



Agricultural Commissioner’s Office

REMINDER!!

Thank you to Ag. Commish *Nate Reade* for the following notice – it is also attached to the Update.

**NOTICE OF REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
Statewide Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP)
Informational Update**

SAN LUIS OBISPO	REDDING	BISHOP
January 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 15, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon	January 28, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon
Board Room - Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401- 7906	City of Redding Council Chambers 777 Cypress Avenue Redding, CA 96001	Tallman Pavilion, Tri County Fair Grounds Sierra Street & Coates Street Bishop, CA 93514

RSVP - Due to limited space in the meeting rooms, please RSVP if you plan to attend by email to DWQ-GRAP@waterboards.ca.gov and include your name, affiliation, email address and meeting(s) that you will attend. For each location, if the meeting is full, we will schedule a second meeting in the afternoon (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) on that same day.

SUMMARY - The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is exploring a range of options to enhance environmental benefits from grazing, protect beneficial uses of surface and groundwater, and address water quality impacts potentially related to livestock grazing in California. This Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP) aims to facilitate efficiency and statewide consistency in developing and implementing strategies to meet these goals, while at the same time accounting for regional differences in hydrology, topography, climate and land use. The GRAP process will consider a wide range of alternatives to ensure that grazing has minimal negative impacts on water quality. A cornerstone of the GRAP will be thoughtful consideration of the costs of compliance to the regulated grazing community. The participation of interested stakeholders throughout the development of GRAP is necessary to its success. As an initial step, the Water Boards engaged stakeholder groups in Focus Listening Sessions (FLS) to solicit comments early in this process, before beginning to develop GRAP (No new regulatory approach has been developed.) The FLSs were the first of many opportunities for stakeholder participation. The purpose of the Regional Stakeholder Meetings is to share with stakeholders the comments from the FLSs and gather thoughts, suggestions or other feedback from the community on the FLSs comments and on GRAP.

MEETING AGENDA AND OTHER INFORMATION - The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted to the GRAP website below at least ten days prior to the meeting date. In the event of a change or cancellation due to weather, notice will be posted at the earliest practical time at the GRAP website below. For more information, please contact Water Board staff: Esther Tracy at (916) 341-5908 esther.tracy@waterboards.ca.gov, Cindy Wise at (530) 542-5408 cwise@waterboards.ca.gov or Ben Letton at (530) 224-4129 bletton@waterboards.ca.gov.

CONTACT: Nate Reade, nreade@inyocounty.us

Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Department said a bittersweet goodbye to Ellen Thompson, PhD who showed us all how to retire with grace *and* have fun while doing it.

Our new Psychiatry system is working beautifully. We now have the capability to offer psychiatry and medication services to clients in Mammoth, Walker and Benton through our tele-med service with Kings View. We've met the doctor and support staff and have been very impressed. Thank you to **Bertha Jimenez, Danielle George, Shirley Martin and Salvador Montanez** for their dedication and very hard work getting this up and running. Also, thanks to having Digital 395 we can offer these services to all of Mono County!

Meanwhile, we'll continue to work on our Three-Year Plan for our Mental Health Services Act programs, the upcoming (June 2015) triennial audit with the State, and whatever else comes our way (there is always something, right?). We look forward to 2015 and working with our new Sheriff, new MLPD Chief, new Supervisor and ALL OF YOU!

CONTACT: Robin Roberts, (760) 924-1729

Community Development

Mono County BioMass Grant award receives notice – Biomass Magazine recently wrote up Mono County's successful efforts to get grant funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for a pilot Biomass Project in Bridgeport which could, if successfully implemented, reduce long term costs and energy use by County facilities.

The following article discusses the grant funding. In addition, three separate firms has contacted the County expressing their interest in competing for working on the project when the request for proposal is released.

<http://biomassmagazine.com/articles/11350/mono-county-biomass-project-in-california-receives-215-000-grant>.

CONTACT: Wendy Sugimura, (760) 924-1814

County Administrator's Office

The Strategic Plan moving forward! – The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on January 8th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining center. The Updated Draft will be reviewed as we prepare to bring it to the Board on January 20th. Here are some additional Department or program meeting where we are still getting great feedback:

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



REMINDER!!

Furlough hours for offices – the following offices will have impacts from furloughs during the next two weeks. If a department is not listed, then those departments will have normal hours. Thank you all of your efforts to minimize the impacts to the community and help us conserve county resources.

