



AGENDA

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.

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

Regular Meeting September 8, 2020

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

As authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Order, N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Board attending from separate remote locations. This altered format is in observance of recommendations by local officials that precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

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INTERESTED PERSONS. PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE TIME THE ITEM IS HEARD.

9:00 AM Call meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Garrett Higerd

Departments: Public Works

5 minutes

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Proposed resolution in appreciation and recognition of Garrett Higerd, former Mono County Engineer.

Recommended Action: Adopt resolution in appreciation and recognition of Garrett Higerd.

Fiscal Impact: None.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

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 - August 4, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Board Minutes - August 6, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 6, 2020.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 6, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Board Minutes - August 10, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 10, 2020.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 10, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

D. Board Minutes - August 11, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020.

E. Board Minutes - August 13, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2020.

Recommended Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None.

F. 2020-21 Appropriations Limit

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution establishing the 2020-21 Appropriations Limit.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R20-____, establishing the 2020-21 Appropriations Limit and making other necessary determinations for the County and for those special districts governed by the Board of supervisors that are required to establish appropriation limits.

Fiscal Impact: None.

G. 2020-21 Property Tax Rates

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution establishing the 2020-21 tax rates on the secured roll.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R20-_____, establishing the 2020-21 tax rates on the secured roll.

Fiscal Impact: None. Allows for the collection of voter approved debt.

H. Regions I and VI Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services

Departments: Public Health

California Mutual Aid Region I and VI Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services/Personnel/Equipment/Supplies.

Recommended Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None at this time. Fiscal impact is cost neutral if Mono County is providing assistance at the request of another jurisdiction.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Proposed 2020 Heritage Trout Designation – Wolf Creek, Mono County

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be proposing new designated Heritage and Wild Trout Waters during the 2020 cycle to the California Fish and Game Commission. One proposed location will be Wolf Creek, Mono County. This Designated Heritage Trout Water would support Lahontan Cutthroat Trout within their historic drainages to provide anglers a unique opportunity to catch native trout in a manner that promotes conservation. Designated Heritage Trout waters are restricted from stocking of hatchery-origin trout and angling regulations are implemented that allow trout populations to sustain themselves through natural reproduction.

B. Letter re: DeChambeau Ponds and Wilson Creek

A letter from Hillary Hansen Jones to the Board regarding DeChambeau Ponds and Wilson Creek and comments made by Bartshe Miller, Eastern Sierra Policy Director of the Mono Lake Committee.

C. DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds Illegal Activity Report

Report from Gordon Martin, Inyo National Forest District Ranger, and Thomas Torres, District Wildlife Biologist, regarding DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds illegal activity.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Election Update

Departments: Elections

10 minutes

(Shannon Kendall) - Update on November 3, 2020 General Election.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Item will start at approximately 10:00 AM

(Robert C. Lawton) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Fiscal Impact: None.

C. Permit Fee Adjustment for Spas and Pools

Departments: Public Health

15 minutes

(Louis Molina) - Proposed resolution: Permit Fee Adjustment for Spa Pools Ordered Closed Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: Approved resolution would result in reduced fee collection by the Health Department of up to \$33,591, dependent on the length of ordered closure of spa pools in Mono County. Fee reductions with no corresponding decrease in costs likely results in higher usage of realignment revenues to replace the lost revenues, depending on many other performance related factors.

D. Letter of Support - Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act

Departments: Board of Supervisors

10 minutes

A letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Senator Dianne Feinstein supporting the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.

Recommended Action: Approve letter and authorize Board Chair to sign. Provide comments on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.

Fiscal Impact: None.

E. Mono County Public Employees - Proposed Revision to Personnel Rule 330(C)

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

10 minutes

(David R Butters) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Mono County Public Employees Union Personnel System 330(C) to clarify when employees may respond to local emergencies by performing volunteer fire fighting/search and rescue services during their regular work hours without loss of pay.

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal impact unknown.

F. Employment Agreement - County Counsel

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

5 minutes

(David R Butters) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Stacey Simon as County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Recommended Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R20-___, approving a contract with Stacey Simon as County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost for the remainder of fiscal year (2020-2021) will be \$286,201 of which \$177,000 is annual salary and \$109,201 is the cost of benefits. The cost for a full fiscal year would be \$290,563 of which \$180,000 is annual salary and \$110,563 is the cost of benefits. This salary increase is not budgeted, and we will need to look for budget savings or contingency during the mid-year budget adjustment process.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Budget Public Hearing and Planned Adoption for FY 2020-21

Departments: Finance, CAO

Public Hearing: 1:00 PM (30 minutes)

(Janet Dutcher, Robert Lawton, Megan Mahaffey) -

Public hearing and adoption of the 2020-2021 County of Mono Recommended Budget, as presented or amended. The Mono County Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is available on the Mono County Website:

<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2020-2021-budget-development-adoption>

Recommended Action: 1. Conduct public budget hearing. 2. Adopt resolution R20-____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented or amended.

Fiscal Impact: The recommended budget includes \$121,263,920 in expenditures, \$109,273,876 in revenues, and relies on \$11,990,044 in carryover balance. The General Fund component includes \$40,678,873 in expenditures, \$37,552,510 in revenues, and relies on \$3,126,363 in carryover fund balance.

B. List of Allocated Positions for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Departments: Administration

15 minutes

(Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher) - Proposed resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Position Allocation List for positions classified in the Recommended Budget.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R20-____, Adopting a Schedule for Position Classifications in Conjunction with the Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget.

Fiscal Impact: None.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Public Works

TIME REQUIRED 5 minutes

SUBJECT Recognition of Garrett Higerd

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution in appreciation and recognition of Garrett Higerd, former Mono County Engineer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt resolution in appreciation and recognition of Garrett Higerd.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Tony Dublino

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5459 / tdublino@mono.ca.gov

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Recognition Proclamation

History

Time	Who	Approval
9/4/2020 9:05 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
9/1/2020 3:19 PM	County Counsel	Yes
9/3/2020 4:40 PM	Finance	Yes



**MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION
FOR COUNTY ENGINEER GARRETT HIGERD**

WHEREAS, Garrett Higerd possesses a keen understanding of Mono County communities, geography, infrastructure, and systems reserved only for those born and raised in Mono County; and

WHEREAS, Garrett left the County to obtain education and experience as a Civil Engineer but eventually returned to Mono County to benefit the region with his education and experience; and

WHEREAS, Garrett began his employment with Mono County in 2007 as an Associate Engineer in the Department of Public Works, was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director in 2015 and County Engineer in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Garrett proved to be a selfless mentor who treats his staff as equals while inviting them to become more, and created a foundation of openness and collaboration within the engineering department; and

WHEREAS, over his 13 years as a County employee, Garrett led most County transportation projects, including the Bridgeport, Lee Vining, June Lake, Swall Meadows, and Chalfant Streets Rehabilitation Projects, as well as projects on Aspen Road, Upper Rock Creek Road, Convict Lake Road, Owens Gorge Road, and many other projects that will remain to represent his efforts for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Garrett proved to be a willing and capable colleague, whose contributions will be sorely missed by remaining staff as well as elected officials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaims its sincere appreciation for the 13 years of professional service Garrett Higerd provided to the County and wishes him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Jennifer Kreitz, Supervisor District #1

Fred Stump, Supervisor District #2

Bob Gardner, Supervisor District #3

John Peters, Supervisor District #4

Stacy Corless, Supervisor District #5



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Board Minutes - August 4, 2020

**PERSONS
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BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

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Time	Who	Approval
9/4/2020 9:04 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
9/3/2020 5:31 PM	County Counsel	Yes
9/3/2020 4:39 PM	Finance	Yes



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

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**Regular Meeting
August 4, 2020**

Flash Drive	No Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M20-149 – M20-152
Resolutions	R20-77 – R20-79
Ordinance	ORD20-08 Not Used

9:05 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters

Supervisor Corless:

- Adjourn meeting in memory of Gary Berger, community leader and longtime Mammoth resident, who taught many people to ski and fed many at his restaurant
- Quote that is misattributed to Dr. Anthony Fauci, "I don't know how to explain to you that you should care for other people."

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

Note:

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3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Recruitment update for Assistant CAO and Public Health Director positions
- Met with Jason Canger, Assistant County Counsel, Katie Maloney Bellomo, and Hillary Hansen Jones regarding Mill/Wilson Creek Water Management in the North Mono Basin.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Budget resources on County website

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Update on radios

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. Inyo-Mono CUPA Services Contract Agreement

Departments: Public Health

(Louis Molina) - Proposed contract with Inyo County pertaining to employee services for Mono County CUPA program activities.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Lynda Salcido, Public Health Director, to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes, 1 no

M20-149

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Asked for more information from staff. Concerned about the large salary for a shared position.

Louis Molina, Environmental Health:

- Terms of the contract have remained the same over the last several years

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Reviewed proposed salary and hours

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Billed quarterly, expenses have been between \$50,000-\$70,000 per year

B. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 6/30/2020

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Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 6/30/2020

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-150

C. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 6/30/2020

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 6/30/2020

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-151

D. Authority to Hire Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV at Step "B" - Finance

Departments: Finance

Based on qualifications and past experience, consider hiring a Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV at the B Step.

Action: Authorize the hiring of a Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV at Range 63, Step B.

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-152

E. Consolidation of Elections - Mammoth Unified School District

Departments: Elections

Consolidation of special election of the Mammoth Unified School District with the Statewide General Election on November 3, 2020, and direction to the Mono County Elections Division to conduct the election and canvass the returns.

Action: Adopt Resolution R20-77, Consolidating the Special Election called by the Mammoth Unified School District for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the District a parcel tax measure entitled "Mammoth USD Quality Schools and Academic Achievement Parcel Tax Renewal".

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-77

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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.

Note:

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A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Letter re: Request for an Extension of Time to Submit QRA Report for Rhinedollar Dam

A letter from Frank L. Blackett, P.E., Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regional Engineer, to James A. Buerkle, Southern California Edison Company Director of Generation, granting a request for an extension of time to submit the QRA Report for Rhinedollar Dam, which is part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC License No. 1388.

B. Wildlife Conservation Board Letter re: Project(s) Proposed to the Wildlife Conservation Board

A letter from John P. Donnelly, Wildlife Conservation Board Executive Director, to the Board regarding projects proposed to the Wildlife Conservation Board for its August 26, 2020 Board Meeting that fall within the Board's jurisdiction.

Supervisor Stump:

- Alpine County burn box – if used on June Mountain in summertime, could significantly reduce the treatment cost per acre

C. Fish and Game Commission Notice re: Proposed Regulatory Action

A notice from Jon D. Snellstrom, Fish and Game Commission Associate Governmental Program Analyst, to all interested and affected parties regarding proposed regulatory action relative to amending sections 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 5.85, 7.00, 7.50, 8.10, and adding sections 5.84, 5.89, 7.40, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Simplification of Statewide Inland Sport Fishing Regulations.

Supervisor Peters:

- Leaves the fishing season in the Eastern Sierra as it has always been
- Supplied letter to local resort owners and tackle shop owners
- Will impact next year's regulations

D. July 2020 Agricultural Commissioner's Office Report

July 2020 department report from Nate Reade, Inyo/Mono Agricultural Commissioner / Director of Weights and Measures.

E. Board of Mono County Service Area No. 1 Letter re: Chip Seal Projects on Roadways in Mono County

Letter from the Board of Mono County Service Area No. 1 to the Board addressing their concerns regarding chip seal projects on the roadways in Mono County.

Supervisor Stump:

- Community is concerned about chip seal as a treatment on highways adjacent to housing due to noise.
- Recognized Garrett Higerd, County engineer, who has left the County to work for

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Mammoth Community Water District.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Recognized Garrett Higerd's departure.

F. Notice of Public Information Session - Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Evaluation Project

On Wednesday August 5th, 2020 from 6p.m. to 8p.m., staff from the Lahontan Water Board will host an online information session to engage interested parties in the Lahontan Region regarding fecal bacteria water quality objectives and the Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Evaluation Project that is in progress.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- County Counsel's office has been tracking this over the years as it relates to the Bridgeport Valley and Bridgeport Reservoir

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Resolution of Support for a Conservation Easement on Centennial Point Ranch

Departments: Community Development Department

(Kay Ogden and Susanna Danner) - Proposed resolution to support a conservation easement on Centennial Point Ranch, in the Bridgeport Valley.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution 20-78, Approving the Agricultural Conservation Easement Proposal to the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, Administered by the California Department of Conservation, for the Centennial Point Ranch Conservation Easement.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-78

Kay Ogden, Eastern Sierra Land Trust President and CEO:

- Introduced item

Susanna Danner, Eastern Sierra Land Trust Land Conservation Program Director:

- Bi-State Action Plan

Mark Lacey, Centennial Point Ranch landowner:

- Preserve historic land uses and ranching operations in Bridgeport Valley
- Generations of visitors, wildlife corridor

B. Resolution of Support for a Conservation Easement on Ullman Ranch

Departments: Community Development Department

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(Kay Ogden and Susanna Danner) - Proposed resolution of support for a conservation easement on Ullman Ranch, in the Huntoon Valley.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution 20-79, Approving the Agricultural Conservation Easement Proposal to the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, Administered by the California Department of Conservation, for the Ullman Ranch Conservation Easement.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-79

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

(Bob Lawton, CAO) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Scaling back EOC activities; and (2) Presentation regarding enforcement activities of Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Action: None.

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer:

- Mono County remains on the State monitoring list
- Bishop outbreak
- Testing opportunities
- Waivers for elementary schools
- Reducing occupancy
- Protecting workers

Public Comment (written Public Comments can be found on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents):

- Erica Ruiz

Break: 10:55 AM

Reconvened: 11:06 AM

Enforcement Presentation:

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced presentation
- Compliance philosophy and tools

Louis Molina, Environmental Health:

- Receipt of and response to complaints
- Visit and inspect food facilities
- Provide assistance and education
- Issue warning
- Permit suspension or revocation
- Trends and observations

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Nick Criss, CDD Analyst – Code Compliance:

- Code enforcement
- Receipt of and response to complaints
- Visiting businesses
- Inspection
- Education
- Administrative fines or misdemeanor citation
- Trends and observations

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Receipt of and response to complaints
- Visiting businesses
- Patrolling generally
- Education
- Citation
- Legally authorized to enforce all public health orders (e.g., H&S §§ 101029, 120275, 131082; GC § 8665)
- Trends and observations

Gerald Frank, Treasurer-Tax Collector:

- Responsible for issuing business licenses to all businesses within unincorporated County
- Business license may be suspended or revoked by the tax collector or the Board for violation of law

Rob Patterson, Town of Mammoth Lakes Administrative Services / Finance Director:

- Receipt and response to complaints
- Town Ambassador Program
- Lodging BTC – revocation
- Trends and observations

Gordon Martin, Inyo National Forest, District Ranger of Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts:

- Hot spots: Lakes Basin, June Lake Beach, Reds Meadow
- Dispersed camping
- All restrooms in Mammoth-Mono district open, except Navy Beach and group campsites

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- Thanked Mono Lake Committee in Lee Vining – moved visitor center services outside to provide only in-person visitor assistance in County
- Directing the public, businesses, and residents to the County COVID webpage
- Mountain Manners and Masks Mandatory in Mono social media posts

John Urdi, Mammoth Lakes Tourism:

- Occupancy numbers down from last year
- Mammoth Community Water District water flow usage data up 10% from last year
- Mammoth Promise

Supervisor Peters:

- Impacts of trash
- Thanked Virginia Creek Settlement owners for purchasing outdoor heaters for

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restaurants offering outdoor dining

Public Comment:

- Ralph Lockhart
- Janet Hunt
- Dawn Gould
- Jamie Schectman

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Over tourism study
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center providing outdoor services
- Outdoor dining provisions for restaurants in winter

Supervisor Gardner:

- Opening visitor centers
- Encouraging service

Supervisor Corless:

- Trash issues
- Unified law enforcement efforts
- Supporting workforce bearing the brunt of the pandemic

Dan Holler, Mammoth Lakes Town Manager:

- Trail Host Program
- Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center
- Discussion with Vons corporate

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked/Acknowledged Public Health Department, particularly Bryan Wheeler, Environmental Health staff, and Code Compliance staff for all their work

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 1:44 PM

Reconvened: 3:34 PM

Pursuant to item 9.E. of today's agenda, the Board authorized staff to initiate litigation against Rainbow Ridge Realty and Reservations in June Lake, and related parties, to enforce compliance with state and/or local public health orders related to COVID-19, in the event that Rainbow Ridge does not comply with such orders or directives.

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono et al. v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Alameda Super. Ct. Case No.: RG 18923377).

D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Claim for damages filed by Johnathan Palmer against Mono County.

E. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

F. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 7/22: Yosemite Gateway Area Coordination Team weekly meeting. "Coping with Covid" meeting, participated in panel discussion. Thank you to Robin Roberts and Justin Caporusso for organizing these important meetings.
- 7/23: Cal Rec Vision advisory group meeting--working on a "white paper" to communicate the need for state involvement and improved collaboration around sustainable outdoor recreation in California
- 7/24-29: One-on-one meetings and calls re: uptick in cases and local response, as well as impacts of high visitation

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- 7/29: US Forest Service Region 5 Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Collaborative-- update on statewide forest service situation, impacts of covid. All forests are experiencing high visitation and struggling to manage it. Some focus at this meeting on Mammoth Lakes Basin/Sherwins trail project currently in planning phase.
- 7/30: Collaborative Planning Team--reports on projects and Covid impacts from CalTrans, Bureau of Land Management, Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Mountain Warfare Training Center, Lahontan Regional Water Control Board, Town of Mammoth Lakes. Some discussion re: opportunities for project funding through Great American Outdoors Act
- 8/3: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Thursday July 30 I participated with Chair Corless in a meeting of the Collaborative Planning Team. We heard updates from many of the members of the group about COVID-19 status, but also about current projects and planning.
- Yesterday August 3 I participated with Chair Corless in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics included the status of grant applications and approvals, COVID-19 updates, and planning for future recreation-related projects.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- August 3rd, I participated in the Legislative Committee meeting of CCRH. We discussed concern amongst rural affordable housing developers by the push of building trades groups to insert language in SB 995 (Atkins), a CEQA affordable housing bill, to require skilled and trained workforce on all affordable housing developments. Due to the scarcity or entire lack of union contractors in rural areas would have the likely outcome to force outside labor to be brought in to rural communities over using local contractors. CCRH is going to write a letter expressing such concern and opposing unless the bill is amended. We also discussed the looming eviction crisis. There are three bills in the state legislature attempting to address, and the Governor has stated his office is working on a fix. The California Judicial Council has announced it will not be extending their rule on eviction moratorium after August 14th. Given the legislature doesn't close until the end of the month, if the Governor doesn't act there's a gap and sincere concerns.
- In the evening of August 3rd, I participated in the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board meeting. At the meeting, Town staff provided a brief update on The Parcel. There will be a full presentation to the Town Council at their meeting August 5th. Behavioral Health units were highlighted and Pacific Companies, the Town selected developer of the site, is willing to work with Mono County to place 12-15 behavioral health units in phase one. The Board also welcomed new board member Tony Perkins.

Supervisor Peters:

- Legislative updates: Great American Outdoors Act was signed into law today, will be good for us in the gateway communities. CSAC has held several government finance administration policy committee meetings
- 7/24: Attended a CSAC webinar on COVID disaster management strategies

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- 7/28: Attended Tourism Commission, NACo membership call
- 7/31: Participated in the NACo Resiliency Advisory Board meeting
- Received letter from President of NACo, Gary Moore, appointed to Human Services and Education Steering Committee, Vice Chair the Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, Member and Resilient Counties Advisory Board. All these functions are supported by CSAC funds.

Supervisor Stump:

- 7-21 thru 7-26: Iris Fire in Rock Creek - This portion of the County has been impacted by vegetation fires several times. The concern level of the residents elevates at the slightest smell of smoke. Many status emails were sent. I want to thank the Forest Service for it's aggressive response, the County Road Department for all they did at the checkpoint, and the Sheriff's Office for the orderly, as orderly as possible, evacuation of the entire Canyon. The County Road staff were praised by the Incident Safety Officer for their professional, knowledge based, and friendly way they interacted with members of the public. I also want to thank Tom's Place for the food support they provided to the firefighters the first three days on the incident. That business closed to the public for a portion of that time to focus only on meal preparation for emergency responders. I observed this activity being done within Covid guidelines.
- I spent time at the checkpoint and spoke with many of the evacuees from campgrounds who wanted to know where else they could go. Many indicated that they were just going to find a place to pull off a road and camp. Those that said that that I spoke with were advised on fire restrictions and ask to not leave trash now that they were leaving an area with fire rings, trash service and restrooms.
- Evening of 7-25: Part of the emergency response to a horrible two vehicle traffic collision on Benton Crossing Road Saturday night. One fatality, five serious injuries including to a minor child. Three total flown to Renown. Long Valley Fire, Mammoth Fire, Medic 2 and Medic 3 did a commendable job mitigating this multi-casualty incident. This accident was one of two that occurred almost simultaneously on the road. Fortunately nobody was injured in the second accident which involved a passenger vehicle hitting a cow.
- 7-29: Attended the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging - The budget was recommended for adoption to the Inyo BOS. Much discussion of Senior Services during Covid. Take aways:
 - A Senior outreach phone number is set up to try and deal with those Seniors facing isolation issues. That number is 760 873-6364. If you know of a Senior needing outreach in either Inyo or Mono County please call.
 - CARES Act under Senior Services funds have been received. Approximately \$108,000 to be split between Inyo and Mono. Focus of additional funding will be on additional support for home delivered meals, outreach as referenced above, and legal services to support any increase in requests for help to deal with evictions.
 - PPE for hearing impaired Seniors, see through masks to facilitate lip reading, is being acquired.
 - Thanks to Patti for attending from Walker and her update on North County Hospice.
- 7-29: Board Covid Briefing
- 7-30: Incident debrief for the 7-2 MCI
- 7-31: Listened to a Business Round-table focused on Mammoth Town

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Businesses. Sponsored by the Town. Lots of concerns expressed.

ADJOURNED AT 3:51 PM in memory of Gary Berger

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Board Minutes - August 6, 2020

**PERSONS
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BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 6, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 6, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Special Meeting
August 6, 2020**

Flash Drive	No Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M20-153 Not Used
Resolutions	R20-80 Not Used
Ordinance	ORD20-08 Not Used

10:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

Supervisors Present: Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: Corless (recused)

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner

1 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment #3 and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR)

Departments: CDD

Note:

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(Wendy Sugimura, Gerry LeFrancois, Sandra Bauer) - Consider the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report to amend the 1993 Tioga Inn Specific Plan located at 22, 133, and 254 Vista Point Road in Lee Vining and consisting of four parcels (APN 021-080-014, -025, -026 & -027). The entitlements approved in 1993 remain intact and approved regardless of the outcome of the currently proposed project. The current Specific Plan Amendment proposes up to 150 new workforce housing bedrooms in up to 100 new units, a third gas-pump island and overhead canopy, additional parking to accommodate on-site guest vehicles as well as a general-use park-and-ride facility and bus parking for Yosemite transit vehicles, a new package wastewater treatment system tied to a new subsurface drip irrigation system, replacement of the existing water storage tank with a new tank of the same size in the same area, a new 30,000-gallon on-site propane tank (eventually replacing the existing five on-site tanks), modification to the boundaries and acreage of designated open space, and modification of parcel boundaries.

Action: None.

Option 1: Certify the SEIR and Approve the Project and Preferred Alternative, Incorporating Board Direction from June 29-30 Public Hearing as Presented, or with Further Modifications

Adopt proposed Resolution: 1) certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), making all required findings, and adopting the Statement of Overriding Considerations (Resolution Exhibit A); 2) adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP; in Attachment 1) as revised; and 3) approving the Project and Preferred Alternative (in Attachment 1) as presented or with further modifications.

Option 2 – Deny the Project and Do Not Certify the SEIR

If the Board of Supervisors determines that one or more of the unavoidable adverse environmental effects identified in the EIR are not outweighed by specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the Project, then it would not adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Project, and would not adopt the proposed Resolution. Instead, the Board should specify which (or all) unavoidable adverse effects it finds to be unacceptable (i.e., not outweighed by the Project's benefits) and articulate its reasoning. If the Board is additionally unable to make one of the Specific Plan findings listed in Section Three of the proposed Resolution then it must articulate which (or all) of those finding(s) cannot be made and explain its reasoning.

Supervisor Corless:

- Recused herself based on opinion from the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Vice-Chair Kreitz:

- Resumed chairing the meeting
- Reviewed agenda item

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- Reviewed procedure for the day's meeting

Supervisors reported the external conversations they had regarding the subject of the Public Hearing.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item

Sandra Bauer, CEQA Consultant:

- Staff presentation (available on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents)

Michael Draper, Planning Analyst:

- Public comments received

Board questions

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Housing Assessment

Break: 12:15 PM

Reconvened: 12:30 PM

Continued Board questions

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Did not find merit to any of the claims made in letter from attorneys representing Mono Lake Committee
- Recirculation of EIR requirements

Gerry Le Francois, Planning Analyst:

- Reviewed Staff Report

Public hearing opened: 1:43 PM

Dennis Domaille, Applicant

Public Comment:

- Grace Anderson
- Geoff McQuilkin
- Robert De Paolo
- Susan McCarthy
- Ryan Gallagher
- David Strelneck
- Elin Ljung
- Tim Banta
- Paul McFarland
- Bartshe Miller
- Margaret Eissler
- Lisa Cutting
- Nathan Taylor
- Duncan King
- Ellen King
- Nora Livingston

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- Stephen Cunha
- Marissa Leonard
- Maureen McGlinchy
- Santiago - Lee Vining Fire Department
- John Krueger
- Janet Carle
- Jeff Sullivan
- Donna Willey
- Mary Ljung
- Charlotte Lange
- Sheryl Andrews
- Lynn Boulton
- Jora Fogg
- John Ljung
- Sue Burak
- Greg Reis

Break: 3:06 PM

Reconvened: 3:16 PM

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Addressed questions asked during public comment

Sandra Bauer, CEQA Consultant:

- Addressed questions asked during public comment

Board questions to Dennis Domaille, Applicant

Public hearing closed: 4:10 PM

Board deliberation

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Called for a motion to approve Option 2 – Deny the Project and Do No Certify the SEIR
 - NO MOTION
- Reviewed Staff Report

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Addressed questions from Staff Report

Gerry Le Francois, Planning Analyst:

- Addressed questions from Staff Report

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- If there is no majority (i.e. three) of Board members willing to move forward with this approval due to lack of site plan, matter needs to be continued until such time as there is a site plan.

Dennis Domaille, Applicant

- Addressed lack of site plan

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Break: 5:52 PM
Reconvened: 6:00 PM

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Staff direction: Supervisor Gardner to meet with applicant and staff to gather what is needed for the next meeting in order to make a decision

Board direction to schedule a new meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 6:23 PM

ATTEST

JENNIFER KREITZ
VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

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SUBJECT Board Minutes - August 10, 2020

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 10, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 10, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
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**Special Meeting
August 10, 2020**

Flash Drive	No Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M20-153 Not Used
Resolutions	R20-80 Not Used
Ordinance	ORD20-08 Not Used

1:02 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Corless

1 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) -
Budget workshop for fiscal year 2020-2021. This is the first of a three day workshop. To view the budget schedules and other budgetary related information, please visit the following link:

[2020-21 Recommended Budget for Adoption](#)

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Action: None.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced item

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Reviewed Finance Department budget

Barry Beck, Assessor:

- Reviewed Assessor Department budget

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Reviewed County Counsel Department budget

Break: 2:59 PM

Reconvened: 3:20 PM

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Reviewed Community Development Department budget

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director, Michelle Raust, Program Manager, Child and Adult Services:

- Reviewed Social Services Department budget

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Services, Jessica Workman, Accountant:

- Reviewed Behavioral Health Services Department budget

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- First 5 Home Visiting (Welcome Baby! & Healthy Families) funding

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Reiterated thanks to staff and Board

ADJOURNED AT 4:58 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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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.

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
August 11, 2020**

Flash Drive	No Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M20-153 – M20-167
Resolutions	R20-80 Not Used
Ordinance	ORD20-08 Not Used

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump

Supervisor Gardner:

- "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."
-- FDR

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

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3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Attended Special Meetings for Tioga Inn and Budget Workshop, Antelope Valley RPAC meeting, enforcement discussion for local authorities

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Solid Waste publication – different recycling programs throughout Mono County

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 - June 9, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-153

B. Board Minutes - June 16, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 16, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 16, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-154

C. Board Minutes - June 29, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Special Board meeting of June 29, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Special Board meeting of June 29, 2020 with the requested signatory change.

Stump moved as amended; Kreitz seconded

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Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain
M20-155

D. Board Minutes - July 7, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 7, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 7, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-156

E. Board Minutes - July 14, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 14, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 14, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-157

F. Board Minutes - July 21, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 21, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 21, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-158

G. Claim for Damages - Jonathan D. Palmer

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Jonathan D. Palmer, related to loss of employment with the County.

Action: Deny the claim and direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice to the claimant of said denial.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-159

H. Letter Supporting Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action Appeal

Note:

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of Denial of Head Start Grant

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Robert C. Lawton, County Administrative Officer) - The Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) has served this region since 1980. IMACA conducts the only general Head Start program in a region of nearly 14,000 square miles, serving 82 preschoolers. Due in part to a temporary under-enrollment - and not because of any observed deficiencies - the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) recently denied renewal of IMACA's Head Start grant. Under the HSS appeals process, IMACA may submit a written appeal, including supporting documentation.

Action: Approve letter in support of IMACA's appeal with requested change of point of view from first person to third person.

Kreitz moved as amended; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-160

I. County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement

Departments: Public Health

County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement, Term July 15, 2020 to January 14, 2022.

Action: Approve the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22, and authorize the Chairperson to sign three (3) copies of the County Medical Services Program Governing Board Grantee Data Sheet (Exhibit D) to execute the agreement on behalf of the County as well as authorize the County Administrative Officer and Interim Public Health Director to sign three (3) copies of the agreement as required. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to approve minor amendments and/or revisions that may occur during the contract period provided they are approved by County Counsel and do not materially affect the County's rights.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-161

J. Twin Lakes Road Maintenance Project - Invitation for Bids

Departments: Public Works Department

Authorization to Issue Invitation for Bids for the Twin Lakes Road Maintenance Project.

Action: Approve bid package and authorize the Public Works Department

Note:

These draft meeting minutes have not yet been approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors

to advertise the Project for bids.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-162

Kalen Dodd, Associate Engineer:

- Confirmed project will be taking place in 2020
- Road will not be closed completely, one way traffic control

K. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059 for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA) pertaining to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059.

Action: Approve County entry into the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059 and authorize the Director of Public Health's signature to execute said contract and related attachments on behalf of the County including minor amendments that may occur in the 3-year contract period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023 with approval as to form by County Counsel.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-163

L. Memorandum of Understanding with Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services

Departments: Social Services

Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and the Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services.

Action: Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign the proposed Agreement with the Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) to provide Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-164

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

Note:

These draft meeting minutes have not yet been approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Press Release re: Bacterial Outbreak at Three Southern California Hatcheries

A press release from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW) regarding a bacterial outbreak at three CDFW fish hatchery facilities in the eastern Sierra and Southern California that has affected 3.2 million fish and resulted in the euthanization of the fish in order to stop the spread of the outbreak.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Reviewed press release

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), Annual Presentation and Contract with Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to Perform CAPC Coordination Services

Departments: Social Services

(Michelle Raust (DSS Program Manager) and Courtney Powell (CAPC Coordinator)) - Agreement between the County and Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to conduct Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Coordination and a presentation by Courtney Powell regarding annual Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) accomplishments.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract with the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to Perform CAPC Coordination Services, and authorize Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-165

Michelle Raust, Program Manager, Child and Adult Services:

- Introduced item

Courtney Powell, CAPC Coordinator:

- Reviewed annual Child Abuse Prevention Council accomplishments

B. Revised and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with Madera County

Departments: Sheriff, CAO and County Counsel

(Ingrid Braun, Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon) - Revised and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Madera County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Regarding Law Enforcement, Emergency Response and Environmental Health services for Areas of Madera County primarily accessed through Mono County.

Note:

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Action: Approve County entry into Revised and Restated MOU and authorize Board Chair to execute said MOU on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-166

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item
- Noted “east of the Sierra Crest” language in the MOU is inaccurate, language has been carried forward from the 1994 MOU and cannot be changed

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Good compromise between Mono County and Madera County

Break: 10:05 AM

Reconvened: 10:10 AM

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

Item will start at approximately 10:00 AM

(Bob Lawton, CAO) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Impacts of tourism and recreation on public lands; (2) Enforcement activities; and (3) Approve a letter to State legislators expressing County opposition to Assembly Bill 660, which would prohibit the assignment of law enforcement officer to contact tracing duties.

Action: Approve letter to Assembly Member Levine in Opposition to Assembly Bill 660.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-167

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- One individual under quarantine at Sierra Nevada Resort
- Continuing to provide food and referrals through IMACA
- Adequate supply of PPE
- Caught up on all contact tracing for positive cases
- One patient in Mammoth Hospital
- Mammoth Hospital to receive two high-flow oxygen machines
- Public Health preparing for flu clinics
- Resource limitations

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer:

- Reviewed new requirements for hotels, lodging, and short-term rentals within the Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Rapid testing, antigen testing
- 580 restaurant employees presented for testing: 35 tested positive from 20

Note:

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- restaurants (6% positivity rate)
- Monitoring list – County must be below all thresholds for three consecutive days in order to be removed from monitoring list. Being removed from monitoring list does not lift restrictions, restrictions stay in place until lifted by the State.

Public Comment (written Public Comments can be found on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents):

- Rhonda Duggan
- Alisa Mokler Harper

Supervisor Gardner:

- Mono Basin Visitor Center update

Supervisor Peters:

- Effective 8/7, no more campfires allowed in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, including developed campgrounds

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Placed entire County under fire restrictions – no fires allowed at County parks and one County-owned campground
- Meeting with Federal and Land Manager partners: BLM, Forest Service (Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forest), DWP, members from Town and County

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:53 PM

Reconvened: 12:52 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Item 11

A. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. Government Code section 54957. Title: (1) County Administrative Officer; (2) County Counsel.

B. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Budget Workshop - Capital Project Budgets

Note:

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Departments: CAO, Finance

(Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) - Budget workshop for fiscal year 2020-2021. This is the second day of a three day workshop.

Today's workshop covers the Capital Projects budgets.

To view the budget schedules and other budgetary related information, please visit the following link:

[2020-2021 Recommended Budget for Adoption](#)

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- State & Federal Road Improvements
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Jail Facility Construction Project (slide available on meeting webpage as Supporting Document)
- Civic Center Project

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Reviewed Capital Improvement Projects budget

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 8/5 - Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee--update on Ormat CDIV monitoring plan, BLM plan for a new monitoring well near Old Shady Rest campground
- Presentation/Q & A at Mammoth Lakes Lions Club
- Coping with Covid public meeting
- 8/6-7 - Spent time at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center talking to visitors, volunteered as trail host. Thank you to Inyo National Forest, ESIA, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, MLTPA for finding solution to visitor information.
- Presentation by Dr. Beth Cohen to county managers on "building workforce well-being and managing pandemic anxiety"--many thanks to organizers for providing this resource to county employees
- 8/10 - Government for Forest Health/local government working group of the state's Forest Management Task Force, introduced to new interim task force director, Patrick Wright; presentation re: biomass utilization developments, need for more flexible, portable solutions such as Burn Boss and larger biomass solutions.

