



# AGENDA

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.  
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

### Regular Meeting April 6, 2021

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#### 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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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 - 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**

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

**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 - February 9, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**B. Board Minutes - February 11, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on February 11, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on February 11, 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**C. Board Minutes - February 16, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**D. Board Minutes - March 2, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 2, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 2, 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**E. Board Minutes - March 9, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 9, 2021.

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**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**F. California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) 2021 Membership Dues**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

The California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) is a statewide membership organization of housing advocates, developers, policymakers, service providers, and residents working to produce and preserve affordable housing in California. For the 2021 calendar year, CCRH has requested that Mono County pay the Organization membership dues of \$500.

**Recommended Action:** Approve payment of \$500 membership dues to remain a member of the California Coalition for Rural Housing for 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** Membership dues are \$500 for the 2021 calendar year. Funds will be drawn from the Board of Supervisors FY 2021-2022 budget.

**G. Letter of Support for DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Infrastructure Renovation and Restoration Project Application to the California Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant**

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Gardner

Letter in support of the Mono Lake Committee's application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation grant program to enhance water distribution infrastructure at the DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Mitigation Complex on the north shore of Mono Lake.

**Recommended Action:** Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign letter of support.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**H. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2021.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**I. Increase in Appropriations and Addition of One (1) Limited Term Position**

Departments: Public Health

Request increase in appropriations for the Enhancing Laboratory Capacity/Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding (ELC/EDF) and Proposed Resolution amending Mono County List of Allocated Positions to add one limited-term position within the Department of Public Health related to COVID-19.

**Recommended Action:**

- 1) Approve increasing appropriations in the amount of \$1,463,197 in new expanded grant funding to support the public health response to COVID-19 (requires 4/5ths vote approval).
- 2) Adopt proposed Resolution R21-\_\_\_\_, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add one (1) new limited-term position consisting of one Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 in the Department of Public Health.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no impact to the County General Fund. The new grant supports \$1,463,197 in expenditures over the grant term of January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2023 (30.5 month). Estimated remaining 2020-21 position cost for the Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 is \$38,059 consisting of \$23,443 in salaries and \$14,616 in benefits.

**J. Authority to Hire Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse at Step D**

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse position at Step D (82D).

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Marjoree Nee at a D step in the position of Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no impact to the County General Fund. The cost of this position is currently budgeted in fiscal year 2020-21 through the approved budget. The fiscal impact for the remainder of fiscal year 2020-21 will be \$39,817, consisting of \$24,671 in salary and \$15,146 in benefits.

**K. California Immunization Local Assistance Grant Amendment**

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A02 with the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch.

**Recommended Action:** Approve Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A02 and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the amended contract on behalf of the County. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to sign future amendments to the grant that shift funds between budget categories without changes to the grant allocation.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no impact to the General Fund. The agreement amendment increases funding in the amount of \$39,696 for fiscal year 2020-21 for an amended total of \$214,421 for the 5-year contract period.

**L. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding Agreement**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

The Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Agreement, a copy of which is enclosed with this report, will authorize the exchange of federal highway funds for state highway funds. The proposed exchange is made available to rural counties on an annual basis and provides the Road Fund with a more flexible, less complicated funding source.

**Recommended Action:** Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY20/21 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's Regional Surface Transportation Program.

**Fiscal Impact:** Revenue of \$329,725 to the Public Works' Road Fund, which is annually included in the budget.

**M. 2021-2022 Boating Safety and Enforcement Program Agreement**

Departments: Sheriff

California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement

**Recommended Action:** Approve Resolution R21-\_\_\_ authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services

Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**Fiscal Impact:** This resolution will assist with meeting the program guidance for participation in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the agreement is awarded, the award will not exceed \$131,065. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**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. Mammoth Lakes Housing 2020 Annual Report**

Mammoth Lakes Housing's 2020 Annual Report.

**B. Rush Creek Relicensing Project (FERC Project No 1389), Project Information Questionnaire**

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) operating license for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389 expires January 31, 2027. Consequently, SCE is taking the initial steps required by the Federal Power Act and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to obtain a new license for the Project. The Project is located in Mono County, California and includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities.

**C. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: (1) Responses to FERC comments on the 2018 Owner's Dam Safety Program Audit; (2) Completion of Construction for 2020 Eastern Operations Dam Surveillance Camera Projects, FERC Project Nos. 1388, 1390, 1394; (3) Responses to FERC Comments on the Third Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam; (4) Responses to FERC Comments on the 11th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam; (5) Wave-Induced Run-Up Evaluation for Tioga Lake Dams; (6) EAP High Flow Operations Plans.

**D. Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Casa Diablo IV Project**

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is publishing the Final

Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project.

**E. Letter from John Stavlo re: Equity**

Letter from John Stavlo regarding equity in Mono County.

**F. Letter from Gary Nelson re: Speeding Vehicles in Mono County**

Letter from Gary Nelson regarding speeding vehicles in Mono County and request for the Board of Supervisors to sponsor a resolution of support for Assembly Bill 550.

**G. 2020-2022 Target Inspection of Mono County Sheriff's Office, Mono County Jail, Penal Code 6031**

On October 20, 2020, staff of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) conducted a targeted inspection of the Mono County Jail. The inspection consisted of a review of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Custody Services Manual and sections of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual that apply to Jail Operations.

**H. Notice and Approval of Petitions for Renewal of Temporary Urgency Change for Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043) of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power**

On March 5, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board received Temporary Urgency Change Petitions (TUCPs) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requesting approval of temporary changes to its water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043). On April 1, 2021, the Deputy Director for Water Rights signed an order approving petitions filed by the LADWP for temporary urgency changes in Licenses 10191 and 10192.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer Update**

Departments: CAO

10 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Introduction of new Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer Gordon Greene.

**Recommended Action:** None, informational only.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

1 hour

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

Departments: EOC

10 minutes

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**Recommended Action:** 1. Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts. 2. Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Fiscal Impact:** Continuation of the declared emergencies continues the County's eligibility for state and federal disaster assistance.

**D. Mountain View Fire Recovery - Waiver of Fees for Director Review Permits to Facilitate Reconstruction**

Departments: Community Development

10 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Proposed resolution waiving fees for Director Review permits for recovery and reconstruction associated with Mountain View Fire damage.

**Recommended Action:** 1. Find that the proposed resolution qualifies under CEQA exemptions 15303(a) and 15303(b). 2. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption, and adopt proposed resolution "Waiving Fees for Director Review Permits for Mountain View Fire Reconstruction and Recovery" with any desired modifications. 3. Provide any further direction to staff.

**Fiscal Impact:** The reduced revenue from waiving County fees for Director Review permits is unknown at this time and dependent upon the number of



projects. Given two projects are anecdotally known at this time and this situation is not expected to occur very frequently, two to 10 permits would result in reduced revenue of \$1,000-\$5,000.

**E. LADWP Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse**

Departments: Community Development

1 hour

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Presentation on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation developed by a collaborative, multi-agency technical working group.

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation and public comment, provide input, and provide staff with any further direction.

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impacts are expected. Staff time for conservation efforts are programmed in existing budgets and some staff time is offset by a cooperative grant with the Bureau of Land Management. (Total grant award is subject to annual BLM budget allocations and provides for up to \$150,000 over three years.)

**F. Employment Agreement - Deputy County Counsel II**

Departments: County Counsel and Human Resources

5 minutes

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

**Recommended Action:** Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R21-\_\_\_\_, approving a contract with Emily R. Fox as Deputy County Counsel II 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:** The cost for this position for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (April 19 to June 30th) is \$31,009 of which \$21,255 is salary and \$9,754 is the cost of the benefits and was included in the approved budget. The cost for an entire fiscal year would be \$144,083 of which \$110,532 is salary and \$33,551 is the cost of benefits.

**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, Janet Dutcher, Dave Wilbrecht, 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.

**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: *Abshire et al. v. Gavin Newsom et al.* (U.S. Dist. Ct., E.D. Cal. 2:21-cv-00198-JAM-KJN).

**D. 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.

**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. Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative Update**

Departments: Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative

Item scheduled to start at 1:00 PM: 25 minutes (15 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)

(John Wentworth, Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative) - The Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative is a grant funded effort on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, of which Mono County is a partner. An update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on what has been accomplished and what is still to come before the grant ends December 31, 2021.

**Recommended Action:** None. Informational presentation only.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Appointment**

Departments: Probation

15 minutes

(Karin Humiston, Chief Probation Officer) - Request for appointment of one member of the Board of Supervisors as a representative to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for 2021. The JJCC is responsible for developing the county's Multi-Agency Local Action Plan to serve Juvenile-Justice Involved Youth.

**Recommended Action:** Appoint one member of the Board of Supervisors to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) for 2021.

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact.

**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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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Board Minutes - February 9, 2021

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE 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 February 9, 2021.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2021.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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YES  NO

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Time	Who	Approval
3/30/2021 4:37 PM	County Counsel	Yes
3/12/2021 7:28 AM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:25 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
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**Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2021**

<b>Backup Recording</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M21-39 – M21-45</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R21-13</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD21-01 Not Used</b>

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Over the last week, participated in meetings on budget development for the coming year, the Economic Recovery Branch for COVID-19, Purple Counties Working Group, Business Roundtable, completed a Trindel course on basics of disciplinary action and documentation, COVID-19 Community Conversation, Antelope Valley RPAC, Workplace Wellness Committee
- Veteran Service Officer update

**Note:**

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#### 4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its opinion in the Walker River litigation

#### 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. Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Departments: Sheriff

California Penal Code Section 4025 (e) states: The money and property deposited in the inmate welfare fund shall be expended by the sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail. An itemized report of these expenditures shall be submitted annually to the Board of Supervisors.

**Action:** Receive the Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**Corless motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-39**

##### B. Reimbursement Agreement for Trash and Snow Removal at Civic Center

Departments: Public Works

Proposed Reimbursement Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes pertaining to snow removal and trash service at the Civic Center in Mammoth Lakes.

**Action:** Authorize Public Works Director to execute 'Town of Mammoth Lakes Reimbursement Agreement' on behalf of the County.

**Corless motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-40**

##### C. Letter of Support - Governor's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Governor Newsom's proposed 2021-22 budget, released in January, includes funding for wildfire prevention and forest health programs along with an expenditure plan for this funding. The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is supporting the Governor's proposed Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan, and has asked member counties to send letters of support to the appropriate state senate and assembly budget committees. If passed by the Legislature, the

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proposal would allocate a total of \$1 billion to forest health and wildfire prevention programs between the current and 2021-22 budget years.

**Action:** Approve letter to the California Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees expressing Mono County's support of Governor Newsom's proposed Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan.

**Corless motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-41**

## **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.*

Moved to Item 9.

### **A. Letter of Appreciation for Mono County Planning and Building Department Staff**

A letter of appreciation for Mono County Planning and Building Department staff from Chalfant residents, Michael Godbe and Dylan Kaufman-Obstler.

### **B. Letter of Appreciation for Mono County Public Works Staff**

A letter of appreciation for Mono County Public Works staff from Paradise Estates resident, Deanna Ing Campbell.

### **C. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letter re: Submitted 2020 Eastern Operations Emergency Action Plan Status Report and Annual Update**

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, in response to a letter from Wayne Allen submitting the 2020 Eastern Operations Emergency Action Plan Status Report and Annual Update.

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - 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.

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**Action:** None.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, school guidelines, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements

**Supervisor Peters:**

- CSAC Rural COVID Working Group update

**B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**Action:** Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared by the Board on November 17, 2020 and a need to continue the local health emergency declared by the Public Health Officer on November 19, 2020 (and subsequently ratified by the Board) as a result of the Mountain View Fire. Continuation of the emergency declarations is necessary for the County's eligibility to receive disaster assistance funds to reimburse on-going expenditures incurred for Category A - Debris Removal and Category B - Emergency Work.

**Peters motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-42**

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- Still in need of declaration of emergency
- Currently in Stage 2 of 3 on recovery efforts
- Heavy snowfall has delayed some operations
- Housing assistance, County infrastructure replacement

**C. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Calendar**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Report and discussion regarding the budget calendar, outlining the sequence of events culminating in adoption of the County's FY 2021-2022 final budget.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Presented item

*Break: 10:53 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:00 AM*

**D. Recreation Program Update - Accomplishments and Future Projects**

Departments: Public Works

**Note:**

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(Matthew Paruolo, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator) - Presentation by Matthew Paruolo on current recreation efforts, with discussion of proposed projects under Proposition 68 funding and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership.

**Action:** None.

**Matthew Paruolo, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator:**

- Presented item

**E. 2021 Conway Ranch Agriculture Management Project and Lease Agreement**

Departments: Public Works

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Proposed Lease Agreement with Hunewill Land and Livestock Company, Inc. pertaining to seasonal grazing of cattle on Conway Ranch in the Mono Basin, related land and water uses, and the minor construction/reconstruction of fences.

Due to their size, all exhibits have been made electronically available on the Mono County website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/facilities/page/conway-ranch-conservation-easement>

**Action:**

1. Find that the County's entry into a five-year lease agreement for the seasonal grazing of cattle on Conway Ranch in the Mono Basin, related land and water uses, and the minor construction/reconstruction of fences, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction), or both; and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk's Office;
2. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to enter into a five-year seasonal grazing lease with Hunewill Land and Livestock Company, Inc. for the Conway Ranch Property as presented with the addition of the rodenticide.

**Gardner motion; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-43**

**Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:**

- Introduced item

**Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:**

- Provided context and background on agreement
- Responded to correspondence recently received

**Kay Ogden, Eastern Sierra Land Trust Executive Director:**

- ESLT does believe that well-managed cattle grazing is consistent with the conservation easement and that it is a desirable land use management tool

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**Dr. Orrin Sage, SAGE Associates:**

- Land management
- Stubble height

**Public Comment:**

- Lisa Belenky
- Brian Judge
- Ilene Mandelbaum
- Bartshe Miller
- Lynn Boulton

**Jeff Hunewill, Conway Ranch Cattle Grazing Operator:**

- Addressed comments from staff and public

**Board provided staff direction:**

- Block the irrigation ditch on Mattly that connects with Wilson Creek
- Address period of time cow feces should dry before irrigation
- Work with Lahontan on water quality baseline and monitoring

**F. Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch**

Departments: Public Works, County Counsel

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Proposed ordinance amending Mono County Code chapter 13.40, Public Use of Conway Ranch, to implement public access restrictions to cattle grazing areas during grazing season.

**Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance.

**Gardner motion; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-44**

**Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:**

- Introduced item

Moved to Item 11a.

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

None.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 9:24 AM*

*Reconvened: 9:53 AM*

Moved to Item 7A.

*Reentered Closed Session: 3:57 PM*

*Reconvened: 4:31 PM*

**Note:**

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Nothing to report out of 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.

**C. 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.

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

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

None.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act Funds**

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Lucas, Community Development Services; Alicia Vennos/Jeff Simpson, Economic Development) - Public hearing regarding request to approve by resolution an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act Funds, Rounds CV2/CV3 in the amount of \$234,654 for a financial assistance program for small business in Mono County.

**Action:** Conduct public hearing. Approve an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Act Funds in the amount of \$234,654 for an assistance program for Mono County small businesses.

**Note:**

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*Public hearing opened: 1:10PM*

**Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:**

- Introduced item

**Jeff Lucas, Community Development Services:**

- Funds are specifically designed to provide assistance communities impacted by COVID-19, focusing on business assistance

No Public Comment.

*Public hearing closed: 1:26 PM*

**Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-13**

*Break: 1:28 PM*

*Reconvened: 1:45 PM*

**B. Budget and Fiscal Policy Workshop**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - Conduct budget and fiscal policy review workshop to discuss current policies, possible changes to existing policies, and recommendation of new policies. This workshop will review a recommendation to replace the existing budget policy with an updated framework and the addition of a separate General Fund Contingency Policy. No changes are recommended at this time to the County's Debt Policy.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Presented item

**C. 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Requests and Recommendations**

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - Present mid-year budget requests from Departments, discuss, and advise Board regarding staff recommendations.

