# September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Item # 1

# **Public Comment**

**Handouts from Public** 

### 2018 Mono County Trophy Trout Program

We would like you to provide the Supervisors with information about the Mono County Trophy Trout (Enhancement) Program and what it has done for our business and the economy of the area. The Supervisors apparently took a 3-1 vote on monies spent and/or released prior to the budget in September, and there seems to be a problem with allocating \$100,000 for trophy trout prior to their annual budget approval because it comes from discretionary funding.

MC Trophy Trout Program started in the mid 90's from an idea of then, CAO Glenn Thompson, on money the Supervisors thought would enhance the fishing for the area. Then in 1998 the Board approved a TOT tax increase of 3% of which 1% was for Paramedics, 1% for Tourism and 1% for Trophy Trout. The total waters stocked at that time was approximately 12. Tim Alpers raised and provided the trophy trout and he continued the program from his hatchery on the Upper Owens River (Owens River Ranch). Tim purchased fry from several places including Desert Springs and raised them to the size we were getting until around 2010 or 11, and then IAG took over the program on Conway Ranch, which failed due to lack of water and a few other issues.

Desert Springs raises approximately 650,000 to 700,000 fish each year and stocks fish in Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah and Idaho.

### Desert Springs will supply trout to the following areas in Inyo and Mono counties in 2018

Mammoth will purchase from Desert Springs \$89,000

Bishop Chamber purchased from Desert Springs 3200 pounds in February and March 2018 and will spend \$50,000 for 2018 some are from Desert Springs and from Wright's Bow's

Invo County will spend 20K (Desert Springs)

<u>3 private resorts</u> have put in \$10K (Parcher's, Sabrina, South Lake) a total of \$80,000 (DS)

Alpine County purchases 8500 fish every other week from Desert Springs.

Northern Mono County (West Walker River) Plans to spend \$7,600-9,000 this summer (DS)

Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation (BFEF) Purchased from Desert Springs

- 2015 100 tagged Trout 2016 250 tagged trout 2017 300 tagged 2018 320 tagged and an additional 120 for June 2018
- 2000 1lb brown trout that went into West Walker, East Walker and Bridgeport Reservoir per DFW restrictions

2018 CADFW will stock the following:

- 600,000 pounds of catchables
- 52,000 pounds of subcatchable 10 per pound
- Fingerlings at 100 per pound
- 1,000 to 1,500 large brood-stock trout
- A few hundred large non-brood-stock specimens, in selected waters in this area each year are typically four-year-old fish generally ranging between 3 and 8 pounds and are called "super-catchables."

Fishing is the motivation in Bridgeport, June Lake, Twin Lakes and Mammoth Lakes; there is a need for food to feed the monster and the Board (3 or 4) want to cut the food source.

Black Rock Fish Hatchery said they will be stocking from Conway Summit NORTH with triploids because of the Walker River drainage and water restrictions from a previous lawsuit (Owens Valley Committee) that the amount of fish they are able to raise and stock will be

reduced from last year. James Erdman said the total waters they will stock from Conway Summit north are fifteen.

Fish Springs Hatchery will be stocking from Lundy Lake SOUTH with Diploids (spawning ability).

If you wish to cut the budget, there are a lot of other ideas that can be incorporated during the trophy trout program with more Derby's and fishing education through kid's fishing festivals, and by integrating environmental education that will not only benefit the future of angling, but increase the sales of licenses.

Also, if you have additional information that will increase the angling population you should incorporate that into your comments to John Peters.

**NOTE:** Fishing was at it's height in popularity with roughly 21% of the population according to the American Sport-fishing Association collectively, (adult anglers 16-years-old and older) spent \$37.8 billion in the late 1990s, and these same individuals created a nationwide economic impact of nearly \$108.4 billion, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife associated Recreation. The survey conducted every five years in conjunction with the US Census Bureau, used computer models to look at the economics of fishing, and what the USFWS discovered was that sport-fishing ranked 13th on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest businesses. However, there isn't a "typical" angler, although about 20 percent of the US population is anglers.