Supervisor Gardner:

- 8/5: June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, presentations made by SCE about their valve replacement project at Gem Lake and by Suddenlink regarding complaints about service in June Lake
- 8/6: Tioga Inn Project special meeting
- 8/7: Kutzadika Tribal Council – status of continued efforts to obtain federal recognition and need for increased awareness of the Kutzadika Tribe and its history in the Mono Basin. Concerns regarding the Tioga Inn Project.

Note:

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- 8/10: County Budget Workshop, Mono Basin Fire Safe Council

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Tioga Inn meeting on August 6th - progress was made on some items, and there are some items still outstanding. Another meeting will be scheduled shortly.
- August 10, I filled in for LTC Chair, Lynda Salcido and chaired the meeting. The Commission approved a resolution authorizing approximately \$173,000 in CARES Act funding for ESTA, and received an update from CalTrans and Town staff on highway 395 and 203 traffic data and trail count data, respectively. Accordingly, traffic is relatively flat while trail usage is up significantly due to the lack of organized events and activities.

Supervisor Peters:

- 8/5: Fisheries Commission meeting, met with Mono Lake Committee Executive Director, Economic Recovery Branch meeting
- 8/6: Tioga Inn Project special meeting, Antelope Valley RPAC
- 8/7: Met with Jan Cutts from Humboldt-Toiyabe regarding fire restrictions, has received confirmation that BLM in Nevada has instituted fire restrictions
- 8/10: LTC meeting, Budget Workshop, Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce
- Bridgeport RPAC tonight

Supervisor Stump:

- 8-6: Special Meeting Tioga Inn - Item continued
- 8-10: LTC - Action items approved - I was only in the meeting until 10:00 so I will let Supervisor Peters and Supervisor Kreitz give a more complete update
- 8-10: Special Board Budget Meeting
- 8-10: Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council

Moved to Item 10A

ADJOURNED AT 1:36 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Board Minutes - August 13, 2020

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Queenie Barnard

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9/3/2020 4:40 PM	Finance	Yes



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

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Special Meeting
August 13, 2020**

Flash Drive	No Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M20-153 Not Used
Resolutions	R20-80 Not Used
Ordinance	ORD20-08 Not Used

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Finance Director Janet Dutcher

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- "When it comes to directing and controlling what gets done and how in government, nothing is more powerful than the making and the management of the budget. When it comes to communicating what matters, nothing is more compelling than the processes and priorities of the budget. When it comes to focusing the attention and driving the behavior of employees, nothing is more effective than the rules and results of the budget. Nothing."

This quote is written by Peter Hutchinson who provided the foreword section of the book, "City on the Line: How Baltimore Transformed its Budget to beat the Great Recession and Deliver Outcomes: written by Andrew Kleine.

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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jim Ricks

- Thanked County for including the \$100,000 in the budget for fish enhancement

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) -

Budget workshop for fiscal year 2020-2021. This is the last day of a three day workshop.

To view the budget schedules and other budgetary related information, please visit the following link:

[2020-21 Recommended Budget for Adoption](#)

Action: None.

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Reviewed Sheriff Department budget

Tim Kendall, District Attorney:

- Reviewed District Attorney Department budget

Karin Humiston, Chief Probation Officer, Jeff Mills, Probation Fiscal & Administrative Services Officer:

- Reviewed Probation Department budget

Break: 10:23 AM

Reconvened: 10:40 AM

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Increasing TOT revenues by \$144,000. GF discretionary share is \$108,000. Tourism will get additional revenues of \$12,000. EMS will receive additional revenues of \$24,000

Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief, Dave Doonan, White Mountain Fire Chief:

- Reviewed EMS Department budget (presentation available on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents)
- Reviewed Ambulance Program in the Tri Valley

Public Comment:

- Rhonda Duggan

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director, Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Reviewed Economic Development Department budget

Public Comment:

- Gaye Mueller
- Don Morton (full comment available on meeting webpage under Supporting

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Documents)

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Reviewed Public Works Department budget

Public Comment:

- Paul McFarland

Break: 1:00 PM

Reconvened: 1:16 PM

Lynda Salcido, Interim Public Health Director, Stephanie Butters, Public Health Fiscal and Administrative Officer, Kimberly Bunn, Assistant Finance Director, Louis Molina, Environmental Health:

- Reviewed Public Health Department budget

Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Reviewed Clerk-Recorder-Registrar Department budget

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Reviewed IT Department budget

Bob Lawton, CAO, Jay Sloane, Risk Manager, Dave Butters, HR Director:

- Reviewed Administration Department budget

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Reviewed Animal Control Department budget
- Reviewed Agricultural Commissioner budget
- Budget wrap up
- Thanked Megan Mahaffey for all her work on the budget

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Workshop wrap-up

ADJOURNED AT 3:39 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Finance

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT 2020-21 Appropriations Limit

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution establishing the 2020-21 Appropriations Limit.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution #R20-____, establishing the 2020-21 Appropriations Limit and making other necessary determinations for the County and for those special districts governed by the Board of supervisors that are required to establish appropriation limits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Janet Dutcher

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9/4/2020 9:03 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes

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Yes

9/3/2020 3:35 PM

Finance

Yes



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

COUNTY OF MONO

Kim Bunn
Assistant Finance Director
Auditor-Controller

Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Director of Finance

Gerald Frank
Assistant Finance Director
Treasurer-Tax Collector

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

Date: September 8, 2020

Re: 2020-21 Appropriation Limit

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on proposed Resolution setting the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Background:

Proposition 4, approved by voters in November 1979, added Article XIII B to the State Constitution. Article XIII B places a limit on appropriations of revenue identified as proceeds of taxes. The limit is commonly referred to as the Gann Limit. The Gann Limit as originally approved by voters set the 1978-79 expenditure level as the base spending limit. This limit was adjusted annually for population growth and inflation (using the lower of the percentage growth of the U.S. Consumer Price Index or California's per capita personal income).

Under Article XIII B and the statutes implementing that Article (Government Code Sections 7900 et. Seq.), the governing body of every local jurisdiction in California must establish by resolution its annual appropriation limit for the following fiscal year. The appropriation limit is a limit on the amount of tax dollars that may be appropriated by the governing body during the fiscal year. It is calculated by adjusting the appropriations limit from the previous year to take into account "change in the cost of living and the change in population." (Cal. Const. Ar. XIII B, § 1) If tax proceeds collected in the prior fiscal year exceed the limit, then a reduction in tax rates is required to take place.

The County has several available choices from which to choose the factor for setting the appropriations limit. It can choose the factor that is most advantageous to the County. Of the available choices, using the County-wide population change, the Town population change, or the population change derived from contiguous counties, the County has chosen the "Alternate" rate, derived from the State provided rate for cost of living changes combined with the contiguous counties population change, which gives the County the highest possible appropriations limit.

Discussion:

The Appropriations Limit as calculated is \$35,083,988. As County tax proceeds, in conjunction with capital spending, is below this limit by \$7,836,057 this year, no change to the tax rate is required.

Fiscal Impact:

None.



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A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING THE 2020-21 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND MAKING OTHER NECESSARY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THOSE SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATION LIMITS

WHEREAS, Article XIII(B) of the California Constitution and the legislation adopted to implement it (California Government Code §7901 et seq.) provide that the State and each local government that receives proceeds of taxes shall establish and be subject to an annual appropriations limit; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Controller has computed the 2020-21 appropriations limit for the County and for those special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors that are required to establish appropriations limits and, for at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which this resolution is adopted, the documentation used in determining the appropriations limit(s) and other necessary determinations set forth in this resolution has been available for public review in the Auditor-Controller’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: The percentage change in the California per capita personal income computed by the State Department of Finance is hereby selected as the “change in cost of living” for purposes of calculating the appropriation limit(s) established herein for fiscal year 2020-21. The alternative population for contiguous counties is hereby selected as the “change in population” for purposes of calculating the appropriation limit(s) established herein for fiscal year 2020-21.

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1 **SECTION TWO:** The 2020-21 appropriations limit for the County of Mono is hereby
2 established as \$35,083,988, the calculation of which is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto
3 and incorporated by this reference. The 2020-21 appropriations limit(s) for those special districts
4 governed by the Board of Supervisors that are required to establish appropriations limits are
hereby established as also shown on Exhibit "A".

5 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8th day of September, 2020, by the
6 following vote, to wit:

7 **AYES:**

8 **NOES:**

9 **ABSENT:**

10 **ABSTAIN:**

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14 _____
Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

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16 **ATTEST:**

17 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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19 _____
Clerk of the Board

20 _____
County Counsel

Exhibit A

**Statement of Mono County Appropriation (Gann) Limit Calculations
For the Tax Year 2020-21**

	<u>2018-19</u> <u>Limit</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>Change⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Limit</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>Change⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2020-21</u> <u>Limit</u>
Mono County	32,161,787	1.0096	1.0385	33,721,634	1.0030	1.0373	35,083,988
CSA#1	413,356	0.9908	1.0385	425,321	1.0326	1.0373	439,200
CSA#5	61,515	0.9908	1.0385	63,296	0.9908	1.0373	65,361

⁽¹⁾The alternate method for population change was used for Mono County per GC 7901

**Appropriation (Gann) Limit Calculation
Based on Projected Revenues
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**

	Projected FY 20-21
Property Taxes	21,154,544
Sales and Use Tax	551,915
Transient Occupancy Tax	2,591,432
Property Tax Transfer Tax	252,065
Cannabis Tax	21,004
Interest	526,111
Franchise Tax Fees	195,426
Motor Vehicle License Fees	1,806,135
Aid of Agriculture (unclaimed gas tax)	99,548
Homeowner's Property Tax Relief	49,751
	<u>27,247,931</u>

2019-20 Limitation	33,721,634
2020-21 Population Factor	1.0030
2020-21 Per Capita Factor	<u>1.0373</u>
2020-21 Appropriation Limit	35,083,988
2020-21 Proceeds of Taxes	<u>(27,247,931)</u>
Amount Under Limitation	7,836,057



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Finance

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT 2020-21 Property Tax Rates

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution establishing the 2020-21 tax rates on the secured roll.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution #R20-____, establishing the 2020-21 tax rates on the secured roll.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Allows for the collection of voter approved debt.

CONTACT NAME: Kim Bunn

PHONE/EMAIL: / kbunn@mono.ca.gov

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YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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History

Time	Who	Approval
9/4/2020 9:03 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
9/2/2020 11:45 AM	County Counsel	Yes

9/3/2020 3:35 PM

Finance

Yes



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER COUNTY OF MONO

Kim Bunn
Assistant Finance Director
Auditor-Controller

Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Director of Finance

Gerald Frank
Assistant Finance Director
Treasurer-Tax Collector

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kim Bunn, Assistant Finance Director

Date: September 8, 2020

Re: Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Recommended Action:

Adopt proposed resolution approving the tax rates for fiscal year 2020-21

Discussion:

The tax rates are established by law (Proposition 13) and the various bond issues voters have approved for their area throughout the county. These bond issues include the bond series approved by the voters for the Eastern Sierra Unified School District, the Southern Mono Healthcare District, Kern Community College District (Mammoth Campus), and Mammoth Unified School District. The tax rates for the Round Valley School District and Bishop Union High School are prepared by the Auditor-Controller of Inyo County based in part by the values of the affected tax rate areas.

Fiscal Impact:

None. Adoption of the proposed Resolution only allows the adopted rate to be placed on the tax rolls to allow the County to collect not only the statutory 1% tax on property, but also to collect for voter approved debt.



R18-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING THE 2020-21 TAX RATES ON THE
SECURED ROLL**

WHEREAS, Section 29100 of the California Government Code requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt by resolution the rates of taxes on the secured roll; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Controller has duly computed tax rates for the 2020-21 secured roll that will comply with the requirement of state law, including, but not limited to, those imposed by Section 29100 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said tax rates is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that: the tax rates set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto are hereby adopted for the 2020-21 secured roll.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

Exhibit A

COUNTY OF MONO
TAX RATES
2020-21

TAX AREAS 051-000 THRU 051-013/ 051-019 THRU 051-034

	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Eastern Sierra Unified School District (ESUSD) Bonds	0.061572
TOTAL	<u>1.061572</u>

TAX AREAS: 051-014 THRU 051-018

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Eastern Sierra Unified School District (ESUSD) Bonds	0.061572
TOTAL	<u>1.061572</u>

TAX AREAS: 010-000, 010-002, 010-003,010-004, 010-006, 010-008, 010-011, 010-012

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Mammoth Campus, Kern Community College SFID Bonds	0.029178
Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) Bonds	0.062222
Southern Mono Healthcare District Bonds	0.045784
TOTAL	<u>1.137184</u>

TAX AREAS: 010-001,010-005,010-007,010-009,010-010

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Mammoth Campus, Kern Community College SFID Bonds	0.029178
Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) Bonds	0.062222
Southern Mono Healthcare District Bonds	0.045784
TOTAL	<u>1.137184</u>

TAX AREAS: 010-013, 059-000, 059-005, 059-007, 059-012

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) Bonds	0.062222
Southern Mono Healthcare District Bonds	0.045784
TOTAL	<u>1.108007</u>

TAX AREAS: 060-000

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Round Valley Bond (Determined by Inyo County)	0.029147
Bishop HS Bond (Determined by Inyo County)	0.007691
Southern Mono Healthcare District Bonds	0.045784
TOTAL	<u>1.082623</u>

TAX AREAS: 060-001 THRU 060-006

PROP 13 (1% Limit)	1.000000
Round Valley Bond (Determined by Inyo County)	0.029147
Bishop HS Bond (Determined by Inyo County)	0.007691
TOTAL	<u>1.036838</u>

Unitary Tax Rate

Unitary 1% Ad Valorem	1.000000
Unitary Debt Service Rate	0.499346
TOTAL	<u>1.499346</u>



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Public Health

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Regions I and VI Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

California Mutual Aid Region I and VI Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services/Personnel/Equipment/Supplies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time. Fiscal impact is cost neutral if Mono County is providing assistance at the request of another jurisdiction.

CONTACT NAME: Tom Boo or Stacey Simon

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-648-3270 (Stacey) / tboo@mono.ca.gov or ssimon@mono.ca.gov

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9/3/2020 4:37 PM

Finance

Yes

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Jenny Lucas

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Dr. Tom Boo and Stacey Simon

Date: September 8, 2020

Re: Region I and VI Inter-Regional Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services/Personnel/Equipment/Supplies

Recommended Action

Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Strategic Plan Focus Areas Met

Economic Base Infrastructure Public Safety
 Environmental Sustainability Mono Best Place to Work

Discussion

California is divided into six Mutual Aid Regions for purposes of emergency medical and health disaster assistance. Within those six Mutual Aid Regions are 58 “operating areas” which correspond to the State’s 58 counties. The Mono County operating area is part of Region VI (the “Inland Region”) which also includes Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino, Imperial, Riverside and San Diego. Region I (the “Southern Region”) consists of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange County.

Regions I and VI entered into an Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement in 1997, which is out of date and requires updating. Additionally, two cities – Long Beach and Pasadena -- wish to join as signatories, thereby expanding the scope of resources available to participating parties.

The proposed (and prior) agreement allows for the provision of medical and health services, resources, supplies and equipment during declared emergencies and disasters, including the sharing of medical, behavioral health, environmental health and emergency medical services.

The signing parties agree to assist any participating county or city by providing assistance to the extent it is reasonably available and possible without compromising the providing agency’s medical and health disaster responsibilities. Providing agencies are reimbursed for actual and indirect costs.

If you have any questions regarding this item prior to your meeting, please call me at 760-924-1704 or Dr. Tom Boo at 760-924-1830.

**California Mutual Aid Region I and VI
Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement
For Emergency Medical and Health Disaster
Services/Personnel/Equipment/Supplies**

This Agreement is made and entered into effective this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the signatory counties of the California Governors' Office of Emergency Services (OES) Mutual Aid Region I and VI, that have executed this Agreement, including the Counties of Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, the neighboring counties of Kern, and Monterey (hereinafter referred to individually as the "County" and collectively as the "Counties") and the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena (hereinafter referred to individually as the "City" and collectively as the "Cities"), and shall take effect as provided in paragraph 2 below.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, there exists a great potential for a medical and health emergency, disaster, planned event or catastrophic event capable of overwhelming local ability to respond to and recover from; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for this threat, the signatories of this document, singularly and severally, agree to assist any participating Counties and Cities by providing assistance to the extent it is reasonably available and possible without compromising each County's or City's medical and health disaster responsibilities consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS); and

WHEREAS, the OES Region I and VI Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinators (RDMHC), selected in accordance with California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.152 (a), is responsible for regional coordination of medical and health disaster assistance within OES Region I and VI when so requested by an affected County or City of Region I and VI; and

WHEREAS, each Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC), the Local Health Officer, and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrator, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.153, works in collaboration with their respective Operational Area Office of Emergency Services to follow Operational Area protocols and procedures; and

WHEREAS, each County and City is desirous of providing a reasonable and reciprocal exchange of services where feasible and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Counties and Cities for those agencies within their respective jurisdictions capable of providing emergency medical and health disaster services; and

WHEREAS, each County and City has emergency equipment, personnel and supplies which can be made available, in the spirit of cooperation and mutual assistance, under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, each County and City enters into this Agreement ensuring the prudent use and reimbursement or replacement (at the discretion of the Sending County or City) of emergency medical and health disaster services, personnel, equipment and supplies utilized in assisting any County and City participating in this Agreement with emergency management related tasks and activities; and

WHEREAS, each Requesting County and City will plan for an orderly demobilization and recovery process.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordination Program:** Each OES Mutual Aid Region has a Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordination Program. The Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordination Program is made up of the Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordinator (RDMHC) and the Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialist (RDMHS).
2. **Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordinator (RDMHC):** An appointed position in each of the six OES Mutual Aid Regions. The RDMHC coordinates disaster information and medical and health mutual aid and assistance within the OES Mutual Aid Region or in support of another affected OES Mutual Aid Region.
3. **Regional Disaster Medical and Health Specialist (RDMHS):** The staff position to the RDMHC. The RDMHS directly supports regional preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery activities. The RDMHS coordinates information as well as medical and health mutual aid and assistance within the OES Mutual Aid Region or in support of another affected OES Mutual Aid Region during an emergency response.
4. **Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA):** California agencies such as local Environmental Health and Fire departments, with delegated authority from CalEPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to protect communities from hazardous waste and hazardous materials by the implementation of statewide administrative requirements, permits, inspections, and enforcement. CUPA departments may have hazardous material response resources available to assist after a disaster.
5. **OES Mutual Aid Region:** A geographical subdivision of California, made up of multiple Operational Areas, established to assist in the application, administration and coordination of mutual aid and other emergency-related activities. California's 58 Operational Areas are divided into six Mutual Aid Regions
6. **Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC):** Within each Operational Area, the Health and Safety Code authorizes the County Health Officer and local Emergency Medical Services Administrator to jointly act as the MHOAC or appoint another

individual to fulfill the responsibilities. The MHOAC is responsible for medical and health disaster planning and for the provision of medical and health mutual aid within the Operational Area.

7. **California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM):** The EOM provides guidance on the roles, procedures, and coordination between California's many partners in the Public Health and Medical System.
8. **1997 Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement:** An Agreement between the Counties in OES Mutual Aid Region I and Region VI that allows for the provision of medical and health services, resources, supplies and equipment. This Agreement is currently in effect and signed by 11 Counties. The signatory counties include: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.
9. **Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS):** Guidelines intended to assist those responsible for implementing emergency preparedness and response activities by explaining principles and operating concepts. SEMS describes functions at field response, local government, operational area, region, and state levels and the relationship among each.
10. **Providing County or City:** The government entity providing medical and health services, personnel resources, supplies and equipment.
11. **Requesting County or City:** The government entity requesting medical and health services, personnel resources, supplies and equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. This Agreement is made by and between the Counties and Cities with respect to services provided by each County's or City's Public Health, Health Services, Emergency Medical Services Agency, Behavioral/Mental Health, Environmental Health, Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and other departments involved in the provision of medical and health disaster response services.
2. This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by two or more Counties and shall remain in effect until terminated. Utilizing the RDMHC programs, this Agreement should be reviewed every five (5) years.
3. The MHOAC, the Local Health Officer, EMS Administrator or authorized designee from an affected County within OES Region VI may request emergency medical and health disaster services through the OES Region I and VI Disaster Medical Health Coordination System in accordance with the California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM), and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

4. In responding to the request of an affected County or City (hereinafter referred to as “Requesting County” or “Requesting City”) or to OES Region I and VI as a whole, each Providing County and City (hereinafter referred to as “Providing County” or “Providing City”) shall provide emergency medical and health disaster assistance to the extent it is reasonably available and to meet the requested needs.
5. A Requesting County or Requesting City shall be financially responsible for the costs of emergency medical and health disaster personnel and associated costs for lodging, mileage and meals, equipment, and supplies received pursuant to that Requesting County’s or Requesting City’s request for such assistance, plus up to ten percent of that amount to cover indirect costs. Accurate records and documents related to assistance requests hereunder shall be maintained by both the Requesting and Providing County or City.
6. Tracking of resources, personnel, supplies and equipment during any deployments shall be the responsibility of the Requesting County or City.
7. Release or reassignment of assistance personnel, supplies and equipment among the Counties and Cities in OES Region I and VI, shall be coordinated by the Region I and VI RDMHC program, the Requesting and Providing County or City.
8. The Requesting County or City is the controlling authority for use of emergency medical and health disaster services within its jurisdiction. In those instances where the Providing County’s or City’s personnel arrive on scene before the Requesting County’s or City’s personnel, the Providing County’s or City’s personnel will take only such action as determined reasonably necessary to address the emergency situation.
9. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following its initial provision of services and/or supplies pursuant to this Agreement, or on such other time schedule as is agreed upon by the Requesting and Providing Counties or Cities, a Providing County or City shall present its billing and a precise accounting of its actual costs plus indirect costs, for the provision of services and/or supplies to the Requesting County or City. If the provision of services and/or supplies pursuant this Agreement lasts longer than 180 days, the Providing County or City shall present subsequent billings at least once every 90 days. The Requesting County or City shall pay each billing within one hundred eighty (180) days of its receipt.
10. In the event of disagreement or dispute as to the amount of the bill, the requesting and providing departments/agencies will review all documentation and settle on a mutually agreed upon solution.
11. In the event the requesting and providing departments/agencies are unable to resolve the disagreement or dispute within thirty calendar days, or sooner upon joint provision of notice to their respective County or City Executive or Administrative

Officers, the requesting and receiving County or City Executive/Administrative Officers will review all documentation and settle on a mutually agreed upon solution.

12. In the event the County or City Executive/Administrative Officers are unable to resolve the disagreement or dispute within thirty calendar days, either party may pursue any and all remedies available at law or in equity.
13. Any County or City that is a party to this Agreement may terminate its participation in this Agreement upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to all of the other participating Counties and Cities.
14. The Requesting County or City shall indemnify, defend at its own expense, and hold harmless the Providing County or City and its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees from any and all liability claims, loses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property or loses arising from acts or omissions of Requesting County or City or its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees during the course of Providing County or City rendering services pursuant to the Requesting County's or City's request for assistance, and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Providing County or City on account of any claim thereof.

The Providing County or City shall indemnify, defend at its own expense, and hold harmless the Requesting County or City and its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees from any and all liability, claims, loses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for personal injury (including death) or damage to property or losses arising from acts or omissions of Providing County or City or its authorized agents, officers, volunteers and employees in the course of rendering services pursuant to the Requesting County's or City's request for assistance (excluding acts or omissions that are a direct result of a Requesting County's or City's direction), and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Requesting County or City's on account of any claim thereof.

15. Each County or City shall provide Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements with limits of not less than \$1 million (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for all employees engaged in services or operations under this Agreement.
16. Many of the emergency medical and health disaster personnel provided under this agreement are public employees. During disaster situations, under California Government Code Section 3100, public employees are designated as Disaster Service Workers. The Providing County's Workers' Compensation covers any work-related injuries suffered by emergency medical and health disaster personnel

resources when deployed. Emergency medical and health disaster personnel must immediately report any injury suffered while deployed to their assigned deployment supervisor, their MHOAC, and home agency.

17. Each County or City shall procure and maintain, during the entire term of this Agreement the following insurance (as noted) against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. Each County or City may fulfill some or all of these requirements under a plan of self-insurance:

- A. General Liability. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance protection which covers all the work and services to be performed by the Counties under this Agreement, including operations, products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury (including death) and personal and advertising injury. Such policy shall provide limits of not less than \$5,000,000.00 per claim or occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

Automobile/Aircraft/Watercraft Liability Insurance. Comprehensive Automobile/Aircraft/Watercraft Liability Insurance protection for bodily injury (including death) and property damage which provides total limits of not less than \$5,000,000.00 per claim or occurrence applicable to all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles/aircraft/watercraft. If the services provided under this Agreement include the transportation of hazardous materials/wastes, then the Automobile Liability policy shall be endorsed to include Transportation Pollution Liability insurance covering materials/wastes to be transported by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. Alternatively, such coverage may be provided in County's Pollution Liability policy.

18. Except as expressly stated, this Agreement expresses all understandings of the Counties and Cities concerning all matters covered and shall constitute the entire Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of the Counties and Cities, their officers, agents or employees. This Agreement shall supersede the 1997 Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Assistance. No change or revisions shall be valid unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement that is formally approved and executed by all the signatory Counties and Cities.

19. This Agreement does not relieve any of the Counties and Cities from the necessity and obligation of using their own resources for furnishing emergency medical and health disaster services within any part of its jurisdiction.
20. A Providing County's or City's response to a request for assistance will be dependent upon the existing emergency conditions with its jurisdiction and the status of its resources.
21. This Agreement shall not be construed as, or deemed to be an agreement for, the benefit of any person or entity not a party hereto, and any person or entity who is not a party hereto shall not have a right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever.
22. Where written notice is required under this agreement it shall be sent by Certified Mail to each Region I and VI MHOAC. Each party shall provide the RDMHC Program updated contact information when changes occur. The RDMHC Program will distribute a contact list to all parties of this agreement.
23. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the appropriate authority of each County has caused this Agreement to be executed on their behalf by their respective duly authorized officers, on the day, month and year noted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract.

COUNTY OF MONO

By: _____
Stacy Corless, Board Chair

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mono County Counsel

APPROVED BY RISK MANAGEMENT:

Jay Sloane



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT Proposed 2020 Heritage Trout
Designation – Wolf Creek, Mono
County

**PERSONS
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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be proposing new designated Heritage and Wild Trout Waters during the 2020 cycle to the California Fish and Game Commission. One proposed location will be Wolf Creek, Mono County. This Designated Heritage Trout Water would support Lahontan Cutthroat Trout within their historic drainages to provide anglers a unique opportunity to catch native trout in a manner that promotes conservation. Designated Heritage Trout waters are restricted from stocking of hatchery-origin trout and angling regulations are implemented that allow trout populations to sustain themselves through natural reproduction.

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Subject: Proposed 2020 Heritage Trout Designation – Wolf Creek, Mono County

To Whom It May Concern,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is preparing to submit to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) the 2020 Heritage and Wild Trout Designation Package; as required by The Trout and Steelhead Conservation and Management Planning Act of 1979, 1998 (SB 192; SB 384) and Fish and Game Code Section 1725 *et seq.*) Fish and Game Code, Section 7260(c), grants the Commission the authority to designate Heritage Trout Waters which exemplify the uniqueness, beauty, and diversity of California's native trout and the aesthetic habitats in which they are found.

The Inland Deserts Region is excited to recommend Wolf Creek, Mono Co. as a proposed candidate heritage trout water for the 2020 cycle.

The Departments Heritage and Wild Trout Program was established by the Commission in 1971 to protect and enhance quality trout fisheries sustained by natural reproduction. The management of designated Heritage Trout Waters will be guided by management plans that identify actions and policies necessary to protect native trout habitats and maintain or enhance native trout populations.

The Commission recognized the importance of high quality habitat for the maintenance of wild trout populations; stating "All necessary actions, consistent with state law, shall be taken to prevent adverse impact by land or water development projects affecting designated Wild Trout Waters." The CDFW is required by Fish and Game Code and Commission policy to prepare and periodically update a management plan for each Wild Trout Water. Information on the status of these populations will be maintained to allow adequate management and ensure these populations success, while maintaining angling opportunities where possible.

Wolf Creek is a tributary to the West Walker River, originating at Wolf Creek Lake, north of State Route 108 near the Mountain Warfare Training Center (see the map below). The upper six miles of Wolf Creek contains a robust population of Walker-strain Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT). Walker LCT are an on-going conservation success story: the strain was considered extinct for most of the twentieth century, but due to an intensive restoration effort by CDFW, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trout Unlimited, and others, occur in six locations across eastern California and western Nevada. The population in Wolf Creek was established in 1993 and has expanded to become the second largest population of Walker Basin LCT with over 1100 adult LCT.

2020 Heritage Trout Designation
Inland Deserts Region
Wolf Creek

Limited catch and release angling on Wolf Creek has been allowed for seven years, and CDFW has monitored this fishery since it opened. Based on all available data, Wolf Creek supports a unique, fast-action fishery that allows fisherman to catch Walker LCT in their native habitat. As a result, those pursuing CDFW's Heritage Trout Challenge, would have an opportunity to catch a Walker LCT that would satisfy the Challenge criteria.

The regulation will be changed from artificial lures with barbless hooks, no take, open August 1-November 15 to barbless fly-only to no take, year-round as it is currently proposed in the Departments Regulation Change Proposal Packet (see the below table). This change is independent of the designation process.

Body of Water	Current Open Season and Special Regulations	Current Daily Bag and Possession Limit	Proposed Open Season	Proposed Daily Bag, Possession Limit, and Gear Restrictions
(208.5) Wolf Creek and tributaries (tributary to West Walker River) (Mono Co.).	August 1 through November 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used.	0	All year	0 fish bag, artificial flies and barbless hooks

This designation is not anticipated to negatively impact the LCT fishery in Wolf Creek, the surrounding habitat, nor will it adversely impact local economies. In the simplest terms this designation will help promote and protect LCT at Wolf Creek and ensure its intrinsic value is shared for generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts.

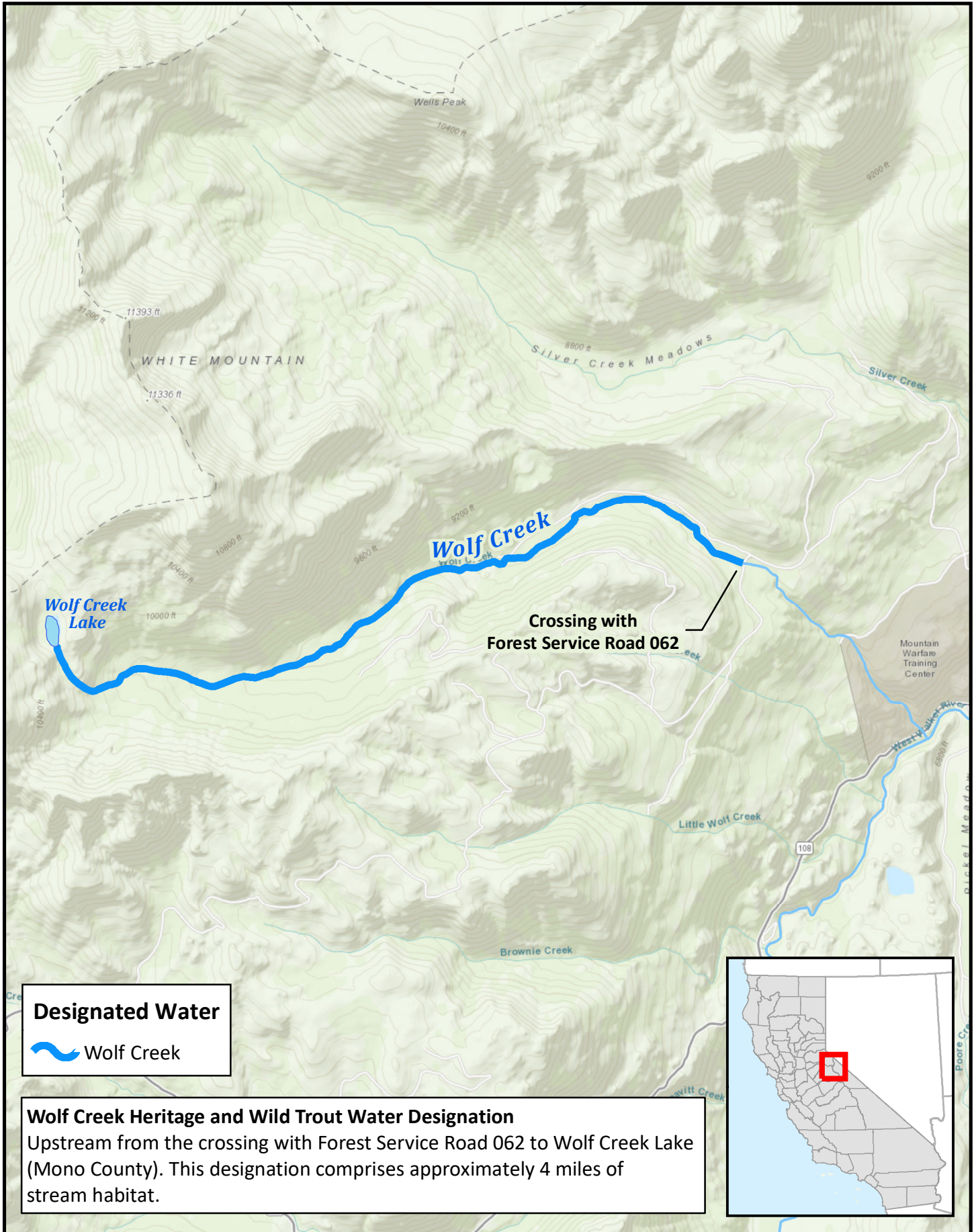
For additional questions, comments or concerns please contact Nick Buckmaster by telephone at (760) 920-8391 or email at nick.buckmaster@wildlife.ca.gov or myself at the below contact information.

Sincerely,



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Wolf Creek Designated Heritage and Wild Trout Water - 2020



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SUBJECT Letter re: DeChambeau Ponds and
 Wilson Creek

**PERSONS
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AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

A letter from Hillary Hansen Jones to the Board regarding DeChambeau Ponds and Wilson Creek and comments made by Bartshe Miller, Eastern Sierra Policy Director of the Mono Lake Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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Dear Members of the Board,

I wanted to send a letter to follow-up on the 9/1/20 meeting discussion of my recent correspondence to the Board regarding the mismanagement of the DeChambeau Ponds and Wilson Creek. Specifically, I want to address comments made by Bartshe Miller, Eastern Sierra Policy Director of the Mono Lake Committee.