**Action:** Approve recommended mid-year budget adjustments, as presented (4/5th vote required).

**Gardner motion; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-45**

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Presented item

**12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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**Supervisor Corless:**

- RCRC/Golden State Natural Resources board meeting--progress continues on development of facilities
- Federal Highways Administration meeting re: Reds Meadow Rd project status--at "100 percent stage," held this stakeholder meeting at the request of stakeholders, despite requests, seems that it's past the point of any possible revisions/adjustments.
- YARTS Strategic Planning meeting, looking continually to maintain services and fiscal sustainability.
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting
- Coming up: RCRC/CSAC redistricting webinar for county elected officials and staff, Friday March 5, first of two parts, stay tuned for more information.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 2/3/21
  - CSAC Rural Caucus – I attended the CSAC Rural Caucus where counties exchanged ideas and experiences with COVID-19- 19 vaccine rollouts.
  - LVHAC – After the CSAC Caucus I attended the Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee. Various agencies made presentations on groundwater monitoring and well development activities.
  - MLT Board Meeting – I participated in the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board of Directors meeting. Presentations included the financial audit for 2019-20, a review by department on Budget Variance for Q1 & Q2. Updates were also giving by Board members representing Mammoth Mountain Ski Are, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Mammoth/Yosemite Airport.
  - Department Meeting: Behavioral Health –To achieve my goal of meeting with each county department in the first 60 days of my term, I met with Behavioral Health Director Robin Roberts and Amanda Greenberg. I want to familiarize myself with their programs and goals and I look forward to observing their outreach and offered my assistance in any way I can help.
- 2/4/21
  - NACo National Membership Call – I attended a call hosted by NACo with Eduardo Cisneros, White House COVID-19 intergovernmental affairs director, and Dr. Bechara Choucair, White House vaccinations coordinator, on the latest efforts to provide federal support to counties for ongoing COVID-19 mitigation and vaccination efforts.
  - Lee Vining High School Annual Speech Contest – I participated as a judge for the contest where over 50 students participated with original speeches throughout the day, culminating in the top 7 participants competing on the topic of “Where Are We on the Path of Equality for All in Our Nation?” The speeches were outstanding, providing insight and perspective on equality by race, ethnicity, gender, and more. It was an honor to participate and I encourage everyone to watch the video at the link. [LVHS Speech Contest 2021 - Final Round - YouTube.](#)
- 2/5/21
  - Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribal Meeting – I attended the meeting of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe along with Vice-Chair Gardner.
  - COVID019 Vaccine Clinic – Mammoth Lakes – I volunteered with MLT at the Vaccine Clinic last Friday. Thanks to Mono County Public Health and Green Fox Events who dealt with a lot of confusion on eligibility and

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residency issues. They handled all situations very professionally and we were able to serve everyone in a timely manner.

- 2/8/21
  - LTC – I participated in the Local Transportation Meeting Commission Chair Kreitz and Commissioner Peters.
    - Highlights we the review of the 2021-22 Overall Planning Work Program and an in-depth financial report that included the Independent Auditor’s Report for year ending 6/1/20.
    - Ashley Helms from Inyo Public Works provided an update on the progress at the Bishop Airport. Runway pavements improvement have been made and required emergency vehicles have been ordered. Environmental reviews and CEQA documents have been drafted and are to be reviewed on 2/28. Pending all permits and review, the Bishop Airport could be ready for limited service by December 2021.
    - ESTA plans to operate services as last year despite reduced revenues. Reds Meadow shuttle operations will depend on COVID-19 restrictions; a decision will be deferred to later in the spring once more information is available.
    - Caltrans District 9 staff is in the planning stage of the Benton Paving Project. I will be working with them to facilitate community outreach and gather input from the Tri-Valley area prior to the plan development. Public Comment will close in March and the plan should be finalized by June 2021.
  - MC Behavioral Health Advisory Board – I attend the MCBHAB meeting yesterday at the invitation on MCBH.
    - Permanent housing for Behavioral Health residents has been approved in conjunction with the Parcel project.
    - Cultural Outreach Committee will be expanding its members to include more community partners.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Last Wednesday Feb. 3 I participated in two calls, the first with the NACO Public lands Committee and the second with the CSAC Rural Caucus.
- Also, on Wednesday I joined the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee for their monthly meeting. We discussed the impact of the snowstorm the prior week, planning for an electric vehicle charger in June Lake, and other issues.
- On Friday Feb. 5 I participated in the Kutzadika Tribal Council monthly meeting. The tribe continues to be quite active in the Mono Basin. We also discussed the status of their Federal tribal recognition bill, which was introduced last September by then Rep. Cook, but has not been reintroduced by our current Rep. Jay Obernolte.
- Yesterday with Supervisor Corless I participated in a special meeting of the YARTS Board. Our purpose was to focus on strategic planning for the future of the YARTS system, including service routes, bus purchases, county participation, and contract details.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- On February 3 I attended the CSAC Rural Caucus where the primary discussion was around COVID19. The group did review a draft resolution to support racial, equity, diversity and inclusion. No vote on the resolution was entertained.
- I participated on a CSAC HLT Policy Committee executive team and staff meeting with California Senator Scott Wiener on housing policy and budget priorities for the year. I thanked Senator Wiener for co-authoring SB5 Housing Bond Act

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funding and encouraged him to support a \$10 billion ask and to work with the labor trades and unions for a win-win solutions for both them and the development of affordable housing.

- That evening I watched the COVID Community Conversation.
- Monday, January 8th was the regular Mono County LTC meeting. The Commission reviewed the draft 2021-2022 Overall Work Program. We received an update on the Inyo County Airport project from Inyo County Public Works staff Ashely Helms. The airfield has been largely rehabilitated and is expected to get approval for commercial air service by mid-summer. Then it would be up to Sky West and United Airlines to determine when to begin services.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Also attended CSAC Rural Caucus meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – meeting dedicated to vaccine/vaccine rollout and implicit bias
- Economic Recovery Branch of EOC – continuing to discuss how to deal with tiers and how to assist businesses
- On the 4<sup>th</sup>, met with Social Services Director Kathy Peterson, with her guidance, we have prepared and submitted an interim policy resolution in the Human Services and Education Committee at NACo
- Met with Jan Cutts, Bridgeport District Ranger
- Met with Mountain Warfare Training Center – talked about ongoing training
- On the 4<sup>th</sup>, attended the Antelope Valley RPAC – continue to talk about fire recovery, Caltrans gave a presentation on upcoming construction season and avalanche
- NACo National Membership call
- Met with CSAC Rural COVID Working Group
- On the 8<sup>th</sup>, attended LTC, received update on Bishop Airport
- Attended and led NACo futureproofing subgroup of broadband working group
- Tonight, Mountain View Fire relief fund will have meeting
- Reminder that there will be an update on the Bridgeport Jail Project at the Bridgeport RPAC tonight

**ADJOURNED AT 4:31 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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

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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Board Minutes - February 11, 2021

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE 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 Special Meeting on February 11, 2021.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on February 11, 2021.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

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

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Special Meeting  
February 11, 2021**

<b>Backup Recording</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M21-46 Not Used</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R21-14 Not Used</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD21-01 Not Used</b>

4:00 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by CAO Lawton.

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

None.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

*Closed Session: 4:01 PM*

**B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Abshire et. al, v. Newsom, et al. (US Dist. Ct. for the Eastern District 2:21-cv-00198-JAM-KJN).

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*Reconvened: 5:10 PM*

Nothing to report out of closed session.

**ADJOURNED AT 5:10 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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



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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Board Minutes - February 16, 2021

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE 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 February 16, 2021.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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

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

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting  
February 16, 2021**

<b>Backup Recording</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M21-46 – M21-51</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R21-14 Not Used</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD21-01</b>

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Attended Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Summit
- Communication from Census Bureau – the data that the County will be relying on to carry out redistricting will not be available to the states until September 30, 2021, leaving the County with about 8 weeks to do the actual work of redistricting.

**Note:**

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#### 4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Krista Cooper, Adult Services Supervisor:**

- Introduced Amber Rassler, new Social Services Aide

**Rose Martin, Child Welfare Supervisor:**

- Introduced Samantha Strazdins, newly promoted Social Worker I

#### 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 - January 5, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 5, 2021.

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-46**

##### B. Reappointment to the Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

Mono County Child Care Council seeks the re-appointment of Pam Heays by the Mono County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term beginning February 28, 2021 and terminating February 27, 2023.

**Action:** Appoint Pam Heays to a two-year term in the category of Consumer of Child Care beginning February 28, 2021 and terminating February 27, 2023.

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-47**

##### C. Appointment to County Service Area #1 Advisory Board

Departments: Clerk of the Board

The County Service Area #1 (CSA1) Advisory Board recommends the appointment of David Titus to its Board effective February 16, 2021, for a term expiring November 30, 2024.

**Action:** Appoint David Titus to the CSA1 Board effective February 16, 2021, for a term expiring November 30, 2024.

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-48**

**Note:**

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**D. Authority to Hire WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician at Step B**

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician position at Step B (75B).

**Action:** Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Stephanie Riley-Stai at a B step in the position of WIC Program Manager/Registered Dietician.

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-49**

**E. Authority to Hire Two Community Health Outreach Specialists at Step B**

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill two (2) Community Health Outreach Specialist positions at Step B (63B).

**Action:** Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Maria Vega and Mr. Juan Rios into the positions of Community Health Outreach Specialist as a Step B (63B).

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-50**

**F. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

**Action:**

1. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]

2. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

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**M21-51**

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Brief update on project and thanked Kevin Julian and team for all their work

**G. Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch**

Departments: Public Works, County Counsel

Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code related to public use of portions of Conway Ranch dedicated to livestock grazing during grazing season or for other future uses.

**Action:** Adopt proposed Ordinance ORD21-01, Amending Chapter 13.40 of the Mono County Code - Public Use of Conway Ranch.

**Peters motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**ORD21-01**

**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.*

**A. Notice Of Petitions for Change for Licenses 10191 And 10192 (Applications 8042 And 8043) of The City of Los Angeles, Department of Water And Power**

On November 14, 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board received Petitions for Change from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 791, subdivision (e) requesting incorporation into its water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 the Mono Basin Settlement Agreement Regarding Continuing Implementation of Water Rights Orders 98-05 and 98-07.

**Public Comment:**

- Bartshe Miller

**B. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding responses to FERC Comments on the 3rd Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam, responses to FERC Comments on 11th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam, and Revised Semi-Quantitative Risk Analysis (SQRA) Report for Rhinedollar Dam.

**Note:**

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## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. First 5 Fiscal Year 2019-20 Evaluation Report**

Departments: First 5

(Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Executive Director) - Evaluation of services provided to families and children prenatal to five years old in Mono County for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

**Action:** None.

**Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Executive Director:**

- Presented item

### **B. Revolving Loan Update**

Departments: Finance

(Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director) - Mammoth Lakes Housing has utilized the Mono County Revolving Loan Fund for a total of five (5) purchases of deed-restricted properties between September 26, 2017 and December 31, 2019. There have been no new loans issued since December 2019. There is one outstanding loan that received a 6- month extension for Unit H101 located on 550 Mono Street.

**Action:** None.

**Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director:**

- Provided quarterly update as required by resolution passed by Board of Supervisors

### **C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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.

**Action:** None.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, school guidelines, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements, vaccine administration concerns, transitioning platforms for vaccine registration

**Supervisor Peters:**

- CSAC Rural COVID Working Group update

### **D. Mountain View Fire Update**

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

**Note:**

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**Action:** None.

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- 13 weeks since incident occurred
- Winter weather caused delays for on-the-ground work – on standby, will mobilize crews to begin the work for Phase 2 soon
- Continue to process Right of Entry forms – 106 total ROE forms received
- Intermediate housing mission objective

*Break: 10:31 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:41 AM*

**E. Legislative Platform Workshop**

Departments: Administration

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Workshop for the Board of Supervisors to review changes suggested by County departments for the 2021 Legislative Platform

**Action:** None.

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Reviewed redline version of Legislative Platform
- Revised redline version based on direction given at today's meeting will be circulated and presented for approval at the March 2 meeting

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

None.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 12:07 PM*

*Reconvened: 1:10 PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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**

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**C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

**D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

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

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

None.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. New Statewide Inland Trout Fishing Regulations for the 2021-2022 Fishing Season**

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - The California State Fish and Game Commission approved new Statewide Inland Trout Fishing Regulations for the 2021-2022 fishing season. The current 2020-2021 regulations remain in effect through Feb. 28, 2021. The new regulations will go into effect on: March 1, 2021.

**Action:** None.

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:**

- Presented item
- Shared draft chart showing fishing locations in Mono County and new regulations effective March 1, CDFW flyer

**B. Discussion of MediCal Managed Care and Presentation from Inland Empire Health Plan**

Departments: Social Services; Public Health; Behavioral Health

(Kathy Peterson, Mono Social Services; Meaghan McCamman, Inyo HHS) - A brief presentation on the upcoming procurement of new MediCal managed care plans through the state Department of Health Care Services will be provided, followed by a presentation from Inland Empire Health Plan.

**Action:** None.

**Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:**

- Introduced item

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**Meaghan McCamman, Inyo HHS:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – Medi-Cal Managed Care background, Rural health care in California, procurement steps, upcoming decision points

**Jarrold McNaughton, CEO of Inland Empire Health Plan:**

- PPT presentation – overview of Inland Empire Health Plan

**C. Housing Update**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, County Administrative Officer) - In 2018, a toolbox matrix consisting of strategies to address Mono County's housing challenges was established and vetted through extensive community outreach. The toolbox matrix proposed integration of goals and strategies into potential programs and actions.

In the absence of a dedicated County housing office, staff in a range of departments have stepped in to provide momentum. Their efforts have enabled the County to be proactive and responsive despite the other demands on their time, especially during the Pandemic.

The County is now recruiting for a dedicated Housing Coordinator, and a new Supervisor has been elected to the Board since the toolbox was last reviewed.

**Action:** None.

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Reviewed housing toolbox prioritization
- Will review documents and come back to the Board and provide summary of progress made since 2018

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Housing Authority Meeting will be held in June – summary and status update would be provided, development activity summary, funding from the housing mitigation ordinance, other grants

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Still monitoring progress of Davison house which was sold with deed restriction for redevelopment as affordable housing
- Birch creek condo sold to IMACA
- Two houses in Benton to be transferred to the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe to maintain as affordable housing

**12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 2/10: RCRC meetings--board formally appointed Pat Blacklock as the new CEO/President; RCRC executive committee meeting.

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- 2/11: Wildlife stewardship team meeting and presentation (video of presentation here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQvLk6-O3\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQvLk6-O3_Y))
- Dispersed camping summit--thank you to Supervisor Gardner for organizing.
- 2/12: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting: approval of resolution for grant application to California Dept of Fish and Wildlife, renewed contract with Elaine Kabala for staff support.
- Coming up this week: Visit California Outlook forum, participating in a panel on sustainable tourism.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 02/09/21 – Hilton Creek Community Services District – I attended the HCCSD meeting to meet the Board and hear their financial reports and the Sewer Facilities Update.
- 02/10/21 – Long Valley Fire District - I participated in the LVFD monthly meeting to discuss outstanding issues with agreements and funding. I will be following up with the Finance Team and other departments for more information and next steps.
- 02/11/21 – OVGA – I participated in the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Board meeting. Outreach has begun in Southern Inyo districts that are members of OVGA, and comments to the GSP are being collected for all areas, including the Tri-Valley Area and Fish Slough.
- 02/12/21
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – Benton – I volunteered with MLT at the Vaccine Clinic last Friday. Eligible Tri-Valley residents along with others that work or live in Mono County were vaccinated and their feedback was they were pleased with the efficiency and organization demonstrated by the Mono County Public Health staff and volunteers.
  - ESTA – I participated in my first Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board meeting. Executive Director Phil Moores gave a Ridership Report, plans for Reds Meadow service this year (pending on COVID-19 restrictions) and shared their Strategic Business Plan.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- 2/10: Participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC – topics discussed included grazing on Conway Ranch, Lundy Lake road closures, pedestrian connections in Lee Vining
- 2/11: Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Summit – about 65 participants representing federal public land agencies, local governments, nonprofits, recreation and environmental groups, and one tribal council. Five subcommittees were established to begin work aimed at making the dispersed camping experience better this summer. Those five subcommittees include Outreach and Education, Consolidated map, Stewardship, Infrastructure, and Law Enforcement. Recording is available by going to the following link: [http://monocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=c6de65ba-6ccb-11eb-920e-0050569183fa](http://monocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=c6de65ba-6ccb-11eb-920e-0050569183fa)
- Everything else on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> have been covered well by my colleagues

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- February 11, I attended the Mono County Treasury Oversight Committee Meeting. I also listened in to part of the CSAC Board meeting, and attended the Special meeting of the Board later that same day.
- Saturday, February 13th I volunteered at the Mammoth Lakes Vaccination clinic.

