



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Mammoth Lakes Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting  
December 17, 2019**

<b>Flash Drive</b>	<b>Portable Recorder</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M19-260 – M19- 267</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R19-84 – R19-86</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD19-10</b>

9:07 AM Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: Peters.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Kreitz.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Adjourn the meeting in memory of Bob Schotz.
- In the name of health and wellness, take a moment to reflect on our job and what we hope to accomplish today.

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

No one spoke.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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**Steve Barwick, CAO:**

- Last week, Holiday employee party.
- Last week, met with department heads to get feedback on his performance.
- Will be meeting with department heads once a week, except for the Community Corrections Partnership meeting once a month, to implement necessary changes according to Beth Cohen.
- Getting up to speed on the Public Health department.
- Radio system replacement – team is homing in on somewhat different solution than was presented last time.
- Dave Wilbrecht was in Bridgeport to update contract. He will continue to work on the civic center, job description for housing coordinator.
- Coffee with coworkers tomorrow and Thursday.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**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**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**Action:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2019.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-260**

**B. California Immunization Local Assistance Grant Amendment 17-10332, A01**

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A01 with the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch.

**Action:** Approve Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A01 and authorize the Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the amended contract on behalf of the County. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to sign future amendments to the grant that shift funds between budget categories without changes to the grant allocation.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-261**

**C. General Plan Amendment (GPA) 19-04 Ordinance**

Departments: Community Development

Ordinance ORD 19-04, Adopting General Plan Amendment (GPA) 19-04 consisting of technical changes to the Land Use Element and

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Conservation/Open Space Element, including modifications to short-term and transient rental policies and regulations, small-scale agricultural uses in residential land use designations, setbacks, placement of manufactured homes in MU designations, and addition of a regulation requiring work to stop if archaeological resources are discovered during construction.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance No. ORD19-10, An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopting General Plan Amendment 19-04. Direct staff to file a notice of determination for the Ordinance.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**ORD19-10**

**D. Appropriations Increase Request for Bridgeport Cemetery Road and Memorial Hall Kitchen Remodel Projects (CSA #5)**

Departments: Finance - CSA #5

(Janet Dutcher) - Increase in appropriations and approval for transfers to Public Works from the CSA #5 fund for labor and equipment reimbursements to complete additional road maintenance at the Bridgeport Cemetery in the amount \$5,000 and Memorial Hall Kitchen remodeling in the amount of \$40,000. Projects to be funded from CSA #5 fund carryover balance. Requires 4/5ths vote.

**Action:** Approve \$45,000 appropriations increase for transfers to Public Works for labor and equipment reimbursements to complete the approved projects from the CSA #5 FY 2019-20 budget.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-262**

**E. Amendment to Allocation List - Public Health**

Departments: Public Health

Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add one community Health Coordinator Level I/II position within the Department of Public Health.

**Action:** Approve the proposed resolution R19-84, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions for the Department of Public Health to remove one (1) Tobacco Control Program Coordinator and add one (1) Community Health Program Coordinator Level I/II position.

**Stump moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**R19-84**

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**F. Letter to California Department of Water Resources Regarding Groundwater Basin Prioritization**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

Letter to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) urging the finalization of the groundwater basin prioritization ratings.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter as drafted or as modified by the Board if desired. Provide any other direction to staff.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-263**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Mono version of Inyo County letter to DWR.
- City of Bishop is also doing one.
- Still no word from DWR.

**G. Proclamation Recognizing December 22- 29, 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

A Proclamation by the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing December 22 - 29, 2019 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

**Action:** Approve proclamation.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-264**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

**A. Agricultural Commissioner's Office Department Update December 2019**

December 2019 Department Update from the Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**B. Letters re: Late Night Releases from County Jails**

A letter from Gavin Newsom to Sheriff Braun regarding late-night releases from county jails, and Sheriff Braun's response.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

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## **A. Approve Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Update**

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Robin Roberts) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2019-2020 Annual Update.

**Action:** Approve MHSA FY 2019-2020 Annual Update, as amended.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-265**

**Amanda Greenberg, MHSA Coordinator:**

- Introduced item, went through PowerPoint presentation.
- Went through changes made in the plan from the version in agenda to today (available in additional documents).

**Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:**

- Answered Board questions.