The 2016 US Fish and Wildlife Survey showed sportspersons spent a total of \$81.0 billion--\$46.1 billion on fishing alone. In 2016, 39.6 million U.S. residents 16 years of age and older went fishing and/or hunting. This includes 35.8 million who fished and 11.5 million who hunted. Nearly 7.7 million both fished and hunted and this is a slight increase since the 2011 survey.

Freshwater fishing was the most popular type of fishing. In 2016, 30.1 million Americans fished 383 million days and took 322 million trips. Their expenditures for trips and equipment totaled \$29.9 billion for the year.

With trophy trout available, towns and resorts have inaugurated trout-fishing contests, derbies, tournaments, and the like, scheduled throughout the season. Local communities and enterprises are cashing in on the popularity of trout fishing, because lunker trout are an easy product to market.

Whether the stocking is private or for marketing, it's not magic that they just show up, they are stocked in lots of places in order to make bring fishermen into our area and invest in area economies.

### A bit of history of the Mono County Trophy Trout Enhancement Program.

In 1982-83, Glenn Thompson from Big Rock Resort and June Lake Marina owner noticed that fishing was deteriorating due to the problems the hatcheries were experiencing and they heard that the Owens River Ranch was raising trout up to two pounds (2lbs); both businesses started ordering the trophy trout but Alpers could not provide the quantity asked for as he had only a juvenile pond and a grow out pond so both resorts started this process with the idea that it might take hold which it did. Every marina wanted Alpers to grow them, and they floated him \$5,000 in advance, and you know the rest of the story; the Internet, photos in all the fishing publications, and fishing resorts with their photo galleries were posting weekly photos pumped up a resource right into the late 90's. Glenn Thompson, then CAO, saw the difference it made, obtained a list of aqua-culturists and sent out RFP's. Tim Alpers was awarded the bid in the mid 90's and continued providing trophy trout up until 2008.

### **Twin Lakes Resort**

### Visitor Survey Aug 2018 Survey

Let us start out by saying how appreciative we are of the Mono County Trophy stocking program!

### <u>Email</u>

Votes cast: 215 / Last vote cast: 8/31/18 3:22PM

Option	Votes	Percentage
Hiking	18	8.4%
Fishing	103	47.9%
Off Road/4 WD	3	1.4%
Horseback Riding	1	0.5%
Site Seeing, Historical Sites, Hot Springs	10	4.7%
Just to relax and enjoy the views	80	37.2%

### Store Front Interviews

During the 2018 season we have been working hard to ask guests to our store (most store customers are not staying with us) what they had planned during their trip to Twin Lakes/Bridgeport. About 85% of these people said fishing was included on their plans. This doesn't mean it was the main reason, but it was part of their plans.

#### Facebook Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	<ul> <li>RESPONSES</li> </ul>
✓ Fishing	73.53%
<ul> <li>Just to relax and enjoy the views</li> </ul>	14.71%
- Other	5.88%
- Hiking	2.94%
- Site Seeing, Historical Sites, Hot Springs	2.94%
- Off Road/4 WD	0.00%
<ul> <li>Horseback Riding</li> </ul>	0.00%

We have privately stocked over \$14k in fish already and have more fish raising and stocking planned. We have also become very involved in working with other marinas and resort owners, along with DFW & plan to be more involved with the Fisheries Commission. We believe with Fishing being such an important part of our business, we need to do what we can to create a sustainable trout population in these waters, educate those on C&R and find other ways. We are always looking for serious partners who hope to achieve the same goals, so please reach out to us if you are interested. We need to do more than just buy expensive trophy trout. We will never survive on this method.

What is Twin Lakes Resort doing? We are working with many hatcheries and DFW to find better and more cost affective sources for stocking the area. We have already found 1 source that offers fish at an extremely lower cost. DFW is confident we will be able to get them approved to stock our waters.

