 to offset the requested net spending of \$23,000. The fund was omitted from the FY 2020-21 adopted budget and mid-year budget request.

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) Letter re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) response to comments on Wave-Induced Run-Up Evaluation for Tioga Lake Dam, FERC Project No. 1388.

B. Letter to Congressman Obernolte Requesting Prioritization of the Restoration of the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP)

A letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Congressman Obernolte requesting that the restoration of the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP) be a top priority for the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill.

C. Comment Letter from Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) re: the Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project Proposed by Kore Mining

Comment letter from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) regarding the Long Valley KORE Exploration Drilling Project #59294.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

A. Update from Quantified Ventures Regarding Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) Project Around Inyo National Forest Campgrounds

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Gardner
30 minutes

(Laura Drescher, Associate Director, Seth Brown, Director, Forestry and Land Use) - Receive an update from Quantified Ventures regarding the Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) grant program that supports the development and implementation of innovative finance models that leverage private capital to support the resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: Public Health
30 minutes

(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. Mountain View Fire Update

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center
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.

D. Supplemental Comment Letter on Draft Exploratory Plan of Operations for the Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project Proposed by Kore Mining

Departments: Community Development Department

20 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director, April Sall, Planning Analyst) - Additional comments supplementing the letter approved on May 4, 2021, regarding the KORE Mining Exploratory drilling proposal and the Plan of Operations.

Recommended Action: Approve and authorize the chair to sign the supplemental comment letter for submittal, with any desired modifications. Provide any additional direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. Employment Agreement with Paul Roten

Departments: Public Works Engineering

5 minutes

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Paul Roten as County Engineer, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Recommended Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R21-____, approving a contract with Paul Roten as County Engineer, 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 is \$13,688, of which \$10,502 is salary and \$3,186 is the cost of benefits and is included in the approved budget. The cost for an entire fiscal year would be \$162,110, of which \$126,024 is salary and \$36,086 is the cost of benefits and is included in the Department's requested budget for FY 2021-2022.

F. Federal Lands Access Project Grant Application - Saddlebag Lake Road

Departments: Public Works

5 minutes

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Consideration of a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application for the rehabilitation of Saddlebag Lake Road.

Recommended Action: Approve submittal of Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Application to rehabilitate 2.5 miles of Saddlebag Lake Road and authorize Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works, to execute said application on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: No anticipated General Fund impact. The current project estimate is \$4,800,000. There is a minimum non-federal match requirement of 11.47% of project eligible costs (\$550,560). Mono County qualifies for (as a Tier I agency) and intends to request toll credits to be used to satisfy 100% of the cash match. In the event this request is denied, the County can apply SB1 funds for the match. The match does not need to be secured at the time of application but must be fully committed and available for the programmed year, which is 2028 for this round of FLAP funding, which will ensure several years of SB1 revenue planning to cover the match, if necessary.

G. Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Workshop

Departments: Economic Development

40 Minutes

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - Presentation by Jeff Simpson on the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission to review, clarify and potentially modify the rules governing the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Recommended Action: Receive staff presentation regarding history and current structure and operations of the Fish and Wildlife Commission and provide direction to staff to draft a resolution, for later consideration and possible adoption by the Board, addressing the matters outlined in the discussion section of the staff report or other changes as directed by the Board.

Fiscal Impact: None.

8. 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.

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, 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.

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of cases: (1) *United States of America v. Walker River Irrigation District, et al.* (U.S. Dist. Ct. N. Dist. of Nevada Case No. 3:73-cv-00128-MMD-WGC); (2) *County of Mono v. City of Los Angeles et al.* (Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG18923377); and (3) *County of Mono v. Liberty Utilities et al.* (U.S. Dist. Ct. Central Dist. of Cal. Case No. CV 21-769-GW-JPRx).

D. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

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

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

10. 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.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Budget Workshop - Capital Projects, CSAs 1, 2, and 5, General Fund Contributions and Transfers

Departments: CAO, Finance

2 hours

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - Budget workshop for fiscal year 2021-2022. This is the second day of a three day workshop. **Please note all times on the attached schedule are estimates.**

Today's workshop covers Capital Projects, CSAs 1, 2, and 5, and General Fund Contributions and Transfers.

To view the budget schedules and other budgetary related information, please visit the following link: <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2021-2022-budget-portal>

Recommended Action: Continue the budget workshop. Provide Board input and direction. Continue the budget workshop to May 19.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact as the result of this workshop. At this time preceding the outcomes coming from the conduct of this workshop, general

fund requests for spending exceed current resources by \$1,200,000. Non-general fund requests for spending exceed current resources by \$7,153,893.

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.

ADJOURN