



**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 Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
December 10, 2019**

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Peters.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Michael Woods, Amerigas District Manager:

- Said that he is here today to find out what they need to do to be good public servants.
- Was accompanied by Levi Mele, Acting District Manager in the Mammoth area.
- Will return to the Board to discuss issues in Mono County.

Bartshe Miller, Mono Lake Committee Policy Director:

- Here on behalf of Mono Lake Committee to share the Committee's recent comments on a proposed development project.
- The Committee believes numerous significant impacts warrant Board attention at this time.
- Stacey Simon – Supervisor Corless will recuse herself when it comes up for discussion, but this is not a hearing, so she does not need to do so at this time.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Steve Barwick, CAO:

- Last month, has been meeting with department heads and employees; met with over half of all departments.
- Beth Cohen report today - asks employees to listen for things that resonate most with them.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Braun:

- Shop with a Cop this Saturday. Starts at 9:00 AM at the Kmart in Bishop. Sponsoring 70 kids who live in Topaz to Death Valley. Need wrappers. Can find information on Facebook - Eastern Sierra Shop with a Cop.

Shannon Kendall, Registrar:

- Elections update.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Update of Planning Commission actions at its November 21 meeting.

Sandra Pearce, Public Health Director:

- Passing of Mono County resident due to hanta virus.

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

Approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on October 15, 2019.

Action: Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on October 15, 2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-254

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on November 5, 2019.

Action: Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on November 5, 2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-255

C. USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY2020

Departments: Community Development

Proposed contract with ORMAT requiring reimbursement of Mono County for the cost of a Unites States Geological Survey (USGS) Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) for hydrologic well monitoring program in FY 2020

Action: Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the USGS JFA 20ZGFA60095610 and the 2018 agreement with ORMAT to fund the Long Valley hydrologic monitoring program for fiscal year 2020.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-256

D. Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.40 of the Mono County Code Enacting Updated Housing Mitigation Requirements

Departments: CDD, Finance

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.40 of the Mono County Code Enacting Updated Housing Mitigation Requirements

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance ORD19-08, Amending Chapter 15.40 of the Mono County Code Enacting Updated Housing Mitigation Requirements and Direct staff to file a notice of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act for the ordinance.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

ORD19-08

E. Housing Mitigation Ordinance Suspension

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Adoption of a proposed ordinance to continue the suspension of the current Housing Mitigation Ordinance until the new ordinance and fees take effect (February 9, 2020).

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance ORD19-09, Amending chapter 15.40.170 of the Mono County Code, extending the temporary suspension of all housing mitigation requirements until Feb. 9, 2020.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

ORD19-09

F. Letter of Support of Lee Vining PUD to Inyo National Forest

Departments: Clerk of the Board

A letter to the Inyo National Forest Mammoth Ranger District in support of the Lee Vining Public Utility District's (PUD) special use permit request to install and operate a test well for a groundwater characterization study.

Action: Approve letter and authorize Chair Peters to sign.
Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M19-257

G. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2019.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2019.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M19-258

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. CSA 1 Community Survey Results Review

The CSA 1 Board recently completed a community survey about improvements the CSA Service Area residents would like to see. The attached is an informal review of the results.

Supervisor Stump:

- CSA1 is actively soliciting input from the community on projects.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Resolution in Support of Restoring the Ranger / Peace Officer Position at Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Janet Carle, Dave Marquart, Dave Carle) - Concerned members of the community, led by retired staff of the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve, feel the time has come for the restoration of the full-time permanent State Park Ranger/Peace Officer position at the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve, which has been vacant since 2012 and was eliminated in 2013, in light of a better fiscal situation for California with the passage of SB1.

Action: Approve Resolution R19-82, In Support of restoring the Ranger / Peace Officer position at the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-82

Dave Marquart, Former Ranger:

- Former employee of Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve.
- Introduced item.

Geoff McQuilkin, Executive Director, Mono Lake Committee:

- Here in support of the item.
- Supervisor Stump asked that Mono Lake Committee also send a letter.

Jora Fogg, Friends of the Inyo Policy Director:

- Submitted letter to governor's office in support.

Brad Sturdivant, Former Supervising Ranger

B. Housing Mitigation Fee Adoption

Departments: Community Development, Finance

(Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution establishing in-lieu fees for the Housing Mitigation Ordinance based on inclusionary requirements and a completed nexus study.

Action: Approve proposed resolution R19-83, adopting fees pursuant to Title 15 Chapter 15.40 of the Mono County Code and specifying that the fees collected pursuant to Chapter 15.40 will be held in a designated fund for housing mitigation uses.