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**Supervisor Peters:**

- 2/9: attended Bridgeport RPAC and Mountain View Fire Relief Fund meetings
- 2/10: attended RCRC appointment of new CEO/president, hosted NACO Broadband Futureproofing Taskforce meeting – continuing to strategize on advocating for all things broadband. Met with Town Manager Dan Holler and EOC Chief Mokracek and Gina Monticello about writing advocacy letter to the State regarding local control in opening
- 2/11: CSAC Board of Directors meeting – a lot of talk about the vaccine, CSAC priorities for the year, discussed possibility of future meetings to be held in person, regional meetings will be scheduled, advocating for options when it comes to third-party administrator and MyTurn changes with COVID-19 vaccines. Listened in to LADWP Lawsuit hearing. Attended Special Board meeting with Beth Cohen. CSA #5 held their first virtual meeting – projects that will benefit the community in Bridgeport. Street signs in Bridgeport project gaining traction, banner across 395.
- 2/12: NACo membership call, CSAC Broadband Taskforce

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**QUEENIE BARNARD  
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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Board Minutes - March 2, 2021

**PERSONS  
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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 March 2, 2021.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 2, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

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4/2/2021 1:34 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.  
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2021**

<b>Backup Recording</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M21-52 – M21-56</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R21-14 – R21-17</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD21-02 Not Used</b>

9:10 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Duggan.

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Resolution Recognizing Finance Department Staff**

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Proposed Resolution #R21-14, A Resolution of the Mono County Board Of Supervisors Recognizing the Mono County Finance Department for Continuing to Provide Excellent Service to the Residents and Staff of Mono County throughout 2020.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Recognizing the Mono County Finance Department

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for Continuing to Provide Excellent Service to the Residents and Staff of Mono County throughout 2020.

**Corless motion; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-14**

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Presented item

**Public Comment:**

- Phil Moores

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Attended meetings of the Economic Recovery Branch, Mountain View Fire Housing Taskforce, COVID Community Conversation, Workplace Wellness Committee, COVID Finance Committee
- Working on Public Health Officer vacancy and discussions with neighboring counties
- Meetings led by Social Services regarding possible transition to a new insurer for Medi-cal plan
- Calls with NACo, primarily involving latest COVID relief bill
- Incident briefing for Mountain View Fire

### **4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Update on development projects – approved use permit for June Lake Brewing to expand outdoor seating on permanent basis, shed project approved in Crowley Lake, authorization for overhead utility line in Walker area
- Two outstanding projects before the Board of Supervisors: Tioga Inn and June Lake Highlands
- Received notification from State that the Community Development Block Grant Award for Technical Assistance for Special Districts has been awarded to us - \$250,000 grant
- Introduced Heidi Willson, new Office Manager/Planning Commission Secretary

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Closed out two quarters of collections on TOT taxes
- Also awarded \$465,000 to continue child care services through First 5 and Mono County Office of Education in Bridgeport

### **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 - January 12, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**Note:**

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Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

**Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-52**

**B. June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

The June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee currently has three seats open. Kevin Larson submitted an application and has been recommended by the District Supervisor for appointment to the Committee.

**Action:** Appoint Kevin Larson to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

**Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-53**

**C. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

**Action:**

(1) As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in the staff report, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]

(2) Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

**Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-54**

**D. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 1/31/2021.

**Note:**

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**Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 1/31/2021.

**Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-55**

## **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.*

### **A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam; 2019 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report for Rhinedollar, Saddlebag, and Tioga Dams; High Flow Operations Plans; Report of Inspection and Attempted Repair of Sinkhole at Saddlebag Dam; and Updated Public Safety Plans for Saddlebag, Rhinedollar, and Sabrina Lake Dams.

### **B. Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones re: Wilson Creek Management**

Letter from Hillary Hansen Jones regarding Wilson Creek and DeChambeau Ponds management.

### **C. Letter from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to Representative Obernolte re: House Committee on Oversight and Reform's COVID-19 Relief Bill Language**

Letter of support from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to Representative Obernolte regarding the House Committee on Oversight and Reform's COVID-19 relief bill language that would provide direct financial assistance for counties.

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

### **A. Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Report**

Departments: Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)

(Phil Moores, ESTA Executive Director) - The Joint Powers Authority agreement requires the submission of an annual report after the close of the fiscal year. With the fiscal audit in the final steps of completion, the financials of FY19-20 are fixed and ready for reporting. The annual report includes information on ridership, costs, revenue, and expenses.

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**Action:** None.

**Phil Moores, ESTA Executive Director:**

- Presented Annual Report
- Reds Meadow shuttle decision by mid-May

## **B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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.

**Action:** None.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements, vaccine phase status, transitioning platforms for vaccine registration

**Supervisor Peters:**

- CSAC Rural COVID Working Group update

**Public Comment:**

- Michelle

## **C. Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs Representative Update**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Report and discussion on the Inyo-Mono County Veteran Affairs representative.

**Action:** None.

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Inyo County hired Veteran Service Officer Gordon Greene
- Working on agreement to ensure physical presence of Veteran Service Officer in Mono County

*Break: 10:36 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:47 AM*

## **D. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - CAO and Finance will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

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- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – Workforce budgeting, CalPERS Pension Rates, General Fund Budget Strategy for FY 2021-22

#### **E. Allocation List Amendment - Risk Management Position**

Departments: County Counsel and CAO

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add the position of Risk Manager in the Office of the County Counsel and eliminate the position of Risk Manager in the County Administrative Office.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add the position of Risk Manager in the Office of the County Counsel and eliminate the position of Risk Manager in the County Administrative Office.

**Gardner motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

#### **R21-15**

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented item

#### **F. Employment Agreement - Risk Manager**

Departments: Human Resources

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

**Action:** Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R21-16, approving a contract with Jay Sloane as Risk Manager 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:** The cost for this position for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (March 2nd to June 30th) is \$39,466 of which \$31,665 is salary and \$7,801 is the cost of the benefits and is included in the approved budget. Total cost for a full six months of the contract is \$59,199 of which \$47,497 is annual salary and \$11,702 is the cost of the benefits.

**Duggan motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

#### **R21-16**

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented item

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

None.

Moved to Item 12.

#### **Note:**

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**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:55 AM  
Reconvened: 1:10 PM*

*Reentered Closed Session: 2:22 PM  
Reconvened: 2:50PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

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

None.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. SB1383 Overview**

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

(CalRecycle Rep. Jeffory McDaniel) - Jurisdiction presentation by CalRecycle SB1383 representatives regarding regulations for reducing short-lived climate pollutants in California.

**Action:** None.

**Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:**

- Introduced item

**Jeffory McDaniel, CalRecycle Rep:**

- Presentation – SB1383 requirements, exemptions and waivers, jurisdiction responsibilities, model implementation tools

**Cara Morgan, CalRecycle Branch Chief:**

- Mono County is eligible for rural exemption

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## **B. Mountain View Fire Update**

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

**Action:** None.

### **Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- Thanked staff directly and indirectly working on the Mountain View Fire recovery effort
- To date, collected 103 Right of Entry forms, allowing us to conduct Phase 2 remediation efforts onsite
- Working with CalOES and CalRecycle to conduct recovery effort
- Intermediate housing efforts

## **C. Follow Up on Legislative Platform**

Departments: CAO, County Counsel

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - 1) Review changes made to the County's 2021 Legislative Platform and proposed resolution subsequent to your Board's February 16 review of the preliminary Draft Legislative Platform; and 2) Provide direction for the use and implementation of the Legislative Platform.

**Action:** 1) Approve Legislative Platform for publishing; and 2) Adopt proposed Resolution, Providing Direction for the Use and Implementation of the County's Legislative Platform.

**Corless motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-56, R21-17**

### **Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented updated Legislative Platform

Moved back to Item 9.

## **12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- RCRC Meetings:
  - Education Superhighway presentation, courtesy of RCRC Economic Development staff. This nonprofit works to get broadband service to families with K-12 students, and the meeting was set to gauge interest and need among California's rural counties.  
<https://www.educationsuperhighway.org/>
  - RCRC Economic Development meeting with Mono County Economic Development to talk about RCRC programs and assistance.
  - Meeting with incoming RCRC CEO, who starts in early April.
  - Unexpected announcement last week that Paul Smith will retire from RCRC at the end of March. Staci Heaton will serve as acting VP of Governmental Affairs.
  - Components of RCRC's wildfire prevention package have been introduced in the legislature this session: <https://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc->

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- US Forest Service-related Meetings:
  - Region 4 and 5 meeting: joined this meeting that was set up by Alpine County Supervisor David Griffith to seek better coordination/cooperation with Region 4 regarding wildfire prevention/forest health initiatives in California. For future meetings would like to include Supervisor Peters and Bridgeport District Ranger Jan Cutts.
  - Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Collaborative Meeting: Good presentation about how local government and other partners provide input to Great American Outdoors Act project selection/prioritization, looks like 2023 will be the first round in which that can happen. Inyo NF Supervisor Lesley Yen will be giving our board an update on this soon.
- NACo Public Lands Steering Committee Meeting
- Coping in a Covid World meeting
- ESIA Winter Adventure Series presentations on wildfire crossings and Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps--recommend watching the videos of these presentations and thanks to ESIA for providing the forum.
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 02/17/21
  - CSAC New Supervisor's Institute Networking Session/Social Media Information Session - This session allows new supervisors to share their experiences of the first few months in office.
  - Community Corrections Partnership – General Meeting
  - Meeting with CDD Wendy Sugimura on issues regarding District 2 before various commissions
- 02/18/21 – Visit California Virtual Outlook Forum – Three sessions dedicated to California tourism challenges of recovery, sustainability, and responsibility. Excellent content and advice for businesses facing economic recovery.
- 02/19/21 – Visit California Virtual Outlook Forum – 4 Sessions
- 02/23/21
  - IT Adobe Training
  - CSA1 Meeting - I participated in discussions regarding spring recreation projects in the Crowley/ Sunny Slopes/ Tom's Place district
- 2/24/21
  - Trindel Training on De-escalation - I attended the webinar training for Public Health and Safety departments on how de-escalate sensitive situations.
  - TriValley Groundwater Authority meeting - I attended the meeting focused on the process of regaining their GSA status. There was also a presentation from OVGa Executive Director on a draft Tri-Valley Well Vulnerability Assessment.
- 3/1/21 – Caltrans District 9 Meeting with Ryan Dermody - I met with District Director Ryan Dermody to discuss projects planned and scheduled within District 2.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Feb. 17 I participated in a June Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Chamber is planning promotion events for the summer and fall seasons.

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- On Thursday Feb. 18 and Friday Feb. 19, I attended two NACO regional and Public Lands meetings. Topics included pending Biden Administration actions, and legislative and COVID updates.
- On Friday Feb. 26 I participated in a meeting of the Infrastructure Subcommittee as part of the Dispersed Camping initiative. This group is working on a proposal to improve dispersed camping by placing trash and portable restrooms at selected locations in the Eastern Sierra. Other subcommittees have also been meeting on their respective tasks. The next meeting of the overall group is set for March 25.
- Finally, yesterday I participated with Supervisor Corless in the ESSRP meeting. Topics included updates on various recreation events around the state, the progress of the Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative, and reports from each of the partner agencies.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- I joined Supervisor Rabbit, CSAC staff for a meeting with Senate Transportation Chair, Senator Lena Gonzales on Tuesday, February 16th. The Senator is going to be working on how ZEV policy gets implemented for commercial fleets; transit post-COVID and how it's an opportunity to re-invent transit to include more technology and equity; DMV service streamlining and technology utilization; she's looking for feedback on speed limit setting and vision zero. Senator Gonzales is also working on the state broadband efforts.
- Wednesday, February 17th I met with the MLH Development and Programs Committee to discuss this coming year's committee priorities. Later that day I attended the Community Corrections Partnership - General Committee Meeting where we reviewed the strategic goals and member assignments to the three sub groups working to address the goals. That night I attended the regular meeting of the Town Council.
- Thursday, February 18th I attended the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care quarterly meeting. The committee discussed the failed attempt by IMACA and The Church of the Nazarene to create a safe space for those suffering from a lack of a home to park at night at the Church. We also discussed future homeless prevention funding and allocation of those funds. There's roughly \$5million allocated to the CoC for various programming to target the prevention and intervention for those experiencing a lack of shelter.
- On February 24th I attended the "Addressing Secondhand Smoke: Tobacco and Cannabis Smoke in Multiunit Housing" hosted by California Commercial Tobacco Control. It was a good reminder in the harmful impacts of all forms of secondhand smoke and its ability to travel in multiunit housing. Also, a good reminder is that smoking is not a protected human right, and smokers are not a protected class.
- Also on February 24th, I attended the NACo Community, Economic, Workforce Development (CEWD) Committee meeting to review and disuse the four proposed interim resolutions coming from the Committee. I presented the resolution I am sponsoring along with CSAC and the County Welfare Directors Association of California.
- The Town of Mammoth Lakes and their consultants hosted a community conversation on their Mobility Hub Study efforts to date. There were three different types of hubs identified for the community: regional; local; and recreational. Several possible locations for these Hubs were identified. The report is still in draft form.
- Thursday, February 25th I spoke with Kerri West from CDPH & the Governor's COVID19 special task force on COVID19 and the vaccination roll-out.
- I volunteered again at the Covid19 Vaccination Clinic in Mammoth Lakes on Friday, February 26th. This was a second dose clinic, and roughly 700 people were vaccinated that day.

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- March 1st I attended the CCRH Legislative Committee meeting. We discussed various CCRH sponsored bills and other housing bills. We also provided input on how the next round of the State's allocation of the National Housing Trust Fund monies should be allocated and the general consensus was to use them with the MHP program.
- I also attended the MLH Board meeting the evening of March 1. We reviewed and approved the quarterly financial statements, discussed MLH's role in The Parcel buildout, and created an ad-hoc contract negotiations committee for MLH's contract with The Town, for which I will serve along with Tom Hodges and Tony Perkins. We also received a programs update - MLH applied to LISC to be a community partner to help get out the Federal rent subsidy funding allocated under SB91.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 2/18: Attended CSAC Resiliency Taskforce
- 2/19: NACo Rural Action Caucus and WIR Board meeting
- 2/22: NACo Broadband Taskforce
- 2/24: Participated in the Human Services and Education monthly call. Introduced interim policy resolution to help create an updated SNAP benefit formula
- 2/26: CSAC Broadband working group – focused on legislation that is being worked on for a bond measure
- Phone conference last week with Congressman Jay Obernolte to advocate for COVID relief package, reminder that introducing bill to recognize the Kutzadika'a Tribe is important for Mono County
- This Saturday, 3/6, Nevada Resiliency Project will be in Coleville providing support to Mountain View Fire victims and wellness presentation to Antelope Valley community
- Toiyabe Clinic is still in transition to operate in Bridgeport.

Moved to Item 9.