Mr. Miller is correct in saying that the artesian hot well is one source of water for the ponds and that the delivery system for the hot water is currently ruptured and is aiding in the degradation of the ponds. However, by his mentioning that the hot water issue was not included in my previous letter, he seemed to be implying that I was attempting to mislead the Board into thinking that the creek flow is the only issue when according to his explanation, the whole problem is the hot water leak.

In reality, based on the knowledge and memory of many long-time locals, as well as available public documents, *both* Wilson Creek water and the hot artesian well are critical sources of water for maintenance of the pond habitat. The current and most urgent matter is the dramatic reduction in flows in Wilson Creek, and this is the reason for the most recent destruction we have seen.

Mr. Miller has raised the important issue of the hot pipe leak, and this allows me to explain the background of this aspect of the problem. Though Mr. Miller rightly raised it as a concern, he did not adequately explain the history or real problems behind this issue. In my opinion, he did more to mislead the Board by implying that the hot water issue is the real reason the ponds are currently drying up, and wildlife habitat is actively being destroyed.

The Board should fully understand the relatively simple two-source system of water for the ponds, the history behind the hot pipe leak, and what seems to have happened this year. The first thing I want to make clear, is that the hot pipe leak has existed for over a decade. Due to this leak, hot water has not been deliverable to several ponds for at least several years, if not longer. I want to make it very clear that despite this inability to provide hot water, up until very recently, the creek water was still able to keep several of the ponds viable as habitat.

The hot pipe leak has prevented hot water from being able to flow into Pond 2 for at least five years, and yet despite this, over the last five years, Pond 2 has been kept full. Even this past winter, and as recently as this past April, Pond 2 had water in it and was spilling and filling Pond 3 as well. In recent winters, people have ice-skated on this pond, and I have even run into various folks from the Mono Lake Committee out on the ponds skating. Did they not know they were skating on Wilson Creek water? And did they not realize it could not have been solely the hot water, since it was, after all, frozen?

Attached are several photos of a gauge that exists in Pond 2 that illustrates these points. These photos show that Pond 2 has been dropping quickly since the beginning of August, and on 8/30, the water had fallen so low that the gauge was no longer in the water at all. The rusty pipe directly to the left of this gauge in these photos is the pipe that is used to deliver hot water to Pond 2. As you can see, no hot water is flowing from it now, and no hot water has flowed out of this pipe into Pond 2 for at least seven years. This should help to explain how both the creek water and the hot water were mixed together. These photos should also illustrate quite clearly that this pond is dropping due to a reduction in creek flow. Wilson Creek began to fall to

alarmingly low levels near the beginning of August (though it has already been extremely low since May of 2019), and this is the reason for the dramatic dropping in levels on this gauge.

Both sources of water are vital for the maintenance of the ponds, but due to the hot water leak that first developed in 2009, Wilson Creek has been the only water source maintaining most of the ponds for years. Beginning in May 2020, as the "Settlement Parties" implemented their new plan that was presented to the Board in January 2020, we started seeing a significant drop off in the remaining ponds that were being fed only by the creek water. What happened was that the level of Wilson Creek was dropped so low (drying out the entirety of lower Wilson Creek past the USFS diversion point, killing all the fish along that stretch) that very little water remained for the Forest Service to make use of at the ponds and the DeChambeau Ranch.

Why the Forest Service has not been more concerned about this sudden lack of water for use at their long-established waterfowl project as well as at the ranch, is something many local observers do not understand. The DeChambeau Ponds are a Public Trust resource, and the DeChambeau Ranch is a cherished part of Mono Basin history. The Forest Service, as a public agency, is obligated to maintain these resources, and for the last two decades, they have accomplished this. Even this year, District Ranger Martin has claimed that maintenance of the ponds and irrigation of the ranch is still their goal, and yet they have stood by and allowed the water that they need to accomplish this goal to be redirected. The Forest Service is a low priority water right holder and can therefore not always demand the water be delivered to their diversion. Still, as I stated previously, the water rights should not be used as an excuse to destroy Public Trust Resources such as the DeChambeau Ponds, or the fish and other habitat in Wilson Creek.

Those of us who have lived here our whole lives (unlike any of the current staff at the MLC) have not forgotten that the water rights were the reason that LADWP was allowed to de-water the Mono Basin and nearly kill Mono Lake. It is astonishing to me that the same group that was instrumental in arguing and prevailing in the name of the Public Trust over established water rights in order to save Mono Lake, is now insisting on the exact opposite. What is also astonishing is that the Public Trust Resources associated with Wilson Creek (in their words, the Wilson system or ditch) are given no equal protection or concern, even if it means the total destruction of habitat.

Again, myself and many of the other local residents of the Mono Basin who are concerned about this issue (there are many of us) simply desire a solution to be worked out in which enough water is kept in Wilson Creek to maintain these Public Trust resources, while at the same time continuing to support Mill Creek. We believe this is very possible if these agencies were willing to discuss it sincerely. So far, none of them have been ready to have an honest or open discussion regarding this issue.

I also want to stress that it has been well-established that the hot water alone, is not only not enough water to sustain the ponds by itself, but that it has long been identified as a problem to have only the hot water in the ponds. This is because of high traces of Boron and other chemicals that exist in the hot water, which may cause the water to turn toxic for the birds and aquatic life over time if the hot water is not continuously flushed with fresh water.

Mr. Miller and the MLC appear to be preparing to claim that if the hot water pipe is repaired, then the entire problem at the ponds will be solved. Therefore Wilson Creek can continue to be denied water and kept precipitously low or even completely dry. For the reasons stated above, unless this repair is accompanied by a guarantee of a flow of creek water to flush the hot water and keep all the ponds filled, this will actually spell further disaster for the ponds because the water will become toxic, and there still will not be enough water to fill all the ponds.

I have been aware of the MLC's plan to repair the hot pipe because I was recently approached and asked to be a partner in support of the project. Though I do support the repair and hope it goes through, I would not put my name on the proposal due to concerns stated above. If this project is used to justify the depriving of the DeChambeau area of Wilson Creek water, then I do not support that.

A few final notes on the hot pipe leak issue that the Board should take note of:

This issue is not new; the leak has existed for at least ten years. It is my understanding that for at least five years if not longer, the Forest Service has been approached by concerned citizens offering free labor and equipment to try to fix the pipe. For many years the Forest Service ignored this leak and allowed it to get worse and gradually degrade the ponds habitat, which

led to Wilson Creek becoming the sole source of water for most of the ponds. The MLC was also aware of this leak and the damage it was causing during the past decade, but until very recently, no effort was made on their part to do anything about it. Curiously, suddenly this summer, after the reckless actions of the "Settlement Parties" led to the disaster we now see at the ponds, for the reasons I described, now the Forest Service and the MLC have decided fixing the hot leak is a priority. The project is important, and I hope it is accomplished, but it is not lost on local observers who have long complained about this issue that only now is there any movement on implementing the repair.

Additionally, so as not to leave anything out and be accused therefore of leaving anything out, I want to provide this information of the current state at the ponds:

Due to the hot leak which developed about ten years ago, Pond 1 has long since been dry, since without the hot water there was not enough water to sustain it. Pond 2 and 3 have been fed only by creek water in recent years due to the hot leak and are now either dry or are drying out due to almost no water being left in Wilson Creek. Pond 4 is fed only by the hot water, since the leak runs directly into that pond. The "County Ponds" (part of the DeChambeau system and on USFS land), have been dry all summer, despite the fact that they are supposed to be fed by flow from Pond 4. The flooded road, that I sent the Board pictures of in my last correspondence, was connected to this flow, and was a total waste of this precious water.

Finally, one further important factor about the hot water, and why the system is supposed to provide hot water to each pond, is that the hot water prevents the ponds from freezing, thus providing a great benefit to winter migrating birds.

I hope this information is helpful for understanding the reality of this situation of these suffering resources in the north Mono Basin. I realize how few people understand all the nuances of the situation, which makes it much harder to solve the problem, and it especially does not help when some of the agencies involved may be deliberately spinning the facts or withholding information to suit their agenda.

There are many long-time residents of the area, likely including Supervisor Stump, who remember the DeChambeau Ponds and Wilson Creek in many of its stages and are familiar with the way the system works. I remain committed to working with anyone willing to find a proper solution to this issue where all the resources in question are protected.

Below are several quotes from documents backing up what I have presented. Attached is the "DeChambeau Ranch and Ponds Desired Condition Analysis" which Ranger Martin referenced in his July letter, and is what I believe to be a current management plan for the Forest Service, along with the Mono Basin Scenic Area Management Plan:

"There is a concern that the artesian well by itself may produce unacceptable water chemistry problems due to high concentrations of salts and boron. The ponds are currently flushed with freshwater from DeChambeau Ditch on its way to County Ponds." - Desired Condition Analysis

"At Present the thermal artesian well water and Wilson Creek water have been selected as the primary water sources to accomplish irrigation objectives at DeChambeau." - Desired Condition Analysis

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"Provide fishery habitat in all streams including Rush, Lee Vining, Mill, and **Wilson Creeks**" (emphasis added). - Mono Basin Scenic Area Management Plan, p. 50, Section 16.

"Protect streams, streambanks, shorelines, lakes, wetlands, and the plants and animals dependent on these areas." Scenic Area Management Plan, p. 52, Section 16.

Link to Scenic Area Plan: <http://www.monobasinresearch.org/images/legal/scenicareacmp.pdf>

I would again encourage the Board, County staff, and any concerned parties to come and see the situation on the ground, learn the way in which water is transported in Mill and Wilson Creeks, and see the environmental devastation occurring with your own eyes.

Respectfully,
Hillary Hansen Jones
Mono Lake

Pond 2-8/8/2020





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DeChambeau Ranch and Wetlands Desired Condition Analysis

A. Introduction: The DeChambeau Ranch, Meadow, Ponds, and County Ponds are located near the shore of Mono Lake in T2N, R26E, Sections 10 and 11 (Figure 1). The ranch began operations in the late 1800's to supply the gold and silver mining communities with meat, dairy products, and produce from over 200 acres of grain, alfalfa and pasture. DeChambeau Ponds were created sometime after 1917 utilizing hot water from a thermal artesian well tapped in an oil drilling exploration venture at the east end of the ranch. The Ranch remained in operation until 1945. The Ranch property was managed as a private hunting club beginning around 1952-53. It remained in private ownership until 1989.

In 1989 the Forest Service acquired the Ranch and since then has managed it according to direction in the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area (MBNFSA) (USFS 1989). Since 1993, management efforts have been directed toward the maintenance of the Ranch buildings for their historic preservation value, and the enhancement of the DeChambeau Ponds complex as analyzed under the 1993 Dechambeau Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment (EA) (USFS 1993). This EA was the initial attempt to address restoration of the important resources at DeChambeau. Management of the Ranch and wildlife habitats needs a longer term management strategy that defines a desired condition to work towards with clearly stated objectives.

The goal of this document is to examine existing management direction, along with public and agency input, analyze the existing situation of the resources at DeChambeau, apply existing management direction, and define a desired condition for the resources. This latter aspect involves the identification of possible management opportunities to move toward the desired condition. These opportunities can then be carried forward for implementation through the environmental analysis process.

B. Analysis Area

The specific area analyzed in this document includes the DeChambeau Ranch, the Meadow to the east, DeChambeau Ponds, County Ponds, and the surrounding uplands south to the base of Black Point; East to the Lake fringing wetlands; north to the County Road, and west to where DeChambeau Ditch meets Wilson Creek, including the ditch (Figure 1)

C. Purpose and Need

The last guiding document to analyze the issues surrounding management at DeChambeau was the 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement Project EA. Today, unresolved management issues remain at Dechambeau relating to the maintenance of the Ranch, the irrigation of the Ranch, Meadow and willow areas, water management at the DeChambeau Ponds and County Ponds, and public access, recreation, and interpretive opportunities. A desired condition for these areas needs to be developed using management direction in the CMP, The Mono Basin Waterfowl Habitat Restoration Plan, and public scoping to set management objectives, and identify opportunities to carry forward as short and long-term management actions.

D. Public Involvement

The Mono Basin EIS (USFS1989) contains a summation of public and agency comments and issues developed for the Mono Basin. A number of the comments and issues raised are appropriate for the development of DeChambeau desired condition. In addition the 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement EA had a public scoping process with comments relevant to the present need for a desired condition statement. The Forest Service held an information sharing meeting in Lee Vining for DeChambeau on March 3rd of this year.

E. Management Direction: General and site specific management direction for DeChambeau Ranch, Meadow, Ponds and County Ponds is found in the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) for the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area (MBNFSA) (USFS 1989). The direction is lengthy and is listed in APPENDIX A. Appendix A also states the decisions adopted in the 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement Project EA. Implementation of the decisions have been an on-going process over the last 6 years.

F. Existing Condition, Desired Condition, and Potential Projects: *(A portion of the existing condition discussion is inserted and updated from the 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement EA)*

This section deals with the major resources of the analysis area and subdivides the discussion into three components. Each resource existing condition is discussed first, followed by a desired condition statement outlining goals and objectives developed from review of management direction and public involvement. The last section is the identification of potential projects for each resource to potentially carry forward to the NEPA process or continue under existing NEPA direction. A summary of all potential projects discussed below is found in Appendix D.

WATER MANAGEMENT:

Before 1914, Wilson Creek flowed east from the County Road in the channel we now refer to as the Lower DeChambeau Ditch, not south toward the Black Point quarry as it does today. This stream flowed in close proximity to the DeChambeau Ranch, was diverted adjacent to the Ranch, and discharged into Mono Lake through a cut in the cinder bluff near the County Ponds. Wilson Creek was ephemeral in nature particularly in drought years since there was no contributing water from Mill Creek. When the Lundy Power Plant came on line in 1915, Wilson Creek flows increased dramatically due to the diversion of Mill Creek water being discharged through the power plant and into Wilson Creek. This increased flow caused damage to a portion of the Ranch. A lawsuit filed by Mr. DeChambeau against the power company resulted in the diversion of Wilson Creek water below the County Road into its existing canyon route feeding into Black Point Springs area in order to protect the Ranch from erosive flow events. Provision was made for diversion of the DeChambeau water right, through the historic Wilson Creek channel, from the County Road crossing. This decision set the stage for 2 channels to share the water flow below County Road, the historic Wilson channel, and a man-induced channel. When water is scarce in early spring and late summer as discussed below a decision is made each year as to how to split the water. The desired condition for the Northwestern Corner of Mono Lake, DeChambeau Ranch, Meadows, Ponds and County Ponds, their water requirements, and the systems to deliver that water will have a major influence on the water split between the 2 channels.

Existing Condition:

The upper DeChambeau Ditch (referred to as DeChambeau Ditch in other documents) from Conway Ranch (R26E, T2N, SE corner of Sec. 6), and lower DeChambeau ditch (referred to in other documents as Wilson Creek Ditch), from the County Road crossing (R26E, T2N, SW corner of Sec. 9) are the 2 systems that have been utilized historically to carry water from Wilson Creek to DeChambeau Ranch. Water diversion at County Road ceased in 1993 after the Forest Service acquired the Ranch. It began again in 1997 and has been improved to include a large gate valve and pipeline at the County Road diversion to the lower DeChambeau Ditch, along with placement of new headgates and retrenching the irrigation ditches around the Ranch. The upper DeChambeau Ditch has not been used in recent years due to its poor condition.

The Forest Service holds a right to divert 12.6 c.f.s. of Mill Creek water for use at DeChambeau Ranch. This water right allows diversion of water from Wilson Creek when the discharge at the Lundy Powerhouse exceeds 43 c.f.s.. Table I (APPENDIX B) lists the number of days per year in which enough water was discharged from the Lundy Powerhouse to fulfill all or part of the Forest Service's water right on DeChambeau Ranch. The 1993 DeChambeau EA noted there was sufficient discharge at the Lundy Powerhouse in 20 of 23 years to supply water, for some portion of the summer, to DeChambeau Ranch via the historic Wilson Creek channel (Lower DeChambeau Ditch). Flows during two other years were so minimal as to be essentially non-contributing to the

Ranch. Lower Wilson Creek flows are augmented by DWP unused water as well as irrigation return flows from the Conway Ranch water right from Mill Creek and Virginia Creek.

Southern California Edison plans flow regimes through the Lundy Powerhouse based on available water from the Mill Creek drainage basin and Lundy Lake. Data from SCE for the period from 1968 to 1991 indicate that discharge rates through the Powerhouse may have been insufficient to allow for irrigation of the Ranch and maintenance of the County Ponds in the normal years before late April and after September. In extremely dry years there probably was insufficient water available in all months but June as depicted on the graphs in APPENDIX C prepared from instream flow investigational data collected by California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG 1998). This assessment assumes use of the lower DeChambeau Ditch and the ditch/headgate irrigation system to provide water to the Ranch, Meadow and Ponds. According to Lundy Powerhouse tailrace discharge data, there were 19 dry and normal years, and 5 wet years during the period from 1976 to 1990. This information and the experience of the 1999 irrigation season during a "normal" runoff year indicates water availability to accomplish irrigation objectives at Dechambeau Ranch via the Lower DeChambeau ditch to be unreliable and problematic during the spring, and late summer-fall periods of normal years, and unlikely during drought years..

In 1998, a maximum of approximately 11 c.f.s. was diverted through the lower DeChambeau Ditch for irrigation of the Ranch and Meadow, to flush the DeChambeau Ponds with fresh water, and to fill the County Ponds. The 1999 irrigation season ran similarly, however water availability to accomplish Dechambeau objectives was a problem both in the Spring and also by late summer. It was considered a "normal" year from the SCE discharge rate standpoint. Sufficient flow at County Road was not available for diversion to fill County Ponds and flood the meadow east of the Ranch until May 4th. It has taken from 2 days to 2 weeks in the last few years for water to reach the DeChambeau Ranch through the lower DeChambeau Ditch from the diversion at the County Road crossing (approximately 1 1/2 miles). The amount of time depends on the flow available from Wilson Creek and the start up time needed to gradually wet the channel based on the moisture condition of the streambed. Once the water reaches th Ranch area about one c.f.s. was found to be sufficient to irrigate the immediate ranch fields and trees. Approximately a third of a c.f.s. is needed to fill East and West County Ponds. Up to 2 c.f.s. was diverted into the Meadow west of Dechambeau Ponds to create a wetland. Approximately 7.5 acres of the meadow contained standing water from early June through September 10. About 0.2 cfs of the water in DeChambeau Meadow Pipeline was diverted at the low end of the meadow into a borrow pit west of Pond 3 to create an additional 1/4 acre wetland.

By September 10 there was no longer sufficient water to flood the Meadow. Irrigation was sufficient to maintain it as a moist meadow but not a wetland. On September 22, SCE reduced the flow substantially out of the Power Plant and by September 25th water could no longer reach the DeChambeau Pipeline for delivery to Dechambeau Ponds or West County Pond. After this, West County Pond level began to drop until it stabilized at about 75% of its previous area. The water level was being maintained exclusively from the artesian well outflow from Dechambeau Pond 4 (USFS 1999b). This well does not have sufficient outflow however to also fill East County Pond.

The main hurdle in efficient delivery of water at the right time of year to the Ranch, Meadow, and County Ponds is the use of the Lower DeChambeau Ditch and the Ranch ditch system to deliver water to key habitats. About 3 cfs appears sufficient to accomplish the objectives stated in this document. The problem encountered in 1999 during the low water availability periods in the spring and late summer was sufficient water was available at the diversion at County Road but infiltration losses down the Lower DeChambeau Ditch prevented water from reaching the key riparian/wetland areas such as the meadow and County Ponds.

Irrigation ditches and headgates on the Ranch require a high degree of maintenance, are prone to erosion and blowout, and have substantial start-up wetting time.

Groundwater Driller's logs suggest that the Mono Basin and the DeChambeau Ranch are underlain by a series of confined aquifers composed of alluvial sands and gravels, separated by confining layers of fine-grained lacustrine silts and ashes. Groundwater has been and continues to be an important source of water on the DeChambeau Ranch. Historically, residents of the ranch obtained stock and drinking water from shallow wells.

The only groundwater resource utilized today is a thermal artesian well developed in 1911 as an oil exploration test. A driller's log supplied by Judge A. A. DeChambeau shows that the well drilled through 287 m (940 ft.) of sand, shale and gravel. From the log notations there are at least eight separate confined aquifers in the well. According to Judge DeChambeau, cool water was probably first encountered at 34.1 m (112 ft.), and the well began to flow at a change from "shale" to "sand" at 60.7 m (199 ft.). "Very warm water" was found at 79.2 m (260 ft.), and as each successive aquifer was penetrated the water got progressively hotter. At 201 m (660 ft.) the water temperature was 57.8 degrees Celsius (136 Fahrenheit), and although no bottom water temperature was recorded. The temperature of the water today is 65.5 degrees Celsius (150 Fahrenheit) where it flows out of the discharge pipe, approximately 500 meters from the well head.

Prior to the recent improvements the artesian well and pond system were in a state of decline. The water flowed at a rate of approximately 100 gallons per minute and maintaining only 1 to 3 acres of ponds. Improvements at the well head and replacement of the hot water pipeline has improved the flow of hot water to approximately 150 gallons per minute. Placement of bentonite in pond #2, reconstruction and addition of bentonite to pond #3, creation of a new pond #4 (sealed with bentonite) and reconstruction of the levees has allowed maintenance of between 8.5 and 10 acres of ponds at DeChambeau on a year-round basis with the available hot water.

A well was drilled in 1997 in DeChambeau meadow in collaboration with Ducks Unlimited to tap groundwater at 135 feet to provide water for the DeChambeau Ponds restoration project. Since its construction it serves as a potential back-up source to provide fresh water to the DeChambeau Ponds and the County Ponds should a drought year prevent transport of fresh water from DeChambeau Ditch. Originally it was designed to be the primary water source to fill the ponds, however because of its high operational costs, it has not been used. The associated underground pipeline carries water from the pumphouse in the meadow to the ponds and has been modified to carry DeChambeau Ditch water to pond #2. A lateral pipeline near the upper edge of the meadow runs off the main pipeline terminating in an alfalfa valve adjacent to the willow habitat. There is one alfalfa valve on the main pipeline to permit irrigation of the lower meadow and one alfalfa valve in the depression to the west of pond #1 to carry water to pond #1.

At present the thermal artesian well water and Wilson Creek water have been selected as the primary water sources to accomplish irrigation objectives at DeChambeau.

For a thorough discussion of water management at DeChambeau in 1998 see the 2/16/99 Forest Service report entitled Irrigation of the DeChambeau Ranch and DeChambeau Ponds, and County Ponds; Spring, Summer and Fall of 1998 (USFS 1999a); and this years irrigation summary entitled DeChambeau Ranch, DeChambeau Ponds and County Ponds 1999 (Chronology) (USFS 1999b).

Desired Condition: Sufficient water is available at DeChambeau Ranch, Meadow, Ponds and County Ponds from Spring-thaw (late February-March) through freeze-up (December) to meet the multiple objectives identified in this document. Water delivery should be timely, efficient, low maintenance, economical, and dependable, but with the recognition that water may be limited and possibly unavailable in drought years. The last 2 years of monitoring indicate approximately 3 and possibly up to 4 c.f.s. must reach the Ranch to accomplish all objectives identified below.

Potential Projects:

- 1. Construct a pipeline to deliver water to DeChambeau from the Wilson Creek Diversion at County Road to meet the resource objectives of the Ranch, Meadow, and Ponds as defined below.**
- 2. Investigate siphoning to boost the water supply from existing wells to assist in maintaining County Ponds during the spring and fall water shortfall periods, and as backup during low precipitation years.**
- 3. Construct a pipeline from below dry Pond 5 to improve the delivery of water to the County Ponds .**

4. **Utilize the Ducks Unlimited Pipeline to Pond 2 to transport irrigation water.**
5. **Construct a pipeline from the Ranch to the Meadow Pumphouse.**
6. **Improve ditch and headgate system to prevent erosion and downcutting.**

DECHAMBEAU RANCH:

Existing Condition: The 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement Project EA (APPENDIX A) authorized work to stabilize the Ranch buildings for public safety. This work has been completed to the extent that funds were available. The surrounding grass field has been re-irrigated with water via the lower DeChambeau Ditch since 1998 to maintain some of the historic character of the Ranch. In the 1998 and 1999 seasons the field south of the buildings was a flooded field with a few inches of standing water. The existing decadent row of black cottonwoods (*Populus trichocarpa*) and Lombardy poplars surrounding the Ranch also were irrigated. Tree vigor has improved with the start-up of irrigation again. Young seedling and sapling poplars are adventiously sprouting off the old tree roots and creating new groves of trees around the Ranch buildings and poplar rows. A fuel accumulation has built up over the years from dried grass, tree limbs and shrub invasion. Some work had been done to pile and burn brush. The irrigation ditch on the north side of the Ranch is downcutting and work was accomplished this year to stabilize it, and raise its level. Strands of old barbed wire lie in tangles on the ground, and a few pieces of rusted culvert lie along the entrance road edge.

A fire occurred on the Ranch in December of 1999. The blacksmith building and chicken coop were burned down and several large trees were killed.

Green rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus vicidiflorus*) has re-colonized the perimeter of the grass fields immediately adjacent to the ranch. It also is a co-dominant with sagebrush on acreage that once was irrigated farmland.

Desired Condition: Existing ranch buildings are stabilized for public safety and further deterioration. The blacksmith building may be rebuilt if funds are available. Fuel loadings in and surrounding the Ranch do not pose a wildfire hazard. Safety hazards such as barbed wire tangles are removed. The grass around the Ranch buildings and the fields to the south are maintained but not expanded. Fields should be maintained in a green state, and can be flooded provided flooding does not detract from being able to flood irrigate the East Meadow, willow stands, or fill Dechambeau and County Ponds. A new stand of cottonwood trees are gradually developed to augment the existing older stand with the linear row appearance maintained. Trees establishing outside the rows can be removed or cultured on a case by case basis. Current stands of rabbitbrush around the Ranch are allowed to develop naturally except those areas within the fenced Ranch area where rabbitbrush is removed for fuels hazard reduction to protect the Ranch buildings. Old decadent trees are retained to serve as wildlife habitat but may be pruned for public safety concerns. Fallen large logs are either left on site or moved to the adjacent shrublands for wildlife habitat. Noxious weeds are controlled or eliminated.

Potential Projects:

1. **Complete DeChambeau Ranch building restoration. Seek funding to rebuild the blacksmith building.**
2. **Culture young cottonwood trees between existing old trees.**
3. **Prescribe burn or hand remove areas of brush that pose fuel hazards to the Ranch buildings or to maintain the historic character of the Ranch.**
4. **Irrigate existing fields, and trees to maintain their character.**
5. **Manually control noxious weeds such as Russian Thistle.**

6. Remove barbed wire and culvert pipe to improve visual quality and safety.

MEADOW AND WILLOW HABITAT:

Existing Condition: The DeChambeau area contains approximately 23 acres of wet and moist meadow habitats to the east of the Ranch and a 36 acre stand of very decadent Coyote willow (*Salix exigua*) along the south perimeter of the Meadow. The moist/wet meadow area has a dense thatch of previous years growth as well as scattered young rabbitbrush that invaded during the 3 years the Meadow went unirrigated from 1994 to 1996.

In 1999 up to 2 c.f.s. was diverted at the west end of the Meadow in 4 small side irrigation cuts in the main ditch controlled by a headgate between the pumphouse and the side cuts. Water flowed in a sheet eastward through the meadow ultimately arriving at Pond 1. Approximately 5 acres of moist meadow, and 7.5 acres of flooded wetland were created with 1 to 6 inches of standing water. The Meadow is characterized as a sedge/rush /ryegrass/squirreltail dominated site interspersed with small pools of open water in a central topographic depression, along with several flooded irrigation cross-ditches. The creation of the wetland is consistent with the Mono Basin Waterfowl Habitat Restoration Plan that identified the Meadow to "Rewater a 10 acre riparian zone adjacent to Dechambeau Ponds...to improve the vigor of riparian vegetation and relood small, depressional wetlands". The project was suggested to be accomplished by use of the well drilled in the Meadow however the Forest Service was able to capitalize on its existing water right to accomplish the flooding. Flooding began in early May when water was sufficiently available to accomplish the objective and continued until September 10 when the low flows in Wilson Creek could no longer supply the Meadow.

About 1 c.f.s. was allowed to spill over the headgate and flow to DeChambeau Ponds via the pipeline until late September when it was no longer available. Wet meadow herbaceous species increased dramatically in density and production. Rabbitbrush that had begun to colonize the Meadow perimeter began to die back as the season progressed. Willow lining the south perimeter also showed increased vigor and seedling establishment.

The 36 acre willow stand was not directly irrigated. The idea was to determine if its vigor increased from groundwater filtering into it from the Ranch irrigation and Meadow flooding. It is hoped that subsurface irrigation from Ranch and Meadow watering has the potential to maintain this stand. Surface irrigation is difficult in this stand because of the porous soil and the large volume of water needed to adequately spread across the stand.

A healthy willow stand also lines the lower DeChambeau Ditch from County Road to Dechambeau Ranch. Water was diverted through the channel from Late April until mid October when flows were directed back to the Wilson channel to contribute freshwater to the Mill-Wilson hypopycnal zone on Mono Lake.

Desired Condition: The wetland area identified in Figure 2 is flood irrigated annually from Spring thaw through the Fall freeze, and maintained as riparian wetland habitat for waterfowl and other riparian dependent, and associated wildlife species. Open water depressional areas should be retained and kept free of thatch accumulations. These open water pockets can be expanded laterally as shallow pools (less than 10 inch depth) to enhance habitat diversity and edge effect. Wetland plant species such as spikerushes, sedges, and rushes should dominate flooded sites. If spring thaw through fall freeze flooding is not possible due to water availability problems, the meadow should be prioritized for flooding for at least 6 weeks in early spring of each year to maintain its productivity and mimic Great Basin spring flooded meadow systems. It is preferable however to maintain it as a wetland for the entire growing season.

The adjacent willow stand to the south in Figure 2 should be maintained in its mature shrub state for wildlife nesting, escape and foraging habitats, with dead limbs retained for bird habitat foraging and perching strata. Water may need to be diverted to irrigate this zone, however a few more years are needed to determine if subsurface irrigation from the Ranch and Meadow can successfully restore the willow zone. The more upland grass meadow to the west of Pond 2 can remain unirrigated as a dry to mesic site.

The willow habitat identified as willow prescribed burn area in Figure 2, from the pumphouse south-westward to the Ranch Road should be rejuvenated and allowed to revert to whatever native plant community is adapted to the site. The site could be capable of supporting willow influenced by subsurface water availability, or develop a drier upland shrub community. Prescribed burning of this willow area could remove the existing decadent plants, improve wildlife browse and herbaceous forage, reduce the fuel accumulation, and restore the native plant community adapted to the site without irrigation input.

Potential Projects:

- 1. Utilize prescribed fire in the Meadow and decadent willow stands to improve habitat for wildlife.**
- 2. Flood irrigate Wetland in Figure 2 to create wetland and willow riparian habitat.**
- 3. Determine success of willow stand rejuvenation without direct irrigation. Develop irrigation ditch system or alfalfa valve network if stand is not showing significant vigor increase by 2002.**
- 4. Seed open water habitat perimeter in Meadow with spikerush and bullrush.**
- 5. Expand laterally open water depressional pools by hand shoveling or shallow scrapes with bobcat type machinery.**

DECHAMBEAU PONDS AND COUNTY PONDS:

Existing Condition: Four ponds encompassing 8.5 to 10 acres have been in full operation year-round at DeChambeau since 1997 (Figure 2). The ponds are currently maintained with water from the thermal artesian well with sufficient overflow to fill most of West County Pond. Ponds 2, 3 and 4 have been sealed with bentonite to minimize water loss. Ponds 1, 2 and 3, are developing significant edges of emergent vegetation dominated by sedges (*Carex spp.*), spikerushes (*Elocharis spp.*), and bullrush (*Scirpus sp.*). Pond 3 develops almost a total mat of an aquatic plant (Unidentified species). The pond dikes have vegetated to varying degrees with willow and an annual exotic forb (*Bassica sp.*). Each pond's water supply can be manipulated independently of the others. There is a concern that the artesian well by itself may produce unacceptable water chemistry problems due to high concentrations of salts and boron. The ponds are currently flushed with freshwater from DeChambeau Ditch on its way to the County Ponds. Salinity and alkalinity are recorded, at least annually, to monitor the health of the pond environment. Pond 5 has not been flooded in recent years because it fails to hold water and has not been bentonited. It currently has a young willow stand growing in it.

The public parking area is within 200 feet of Ponds 2 and 3. Visitors generally walk the dike between Ponds 2 and 3 and the pond perimeters to birdwatch, duck hunt, or take a casual walk.

A 1/4 acre Barrow Pit west of Pond 3 left over from DeChambeau Ponds construction was flooded this season in mid June with irrigation water from the DU Pipeline to create a shallow pond. Over the years the pit has revegetated to weeds, rabbitbrush and ryegrass in the absence of irrigation. A short 15 foot irrigation ditch was dug in 1999 to divert water into the Pit from an existing irrigation ditch. With approximately 2/10 of a cfs the Pit readily filled and held water with variable depths to 18 inches. Water flowed out at the southeast end through a slough-like channel into Pond 4. Irrigation water was insufficient to maintain the Pit Pond beyond August 27 of this year as a result of lowered flows down Wilson Creek, the need to flush Dechambeau Ponds, and maintain West County Pond to full capacity. Figure 2 shows the Barrow Pit Pond area flooded west of Pond 3 in the 1993 aerial photo. The pond is directly against the willow habitat and may provide potential suitable willow flycatcher nesting habitat. Willow flycatcher have been observed in the meadow during migration. Historically, Irrigation through the willow stand and Meadow to the west may have backed-up against an old dike west of Ponds 3 and 4 to create a flooded willow zone evident as black shading on the 1993 photo.

The County Ponds consist of West Pond at 3.3 acres, and East Pond at 2.2 acres (Figure 1). Water is delivered from DeChambeau Ponds, via ditch, to the County Ponds. In December of this year a pipeline was installed to

carry water from Pond 5 to West County Pond. The ditch is now dry. West County Pond has been maintained with approximately .25 c.f.s. of water overflow from DeChambeau Ponds and irrigation water from Wilson Creek. By the last week of September of 1999, its surface area began to recede to approximately 75% of its highest capacity when irrigation water from Wilson Creek was no longer available. From October through December, West County Pond was maintained exclusively with .15 c.f.s from artesian wellwater and held its surface area at about 75% of previous peak level of 3.3 acres. After the installation of the pipeline from Pond 5 to West County Pond the pond refilled to its 3.3 acre capacity. East County Pond has been unable to hold water as a result of excessive infiltration and highly permeable soils. Water appears to infiltrate out to the brackish wetlands to the east providing an apparent boost to the surface water flooding of this habitat.

Desired Condition: DeChambeau Ponds including Pond 5 and the Barrow Pond are managed to provide a mosaic of open water, emergent and aquatic vegetation, shallows and mudflat to provide for year-round and seasonal wetland habitat for a diverse population of bird species. East and West County Ponds provide early Spring through late Fall wetland habitat. Recreational use of the ponds such as hunting and birdwatching is allowed but does not adversely effect the primary objective to provide high quality waterfowl habitat. Adaptive management is utilized to determine Pond water levels and vegetated zones on a seasonal basis.