Kreitz moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-83

Wendy Sugimura:

- Introduced item.
- Definition of a room needs to be discussed with the Board.
- Staff recommendation to charge on sq foot basis.
- STR break out as separate item.

Public Hearing opened 10:03 AM

Public Hearing closed 10:04 AM

Break: 10:05 AM

Reconvene: 10:19 AM

C. Workforce Health and Well-Being Project: Review, Results and Recommendations

Departments: Board of Supervisors, CAO

(Beth Cohen) - Presentation by Beth Cohen, PhD, of Organizational Mind Group, PC., on her assessment, analyses, and recommendations to address County's organizational functioning and employee health and well-being. Presentation of results, outcomes, and recommendations.

Action: None.

Dr. Beth Cohen:

- Went through PowerPoint presentation (available in additional documents).

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION @ 12:27 PM

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 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: 12:27 PM

Reconvene: 1:45 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Item 9b will be continued to after the regular agenda.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. General Plan Amendment (GPA) 19-04 Annual Cleanup

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Kelly Karl) - Public hearing regarding proposed General Plan Amendment 19-04 (GPA 19-04) that proposes minor technical changes to the Land Use Element and the Conservation/Open Space Element based on Board direction and as part of the annual cleanup of the General Plan.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed Ordinance 19-__ making the required findings, certifying the Addendum and adopting General Plan Amendment 19-04.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-259

Kelly Karl, Planning Analyst:

- Went through presentation.

Public hearing opened: 1:59 PM
Public hearing closed: 2:00 PM

B. Countywide Generator Infrastructure and Needs

Departments: Public Works

(Joe Blanchard) - Presentation by Joe Blanchard regarding the County's generator infrastructure, and needs for the future.

Action: Receive presentation on the County's current generator infrastructure and emerging considerations relating to the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. Increase budget to Capital Improvement Projects Fund by \$47,500 to cover upgrades and installations of critical generator infrastructure funded by the FY 2019 PSPS Resiliency Allocation from Cal OES. Requires a 4/5 vote.

Joe Blanchard, Facilities Superintendent:

- Introduced item.
- Board direction: Need more planning and staff work before decisions can be made; jail generator should be prioritized; more time allows more departments to contribute to the request list; continue overall assessment; address issue building by building.

C. County Avalanche Forecasting Program

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Public Works Director) - A discussion of the County Avalanche Forecasting program. Please see staff report for more detail.

Action: None.

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Introduced item.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Closing meeting in memory and honor of Louray McGrale.
- Recusal from Tioga Inn project approval based on its possible impacts to my personal financial interest in Tioga Pass Resort—sought formal opinion from FPPC, letter attached (available in additional documents).
- 11/20: Golden State Natural Resources Board of Directors meeting
- 11/21: Mammoth Voices meeting—gave a county update, focusing on why county leadership matters, and discussing
- 11/25 - Meeting with LADWP representatives discussing possible settlement terms
- 12/2-5: CA State Assoc of Counties Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Highlights included implicit bias training as part of the Women's Leadership Forum—recommend a training like this for the county, also opportunity next month at the CSAC institute; presentations on disaster preparedness/response; and census planning.
- 12/5: National Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting in Omaha, NE (Douglas County—home of President Maryann Borgeson). Approved 2020 policy priorities (<https://www.naco.org/articles/naco-board-approves-national-policy-priorities>), workshopped the "NACo Blueprint" strategic plan's five focus areas: membership engagement, policy advancement, thought leadership, financial health, and talent/wellbeing. President Borgeson's focus area is building age-friendly communities—

there was a presentation from AARP on age-friendly communities (<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/>), with emphasis that qualities of age-friendly communities are the same as “livable” communities, with amenities that other segments of population need and want (walkability, transportation, usable public spaces, activities, density, etc.).