**ADJOURNED AT 2:50 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.  
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2021**

<b>Backup Recording</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Minute Orders</b>	<b>M21-57 – M21-60</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>R21-18</b>
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>ORD21-02 Not Used</b>

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Women's History Month – story of Sybil Ludington

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Adjourn in memory of Larry Myrold, longtime Mammoth Lakes resident and Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Captain

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Commendation for Building Permit Technician Michael Jones**

Departments: Community Development Department

**Note:**

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

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Commendation email from a building permit customer for Michael Jones' excellent customer service.

**Action:** None.

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Recognized Michael Jones for excellent customer service

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Participated in meeting of Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce – response to Mountain View Fire
- NACo Legislative pre-conference event – met with County colleagues from around the country
- Continued meetings on Medi-Cal Managed Care alternatives
- COVID-19 Community Conversation
- Participated in Redistricting Webinar sponsored by RCRC and CSAC – working with Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich to help Board be as responsive as possible
- JEDI group meeting
- Nevada Resiliency Project in Coleville

### **4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Decision in County's favor in County's litigation against City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

### **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 - January 19, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

**Gardner motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-57**

#### **B. 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program**

Departments: Sheriff

Resolution approving application for 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

**Note:**

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**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution with noted modifications (updating name of Sergeant from Sergeant Jeff Beard to Sergeant Charles Clark, and Chair name).

**Peters motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-18**

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Discussion with Sheriff Braun – patrol, education and outreach

**C. Authority to Hire Staff Services Analyst III at Step D**

Departments: Social Services

The Social Services Department is seeking to fill a vacant Staff Services Analyst III position. The department is requesting authorization to offer Leslie Gaunt employment at Step D of the salary range based on her skills and experience.

**Action:** Grant the Director of Social Services the authority to fill a Staff Services Analyst III position at Step D.

**Gardner motion; Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-58**

**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.*

**A. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letter re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter in response to FERC comments on authorization for construction: dam surveillance cameras for 2020 eastern operations dams.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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.

**Action:** None.

**Note:**

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**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, Blueprint for a Safer Economy update, MUSD update, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements, transitioning platforms for vaccine registration, CDPH quarantine guidance for fully vaccinated people

**Supervisor Peters:**

- CSAC Rural Caucus working group update

**Public Comment:**

- Jamie Schectman

*Break: 10:25 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:33 AM*

Moved to Item 7C.

**B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**Action:** Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared by the Board on November 17, 2020 and a need to continue the local health emergency declared by the Public Health Officer on November 19, 2020 (and subsequently ratified by the Board) as a result of the Mountain View Fire.

**Peters motion; Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-59**

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- March 15 mobilization date for Department of Toxic Substances Control to send out team to do additional Phase 1 haz waste sweep – approximately eight properties missed during first round
- March 22 mobilization date for Phase 2 remediation work
- Landfill replacement of damaged items

**Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:**

- Nevada Resiliency Project event last Saturday in Coleville – topics addressed included stress management, coping skills, and survivor guilt. Wellness presentation, onsite assistance.
- Confirmed that they are in the planning stages of follow-up events – plan to hold weekly group meetings

Moved to Item 7D.

**C. Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Presentation**

Departments: Inyo National Forest

(Inyo National Forest Staff: Lesley Yen, Nora Gamino, Adam Barnett) - The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) provides funding over the course of

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five years (2021-2025) for federal land management agencies, including the Forest Service, to take care of deferred maintenance on recreation facilities. The Inyo National Forest will discuss current and future GAOA project submissions.

**Action:** None.

**Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest Supervisor:**

- Overview and process

**Nora Gamino, Forest Engineer, Adam Barnett, Public Services Staff Officer, Inyo National Forest:**

- Overview of projects where funding has been received and projects submitted for consideration

Moved to Item 7B.

**D. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts**

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Consider memorializing Mono County's role and responsibilities in the Bi-State Sage-Grouse effort by signing the multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding.

**Action:** Authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Bi-State partners for Bi-State sage-grouse conservation as modified and reflected in the redline version distributed this morning.

**Duggan motion; Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-60**

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Presented item

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

None.

Moved to Item 10.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:45 AM*

*Reconvened: 1:44 PM*

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

**B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

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CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.  
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.  
Name of case: *County of Mono v. K.R. Property Development et al.* (Mono Sup. Court Case # CV200081).

**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 et al.* (Alameda Sup. Ct. Case No. RG18923377).

**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Attended Women's Leadership Forum Coffee
- Attended meeting about Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative and tribal involvement
- On Thursday, invited to Mammoth Voices to give a County update
- As part of Supervisor Gardner's Dispersed Camping Summit, an Enforcement Subcommittee meeting led by Sheriff Braun was held
- On Friday, attended the Redistricting Webinar held by CSAC and RCRC (link to recording: <https://www.rcrcnet.org/2021-redistricting-webinar-brought-you-rcrc-and-csac>)
- California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions had a statewide training on conservatorship
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Working Group
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program Summit – focus this year was on building restoration economy
- Great experience getting the COVID vaccine

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 03/3/21
  - CSAC Women in Leadership Coffee – I participated in an inspiring session to discuss our rolls as women in county government.
  - Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission – I attended the monthly meeting that covered the new Fishing regulations plus a presentation from Matt Parulo of the ESSRP and Kim Anaclerio of MLR on the Tangle-Free Waters Program.
  - Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board Meeting
    - Recap of the VCA Virtual Tourism Forum
    - Appointment of John Mendel to the Retail Seat
    - Review of Q4 Marketing and Advertising Plans
- 03/04/21 - CSAC New Supervisor's Institute Session II -
  - I participated in round table recaps of our first 60 days and presentations featuring:
    - The County-State Fiscal Relationship – The Revenue Side
    - Effective County Advocacy – Working with Key State Government Stakeholders
    - Wading through the County Budgeting Process (with new RCRC ED Patrick Blacklock)
- 03/05/21
  - CSAC New Supervisor's Institute Session II – More great sessions:

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- Effective County Advocacy – Working with State Legislature and Regulatory Agencies
- 2021 Legislative Issues Affecting Counties
- Art & Practice of Leadership in Governance
- A Supervisor's Guide to County Health and Human Services
- A Supervisor's Guide to Land Use Decision-Making
- Caltrans District 9 – Benton Paving Project – I worked Caltrans District 9 Staff to reach out directly to Tri-Valley constituents in the ESUSD for their feedback on the Benton Paving project (tentatively scheduled for 2024-26.)
- 3/8 - 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference - I attended various NACo Steering Committee meetings, focusing on policy and platforms of interest to Mono County and the Eastern Sierra. Our board is very involved in these steering and their subcommittees and I look forward to continuing our presence and lending my voice, especially on emerging issues.
  - Community, Economic, and Workforce Housing Steering Committee
  - Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee
  - Transportation Steering Committee
  - Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee
  - NACo National Call detailing the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The bill, which NACo helped to develop and strongly advocated to pass, includes \$65.1 billion in direct to counties.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Thursday (3/11), there is a meeting on the Tioga Pass opening
- On Friday (3/12), our resorts, tourism, and gateway area NACo working group will meet – will have several county supervisors from across the country talk about life during COVID and trying to maintain a recreation economy
- Will add rest of report to next week's Board Report

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- The CSAC Women's Leadership Forum held a meeting on March 3rd. Great group of California county leaders in attendance. That evening I attended the Mammoth Lakes Town Council regular meeting.
- On March 4th I attended the NACo Pre-conference meeting. Later I attend a meeting with Assemblymember Jim Frazier along with CSAC staff and the Chair of the HLT Policy Committee. Assemblyman Frazier is the Chair of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. That evening I attended the Covid Community Conversation.
- Saturday, March 6th I volunteered all day with the Coronavirus Vaccination Clinic in Mammoth Lakes.
- March 8th I attended the NACo CEWD Steering Committee meeting. We heard from state leaders in HOME, CDBG and Labor. The Committee approved four interim resolutions including one I sponsored that would double the production of affordable housing using 4 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits if the proposed change is approved by Congress.
- Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) Chair of the Assembly transportation Committee. We discussed safety, multi-modal transportation, the need to prioritize VMTs because ZEV is not the solution to getting people out of their cars. Lastly, I mentioned to Assemblymember Friedman the wildlife crossing and invited her to visit Mono County this June.

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**Supervisor Peters:**

- Thanks to CAO Lawton for covering Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce and Antelope Valley RPAC meetings
- NACO Virtual Legislative Conference – Human Services and Education Steering committee meeting, WIR Board of Directors meeting
- There will be a memorial for Sallie Joseph, the resident who unfortunately passed during the Mountain View Fire, on Saturday (3/13) in Yerington. Requested that we adjourn today's meeting in memory of Sallie Joseph.

Moved to Item 9.

**ADJOURNED AT 1:45 PM in memory of Larry Myrold and Sallie Joseph.**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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



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

**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Clerk of the Board**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** California Coalition for Rural Housing  
(CCRH) 2021 Membership Dues

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

The California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) is a statewide membership organization of housing advocates, developers, policymakers, service providers, and residents working to produce and preserve affordable housing in California. For the 2021 calendar year, CCRH has requested that Mono County pay the Organization membership dues of \$500.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve payment of \$500 membership dues to remain a member of the California Coalition for Rural Housing for 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Membership dues are \$500 for the 2021 calendar year. Funds will be drawn from the Board of Supervisors FY 2021-2022 budget.

**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

**SEND COPIES TO:**

**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

YES  NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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3/31/2021 1:12 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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# INVOICE

Date: March 25, 2021  
Invoice #CCRH21 MEM009



California Coalition for Rural Housing  
717 K Street, Ste. 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-443-4448 ext. 100  
Larissa@calruralhousing.org

**TO** County of Mono  
Jennifer Kreitz

QTY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1	<i>California Coalition for Rural Housing 2021 Membership Dues</i>	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>

Please send a check by mail, payable to:  
California Coalition for Rural Housing  
717 K Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or pay by online at: <https://www.calruralhousing.org/donate-membership>

Questions?  
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# CCRH Membership

Become a Member Today!



## CCRH membership provides:

- Advocacy in the State Legislature and at the Department of Housing and Community Development, USDA Rural Development, Strategic Growth Council, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and other governmental agencies.
- 'Action Alert Network' with updates on federal and state housing programs and mobilization of local organizations and individuals. We build broad-based coalitions with environmentalists, growers, local governments, and other constituencies.
- Training and informational forums, including housing program design and implementation, grant writing, smart growth and energy-efficiency, and inclusionary housing programs.
- Technical assistance to nonprofit housing organizations and rural local planning and housing officials.
- Projects to promote leadership development, asset-building, elder financial security, and sustainable rural communities.
- Access to our extensive research on rural housing data and critical public policy information.
- Tribal-specific representation, advocacy, and technical assistance for state resources, and facilitation of collaboration between tribal entities and nonprofit affordable housing developers.

# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



The California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) is a statewide membership organization of housing advocates, developers, policy makers, service providers, and residents working to produce and preserve affordable housing in California. CCRH is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

----- **Resident Member: \$5**

----- **Individual Member: \$75**

----- **Organization or Agency Member: \$500 (budget <\$500K)**  
**\$1,000 (budget of \$500K - \$1M)**  
**\$2,000 (budget \$1M- \$2M)**  
**\$3,000 (budget \$2M+)**

----- **I cannot become a member, but I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the following CCRH activities:**

- **Outreach and Education**
- **Community Organizing**
- **Legislative Advocacy**

----- **I am not able to pay dues, but would like to be a member.**

**NAME**-----

**ORGANIZATION**-----

**ADDRESS**-----

**CITY/ST/ZIP**-----

**PHONE**----- **EMAIL**-----

\* These are recommended amounts. Please give what you can. Your contribution may be tax deductible.

Please make check payable to:  
California Coalition for Rural Housing  
717 K Street, Suite 400,  
Sacramento, CA 95814



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Gardner**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**SUBJECT** Letter of Support for DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Infrastructure Renovation and Restoration Project Application to the California Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Letter in support of the Mono Lake Committee's application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation grant program to enhance water distribution infrastructure at the DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Mitigation Complex on the north shore of Mono Lake.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign letter of support.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**CONTACT NAME:** Bartshe Miller

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 760-648-3044 / bartshe@monolake.org

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YES  NO

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Jennifer Kreitz ~ District One   Rhonda Duggan ~ District Two   Bob Gardner ~ District Three  
John Peters ~ District Four   Stacy Corless ~ District Five

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF MONO

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*Shannon Kendall, Clerk of the Board*

April 6, 2021

James Croft  
Senior Environmental Scientist  
Inland Wetlands Conservation Program  
California Wildlife Conservation Board  
c/o California Division of Fish & Wildlife  
PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
[James.Croft@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:James.Croft@wildlife.ca.gov)

**RE: Letter of Support for DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Infrastructure Renovation and Restoration Project application to the California Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation grant**

Dear Mr. Croft,

Please accept this letter in support of the Mono Lake Committee's application to the Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyway Conservation grant program to enhance water distribution infrastructure at the DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Mitigation Complex on the north shore of Mono Lake.

The DeChambeau Ponds Wetlands Mitigation Complex represent locally limited and ecologically critical wetland habitat managed by the Inyo National Forest since 1993. Recently a coalition of local citizens and organizations, along with staff assistance from Mono County, have committed significant time and funds toward the rehabilitation and restoration of the aging infrastructure critical to sustaining these unique wetlands. This grant opportunity builds on past restoration efforts and supports ongoing efforts to rehabilitate infrastructure within the DeChambeau Ponds Complex, including thermal water conveyance infrastructure and the artesian wellhead.

The current grant proposal addresses necessary maintenance and water efficiency improvements which will restore wetland habitat values, help preserve the recreational values of the site, and enhance the DeChambeau Ponds' drought tolerance and climate change resilience.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support and your agency's work to enhance and sustain waterfowl and shorebird habitat across California's portion of the Pacific Flyway.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors  
[jkreitz@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jkreitz@mono.ca.gov)





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Finance**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2021.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2021.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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**CONTACT NAME:** Gerald Frank

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325483 / gfrank@mono.ca.gov

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[Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2021](#)

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## Mono County Transaction Summary by Action Investment Portfolio

Begin Date: 1/31/2021, End Date: 2/28/2021

Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
<b>Buy Transactions</b>									
Buy	2/12/2021	91159HHZ6	500,000.00	US Bancorp 1.45 5/12/2025	103.28	516,420.83	1,812.50	0.66	518,233.33
Buy	2/24/2021	037833EB2	500,000.00	Apple Inc 0.7 2/8/2026-21	99.42	497,115.00	155.56	0.82	497,270.56
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>1,000,000.00</b>			<b>1,013,535.83</b>	<b>1,968.06</b>		<b>1,015,503.89</b>
Deposit	2/1/2021	CAMP60481	991.44	California Asset Management Program LGIP	100.00	991.44	0.00	0.00	991.44
Deposit	2/26/2021	FIT	249,000.00	Funds in Transit Cash	100.00	249,000.00	0.00	0.00	249,000.00
Deposit	2/26/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	2,080.13	Oak Valley Bank Cash	100.00	2,080.13	0.00	0.00	2,080.13
Deposit	2/28/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	18,581,383.05	Oak Valley Bank Cash	100.00	18,581,383.05	0.00	0.00	18,581,383.05
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>18,833,454.62</b>			<b>18,833,454.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>18,833,454.62</b>
<b>Total Buy Transactions</b>			<b>19,833,454.62</b>			<b>19,846,990.45</b>	<b>1,968.06</b>		<b>19,848,958.51</b>
<b>Interest/Dividends</b>									
Interest	2/1/2021	796711G86	0.00	San Bernardino City USD 0.984 8/1/2024		0.00	1,162.90	0.00	1,162.90
Interest	2/1/2021	798189PW0	0.00	San Jose Evergreen Community College Dist 1.908 8/		0.00	2,385.00	0.00	2,385.00
Interest	2/1/2021	54473ENR1	0.00	Los Angeles Cnty Public Wks 6.091 8/1/2022-10		0.00	15,227.50	0.00	15,227.50
Interest	2/1/2021	845389JH9	0.00	Southwestern Community College GO 0.891 8/1/2025		0.00	2,178.00	0.00	2,178.00
Interest	2/1/2021	459200HG9	0.00	International Business Machine Corp 1.875 8/1/2022		0.00	4,687.50	0.00	4,687.50
Interest	2/1/2021	798170AF3	0.00	San Jose RDA Successor Agency 2.828 8/1/2023		0.00	4,312.70	0.00	4,312.70
Interest	2/1/2021	777526MP6	0.00	Rosemead School District 2.042 8/1/2024		0.00	3,573.50	0.00	3,573.50
Interest	2/1/2021	513802CE6	0.00	LANCASTER REDEV AGY A 2.125 8/1/2021		0.00	6,959.38	0.00	6,959.38
Interest	2/1/2021	299547AQ2	0.00	Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union 2.6 6/12/		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	2/1/2021	250433TY5	0.00	Desert Sands Unified School District 1.544 8/1/202		0.00	2,354.60	0.00	2,354.60
Interest	2/1/2021	17741RGC6	0.00	Citrus Community College GO 0.819 8/1/2025		0.00	1,409.36	0.00	1,409.36
Interest	2/1/2021	538036HP2	0.00	Live Oak Banking Company 1.85 1/20/2025		0.00	391.24	0.00	391.24
Interest	2/1/2021	76124YAB2	0.00	Resource One Credit Union 1.9 11/27/2024		0.00	395.36	0.00	395.36