Potential Projects:

- 1. Continue to experiment with water levels in DeChambeau Ponds and County Ponds to obtain maximum benefits to waterfowl while providing suitable habitats for other wetland species.***
- 2. Periodically drain DeChambeau Ponds and prescribe burn to maintain a ratio of greater than 50% open water to emergent vegetation.***
- 3. Bentonite East County Pond.***
- 4. Bentonite Pond 5 to create an additional wetland pond.***
- 5. Continue to flood the Barrow Pit to maintain a 1/4 acre wetland for at least the spring period and season long when water is available. Bentonite the Pit to maximize water holding potential. Expand the pond perimeter by an additional 1/4 acre by excavation of existing ryegrass margin.***
- 6. Gather baseline data on macroinvertebrates and develop a program to monitor them as an indicator of the health of the pond system.***

UPLAND SHRUB HABITATS:

Existing Condition: Rabbitbrush and sagebrush co-dominate the shrub canopy on previously irrigated uplands. A healthy stand of Great Basin wild rye is intermixed with the sagebrush-rabbitbrush to the north and east of the Ranch. Other shrub species such as bitterbrush and spiny hopsage are also intermixed at lower densities. The majority of the shrub habitats are in mature age classes. The area around the ranch heavily dominated by rabbitbrush is in the early secondary shrub successional stage and will ultimately move toward a co-dominated sagebrush/bitterbrush site over many decades. The shrub habitat south of the willow meadow is largely mature rabbitbrush-sagebrush with a scattered component of bitterbrush. The bitterbrush component, largely all mature plants is moderately to heavily browsed by mule deer from fall through spring before the herbaceous green-up period. The herbaceous component of these shrub stands is very sparse consisting of patches of a low growing sedge and scattered ricegrass along with patches of ryegrass.

A 44 acre wildfire occurred in this area in May of 1997 burning a fringe of willow habitat at the north end but mostly confined to the drier shrub type. Where willow existed before the burn (estimated at 10% of the area) it

resprouted vigorously with plants from 5 to 9 feet tall by spring 1999. The remainder of the burn has produced a patchy sedge-grass response (appears to be a ryegrass/dryland sedge/saltgrass) where the herbaceous component previously existed over about 40% of the area. The remainder of the burn, mostly the south and west portion has not responded well since the herbaceous component was sparse to non-existent. No bitterbrush sprouting was observed or young plant colonization of any shrub. The site is largely bare sandy soil with skeletons of an unidentified annual forb that may be a non-native. A second wildfire occurred in August of 1997 burning 24 acres to the northwest of West County Pond. The area exhibited an excellent herbaceous grass response by the next season dominated by saltgrass and dryland sedge, with a few rabbitbrush re-sprouts.

Desired Condition:

Shrub habitat continues to develop without active management. Natural patterns of succession develop rabbitbrush toward more diverse shrub habitats.

Potential Projects:

1. None recommended at this time. Continue to monitor recently burned areas to determine shrub and grass recovery and wildlife use and to determine if prescribed fire objectives can be developed to meet specific wildlife objectives in this habitat type.

WILDLIFE

Existing Condition:

Currently, the DeChambeau Ponds 1,2 and 3, are used by waterfowl, shorebirds and other bird species throughout the year. Pond 4 and West County Pond are available from ice out through freeze-up period. Waterfowl observed include ruddy duck, pintail, widgeon, shoveler, bufflehead, redhead, mallard, cinnamon teal, green-winged teal, gadwall, hooded merganser, wood duck, tundra swan, and Canada, Ross' and white-fronted geese. The monitoring in 1997 and 1998 (Ford 1998) concluded Shoveler, Pintail and Ruddy Ducks were the principal Fall migrants using the Ponds while Cinnamon Teal, Mallard, Green-Winged Teal and Ruddy Ducks dominated Spring use. The study also attempted to determine the effect waterfowl hunting had on waterfowl use of the Ponds. It was the authors conclusion based on observation and interview that waterfowl use during the daylight hours dropped to near zero with the beginning of hunting season. He reported use of the Ponds by waterfowl during the nighttime hours. The author did not present nighttime use data however, except to say that "many ducks continued to use the Ponds at night but the numbers and species could not be determined".

Other species observed include American coot, dowitcher, greater yellowlegs, American avocets, black-necked stilts, killdeer, black-crowned night heron, great blue heron, and common, snowy and cattle egrets. Sora rails have been observed during the winter of 1999 and in May of 1999. Nesting waterfowl species include gadwall, and cinnamon teal, and possibly green-winged teal and mallard. California gulls, eared grebes and phalaropes, species associated with Mono Lake, utilize the ponds for freshwater bathing and drinking. Northern harriers are commonly seen around the meadows adjacent to the ponds. Prairie falcons are a regular visitor to the DeChambeau and County pond areas and peregrine falcons have been observed on several occasions.

The DeChambeau ponds provide unique wildlife habitat in the Mono Basin because they are partially fed by a thermal source. In winter months when most of the open freshwater in the Basin is frozen, the DeChambeau ponds remain at least partially ice-free. The only other nearby locales that provide similar thermal habitat for wintering waterbirds are Hot Creek and the ponds at Benton Hot Springs. West County Pond provided fall waterfowl migration stopover habitat in 1997 and 1998.

A colony of yellow-headed blackbirds has historically nested at the ponds. Numbers of yellow-headed blackbirds sighted at the ponds were noted to have dramatically decreased by 1993 in concert with a decline of pond habitat. At least 10 males and numerous females have been observed in the area, particularly pond #2, in the spring of 1999. A number of juveniles were observed by mid -summer.

Bank swallows, a California threatened species, have been observed near the ponds in small numbers. There is some debate as to whether bank swallows breed near DeChambeau Ranch or are just passing through the Mono Basin on their migratory journeys. The most likely breeding habitat is in the soft cliffs along Wilson Creek approximately two miles from the Ranch below Highway 167. It is possible that bank swallows breed here and utilize the ponds for foraging. Violet green swallows are common in the spring along with rough-winged and tree swallows.

The willow and meadow vegetation surrounding the ponds provide breeding and foraging habitat for songbird species, including song sparrow, savannah sparrow, marsh wren, western meadowlark, Wilson's warbler and violet-green swallow. The willow flycatcher, a Forest Service Region 5 Sensitive Species has been observed in the willow habitats adjacent to the ponds. Red tailed hawk, northern harrier, great horned owl and barn owls are often sighted perched atop the cottonwood/poplar trees at the Ranch or in the ranch buildings. Red-tailed hawk, great horned owl, and cavity nesting birds such as the flicker and kestrel nest in the Ranch cottonwoods. Wildlife use of the flooded Meadow this year was limited because of the short season that water was available. Up to 6 black-crowned night heron were observed in the bullrush zone where it merges with Pond 1. Also observed were a few snipe, a western toad, and a yellowleg. Flooding of the Meadow during bird migrations may produce significantly higher use of this habitat. The Barrow Pit Pond did not hold water long enough to develop habitat qualities attractive to wildlife.

The bald eagle, is a winter migrant through the Mono Basin. They have been sighted flying and perching near the DeChambeau ponds area. No doubt the presence of coots and waterfowl at the Ponds provides hunting opportunities for migrating eagles.

Western spadefoot toads are known to occur at the DeChambeau Ponds. In 1999 they were observed on the sandy ditch zone on west of Pond 3. A cursory survey of the ponds conducted in 1988-1989 by Derham Giuliani determined the presence of no unusual or non-endemic aquatic invertebrates or amphibians. A field survey was conducted by Giuliani in early June, 1993 to determine the presence of these species.

Mule deer are routinely observed in small numbers from Spring through Fall in the riparian and upland shrub zones. The northern Mono Basin serves as migratory range for portions of the Mono Lake mule deer herd. A Mono Lake deer herd study, conducted from 1989-1991 by the California Department of Fish and Game, revealed that mule deer prefer open sagebrush scrub habitat during their migration between the Sierra Nevada and the Excelsior and Wassuk Mountain Ranges. The main movement corridor is along the south-facing slopes of the Bodie Hills. The Black Point/DeChambeau area is on the periphery of this corridor and is used by a small number of deer, estimated at less than 100 animals. These animals utilize the area as they migrate to their summer range and fawning areas in nearby Lundy Canyon and as they migrate eastward for the winter.

Another species of special interest that has historically utilized the DeChambeau Ranch area is the pronghorn antelope. Antelope were a part of the Mono Basin fauna until the late 1800s, when increased human settlement, hunting pressure, and overgrazing led to their extirpation from the basin. After a number of nearby reintroductions in the 1980s, a small number of antelope returned to the Mono Basin to forage. At least 8 pronghorn have been observed in the area between Black Point and the Sulphur Pond (CMP EIS, p. 113). Antelope were last seen in the vicinity of the ranch around 1986. On May 10, 1993, three prong were observed crossing State Highway 167 (Poleline Road) approximately 4 miles east of the US 395 junction.

Desired Condition:

Habitat conditions are already described in above sections.

Potential Projects:

See projects listed above by specific area.

FIRE:

Existing Condition: Historically, fire has been an integral player within the Scenic Area. From 1970-1985, 57 lightning caused fires occurred which burned approximately 996 acres. Most fires burn less than 10 acres but 3 fires accounted for 91% of the area burned. Two wildfires occurred in the DeChambeau Ranch area in 1997

burning a total of 68 acres of shrub habitat near Pond 4 and West County Pond. The burned area is revegetating with a variable response of native grasses depending on their presence prior to the wildfires. Significant areas of bare sandy soil exist with little vegetative recolonization except for an unidentified annual weed suspected to be a non-native species. Willow has re-sprouted vigorously while other shrub species are not recolonizing to any degree as of yet. Non-native species invasion of the burned area needs further monitoring based on the observance of the annual weed.

Desired Condition:

Fire is used as a tool to accomplish management objectives defined for other resources. Fuel loadings are managed to prevent unmanageable buildups that could result in catastrophic fire events, natural or human caused.

Potential Projects:

See projects listed above by specific area.

RECREATION

Existing Condition: The DeChambeau Ranch and its surroundings attract primarily local residents and a small number of visitors. Overall use is low, an estimated 200 Recreation Visitor Days annually (RVDs, 1993 estimate). Recreation use has increased slowly since the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area was established in 1984. Since the property was acquired by the Forest Service in 1989, the number of recreation visits has increased at a greater rate.

The old ranch buildings, large cottonwood and Lombardy poplar trees, meadows, and ponds produce an attractive oasis within the sagebrush-covered lands which surround the ranch. The ranch compound provides an excellent example of a typical ranch in the Mono Basin in the late 1800's or early 1900's. Views from the ranch include the Sierra Nevada escarpment, Mono Lake, the White Mountains, the Bodie Hills, and Black Point.

In the 1950's and 1960's the DeChambeau Ponds were used as a private hunting club. Local residents also hunted on the ranch and surrounding environs, including the shoreline of Mono Lake, the County ponds, and DeChambeau Marsh. Limited hunting for waterfowl presently occurs at the ponds in the fall and winter months. Deer, quail, dove and rabbits are also hunted in the Black Point-DeChambeau Ranch area. Section 304(j) of the California Wilderness Act states that existing community recreational uses shall be permitted at customary levels and locations.

Other popular activities include wildlife viewing and birdwatching, photography, picnicking, hiking, exploring the historical structures and heritage resources in the ranch vicinity, ice skating on the ponds, horseback riding, mountain biking, OHV use, snowmobiling and undeveloped camping. Use appears to be highest in the summer months, especially by out-of-area visitors. Human recreational use of the area appears to affect waterfowl and shorebirds primarily through daytime disturbance as recreationists walk or drive up to the ponds where birds are foraging or loafing on the shoreline or water. Waterfowl depending on the species have a tendency to flush and relocate to other places in some instances. At other times birds may simply move to the opposite edges of the ponds or into emergent vegetation cover as humans walk the pond perimeters. As previously stated waterfowl hunting season usually increases the flushing probability of the birds on contact with humans. While these disturbance events result in additional energetic costs to the birds: the impact appears to be one of modification of behavior rather than wholesale abandonment of the habitats. Road access to Esat and West County Ponds currently allows vehicles to drive along the margins of the Ponds. Observations in 1999 have shown that birds readily flush when vehicles arrive on the West County Pond overlook and humans walk out of their vehicle. This Pond in particular lacks emergent hiding cover where birds can move into during disturbance events

Desired Condition:

The DeChambeau Ranch area provides an historic recreational experience as previously described in the 1993 DeChambeau Enhancement Project EA. Recreational opportunities identified above continue consistent with the priority wildlife objectives as defined in the 1993 DeChambeau Project Enhancement EA Decision Notice. Waterfowl hunting and birdwatching access at DeChambeau and County Ponds is managed to minimize impact on bird species, particularly waterfowl.

Potential Projects:

- 1. Continue to maintain ranch buildings in a state of arrested decay and maintain public safety.**
- 2. Continue monitoring study conducted in 1998 for 2 more years to evaluate birdwatching and hunting effects on wildlife use of the DeChambeau Ponds. Develop management recommendations based on monitoring effort by FY2002.**
- 3. Close approximately 1/10 mile of road immediately along the East and West County Ponds perimeter to reduce human disturbance. The road system to the Ponds would be maintained and terminated at a parking area instead of an existing loop along the pond perimeters.**

MONITORING

Monitoring waterfowl use of the DeChambeau Ponds has been ongoing for several years now. A waterfowl use study of the Ponds occurred from September 1997 through November 1998 by Eric Ford, a local high school student (Ford 1998). Since then monitoring has been conducted by the Scenic Area Manager, Assistant Scenic Area Manager and the biologist while they maintain the ranch and pond irrigation structures. Pie charts have been developed depicting waterfowl use of the ponds in 1997 and 1998 (USFS unpublished). The question of how waterfowl numbers change on the Ponds in response to hunting pressure was also monitored during this time frame. Casual monitoring occurs at least once a week throughout the snow-free season. Observations are recorded on a yearly chronological report (USFS 1999 a and b). In addition water quality data and flow data are routinely taken to assess delivery of water to the Ranch, Meadow and Ponds as well as ensure water quality is maintained.

Other monitoring objectives, methods and time frames may be developed as projects are brought forward through the NEPA process. For the larger landscape The Mono Basin Waterfowl Habitat Restoration Plan (Pgs. 100 - 110) identified numerous monitoring objectives and methods that are relevant to the potential projects proposed in this analysis. In addition the Mono Basin Implementation Plan dated December 2, 1998 and prepared by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power describes overall waterfowl monitoring objectives for the Lake and fringing wetland.

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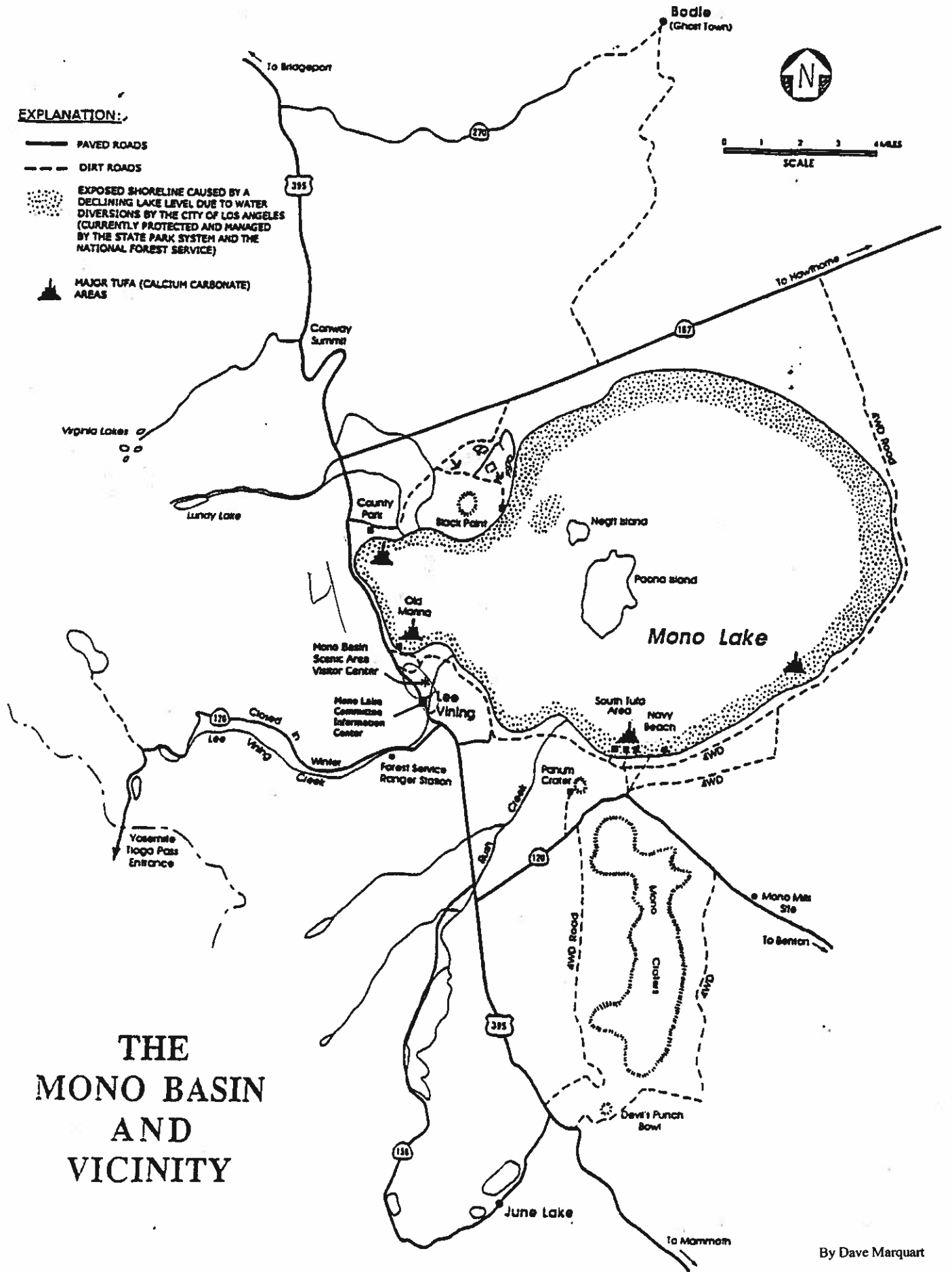
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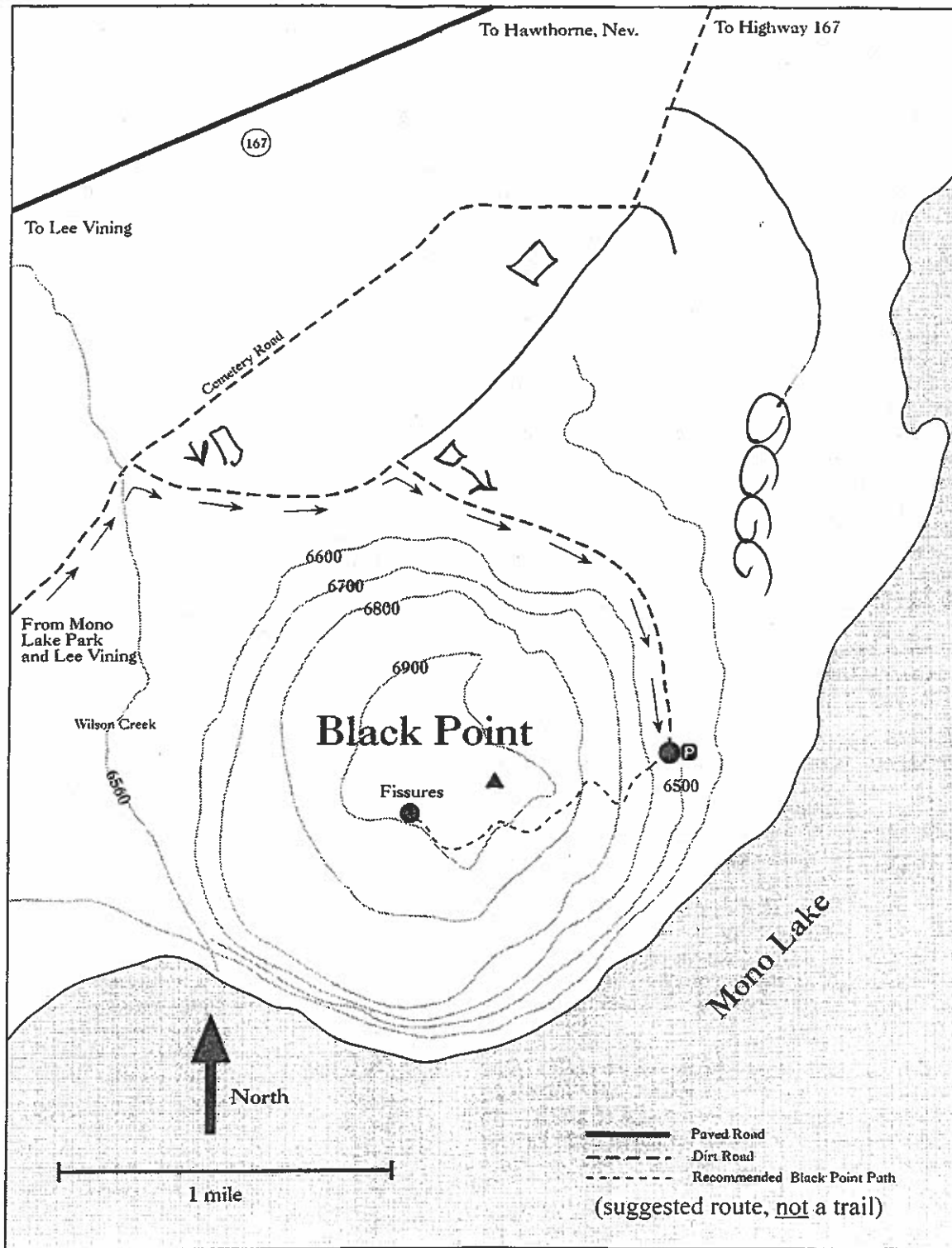
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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

TIME REQUIRED

SUBJECT DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds Illegal
Activity Report

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Report from Gordon Martin, Inyo National Forest District Ranger, and Thomas Torres, District Wildlife Biologist, regarding DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds illegal activity.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Subject: FW: DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds illegal activity report

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Dear Members of the Board,

I know that the DeChambeau ranch ponds and the Wilson Creek water systems have come up during several of the recent Board meetings. Thomas Torres, District Wildlife Biologist, who I have placed in charge of the DeChambeau Ranch and the water system, looked into the questions and photographs put forward by Hillary Hansen Jones and you will find his report attached. Our law enforcement is looking into the matter which could include damage to federal property and water theft. I will keep you informed if we learn anything more.



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Subject: DeChambeau Ranch/Ponds illegal activity report

Laura and Mark,

Good morning, I wanted to bring an issue to your attention that I've been dealing with off and on this summer. I've been assigned by Gordon to lead the irrigation/water monitoring efforts at DeChambeau ranch and the wildlife ponds. I'm not sure if either of you are familiar with the system out there so I'll tell you this, it's a finicky and complicated one (especially when it's a dry year). However, over the course of the past few months, myself and others have witnessed tampering with irrigation efforts, illegal wildlife introduction, and unauthorized pond management. These acts have

made it difficult to effectively manage the DeChambeau ranch and wildlife ponds, and as a result, shines a negative light on forest service efforts to the public eye. Consider this a formal report. Please see below for more details:

- **2020:** It has come to my attention that someone has illegally introduced an invasive fish species (blue gill) into pond 4. Steve Parmenter of CDFG is aware of the blue gill infestation and is quite concerned of this species potentially spreading to surrounding fragile aquatic ecosystems. The intention of the introduction is not known at this time, but it is speculated that blue gill have been introduced in order to create recreational fishing opportunities at the ponds (which is not the intention of the ponds).
 - Action taken: Discussions with Steve Parmenter about possible solutions are still being had.
- **07/3/20:** North irrigation ditch and the east irrigation ditch were open at the same time. The water was diverted to only run north a few days earlier – someone took out boards to create a southward flow as well.
- **8/24/20:** Hillary Hansen writes a letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors stating that water in both DeChambeau ponds #2 and #4 have been dropping “throughout August.”
- **8/29/20:** It’s discovered that infrastructure designed to maintain the water level in Pond #4 has been illegally removed. As a result, water from Pond #4 was draining into the western County Pond.
 - Action taken: Boards are put in place to restore the water level of Pond #4.
- **9/1/20:** It’s discovered that an access valve of the DeChambeau Pipe has been illegally opened, causing all water from the pipe to drain into a ditch adjacent to the DeChambeau Ponds. DeChambeau Pipe is currently the only water source for DeChambeau Pond #2. It delivers water from the Wilson system to Pond #2 at a flow rate of less than 1 cubic foot per second (or 2 acre-feet per day). There is a potential risk of contributing to the spread of invasive weeds by unregulated irrigation of surrounding vegetation.
 - Action taken: Access valve is closed and water conveyance to Pond #2 visibly resumes.
- **9/2/20:** Pond #2 rises by at least 4 inches within 24 hours. Pond #2 could fill and start to spill into Pond #3 in about five days if everything stays stable. Pond #4 looks higher and has stabilized. Leaking around the sides of the boards are preventing Pond #4 from rising any higher, but some additional work could fix this.

Please feel free to reach out via email or phone to discuss possible solutions. Thanks for your time.

V/R



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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Elections

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD** Shannon Kendall

SUBJECT Election Update

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on November 3, 2020 General Election.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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TIME REQUIRED Item will start at approximately 10:00 AM **PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD** Robert C. Lawton

SUBJECT COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None, informational only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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Departments: Public Health

TIME REQUIRED 15 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD** Louis Molina

SUBJECT Permit Fee Adjustment for Spas and
Pools

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution: Permit Fee Adjustment for Spa Pools Ordered Closed Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approved resolution would result in reduced fee collection by the Health Department of up to \$33,591, dependent on the length of ordered closure of spa pools in Mono County. Fee reductions with no corresponding decrease in costs likely results in higher usage of realignment revenues to replace the lost revenues, depending on many other performance related factors.

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August 24, 2020

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director
Subject: Proposed Spa Pool Permit Fee Adjustment

Recommended Action: Approve Adjustment to Spa Pool Permit Fees

Discussion: In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 infections, guidance documents have been issued by the State of CA that place limitations and restrictions on a variety of businesses and activities throughout the state. Similarly, local restriction have been implemented by the Public Health Officer that emphasize, further define, or impose additional restrictions on certain businesses and activities. One such restriction imposed, both statewide and locally, is the order for spa pools to be closed and remain closed until such time that it is deemed safe to allow these facilities to reopen to the public.

A public spa pool is defined as a spa that is used at condominium complexes, hotels, motels, apartment complexes, health clubs, and the like. Spa pools are required by law to obtain a permit to operate, and pay associated permit fees, to the local authority. In Mono County, the local authority is the Mono County Health Department. Because spa pools are currently not allowed to operate, the Health Department wishes to adjust this FY spa pool permit fees to accurately represent the period of time that the spas actually operate in that timeframe. Spas will be allowed to reopen once the State of CA and the Health Officer deem these facilities safe to use. Fees that have been collected for spas will be prorated for the time the spas were open and the difference will be refunded to the spa facility. Should spas not be allowed to reopen by the end of the current FY, each spa permit fee collected will be applied to FY 2021/22.

The Mono County Health Department requests approval of the proposed fee adjustment and reimbursement procedures, as described above.

Fiscal Impact: No General Fund impact. Potential loss of permit fee revenue to the Health Department up to \$33,591, dependent on the amount of time that spas are required to remain closed in the current FY.

For questions regarding this item, please call Louis Molina at 924-1845.

Submitted by: _____
Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director Date

Reviewed by: _____
Lynda Salcido, Interim Public Health Director Date



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4 **RESOLUTION NO. RI2-42**
5 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO**

6 **A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING FEES**
7 **FOR CERTAIN COUNTY PERMITS AND OTHER SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE**
8 **FINANCE DIRECTOR TO COMPILE AND MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE LISTS OF**
9 **COUNTY FEES**

10 **WHEREAS**, County departments are authorized and directed by provisions of state law and the
11 Mono County Code to perform various services, including but not limited to processing applications
12 for permits; and

13 **WHEREAS**, applicable provisions of state law and the Mono County Code authorize the
14 County to charge fees for the services of its departments in amounts not to exceed the County's costs of
15 providing such services; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the fees presently charged by the County for certain services are insufficient to
17 fully recover the County's costs of providing those services; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has conducted a duly-noticed public hearing regarding
19 certain proposed new or increased fees, in accordance with Government Code sections 66016 and
20 66018 and other applicable laws; and

21 **WHEREAS**, based on the testimony presented at the public hearing as well as the oral and
22 written staff reports also presented to the Board in connection with the hearing, the Board finds and
23 determines that the fees set forth in this Resolution will not exceed the County's costs of providing the
24 services for which the fees are charged; and

25 **WHEREAS**, it would be convenient for County administration and the public to be able to
26 consult one or more lists summarizing then-current County fees.

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1 ATTEST:

2 SHANNON KENDALL, Sr. Deputy

3 CLERK OF THE BOARD

4 Shannon Kendall

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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MARSHALL RUDOLPH
COUNTY COUNSEL

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1 **EXHIBIT**

2 **ADMINISTRATION**

3 *Photocopy Charges to Public or Outside Agencies for all County*
4 *Departments*

4 Black and White Copy \$0.09
5 Color Copy \$0.20

6 **ASSESSOR**

7 Copy of Secured Roll \$300.00
8 Copy of Secured Roll with Characteristics \$585.00
9 Copy of Unsecured Roll \$175.00
Property Physical Characteristics \$4.00

10 *Parcel Maps*

11 Parcel Map - First \$4.00
12 Parcel Map - Additional \$2.00
Parcel Map Index \$8.00
13 Screen Print \$1.00
14 Facsimile \$3.00
15 labels \$41.00 set up plus \$2.00 per page

Square Footage Verification

16 Square Footage Verification -First \$4.00
17 Square Footage Verification -Additional \$1.00
18 Certified Copy \$2.00
Cadastral Research Hourly Rate \$63.00
19 Assessment Research Hourly Rate \$63.00
20 Appraisal Record \$2.00
21 Historical Aircraft Exemption \$35.00
22 Late Filing \$175.00

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24 Certified Death Certificate \$14.00
25 Certified Death Certificate - Government Agency \$14.00
Certified Death Certificate - Fetal Death \$11.00
26 Certified Birth Certificate \$18.00
27 Certified Birth Certificate - Government Agency \$12.00
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5	Scanned doc on CD (per image)	\$0.09
5	CD with Case	\$0.90

6 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

7	Code Compliance - Hourly Rate	\$99.00
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9 **DEVELOPMENT FEES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)**

10	Development Application Submittal Review	\$495.00
11	Hourly Rate for Any Development Activity	\$99.00

12 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Basic Life Support

13	Limited Treatment and Transport	\$795.00
14	Extensive Treatment and Transport	\$1,122.00

Advanced Life Support

15	Limited Treatment and Transport	\$1,360.00
16	Extensive Treatment and Transport	\$1,508.00
17	Mileage	33.00/mile
18	Hourly Stand-By Rate	\$239.00
19	Exclusive Availability Stand- By	\$1912 + \$239.00/hr over 8 hrs

21 **FINANCE**

22	Notice of Tax Sale	\$90.00
23	Personal contact prior to tax sale	\$150.00

24 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

24	Request for Data - hourly rate	\$48.00
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25 **PUBLIC HEALTH**

26 HOUSING

27	Organized Camp/Resort	\$486.00
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28 FOOD FACILITIES

Restaurants (Annual)

1	0-10 seats	\$162.00
2	0-10 seats seasonal	\$81.00
3	11-60 seats	\$324.00
4	11-60 seats seasonal	\$162.00
5	61-100 seats	\$486.00
6	61-100 seats seasonal	\$243.00
7	100+ seats	\$648.00
8	100+ seats seasonal	\$324.00
9	Bar/Tasting Room	\$162.00
	Satellite Distribution	\$162.00
	School Cafeteria (per school)	\$162.00
	<i>Retail Markets (Annual)</i>	
10	10-50 sq ft	\$81.00
11	10-50 sq ft-seasonal	\$81.00
12	51-1999 sq ft	\$243.00
13	51-1999 sq feet-seasonal	\$121.50
14	2000-5999 sq ft	\$324.00
15	2000-5999 sq ft-seasonal	\$202.50
16	6000+ sq ft	\$405.00
17	6000+ sq ft seasonal	\$243.00
18	Additional food prep unit within market	\$81.00
	<i>Misc Food (Annual)</i>	
19	Bed and Breakfast	\$243.00
20	Farm stay	\$243.00
21	Caterer	\$162.00
22	Produce Stand	\$162.00
23	Farmers Market/Cert Farmers Mkt	\$324.00
	<i>Bakery/Food Processing Plant (Annual)</i>	
24	0-1999 sq ft	\$243.00
25	2000+ sq ft	\$324.00
	<i>Temporary Food Facilities</i>	
26	Community Event Organizer application received at least 14 days prior to event	\$81.00
27	Community Event Organizer application received 8 to 13 days prior to event	\$101.25
28	Community Event Organizer application received 2 to 7 days prior to event	\$121.50
	1-4 day temp food application received at least 14 days prior to event	\$81.00

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2	1-4 day temp food application received 8 to 13 days prior to event	\$101.25
3	1-4 day temp food application received 2 to 7 days prior to event	\$121.50
4	5-7 days temp food application received at least 14 days prior to event	\$81.00
5	5-7 days temp food application received 8 to 13 days prior to event	\$101.25
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7	5-7 days temp food application received 2 to 7 days prior to event	\$121.50
8	8-25 days temp food application received at least 14 days prior to event	\$81.00
9	8-25 days temp food application received 8 to 13 days prior to event	\$101.25
10	8-25 days temp food application received 2 to 7 days prior to event	\$121.50
11	Annual temp food	\$324.00
	<i>Commissary (Annual)</i>	
12	With food preparation	\$405.00
13	without food preparations	\$324.00
	<i>Vehicles (Annual)</i>	
14		
15	Mobile Food Prep Unit - Full Service	\$162.00
16	Mobile Food Prep Unit - Full Service - Seasonal	\$81.00
17	Mobile Food Prep Unit - Limited or No Food Prep	\$162.00
18	Mobile Food Prep Unit - Limited or No Food Prep - Seasonal	\$81.00
	<i>Food Plan Check Fees</i>	
19	Category A	\$486.00
20	Bed and breakfast	
21	Bakery/Food Processing < 500 sq ft	
22	Restaurant <1500 sq ft	
23	Retail Market w/ out food prep <2000 sq ft	
24	Retail Market w/ food prep <1500 sq ft	
25	Category B	\$648.00
26	Bakery/Food Processing > 500 sq ft	
27	Restaurant >1500 sq ft	
28	Retail Market w/ out food prep >2000 sq ft	
	Retail Market w/ food prep >1500 sq ft	
	Food Facility minor remodel	\$162.00
	Food Facility major remodel	\$324.00

