

## 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 October 19, 2021

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#### HEARD.

## 9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

## 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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#### 2. RECOGNITIONS - 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 - September 7, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 7, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 7, 2021.

#### Fiscal Impact: None.

## B. Urgency Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance ORD21-08 Departments: CAO

On August 17, 2021, the Board adopted an urgency ordinance (ORD21-08) prohibiting open fires on private property within the unincorporated areas of the County and in County-operated campgrounds, in order to minimize conditions that could contribute to an increase in wildfire activity during a period of extreme heat and drought.

On October 12, 2021, the Board reviewed the prohibition, including hearing from the Mono County Sheriff/Emergency Operations Manager and Public Works

Director that weather conditions had shifted, therefore making the prohibition unnecessary. On October 9, 2021, the Inyo National Forest announced its rescission of Stage II fire restrictions based on the same information. The Board directed staff to return with an ordinance to rescind ORD21-08. The proposed ordinance would rescind ORD21-08, thereby repealing the prohibition on open fires on private property and in County-operated campgrounds.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt proposed urgency ordinance. Provide any other desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

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

## 7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

## A. Revenue Workshop

Departments: Finance 1 hour 45 minutes

(Russ Branson, Consultant; Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant III) - Revenue workshop exploring opportunities for expanding existing revenues or generating new revenues, and factors for the Board to consider in formulating a revenue enhancing strategy.

**Recommended Action:** Provide direction to staff on next steps requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Impact: None at this time.

## B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, 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.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

## Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center 10 minutes

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - (Continued from October 12) 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.

**Recommended Action:** Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts.

Determine whether there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Fiscal Impact:** Continuation of the declared emergencies supports the County's eligibility for state disaster assistance while debris efforts are still underway. Debris removal costs are eligible for reimbursement only when there is an immediate threat to public health and safety.

# D. Comments on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin

Departments: Board of Supervisors

15 minutes

(Supervisor Duggan; Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - The Owens Valley Groundwater Management Agency (OVGA) has released a draft groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin - which includes the Tri-Valley, Fish Slough, and the Wheeler Crest portions of Mono County. A special meeting will be held on December 9, 2021 and written comments will be accepted through November 8, 2021. Additionally, cities and counties may request consultation with OVGA regarding the draft plan in their discretion.

**Recommended Action:** Consider and potentially approve draft Mono County comments on the GSP and provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

#### E. Request for Proposals for Public Defender Services

Departments: CAO 10 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - One of the County's three contracts for Public Defender (indigent defense) services expires at the end of this month. While current caseload does not require the immediate execution of a new contract, it is recommended that the County commence the process toward entry into a new contract by issuing the attached request for proposals (RFP).

**Recommended Action:** Direct the County Administrative Officer to finalize response dates and other details in the attached Request for Proposals (RFP) for indigent defense counsel services and to advertise and issue the RFP.

**Fiscal Impact:** None at this time. The County's existing contracts for indigent defense provide for monthly payment of \$14,565 for 2021.

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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 Ryan Roe. 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 - 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: two.

## 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 v. Rock 'N Dirt.* (Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV 200073).

## D. 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 v. K.R. Property Management, et al.* (Mono County Superior Court Case No.: CV200081).

## E. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case:

United States of America v. Walker River Irrigation District, et. al. (3:73-cv-00128-MMD-WGC).

## F. 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.

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#### 11. **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

## A. PUBLIC HEARING: Redistricting First Review of Alternative Maps

Public Hearing: 1:00 PM

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - The primary goal of this Public Hearing will be to review proposals submitted to date and look for 'themes' which logically group proposals into categories making it easier to interpret alternatives for the new districts.

**Recommended Action:** Conduct Public Hearing. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

#### B. Bridgeport Jail Project - Project Update

Departments: Sheriff, Public Works 20 minutes

(Ingrid Braun, Sheriff; Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works; Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Update on the Bridgeport Jail project.

**Recommended Action:** Receive an update on the Jail Project and provide any direction to staff. Consider the need to adopt a proposed Financial Resolution at a later Board meeting committing County sourced funds as local match to complete the financing on this project.

**Fiscal Impact:** Any proposed Financial Resolution, when and if required, would establish the Board's commitment to funding the jail project through completion.

Based on current estimates, this commitment is an additional \$5.8 million beyond the \$1.6 million of cash that has already been set aside and the \$440,000 of inkind contributions, for a total of \$7.84 million County contribution to the project.

## C. Prop 68 Grant - Countywide Recreation Improvements

Departments: Public Works

15 minutes

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Request for Board support to apply for Prop 68 - Per Capita Grants for recreation projects at Walker Community Center/Park, Bridgeport Park, Mono Lake Park and Lee Vining Community Center.

## **Recommended Action:**

 Authorize submission of applications to the Proposition 68 – Per Capita Program for the following projects: Bridgeport Tennis Court Repurposing and Accessibility Improvements; Walker Tennis Court Repurposing; Mono Lake Park Accessibility Enhancements; Lee Vining Community Center Pump Track
Find that the projects are exempt, individually and collectively, from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 – Existing Facilities and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

**Fiscal Impact:** The financial match is 20% of individual project cost, which can include in-kind labor contributions. The Proposition 68 – Per Capita Program will provide the County up to \$400,000, so the maximum match would be \$100,000 if all \$500,000 worth of projects are completed and \$400,000 were received from the state.

D. Employment Agreement - Deputy Director of Public Health (Limited Term) Departments: HR and Public Health

5 minutes

(Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jennifer Burrows as Limited Term Deputy Director of Public Health (through July 31, 2023), and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

**Recommended Action:** Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R21-\_\_\_\_, approving a contract with Jennifer Burrows as Deputy Director of Public Health, 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 an entire fiscal year is \$110,572 of which \$94,809 is salary and \$15,763 is the cost of benefits, and was included in the approved budget.

## 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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