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Interest	2/1/2021	452641JN4	0.00	Imperial Community College District 2.024 8/1/2023		0.00	5,060.00	0.00	5,060.00
Interest	2/1/2021	91435LAB3	0.00	University of Iowa Community Credit Union 3 4/28/2		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	2/1/2021	796720MG2	0.00	San Bernardino Community College District 2.044 8/		0.00	2,555.00	0.00	2,555.00
Interest	2/1/2021	33651FAD1	0.00	First Source Federal Credit Union 1.95 3/26/2021		0.00	412.38	0.00	412.38
Interest	2/1/2021	499724AD4	0.00	Knox TVA Employee Credit Union 3.25 8/30/2023		0.00	676.27	0.00	676.27
Interest	2/1/2021	052392AA5	0.00	Austin Telco FCU 1.8 2/28/2025		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	2/2/2021	15118RUR6	0.00	Celtic Bank 1.35 4/2/2025		0.00	285.50	0.00	285.50
Interest	2/3/2021	9497486Z5	0.00	WELLS FARGO BK NA SIOUXFALLS SD 1.6 8/3/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	2/5/2021	32117BCX4	0.00	First National Bank Dama 2.8 5/5/2023		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	2/5/2021	981571CE0	0.00	Worlds Foremost Bk Sidney NE 1.75 5/5/2021		0.00	297.26	0.00	297.26
Interest	2/7/2021	90983WBT7	0.00	United Community Bank 1.65 2/7/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	2/8/2021	29367SJQ8	0.00	Enterprise Bank & Trust 1.8 11/8/2024		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	2/8/2021	89579NCB7	0.00	Triad Bank/Frontenac MO 1.8 11/8/2024		0.00	380.66	0.00	380.66
Interest	2/9/2021	59452WAE8	0.00	Michigan Legacy Credit Union 3.45 11/9/2023		0.00	729.60	0.00	729.60
Interest	2/9/2021	319141HD2	0.00	First Bank of Highland 2.2 8/9/2022		0.00	2,717.15	0.00	2,717.15
Interest	2/9/2021	037833AY6	0.00	Apple Inc 2.15 2/6/2022-15		0.00	5,375.00	0.00	5,375.00
Interest	2/10/2021	25460FCF1	0.00	Direct Federal Credit Union 3.5 9/11/2023		0.00	740.18	0.00	740.18
Interest	2/10/2021	59013JZP7	0.00	Merrick Bank 2.05 8/10/2022		0.00	426.57	0.00	426.57
Interest	2/11/2021	742718EU9	0.00	Procter & Gamble Co 2.15 8/11/2022-17		0.00	5,375.00	0.00	5,375.00
Interest	2/11/2021	20033APV2	0.00	COMENITY CAP BK SALT LAKE CITY UTAH 1.6 4/12/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	2/12/2021	666496AB0	0.00	Northland Area Federal Credit Union 2.6 2/13/2023		0.00	3,211.18	0.00	3,211.18
Interest	2/12/2021	43733LBF3	0.00	Home Savings Bank UT 2.85 2/12/2024		0.00	3,534.31	0.00	3,534.31
Interest	2/12/2021	594918BB9	0.00	Microsoft Corp 2.7 2/12/2025-24		0.00	6,750.00	0.00	6,750.00
Interest	2/12/2021	856487AM5	0.00	State Bank of Reeseville 2.6 4/12/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	2/13/2021	66736ABP3	0.00	Northwest Bank 2.95 2/13/2024		0.00	623.86	0.00	623.86



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Begin Date: 1/31/2021, End Date: 2/28/2021

Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
Interest	2/13/2021	32100LBY0	0.00	First Missouri State Bank 2.85 8/14/2023		0.00	3,534.31	0.00	3,534.31
Interest	2/13/2021	69417ACG2	0.00	Pacific Crest Savings Bank 2.85 3/13/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	2/13/2021	15721UDA4	0.00	CF Bank 2 8/13/2024		0.00	422.96	0.00	422.96
Interest	2/14/2021	32114VBT3	0.00	First National Bank of Michigan 1.65 2/14/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	2/14/2021	17801GBX6	0.00	City National Bank of Metropolis 1.65 2/14/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	2/14/2021	45581EAR2	0.00	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China USA, NA 2.		0.00	551.42	0.00	551.42
Interest	2/15/2021	20143PDV9	0.00	Commercial Bank Harrogate 3.4 11/15/2023		0.00	719.03	0.00	719.03
Interest	2/15/2021	061785DY4	0.00	Bank of Deerfield 2.85 2/15/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	2/15/2021	30257JAM7	0.00	FNB Bank Inc/Romney 3 1/16/2024		0.00	634.44	0.00	634.44
Interest	2/15/2021	62384RAF3	0.00	Mountain America Federal Credit Union 3 3/27/2023		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	2/16/2021	740367HP5	0.00	Preferred Bank LA Calif 2 8/16/2024		0.00	422.96	0.00	422.96
Interest	2/16/2021	33640VCF3	0.00	First Service Bank 3.3 5/16/2023		0.00	697.88	0.00	697.88
Interest	2/17/2021	855736DA9	0.00	STATE BK & TR CO DEFIANCE OHIO 1.6 2/17/2021		0.00	332.93	0.00	332.93
Interest	2/17/2021	219240BY3	0.00	Cornerstone Community Bank 2.6 5/17/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	2/17/2021	50116CBE8	0.00	KS Statebank Manhattan KS 2.1 5/17/2022		0.00	436.97	0.00	436.97
Interest	2/18/2021	457731AK3	0.00	Inspire Federal Credit Union 1.15 3/18/2025		0.00	243.20	0.00	243.20
Interest	2/18/2021	00257TBJ4	0.00	Abacus Federal Savings Bank 1.75 10/18/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
Interest	2/18/2021	22766ABN4	0.00	Crossfirst Bank 2.05 8/18/2022		0.00	426.57	0.00	426.57
Interest	2/18/2021	48836LAF9	0.00	Kemba Financial Credit Union 1.75 10/18/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
Interest	2/19/2021	560507AJ4	0.00	Maine Savings Federal Credit Union 3.3 5/19/2023		0.00	697.88	0.00	697.88
Interest	2/19/2021	310567AB8	0.00	Farmers State Bank 2.35 9/19/2022		0.00	488.99	0.00	488.99
Interest	2/19/2021	128829AE8	0.00	Caldwell Bank & Trust Company 1.95 8/19/2024		0.00	2,428.04	0.00	2,428.04
Interest	2/20/2021	50625LAK9	0.00	Lafayette Federal Credit Union 3.5 11/20/2023		0.00	740.18	0.00	740.18
Interest	2/20/2021	32112UCW9	0.00	First National Bank of McGregor 2.85 2/21/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72



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Interest	2/21/2021	14042TCB1	0.00	Capital One Bank USA NA 2 8/21/2024		0.00	2,470.14	0.00	2,470.14
Interest	2/21/2021	33610RQY2	0.00	First Premier Bank 2.05 8/22/2022		0.00	2,531.89	0.00	2,531.89
Interest	2/22/2021	061803AH5	0.00	Bank of Delight 2.85 2/22/2024		0.00	602.72	0.00	602.72
Interest	2/22/2021	90352RAC9	0.00	USAlliance Federal Credit Union 3 8/20/2021		0.00	624.25	0.00	624.25
Interest	2/22/2021	92535LCC6	0.00	Verus Bank of Commerce 2.8 2/22/2024		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	2/22/2021	02007GLF8	0.00	Ally Bank 1.9 8/22/2022		0.00	2,365.79	0.00	2,365.79
Interest	2/23/2021	938828BJ8	0.00	Washington Federal Bank 2.05 8/23/2024		0.00	433.53	0.00	433.53
Interest	2/23/2021	75472RAE1	0.00	Raymond James Bank, NA 2 8/23/2024		0.00	2,490.30	0.00	2,490.30
Interest	2/23/2021	33766LAJ7	0.00	Firstier Bank 1.95 8/23/2024		0.00	412.38	0.00	412.38
Interest	2/24/2021	03753XBD1	0.00	Apex Bank 3.1 8/24/2023		0.00	645.05	0.00	645.05
Interest	2/24/2021	90348JEV8	0.00	UBS Bank USA 3.45 10/24/2023		0.00	729.60	0.00	729.60
Interest	2/25/2021	063907AA7	0.00	Bank of Botetourt 1.75 10/25/2024		0.00	370.09	0.00	370.09
Interest	2/25/2021	22230PBY5	0.00	Country Bank New York 3 1/25/2024		0.00	634.44	0.00	634.44
Interest	2/25/2021	330459BY3	0.00	FNB BANK INC 2 2/25/2022		0.00	416.16	0.00	416.16
Interest	2/26/2021	84485EAE7	0.00	Southwest Financial Federal CU 3.15 2/26/2021		0.00	1,203.39	0.00	1,203.39
Interest	2/26/2021	32065TAZ4	0.00	First Kentucky Bank Inc 2.55 4/26/2024		0.00	539.27	0.00	539.27
Interest	2/26/2021	05465DAE8	0.00	AXOS Bank 1.65 3/26/2025		0.00	348.94	0.00	348.94
Interest	2/26/2021	56065GAG3	0.00	Mainstreet Bank 2.6 4/26/2024		0.00	549.85	0.00	549.85
Interest	2/26/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	0.00	Oak Valley Bank Cash		0.00	2,080.13	0.00	2,080.13
Interest	2/27/2021	39115UBE2	0.00	Great Plains Bank 2.8 2/27/2024		0.00	592.14	0.00	592.14
Interest	2/27/2021	32063KAV4	0.00	First Jackson Bank 1.05 3/27/2025		0.00	222.05	0.00	222.05
Interest	2/27/2021	79772FAF3	0.00	San Francisco FCU 1.1 3/27/2025		0.00	232.63	0.00	232.63
Interest	2/28/2021	080515CH0	0.00	Belmont Savings Bank 2.7 2/28/2023		0.00	561.82	0.00	561.82
Interest	2/28/2021	710571DS6	0.00	Peoples Bank Newton NC 2 7/31/2024		0.00	382.03	0.00	382.03
Interest	2/28/2021	694231AC5	0.00	Pacific Enterprise Bank 1.15 3/31/2025		0.00	243.20	0.00	243.20
Interest	2/28/2021	CAMP60481	0.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP		0.00	99.46	0.00	99.46
Interest	2/28/2021	01748DAX4	0.00	ALLEGIANCE BK TEX HOUSTON 2.15 9/29/2022		0.00	432.95	0.00	432.95



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Action	Settlement Date	CUSIP	Face Amount / Shares	Description	Purchase Price	Principal	Interest / Dividends	YTM @ Cost	Total
Interest	2/28/2021	29278TCP3	0.00	Enerbank USA 3.2 8/30/2023		0.00	622.90	0.00	622.90
Interest	2/28/2021	67054NAM5	0.00	Numerica Credit Union 3.4 10/31/2023		0.00	649.45	0.00	649.45
Interest	2/28/2021	59828PCA6	0.00	Midwest Bank of West IL 3.3 8/29/2022		0.00	697.88	0.00	697.88
Interest	2/28/2021	06426KAM0	0.00	Bank of New England 3.2 7/31/2023		0.00	606.33	0.00	606.33
Interest	2/28/2021	98138MAB6	0.00	Workers Credit Union 2.55 5/31/2022		0.00	496.38	0.00	496.38
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>0.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>131,356.53</b>		<b>131,356.53</b>
<b>Total Interest/Dividends</b>			<b>0.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>131,356.53</b>		<b>131,356.53</b>
<b>Sell Transactions</b>									
Matured	2/17/2021	855736DA9	245,000.00	STATE BK & TR CO DEFIANCE OHIO 1.6 2/17/2021	0.00	245,000.00	0.00	0.00	245,000.00
Matured	2/26/2021	84485EAE7	249,000.00	Southwest Financial Federal CU 3.15 2/26/2021	0.00	249,000.00	0.00	0.00	249,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>494,000.00</b>			<b>494,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>494,000.00</b>
Withdraw	2/8/2021	CAMP60481	4,400,000.00	California Asset Management Program LGIP	0.00	4,400,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,400,000.00
Withdraw	2/9/2021	LAIF6000Q	3,500,000.00	Local Agency Investment Fund LGIP	0.00	3,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,500,000.00
Withdraw	2/16/2021	LAIF6000Q	1,000,000.00	Local Agency Investment Fund LGIP	0.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
Withdraw	2/24/2021	LAIF6000Q	2,000,000.00	Local Agency Investment Fund LGIP	0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00
Withdraw	2/28/2021	OAKVALLEY0670	21,291,028.32	Oak Valley Bank Cash	0.00	21,291,028.32	0.00	0.00	21,291,028.32
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>32,191,028.32</b>			<b>32,191,028.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>32,191,028.32</b>
<b>Total Sell Transactions</b>			<b>32,685,028.32</b>			<b>32,685,028.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>32,685,028.32</b>



OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Public Health**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Increase in Appropriations and  
Addition of One (1) Limited Term  
Position

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Request increase in appropriations for the Enhancing Laboratory Capacity/Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding (ELC/EDF) and Proposed Resolution amending Mono County List of Allocated Positions to add one limited-term position within the Department of Public Health related to COVID-19.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Approve increasing appropriations in the amount of \$1,463,197 in new expanded grant funding to support the public health response to COVID-19 (requires 4/5ths vote approval).
- 2) Adopt proposed Resolution R21-\_\_\_\_, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add one (1) new limited-term position consisting of one Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 in the Department of Public Health.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the County General Fund. The new grant supports \$1,463,197 in expenditures over the grant term of January 15, 2021 through July 31, 2023 (30.5 month). Estimated remaining 2020-21 position cost for the Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 is \$38,059 consisting of \$23,443 in salaries and \$14,616 in benefits.

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**CONTACT NAME:** Bryan Wheeler

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 760-924-1835 / bwheeler@mono.ca.gov

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### SEND COPIES TO:

Bryan Wheeler, Stephanie Butters, Ryan Roe

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### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

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### ATTACHMENTS:

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- [▢ Resolution -- Allocation List](#)
- [▢ Grant Award](#)
- [▢ Job Description](#)
- [▢ Backup for Finance Review ONLY - not for Agenda](#)

**History**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Approval</b>
4/1/2021 3:14 PM	County Counsel	Yes
4/1/2021 2:27 PM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:33 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes





# MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Public Health

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P.O. BOX 3329, MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546 PHONE (760) 924-1830 • FAX (760) 924-1831

DATE: April 6, 2021

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

SUBJECT: Enhancing Laboratory Capacity/Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding (ELC/EDF) Grant Appropriation of Funds and Addition of Position

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the following actions:

1. Approve increasing appropriations in the amount of \$1,463,197 in new expanded grant funding to support the public health response to COVID-19 (requires 4/5ths vote approval).
2. Adopt proposed resolution R20-\_\_\_\_\_, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add one (1) new limited-term position consisting of one Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 in the Department of Public Health.