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2	Add hourly rate for resubmittal, or when plan checking or construction inspections are required	\$81.00
3	SOLID WASTE	
4	Landfill -Annual	\$1,944.00
5	Transfer Station -Annual (monthly inspections)	\$1,458.00
6	Transfer Station -Annual (Quarterly inspections)	\$486.00
7	Closed Site Inspection	\$972.00
8	Collection Vehicles	\$121.50
9	Permit Review (5 years)	\$1,296.00
10	Permit Revision	\$1,296.00
11	Closure/Post-closure review	\$567.00
12	TATTOO/BODY PIERCING	
13	Practitioner registration (one-time)	\$40.50
14	Facility Inspection (annual)	\$162.00
15	CUPA FEES	
16	<i>CUPA-New Facility</i>	
17	Plan Check	\$405.00
18	Construction	\$405.00
19	-plus hourly rate after 5 hours	\$81.00
20	<i>CUPA-remodel (modification)</i>	
21	Minor upgrade/repair	\$162.00
22	Plan Check	\$243.00
23	Construction	\$243.00
24	-plus hourly rate after 3 hours	\$81.00
25	<i>CUPA Facilities</i>	
26	<i>Business Plans (annual)</i>	
27	Small - 55 to 5,000 gallons	\$81.00
28	Medium - 5,001 to 25,000 gallons	\$243.00
29	Large - Over 25,000 gallons	\$324.00
30	Small - 500 to 5,000 lbs.	\$81.00
31	Medium - 5,001 to 25,000 lbs.	\$243.00
32	Large - Over 25,000 lbs.	\$324.00
33	Small - 200 to 2,000 cubic feet	\$81.00
34	Medium -2,001 to 20,000 cubic feet	\$243.00
35	Large -Over 20,000 cubic feet	\$324.00
36	Facility with RMPP or CALARP	\$648.00
37	Aboveground Tank 1,320 to 10,000 gallons	\$81.00

1	Aboveground Tank over 10,000 gallons	\$324.00
2	Tiered Permitting	\$405.00
3	<i>Waste Generators (Annual)</i>	
4	Small - less than 100kg or 30 gals/mo	\$121.50
5	Med - 100 - 1000kg or 30gals - 300gals/mo	\$243.00
6	Large - over 1000kg or 300gals/mo	\$364.50
7	<i>Underground Tanks</i>	
8	Annual Operating Permit	\$486.00
9	Tank Removal	\$405.00
10	Agricultural Operations-hourly rate	\$81.00
11	<i>HazMat Response</i>	
12	During business hours-hourly	\$81.00
13	During non-business hours-hourly	\$121.50
14	RECREATIONAL HEALTH	
15	<i>Pools/Spas (Annual)</i>	
16	Public Pools	\$283.50
17	Public Spas	\$243.00
18	Wading Pool	\$243.00
19	Special Use Pool	\$243.00
20	Additional pool at same facility	\$202.50
21	Additional spa at same facility	\$202.50
22	<i>Plan Check Fees - New Construction</i>	
23	Pool	\$567.00
24	Spa	\$486.00
25	<i>Plan Check Fees - Remodel</i>	
26	Pool/spa minor remodel	\$162.00
27	Pool/spa major remodel	\$324.00
28	Add hourly rate for resubmittal, or when plan checking or construction inspections are required	\$81.00
29	WELL PERMITS	
30	Water well construction	\$648.00
31	Water well destruction - stand alone	\$162.00
32	Water well destruction at same time as new well	\$81.00
33	Monitoring well construction - 1st well	\$162.00
34	Monitoring well construction addl same loc/time	\$40.50
35	Monitoring well destruction - 1st well	\$81.00
36	Monitoring well destruction addl same loc/time	\$40.50

1	Well repair	\$162.00
2	Boring probe survey or heat exchange well	\$324.00
3	Permit Extension-one year (one time only)	\$40.50
4	SMALL PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS	
	<i>Operating Permits (annual)</i>	
5	transient, non-community system	\$486.00
6	non-transient, non-community system	\$486.00
7	CURFFL Water system	\$81.00
8	State Small water system 5-14 conn.	\$162.00
9	Community water system 15-24 conn.	\$324.00
10	Community water system 25-99 conn.	\$567.00
	Community water system 100-199 conn.	\$729.00
	Nitrate Testing	\$35.25
11	<i>One Time Charges</i>	
12	Public water system installation permit application	\$729.00
13	change of ownership	\$243.00
14	permit amendment	\$243.00
15	Water Carrier (Domestic)	\$81.00
	SEWAGE DISPOSAL PERMITS	
16	New SepticSystem	\$567.00
17	New System - gray water/reclaimed wastewater	\$405.00
18	Major Repair (drain field and tank)	\$567.00
19	Minor Repair (drain field or tank)	\$283.50
20	Engineered Individual System	\$729.00
	Alternative System	\$1,296.00
	Commercial System (with WDR)	\$1,215.00
21	System destruction	\$81.00
22	Annual sewage system monitoring fee (where applicable)	\$81.00
23	Permit Extension-one year (one time extension)	\$40.50
24	Septic Tank & Chemical Toilet Cleaning Services (per vehicle/year)	\$121.50
25	MORTGAGE CERTIFICATIONS	
26	Individual Well Certification	\$162.00
27	Individual Septic System Certification	\$162.00
	Well and Septic System Certification same site	\$243.00
28	PENALTIES	
	2nd and subsequent reinspections hrly rate	\$81.00

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING FEES

Travel/Adult Immunizations

Consultation per 1/2 hour	\$62.00
Medical Marijuana Application	\$225.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Record of Survey	\$132.00/hour minimum 1 hour
Grading Permit	\$132.00/hour billed minimum of inspection every three months in addition to inspections during actual grading
Encroachment Permit	\$132.00/hour capped at 4 hours per residential unit
Road Vacation	\$618.00
Floodplain Elevation Certificate	\$436.00
Waste Hauler Permit	\$29.00
Solid Waste Fee Appeal	\$407.00
Solid Waste Invoicing Fee	\$1.00

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Listing of General Health Programs

By Facility ID

3612 - PUBLIC SPA

01 - Active, billable

- 1 FA0000168
QUALITY INN
3537 MAIN St
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 2 FA0000254
BRIDGES CONDOMINIUMS
894 BRIDGE LN
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 3 FA0000255
CANYON SKI & RACQUET CLUB
143 LAKEVIEW BLVD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 4 FA0000293
AUSTRIA HOF RESTAURANT &
MOTEL
924 CANYON Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 5 FA0000297
CHATEAU D'OEX CONDOMINIUMS
24 HIDDEN VALLEY Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 6 FA0000301
CONESTOGAS CONDOS
56 DAVISON Ln
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 7 FA0000303
CRESTVIEW CONDOS
261 LAKEVIEW Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 8 FA0000304
TRAVELODGE
54 SIERRA Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 9 FA0000305
FOREST MEADOWS CONDOS
449 SIERRA MANOR RD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 10 FA0000306
HAVEN
78 KNOLL Ave
JUNE LAKE, CA 93529
- 11 FA0000307
HEIDELBERG INN
2635 HWY 158
JUNE LAKE, CA 93529

- 12 FA0000308
HELIOS AT MAMMOTH
145 CANYON Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 13 FA0000309
HERITAGE CONDOMINUMS HOA
543 JOAQUIN
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 14 FA0000313
INTERLAKEN CONDOS
334 LEONARD AVE
JUNE LAKE, CA 93529
- 15 FA0000315
MAMMOTH CREEK INN
663 OLD MAMMOTH Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 16 FA0000322
LAKEVIEW VILLAS CONDOS
201 LAKEVIEW Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 17 FA0000325
TENNIS VILLAGE
19 VILLA VISTA Dr
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 18 FA0000328
MAMMOTH POINT
94 JOHN MUIR Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 19 FA0000331
MAMMOTH VIEW VILLAS
141 LAKEVIEW Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 20 FA0000335
MEADOWVIEW RIDGE CONDOS
37 DAVISON RD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 21 FA0000341
RAINBOW VILLAS
204 MAMMOTH SLOPES Dr
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 22 FA0000344
RUBY INN
333 MAIN ST
BRIDGEPORT, CA 93517
- 23 FA0000345
SAN SIERRA CONDOS
161 HORSESHOE Dr
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 24 FA0000350
SIERRA LODGE
3540 MAIN St
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 25 FA0000356
SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES
10200 MINARET Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

- 26 FA0000357
SNOWBIRD CONDOMINIUMS
414 RAINBOW Ln
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 27 FA0000358
SNOWCREEK CONDOS I
4711 MINARET Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 28 FA0000359
SNOWCREEK CONDOS II
4711 MINARET Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 29 FA0000360
SNOWCREEK CONDOS III
4711 MINARET Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 30 FA0000361
SNOWCREEK CONDOS IV
1580 OLD MAMMOTH Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 31 FA0000381
WILDROSE CONDOMINIUMS
63 ARROWHEAD Dr
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 32 FA0000387
CINNAMON BEAR INN
113 CENTER St
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 33 FA0000499
SNOWCREEK V
450 FAIRWAY DRIVE
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 34 FA0000516
WHISPERING PINES MOTEL
18 NEVADA St
JUNE LAKE, CA 93529
- 35 FA0000582
EDELWEISS LODGE
1872 Old Mammoth Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 36 FA0000645
HOLIDAY HAUS, INC.
3905 MAIN ST
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 37 FA0000937
EAGLE RUN AT JUNIPER SPRINGS
4000 MERIDIAN Blvd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 38 FA0000949
LINCOLN HOUSE
100 CANYON BLVD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
- 39 FA0000952
WHITE MOUNTAIN LODGE
6201 MINARET RD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

40 FA0001005
SNOWCREEK VI
61 RANCH Rd
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

41 FA0001010
CABINS AT CROOKED PINES
LODESTAR RD
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

42 FA0001016
SOLSTICE AT SIERRA STAR
CONDOS
2004 SIERRA STAR PKWY
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

43 FA0001032
MAMMOTH 8050 PRIVATE
RESIDENCE CLUB
50 CANYON Blvd
P.O. BOX 100, PMB 573
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546

Totals: 43 \$ 10,449.00

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3614 - SPA-ADDITIONAL UNIT AT SAME FACILITY

01 - Active, billable

FACILITY	NO. OF SPAS
FA000018 RODEWAY INN - WILDWOOD INN 3626 MAIN St MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000129 MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN RV PARK 2667 MAIN ST MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000193 SNOWCREEK ATHLETIC CLUB BISTRO 51 CLUB Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000245 ASPEN CREEK CONDOMINIUMS 865 MAJESTIC PINES MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000250 BIGWOOD CONDOS 1629 MAJESTIC PINE Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000291 1849 CONDOMINIUMS 826 LAKEVIEW Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000294 BOULDER LODGE 2282 HWY 158 JUNE LAKE, CA 93529	1
FA0000295 CHAMONIX 803 CANYON Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000296 CHATEAU BLANC CONDO ASSN, INC. 3169 CHATEAU RD MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000298 CHATEAU DE MONTAGNE 3251 CHATEAU RD MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000299 CHATEAU SANS NOM 3377 CHATEAU Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1

FA0000300 CHATEAU SIERRA 3170 CHATEAU Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000302 COURCHEVEL CONDOMINIUMS 273 RAINBOW Ln MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000303 CRESTVIEW CONDOS 261 LAKEVIEW Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000310 HIDDEN VALLEY VILLAGE 153 LAKE MARY Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000312 HORIZONS 4 CONDOMINIUMS 2113 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000313 INTERLAKEN CONDOS 334 LEONARD AVE JUNE LAKE, CA 93529	2
FA0000318 KRYSTAL VILLA EAST CONDOS 134 LAUREL MOUNTAIN Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000319 KRYSTAL VILLA WEST CONDOS PO BOX 5038 MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000320 LA RESIDENCE IV & V CONDOS 2443 SIERRA NEVADA Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000321 LA VISTA BLANC 122 MEADOW Ln MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000323 MAMMOTH CREEK 96 MEADOW Ln MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000326 MAMMOTH ESTATES 221 CANYON Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000327 MAMMOTH FIRESIDE 6039 MINARET Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000329 MAMMOTH SIERRA TOWNHOMES 2059 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2

FA0000330 MAMMOTH SKI & RACQUET CLUB 248 MAMMOTH SLOPES Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000332 MAMMOTH WEST MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000334 MEADOWRIDGE CONDOMINIUM 3005 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000337 MOUNTAIN SHADOWS CONDOS 2289 SIERRA NEVADA Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000338 MOUNTAINBACK CONDOMINIUMS 435 LAKEVIEW Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	6
FA0000346 SEASONS 4 244 LAKEVIEW MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000347 SHERWIN VILLAS 362 OLD MAMMOTH Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000348 SHILO INN HOTEL 2963 MAIN St MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000349 SIERRA HOLIDAY MOBILE HOME PARK 200 AZIMUTH Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000351 SIERRA MANORS MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000352 SIERRA MEGEVE 925 LAKE VIEW Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000353 SIERRA NEVADA LODGE PO BOX 918 MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000354 SIERRA PARK VILLAS 286 OLD MAMMOTH Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000355 SILVER BEAR LODGE 527 LAKE VIEW Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000356 SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURES 10200 MINARET Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3

FA0000362 SNOWFLOWER CONDOMINIUMS 3 MEADOW Ln MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000363 SAINT ANTON CONDOS 895 CANYON Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000364 SAINT MORITZ VILLAS 2252 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000365 SUMMIT CONDOMINIUMS 3253 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	6
FA0000366 SUNRISE AT MAMMOTH 50 MEADOW Ln MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000368 SUNSHINE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS 2251 MERIDIAN MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000369 TAMARACK CONDOMINIUMS 170 SIERRA PARK Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000370 TIMBER RIDGE VILLAS 671 JOHN MUIR Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000371 TIMBERLINE CONDOS 2290 SIERRA NEVADA Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000372 VAL D'ISERE CONDOMINIUMS 194 HILLSIDE Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000374 VIEWPOINT HOA 3852 VIEWPOINT Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000375 VILLA DE LOS PINOS 3252 CHATEAU Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000376 WALKER RIVER LODGE 100 MAIN St BRIDGEPORT, CA 93517	1
FA0000380 WILDFLOWER CONDOS 2 ARROWHEAD Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1

FA0000382 WINTERSET CONDOS 2112 MERIDIAN MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000383 WOODLANDS 3392 CHATEAU Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000469 DOUBLE EAGLE RESORT 5587 HWY 158 JUNE LAKE, CA 93529	3
FA0000499 SNOWCREEK V 450 FAIRWAY DRIVE MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000517 DISCOVERY 4 25 LEE Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000529 SCHAUBMAYER'S ALPENHOF LODGE 6080 MINARET Rd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0000791 BEST WESTERN HIGH SIERRA HOTEL 3228 MAIN St MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000872 JUNIPER SPRINGS LODGE 4000 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	3
FA0000889 SUNSTONE AT JUNIPER SPRINGS 201 JUNIPER SPRINGS Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000908 MAMMOTH GREEN AT SIERRA STAR 1500 LODESTAR Dr MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000937 EAGLE RUN AT JUNIPER SPRINGS 4000 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000949 LINCOLN HOUSE 100 CANYON BLVD MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1
FA0000983 GRAND SIERRA LODGE 1111 FOREST TRL MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	2
FA0001024 OBSIDIAN PRIVATE RESIDENCE CLUB 2610 MERIDIAN Blvd MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546	1

FA0001032 2
MAMMOTH 8050 PRIVATE
RESIDENCE CLUB
50 CANYON Blvd
P.O. BOX 100, PMB 573
MAMMOTH LAKES. CA 93546

FA0001040 2
WESTIN MONACHE RESORT
50 HILLSIDE Dr
MAMMOTH LAKES. CA 93546

Totals: 114 \$ 23,142.00



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Board of Supervisors

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

SUBJECT Letter of Support - Emergency
Wildfire and Public Safety Act

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

A letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Senator Dianne Feinstein supporting the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve letter and authorize Board Chair to sign. Provide comments on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Stacy Corless

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-920-0190 / scorless@mono.ca.gov

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MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act

History

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9/4/2020 9:05 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes

9/3/2020 5:26 PM

County Counsel

Yes

9/3/2020 4:40 PM

Finance

Yes



United States Senate

September 1, 2020

Honorable Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

Dear Chairwoman Corless:

I am writing to ask the County of Mono to support S. 4431, the bipartisan Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act, a bill I introduced with my colleague, Senator Steve Daines of Montana, to help communities better prepare for and respond to wildfires. This bill could have a hearing in the next two or three weeks, so your support at this time is critical.

Like many western states, California continues to experience severe wildfires, which have only been exacerbated by rising temperatures and the challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Already this year, we have seen two of the largest wildfires in our state's history, more than 1.4 million acres burned, over 1,500 homes destroyed and seven deaths.

The "Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act" (S. 4431) would provide federal agencies with critical new tools to reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, and support forestry jobs, biomass development, and smarter energy practices. This bill is the result of extensive stakeholder engagement, outreach across party lines, and months of deliberations to ensure a truly bipartisan, pragmatic approach to reduce the risk of wildfire. Attached, please find further information about the bill.

If we don't take strong action, I worry that what's happening will soon become the new normal not just in California but in other states as well. I urge you to join me in supporting this bill to make wildfire protection a priority and make our communities safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020

What the bill would do: Protect communities by reducing wildfire risk in federal forests, getting the private sector more involved in addressing dead and dying trees, improving best practices for addressing wildfire, and creating more resilient communities and energy grids.

1. Reducing wildfire risk in federal forests

- The bill would authorize the Forest Service to undertake three priority wildfire mitigation projects that would be limited to 75,000 acres in size, and the federal government would be authorized to carry out expedited activities to protect lives and property from wildfires, such as the installation of fuel breaks, clearing dead and dying trees, and controlled burning.
- The bill includes a technical fix to ensure that the Forest Service consults with the Fish and Wildlife Service when new public peer-reviewed research demonstrates potential harm to threatened or endangered species.
- The bill would allow for expedited environmental reviews regarding the installation of fuel breaks near existing roads, trails, transmission lines and pipelines.
- The bill would codify an existing administrative practice that allows the Forest Service to expedite hazardous fuel removal projects in emergency situations where it is immediately necessary to protect life, property, or natural and cultural resources.

2. Getting the private sector more involved in addressing dead and dying trees

- The bill would establish a new \$100 million biomass infrastructure program. This would provide grant funding to build biomass facilities near forests that are at risk of wildfire and to offset the cost of transporting dead and dying trees out of high-hazard fire zones.
- The bill would lift the current export ban on unprocessed timber from federal lands in the west for trees that are dead, dying, or if there is no demand in the United States.

3. Improving best practices for addressing wildfire

- The bill would expedite permitting for the installation of wildfire detection equipment (such as sensors, cameras, and other relevant equipment) and expand the use of satellite data to assist wildfire response.
- The bill would allow FEMA hazard mitigation funding to be used for the installation of fire-resistant wires and infrastructure and for the undergrounding of wires.
- Given the generational shortage of workers in the forest management field, the bill would authorize a new workforce development program to assist in developing a career training pipeline for forestry workers.
- The bill would establish a new Prescribed Fire Center to coordinate research and training of foresters and forest managers in the latest methods and innovations in prescribed fire practices to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic fires and improve the health of forests.

4. Creating more resilient communities and energy grids

- The bill would expand the Energy Department's weatherization program to allow for the retrofit of homes to make them more resilient to wildfire through the use of fire-resistant building materials and other methods.
- The bill would establish a new \$100 million grant program to assist critical facilities like hospitals and police stations become more energy efficient and better adapted to function during power shutoffs. The new program would also provide funding for the expanded use of distributed energy systems, including microgrids.

The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020
Section-by-Section
August 2020

Section 101 – Three new landscape-level, collaborative wildfire risk reduction projects:

- Requires the Forest Service to conduct three landscape-level, collaborative wildfire risk reduction projects in the West proposed by a Governor. Projects would be subject to a streamlined environmental review process and certain litigation protections.
- Applies Section 106 of the *Healthy Forests Restoration Act*, which establishes injunction timelines and requires courts when considering a motion for an injunction to examine the “balance of harms” comparing the impacts of the project with the impacts of not doing the project.
 - Authorizes the Forest Service to only analyze the proposed action, no action, and one alternative action when conducting the environmental review.
 - Requires plaintiffs to show they are “likely to succeed on the merits” in order for courts to enjoin projects.
- *Background:* Montana and California experience the largest number of lawsuits against forest management projects, many of which are the product of a collaborative process. In both states, dozens of projects are encumbered by litigation or the mere threat of litigation. This section would establish three pilot projects that would be allowed to proceed through expedited environmental and judicial processes when they are developed collaboratively, have a clear objective of reducing wildfire risk, and are limited to specified acres and activities. Courts have sometimes used a lower threshold “serious question” test, which would be replaced under this provision for these three pilot projects with a “likely to succeed on the merits” standard. Other litigation provisions are based on current judicial review standards or the litigation provisions included in the *Healthy Forests Restoration Act*.

Section 102 – Encourages the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to increase the use of wildfire detection equipment.

- Directs the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to expedite the placement of wildfire detection equipment such as sensors and cameras and expand the use of satellite data to assist wildfire response.
- *Background:* Early detection of a wildfire can allow land managers to respond more quickly to wildfires and prevent fires from growing out of control, destroying life and property. Leveraging early detection equipment is especially valuable in rural areas.

Section 103 – Wildfire risk reduction activities near existing roads, trails, and transmission lines

- Establishes a new 3,000-acre categorical exclusion to accelerate management near existing roads, trails, and transmission lines.
- *Background:* According to the Pacific Biodiversity Institute, nearly 90% of wildfires begin within a half-mile of a Forest Service road. This new tool would make it easier for the Forest Service to prioritize management of these areas as part of the effort to mitigate wildfire risks. The 2018 Camp Fire, which killed eighty-six people in Paradise, CA, was caused by electrical transmission lines, according to Cal Fire.

Section 104 - Accelerating Post-Fire restoration and reforestation

- Establishes a new statutory tool to accelerate post-fire restoration and reforestation work on Forest Service land. Based largely on the Forest Service’s existing Emergency Situation Determination authority, this provision specifies that the agency must do environmental analysis only on the proposed post-fire project and the scenario of not doing any project, so long as the treatment area is not larger than 10,000 acres.
- Further, while retaining scoping requirements, the provision establishes that the Forest Service is not required to go through the objections process for the Emergency Situation Determination projects. Lastly, the provision establishes that the Forest Service’s decision to make an Emergency Situation Determination is not subject to the administrative process.
- *Background:* Under 36 CFR § 218.21 the Chief and Associate Chief of Forest Service are authorized to make the determination that an emergency situation exists, which is defined as a “situation on National Forest System (NFS) lands for which immediate implementation of a decision is necessary to achieve one or more of the following: Relief from hazards threatening human health and safety; mitigation of threats to natural resources on NFS or adjacent lands; avoiding a loss of commodity value sufficient to jeopardize the agency's ability to accomplish project objectives directly related to resource protection or restoration.” Under the existing regulatory authority, the decision to make an Emergency Situation Determination is not subject to administrative review, and the proposed action (project) is not subject to the pre-decisional objection process.

Section 105 - Codifying “New Information”

- Specifies that the Forest Service is not required to reinitiate plan-level consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service following the finding of “new information” related to a listed species unless the “new information” is publicly available, peer-reviewed, and consistent with longstanding federal guidelines for scientific information. Allows for the agency to conduct informal, formal, or no consultation as appropriate and allows projects to continue during plan-level consultation.
- *Background:* In 2015, the Ninth Circuit ruled in *Cottonwood Environmental Law Center v. United States Forest Service* that the Forest Service needed to reinitiate consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the programmatic (plan) level following the 2009 designation of critical habitat for the Canada lynx. The Obama Administration believed

the *Cottonwood* decision had the “potential to cripple” federal land management decision and would impose a “substantial burden” on federal agencies—all without conservation benefit. After the Supreme Court denied the Department of Justice’s writ of certiorari petition, Congress enacted legislation in 2018 establishing that plan-level re-consultation is not required following the listing of a species or designation of critical habitat so long as the relevant Forest Plan is not older than fifteen years. The provision allowed for the plan-level re-consultation to be completed within five years of enactment or the listing of a species, whichever occurred later, in instances where the relevant Forest Plan is older than fifteen years. The 2018 legislation left unaddressed a third trigger for consultation under the *Endangered Species Act*: the finding of “new information,” which this bill would address. According to the Forest Service, new information continues to be a significant litigation issue for Forest Service activities. Since January 2016, there have been eighteen lawsuits involving *Endangered Species Act* “new information” claims in six states. In the same time period, the Forest Service received at least thirty-two notices of intent to sue raising *Endangered Species Act* “new information” as an issue on land management decisions.

Section 106 – Hazard Mitigation Using Disaster Assistance

- Allows FEMA hazard mitigation grant funding to be used to install fire-resistant wires and infrastructure as well as for the undergrounding of wires.
- *Background:* Investing in mitigation can reduce long-term costs, allowing more work to be done on the front end will ultimately reduce risk. Wildfire is a major source of natural disasters in the West, and wildfire mitigation activities should be eligible for the existing FEMA program to address hazard mitigation.

Section 201 – Biomass Energy Infrastructure Program

- Establishes a new Department of Energy grant program to facilitate the removal of biomass from National Forest areas that are at high risk of wildfire and to transport that biomass to conversion facilities.
- Biomass conversion facilities located within areas of economic need and seek to remove dead or dying trees are prioritized. Grants are limited to \$750,000.
- *Background:* The use of biomass can reduce wildfire risk by removing hazardous trees that have little commercial value, provide more distributed energy, and also provide support for rural communities through jobs in biomass energy.

Section 301 – California Exemption to Prohibition on Export of Unprocessed Timber

- Allows the export of unprocessed in timber of dead and dying trees in California. The exemption only applies after domestic mills have refused the unprocessed timber.
- *Background:* Much of the timber in California and other Western states have little commercial value in the United States yet poses significant wildfire risk. This section would increase the possible commercial markets for this timber in order to incentivize removal of this hazardous timber.

Section 401 – Innovative Forest Workforce Development Program

- Creates a competitive grant program to provide funds to non-profits, educational institutions, and state agencies to assist in the development of activities relating to workforce development in the forestry sector. Funds can be used for education, training, skills development, and education.
- *Background:* Forest management is facing a generational attrition issue. Jobs in the forestry sector can provide benefits to rural communities while simultaneously helping to reduce wildfire risk.

Section 403 – Western Prescribed Fire Center

- Establishes a Prescribed Fire Center in the West to train individuals in prescribed fire methods and other methods relevant to the mitigation of wildfire risk.
- *Background:* Restoring fire to the landscape is one of the tools that has been known to successfully reduce wildfire risk. Increasing the use of this practice has demonstrated success in various regions in the United States as well as in other countries. Training personnel in this practice could have an enormous impact on reducing wildfire risk in the Western United States.

Section 403 – Retrofits for Fire-Resilient Communities

- Amends the Weatherization Assistance program to make materials that are resistant to high heat and fire and dwellings that utilize fire-resistant materials and incorporate wildfire prevention and mitigation planning eligible for funds.
- Increases the level of available funding to \$13,000 and allows for increases with inflation.
- *Background:* Retrofits of homes to make them more fire resistant can reduce the risk to homeowners and residential structures. Given the threat of wildfire, fire-resistance activities should be eligible for the existing Weatherization Assistance program.

Section 404 – Critical Infrastructure and Microgrid Program

- Establishes a new Department of Energy grant program to improve the energy resilience, energy efficiency, and power needs of critical facilities.
- Prioritizes rural communities with access to on-site back-up power and installation of electrical switching gear.
- *Background:* Utility infrastructure has proven to be a significant wildfire risk, and the impact of large scale power shutoffs to prevent wildfires during high risk periods is substantial for communities. This section would authorize new funding to help assist communities and businesses mitigate these disruptions and create a more distributed energy system in high-risk areas to allow for more targeted prevention efforts.

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To increase wildfire preparedness and response throughout the United States,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. DAINES) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To increase wildfire preparedness and response throughout
the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Wildfire
5 and Public Safety Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Findings.

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- Sec. 101. Forest landscape projects.
- Sec. 102. Wildfire detection equipment.
- Sec. 103. Establishment of fuel breaks in forests and other wildland vegetation.
- Sec. 104. Emergency actions.
- Sec. 105. New information in land management plans.
- Sec. 106. Hazard mitigation using disaster assistance.

TITLE II—BIOMASS

- Sec. 201. Biomass energy infrastructure program.

TITLE III—TIMBER EXPORTS

- Sec. 301. Exemption to prohibition on export of unprocessed timber of dead and dying trees in the State of California.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 401. Innovative forest workforce development program.
- Sec. 402. Western prescribed fire center.
- Sec. 403. Retrofits for fire-resilient communities.
- Sec. 404. Critical infrastructure and microgrid program.

1 SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) in 2017 and 2018, the State of California,
4 the State of Montana, and other Western States ex-
5 perience some of the deadliest and most destructive
6 wildfires in the last 100 years, devastating Federal,
7 State, and private land, destroying tens of thousands
8 of homes, killing dozens of people, and burning large
9 areas of land in the wildland-urban interface (as de-
10 fined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restora-
11 tion Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

12 (2) fire suppression practices over several dec-
13 ades, inadequate levels of forest management, and
14 climate change have increased the risk of wildfires,
15 and, according to the Fourth National Climate As-
16 sessment by the United States Global Change Re-

1 search Program, the cumulative number of acres
2 burned in the period from 1984 to 2015 was twice
3 the number of acres that would have burned in the
4 absence of climate change;

5 (3) increased development in the wildland-urban
6 interface near overgrown forest landscapes has in-
7 creased the number of people living in areas that are
8 at risk of wildfire;

9 (4) despite legislation enacted over the last 20
10 years to facilitate hazardous fuels reduction, certain
11 statutory, regulatory, and administrative require-
12 ments, including studies, publication periods, season-
13 specific surveys, and objection processes, and litiga-
14 tion can significantly impede rapid implementation
15 of hazardous fuels reduction projects necessary to
16 protect lives and property;

17 (5) increasing the pace and scale of science-
18 based, publicly developed forest management activi-
19 ties that reduce hazardous fuels, including through
20 mechanical thinning and controlled burning, can re-
21 duce the size and scope of wildfires, as well as pro-
22 tect watersheds, improve fish and wildlife habitat,
23 expand recreational opportunities, protect air qual-
24 ity, and increase the sequestration of carbon on Na-

1 tional Forest System and Bureau of Land Manage-
2 ment land;

3 (6) in 2019, 11,800,000 acres of National For-
4 est System land in the State of California and
5 6,300,000 acres of National Forest System land in
6 the State of Montana were at high or very high wild-
7 fire hazard potential, of which 3,100,000 acres and
8 1,600,000 acres, respectively, were within proximity
9 to populated areas; and

10 (7) the Governor of the State of California has
11 proclaimed a “State of Emergency” due to a vast
12 tree die-off throughout the State that has increased
13 the risk of wildfires and has created extremely dan-
14 gerous fire conditions.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
18 means—

19 (A) land of the National Forest System (as
20 defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and
21 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act
22 of 1974 (16 U.S.C 1609(a))); and

23 (B) public lands (as defined in section 103
24 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
25 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)).

1 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
2 retary concerned” means—

3 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
4 spect to Federal land described in paragraph
5 (1)(A); and

6 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
7 spect to Federal land described in paragraph
8 (1)(B).

9 **TITLE I—WILDFIRE MITIGATION**
10 **PROJECTS**

11 **SEC. 101. FOREST LANDSCAPE PROJECTS.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) COLLABORATIVE PROCESS.—The term “col-
14 laborative process” means a collaborative process de-
15 scribed in section 4003(b)(2) of the Omnibus Public
16 Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C.
17 7303(b)(2)).

18 (2) FOREST LANDSCAPE.—The term “forest
19 landscape” means an area that—

20 (A) primarily or entirely contains land that
21 has a high or very high wildfire hazard poten-
22 tial;

23 (B) due to a fuel management activity in
24 the area, would have a reduced risk, as deter-
25 mined by the Secretary concerned—

1 (i) of wildfire endangering a nearby
2 at-risk community (as defined in section
3 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration
4 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

5 (ii) of wildfire damaging a municipal
6 watershed or infrastructure that serves an
7 at-risk community described in clause (i);
8 or

9 (iii) of the transmission of a high in-
10 tensity wildfire from the applicable
11 wildland-urban interface or forest land-
12 scape to a nearby community; and

13 (C) to the extent practicable, is conducive
14 to the development and implementation of
15 projects relating to wildfire resilience and forest
16 health that are carried out through a collabo-
17 rative process.

18 (3) FOREST LANDSCAPE PROJECT.—The term
19 “forest landscape project” means a project carried
20 out in a forest landscape under subsection (b)(1)—

21 (A) in which 1 or more management activi-
22 ties are carried out; and

23 (B) that takes place on not more than
24 75,000 acres of Federal land or non-Federal

1 land adjacent to Federal land on which the
2 project is carried out.

3 (4) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY.—The term “man-
4 agement activity” means—

5 (A) the installation of fuel breaks (includ-
6 ing shaded fuel breaks) not more than ½-mile
7 wide across a forest landscape in a strategic
8 system that maximizes the reduction of wildfire
9 risk to communities or watersheds;

10 (B) mechanical thinning (including res-
11 toration thinning) of a forest landscape to
12 clear—

13 (i) surface fuels, such as slash;

14 (ii) ladder fuels, such as small and
15 medium diameter trees and shrubs; or

16 (iii) both of the fuels described in
17 clauses (i) and (ii); and

18 (C) controlled burns.

19 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means a State
20 the entirety of which is located west of the 100th
21 meridian.

22 (6) WILDLIFE HABITAT.—The term “wildlife
23 habitat” means an ecological community on which a
24 species of wild animal, bird, plant, fish, amphibian,

1 or invertebrate depends for the conservation and
2 protection of the species.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance
6 with paragraph (2), the Secretary of Agriculture, in
7 consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall
8 select 3 forest landscapes on which to conduct forest
9 landscape projects—

10 (A) to reduce the risk of wildfire in the
11 forest landscape;

12 (B) to restore ecological health to the for-
13 est landscape; or

14 (C) to adapt the forest landscape to the in-
15 creased risk of wildfire due to climate change.

16 (2) PROCESS.—

17 (A) PROPOSALS.—The Governor of a State
18 may submit to the Secretary of Agriculture a
19 proposal for a forest landscape project to be
20 carried out in that State.

21 (B) SELECTION.—The Secretary of Agri-
22 culture, in consultation with the Secretary of
23 the Interior, shall select forest landscape
24 projects to be conducted from among proposals
25 submitted under subparagraph (A) based on—

1 (i) the strength of the proposal and
2 the strategy for the conduct of the forest
3 landscape project;

4 (ii) the strength of the ecological case
5 of the proposal and the proposed ecological
6 restoration strategies of the forest land-
7 scape project;

8 (iii) the strength of the collaborative
9 process through which the proposal was
10 developed and the forest landscape project
11 will be carried out and the likelihood of
12 successful collaboration throughout imple-
13 mentation of the forest landscape project;

14 (iv) whether the proposed forest land-
15 scape project is likely to achieve reductions
16 in long-term wildfire management costs;

17 (v) whether the proposed forest land-
18 scape project would reduce the relative
19 costs of carrying out ecological restoration
20 treatments;

21 (vi) whether the proposed forest land-
22 scape project would provide energy as a re-
23 sult of the use of woody biomass and
24 small-diameter trees; and

1 (vii) whether an appropriate level of
2 non-Federal investment would be leveraged
3 in carrying out the proposed forest land-
4 scape project.