We are growing our cage culture program to purchase many more fish at a cheaper price and to grown them ourselves to a larger size for higher survival rates.

We are taking this opportunity to work with the local classrooms here at BES and are also reaching out to many other learning programs in the Eastern Sierra to also come and work with us on these new expanded operation. We are also working hard with the local and visitors to the area to run workshops on fishing to help kids learn to build pole, tie knots and how we can help make sure that these lakes are filled with fish for all of our future generations.

#### We need help!

The area we really need help is working with DFW on their Mono County fish stocking program. We have seen the number of fish decreasing year after year and they are now stocking the Bridgeport waters out of a tiny truck where many of the fish have died. We have seen fish dumped out of the back of the truck here on Lower Twin right onto rocks and where most of the fish were already dead. We have also had reports from the camp ground hosts on Robinson Creek that the same things have been happening there. When we try to talk to the stocking truck to offer a better place to stock the man will not even acknowledge us.

**Suggestion** – I do believe that the focus of private & county stockings has turned to mainly trophy size trout, 5+ lbs, while these are great, we do believe that we continue to grow in size and that the funds could be better used if we reduce the size with keeping a few giant fish in there. Again, we talk to a lot of visitors and they are happy with stringers full of stockers and knowing they have a shot to catch a big one. But its becoming to where people are disappointed with a 3lb fish, which in my eyes, is an AMAZING CATCH! We have seen people walking away with stringers full of 5-6lb fish and this is not the expectation that we can afford to set in this area. A stringer of 5 fish of this size will cost approximately \$180 to stock. After a stocking in Robison creek this season, we saw 5 people walk away with stringers of this size, most of them being locals. We need to do better at helping disperse the large fish when stocked and also work on getting more fish in the shipments by not including so many large fish. The average cost of fish of that size are \$6.25/lb!

#### Community Event Marketing Fund

We would also like to take this time to thank you again for this program. This has been huge in achieving our goals at growing these new events and raising awareness. This also helps not only the events but also advertises the town and county as a whole which is really amazing.

- For the Fish Fest & Poker Run this year we have done a combination of social media advertising and commercials in the Northern Nevada area and we have many people who came from that area to attend our event and a ton more people who came before and after just saying that they saw the commercial and looked up Bridgeport online for more info and decided to come to the area.
- 2. For the Eastern Sierra Photographers Jamboree, Benny already has 40 people registered to display their art and the excitement around this event is growing rapidly.
- 3. At the end of the month we have the Autumn Festival coming up with a Half Marathon, Car Show, Vendors, Pumpkin Patch, Live Music, food and more! This is only the second year for this event and again, we are thankful for the counties support in helping get the work out to help bring more visitation to the area along with these fun and successful events.

### Images

1 & 2-Fish after a stocking from DFW

3-2 guys who caught 9 "trophy size fish"

4-2 guys with 5 trophy fish which were also followed up by another trip where many more were caught.



# September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Item # 7b

# June Lake Chamber of Commerce

**PowerPoint Presentation** 

## June Lake Winter Festival

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Funding Request: \$4,000

When: March 3rd Where: Village of June Lake June Mountain Ski Area Obsidian Dome (Inyo National Forest) Inyo National Forest (snowmobile trail) Organization requesting funds: June Lake Chamber of Commerce

- •Winter Festival Components:
  - •Winter Triathlon
  - Snowmobile Poker Rally
  - Snow Sculpture Contest
  - •Family Fun Zone

### **Organizations Supporting Winter Festival**

- Chamber of Commerce
- June Lake Snowmobile Club
- Lee Vining High School
- June Mountain Ski Area
- Double Eagle Resort
- Alpine Deli
- Sierra Inn
- Boulder Lodge

- June Lake Women's Club (pending)
- Little Loopers (pending)
- Lee Vining High School (raised money for school last year)
- June Lake Triathlon / High Sierra Triathlon Club
- The Sheet Newspaper