### **Discussion:**

Through the COVID-19 Enhancing Laboratory Capacity/Enhancing Detection Expansion Funding Grant Award, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has allocated \$1,463,197 to Mono County for the grant period of January 15, 2021 to July 31, 2023. Expanded funds continue to provide critical resources to local health departments in support of a broad range of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities.

In order to deliver on the defined grant Scope of Work strategies, the following position is requested:

Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19, MGMT, Exempt  
Limited Term Position terminating on July 31, 2023 or sooner depending on availability of this grant funding.

The position is fully funded through the grant but was not included in the FY 2020-21 adopted budget. This agenda item also requests an increase in appropriations offset by the unanticipated grant revenues. Because the position is grant-funded, the position will

be limited-term ending with the grant termination date of July 31, 2023 or sooner depending on availability of this grant funding.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no impact to the County General Fund.

\$1,463,197 in expenditures over the next thirty and a half months (30.5) with \$1,463,197 in grant revenue offset.

Estimated remaining 2020-21 position cost for the Deputy Director of Public Health COVID-19 is \$38,059 consisting of \$23,443 in Salaries and \$14,616 in Benefits.

Submitted by Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
TO AMEND THE COUNTY OF MONO LIST OF ALLOCATED POSITIONS  
TO ADD ONE LIMITED-TERM POSITION OF  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH - COVID-19  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Mono maintains a list, of County job classifications, the pay ranges or rates for those job classifications, and the number of positions allocated by the Board of Supervisors for each of those job classifications on its List of Allocated Positions (or “Allocation List”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Allocation List identifies approved vacancies for recruitment and selection by Human Resources and implements collective bargaining agreements related to job classifications and pay rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the County seeks to provide public services in the most efficient and economical manner possible, which at times requires the modification of job classifications on the Allocation List; and

**WHEREAS**, it is currently necessary to amend the Allocation List as part of maintaining proper accountability for hiring employees to perform public services;

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

The County Administrative Officer shall be authorized to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to reflect the following changes:

Increase the allocation of a full-time limited-term position of Deputy Director of Public Health - COVID-19 in the Department of Public Health by one (1) (new total of one (1)) (salary of \$7,814 per month) with term ending July 31, 2023 or sooner depending on availability of grant funding.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 6th day of April 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

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**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**

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Jennifer Kreitz, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Clerk of the Board

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County Counsel



TOMÁS J. ARAGÓN, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
Director and State Public Health Officer

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor

March 2, 2021

Dr. Thomas Boo  
Health Officer  
County of Mono  
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Q  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection *Expansion* Funding  
Award Number COVID-19ELC84  
County of Mono

Authority:

Section 311(c)(1) of the Public Health  
Service Act (42 USC 243(c)(1))

Coronavirus Response and Relief  
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021  
(P.L. 116-260)

Dear Dr. Thomas Boo:

This letter covers the reimbursement for the ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260, to provide additional critical support as we continue to address COVID-19 within our communities. Funding for these activities is covered for the period beginning **January 15, 2021 to July 31, 2023**. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is allocating **\$1,463,197 to County of Mono**.

Like the work supported by ELC Enhancing Detection, this funding expands support of testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation. Although this funding spans the same six Strategies as the ELC Enhancing Detection funds allocated in early August 2020, there has been a significant amount of additional allowable activities added to each of those Strategies. You are encouraged to review the Guidance document (Attachment 4), specifically the red font which highlights additional allowable activities within each Strategy beginning on page 9.

Funding:

The funding term is January 15, 2021 to July 31, 2023. CDPH will evaluate spending at the local level in January 2022. CDPH, in consultation with the California Conference of Local Health Officers and California Health Executives Association of California, will consider options for possible redirection of funds at that time.

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## Submission Requirements:

1. Complete a Workplan and Spend Plan by March 31, 2021 and submit to CDPH at: [CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov). See *Attachments 1 and 2*. Your Agency should consider the following when developing your Workplan and Spend Plan:

- It is recommended that your Agency fund an administrative position to ensure fiscal accountability and reporting requirements of the various ELC funds.
- Your Agency must work in coordination with tribal governments, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations, particularly those with experience with high-risk populations based upon county COVID-19 surveillance data. There is no explicit cap or percentage that must go to these partners; however, you must reach out to them and enlist their help where it makes sense (i.e. outreach, testing strategy, education, or housing, etc.).
- Your Agency is encouraged to recruit and give hiring preference to unemployed workers, underemployed workers, and applicants from local communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19, who are qualified to perform the work. In addition, you are encouraged to work with applicants from your community when executing contracts and other services.
- Your Agency's Equity Targeted Investment Plan is on a tab embedded within your workplan labeled "Health Equity". These plans are used to reflect equity activities across all ELC strategies. Please see Attachment 6 for additional information and instructions for completing this portion of your workplan. Please also include in the packet your vaccine equity plan (due to CDPH earlier in March) which should describe the network equity capacity that currently exists in your jurisdiction; as well as potential and future potential to administer vaccines in the jurisdiction's Health Equity Quartile zip codes. The vaccine equity plan should also include the locations and populations being served, a description of the jurisdiction's strategies/activities/educational approaches with community partners to reflect strategies/activities/educational approaches; as well as identification of other support needs to reach disproportionately impacted populations in the Health Equity Quartile zip codes.
- CDC guidance allows ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion funding to be used for expenses that compliment other CDC vaccine delivery efforts, such as staff, contractors, call centers, storage, and other infrastructure needs. Your Agency should prioritize vaccine specific funding and then determine how best to incorporate vaccine-related activities with this funding through your workplan.

### Reporting Requirements:

As a subrecipient of the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion funding, the CDC requires submission of the following reporting documents. Additionally, CDPH will require additional data metric reporting related to Strategy 5 (contact tracing and isolation and quarantine activities). For your convenience, your Contract Manager will issue reminders as these dates get closer.

1. Submit quarterly progress reports to CDPH following the schedule below to provide status of timelines, goals, and objectives outlined in your workplan. Reporting must include a list of tribal governments, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations that your Agency has included in its efforts. See *Attachment 1*. Note, if your workplan is under review by CDPH and has not been approved by the progress report due date, you are still required to submit your progress report to CDPH.

Year/Quarter	Reporting Period	Due Date
Year 1/Q1	January 15, 2021 – April 30, 2021	June 1, 2021
Year 1/Q2	May 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021	August 31, 2021
Year 1/Q3	August 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021	November 30, 2021
Year 1/Q4	November 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022	February 28, 2022
Year 2/Q1	February 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022	May 31, 2022
Year 2/Q2	May 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022	August 31, 2022
Year 2/Q3	August 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022	November 30, 2022
Year 2/Q4	November 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023	February 28, 2023
Year 3/Q1	February 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023	May 31, 2023
Final	May 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023	August 31, 2023

2. Submit monthly expenditure reports on the last day of each month, beginning on April 30, 2021. Expenditure reporting should be completed within your Spend Plan. Note, if your spend plan is under review by CDPH and has not been approved by the reporting due date, you are still required to submit your expenditure report to CDPH.
3. For Agencies not using the CalCONNECT Contact Tracing data management system comprehensively for all of their COVID-19 cases, there may be additional reporting required on a monthly basis related to Strategy 5 activities. CDPH will provide a template to use to facilitate the reporting of these additional data metrics.

### Reimbursement/Invoicing:

CDPH will reimburse your Agency upon receipt of invoice. In order to receive your reimbursements, please complete and submit your invoice(s) to:

[CDPHEL@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHEL@cdph.ca.gov). See *Attachment 3*.

1. First Quarter Payment: CDPH will issue a warrant (check) to your Agency for 25% of your total allocation, this will be issued as an advance payment.
2. Future payments will be based on reimbursement of expenditures once the 25% advance payment has been fully expended. In order to receive future payments, your Agency must complete and submit reporting documentation within Attachments 1 and 2 following the due dates above within Reporting Requirements.
3. Your Agency must maintain supporting documentation for any expenditures invoiced to CDPH against this source of funding. Documentation should be readily available in the event of an audit or upon request from CDPH. Documentation should be maintained onsite for five years.

Thank you for the time your Agency has and will continue to invest in this response. We are hopeful that this additional funding can support the needs of your local health jurisdiction and that it provides adequate resources for your participation in ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion activities. CDPH is hosting a webinar on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm to go over the requirements and activities of this funding. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please reach out to [CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CDPHELC@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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#### *Attachments*

- Attachment 1: Workplan and Progress Report
- Attachment 2: Spend Plan and Expenditure Report
- Attachment 3: Invoice Template
- Attachment 4: ELC Enhancing Detection Guidelines
- Attachment 5: Local Allocations
- Attachment 6: Equity Targeted Investment Plan Instructions





# Attachment 4

## ELC ENHANCING DETECTION THROUGH CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF (CRR) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - DRAFT 1/7/2021

Project E: Emerging Issues Funding for the Enhanced Detection,  
Response, Surveillance, and Prevention of COVID-19  
Supported through the Coronavirus Response and Relief  
Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021

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## ELC ENHANCING DETECTION EXPANSION PROJECT E: EMERGING ISSUES

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

**\*Note:** As the ‘ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion’ guidance is intended to build upon the prior work supported under ‘ELC Enhancing Detection’, this guidance contains the language from the ‘ELC Enhancing Detection’ guidance. In instances where sections and activities have been expanded, the language will appear in *red font*; whereas, language left unaltered will remain in *black font*.

This guidance is intended to provide details regarding \$19.11 billion from the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260*, that will be provided to ELC recipients early in 2021. While the activities largely build upon those under *Enhancing Detection*, specific details of the guidance should be reviewed in total for important context and clarification.

As part of the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act supplements, the ELC awarded approximately \$11 billion in 2020 to help address the domestic response to COVID-19. To provide additional critical support to jurisdictions as they continue to address COVID-19 within their communities, \$19.11 billion from the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260*, will be provided to ELC recipients. These additional resources, by law, are intended to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus” by supporting testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation. Such activities may include support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, mobile testing units, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID–19 testing, and other activities related to COVID–19 testing, case

investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation (including interstate compacts or other mutual aid agreements for such purposes).

As with the previous awards, direct recipients are limited to existing jurisdictions covered under CK19-1904<sup>1</sup>. Recipients should continue to build upon existing ELC infrastructure that emphasizes the coordination and critical integration of laboratory with epidemiology and health information systems in order to maximize the public health impact of available resources. It is the role of the recipient's ELC Project Director to ensure funds are used to achieve the required activities in this guidance; and to guarantee these new funds do not duplicate financial support through prior awards. These funds are intended to complement and not duplicate resources from any other federal source, including those previously awarded via the ELC Cooperative Agreement. Similarly, these resources are not intended to be applied without foresight, consideration for, and planning to address future infectious disease events.

Ongoing monitoring of milestones and performance measures will be utilized to gauge progress toward successful completion of priority activities supported with these funds. Recipients will again be required to complete and submit Jurisdictional Testing, Case Investigation, and Contact Tracing Plans (please note that these may be published on the HHS website: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/testing-plans/index.html>). The following guidance outlines other specific details and requirements accompanying the resources.

## JURISDICTIONAL TESTING, CASE INVESTIGATION, AND CONTACT TRACING PLANS

Utilizing the provided template, located in REDCap, recipients will update information regarding the overall testing landscape within their jurisdiction. This exercise should be done in partnership with state/jurisdictional leadership (e.g., public health, emergency management, State Health Official, local health departments, etc.) and should reflect the approach to testing at a broad jurisdictional level, including tribal needs as appropriate. For example, testing done at public health, clinical and/or commercial labs should be included as well as approaches for reaching communities placed at greater risk for COVID-19, and the application and use of various types of testing for detection and/or surveillance (antigen, molecular, and serology) and inform contact investigation and tracing efforts. These plans should include aspects of advanced molecular detection (AMD) technologies to inform and drive investigations utilizing molecular epidemiology techniques.

Jurisdictions must provide details regarding their robust SARS-CoV-2 testing, case investigation, and contact tracing program that ensures adequate testing is made available according to CDC priorities, including but not limited to: diagnostic tests, tests for close contacts of cases, and expanded screening testing for asymptomatic persons to identify and isolate infectious individuals and monitor community spread. Recipients should assure that provisions are in place to meet future surge capacity testing needs including point-of-care or other rapid testing for outbreaks. Plans should include provisions for testing at, and reporting from, non-traditional sites (e.g., schools, retail sites, community centers, residential medical facilities, or pharmacies); testing of populations at higher risk of becoming infected with SARS-CoV-2 due to high frequency of residential, occupational or nonoccupational contacts; and should also address any essential partnerships with academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories to successfully meet testing demand.

In conjunction with optimizing testing and increasing test volumes for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2, resources will support the establishment of modernized, timely (real-time) public health surveillance (e.g., to help support case investigation and contact tracing) and health information systems. These systems will support the public health response to COVID-19 and

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<sup>1</sup> Only current ELC recipients are eligible to receive awards associated with the supplement described in this guidance. While tribal nations are not included in these awards, other federal support is provided in the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021*.

lay the foundation for the future of public health surveillance.

Establishing systems and processes to report the data categories described in this document on a daily, automated basis to state and federal health systems is a requirement of accepting these funds, if such systems are not already in place. These systems must be transparent and visible to communities through an open website. For each data category, data elements will be specified by CDC for each reportable condition (e.g., race/ethnicity) at a later date. Both existing and newly established surveillance and data reporting systems must:

1. Ensure that real-time, at least daily, complete and accurate test orders and results can be exchanged within the healthcare/public health system and simultaneously reported to CDC and others via automated systems in a machine-readable format. These systems must support reporting of test results at the county or zip code level with additional data fields as specified by CDC [e.g., [Ask on Entry \(AOE\) questions](#)]. This includes not only testing for the presence of virus (nucleic acid or antigen testing), but also serological testing documenting past infection.
2. Ensure real-time, at least daily, complete, automated reporting in a machine-readable format for the following data categories: case, hospitalization and death reporting; emergency department syndromic surveillance; and capacity, resources, and patient impact at healthcare facilities through electronic reporting.
3. Support the display of up-to-date, critical public health information relating to COVID-19 and future outbreaks at the county or zip code level in visual dashboards or tables on county or state websites, including case data and syndromic surveillance data.

Enhancements to epidemiologic activities resulting from additional test data are also fundamental to controlling the spread of COVID-19. Recipients must accelerate efforts to conduct robust **case investigation and** contact tracing and then identify and isolate new cases of COVID-19 among symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals. This information should be further utilized to understand COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 **transmission** within a community and determine appropriate mitigation strategies.

## FUNDING STRATEGY

Funding by jurisdiction will be based on population, as provided in the legislative language for the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021* (<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116HR133SA-RCP-116-68.pdf>).

Direct Assistance is authorized under CK19-1904<sup>2</sup>; however, should opportunities for direct assistance be made available, these will be shared broadly with our recipient base and options for providing direct assistance in lieu of financial assistance may be discussed and coordinated with the ELC Project Officer and the CDC Office of Grant Services (OGS).

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<sup>2</sup>Legislative Authority for CK19-1904: Sections 301 and 317 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), 42 USC sections 241 and 247b, as amended; and funding is, in part, appropriated under Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148), Title IV, Section 4002 (Prevention and Public Health Fund), Title IV, Section 4002.

## ALLOWABLE COSTS

Recipients should consider requesting the following when developing budgets, in furtherance of award activities. The financial resources provided are required, by law, to support activities intended to address prevention and response to COVID-19.