5 (C) CONSULTATION.—In selecting pro-
6 posals under subparagraph (B), the Secretary
7 of Agriculture, in consultation with the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior, shall consult with the
9 Governors of the States that submitted pro-
10 posals under subparagraph (A).

11 (3) APPLICABILITY.—The selection of a forest
12 landscape under this subsection shall not be subject
13 to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
14 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or any other applicable law.

15 (c) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out a
16 management activity under a forest landscape project, the
17 Secretary concerned—

18 (1) shall maximize the retention of old-growth
19 stands and large trees, as appropriate for the forest
20 type, to the extent that the trees promote stands
21 that are resilient to wildfire and increased average
22 temperature;

23 (2) shall consider the best available scientific
24 information to maintain or restore the ecological in-
25 tegrity of the forest landscape; and

1 (3) shall not establish a permanent road.

2 (d) ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—

3 (1) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL
4 ASSESSMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATE-
5 MENTS.—This subsection shall apply in any case in
6 which the Secretary concerned prepares an environ-
7 mental assessment or an environmental impact
8 statement pursuant to section 102(2) of the Na-
9 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
10 4332(2)) for a forest landscape project—

11 (A) that—

12 (i) is developed through a collabor-
13 ative process; or

14 (ii) is covered by a community wildfire
15 protection plan;

16 (B) the primary purpose of which is—

17 (i) reducing hazardous fuel loads;

18 (ii) installing fuel and fire breaks;

19 (iii) restoring forest health and resil-
20 ience;

21 (iv) protecting a municipal water sup-
22 ply or a critical communication site;

23 (v) improving wildlife habitat to meet
24 management and conservation goals, in-
25 cluding State population goals; or

1 (vi) a combination of 2 or more of the
2 purposes described in clauses (i) through
3 (v); and

4 (C) that does not include any action that
5 is inconsistent with the applicable land and re-
6 source management plan.

7 (2) CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES.—In an
8 environmental assessment or environmental impact
9 statement described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
10 concerned shall study, develop, and describe only the
11 following alternatives:

12 (A) The forest landscape project, as pro-
13 posed under paragraph (1).

14 (B) A forest management activity or com-
15 bination of forest management activities pro-
16 posed by the relevant agency.

17 (C) The alternative of no action.

18 (3) ELEMENTS OF NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.—
19 In the case of the alternative of no action, the Sec-
20 retary concerned shall evaluate the effect of no ac-
21 tion only on—

22 (A) forest health;

23 (B) wildlife habitat;

24 (C) wildfire potential;

25 (D) insect and disease potential;

1 (E) economic and social factors; and

2 (F) water quality and quantity.

3 (4) EXCLUSIONS.—This subsection does not
4 apply to—

5 (A) any component of the National Wilder-
6 ness Preservation System;

7 (B) any congressionally designated wilder-
8 ness study area;

9 (C) any component of the National Wild
10 and Scenic Rivers System;

11 (D) any research natural area;

12 (E) any National Forest System land or
13 public land on which the removal of vegetation
14 is prohibited by Act of Congress or the Presi-
15 dent;

16 (F) any land in an inventoried roadless
17 area; or

18 (G) any designated critical habitat for a
19 federally listed threatened or endangered spe-
20 cies, unless, after a consultation under section
21 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
22 U.S.C. 1536), the Secretary of the Interior, act-
23 ing through the Director of the United States
24 Fish and Wildlife Service, determines that the

1 forest management activity is not likely to de-
2 stroy or adversely modify the critical habitat.

3 (5) ROAD BUILDING.—

4 (A) PERMANENT ROADS.—A forest land-
5 scape project carried out under this section
6 shall not include the construction of any new,
7 permanent road.

8 (B) EXISTING ROADS.—The Secretary con-
9 cerned may carry out necessary maintenance of,
10 repairs to, or reconstruction of an existing per-
11 manent road under a forest landscape project
12 carried out under this section.

13 (C) TEMPORARY ROADS.—The Secretary
14 concerned shall decommission any temporary
15 road constructed under a forest landscape
16 project carried out under this section by not
17 later than 3 years after the date on which the
18 Secretary concerned determines the road is no
19 longer needed.

20 (6) JUDICIAL REVIEW IN UNITED STATES DIS-
21 TRICT COURTS.—

22 (A) VENUE.—Notwithstanding section
23 1391 of title 28, United States Code, or other
24 applicable law, a forest landscape project for
25 which an environmental assessment or an envi-

1 ronmental impact statement is prepared under
2 paragraph (2)(A) shall be subject to judicial re-
3 view only in—

4 (i) the United States district court for
5 a district in which the Federal land to be
6 treated under the forest landscape project
7 is located; or

8 (ii) the United States district court
9 for the District of Columbia.

10 (B) EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF JUDI-
11 CIAL REVIEW.—In the judicial review of an ac-
12 tion challenging a forest landscape project de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (A), Congress encour-
14 ages a court of competent jurisdiction to expe-
15 dite, to the maximum extent practicable, the
16 proceedings in the action with the goal of ren-
17 dering a final determination on jurisdiction,
18 and, if jurisdiction exists, a final determination
19 on the merits, as soon as practicable after the
20 date on which a complaint or appeal is filed to
21 initiate the action.

22 (C) INJUNCTIONS.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
24 (ii), the length of any preliminary injunc-
25 tive relief or stay pending appeal covering

1 a forest landscape project described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) shall not exceed 60 days.

3 (ii) RENEWAL.—

4 (I) IN GENERAL.—A court of
5 competent jurisdiction may issue 1 or
6 more renewals of any preliminary in-
7 junction, or stay pending appeal,
8 granted under clause (i).

9 (II) UPDATES.—In each renewal
10 of an injunction in an action, the par-
11 ties to the action shall present the
12 court with updated information on the
13 status of the forest landscape project.

14 (iii) REQUIREMENT FOR INJUNC-
15 TION.—A court shall not enjoin an agency
16 action under a forest landscape project de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A) if the court
18 determines that the plaintiff is unable to
19 demonstrate that the claim of the plaintiff
20 is likely to succeed on the merits.

21 (iv) BALANCING OF SHORT- AND
22 LONG-TERM EFFECTS.—As part of weigh-
23 ing the equities while considering any re-
24 quest for an injunction that applies to an
25 agency action under a forest landscape

1 project described in subparagraph (A), the
2 court reviewing the project shall balance
3 the impact to the ecosystem likely affected
4 by the project of—

5 (I) the short- and long-term ef-
6 fects of undertaking the agency ac-
7 tion; against

8 (II) the short- and long-term ef-
9 fects of not undertaking the agency
10 action.

11 (e) USE OF OTHER AUTHORITIES.—Each Secretary
12 concerned shall seek to use existing statutory and adminis-
13 trative authorities, including a good neighbor agreement
14 entered into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act
15 of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a), to carry out each forest land-
16 scape project.

17 (f) REPORTS.—Not later than the last day of each
18 fiscal year, each Secretary concerned shall submit a report
19 describing the impacts on wildfire risk and the environ-
20 ment of forest landscape projects carried out under this
21 section to—

22 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
23 sources of the Senate;

24 (2) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
25 House of Representatives;

1 (3) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
2 and Forestry of the Senate; and

3 (4) the Committee on Agriculture of the House
4 of Representatives.

5 (g) FUNDING.—

6 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

7 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
8 this section such sums as may be necessary for each
9 fiscal year.

10 (2) NON-FEDERAL FUNDING.—Each Secretary
11 concerned shall seek additional funding to carry out
12 this section from private and State sources.

13 **SEC. 102. WILDFIRE DETECTION EQUIPMENT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Healthy Forests
15 Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591 et seq.) is
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 607. WILDFIRE DETECTION EQUIPMENT.**

18 “To the extent practicable, the Secretary of Agri-
19 culture and the Secretary of the Interior shall—

20 “(1) expedite the placement of wildfire detec-
21 tion equipment, such as sensors, cameras, and other
22 relevant equipment, in areas at risk of wildfire;

23 “(2) expand the use of satellite data to assist
24 wildfire response; and

1 “(3) expedite any permitting required by the
2 Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the In-
3 terior for the installation, maintenance, or removal
4 of wildfire detection equipment.”.

5 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
6 for the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16
7 U.S.C. 6501 note; Public Law 108–148) is amended by
8 adding at the end of the items relating to title VI the fol-
9 lowing:

 “Sec. 607. Wildfire detection equipment.”.

10 **SEC. 103. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUEL BREAKS IN FORESTS**
11 **AND OTHER WILDLAND VEGETATION.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) HABITAT OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE.—The
14 term “habitat of significant value” means a wildlife
15 habitat (as defined in section 101(a))—

16 (A) of national, statewide, or regional eco-
17 logical importance;

18 (B) that is identified as a candidate for
19 protection, fully protected, sensitive, or as a
20 habitat for a species of special status by a State
21 or Federal agency; or

22 (C) that is essential to the movement of
23 resident or migratory wildlife.

24 (2) RIPARIAN AREA.—The term “riparian area”
25 means an area—

1 (A) that is transitional between terrestrial
2 and aquatic ecosystems;

3 (B) that is distinguished by gradients in
4 biophysical conditions, ecological processes, and
5 biota;

6 (C) through which surface and subsurface
7 hydrology connect bodies of water with adjacent
8 uplands;

9 (D) that is adjacent to perennial, intermit-
10 tent, and ephemeral streams, lakes, or estuarine
11 or marine shorelines; and

12 (E) that includes the portions of terrestrial
13 ecosystems that significantly influence ex-
14 changes of energy and matter with aquatic eco-
15 systems.

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” has
17 the meaning given the term in section 101 of the
18 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.
19 6511).

20 (b) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ESTABLISHED.—For-
21 est management activities described in subsection (c) are
22 a category of actions designated as being categorically ex-
23 cluded from the preparation of an environmental assess-
24 ment or an environmental impact statement under section

1 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
2 U.S.C. 4332).

3 (c) FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES DESIGNATED
4 FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The category of forest man-
6 agement activities designated under subsection (b)
7 for a categorical exclusion are forest management
8 activities described in paragraph (2) that are carried
9 out by the Secretary on Federal land (as defined in
10 section 3 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
11 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6502)) the primary purpose of
12 which is to establish and maintain linear fuel breaks
13 that are—

14 (A) up to 1,000 feet in width adjacent to,
15 and incorporating, existing linear features, such
16 as roads, trails, transmission lines, and pipe-
17 lines of any length on Federal land; and

18 (B) intended to reduce the risk of wildfire
19 on the Federal land or an adjacent at-risk com-
20 munity.

21 (2) ACTIVITIES.—Subject to paragraph (3), the
22 forest management activities that may be carried out
23 pursuant to the categorical exclusion established
24 under subsection (b) are—

25 (A) mowing or masticating;

1 (B) thinning by manual and mechanical
2 cutting;

3 (C) piling, yarding, and removal of slash;

4 (D) selling of vegetation products, includ-
5 ing timber, firewood, biomass, slash, and fence-
6 posts;

7 (E) targeted grazing;

8 (F) application of—

9 (i) pesticide;

10 (ii) biopesticide; or

11 (iii) herbicide;

12 (G) seeding of native species;

13 (H) controlled burns and broadcast burn-
14 ing; and

15 (I) burning of piles, including jackpot
16 piles.

17 (3) EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—A forest manage-
18 ment activity described in paragraph (2) may not be
19 carried out pursuant to the categorical exclusion es-
20 tablished under subsection (b) if the activity is con-
21 ducted—

22 (A) in a wilderness area or wilderness
23 study area;

24 (B) for the construction of a permanent
25 road or permanent trail;

1 (C) on National Forest System land or
2 land managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-
3 ment on which the removal of vegetation is pro-
4 hibited or restricted by Congress or the Presi-
5 dent; or

6 (D) in an area in which the activity
7 would—

8 (i) be inconsistent with the applicable
9 land and resource management plan;

10 (ii) have a substantial adverse impact
11 on—

12 (I) wetlands, as defined in the
13 United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
14 ice Manual, part 660 FW 2 (June 21,
15 1993);

16 (II) a riparian area; or

17 (III) a habitat of significant
18 value; or

19 (iii) harm—

20 (I) any species protected by the
21 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
22 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); or

23 (II) the habitat of a species de-
24 scribed in subclause (I).

1 (4) EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.—The
2 Secretary shall apply the extraordinary cir-
3 cumstances procedures under section 220.6 of title
4 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor reg-
5 ulation), in determining whether to use a categorical
6 exclusion under subsection (b).

7 (d) ACREAGE AND LOCATION LIMITATIONS.—Treat-
8 ments of vegetation in linear fuel breaks covered by the
9 categorical exclusion established under subsection (b)—

10 (1) may not contain treatment units in excess
11 of 3,000 acres; and

12 (2) shall be located primarily in an area de-
13 scribed in section 605(c)(2) of the Healthy Forests
14 Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591d(c)(2)).

15 **SEC. 104. EMERGENCY ACTIONS.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) EMERGENCY ACTION.—The term “emer-
18 gency action” means an action carried out pursuant
19 to an emergency situation determination to mitigate
20 the harm to life, property, or important natural or
21 cultural resources on National Forest System land
22 or adjacent land.

23 (2) EMERGENCY SITUATION.—The term “emer-
24 gency situation” means a situation on National For-
25 est System land for which immediate implementation

1 of a decision is necessary to achieve 1 or more of the
2 following results:

3 (A) Relief from hazards threatening
4 human health and safety.

5 (B) Mitigation of threats to natural re-
6 sources on National Forest System land or ad-
7 jacent land.

8 (3) EMERGENCY SITUATION DETERMINATION.—
9 The term “emergency situation determination”
10 means a determination made by the Secretary under
11 subsection (b)(1)(A).

12 (4) LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
13 PLAN.—The term “land and resource management
14 plan” means a plan developed under section 6 of the
15 Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Plan-
16 ning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604).

17 (5) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.—The
18 term “National Forest System land” means land of
19 the National Forest System (as defined in section
20 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Re-
21 sources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C 1609(a))).

22 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of Agriculture.

24 (b) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ACTIONS TO RESPOND
25 TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.—

1 (1) DETERMINATION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
3 make a determination that an emergency situa-
4 tion exists with respect to National Forest Sys-
5 tem land.

6 (B) REVIEW.—An emergency situation de-
7 termination shall not be subject to objection
8 under the predecisional administrative review
9 processes under part 218 of title 36, Code of
10 Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

11 (C) APPLICABILITY.—An emergency situa-
12 tion determination shall not be subject to the
13 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
14 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or any other applicable
15 law.

16 (2) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ACTIONS.—After
17 making an emergency situation determination with
18 respect to National Forest System land, the Sec-
19 retary may carry out emergency actions on that Na-
20 tional Forest System land, including through—

21 (A) the salvage of dead or dying trees;

22 (B) the harvest of trees damaged by wind
23 or ice;

24 (C) the commercial and noncommercial
25 sanitation harvest of trees to control insects or

1 disease, including trees already infested with in-
2 sects or disease;

3 (D) the reforestation or replanting of fire-
4 impacted areas through planting, control of
5 competing vegetation, or other activities that
6 enhance natural regeneration and restore forest
7 species;

8 (E) the removal of hazardous trees in close
9 proximity to roads and trails;

10 (F) the reconstruction of existing utility
11 lines; and

12 (G) the replacement of underground ca-
13 bles.

14 (3) RELATION TO LAND AND RESOURCE MAN-
15 AGEMENT PLANS.—To the maximum extent prac-
16 ticable, an emergency action carried out under para-
17 graph (2) shall be conducted consistent with the
18 land and resource management plan.

19 (4) ACREAGE LIMITATIONS.—A treatment area
20 covered by an emergency situation determination on
21 which an emergency action is carried out pursuant
22 to paragraph (2) shall consist of not more than
23 10,000 acres of National Forest System land.

24 (c) ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—

1 (1) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OR ENVI-
2 RONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.—If the Secretary
3 determines that an emergency action requires an en-
4 vironmental assessment or an environmental impact
5 statement pursuant to section 102(2) of the Na-
6 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
7 4332(2)), the Secretary shall study, develop, and de-
8 scribe—

9 (A) the proposed agency action; and

10 (B) the alternative of no action.

11 (2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Secretary shall pro-
12 vide notice of each emergency action that the Sec-
13 retary determines requires an environmental assess-
14 ment or environmental impact statement under
15 paragraph (1), in accordance with applicable regula-
16 tions and administrative guidelines.

17 (3) PUBLIC COMMENT.—The Secretary shall
18 provide an opportunity for public comment during
19 the preparation of any environmental assessment or
20 environmental impact statement under paragraph
21 (1).

22 (4) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this sub-
23 section prohibits the Secretary from making an
24 emergency situation determination, including a de-
25 termination that an emergency exists pursuant to

1 section 220.4(b) of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
2 tions (or successor regulations), that makes it nec-
3 essary to take an emergency action before preparing
4 an environmental assessment or environmental im-
5 pact statement under the National Environmental
6 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

7 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF EMERGENCY AC-
8 TIONS.—An emergency action carried out under this sec-
9 tion shall not be subject to objection under the
10 predecisional administrative review processes established
11 under section 105 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act
12 of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6515) and section 428 of the Depart-
13 ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
14 Appropriations Act, 2012 (16 U.S.C. 6515 note; Public
15 Law 112–74).

16 (e) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF EMERGENCY ACTIONS.—
17 Section 106 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
18 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6516) shall apply to an emergency action
19 carried out under this section.

20 **SEC. 105. NEW INFORMATION IN LAND MANAGEMENT**
21 **PLANS.**

22 (a) REINITIATION OF CONSULTATION; ACTIONS ON
23 FEDERAL LAND.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned
25 shall not be required to reinitiate consultation under

1 section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of
2 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536(a)(2)) on a Federal action
3 described in subsection (b) for new information af-
4 fecting the listing of a species as threatened or en-
5 dangered or the designation of critical habitat under
6 that Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) unless the new in-
7 formation was—

8 (A) influential scientific information (as
9 defined in the guidance document prepared by
10 the Office of Management and Budget entitled
11 “Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer
12 Review” and dated December 16, 2004);

13 (B) peer reviewed; and

14 (C) printed in a publication that is pub-
15 lically accessible.

16 (2) ACTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND.—While any
17 consultation initiated under paragraph (1) is pend-
18 ing, the Secretary concerned may take an action on
19 Federal land to implement a land management plan,
20 a resource management plan, or a regulation relat-
21 ing to Federal land that is the subject of the new
22 information, if the Secretary concerned complies
23 with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of
24 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536) regarding that action.

1 (b) FEDERAL ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—A Federal ac-
2 tion referred to in subsection (a) is any of the following:

3 (1) An action on Federal land.

4 (2) A land management plan or resource man-
5 agement plan.

6 (c) IRREVERSIBLE OR IRRETRIEVABLE COMMIT-
7 MENTS.—An action described in subsection (a)(2) shall
8 not be considered an irreversible or irretrievable commit-
9 ment of resources to implement a land management plan,
10 a resource management plan, or a regulation relating to
11 Federal land.

12 (d) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
13 affects any applicable requirement of the Secretary con-
14 cerned to consult with the head of any other Federal de-
15 partment or agency—

16 (1) regarding any project carried out, or pro-
17 posed to be carried out, to implement a land man-
18 agement plan or resource management plan pursu-
19 ant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
20 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including any requirement to
21 consult regarding the consideration of cumulative
22 impacts of completed, ongoing, and planned projects;
23 or

24 (2) with respect to—

1 (A) an amendment or revision to a land
2 management plan; or

3 (B) a regulation relating to Federal land.

4 **SEC. 106. HAZARD MITIGATION USING DISASTER ASSIST-**
5 **ANCE.**

6 Section 404(f)(12) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
7 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
8 5170c(f)(12)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “and wildfire” after “wind-
10 storm”;

11 (2) by striking “including replacing” and in-
12 serting the following: “including—

13 “(A) replacing”;

14 (3) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

15 (A) by inserting “, wildfire,” after “ex-
16 treme wind”; and

17 (B) by adding “and” after the semicolon
18 at the end; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(B) the installation of fire-resistant wires
21 and infrastructure and the undergrounding of
22 wires;”.

23 **TITLE II—BIOMASS**

24 **SEC. 201. BIOMASS ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AREA OF ECONOMIC NEED.—The term
2 “area of economic need” has the meaning given the
3 term “qualified opportunity zone” in section 1400Z–
4 1(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

5 (2) BIOMASS.—The term “biomass” means
6 slash, thinnings, or invasive species from National
7 Forest System land and public lands (as defined in
8 section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
9 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)) that—

10 (A) are byproducts of preventive treat-
11 ments that are removed—

12 (i) to reduce hazardous fuels;

13 (ii) to reduce or contain disease or in-
14 sect infestation; or

15 (iii) to restore ecosystem health;

16 (B) are byproducts of wildfire fuel treat-
17 ments;

18 (C) would not otherwise be used for high-
19 er-value products; and

20 (D) are harvested—

21 (i) in accordance with applicable law
22 and land management plans;

23 (ii) in accordance with the require-
24 ments for—

1 (I) old-growth maintenance, res-
2 toration, and management direction
3 under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of
4 subsection (e) of section 102 of the
5 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
6 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6512); and

7 (II) large tree retention under
8 subsection (f) of that section; and

9 (iii) in a manner that retains a min-
10 imum quantity of coarse woody debris for
11 habitat, nutrient recycling, and soil con-
12 servation.

13 (3) BIOMASS CONVERSION FACILITY.—The
14 term “biomass conversion facility” means a facility
15 that converts or proposes to convert biomass, includ-
16 ing through gasification, into—

17 (A) heat;

18 (B) power;

19 (C) biobased products;

20 (D) advanced biofuels; or

21 (E) any combination of the outputs de-
22 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

23 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
24 ty” means—

25 (A) a business;

1 (B) a limited liability company;

2 (C) a cooperative or an entity with a busi-
3 ness arrangement similar to a cooperative, as
4 determined by the Secretary;

5 (D) a nonprofit organization; and

6 (E) a public entity.

7 (5) HIGH HAZARD ZONE.—The term “high haz-
8 ard zone” means an area identified as being at high
9 risk of wildfire—

10 (A) through the use of a fire hazard map-
11 ping tool; and

12 (B) by—

13 (i) the Secretary; and

14 (ii) the Governor of the State in which
15 the area is located.

16 (6) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
17 the program established under subsection (b).

18 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Energy.

20 (b) PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
22 a program to provide grants, direct loans, and loan guar-
23 antees to eligible entities—

24 (1) to establish a biomass conversion facility;

1 (2) to expand the infrastructure of a biomass
2 conversion facility;

3 (3) to make infrastructure or technological
4 changes to a biomass conversion facility; or

5 (4) to remove, harvest, and transport dead or
6 dying trees and small diameter low-value trees.

7 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant
9 awarded under the program shall be based on—

10 (A) in the case of a grant for an activity
11 described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of sub-
12 section (b), the number of kilowatt hours of en-
13 ergy generated by the biomass conversion facil-
14 ity; and

15 (B) in the case of a grant for an activity
16 described in paragraph (4) of that subsection,
17 the contribution of the activity to reducing the
18 risk of wildfire in high hazard zones.

19 (2) MAXIMUM PAYMENT.—An eligible entity
20 shall not receive more than \$750,000 in grant funds
21 under the program in a single calendar year.

22 (d) PRIORITIES.—In awarding a grant, direct loan,
23 or loan guarantee under the program, the Secretary shall
24 give priority to an eligible entity that—

1 (1) seeks to remove dead or dying trees and
2 small diameter low-value trees;

3 (2) seeks to locate a biomass conversion facility
4 in—

5 (A) an area of economic need; or

6 (B) an area in which there has been a de-
7 cline in forest occupation, as determined by the
8 Secretary; or

9 (3) is a small business, as determined by the
10 Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

11 (e) GRANT MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Each eligible
12 entity that receives a grant under the program shall pro-
13 vide an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of the
14 grant to carry out the activities supported by the grant.

15 (f) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
16 priated to the Secretary \$100,000,000 to award grants
17 under the program, to remain available until expended.

18 **TITLE III—TIMBER EXPORTS**

19 **SEC. 301. EXEMPTION TO PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF UN-** 20 **PROCESSED TIMBER OF DEAD AND DYING** 21 **TREES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

22 Section 489 of the Forest Resources Conservation
23 and Shortage Relief Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 620a) is
24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting before the pe-
2 riod at the end the following: “or such timber is ex-
3 empted under subsection (c).”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

5 (A) by striking “to specific” and inserting
6 the following: “to—

7 “(A) specific”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
9 ignated), by striking the period at the end and
10 inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(B) unprocessed timber originating from
13 National Forest System land in the State of
14 California that—

15 “(i) is included in a hazardous fuels
16 reduction treatment; and

17 “(ii) for which there is no current do-
18 mestic market.”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(c) EXEMPTION FOR UNPROCESSED SURPLUS TIM-
21 BER OF DEAD AND DYING TREES IN THE STATE OF CALI-
22 FORNIA.—

23 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 “(A) DEAD.—The term ‘dead’, with re-
25 spect to a tree, means that the tree is des-

1 ignated by a registered professional forester or
2 a designee of the Secretary concerned as dead.

3 “(B) DYING.—The term ‘dying’, with re-
4 spect to a tree, means that—

5 “(i)(I) 50 percent or greater of the fo-
6 liage-bearing crown of the tree is dead or
7 fading in color (other than through normal
8 autumn coloration changes) from a normal
9 green to a yellow, sorrel, or brown;

10 “(II) successful bark beetle attacks
11 are exhibited on the tree, with indications
12 of dead cambium and brood development
13 distributed around the circumference of
14 the bole of the tree; or

15 “(III) 50 percent or greater of the cir-
16 cumference of the lower bole of the tree is
17 girdled by wildlife; or

18 “(ii) the tree is designated by a reg-
19 istered professional forester or a designee
20 of the Secretary concerned as likely to die
21 within 1 year.

22 “(C) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the
23 State of California.

24 “(2) APPLICATION OF PROHIBITION.—Subject
25 to paragraph (3), the prohibition under subsection

1 (a) shall not apply to unprocessed surplus timber
2 originating from a dead or dying tree on Federal
3 land in the State.

4 “(3) DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS SPECIES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
6 days after the date of enactment of the Emer-
7 gency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020,
8 and each year thereafter, the Secretary con-
9 cerned shall issue a list establishing which spe-
10 cies and sizes of trees are considered to be ‘sur-
11 plus’ for purposes of paragraph (2).

12 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION.—Except with re-
13 spect to the first list issued under subparagraph
14 (A), the Secretary concerned shall implement
15 and administer this paragraph in accordance
16 with—

17 “(i) the rulemaking and notice and
18 comment provisions of section 553 of title
19 5, United States Code; and

20 “(ii) chapter 35 of title 44, United
21 States Code (commonly known as the ‘Pa-
22 perwork Reduction Act’).

23 “(4) PREFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC TIMBER
24 PROCESSING.—Notwithstanding the exemption de-
25 scribed in paragraph (2), the Secretary concerned,

1 to the maximum extent practicable, shall give pref-
2 erence for domestic processing of timber covered by
3 the exemption.

4 “(5) INAPPLICABILITY OF SUBSTITUTION LIM-
5 TATIONS.—Section 490 shall not apply to unproc-
6 essed surplus timber exempted under paragraph (2).

7 “(6) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later
8 than March 1, 2023, the Secretaries concerned shall
9 submit to Congress a report evaluating the impacts
10 of the exemption described in paragraph (2) on for-
11 est health, domestic timber supply, local processing
12 capacity, reduction in risk from wildfire, public safe-
13 ty, and the total quantity of timber exported.

14 “(7) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—This
15 subsection shall cease to be effective on the date that
16 is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Emer-
17 gency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.”.

18 **TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS**

19 **SEC. 401. INNOVATIVE FOREST WORKFORCE DEVELOP-** 20 **MENT PROGRAM.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) CAREER IN THE FOREST SECTOR.—The
23 term “career in the forest sector” means a career in
24 forestry, including—

25 (A) in timber operations;

1 (B) as a registered professional forester;

2 (C) in vegetation treatment, including as a
3 member of a hand crew, a machine operator,
4 and in conducting prescribed fires;

5 (D) in ecological restoration, including res-
6 toration of watersheds;

7 (E) in wildland fire fighting; and

8 (F) in community fire resilience, including
9 workforce development projects.

10 (2) FOREST SECTOR.—The term “forest sector”
11 includes the areas of forestry described in subpara-
12 graphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (1).

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Agriculture.

15 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall es-
16 tablish a competitive grant program—

17 (1) to assist in the development and utilization
18 of innovative activities relating to workforce develop-
19 ment in the forest sector and opportunities for ca-
20 reers in the forest sector; and

21 (2) to expand public awareness about the forest
22 sector and connect individuals to careers in the for-
23 est sector.

24 (c) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—In award-
25 ing grants under subsection (b), the Secretary shall, to

1 the extent practicable, select nonprofit professional or
2 service organizations, labor organizations, State agencies,
3 community colleges, institutions of higher education, or
4 other training and educational institutions—

5 (1) that have qualifications and experience—

6 (A) in the development of training pro-
7 grams and curricula relevant to the workforce
8 needs of the forest sector;

9 (B) working in cooperation with the forest
10 sector; or

11 (C) developing public education materials
12 appropriate for communicating with groups of
13 various ages and educational backgrounds; and

14 (2) that will address the human resources and
15 workforce needs of the forest sector.

16 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
17 section (b) may be used for activities such as—

18 (1) targeted internship, apprenticeship, pre-ap-
19 prenticeship, and post-secondary bridge programs
20 for skilled forest sector trades that provide—

21 (A) on-the-job training;

22 (B) skills development;

23 (C) test preparation for skilled trade ap-
24 prenticeships;

1 (D) advance training in the forest sector
2 relating to jobs as forest restorationists, mem-
3 bers of hand crews, wildland fire fighters, ma-
4 chine operators, licensed timber operators, reg-
5 istered professional foresters, ecologists, biolo-
6 gists, or workers in construction in support of
7 resilient infrastructure, including residential
8 buildings; or

9 (E) other support services to facilitate
10 post-secondary success;

11 (2) education programs designed for elemen-
12 tary, secondary, and higher education students
13 that—

14 (A) inform people about the role of for-
15 estry, vegetation management, and ecological
16 restoration in the communities of those people;

17 (B) increase the awareness of opportunities
18 for careers in the forest sector and exposure of
19 students to those careers through various work-
20 based learning opportunities inside and outside
21 the classroom; and

22 (C) connect students to pathways to ca-
23 reers in the forest sector;

24 (3) the development of a model curriculum and
25 related vocational programs to be adopted by com-

1 munity colleges, which, to the extent practicable and
2 feasible, shall—

3 (A) provide professional training in imple-
4 menting prescribed fire projects, including the
5 knowledge and skills necessary to plan and im-
6 plement broad-scale surface and ladder fuel
7 treatments within the wildland-urban interface,
8 wildlands, and urbanized areas, as appropriate;

9 (B) include a focus on the ecological con-
10 cerns, economics, and practices necessary to im-
11 prove community safety and forest resilience;
12 and

13 (C) train students in—

14 (i) the retrofitting of houses, including
15 the use of fire-resistant materials and the
16 maintenance of defensible space;

17 (ii) urban forestry; and

18 (iii) policies or guidance relating to
19 the management of vegetation near utility
20 infrastructure and relevant portions of
21 electric utility wildfire mitigation plans;

22 (4) regional industry and workforce develop-
23 ment collaborations, including the coordination of
24 candidate development, particularly in areas of high
25 unemployment;

1 (5) integrated learning laboratories in sec-
2 ondary educational institutions that provide students
3 with—

4 (A) hands-on, contextualized learning op-
5 portunities;

6 (B) dual enrollment credit for post-sec-
7 ondary education and training programs; and

8 (C) direct connection to industry or gov-
9 ernment employers; and

10 (6) leadership development, occupational train-
11 ing, mentoring, or cross-training programs that en-
12 sure that workers are prepared for high-level super-
13 visory or management-level positions.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
16 out this section such sums as are necessary.

17 **SEC. 402. WESTERN PRESCRIBED FIRE CENTER.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture and
19 the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section
20 as the “Secretaries”) shall establish a center to train indi-
21 viduals in prescribed fire methods and other methods rel-
22 evant to the mitigation of wildfire risk (referred to in this
23 section as the “center”).

24 (b) LOCATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The center shall be located
2 in any State the entirety of which is located west of
3 the 100th meridian.

4 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretaries shall con-
5 sult with the Joint Fire Science Program to solicit
6 and evaluate proposals for the location of the center.

7 (3) SELECTION.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, based on the con-
9 sultation under paragraph (2), the Secretaries shall
10 select a location for the center.

11 **SEC. 403. RETROFITS FOR FIRE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES.**

12 (a) DEFINITION OF WEATHERIZATION MATE-
13 RIALS.—Section 412(9) of the Energy Conservation and
14 Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6862(9)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at
16 the end;

17 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as sub-
18 paragraph (K); and

19 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(J) materials that are resistant to high
22 heat and fire; and”.

23 (b) WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 413(b)(5) of the En-
2 ergy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C.
3 6863(b)(5)) is amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
5 “and” at the end;

6 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(E) owners of such dwelling units shall
10 use fire- and drought-resistant building mate-
11 rials and incorporate wildfire and drought pre-
12 vention and mitigation planning, as directed by
13 the State.”.

14 (2) LIMITATIONS.—Section 415(c) of the En-
15 ergy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C.
16 6865(c)) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
19 (A) through (E) as clauses (i) through (v),
20 respectively, and indenting appropriately;

21 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i)
22 (as so redesignated), in the second sen-
23 tence, by striking “Labor” and all that fol-
24 lows through “to—” and inserting the fol-
25 lowing:

1 amount established under that clause.”;

2 and

3 (v) in subparagraph (B) (as so des-
4 ignated)—

5 (I) in clause (iv) (as so redesign-
6 nated), by striking “, and” and insert-
7 ing “; and”; and

8 (II) in clause (v) (as so redesign-
9 nated), by adding a period at the end;
10 and

11 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “\$3,000”
12 and inserting “\$6,000 (adjusted annually for
13 inflation)”.

14 **SEC. 404. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND MICROGRID**
15 **PROGRAM.**

16 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) CRITICAL FACILITY.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “critical fa-
19 cility” means a facility that provides services or
20 may be used—

21 (i) to save lives;

22 (ii) to protect property, public health,
23 and public safety; or

24 (iii) to lessen or avert the threat of a
25 catastrophe.