*Break: 10:15 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:25 AM*

## **B. Cannabis Operation Permit 19-007/Shanti, Co. LLC - Distribution**

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr) - The proposal is for self-distribution of cannabis products harvested from up to 50 commercial cannabis plants on site (the cultivation of which is permitted separately), including the transportation of goods by the owner.

**Action:** 1. Find that the project qualifies as an exemption under CEQA guideline 15301 and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption. 2. Make the required findings pursuant to Mono County Code Chapter 5.60 and approve Cannabis Operation Permit 19-007 for cannabis distribution subject to the findings and conditions as recommended or with desired modifications.

**Kreitz moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-266**

Heard both items 7B and 7C at the same time.

**Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:**

- Introduced item and went through PowerPoint presentation.

**Jake Suppa:**

- Spoke about company, answered Board questions.

No public comment.

## **C. Shanti, Co. Operation Permit - Cannabis Cultivation**

Departments: Community Development

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(Bentley Regehr) - Review of Cannabis Operation Permit 19-004 for cultivation. The proposal is for commercial cannabis cultivation on a 20-acre parcel located at 100 N. Bodie Hills Drive in the Mono Basin planning area (APN 013-210-024). The property is designated Agriculture (AG), which allows for commercial cannabis cultivation subject to Use Permit and Operation Permit (Mono County Code 5.60).

**Action:** 1. Find that the project qualifies as an exemption under CEQA guideline 15301 and file a Notice of Exemption. 2. Make the required findings pursuant to Mono County Code Chapter 5.60 and approve Cannabis Operation Permit 19-004 for cultivation subject to the findings and conditions as recommended or with desired modifications.

**Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**M19-267**

#### **D. 2019-20 Snow Removal Priorities**

Departments: Public Works

(Kevin Julian) - Consideration and discussion of County Snow Removal Policy and Priorities, and approval of proposed resolution re-establishing snow removal policies, procedures and priorities for County-maintained roads.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R19-85, Re-establishing snow removal policies, procedures, and priorities for County maintained roads. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Gardner moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**R19-85**

**Kevin Julian, Roads Superintendent:**

- Presented item.

#### **E. Civic Center Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Update on the Mono County Civic Center Project at 96 Thompson Way.

**Action:** None.

**Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:**

- Went through update.
- Board wants to hear more about the option of a full build out.

#### **F. Community Corrections Partnership Update**

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Informational Update on the progress of the Community Corrections Partnership.

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**Action:** None.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Provided update.

## **G. Employment Agreement with Anne Frievalt as Assistant County Counsel and Allocation List Amendment**

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - After two years in the position of Deputy County Counsel III, an attorney becomes eligible for promotion to Assistant County Counsel. The proposed resolution would allocate an Assistant County Counsel position and eliminate a Deputy County Counsel III position within the Office of the County Counsel and approve an employment agreement with Anne Larsen as Assistant County Counsel.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R19 - 86, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add one Assistant County Counsel position and delete one Deputy County Counsel III position within the Office of the County Counsel, as amended. Read fiscal impact and adopt proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Anne Frievalt as Assistant County Counsel.

**Fiscal Impact:** The annual increase in salary and benefits is \$12,977 (salary \$10,440, benefits \$2,537), which amount is available within the County Counsel budget.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent**

**R19-86**

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Introduced item.
- Correction - Anne Frievalt now – name change from Anne Larsen (updated resolution and employment agreement available in additional documents).
- Fiscal impact read into record by Vice Chair Corless.

Moved to Board Reports.

## **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Rhonda Duggan:**

- Open house Mammoth Lakes Recreation new offices.
- Got to participate in Shop with a Cop.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Closed Session - Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve Barwick, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's

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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), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

## **B. Closed Session - Public Employment**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

*Closed Session: 11:42 AM*

*Reconvene: 12:38 PM*

Nothing to report out of closed session.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- 12/11 - RCRC Board of Directors Meeting, see attached highlights document (available in additional documents).
- 12/12 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board Meeting, approved
- 12/13 - Sierra Eastside Regional Prioritization Group call
- 12/16 - Keep Long Valley Green Coalition Call
- On Dec. 11, the Inyo National Forest and Partners received a Regional Foresters Award for 2019 – Safety Leadership and Emergency Response. The award recognizes an outstanding example of taking creative and inclusive approaches working with partners and local communities to plan and implement large scale ecological restoration work across boundaries. This is proven in the management of fires for resource benefit and the implementation of the Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, the White bark Pine Restoration Project, and Fuels Reduction work coordinated with Southern California Edison. Partners include:
  - Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
  - Cal-Trout
  - Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Prop 68 funding for strategic lands conservation, resilient Sierra Nevada communities, and vibrant tourism and recreation—just under \$1 million.
  - Town of Mammoth Lakes
  - LADWP
  - Mono County
  - Mammoth/June Lake Ski Area
  - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
  - Southern California Edison
  - Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council
  - Mammoth Community Water District