1. Personnel (term, temporary, students, overtime, contract staff, etc.).
2. Laboratory equipment and necessary maintenance contracts.
3. Collection supplies, test kits, reagents, consumables and other necessary supplies for existing testing or onboarding new platforms.
4. Courier service contracts (new or expansion of existing agreements).
5. Hardware and software necessary for robust implementation of electronic laboratory and surveillance data exchange between recipient and other entities, including healthcare entities, jurisdictional public health and CDC.
6. Tools that assist in the rapid identification, electronic reporting, monitoring, analysis, and evaluation of control measures to reduce the spread of disease (e.g. GIS software, visualization dashboards, cloud services).
7. Contracts with academic institutions, private laboratories, **other non-commercial healthcare entities**, and/or commercial entities.
8. **Renovations and minor construction (e.g., alteration of less than 50% total square footage of an existing structure; installation of a concrete slab for modular laboratory units; etc.) may be considered for unique cases where conditions do not currently allow for safe or effective testing and/or delivery of effective public health services.**
9. **Leasing/purchasing vehicles (e.g., mobile testing, providing public health services in underserved areas, etc.). **Note:** Recipients will need to submit quotes with their revised budgets that are due within 60 days of award issuance and receive prior approval from OGS. After the revised NOA is issued, any further request for leasing/purchasing must be made through GrantSolutions and include the necessary quotes.**
10. **Software or systems to assist with laboratory resource management (e.g., software for inventory management, temperature notifications, etc.), quality management, biosafety or training needs.**
11. **Quarantine and isolation support necessary for preventing the spread of COVID-19 (including wraparound services such as hoteling, food, laundry, mental health services, etc.).**
12. **Stipends/incentives may be considered to encourage participation in testing and/or vaccination coverage for those put at higher risk for COVID-19 (individual level) or for facilities/agencies to enroll and/or report data to the health department (institutional level). Recipients interested in exploring this option (individual and/or institutional) must submit a plan that covers all of the following elements: (a) justification, (b) cost savings [e.g., how it will defray costs or have a positive return on investment], (c) defined amount, (d) qualifications for issuance, and (e) method of tracking. When submitting the revised budget within 60 days of award issuance, stipend/incentive plans must be included in the 'budget justification' section of the ELC budget workbook and receive CDC approval before implementation. After the revised NOA is issued, any subsequent requests for using funds to support stipends/incentives must be made in GrantSolutions, including the stipend/incentive plan, and receive CDC approval before implementation.**
13. **Resources to complement, but not duplicate, other CDC vaccine delivery efforts (e.g., those activities covered under IP19-1901). Costs can include infrastructure needs (e.g., staff, contractors, call centers, storage, space, etc.) that support testing as well as vaccination operations.**
14. **Health communications materials and health education services to inform and protect communities are allowable, if they do not duplicate activities covered by other CDC funding mechanisms (e.g., IP21-2106, IP21-2107). Recipients are reminded to be cognizant of the statutory and policy requirements for acknowledging the HHS/CDC funding when issuing statements, press releases, publications, requests for proposal, bid solicitations and other documents. In accordance with [CDC General Terms and Conditions for Non-research Awards - Acknowledgement of Federal Funding](#), in your base award.**

15. Expenses associated with outreach and assistance (e.g., support provided through community-based organizations) for those put at higher risk for COVID-19.

*The above list covers the anticipated, most relevant costs associated with achieving the activities in this guidance. This list does not represent a full list of allowable costs. Recipients are referred to the cost principles regulation found at [45 CFR Part 75 Subpart E – Cost Principles](#).*

*In determining if costs are allowable, consideration must be given to applicable grant regulations; the overall underlying cooperative agreement (CK19-1904); be considered necessary and reasonable; and be considered allocable (see: [45 CFR 75.403](#)). Any questions about specific budget items should be directed to the OGS and the ELC Project Officer.*

### **SUPPORT TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS (LHD)**

As with previous support provided for COVID-19 activities, recipients should work with their local health departments (LHDs) to determine how local needs will be addressed with the overall available resources. Direct ELC recipients are strongly encouraged to provide financial resources to LHDs within their jurisdiction by way of a contract or other mechanism(s) that may be available through their health department. In addition to financial resources, directly funded recipients may also provide support to LHDs through offering non-financial resources (personnel, supplies, etc.) to address COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 testing, surveillance, case detection, reporting, response, and prevention needs at the local level. When completing the revised budget, in the ELC budget workbook, there is a state/local health department allocation section that must be completed accurately to allow tracking of direct and indirect support to LHDs. During the quarterly workplan milestone progress reporting, recipients must provide reports, in the REDCap monitoring portal, on progress in supporting LHDs (e.g., on-track or barriers and proposed remedies, etc.) along with amount of funding (direct and/or indirect) to LHDs at time of reporting.

The ELC Program Office will continue to monitor spending and programmatic performance, which will be reported to CDC and HHS leadership, and others as appropriate and necessary, on progress and barriers experienced by recipients (see HHS regulation on performance measurement [45 CFR 75.301](#)). Information regarding resources provided to local jurisdictions should be made available to the ELC Project Officer during regular monitoring calls and if issues arise that require action on the part of the recipient or CDC (e.g., significant delays by a local health department when submitting documentation to the state for reimbursement). In circumstances where CDC finds lessons learned from programmatic performance, such as successful or unsuccessful strategies, these may be shared with other recipients.

### **SUPPORTING MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES**

The ELC Program Office strongly recommends that recipients ensure ELC leadership staff at the recipient level are adequate for the management of this award and its integration with the recipient's overall portfolio of ELC funded activities. A minimum of 1 program manager and 1 budget staff (or equivalents) is suggested for the effective management and implementation of the recipients' proposed activities. Depending on the recipient's current capacity for managing both existing COVID-19 funds and these funds associated with this award, the program manager and budget staff may consist of full-time or additional part-time support to achieve the necessary monitoring and management requirements.

## PROCESS FOR WORKPLAN AND BUDGET SUBMISSION

Within **five (5) business days** of receipt of this guidance the Authorized Official is required to acknowledge receipt of this guidance by submitting a Grant Note in GrantSolutions. The acknowledgement must be submitted on the recipient's official agency letterhead and utilize the 'Acknowledgement Letter for CK19-1904 – COVID Supplemental Funds' template provided at the end of this guidance document.

This funding should support activities and the necessary reporting for **Budget Period 2 (BP2)** under CK19-1904. This supplemental funding is for a 30 ½ month project period and will end on July 31, 2023. The expanded project period coincides with the end of Budget Period 4 (BP4) of the ELC Cooperative Agreement (CK19-1904); therefore, workplans and revised budgets should reflect activities and associated costs that will end on July 31, 2023. Recipients are reminded that expanded authority<sup>3</sup> applies, and funding may be extended to subsequent budget periods to cover the activities until July 31, 2023. Within 60 days of receipt of the Notice of Award (NOA), the recipient is required to submit a **workplan and revised budget describing its proposed activities**. Upon submission, budgets and workplans will be reviewed by CDC and feedback will be provided and discussed with the recipient. Any necessary or recommended changes may be agreed upon between the recipient and CDC and documented in REDCap; and any agreed upon changes must be captured in GrantSolutions, the system of record, as necessary.

To appropriately document workplans, budgets, and facilitate recipients meeting the **60-day** requirement:

1. Workplan entries will be completed in the ELC **Enhancing Detection Expansion 'ELC ED Expansion'** page, under 'ELC COVID-19 Projects' portal, in REDCap; and
2. Revised budgets **must be completed by using the Excel budget workbook** template provided via GrantSolutions Grant Notes at time of NOA issuance. **Note:** If a recipient does not meet the 60-day submission requirement and has not received written approval for an extension from CDC, then the Payment Management System (PMS) account associated with this award will be restricted. The restriction will result in a manual drawdown process that requires CDC approval of each PMS charge. This restriction will remain in effect until the recipient satisfactorily meets the workplan and budget submission requirement.
  - a. Funds will be awarded under the 'Other' cost category and will be accessible in the Payment Management System (PMS) during the 60-day budget revision period for use in accomplishing activities outlined in this guidance;
  - b. Recipients will adjust the cost category allocations of awarded funds to reflect the areas where financial assistance is needed;
  - c. Recipients will upload the revised budget into GrantSolutions via a budget revision amendment, with a courtesy copy into REDCap 'ELC ED Expansion Financials' page of the 'ELC COVID-19 Projects' portal, by the 60-day post award deadline; and
  - d. The ELC Project Officer and OGS will process the budget revision amendment in GrantSolutions and the recipient will receive a revised NOA reflecting the requested cost category allocations.
3. A letter, indicating that all ELC Governance Team members (i.e., Project Director, Epidemiology Lead, Laboratory Lead, Health Information Systems Lead, and Financial Lead) have both contributed to and agreed upon the workplan and revised budget submitted, must be signed by all Governance Team Members (hard copy or digital signature) and submitted with the documents in the REDCap portal.

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<sup>3</sup> Expanded Authority is provided to recipients through 45 CFR Part 75.308, which allows carryover of unobligated balances from one budget period to a subsequent budget period. Unobligated funds may be used for purposes within the scope of the project as originally approved. Recipients will report use, or intended use, of unobligated funds in Section 12 "Remarks" of the annual Federal Financial Report.

### Workplan detail

Additional workplan guidance will be provided to recipients post-award; they will be required to provide a clear and concise description of the time-bound strategies and activities they will use to achieve the project's outcomes, including:

1. Description of how 'ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion' funding will be used in coordination with funding from CDC's Crisis COVID-19 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), **Immunization and Vaccines for Children cooperative agreement (IP19-1901, original and any COVID-19 supplemental awards), and all other ELC COVID-19 funding previously awarded.**
2. Specify the distinct new or enhanced activities made possible by 'ELC **ED Expansion**'.
3. Plans for how the ELC recipient will work with local jurisdictions to meet local needs that support the entire jurisdiction. These plans must include: description of activities to be supported at the local level, identification of local partners and localities to be supported, methods to assess local needs, and description of funding mechanisms to support local entities, and estimated amount of support (monetary and in-kind) including to local health departments.
4. Description of expected mechanisms and frequency of interactions between the health department and/or public health laboratory with academic/hospital and commercial laboratories.
5. Description of testing **and case investigation and contact tracing** plan, including populations and institutional settings. Plans should align to your Jurisdictional Testing, **Case Investigation, and Contact Tracing plans for COVID-19 per legislation<sup>4</sup>. Plans for January 2021 – December 2021 must be submitted by March 18, 2021; and cover a 1-year period. The testing and case investigation and contact tracing plan will then be updated, on a quarterly basis, to reflect substantive changes and/or progress. Details about testing and case investigation and contact tracing plan submission will be shared with recipients via the ELC Program Office.**
  - a. Please note that HHS and/or CDC may work with recipients to transfer activities and associated costs (e.g., community- based testing sites, large test kit purchases (OASH), etc.) to these funds where appropriate and necessary.
  - b. To the extent that there are existing Federal (HHS) contracts for testing supplies, HHS and/or CDC may work with recipients to consider allowing recipients to buy into those existing contracts, as may be possible under applicable law.
6. Description of use of electronic health systems for surveillance, reporting, and public health action.

**Note:** In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring.

CDC responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Provide ongoing guidance, programmatic support (including guidance on evaluation, performance measurement, and workplan changes), technical assistance and subject matter expertise to the activities outlined in this supplemental funding announcement guidance.
2. Convene trainings, meetings, conference calls, and site visits with recipients.
3. Share best practices identified and provide national coordination of activities, where appropriate.
4. Coordinate with the HHS Testing **and Diagnostics Working Group**, as needed, to support States testing strategies.

**Within 60 days of receipt of the NOA, the recipient is required to submit a 'Budget Revision Amendment' as part of the recipient's current award (CK19-1904), Budget Period 2, no later than March 18, 2021.**

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<sup>4</sup> Link to bill stating that there is to be a plan and the elements for incorporation: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/266/> CDC will provide a template in REDCap for recipients to complete to provide additional guidance and ensure all necessary elements are addressed.



The 'budget revision amendment' must consist of the following documents:

1. **Budget Information: SF-424A**
  - a. Recipient can use the form generated by the ELC budget workbook;
  - b. Or, recipient can submit a PDF of this form.
  - c. Please do not use the **e-form in GrantSolutions** as it creates issues when processing the revised NOA.
2. **Cover Letter** signed by the Authorized Official of record in GrantSolutions.
3. **Completed revised budget** using the ELC budget workbook that was provided in GrantSolutions as a Grant Note.

## REQUIRED TASKS

**Note:** If a recipient does not meet the below required tasks and has not received written approval for an extension from CDC, recipient may have their funds restricted in PMS for specific cost/activities. Recurring or repeat non-compliance may result in additional restrictions or other actions being taken.

In addition to the programmatic activities noted below in further detail, recipient responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Within **five (5) business days** of receipt of this guidance the Authorized Official is required to acknowledge receipt of this guidance by submitting a Grant Note in GrantSolutions. The acknowledgement must be submitted on the recipient's official agency letterhead and utilize the 'Acknowledgement Letter for CK19-1904 – COVID Supplemental Funds' template provided at the end of this guidance document.
2. Regular participation in calls with CDC/HHS for technical assistance and monitoring of activities supported through this cooperative agreement.
3. On-time submission of all requisite reporting. This may include but is not limited to reporting of performance measures, progress on milestones, and/or financial updates **within REDCap**.
4. Report expenditures and unliquidated obligations (ULOs) on a monthly basis. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month, the expenditures and ULOs from the prior month shall be reported in the REDCap 'ELC ED Expansion Financial Reporting' page.
5. Documentation of any necessary budget change/reallocation through REDCap and, as necessary, GrantSolutions.
6. If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including:
  - a. Rationale for acquiring a new/replacement health information surveillance system and information used to make the decision, such as
    - i. gaps in existing system
    - ii. options explored prior to making the decision.
  - b. Tasks and efforts required (appropriate milestones).
  - c. Timeline for completion.
  - d. Person responsible for these activities.

Implementation plans must be submitted to [EDX@cdc.gov](mailto:EDX@cdc.gov), with a copy uploaded into REDCap. Plans will be reviewed and must receive programmatic support from CDC prior to start of implementation. (See Activities section below for specific activities requiring implementation plan and approval.)

7. Schedule a required call (at least 60 minutes) with CDC ELC Health Information Systems (HIS) team to review HIS related activities and milestones described in this workplan.
8. No later than April 30, 2021, have a call with the ELC Project Officer, which will include the recipient representatives to review proposed workplan activities and revised budget submission.
9. Recipient must establish/maintain electronic reporting of SARS-CoV2/COVID-19 laboratory data to CDC daily per the guidance provided by CDC (e.g., CELR). This includes all testing (e.g., positive/negative, PCR, Point-of-Care, etc.) and complete data elements (e.g., race/ethnicity) per CARES legislation and ELC performance measures.

Both CDC and recipients should appropriately coordinate with points of contact in relevant stakeholder organizations to maximize the impact of federal dollars [e.g., tribal nations, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS Testing and Diagnostics Working Group, etc.].

## ACTIVITIES

*Data collected as a part of the Activities supported with these funds shall be reported to CDC in the form and fashion determined by CDC. Recipients are required to establish electronic reporting systems to support comprehensive, timely, automated reporting of these data to LHD, CDC and others, at a frequency determined by CDC, if such systems are not already in place. Such systems must support reporting for COVID-19, other conditions of public health significance.*

Note: These additional resources are intended to be directed toward testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, mobile testing units, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation which may include interstate compacts or other mutual aid agreements for such purposes.

**The following programmatic workplan activities are required and must be completed by the public health department and/or public health laboratory.** Note: If a recipient does not address all the required activities in the workplan, then the workplan will be considered incomplete. If the workplan is not complete by the 60-day submission requirement, and has not received written approval for an extension from CDC, then the Payment Management System (PMS) account associated with this award will be restricted. The restriction will result in a manual drawdown process that requires CDC approval of each PMS charge. This restriction will remain in effect until the recipient satisfactorily meets the workplan requirement.