- 1 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “critical facil-
2 ity” includes—
- 3 (i) a hospital;
 - 4 (ii) an outpatient clinic;
 - 5 (iii) a nursing home;
 - 6 (iv) a police station;
 - 7 (v) an emergency operation center;
 - 8 (vi) a jail or prison;
 - 9 (vii) a fire station;
 - 10 (viii) a facility in the communications
11 sector, as determined by the Secretary;
 - 12 (ix) a facility in the chemical sector,
13 as determined by the Secretary;
 - 14 (x) a school or other large building
15 that may serve as a temporary gathering
16 space;
 - 17 (xi) a utility station, such as a water
18 and wastewater station; and
 - 19 (xii) any facility described in subpara-
20 graph (A) that is owned or operated by, or
21 provides services to, an Indian tribe (as de-
22 fined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
23 mination and Education Assistance Act
24 (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Energy.

3 (b) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND MICROGRID
4 PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall use the funds made avail-
5 able under subsection (d)—

6 (1) to improve the energy resilience and power
7 needs of critical facilities through the use of
8 microgrids, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and
9 on-site storage; and

10 (2) to improve the energy efficiency of critical
11 facilities by decreasing the size and cost of genera-
12 tors.

13 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—In carrying out subsection (b),
14 the Secretary shall ensure that the funds made available
15 under subsection (d) shall be used for, with respect to crit-
16 ical facilities—

17 (1) provision of on-site back-up power with re-
18 newable and low-carbon liquid fuels; and

19 (2) installation, at the transmission and dis-
20 tribution level, of interoperable technologies, ad-
21 vanced power flow control, dynamic line rating, to-
22 pology optimization, and communications systems.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

- 1 \$100,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available
- 2 until expended.



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REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

TIME REQUIRED 10 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD David R Butters

SUBJECT Mono County Public Employees -
Proposed Revision to Personnel Rule
330(C)

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Mono County Public Employees Union Personnel System 330(C) to clarify when employees may respond to local emergencies by performing volunteer fire fighting/search and rescue services during their regular work hours without loss of pay.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact unknown.

CONTACT NAME: David R Butters

PHONE/EMAIL: 706-207-2143 / dbutters@mono.ca.gov

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9/4/2020 9:04 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes

9/3/2020 1:12 PM

County Counsel

Yes

9/3/2020 3:37 PM

Finance

Yes



County of Mono

County Administrative Office

Robert Lawton
County Administrative Officer

Dave Butters
Human Resources Director

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Dave Butters, Human Resources Director
Date: September 1, 2020
Re: Resolution Modifying Mono County Public Employees (MCPE)- Personnel Rule 330
-Miscellaneous Leave

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed resolution modifying MCPE personnel rule 330, section C and provide direction to staff.

Background: During 2019 the County engaged in negotiations with the Mono County Public Employees union represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO, for the purpose of entering into a new memorandum of understanding (MOU). During the process of negotiating this new MOU the Personnel Rules are reviewed and modifications are negotiated. The County and MCPE agreed to the new MOU and Personnel Rule revisions and these were approved by the Mono County Board of Supervises on May 5, 2020.

Personnel Rule 330, section C defines the provisions for employees acting in the capacity of volunteer firefighters or search and rescue activities. During the revision to the rule changes were made which inadvertently may have deterred some employees from participating in these activities during regularly scheduled working hours. This revision to Personnel Rule 330, C submitted today for Board approval specifies that employees responding to local emergencies during their schedules work shift will be able to do so with no loss in compensation. This change is important for volunteering employees and to our communities in demonstrating Mono County's support for these critical local emergency activities.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact is unknown. To this point we have not tracked labor hours for employees responding to emergency activities. We are creating a payroll labor code which will be used on time sheets so future costs will be tracked.

Personnel Rule 330 - Miscellaneous Leave

C. If an employee is called to perform volunteer firefighting or search and rescue services on an incident within the boundaries of Mono County (or outside of Mono County if within the jurisdiction of an agency which has a mutual/automatic aid agreement with the employee's volunteer fire district or Mono County Search and Rescue) during regular work hours, the employee shall be deemed to be on duty and there shall be no loss of salary. The employee may be absent from work with the prior approval of the employee's Department Head, whose permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. If prior approval is not possible in the circumstances, the employee shall provide notification (e.g., by email or voice message) prior to responding or as soon as reasonably practicable. If the incident occurs outside of Mono County (or a mutual aid jurisdiction), absence from work shall only be allowed to the extent required by Labor Code sections 230.3 and 230.4. Employees are not covered by Workers' Compensation with Mono County while performing services as a volunteer firefighter or search and rescue team member.



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDING MONO COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION
PERSONNEL SYSTEM SECTION 330(C)**

WHEREAS, Section 330 (C) of the Mono County Public Employees Union Personnel System, "Miscellaneous Leave" ("Section 330 (C)") contains language addressing instances when County employees respond to an incident as a volunteer firefighter or search and rescue team member; and

WHEREAS, California Labor Code Sections 230.3 and 230.4 specify how employers, including Mono County, are legally required to accommodate the schedules of employees to allow them to serve as volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to amend Section 330(C) to align the County's obligations to employees who serve as volunteer firefighters and search and rescue team members with the requirements in Labor Code Sections 230.3 and 230.4, and eliminate any deterrent to volunteerism caused by the current language of Section 330 (C); and

WHEREAS, representatives of the County and the Public Employees Union bargaining unit have met and conferred and reached mutually agreeable terms for amendment to Section 330(C); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the proposed amendment to Section 330(C) appearing in the Exhibit to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION ONE: Mono County Public Employees Union Personnel System Section 330(C) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as set forth the Exhibit attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION TWO: Mono County Public Employees Union Personnel System Section 330(C) as hereby amended shall entirely supersede and replace any existing standard

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operating procedures or rules inconsistent therewith.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**

Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

Personnel Rule 330 - Miscellaneous Leave

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Departments: Human Resources/CAO

TIME REQUIRED 5 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD David R Butters

SUBJECT Employment Agreement - County Counsel

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Stacey Simon as County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R20-___, approving a contract with Stacey Simon as County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total cost for the remainder of fiscal year (2020-2021) will be \$286,201 of which \$177,000 is annual salary and \$109,201 is the cost of benefits. The cost for a full fiscal year would be \$290,563 of which \$180,000 is annual salary and \$110,563 is the cost of benefits. This salary increase is not budgeted, and we will need to look for budget savings or contingency during the mid-year budget adjustment process.

CONTACT NAME: David R Butters

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9/4/2020 9:04 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
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9/3/2020 4:39 PM	Finance	Yes



County of Mono

County Administrative Office

Dave Butters
Human Resources Director

Robert Lawton
Acting County Administrative Officer

Jay Sloane
Risk Manager

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Dave Butters, Director of Human Resources

Date: September 8, 2020

Subject: Employment Agreement for Stacey Simon as County Counsel

Recommendation: Approve the Employment Agreement for Stacey Simon as County Counsel for a term of four years, beginning September 13, 2020 through September 12, 2024.

Background: Stacey Simon has been employed by Mono County since September 20, 1999 and currently serves as County Counsel.

The County Administrative Officer (CAO) and County Counsel are the only two employees in Mono County hired by and reporting to the Board of Supervisors. The new salary for County Counsel matches the current salary of the CAO and creates parity between these positions. It is not uncommon in county government to have compensation parity between County Counsel and the CAO position.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost for the remainder of fiscal year (2020-2021) will be \$286,201 of which \$177,000 is annual salary and \$109,201 is the cost of benefits. The cost for a full fiscal year would be 290,563 of which \$180,000 is annual salary and \$110,563 is the cost of benefits. This salary increase is not budgeted, and we will need to look for savings during the mid-year budget adjustment process.

For questions, please call Dave Butters at 760 932-5413 or email dbutters@mono.ca.gov



RESOLUTION NO. R20-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH
STACEY SIMON AND PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION, APPOINTMENT AND
CONDITIONS OF SAID EMPLOYMENT**

WHEREAS, The Mono County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Section 25300 of the Government Code to prescribe the compensation, appointment, and conditions of employment of County employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mono County Board of Supervisors that the Employment Agreement of Stacey Simon, a copy of which is attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth, is hereby approved and the compensation, appointment, and other terms and conditions of employment set forth in that Agreement are hereby prescribed and shall govern the employment of Ms. Simon. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors shall execute said Agreement on behalf of the County.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Stacy Corless, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF STACEY SIMON

This Agreement is entered into this 8th day of September, 2020, by and between Stacey Simon and the County of Mono.

I. RECITALS

Stacey Simon has been employed by the County of Mono as its County Counsel since 2016. Previously, she served as Assistant County Counsel and Deputy County Counsel, commencing in September of 1999. The Mono County Board of Supervisors wishes to continue to employ Ms. Simon as County Counsel on the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement. Ms. Simon wishes to accept employment with the County on said terms and conditions.

II. AGREEMENT

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 27640, the Mono County Board of Supervisors appoints Ms. Simon as County Counsel of Mono County. As provided by Government Code Section 27641, Ms. Simon's appointment shall be for a term of four years commencing on September 13, 2020. Any removal of Ms. Simon during that term shall also comply with Government Code Section 27641. At any time before the expiration of Ms. Simon's term, the Board may reappoint her for a subsequent term. The Board requests that Ms. Simon bring the issue of such reappointment to the Board's attention for its consideration at that time.
2. Ms. Simon shall have, exercise, and discharge the powers and duties set forth in Chapter 2.78 of the Mono County Code and Government Code section 27640 et seq., as they maybe amended from time to time, together with any additional powers and duties that may be granted or assigned to her by the Board of Supervisors.
3. Ms. Simon's salary shall be \$15,000 per month. The Board may unilaterally increase Ms. Simon's compensation in its discretion at any time while this Agreement is in effect. Should a wage increase be granted under the MOU with Local 39, applicable to Mono County Public Employees (MCPE), it is agreed that this contract will be reopened for discussion and potential renegotiation with respect to Ms. Simon's salary. During such negotiations the County shall consider and discuss the issue of increased compensation with Ms. Simon in good faith, but the County's decision whether or not to grant such additional compensation shall be final and non-appealable. For purposes of determining mileage reimbursement or eligibility to use a county vehicle for work-related travel, Ms. Simon's "home office" shall be considered to be the Bridgeport office

of the County Counsel. Accordingly, Ms. Simon shall not be eligible for mileage reimbursement (or use of a County vehicle) when traveling to or from her residence to that Bridgeport office. But in recognition of the fact that Ms. Simon's residence is located in-between the two County centers of Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes – and the inefficiency, waste of time and resources, and inconvenience which would result if Ms. Simon were required to travel to the Bridgeport office in order to retrieve a County vehicle prior to traveling to the Mammoth Lakes office or another location in the County for county business – Ms. Simon shall be entitled to mileage reimbursement for such work-related travel to and from her residence to locations other than the Bridgeport office. In the event Ms. Simon is able to use a County vehicle for a portion of such travel (e.g., by stopping en route at a County premises with available vehicles), she shall do so. For purposes of this paragraph, mileage reimbursement shall be at the IRS rate.

4. Ms. Simon shall continue to earn and accrue vacation and sick leave in accordance with the County's Management Benefits Policy and in accordance with any County Code provisions not in conflict with said Policy. Also pursuant to said Policy, in recognition of the fact that her employment is exempt from the payment of overtime or compensatory time-off under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Ms. Simon shall continue to be entitled to 80 hours of merit leave during each year of service under this Agreement. Ms. Simon understands that said merit leave does not accrue from one calendar year to the next; rather, it must be used by December 31st of each calendar year in which it is provided or it is lost.
5. Ms. Simon shall have the option, in her discretion, of working an alternative schedule, or remotely, while remaining exempt from overtime or compensatory time payment provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.
6. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, Ms. Simon shall be entitled to the same general benefits provided by the County to other management-level employees, as described more fully in the County's Management Benefits Policy. Such benefits include but are not limited to CalPERS retirement benefits (currently 2.7% at 55 for Ms. Simon), CalPERS medical insurance, County dental and vision coverage, and life insurance. Any and all references in this Agreement to the County's Management Benefits Policy shall mean the "Policy Regarding Benefits of Management-level Officers and Employees," adopted by Resolution R20-56 of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, as the same may be amended from time to time and unilaterally implemented by the County.
7. The County shall pay all of the professional dues, subscriptions, and other

expenses necessary for Ms. Simon's continuing and full participation in national, regional, state, and local associations and organizations necessary and desirable for her continued professional growth and for the good of the County. Such expenses include the reasonable costs of attending various educational programs that will provide Ms. Simon with credit toward her fulfillment of the state bar's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements. The County particularly supports and encourages Ms. Simon's active participation in the County Counsels' Association of California and will pay her reasonable and necessary costs of attending at least three meetings each year hosted by that association, such as the annual fall meeting, mid-winter meeting, and spring civil-law meeting.

8. Ms. Simon understands and agrees that her receipt of compensation or benefits of any kind under this Agreement or under any applicable County Code provision or policy – including but not limited to salary, insurance coverage, and paid holidays or leaves – is expressly contingent on her actual and regular rendering of personal services to the County or, in the event of any absence, upon her proper use of any accrued leave. Should Ms. Simon cease rendering such services during this Agreement and be absent from work without any accrued leave to cover said absence, then she shall cease earning or receiving any additional compensation or benefits until such time as she returns to work and resumes rendering personal services; provided, however, that the County shall provide any compensation or benefits mandated by state or federal law. Furthermore, should Ms. Simon's regular schedule ever be reduced to less than full-time employment, on a temporary or permanent basis, then all compensation and benefits provided by this Agreement or any applicable County policies shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis, except for those benefits that the County does not generally pro-rate for its other part-time employees (e.g., medical insurance).
9. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties. Consistent with Ms. Simon's uninterrupted employment status, this Agreement shall have no effect on any sick leave or vacation time that Ms. Simon may have accrued as of the effective date of this Agreement nor on her original date of hire or total years of service as a County employee, to the extent the same may be relevant in determining such accruals or Ms. Simon's date of eligibility for or vesting of any non-salary benefits or for any other purpose.
10. Pursuant to Government Code sections 53243 et seq. Ms. Simon shall reimburse the County for any paid leave pending an investigation, legal criminal defense, or cash settlement related to termination by the County if Ms. Simon is convicted of a crime involving abuse of office or position.

11. The parties agree that the Board of Supervisors' approval of this Agreement on behalf of the County is a legislative act and that through this Agreement, the Board of Supervisors is carrying out its responsibility and authority under Section 25300 of the Government Code to set the compensation, appointment, and conditions of County employment and its authority under Section 27640 to appoint a county counsel. It is not the parties' intent to alter in any way the fundamental statutory (non-contractual) nature of Ms. Simon's employment with the County nor to give rise to any future contractual remedies for breach of this Agreement or of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Rather, the parties intend that Ms. Simon's sole remedy in response to any failure by the County to comply with this Agreement shall be traditional mandamus.
12. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is executed voluntarily by them, without duress or undue influence on the part or on behalf of any party. The parties further acknowledge that they have participated in the negotiation and preparation of this agreement and have had the opportunity to be represented by counsel with respect to such negotiation and preparation or do hereby knowingly waive their right to do so, and that they are fully aware of the contents of this Agreement and of its legal effect. Thus, any ambiguities in this Agreement shall not be resolved in favor of or against either party.
13. The County understands and acknowledges that Ms. Simon has only represented herself and has not acted as the County's attorney with respect to the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement.

III. EXECUTION:

This Agreement is executed this 8th day of September, 2020.

EMPLOYEE

THE COUNTY OF MONO

Stacey Simon

Stacy Corless, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christian Milovich, Assistant County Counsel



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SUBJECT Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

**PERSONS
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BEFORE THE
BOARD**

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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Evaluation

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

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Departments: Finance, CAO

TIME REQUIRED Public Hearing: 1:00 PM (30 minutes)

**PERSONS
APPEARING
BEFORE THE
BOARD**

Janet Dutcher, Robert Lawton, Megan Mahaffey

SUBJECT Budget Public Hearing and Planned Adoption for FY 2020-21

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Public hearing and adoption of the 2020-2021 County of Mono Recommended Budget, as presented or amended. The Mono County Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is available on the Mono County Website:

<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2020-2021-budget-development-adoption>

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Conduct public budget hearing. 2. Adopt resolution R20-___, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented or amended.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended budget includes \$121,263,920 in expenditures, \$109,273,876 in revenues, and relies on \$11,990,044 in carryover balance. The General Fund component includes \$40,678,873 in expenditures, \$37,552,510 in revenues, and relies on \$3,126,363 in carryover fund balance.

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Who

County Administrative Office

County Counsel

Finance

Approval

Yes

Yes

Yes



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August 28, 2020

Board members, Colleagues, and Community Members

We are pleased to present the County of Mono \$121.3 million fiscal year (FY 2020-2021) Recommended Budget. While the County Budget Act refers to this as the County Administrative Officer's recommended budget, it is a collaborative effort between the CAO's Office, Finance, and Departments. It is compiled with critical input from all stakeholders who participated in this year's process. As in previous years, we are reminded that we have an extraordinarily competent team of people who consistently strive to create the best Mono County imaginable. We are sincerely thankful for the tremendous effort from everyone to make this year's budget the best it can be during fiscally challenging times.

Importance of the Annual County Budget

The most crucial policy setting action the Mono County Board of Supervisors performs every year is the adoption of our annual budget. Budget planning takes six or more months, requiring collaboration from all 17 departments to work together with the County's budget team and the Board in proposing an integrated spending plan that delivers public services over the next twelve months. Through this process, we first estimate taxpayer resources available for appropriation, which set the limit for paying for required and discretionary expenditures that support delivering these public services. The budget communicates to Mono County citizens our priorities for meeting their needs because the County's business is to provide public services on their behalf. It focuses all our efforts and ultimately drives employee behavior and decision making.

"Nothing is more effective than the rules and results of the budget. Nothing."¹

We are reminded of this as we set the context about how important this budget communicates to our communities about the work the County plans to deliver over the next twelve months using scarce taxpayer resources.

Fiscal Resiliency Reminder

Your Board set fiscal resiliency as a strategic focus area and priority. Adopting a structurally balanced budget where recurring expenditures are fully paid for with recurring revenues with no reliance on carryover balances is a critical step towards achieving this goal, as well as continuing to build our reserve balances. We are again reminded that this takes patience and a commitment to stay disciplined. It takes discipline to make tough decisions, and strength to say something like, "that's a great proposal, but not now."

¹ Klein, A. (2019). *City on the Line: How Baltimore Transformed It's Budget to Beat the Great Recession and Deliver Outcomes*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
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County leadership emphasizes how having a strong fiscal foundation enables the County to spring back, adapt and grow when the next recession hits. News Flash! The next recession officially arrived in July 2020 as the U.S. Commerce Department announced second quarter 2020 GDP fell an historic 32.9%. The next recession is here, abruptly sooner than anticipated. While the recommended budget we present to your Board today is not fully indicative of resiliency, it does preserve core county services with no negative impact on the County's workforce and limits depletion of existing reserve balances except General Fund carryover balance.

This Year's Budget Journey

This budget characterizes revenue losses caused directly by the COVID-19 pandemic measures. Hiring decisions are delayed where possible to achieve one-time budget savings. And every single department found ways to reduce, and often delay, non-critical services and supply spending.

Budget forecasts for revenues and workforce expenditures are at maximum precision possible currently. Budgeting with precision moves us closer to a structurally balanced budget without raising taxes or cutting services. But it also lessens the gap between budgets and actual results, and we know from experience this reduces the amount of carryover available for funding future budget deficits. We must be reminded of this so that we make specific plans to increase reserve balances first before spending down unanticipated surplus funds.

The various budget balancing measures this Recommended Budget incorporates cause departments concern about continuity of important public services beyond the immediate budget year. Department Heads acknowledge that some of the reductions in their budgets may impact operations in future years, and that unmet needs continue to exist.

Over the past two months, the CAO and the budget team met individually with every department, all working together to propose a budget that fits within our available spending resources and without spending down our explicit reserve balances to meet current operational needs. At this time, reserve balances total nearly \$5.4 million, or 13.3% of GF annual spending. This recommended budget demonstrates everyone's commitment to these objectives despite the sudden onset of the recession. It presents a spending plan that preserves county services without negatively impacting our workforce. This is despite the loss of over \$3 million in countywide recurring operating revenues. We primarily accomplish this by being more precise at estimating services and supplies, continuing preciseness in modeling workforce costs, and by delaying certain non-essential expenditures until subsequent recovery years.

One consequence arising from budgeting with greater precision is a larger need and frequency of accessing expenditure contingencies. This recommended budget includes a GF contingency budget of \$539,924, which is an increase of \$140,000 over the previous year contingency budget and exceeds the policy minimum.

Available General Fund Carryover Balance for Spending in FY 2020-21

One important outcome of this year's budget process is achieving a General Fund operating budget deficit of no more than \$2,423,178, the amount conservatively projected as available for

spending in our GF carryover balance. Accounting work to close the FY 2019-20 fiscal records by recording all receivables and payables is incomplete currently. We previously estimated GF carryover balance available for spending at \$2,423,178, comprised of the following:

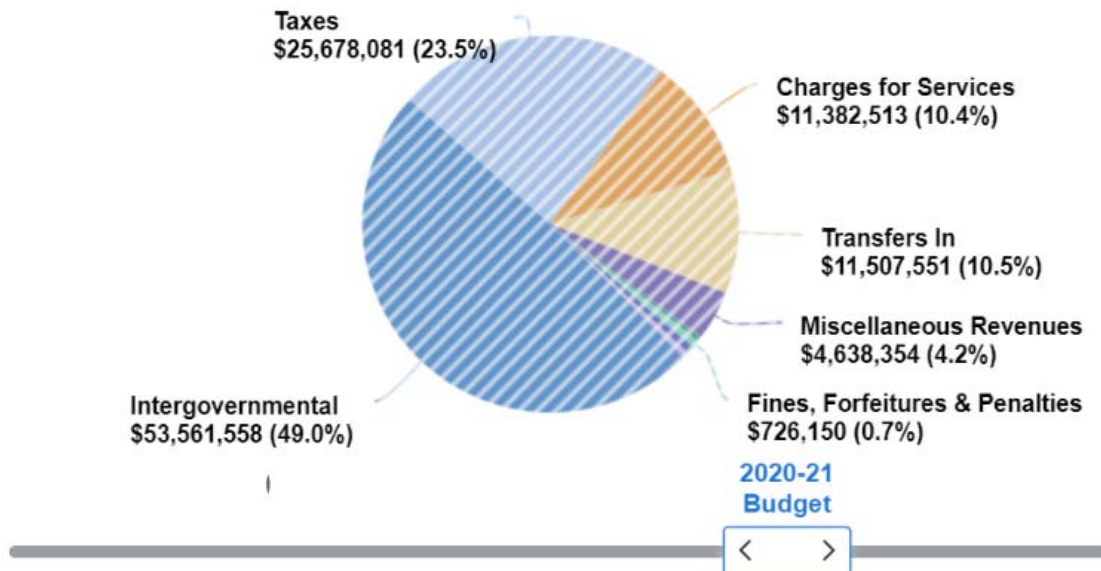
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR (JULY 1, 2019)	\$6,481,000
NOT AVAILABLE FOR SPENDING	
Advances to Solid Waste fund	(369,000)
CDBG/HOME loans	(887,000)
Prepays and inventory	(72,000)
Jail Project – Local Match	(810,000)
FY 2019-20 FORECASTED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(1,919,000)
AVAILABLE FOR SPENDING IN FY 2020-21	\$2,424,000

Of course, the County likely will benefit from a FY 2019-20 actual deficit (or surplus) which is less than shown above and resulting in a higher carryover balance into this next fiscal year budget, but we cannot comfortably predict this at this time. Any differential could be used to augment County reserve balances later or fund one-time spending initiatives such as investing in our radio infrastructure.

The two pie charts below illustrate the countywide recommended budget, as proposed.

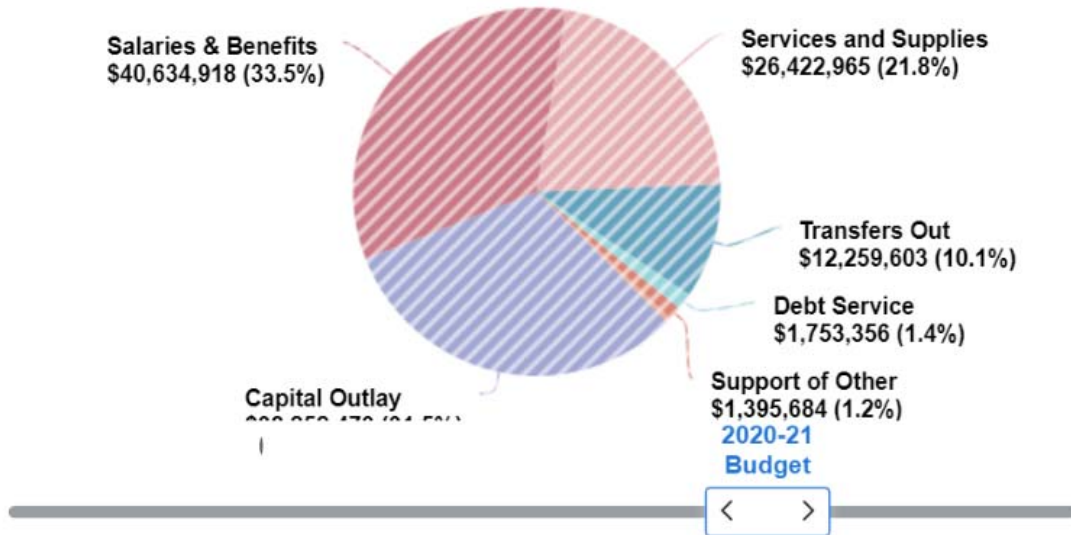
2020-21 Countywide Revenues by Type

Visualization



2020-21 Countywide Expenditures by Type

Visualization



Overview of the GF Recommended Budget

The current recommended General Fund budget, excluding the transfer of carryover balance to the Jail Facility Capital Project fund, is balanced slightly less than our target as shown below:

	FY 2019-20 AMENDED BUDGET	FY 2020-21 BASE BUDGET	FY 2020-21 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
RECURRING REVENUES			
Taxes	25,989,600	24,643,944	25,253,961
Intergovernmental	4,564,523	4,330,318	4,304,195
Charges for Services	4,743,654	5,204,570	5,728,433
Transfers in	884,334	855,390	952,940
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	830,209	683,150	683,150
All other Revenues	742,577	606,492	629,831
TOTAL RECURRING REVENUES	\$37,754,897	\$36,323,864	\$37,552,510
RECURRING SPENDING			
Salaries and other compensation	15,987,939	16,399,019	16,977,964
Benefits	10,104,290	10,397,793	10,139,663
Services and supplies	10,980,676	9,993,331	10,101,527
Support of others	537,160	318,779	334,039
Transfers out	1,537,082	1,245,765	1,333,619
Contingency	227,095	383,239	539,924
TOTAL RECURRING SPENDING	\$39,193,817	\$38,737,926	\$39,426,736
OPERATING DEFICIT	\$(1,438,920)	\$(2,414,062)	\$(1,874,226)
NON-RECURRING SPENDING			
Capital outlay	(239,116)	(9,116)	(150,000)
CARB	(730,600)	--	(395,000)
Payoff debt obligation	(161,693)	--	--
First Five visit program	(150,000)	--	--
Mammoth Lakes FSC	(30,425)	--	--
Transfer jail matching funds	--	--	(707,137)
Transfer to reserves	(543,000)	--	--
DEFICIT	\$(3,293,754)	\$(2,423,178)	\$(3,126,363)

General Fund Budget Analysis

Revenues

Property taxes are projected to increase by \$502,000 and charges for services by \$985,000, for a combined total of \$1,478,000 of new revenue to offset increased operational spending. However, revenue losses are projected at a combined \$1,817,000, making this one of the most challenging budgets in many years. While revenues are stagnant, spending continues to climb.

Changes in significant revenue categories are summarized in the table below.

SIGNIFICANT REVENUE CATEGORY	BUDGETARY IMPACT
Current secured, unsecured and unitary property tax revenues (excludes delinquencies)	Increased 2.65% to produce \$502,000 of new revenues. The assessed rolls are 4.6% to 15% higher but offset by expectations that delinquency rates will increase.
Transient occupancy taxes (excluding the amount allocated to tourism)	Decrease of \$1.3 million, or 40.3% of the prior year budget, is equal to a loss of near 4% of all GF revenues. There is no data available to accurately measure the pandemic's impact on TOT revenues. The first two quarters are estimated to be less by at least 50% and 60%, respectively, with the remaining two quarters at historical averages excluding this past fiscal year.
Bradley-Burns local sales tax (1%)	Projecting revenue dropping by \$143,158, or 20.7% of last year's sales tax budget. Excludes point of sale transactions within the jurisdictional town limits.
Proposition 142 public safety dedicated revenues	This year's estimate is \$195,000, or 13.1%, less than the prior year.
Excess ERAF	County policy is to budget \$500,000 of this revenue to fund operations with excess amounts being directed towards reserves. The budget was increased \$150,000 purposefully to pay for hiring a consultant to prepare a multi-year financial projection and conduct a county-wide fee study
Charges for services	Projected at \$984,779, or 20.7%. Of this amount, \$661,176 is additional A87 reimbursement. Another \$250,000 is from ambulance fees resulting from both new fees and anticipated fee increases. The remainder is primarily the increase in property tax administrative fees.
Court fines and penalties, vehicle code fines	We project a loss of \$146,000, or 17.7%, of this type of revenue.

Expenditures

GF total spending has been held to an insignificant change of \$232,919, or 0.6%, over spending levels in FY 2019-20. Salary and benefit spending are higher by \$1,025,398, but departments were successful in finding savings of \$879,149 in their services and supply budget line items. Yet, this budget includes some discretionary spending one might expect would be eliminated during a recessionary year, such as nearly \$104,000 for fish enhancement spending and \$44,000 to continue financially supporting local community organizations.

Changes in significant expenditure objects are summarized in the next table.

SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE OBJECTS	BUDGETARY IMPACTS
Salaries	Salaries are higher by \$990,000, or 6.2%. A portion of the increase is from promised COLAs, which have been preserved in the budget thus far. Last year, there were 17 vacant positions in the GF. This year, there are only 9 positions being recruited for a total cost of \$930,532. Budget savings of \$188,192 was achieved by including the anticipated date of hire subsequent to July 1 into the workforce costing model.
Benefits	Increase of only \$34,743. The higher pension cost of about \$425,000 is offset by discontinuing pre-funding of retiree medical and lower health care spending.
Facility	Significantly higher, by \$403,485, or twice the prior year, because of the move into the Civic Center and the change in calculating the rent apportioned to residing departments.
Supplies	Spending reduced by \$26,691, with attempts to budget closer to actual historical spending in this category.
Insurance	Budget is stable with a less than ½% increase over the prior year budget.
Training	First spending category to be reduced. This year’s training budget is reduced by 1/3rds. This is not sustainable post-COVID 19 if the Board’s strategic goal is to maintain a superior workforce.

What this Recommended Budget includes

If it is included in the budget, then it gets done. If it is not included in the budget, then it does not get done.

The Recommended Budget is balanced, as required by law, using \$3,126,363 of carryover for the General Fund (GF) and \$8,863,681 of carryover from non-general funds, the majority of which is the accumulation of unspent grants and state and federal revenue allocations.

While the following list is not all inclusive, this Recommended Budget includes sufficient resources to achieve the following extensive list:

- Provide core services including public safety, public health, community safety net services, road and infrastructure repairs and improvements, community and economic development services, and governance and administration.
- Funding for all positions with recruitment efforts underway as well as opportunities for staff promotions.
- An appropriation of \$150,000 for hiring a consultant firm(s) to prepare multi-year fiscal projections and conduct a countywide fee study.
- Continue EMS expansion in the Tri-Valley region at \$252,000.
- Contribution of \$395,000 towards the replacement of heavy equipment/vehicles under CARB regulations.
- Transfer of \$707,137 from General Fund carryover to the Criminal Justice Facility Capital Projects fund (new jail). With this transfer, the County has accumulated the \$1,494,000 required local match to receive SB 844 \$25,000,000 bond proceeds.

- Continue GF contribution to First Five Commission, this year at \$107,573, for the home visiting program.
- Continues same level of community grant funding of \$44,000.
- Continues same level of fish enhancement funding of \$103,737.
- Distribution of \$150,000 of proposition 47 public safety funding to our first responder agencies, the same as in previous years, despite revenue losses passed on by the State to the County.
- Hiring a housing manager or director funded partially with the Whole Persons Care Grant but ultimately will be a GF obligation when funding runs out unless other grant resources are identified. The local rental subsidy program of \$155,000 is also included, also funded with the Whole Persons Care grant.
- Collection of Civic Center rents from departments residing in the Civic Center and appropriations of \$1,266,675 to make our first year of debt service on the 2019 Civic Center Certificates of Participation obligation.
- CARES Act funding of \$1,373,000, less the amount estimated to reimburse the County for eligible costs incurred for COVID-19 activities from March 1 to June 30, 2020. CARES Act funding is prioritized to cover salaries and benefits for personnel who meet the eligibility criteria, additional cleaning services to meet new sanitizing standards, and other COVID-19 driven purchases of supplies and services.
- Continued funding of the EOC operations funded with 75% FEMA revenues with the other 25% paid for with a transfer from general reserve. The joint EOC operations was opened in mid-March to respond to the pandemic emergency which continues into the next fiscal year.
- Home grant award of \$500,000 for loan gap financing and rent subsidies.
- The Public Health budget includes three COVID-19 special funding aggregating to \$677,728 to be used to defray public health spending in responding to COVID-19 emergency.
- Hiring a new position, the permanent recreation coordinator. In accordance with our MOU, the County will receive partial reimbursement from the Town of Mammoth Lakes with the remainder of the funding come from geothermal royalties. Additional spending of \$30,000 is included to pay for miscellaneous recreational projects.
- Replacement of vehicles costing \$1,364,000 paid with previously collected capital charges from participating departments (users) plus the replacement of three additional sheriff vehicles using dedicated restricted funding sources.
- Road fund budget deficit is reduced from \$122,000 in the previous year down to \$50,000, with no additional subsidy from the GF except for the SB1 required MOE contribution.
- Construction of a shade structure at the Whitmore Animal Shelter, paid for with donations.

While the above programs are worth highlighting, this budget provides for the delivery of many additional, ongoing services and programs that enhance the quality of life for our citizens and guests. Despite the loss of core revenues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this budget hallmarks elements of resilience because of its ability to continue providing and improving public services for our communities during an economic downturn. In the Recommended Budget book, you will find spending plans for each County Department. We encourage readers to review the narrative, organization charts, and next year's goals that each Department provides to assist readers about what each of them plan to accomplish this next year.

What this Recommended Budget does not include

County budgets require give and take and there is never enough money to go around. This is especially true and painfully felt during a year such as we will experience in FY 2020-2021. We anticipate and built this budget expecting the double impact of a recessionary economy and the need for this County to continue responding to COVID-19 effects which we expect to continue into the later months of this next fiscal year. With the strategic priority of fiscal resiliency, any additional, even critical, expenditures that enhance County fiscal health, fulfill mandates, or satisfy stakeholder funding requests need to be postponed until excess carryover is identified, unanticipated revenues are realized, or expenditure contingencies are reasonably anticipated to not be needed to close out the spending plan of our core programs for the year.