### **Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Dec. 11 I participated in a NACO Public Lands Policy Committee Conference call. One of the topics included the status of Federal budget appropriations legislation. Authority for the current budget runs out this Friday but a package of two bills was announced yesterday and is expected to be approved by Friday. These bills if approved by Friday would eliminate any possibility of a Federal government shutdown.

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The call also included discussion of the status of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, the Secure Rural Schools Program, and proposed regulation changes to the Endangered Species Act.

- Also, on Wednesday I attended the County Holiday Party at the Lee Vining Community Center. Thanks to Megg Hawkins and her helpers for another wonderful event!
- Later Wednesday I attended a brief meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce to talk about their continued concern with Alterra's plan for improvements at June Mountain.
- On Wednesday evening I attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting in Lee Vining. Topics included the status of the Tioga Inn project, recent activities of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council, and establishment of a RPAC subcommittee to work on affordable housing for Lee Vining and surrounding communities.
- On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting in Bishop of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. One topic at that meeting included the status of the proposal to make the ESCOG a Joint Powers Authority. Inyo County, Bishop, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have approved this proposal and it is expected to come before our Board in early January. Other topics included the possibility of US Rural Development grants for the region, housing updates across the region, and the status of Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership activities.
- Later Friday I attended with Supervisor Kreitz a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority. Topics at that meeting included regular operations and financial reports, plus approval of grant applications and an evaluation of the Executive Director.
- On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> I attended with Supervisor Kreitz the Night of Lights at Canyon Lodge in Mammoth. This was a great community event with a huge crowd and a wonderful start to the winter season.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- 12/11 I participated in a special CCRH Legislative Committee call to prioritize the organization's 2020 action items as a result of their November annual Rural Housing Summit. The committee ranked highest the priorities that had a rural and tribal focus.
- Later that day, I attended the Town Council-Planning Commission workshop to discuss the proposed preferred concept plan for the The Parcel. Attendance from the community was diverse and impressive. There was Spanish translation available and was utilized. Parking in the preferred plan is below what is required in the Town's current policies and is one of the most contentious matters.
- 12/12 I attended in two separate meetings on the NACo Rural Impact County Challenge (RICC). One was a preparation for the upcoming January convening in St. Louis, MO. The other was amongst the Mono Team, where we reviewed an assessment tool of our region's efforts in housing, health and equity.
- 12/13 I was in Bishop for an Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Board meeting. The Board authorized a grant application for 17 new, replacement fleet vehicles through the Federal Transit Administration fund. The Board had a visit from the ESTA bus character (picture available in additional documents).

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Absent.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 12-11: Attended the County Holiday lunch. Meg did a wonderful job organizing.

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- 12-1 : Attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Meeting - The Consultant preparing the GSP continued to give updates and outline the task list that the OVGA Board will need to work on in the coming months. There was also a presentation from the consultants that will be preparing the public outreach plan. Lots to be done. The Indian Wells Basin is continuing to plan on water imports from points north as their primary mitigation for their overdraft. A lawsuit has been filed against the Indian Wells Valley Water District by large agricultural interests. It is anticipated that the Indian Wells Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be added as an additional party sued once the GSP for that Basin is forwarded to DWR early in 2020. As a critically over drafted Basin that Basin is subject to the 2020 date identified in SGMA. The Owens Valley Basin is currently in the 2022 group.
- In related matter Glenn Inouye has resigned as Chair of the Wheeler Crest Community Services District Board. I want to thank Glenn for his service. Mr. Charles Tucker has assumed the role as new Board Chair.

**Moved to item 8.**

**ADJOURNED in honor of Bob Shotz at 12:38 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS  
VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREEN DEDMAN  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**