### Goals:



- 500 room nights
- 75 participants in Winter Triathlon
- 200 guests at Family Fun Zone
- 100 Snowmobilers at Poker Rally
- Build up visitation on NON-HOLIDAY weekend













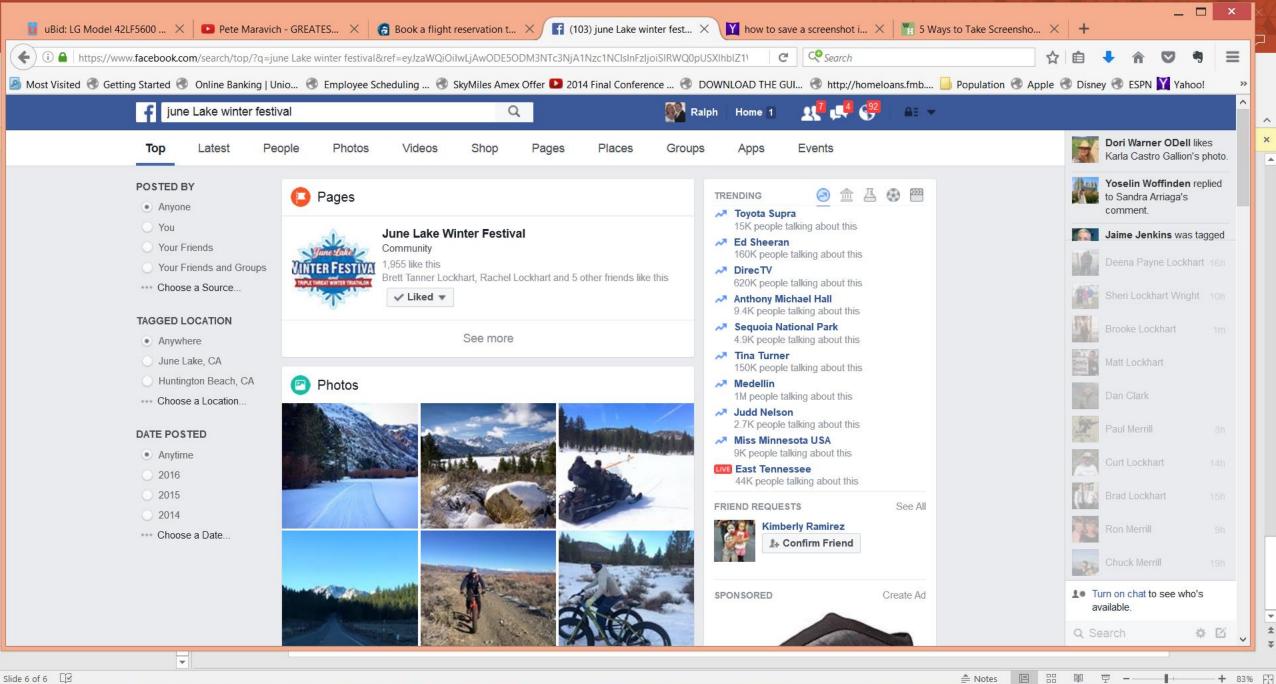












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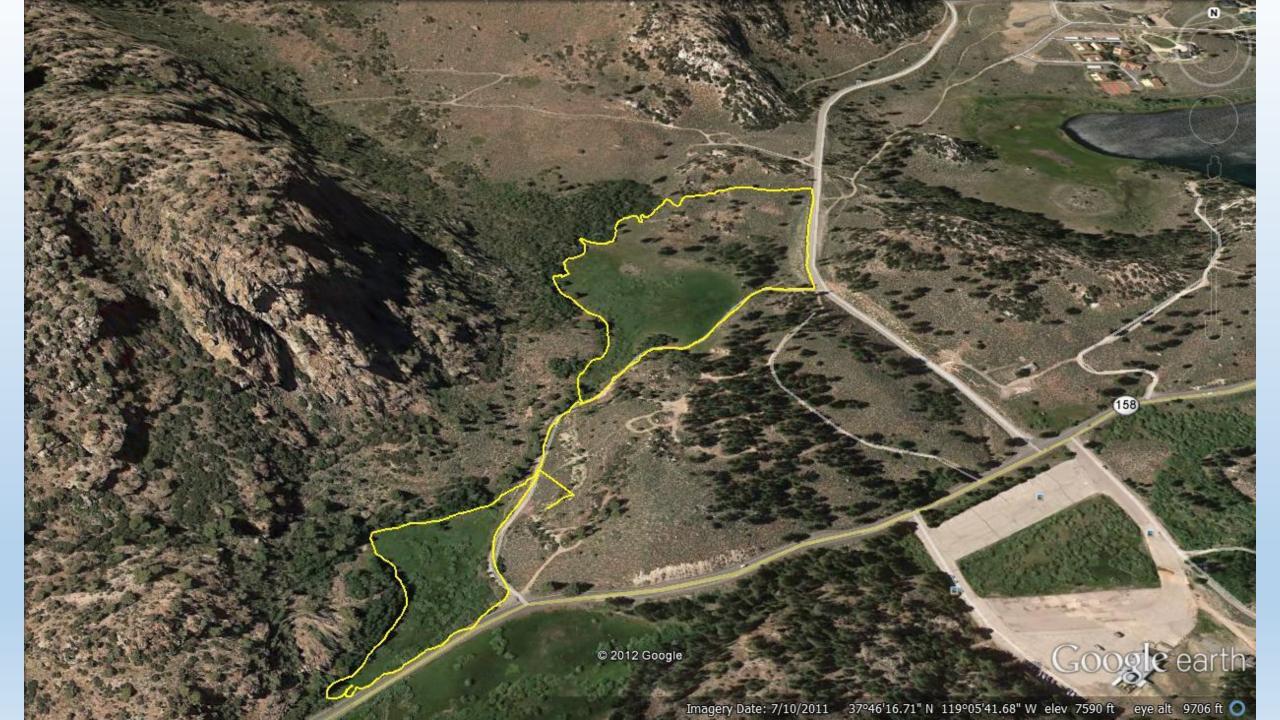
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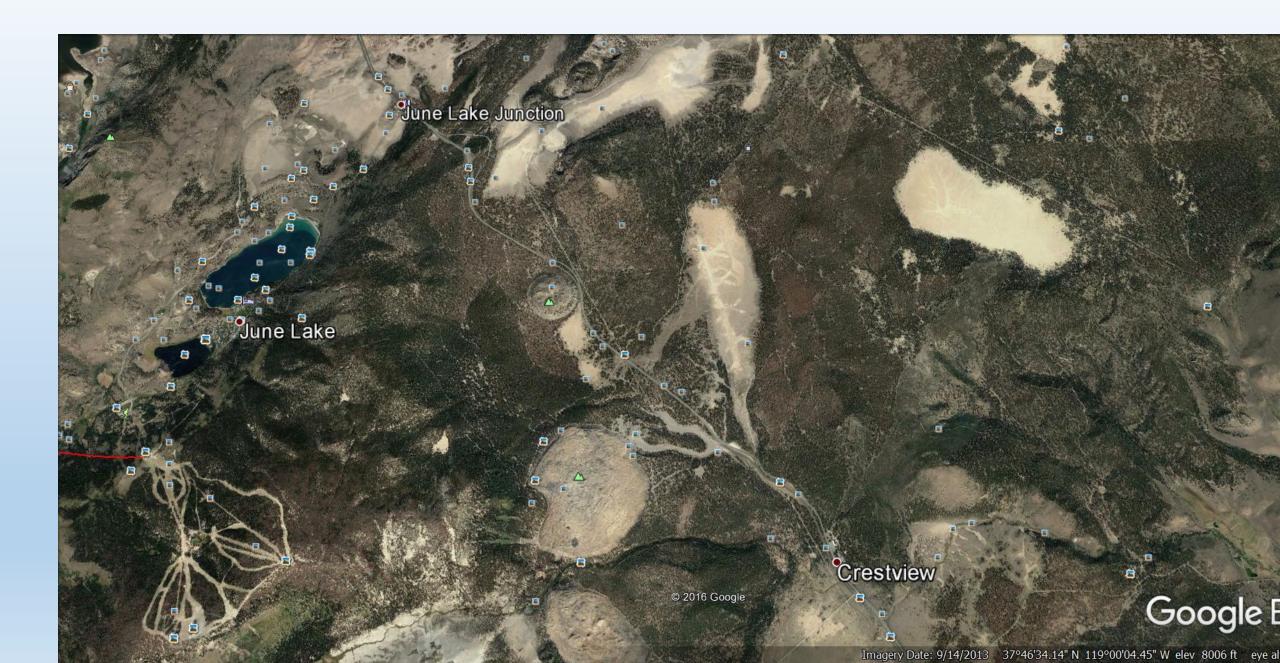