- 12/9—Board of Supervisors special meeting, missed the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting and public hearing for the annual Mental Health Services Act plan update—thank you to Susi Bains for chairing and to MHSA Coordinator Amanda Greenberg for leading the hearing and discussion. Update details here: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/behavioral-health/page/mhsa-fy-2019-2020-annual-update-public-hearing-behavioral-health-advisory>
- Sorry to miss the holiday party—heading to Sacramento and then Tehama County for RCRC and Sierra Nevada Conservancy board meetings this week.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Tuesday Nov. 19 I attended a presentation in Mammoth about how to talk about climate change and still get along with family and friends at Thanksgiving. The theme was intended to be humorous but was quite interesting. One takeaway for me was that we will be hearing from more residents in 2020 about what the County is doing to reduce our carbon footprint and address the challenges of climate change in the Eastern Sierra.
- On Thursday Nov. 21 I participated in the NACO West Region conference call. Topics covered included the status of the Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs, the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Act, and the Water Resources Development Act. Information on these legislative items is available on the NACO website.
- On Tuesday Nov. 26 I participated in a conference call with members of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce and Alterra representatives from both Mammoth and June Mountain. The call was focused on the Chamber’s continued interest in information from Alterra about future Alterra investments at June Mountain. The group agreed to continue to meet to increase communication and to work on cooperative initiatives.
- Last Wednesday Dec. 4 I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. There was much discussion about the conference call with Alterra and the June Lake Chamber, as well as the status of snow removal in June Lake. A special meeting regarding snow removal in the Petersen Tract has been scheduled for next Tuesday evening at 5:00 PM in the June Lake Community Center.
- Finally, you will remember we approved a Civility Proclamation early this year as part of our own effort to encourage more civil discourse in our County, state and nation. I have been reminded of the continuing need for this through unfortunate examples at all levels of government, whether recent newspaper articles, videos, or even person to person conversations at our local meetings. I will be sending our Civility Proclamation to the local newspapers and asking them to publish it to encourage better civil discourse not only during the holidays but in the year ahead. As one participant put it at our June Lake CAC meeting, we can be tough on the issues, but should never be tough on each other. I would also ask that we enlarge the Proclamation and put it on the wall here in the Board Room.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- 11/20 Attended the Community Correction Partnership meeting as the Board alternate
- 11/20 Attended the Town Council meeting workshop on tax subsidy for development
- 11/21 Participated in the NACo RICC meeting
- 11/21 Volunteered at a MLH organized event at Wild Iris where we wrote Thank You letters to CASA volunteers
- 11/22 Participated in the MLH ad hoc Programs and Development Committee meeting
- 11/25 Participated in a Mono County RICC team meeting
- 11/26 Attended a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors

- Week of 12/2 - 12/6 I attended the California State Association of Counties Annual Conference
- 12/9 LTC meeting
- 12/9 Special meeting of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Peters:

- 25th LADWP Supervisor Corless County Counsel Simon
- 2nd CSAC 125th Annual
- Roundtable and IHSS / HHS
- Rural Caucus Ed Valenzuela 2nd Siskiyou (4th Term) Vice James Gore 1st Vice Sonoma Lisa Bartlett President Orange
- Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
- Moratorium on Non-Renewals
- Fair Plan Reform for better coverage and Affordability
- BOE Chair Malia Cohen (Former SF BOS member) discussed Split Role initiative which would reassess Larger businesses every 3 years. 11 Billion in revenue
- Circle of Service Award:

*Leonard Moty Shasta County Supervisor & CSAC Finance Corporation President
Belia Ramos Napa County Supervisor
Alfredo Pedroza Napa County Supervisor
Carmel Angelo Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer*

* *Supervisor Peters played a key role this year on two significant county health and human services initiatives.*

* *First, on IHSS, he served as one of the co-chairs of the CSAC IHSS Working Group and was integral in several efforts related to CSAC's advocacy in support of the Governor's proposal to revise the County IHSS MOE.*

* *As a co-chair of the IHSS MOE Subcommittee, he helped develop the methodology for the county amounts of the lowered 2019-20 IHSS MOE.*

* *Supervisor Peters also served as co-chair of the joint CSAC-CBHDA Office of Inspector General Audit Working Group. He helped lead the group in completing the difficult task of apportioning a \$180 million audit repayment from county Mental Health Plans to the federal government.*

* *His grasp of the issues and firm leadership helped both working groups and CSAC tremendously.*

- 9th LTC
- Christmas Party Tomorrow 10 am June Lake

Supervisor Stump:

- 11-2 : Attended the Tri Valley Water Commission - Commission still waiting on DWR's final classification of the Basin
- 11-26 : Special Board Meeting
- 11-26 : CSA 1 meeting - They reviewed the results of their recent survey
- 11-30 : Thanks to Cathy Young and Kathy Peterson for their response to a potential shelter opening due to AmeriGas allowing the tank farm that supplies the Sierra Springs subdivision to run out of propane
- 12-5 : Attended OVGA agenda review
- 12-8 : Attended the CSA 1 sponsored meet Santa event

- 12-9 : Attended LTC - The latest versions of the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan and Regional Transportation Programs adopted
- 12-9 : Special Board meeting
- Thank you to Nate, Tony and Stacey for their work on a new proposal to potential place a cell tower at the County created site at the old Chalfant Transfer Station

Break:

Reconvene: 4:55 PM

ADJOURNED in honor of Louray McGrale at 4:55 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**