Behavioral Health	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015
Community Development	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/01/2015
Finance Department	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
Public Health	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015
Public Works	01/02/2015 12/26/2014
Social Services (DSS) Office – Mammoth: Reception/General Admin.	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
DSS Office – Mammoth: Eligibility Worker Office	12/26/2014
DSS Office – Bridgeport	12/26/2014 01/02/2015
Senior Services – Walker and Benton - Antelope Valley Senior Center Closed	12/26/2014 12/29/2014 12/30/2014 01/02/2015

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Public Health

Mono County Health Department Furlough Information - For all emergencies call 911 -- The Mono County Health Department will be closed December 22 through January 2, 2015, for mandatory county furlough. We will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8 am.

- If you would like to leave a message for public health staff, please call 760-924-1830 and we will return your call on January 5, 2015. For a particular public health issue such as those listed below, you may call 760-221-4325
- Emergency contraception
- Breast pumps or breastfeeding support

For an environmental health issue, you may call 760-937-7246

CONTACT: Lynda Salcido, (760) 924-1842

Economic Development

Happy Holidays, everyone! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best this holiday season and to thank you for your ongoing support, insights, suggestions and all the ways you help us spread the word about this wonderful and special place we are so blessed to call home. If you haven't seen our "75 Seconds of Mono County" yet, please take a minute (and 15 seconds!) to watch it now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPHroGz5wmc&feature=player_detailpage.

We'd love it if you would forward the video link to your own visitor and client database and please feel free to post it on your website and Facebook page.

Also, we have a very special event coming up we think you will find very interesting and informative...

SAVE THE DATE: January 15, 2015

WHAT: State of the County Forum

WHERE: Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes

WHEN: 8:30am - 11:00am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Caroline Beteta, President of Visit California, will present state, national and global tourism trends and the marketing outreach strategies implemented by California's Tourism and Travel Commission California and much more

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

FREE -- Registration required

RSVP -- JSimpson@Mono.Ca.Gov or AVennos@Mono.Ca.Gov

We hope you can join us!!

May your year ahead be filled with much joy, good health, prosperity and... Precipitation!

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos & Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-1743

Social Services

Food Pantry Available During Holiday - For this week, the **IMACA Mobile Food Pantry** will be available for our clients and residents as follows:

Fourth Thursday of the Month (December 25th)

Walker ~ 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ~ Antelope Valley Community Center, 442 Mule Deer Road

Bridgeport ~ 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. ~ Medical Clinic, 1000 Twin Lakes Road

Lee Vining ~ 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ~ Murphy's Trailer Park, Space #8

Fourth Friday of the Month (December 26th)



Mammoth Lakes ~ 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ~ Mammoth Creek Park on Old Mammoth Road
June Lake ~ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ~ 120 Alderman Street

Salvation Army

Wednesday, December 24th, closed
 Monday, December 29th, 2pm – 4pm
 Wednesday, December 31st, 2pm – 4pm
 220 Sierra Manor Rd., Mammoth Lakes

NOTE: Social Services Office in Mammoth will be closed December 24-26, and December 31st - January 2nd

News from Covered California December 17 - Covered California announced that more than 592,000 people were determined eligible for private health insurance and eligible or likely eligible for Medi-Cal in the first month of open enrollment. This includes 157,361 eligibility determinations and an additional 144,178 plan selections for private coverage, as well as 216,423 enrollments into Medi-Cal coverage and 74,965 who are likely eligible for Medi-Cal. So far in 2014, Medi-Cal has enrolled more than 2.2 million consumers.



About 31 percent of new enrollees during the current open-enrollment period have signed up through “self-service” for a Covered California plan, with the others having their application completed with the help of in-person assistance or with the help of the Covered California Service Center. During the first open-enrollment period, about 41 percent of consumers enrolled on their own.

The full press release is at <http://news.coveredca.com/2014/12/covered-california-and-department-of.html>

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, 760-924-1763

VETERANS SERVICES

JANUARY MONO OUTREACH CALENDAR



JANUARY 8

The Veteran Service **MONO** Outreach Program will be observed **Thursday, JANUARY 8th**. Please contact **873-7850** to schedule your appointment by Wednesday, JANUARY 7th.

JANUARY 15

The Veteran Service **MONO** Outreach Program will be observed **Thursday, JANUARY 15th**. Please contact **873-7850** to schedule your appointment and outreach location by Wednesday, JANUARY 14th.

CONTACT: Yvette Mason, (760) 873-7850