### Advertising:

- Los Angeles Times (print and online over 800,000 impressions for last year)
- Facebook Page
- Facebook Advertising
- Online Websites for Nordic Skiing
- Online Websites for Snowmobiling
- Ski and Nordic Ski shops outside of Mono County
- Email databases for June Mountain, Double Eagle, Boulder Lodge





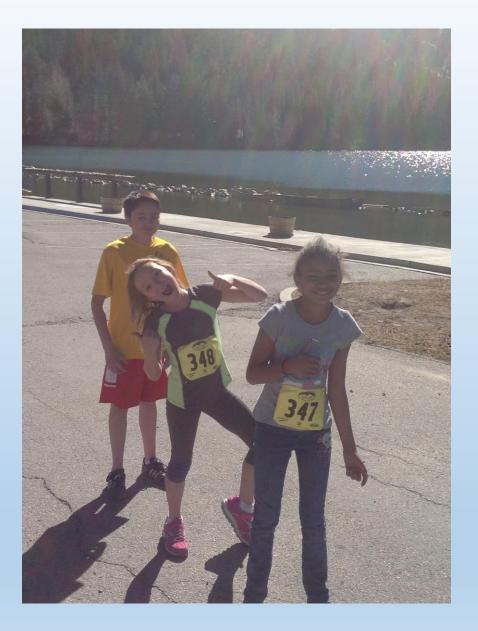




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# Advertising for you

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### Some of the Chamber advertising placements

- The Infoboard at the Tioga Gas Mart 1.5 million people exiting Yosemite
- Mono County Visitor's guide
- Inyo County Visitor's guide
- June Lake Chamber Facebook Page
- <u>www.junelakeloop.org</u>
- June Lake Winter Festival Facebook Page
- <u>www.visitjune.com</u>

## **Chamber Service and Events**

Branding work we have done with Mono County



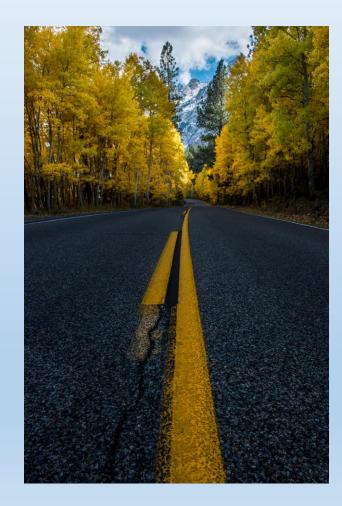
### Collaborate with other businesses in the Loop