To highlight a few items, while still noteworthy, for which this Recommended Budget did not include:

- Unfreezing of two Deputy Sheriff Officer and two Public Safety Officer in the Sheriff Department, and seven other positions which Department's have offered to remove from the Position Allocation List. Currently, the Position Allocation List closely aligns with the Recommended Budget.
- Funding above the base line amount of \$150,000 to pay for upgrades to our Radio Infrastructure system. Capital improvements of \$150,000 is included in the recommended budget for the Radio budget.
- Any appropriation for the Air Subsidy. Last year, \$35,000 was approved.
- Contributions to GF contingency reserves that include the general reserve, economic stabilization, and unassigned carryover balance.
- Funding for future investment beyond a pay as you go approach in the County's CARB compliant equipment replacement program.
- Funding for new capital improvement projects.
- Resources to sustain on a permanent basis affordable housing in the unincorporated area of the County. At this time, resources totaling \$985,630 are accumulated to start the fiscal year but likely to be depleted over the next three years.
- Does not address setting aside additional resources to pay down the County's unfunded pension liability of approximately \$51.8 million.

Concluding Comments

This COVID-19 pandemic illustrates how important the work to adopt a structurally balance budget and reach a target GF reserve balance of \$10.2 million (25% of annual GF spending) is towards being prepared and resilient in the face of economic downturns. Despite significant revenue losses, the recommended budget presented here preserves core services and the workforce without spending down reserve balances. One concern is the number of budget reducing strategies while resolving the immediate budget gap presents a challenge in future years when these strategies are not sustainable or repeatable with the same results. These strategies are "near term treatments" and may not fully and holistically solve structural budget imbalances for the long-term.

One bright aspect of this year’s budget efforts is arriving at a structural budget deficit for the GF of \$1,874,226, and how possible it is to achieve a structural balance during recovery years with a combination of revenue enhancements and expenditure reductions, especially through cross-cutting efficiency efforts.

Recommended Budget Snapshot

Below is a snapshot of the Recommended Budget. The data below shows that available resources fall short, yet our team of dedicated staff and County leaders continue to advance our County mission, *”To support all our communities by providing superior services while protecting our unique rural environment.”*

<i>FUND TYPE</i>	<i>REVENUES</i>	<i>APPROPRIATIONS</i>	<i>FUND BALANCE SURPLUS (USED)</i>
General Fund	\$37,552,510	\$40,678,872	\$(3,126,363)
Reserves	--	113,048	(113,048) ²
Special Revenue	35,275,786	41,780,884	(6,505,098)
CSAs	363,010	733,925	(370,915)
Capital Projects	26,280,137	27,670,275	(1,390,138)
Debt Service	1,917,694	1,433,121	484,573
Enterprise Activities	3,384,075	3,664,853	(280,778)
Internal Service Fund Activities	4,500,664	5,188,943	(688,277)
Total Recommended	\$109,273,876	\$121,263,920	\$(11,990,044)

To learn more about the budget, please visit our website at <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2020-2021-budget-portal>. If you have any questions, please contact me at jdutcher@mono.ca.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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² Amount needed to provide 25% local match towards FEMA reimbursements.



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADOPTING THE FINAL MONO COUNTY BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

WHEREAS, the final Mono County budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 (the “budget”) has been prepared under direction of the County Administrative Officer after consultation with the Finance Director, department heads, officers and certain employees; and

WHEREAS, the budget has been prepared in the form and manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, budget hearings of the Board of Supervisors have been noticed and held;
and

WHEREAS, the final budget is attached hereto and incorporated into this resolution by this reference pursuant to Government Code Section 29090.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that:

SECTION ONE: The budget incorporated by reference meets the requirements of Government Code Section 29000 et. Seq.

SECTION TWO: Pursuant to Government Code Section 29091, the several amounts of proposed financing uses specified in the budget are hereby appropriated at the object level except fixed assets, which are appropriated at the sub-object level pursuant to Government Code Section 29008.

1 **SECTION THREE:** The budget is hereby adopted as the Mono County Final Budget for
2 Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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4 **SECTION FOUR:** A copy of this Resolution, together with the attached budget, shall be
5 filed forthwith by the Finance Director in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and
6 in the Office of the Controller of the State of California.
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8 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8th day of September, 2020, by the
9 following vote, to wit:
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11 **AYES:**

12 **NOES:**

13 **ABSENT:**

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20 Stacy Corless, Chair
21 Mono County Board of Supervisors

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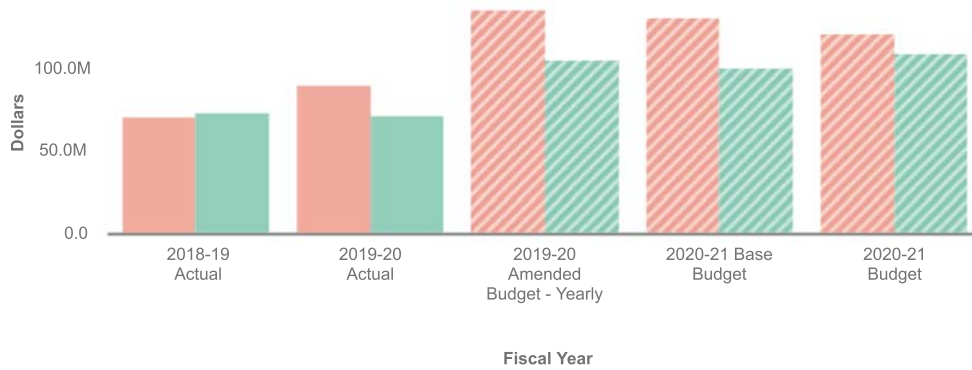
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Budget Summary - All Funds and Accounts



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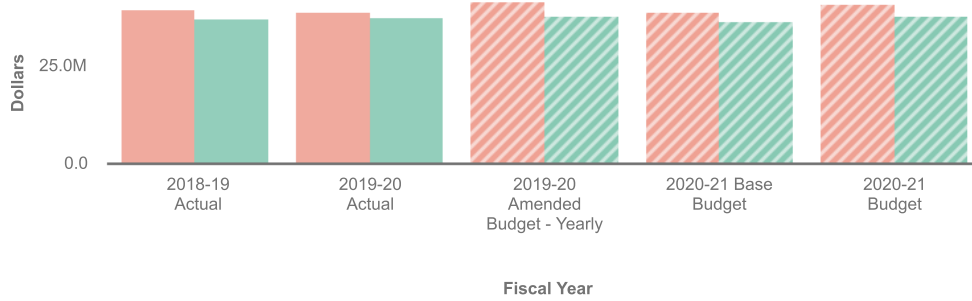
- Expenses
- Revenues

Collapse All	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2019-20 Amended Budget - Yearly	2020-21 Base Budget	2020-21 Budget
▼ Revenues	\$ 73,805,191	\$ 72,110,952	\$ 105,309,708	\$ 100,570,546	\$ 109,273,876
▶ Intergovernmental	22,684,522	21,819,736	52,394,357	51,021,013	53,561,558
▶ Taxes	25,460,486	26,607,145	26,502,930	25,157,274	25,678,081
▶ Charges for Services	11,150,887	10,154,855	10,287,684	10,547,423	11,382,513
▶ Transfers In	7,243,524	7,360,848	8,957,241	7,216,733	11,507,551
▶ Miscellaneous Revenues	3,077,497	2,509,355	3,529,875	3,163,340	4,638,354
▶ Interest & Rents	2,039,003	1,447,740	685,291	660,291	536,786
▶ Other Financing Sources	536,338	705,064	1,331,000	1,331,000	522,250
▶ Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	837,847	764,890	903,209	756,150	726,150
▶ Licenses, Permits & Franchises	775,088	741,317	718,121	717,322	720,634
▼ Expenses	71,454,737	89,965,626	134,949,977	131,186,084	121,263,921
▶ Salaries & Benefits	36,102,991	37,303,890	38,621,509	41,641,498	40,634,918
▶ Capital Outlay	8,272,360	20,845,938	56,391,139	55,499,565	38,252,470
▶ Services and Supplies	21,609,308	21,252,197	26,705,571	24,263,651	26,422,965
▶ Transfers Out	7,243,524	7,904,073	9,421,420	6,275,260	12,259,603
▶ Debt Service	646,117	1,428,028	1,775,640	1,613,947	1,753,356
▶ Support of Other	868,051	1,231,500	1,572,574	1,306,396	1,395,684
▶ Other Expenses	1,378,436	0	462,124	585,768	544,924
▶ Depreciation	-4,666,049	0	0	0	0
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ 2,350,454	\$ -17,854,674	\$ -29,640,269	\$ -30,615,538	\$ -11,990,044

Budget Summary - General Fund



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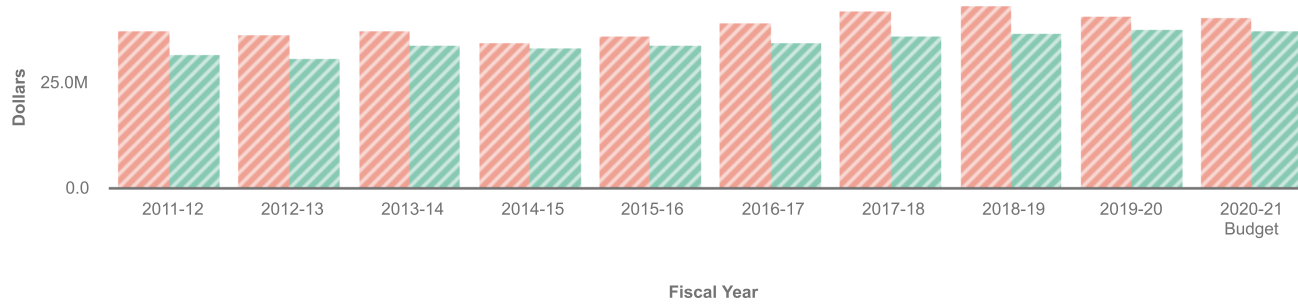
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▼ Revenues	\$ 36,915,132	\$ 37,194,191	\$ 37,754,897	\$ 36,323,864	\$ 37,552,510
▶ Taxes	24,944,231	26,130,471	25,989,600	24,643,944	25,253,961
▶ Charges for Services	4,981,726	4,725,628	4,743,654	5,204,570	5,728,433
▶ Intergovernmental	4,602,103	4,267,527	4,564,523	4,330,318	4,304,195
▶ Transfers In	941,271	754,444	884,334	855,390	952,940
▶ Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	758,901	696,393	830,209	683,150	683,150
▶ Licenses, Permits & Franchises	341,500	317,181	312,400	312,400	316,400
▶ Interest & Rents	314,508	301,548	291,092	281,092	292,431
▶ Miscellaneous Revenues	30,893	999	139,085	13,000	21,000
▼ Expenses	39,341,374	38,740,758	41,048,651	38,747,042	40,678,872
▶ Salaries & Benefits	24,852,762	25,755,019	26,092,229	26,796,812	27,117,626
▶ Services and Supplies	10,032,392	9,361,377	10,980,676	9,993,331	10,101,527
▶ Transfers Out	4,025,446	2,982,221	2,990,682	1,245,765	2,435,756
▶ Support of Other	222,434	476,633	537,160	318,779	334,039
▶ Other Expenses	0	0	227,095	383,239	539,924
▶ Debt Service	116,347	161,693	161,693	0	0
▶ Capital Outlay	91,993	3,815	59,116	9,116	150,000
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ -2,426,242	\$ -1,546,567	\$ -3,293,754	\$ -2,423,178	\$ -3,126,363

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Trend - Amended Budget Surplus (Deficits) - General Fund



Visualization



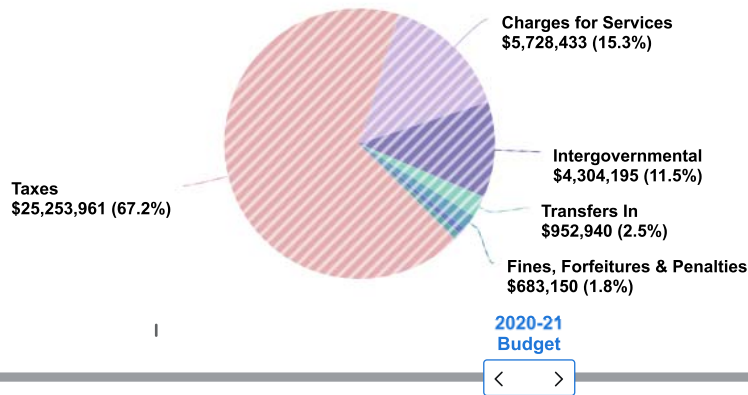
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► Revenues	\$ 32,052,645	\$ 30,849,418	\$ 33,982,760	\$ 33,450,660	\$ 34,051,277	\$ 34,788,846	\$ 36,351,782	\$ 37,040,722	\$ 37,754,897	\$ 37,552,510
► Expenses	37,442,890	36,714,505	37,434,022	34,624,140	36,318,882	39,356,346	42,119,146	43,194,665	41,048,651	40,678,872
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ -5,390,245	\$ -5,865,087	\$ -3,451,262	\$ -1,173,480	\$ -2,267,605	\$ -4,567,500	\$ -5,767,364	\$ -6,153,943	\$ -3,293,754	\$ -3,126,363

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General Fund - Estimated Revenues by Type



Visualization



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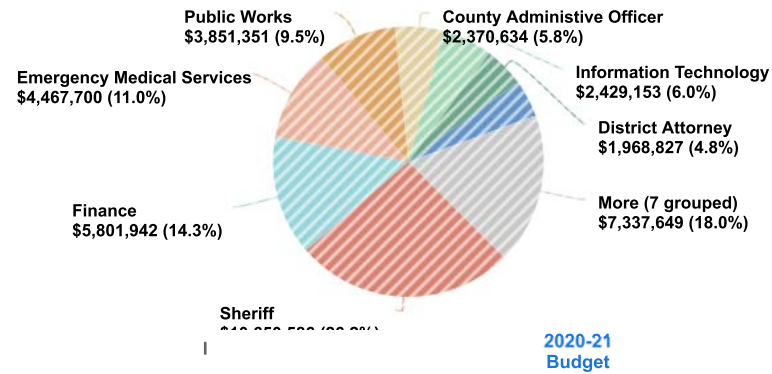
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- Charges for Services
- Intergovernmental
- Transfers In
- Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties
- Licenses, Permits & Franchises
- Interest & Rents
- Miscellaneous Revenues

Expand All	2020-21 Base Budget	2020-21 Budget
▶ Taxes	\$ 24,643,944	\$ 25,253,961
▶ Charges for Services	5,204,570	5,728,433
▶ Intergovernmental	4,330,318	4,304,195
▶ Transfers In	855,390	952,940
▶ Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	683,150	683,150
▶ Licenses, Permits & Franchises	312,400	316,400
▶ Interest & Rents	281,092	292,431
▶ Miscellaneous Revenues	13,000	21,000
Total	\$ 36,323,864	\$ 37,552,510

General Fund - Recommended Expenditures by Department



Visualization



Sort Large to Small

- Sheriff
- Finance
- Emergency Medical Services
- Public Works
- County Administrative Officer
- Information Technology
- District Attorney
- Probation
- More (7 grouped)

2020-21 Budget

Expand All	2020-21 Base Budget	2020-21 Budget
▶ Sheriff	\$ 10,596,280	\$ 10,650,586
▶ Finance	4,461,887	5,801,942
▶ Emergency Medical Services	4,241,658	4,467,700
▶ Public Works	3,727,880	3,851,351
▶ County Administrative Officer	2,392,416	2,370,634
▶ Information Technology	2,187,794	2,429,153
▶ District Attorney	2,042,999	1,968,827
▶ Probation	2,137,991	1,801,032
▶ Community Development	1,910,606	1,952,960
▶ Clerk / Recorder / Elections	1,345,869	1,386,820
▶ Assessor	1,169,095	1,254,173
▶ County Counsel	1,109,585	1,147,822
▶ Economic Development	530,040	589,442
▶ Animal Control	509,704	466,509
▶ Contingency	383,239	539,924
Total	\$ 38,747,042	\$ 40,678,872

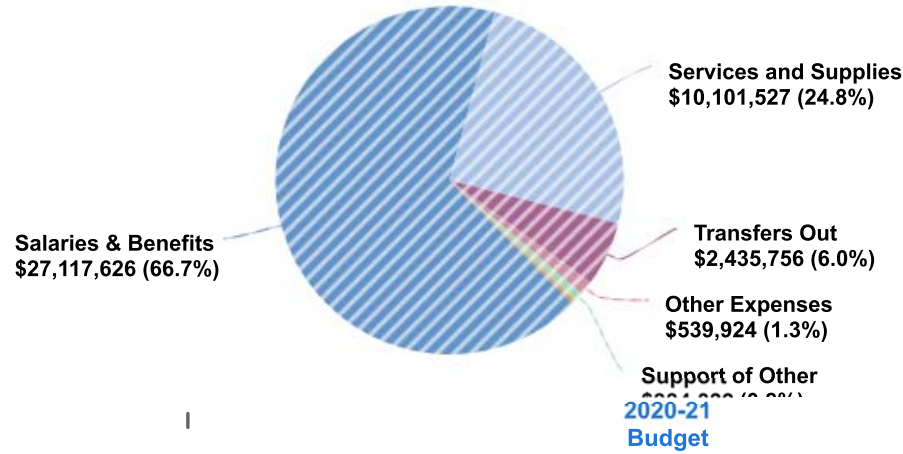
General Fund - Recommended Expenditures by Object Type



Visualization

Sort Large to Small

- Salaries & Benefits
- Services and Supplies
- Transfers Out
- Other Expenses
- Support of Other
- Capital Outlay



Expand All	2020-21 Base Budget	2020-21 Budget
▶ Salaries & Benefits	\$ 26,796,812	\$ 27,117,626
▶ Services and Supplies	9,993,331	10,101,527
▶ Transfers Out	1,245,765	2,435,756
▶ Other Expenses	383,239	539,924
▶ Support of Other	318,779	334,039
▶ Capital Outlay	9,116	150,000
Total	\$ 38,747,042	\$ 40,678,872



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

MEETING DATE September 8, 2020

Departments: Administration

TIME REQUIRED 15 minutes

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher

SUBJECT List of Allocated Positions for Fiscal Year 2020-21

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Proposed resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Position Allocation List for positions classified in the Recommended Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution R20-___, Adopting a Schedule for Position Classifications in Conjunction with the Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONTACT NAME: Rebecca Buccowich

PHONE/EMAIL: 760-932-5408 / rbuccowich@mono.ca.gov

SEND COPIES TO:

MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS:

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Resolution
FY 2020-21 Position Allocation List

History

Time	Who	Approval
9/4/2020 9:04 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes

9/2/2020 11:45 AM

County Counsel

Yes

9/3/2020 3:36 PM

Finance

Yes



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF MONO

Kim Bunn
Assistant Finance Director
Auditor-Controller

Janet Dutcher, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Director of Finance

Gerald Frank
Assistant Finance Director
Treasurer-Tax Collector

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Janet Dutcher, Finance Director
Robert Lawton, County Administrative Officer

Date: September 8, 2020

Re: Resolution to adopt the List of Allocated Positions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Recommended Action:

Approve proposed resolution to adopt the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Discussion:

Section 29007 of the State of California County Budget Act requires counties to adopt a resolution setting forth for each budget unit, a schedule showing salary rate or range for each position along with total allocated positions approved by the Board of Supervisors.

This list includes the addition of two new positions: Staff Services Analyst I in the Behavioral Health Department and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator in the Public Works Department.

There are five positions which are included on the proposed allocation list but are not funded in the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Public Health anticipates funding and filling their one new position once anticipated grant funding is awarded to the County. The Sheriff does not anticipate funding or filling its four positions listed below.

Department	Position Title	No. of Positions
Public Health	Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse	1
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff II	2
Sheriff	Public Safety Officer I	2

The position allocation list also incorporates several promotions requested by departments and included in the Recommended Budget. Several positions on the list are underfilled. Mostly, the budget reflects the cost of the underfilled position.

Once approved, this Allocation List will be attached to the budget and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and with the Office of the Controller of the State of California.

Fiscal Impact:

None.



R20-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADOPTING A SCHEDULE FOR POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020-2021 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 29007 requires that a schedule for position classifications, also referred to as an “allocation list”, be adopted in conjunction with the annual adoption of the County budget; and

WHEREAS, the allocation list must include salary rates or ranges, as applicable, and the total allocated positions approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the adoption of the 2020-21 Budget for the County of Mono, the Board now wishes to adopt a schedule for position classifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO RESOLVES that the Mono County 2020-21 schedule for position classifications attached hereto as an exhibit and incorporated by this reference, is hereby adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Stacy Corless, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

County Counsel

County of Mono, Position Allocation List, FY 2020-21

Department	Position Title	Range	Min Annual Base Salary	Max Annual Base Salary	# of Positions	Allocated FTE	Filled/Vacant
ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	67	\$57,705.00	\$70,141.00	1	1	V
ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER I/II	50/52	\$37,923.00	\$48,430.00	2	2	F
ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL SHELTER ATTENDANT	47	\$35,216.00	\$42,805.00	2	2	F
					5	5	
ASSESSOR	ASSESSOR	n/a		\$120,000.00	1	1	F
ASSESSOR	ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	n/a		\$104,494.00	1	1	F
ASSESSOR	APPRAISER III	75	\$70,308.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	V
ASSESSOR	AUDITOR-APPRAISER II	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
ASSESSOR	APPRAISER II	71	\$63,696.00	\$77,422.00	1	1	F
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ASSESSOR	CADASTRAL MAPPER/TRANSFER ANALYST	65	\$54,924.00	\$66,761.00	1	1	F
ASSESSOR	APPRAISER AIDE	64	\$53,585.00	\$65,133.00	1	1	F
ASSESSOR	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	F
					9	9	
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR	n/a		\$128,004.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES	88	\$96,920.00	\$117,807.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	CLINICAL SUPERVISOR	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST III	78	\$75,714.00	\$92,031.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALIST I	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	2	2	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR II	66	\$56,298.00	\$68,430.00	2	2	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR I	62	\$51,003.00	\$61,994.00	2	2	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	ACCOUNTANT I/II	73/79	\$66,920.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST I	51	\$38,872.00	\$47,249.00	2	2	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS SUPERVISOR	72	\$65,288.00	\$79,358.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS COUNSELOR III	62	\$51,003.00	\$61,994.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	STAFF SERVICES ANALYST II	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	STAFF SERVICES ANALYST I	66	\$56,298.00	\$68,430.00	1	1	V
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	CASE MANAGER III-BILINGUAL	60	\$48,545.00	\$59,007.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	CASE MANAGER III	60	\$48,545.00	\$59,007.00	1	1	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	CASE MANAGER I	54	\$41,860.00	\$50,882.00	1	1	V
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	WELLNESS CENTER ASSOCIATE	n/a	\$30.00/hr		2	0.2	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	WELLNESS CENTER ASSOCIATE	n/a	\$25.00/hr		1	0.5	F
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	WELLNESS CENTER ASSOCIATE	n/a	\$25.00/hr		1	0.5	V
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	WELLNESS CENTER ASSOCIATE	n/a	\$20.00/hr		1	0.25	F
					27	23.45	
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	n/a		\$53,544.00	1	1	F
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	BOARD MEMBER	n/a		\$49,308.00	4	4	F
					5	5	
CLERK/RECORDER	COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER/REGISTRAR	n/a		\$116,004.00	1	1	F
CLERK/RECORDER	ASSISTANT COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER	n/a		\$88,008.00	1	1	F
CLERK/RECORDER	SENIOR DEPUTY BOARD CLERK/ELECTIONS	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
CLERK/RECORDER	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	F
CLERK/RECORDER	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST I/II/III/IV	51/55/59/63	\$38,872.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	V
CLERK/RECORDER	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION ADVISOR/ANNUITANT	n/a	\$35.00/hr		1	0.4615	F
CLERK/RECORDER	ELECTIONS ASSISTANT	n/a	\$20.44/hr		1	0.25	V
					7	5.7115	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	n/a		\$128,004.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BUILDING	BUILDING OFFICIAL	n/a	\$82.17/hr		1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BUILDING	BUILDING INSPECTOR III	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BUILDING	BUILDING INSPECTOR/PLAN CHECKER	71	\$63,696.00	\$77,422.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BUILDING	PERMIT TECHNICIAN	64	\$53,585.00	\$65,133.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	PRINCIPAL PLANNER	78	\$75,714.00	\$92,031.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	ASSOCIATE PLANNER II	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST III	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	2	2	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST II	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	2	2	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST III/CODE ENFORCE	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST II/CODE ENFORCE	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	1	1	F
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY PLAN COMMISSION	65	\$54,924.00	\$66,761.00	1	1	F
					14	14	
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	n/a		\$180,000.00	1	1	F
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	n/a		\$142,250.00	1	1	V
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR	n/a		\$125,004.00	1	1	F
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	V
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	HOUSING COORDINATOR	n/a	\$80,000.00	\$105,000.00	1	1	V
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	RISK MANAGER	n/a		\$92,004.00	1	1	F
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER	n/a	\$85.00/hr		1	1	V
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
					9	9	
COUNTY COUNSEL	COUNTY COUNSEL	n/a		\$165,000.00	1	1	F
COUNTY COUNSEL	ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL	n/a		\$127,920.00	3	3	F

County of Mono, Position Allocation List, FY 2020-21

Department	Position Title	Range	Min Annual Base Salary	Max Annual Base Salary	# of Positions	Allocated FTE	Filled/ Vacant
COUNTY COUNSEL	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	V
					5	5	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	n/a		\$152,352.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY	n/a		\$127,920.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY III	n/a		\$117,480.00	2	2	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	n/a		\$115,200.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR II	n/a		\$104,173.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMING SUPERVISOR	n/a		\$79,176.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATE	60	\$48,545.00	\$59,007.00	1	1	F
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATE	n/a	\$20.00/hr		1	0.625	F
					10	9.625	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	n/a		\$116,004.00	1	1	F
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	n/a		\$87,996.00	1	1	F
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
					3	3	
FINANCE	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	n/a		\$145,656.00	1	1	F
FINANCE	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	n/a		\$108,000.00	2	2	F
FINANCE	ACCOUNTANT II	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
FINANCE	ACCOUNTANT I	73	\$66,920.00	\$81,342.00	3	3	F
FINANCE	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	3	3	F
FINANCE	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	V
FINANCE	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	2	2	F
					13	13	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	n/a		\$150,000.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	SENIOR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR	84	\$87,805.00	\$106,727.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER	84	\$87,805.00	\$106,727.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST I/II	77/79	\$73,867.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	81	\$81,536.00	\$99,107.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST III	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	V
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPEC III/ANNUITANT	n/a	\$38.40/hr		1	0.462	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST II	77	\$73,867.00	\$89,786.00	2	2	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST I	75	\$70,308.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYS SPECIALIST III	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SPECIALIST I	75	\$70,308.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ANALYST	70	\$62,142.00	\$75,534.00	1	1	F
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYS TECHNICIAN III	65	\$54,924.00	\$66,761.00	1	1	F
					14	13.462	
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CHIEF	n/a		\$120,000.00	1	1	F
PARAMEDICS	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
PARAMEDICS	PARAMEDIC STATION CAPTAIN	58	\$60,199.00	\$73,173.00	4	4	F
PARAMEDICS	PARAMEDIC TRAINING OFFICER	56	\$57,588.00	\$69,998.00	1	1	F
PARAMEDICS	PARAMEDIC II	54	\$52,353.00	\$63,635.00	11	11	F
PARAMEDICS	PARAMEDIC II	54	\$52,353.00	\$63,635.00	1	1	V
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	40	\$37,053.00	\$45,038.00	6	6	F
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	40	\$37,053.00	\$45,038.00	1	1	V
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH - RESERVE/ANNUITANT	n/a	\$19.61/hr		1	0.1	F
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - RESERVE	n/a	\$11.99/hr		16	1.6	F
PARAMEDICS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - RESERVE	n/a	\$11.99/hr		3	0.3	V
					46	28	
PROBATION	CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER	n/a		\$128,004.00	1	1	F
PROBATION	FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER II	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
PROBATION	DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER V	67	\$72,915.00	\$88,629.00	2	2	F
PROBATION	DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER I/II/III	51/55/59	\$49,118.00	\$72,742.00	7	7	F
PROBATION	PROBATION AIDE II	51	\$49,118.00	\$59,703.00	1	1	F
					12	12	
PUBLIC HEALTH	PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR	n/a		\$128,004.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC HEALTH	PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER	n/a	\$105.00/hr		1	0.5	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	n/a		\$108,804.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST III	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	3	3	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	n/a	\$20.00/hr		1	0.5	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER/PUBLIC HLTH NURSE	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	3	3	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER/PUBLIC HLTH NURSE	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC HEALTH	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROFESSIONAL	n/a	\$48.84/hr		3	0.3	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER II	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV/WNA	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MANAGER	75	\$70,308.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	WIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR/REGISTERED DIETICIAN	75	\$70,308.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC HEALTH	COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR I/II	70/75	\$62,142.00	\$85,460.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC HEALTH	COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH SPECIALIST	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	0.8	F
					23	19.1	
PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	n/a		\$140,000.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F

County of Mono, Position Allocation List, FY 2020-21

Department	Position Title	Range	Min Annual Base Salary	Max Annual Base Salary	# of Positions	Allocated FTE	Filled/ Vacant
PUBLIC WORKS	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST II	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS	EASTERN SIERRA SUSTAINABLE RECREATION COORDINATOR	n/a		\$68,016.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ENGINEERING/PROJECTS	COUNTY ENGINEER	n/a		\$126,024.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ENGINEERING/PROJECTS	ASSOCIATE ENGINEER I	84	\$87,805.00	\$106,727.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ENGINEERING/PROJECTS	PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MANAGER	n/a		\$79,903.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ENGINEERING/PROJECTS	PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MANAGER	n/a		\$79,903.00	1	0.4615	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ENGINEERING/PROJECTS	ENGINEER TECHNICIAN III	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	PARKS & FACILITIES SUPERINTENDENT	n/a		\$99,996.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	PARKS & FACILITIES SUPERVISOR	73	\$66,920.00	\$81,342.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE LEADWORKER	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE CRAFTSWORKER	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE WORK ORDER TECHNICIAN	61	\$49,759.00	\$60,482.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE WORKER III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE WORKER III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	MAINTENANCE WORKER II	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	LEAD CUSTODIAN	51	\$38,872.00	\$47,249.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-FACILITIES	CUSTODIAN III	47	\$35,216.00	\$42,805.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	ROAD OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT			\$100,044.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	FLEET SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT	77	\$73,867.00	\$89,786.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	LEAD EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	68	\$59,148.00	\$71,894.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III	64	\$53,585.00	\$65,133.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III	64	\$53,585.00	\$65,133.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	EQUIPMENT MECHANIC II	60	\$48,545.00	\$59,007.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	67	\$57,705.00	\$70,141.00	4	4	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	9	9	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER II	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER II	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	1	1	V
PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DEPT	INVENTORY AND PURCHASING TECHNICIAN	61	\$49,759.00	\$60,482.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-SOLID WASTE	SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT	n/a		\$89,364.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-SOLID WASTE	SOLID WASTE SUPERVISOR	73	\$66,920.00	\$81,342.00	1	1	F
PUBLIC WORKS-SOLID WASTE	SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	61	\$49,759.00	\$60,482.00	2	2	F
PUBLIC WORKS-SOLID WASTE	SOLID WASTE MAINTENANCE WORKER	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	3	3	F
					58	57.4615	
SHERIFF	SHERIFF-CORONER	n/a		\$146,484.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF	UNDERSHERIFF	n/a		\$148,922.55	1	1	F
SHERIFF	LIEUTENANT II	n/a		\$141,831.00	2	2	F
SHERIFF	SERGEANT	60	\$84,720.00	\$102,960.00	3	3	F
SHERIFF	DEPUTY SHERIFF II	54	\$73,056.00	\$88,800.00	17	17	F
SHERIFF	DEPUTY SHERIFF II	54	\$73,056.00	\$88,800.00	2	2	V
SHERIFF	FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER II	79	\$77,607.00	\$94,332.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF	RECORDS MANAGER	61	\$49,759.00	\$60,482.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	69	\$60,626.00	\$73,692.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY LIEUTENANT	63	\$74,580.00	\$90,660.00	1	1	V
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY SERGEANT	58	\$64,896.00	\$78,816.00	2	2	F
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER II	49	\$48,564.00	\$59,064.00	10	10	F
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER II	49	\$48,564.00	\$59,064.00	2	2	V
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER I	47	\$46,236.00	\$56,196.00	3	3	F
SHERIFF - JAIL	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER I	47	\$46,236.00	\$56,196.00	2	2	V
SHERIFF - JAIL	FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	51	\$38,872.00	\$47,249.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF - JAIL	COOK (CORRECTIONAL)	45	\$33,519.00	\$40,742.00	1	1	F
SHERIFF	COURT SCREENER II/ANNUITANT	n/a	\$38.50/hr		2	0.46	F
SHERIFF	COURT SCREENER I	n/a	\$27.50/hr		5	0.46	F
SHERIFF	COURT SCREENER I	n/a	\$27.50/hr		3	0.46	V
					61	52.38	
SOCIAL SERVICES	SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	n/a		\$128,004.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	PROGRAM MANAGER	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	2	2	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	STAFF SERVICES MANAGER	82	\$83,574.00	\$101,585.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	STAFF SERVICES ANALYST III	74	\$68,593.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	STAFF SERVICES ANALYST I/II/III	66/70/74	\$56,298.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	STAFF SERVICES ANALYST I/II/III	66/70/74	\$56,298.00	\$83,375.00	1	1	V
SOCIAL SERVICES	SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISOR I/II	75/79	\$70,308.00	\$94,332.00	2	2	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SOCIAL WORKER I/II/III/IV	63/65/69/71	\$52,278.00	\$77,422.00	3	3	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SOCIAL WORKER I/II/III/IV	63/65/69/71	\$52,278.00	\$77,422.00	1	1	V
SOCIAL SERVICES	SUPERVISING INTEGRATED CASE WORKER	72	\$65,288.00	\$79,358.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	INTEGRATED CASE WORKER I/II	60/64	\$48,545.00	\$65,133.00	3	3	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST III	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST TRAINEE/I/II	51/55/59	\$38,872.00	\$57,568.00	3	3	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST IV	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST III	59	\$47,361.00	\$57,568.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	FISCAL TECHNICAL SPECIALIST II	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	2	2	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SOCIAL SERVICES AIDE	55	\$42,907.00	\$52,154.00	2	2	F

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SOCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE ASSISTANT I/II	45/49	\$33,519.00	\$44,972.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SENIOR SERVICES MANAGER	63	\$52,278.00	\$63,544.00	1	1	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SENIOR SERVICES COOK/DRIVER	45	\$33,519.00	\$40,742.00	2	2	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SENIOR SERVICES COOK/DRIVER	n/a	\$14.32/hr		1	0.25	F
SOCIAL SERVICES	SENIOR SERVICES SITE ATTENDANT	n/a	\$19.59/hr		1	0.25	F
					33	31.5	
					Total Employees:	354	315.69