



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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# MONO COUNTY, *California's Eastern Sierra*

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## **Mono County Co-Sponsors Geothermal Workshop**

*Home energy efficiency can be realized via geothermal heat pump*

**Mono County, Calif.** – On Friday, November 22 the Mono County Community Development Department Building Division, along with the Geothermal Institute of Mammoth and Sierra Eco Systems is sponsoring a Home Energy Efficiency Workshop to discuss the potential savings for local homeowners by using a Geothermal Heat Pump (GHP) for heating, cooling and domestic hot water. The free workshop will be held from 2-5 pm in Suite Z of the Minaret Village Mall, in Mammoth Lakes.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Byng Hunt commented, “The County enjoys partnering with local businesses and agencies to bring this information to our constituents. We hope you are able to participate and find this educational workshop helpful in implementing costs savings in your homes.”

Local industry participants include: Geothermal Institute of Mammoth, Sustainability Programs; Sierra Eco Systems, Geo Heat Pump Designer/Installer; Hydron Module, Geothermal Heat Pumps; High Sierra Energy Foundation, Local Energy Efficiency Programs; Southern California Edison, Energy Efficiency Programs; Sierra Solar, Solar PV Systems.

For more information about this upcoming event, you may contact Tom Perry, in the Building Division at (760) 932-5433.

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.