Chamber Meetings keep you informed

Help plan events and activities to improve the community

Get things done

Have a bigger voice – as one of the many businesses represented





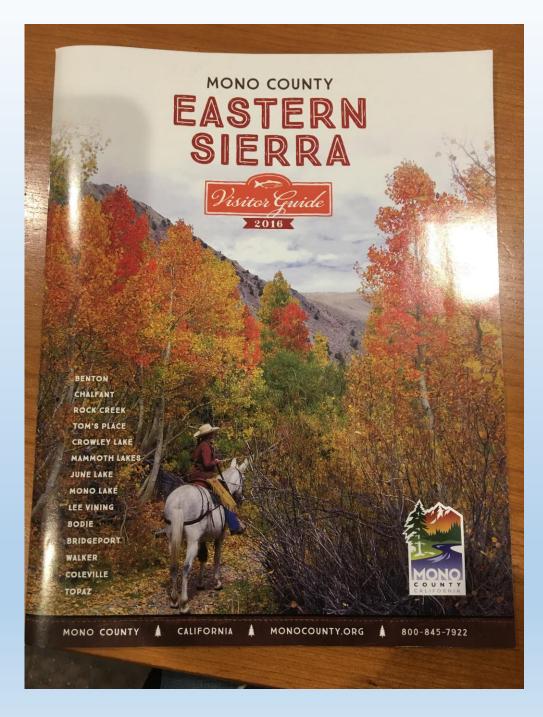


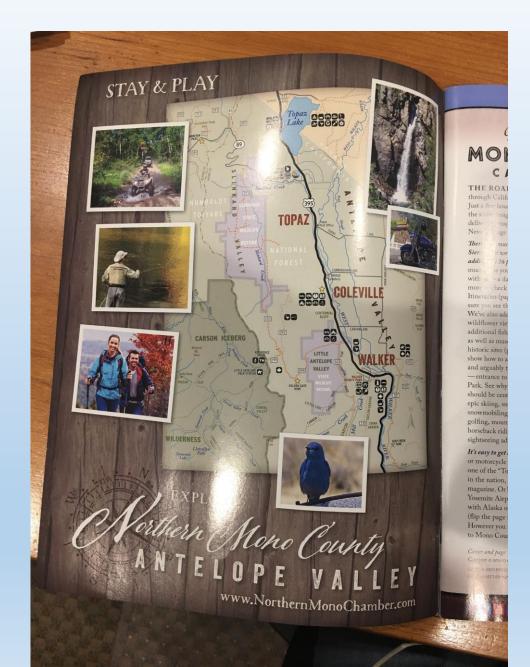


#### Winter Festival

Beer festival

June Lake Triathlon





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Tiger Bar

Whispering Pines

Tucked away at the base of 10,909-ft Carson Peak, the scenic 14-mile June Lake Loop is a year-round outdoor recreation paradise.

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Spring and Summer The Loop's four glistening lakes - June, Gull, Silver, and Grant, are renowned for fishing and are stocked with trophy-size Alpers trout. Kayak and boat rentals, horseback riding, jeep tours, scenic chairlift rides, and miles of hiking trails provide additional summer enjoyment. Autumn A delight for artists and photographers,

with aspen color ablaze. In Ski Area is famous for its s, innovative terrain parks and untry skiing. Other winter obliing, snow-shoeing, cross-

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Our Beautiful Cover of the Cerro Gordo Mining Area in the Inyo Mountains was photographed by Dennis & Kim Dessolier they used a Canon EOS 5D Mark II Camera.

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### We need YOU!!!

# September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Item # 7d

## N. Mono Chamber of Commerce

**Financial Report** 

How Big is Big fishing derby	# of people/nights/visits	2017		2018
Economic Funds		\$ -	\$	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
# Attendees	200		250	
Raffle		\$1,500.00		\$2,000.00
Economic Dollars to Valley business				
motels rooms	800	\$25,500.00	1000	\$34,000.00
RV	240	\$13,200.00	240	\$10,800.00
Dry Camp	120		240	
camping	200	\$5,000.00	200	\$5,000.00
Stores	1250	\$25,000.00	1500	\$30,000.00
Restaurants	2000	\$30,000.00	2500	\$37,500.00
Other	300	\$4,500.00	300	\$4,500.00
Hats and merchandise	50	\$1,000.00	100	\$2,000.00
Total \$\$ Business		\$104,200.00		\$123,800.00
TOT \$\$\$		\$2,800.00		\$4,855.00
sales tax		\$3,987.50	Star Inc.	\$4,893.75
Total \$\$\$ spent during	event	\$215,187.50		\$257,348.75

Charities that benefit from event		
Fish Fund	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

Other event impact				
Return yearly night visits	200	\$17,000.00	325	\$27,625.00
TOT		\$2,040.00		\$3,315.00
employees hired	25-30	25-30		
Estimate employees spending local business yearly		\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00

<b>Birding and Hiking the Valley</b>	# of people/nights/visits	2017		2018
Economic Funds		2000		1500
# Attendees	25	\$ 750.00	30	900
Economic Dollars to Valley business				
motels rooms	30	\$2,550.00	34	\$2,890.00
RV	4	\$180.00	8	\$360.00
Stores	30	\$600.00	32	\$640.00
Restaurants	30	\$600.00	32	\$640.00
Other	10	\$1,000.00	10	\$1,000.00
Total \$\$ Business		\$4,768.00		\$5,530.00
TOT \$\$\$		\$257.16		\$293.32
sales tax		\$192.50	1202	\$200.50
Total \$\$\$ spent during	<u>event</u>	<u>\$5,217.66</u>		<u>\$6,023.82</u>
Charities that benefit from event				
Fish Fund		\$750.00		\$900.00
Total		\$750.00		\$900.00
Other event impact				
Return yearly night visits	10	\$850.00	12	\$1,020.00
тот		\$10.20		\$12.24
employees hired	25-30		25-30	
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Eastern Sierra ATV/UTV Jamboree	# of people/nights/visits	2017		2018
Economic Funds		\$2,000.00		\$1,500.00
# Attendees	175	\$28,000.00	230	\$40,250.00
guides	40		45	
volunteers	40		40	
Raffle and Merchandise		\$5,000.00		\$7,500.00
Total Entry fee/raffle	255	\$33,000.00	315	\$47,750.00
Economic Dollars to Valley business			_	
motels rooms	300	\$25,500.00	400	\$34,000.00
RV	240	\$13,200.00	240	\$10,800.00
Dry Camp	120	\$1,800.00	240	\$3,600.00
camping	50	\$1,250.00	50	\$1,250.00
Stores	450	\$9,000.00	475	\$9,500.00
Restaurants	500	\$7,500.00	550	\$8,250.00
Other	300	\$4,500.00	300	\$4,500.00
Food			350	\$2,500.00
Hats and more	50	\$1,000.00	100	\$2,000.00
Total \$\$ Business		\$63,750.00		\$76,400.00
TOT \$\$\$		\$3,885.00		\$4,855.00
Sales Tax		\$1,976.25	and some	\$2,101.25
Fire Dept Dinner		In the second second		
Attendees	94	\$1,880.00	118	\$2,427.00
Raffle and Drinks		\$2,580.00		\$3,260.00
Total		\$4,460.00		\$5,687.00
Charities that benefit from event				
Fire Dept		\$1,000.00		\$2,000.00
C.E.R.T.		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Fish Fund		\$2,000.00		\$3,000.00
Hospice/Girls Bball		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Other		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Total		\$8,500.00		\$10,500.00
Total \$\$\$ spent during	event	<u>\$101,121.00</u>		<u>\$129,837.00</u>

Other event impact				
Return yearly night visits	200	\$17,000.00	250	\$21,250.00
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employees hired	25-30	25-30		
Estimate employees spending local business yearly		\$30,000.00		\$30, <b>00</b> 0.00