*The 'ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion' workplans will be started in REDCap for recipients through use of the 'ELC Enhancing Detection' workplans. Recipients will then build upon the workplans, in REDCap, to establish their 'ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion' workplans. If activities were not previously addressed in 'ELC Enhancing Detection' workplans, recipients are required to update 'ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion' workplans and respond to all activities. Certain activities or purchases will require recipients to work with ELC HIS prior to the start of implementation.*

### **Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance, Informatics and other Workforce Capacity**

1. Train and hire staff to improve laboratory workforce ability to address issues around laboratory safety, **quality management, inventory management, specimen management, diagnostic and surveillance testing and reporting results.**
2. Build expertise for healthcare and community outbreak response and infection prevention and control (IPC) among local health departments.
3. Train and hire staff to improve the capacities of the epidemiology and informatics workforce to effectively conduct surveillance and response of COVID-19 (including **case investigation and contact tracing**) and **other emerging infections** and conditions of public health significance. **This should include staff who can address unique cultural needs of those put at higher risk for COVID-19.**
4. Build expertise to support management of the COVID-19 related activities within the jurisdiction and integrate into the broader ELC portfolio of activities (e.g., additional leadership, program and project managers, budget staff, etc.).
5. Increase capacity for timely data management, analysis, and reporting for COVID-19 and other **emerging coronavirus and other infections** and conditions of public health significance.

### **Strengthen Laboratory Testing**

1. Establish or expand capacity to quickly, accurately and safely test for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 and build **infectious disease preparedness for future coronavirus and other events involving** other pathogens with potential for broad community spread.
  - a. Develop systems to improve speed and efficiency of specimen submission to clinical and reference laboratories.
  - b. Strengthen ability to quickly scale testing [e.g., **nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), antigen, etc.**] as necessary to ensure that optimal utilization of existing and new testing platforms can be supported to help meet increases in testing demand in a timely manner. **Laboratories are strongly encouraged to diversify their testing platforms to enable them to pivot depending on reagent and supply availabilities.**
  - c. Perform serology testing with an FDA EUA authorized serological assay in order to conduct surveillance for past infection and monitor community exposure.
  - d. Work with LHDs, including through sub-awards, to build local capacity for testing of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 including within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.
  - e. Apply laboratory safety methods to ensure worker safety when managing and testing samples that may contain SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19.
  - f. **Implement alternative surveillance methods, including sequencing, wastewater surveillance, regional testing centers for surveillance and screening, etc. and link with other relevant surveillance systems (e.g., immunization registry). [This activity is optional and should complement other already funded activities.]**
  - g. **Augment or add specificity to existing laboratory response plans for future coronavirus and other outbreak responses caused by an infectious disease.**
  - h. **Support national surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 by submitting representative, deidentified samples to CDC for sequencing through the National SARS-CoV-2 Strain Surveillance (NS3) program.**

**Note:** CDC has issued guidance elsewhere on specifics of the submission of samples and metadata (see <https://www.cdc.gov/nczod/lq/diseases/sars-cov-2/2020-08-27-sars-cov-2-ns3-guidance.html>), but in general: unless otherwise indicated, samples submitted for NS3 should be from separate cases, unrelated to each other and that represent typical cases of COVID-19 in the jurisdiction. The number of samples requested is reflective of a minimum number of samples needed for long term surveillance, with adjustments for population and other factors. Please work with the CDC NS3 surveillance team to develop a sustainable sampling plan for your jurisdiction.
  - i. **Expand the use of SARS-CoV-2 genomic sequencing and molecular epidemiology for state and local surveillance and response.**

**Note:** Timely access to viral genomic sequence data can be a critically important tool in responding to outbreaks; assessing transmission pathways, mechanisms and risk; determining the effectiveness of public health control measures; positioning state and local public health resources; and in supporting policy decisions. CDC encourages the expanded role of sequence data in support of state, local and regional public health priorities, especially when they are done in coordination with national sequencing efforts such as SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing for Public Health Emergency Response, Epidemiology and Surveillance (SPHERES). These efforts could include rapid sequencing and analysis of SARS-CoV-2 genomes by contractors and staff within the public health laboratory itself, through the expansion of laboratory capacity, workforce or bioinformatics capabilities (including improved access to cloud computing resources), or through the establishment or expansion of partnerships with academia and the private sector.
2. Enhance laboratory testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 outside of public health laboratories
  - a. **Conduct surveillance of all SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 testing resources and map the jurisdictional testing resources that exist outside the public health arena (e.g., point of care, private, academic, etc.).**

- b. Establish or expand capacity to coordinate with public/private laboratory testing providers, including those that assist with surge and with testing for high-risk environments.
  - c. Secure and/or utilize mobile laboratory units, or other methods to provide POC testing (including antigen testing) at public health-led clinics or non-traditional test sites including but not limited to shelters or other places of congregate housing, food processing plants, correctional facilities, Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF), elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, and institutions of higher education.
  - d. Ensure public/private laboratory testing providers, including those providing POC testing at public health-led clinics or non-traditional test sites, are provided biosafety resources for SARS-CoV-2 specimen collection and/or testing.
3. Enhance data management and analytic capacity in public health laboratories to help improve efficiencies in operations, management, testing, and data sharing.
    - a. Improve efficiencies in laboratory operations and management using data from throughput, staffing, billing, supplies, and orders. Ensure ability to track inventory of testing reagents by device/platform, among other things.
    - b. Improve the capacity to analyze laboratory data to help understand and make informed decisions about issues such as gaps in testing and community mitigation efforts. Data elements such as tests ordered and completed (including by device/platform), rates of positivity, source of samples, specimen collection sites, and test type will be used to create data visualizations that will be shared with the public, local health departments, and federal partners.

#### **Advance Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Labs**

1. Enhance and expand laboratory information infrastructure, to improve jurisdictional visibility on laboratory data (tests performed) from all testing sites and enable faster and more complete data exchange and reporting.
  - a. Employ a well-functioning Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) system to support efficient data flows within the PHL and its partners. This includes expanding existing capacity of the current LIMS to improve data exchange and increase data flows through LIMS maintenance, new configurations/modules, and enhancements. Implement new/replacement LIMS where needed.

**Note:** If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including appropriate milestones and timeline to completion. Implementation plans will be reviewed and approved for consistency with the activities set forth in the ELC awards by CDC prior to start of implementation.
  - b. Ensure ability to administer LIMS. Ensure the ability to configure all tests that are in LIMS, including new tests, EUAs, etc., in a timely manner. Ensure expanding needs for administration and management of LIMS system are covered through dedicated staff.
  - c. Interface diagnostic equipment to directly report laboratory results into LIMS.
  - d. Put a web portal in place to support online ordering and reporting. Integrate the web portal into the LIMS.

**Note:** If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including appropriate milestones and timeline to completion. Implementation plans will be reviewed and approved for consistency with the activities set forth in the ELC awards by CDC prior to start of implementation.
  - e. Enhance laboratory test ordering and reporting capability.
    - i. Implement or improve capacity to consume and produce electronic HL7 test orders and result reporting (ETOR) to allow laboratories and healthcare providers to directly exchange

standardized test orders and results across different facilities and electronic information systems using agreed upon standards.

- ii. 100% of results must be reported with key demographic variables including age/gender/race.
- iii. Report all testing to the health department and CDC using HL7 ELR.

### **Improve Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data**

*Conducting the activities in this section to enable comprehensive, automated, daily reporting to the CDC and others in a machine-readable format, is a requirement of accepting these funds. See CDC website(s) for required data elements. Websites will be amended as requirements are updated.*

**A. Lab Reporting:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/reporting-lab-data.html#what-to-report>

**B. Case Reporting:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/reporting-pui.html>.

1. Establish complete, up-to-date, **timely**, automated reporting of morbidity and mortality to CDC and others due to COVID-19 and other coronavirus and other **emerging infections which impact** conditions of public health significance, with required associated data fields in a machine-readable format, by:
  - a. Establishing or enhancing community-based surveillance, including surveillance of vulnerable populations, individuals without severe illness, those with recent travel to high-risk locations, or who are contacts to known cases.
  - b. Monitoring changes to daily incidence rates of COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance at the county or zip code level to inform community mitigation strategies.
2. **Establish additional and on-going surveillance methods (e.g. sentinel surveillance) for COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance.**
3. Establish complete, up-to-date, timely, automated reporting of individual-level data through electronic case reporting to CDC and others in a machine-readable format (ensuring LHD have access to data that is reported):
  - a. At the health department, enhance capacity to work with testing facilities to onboard and improve electronic laboratory reporting (ELR), including to receive data from new or non-traditional testing settings. Use alternative data flows (**e.g., reporting portals**) and file formats (e.g., CSV or XLS) to help automate where appropriate. In addition to other reportable results, this should include all COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2-related testing data (i.e., tests to detect SAR-CoV-2 including serology testing).
  - b. Automate receiving EHR data, including eCR and FHIR-base eCR Now, to generate initial case report as specified by CDC for the reportable disease within 24 hours and to update over time within 24 hours of a change in information contained in the CDC-directed case report, including death. Utilize eCR data to ensure data completeness, establish comprehensive morbidity and mortality surveillance, and help monitor the health of the community and inform decisions for the delivery of public health services.
  - c. **Develop a project plan for the automated processing of the Electronic Initial Case Report (eICR) and Reportability Response (RR) into health information systems. Prior to implementation of eICR and RR for a specific disease or disease group, plan how data will be used for surveillance workflows (e.g. negative COVID-19 reports from providers), draft reporting specifications, and consumption, as appropriate.**

**Note:** As an interim solution, while health information system capacity is being developed, convert to a human readable format and provide for use by appropriate surveillance program personnel.

- d. Increase connectivity with laboratory and healthcare feeds for epidemiologic analysis (including using automated single CSV files).
  - e. Expand **electronic reporting mechanism (e.g., eCR, ELR)** to include all conditions of public health significance.
4. Improve understanding of capacity, resources, and patient impact at healthcare facilities through electronic reporting.
- a. Required expansion of reporting facility capacity, resources, and patient impact information, such as patients admitted and hospitalized, in an electronic, machine-readable, as well as human-readable visual, and tabular manner, to achieve 100% coverage in jurisdiction and include daily data from all acute care, long-term care, and ambulatory care settings. Use these data to monitor facilities with confirmed cases of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 infection or with COVID-like illness among staff or residents and facilities at high risk of acquiring COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 cases and COVID-like illness among staff or residents.
  - b. Increase ADT messaging and use to achieve comprehensive surveillance of emergency room visits, hospital admissions, facility and department transfers, and discharges to provide an early warning signal, to monitor the impact on hospitals, and to understand the growth of serious cases requiring admission.
5. Enhance systems for flexible data collection, reporting, analysis, and visualization.
- a. Implement new/replacement systems where needed. Ensure systems are interoperable and that data can be linked across systems (e.g., **public health, healthcare, private labs**), including adding the capacity for lab data and other data to be used by the software/tools that are being deployed for **case investigation and** contact tracing.

**Note:**

1. If implementing new or replacement systems, develop an implementation plan, including:
  - a. Rationale for acquiring a new/replacement health information surveillance system and information used to make the decision, such as
    - i. gaps in existing system
    - ii. options explored prior to making the decision.
  - b. Tasks and efforts required (appropriate milestones).
  - c. Timeline for completion.
  - d. Person responsible for these activities.

Implementation plans must be submitted to [EDX@cdc.gov](mailto:EDX@cdc.gov), with a copy uploaded into REDCap. Plans will be reviewed and must receive programmatic support from CDC prior to start of implementation.

2. Examples for data linkages and/or interoperability across systems include case surveillance data, vaccination data, vital records, etc.
3. If implementing or expanding immunizations related information technology systems (e.g., registries, data lake, VAMS, vaccine finder, etc.), recipient should work with Immunization Cooperative Agreement Project Officer for long-term support. Once COVID funds are exhausted, ELC Cooperative Agreement will not have resources for ongoing financial assistance with these registries.

- b. Update/Enhance/Modernize infrastructure to handle large data streams and properly process, triage, and retain data. For example, receiving large numbers of negative test results, triage, process, and use as appropriate. Consider scalable storage (e.g. data lake).
        - c. Data must be made available at the local, state, and federal level.
        - d. Make data on cases, syndromic surveillance, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and healthcare capacity available on health department websites at the county/zip code level in a visual and tabular manner.
6. Establish or improve systems to ensure complete, accurate and immediate (within 24 hrs.) data transmission to a system and open website available to local health officials and the public by county and zip code, that allows for automated transmission of data to the CDC in a machine readable format.
  - a. Increase coverage (Target for emergency departments (ED): 100%) and number of facilities submitting syndromic surveillance data to the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) [<https://www.cdc.gov/nssp/index.html>] for emergency department (ED) and urgent care facilities for syndromes and illnesses with messages that include the NSSP priority 1 and 2 data elements.
  - b. Submit all case reports in an immediate, automated way to CDC for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 and other conditions of public health significance with associated required data fields in a machine-readable format.
  - c. Provide accurate accounting of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 associated deaths. Establish electronic, automated, immediate death reporting to CDC with associated required data fields in a machine-readable format.
  - d. Report requested COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2-related data, including line level testing data (negatives, positives, indeterminants, serology, antigen, nucleic acid) daily by county or zip code to the CDC-designated system.
  - e. Establish these systems in such a manner that they may be used on an ongoing basis for surveillance of, and reporting on, routine and other threats to the public health and conditions of public health significance.

### **Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention**

1. Use laboratory data to initiate and conduct case investigation and contact tracing and follow up; and implement containment measures.
  - a. Conduct necessary case investigation and contact tracing including contact elicitation/identification, contact notification, contact testing, and follow-up. Activities could include traditional case investigation and contact tracing and/or proximity/location-based methods, as well as methods adapted for healthcare-specific contexts, employers, elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings.
  - b. Utilize tools (e.g., geographic information systems and methods) that assist in the rapid mapping and tracking of disease cases for timely and effective epidemic monitoring and response, incorporating laboratory testing results and other data sources.
2. Identify cases and exposure to COVID-19 in high-risk settings or within populations at increased risk of severe illness or death to target mitigation strategies and referral for therapies (for example, monoclonal antibodies) to prevent hospitalization.
  - a. Assess and monitor infections in healthcare workers across the healthcare spectrum.
  - b. Monitor cases and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, dialysis clinics, cancer clinics, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, etc.).

- c. Monitor cases and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk **occupational** settings (e.g., meat processing facilities), and congregate living settings (e.g., **correctional facilities**, youth homes, shelters).
- d. Work with LHDs to build local capacity for reporting, rapid containment and prevention of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.
- e. **Jurisdictions should ensure systems are in place to link test results to relevant public health strategies, including prevention and treatment.**

Note: Additional resources

Treatment: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html>

Public health strategies: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6949e2.htm>

- 3. Implement prevention strategies in high-risk settings or within vulnerable populations (including tribal nations as appropriate) including proactive monitoring for asymptomatic case detection.  
Note: These additional resources are intended to be directed toward testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, mobile testing units, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation which may include interstate compacts or other mutual aid agreements for such purposes.
  - a. Build capacity for infection prevention and control in LTCFs (e.g., at least one Infection Preventionist (IP) for every facility) and outpatient settings.
    - i. Build capacity to safely house and isolate infected and exposed residents of LTCFs and other congregate settings.
    - ii. Develop interoperable patient safety information exchange systems.
    - iii. Assist with enrollment of all LTCFs into NHSN and provision of related user support.
  - b. **Build capacity for infection prevention and control in elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities, and/or institutions of higher education.**
  - c. Increase Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) assessment capacity onsite using tele-ICAR.
  - d. Perform preparedness assessment to ensure interventions are in place to protect high-risk populations.
  - e. Coordinate as appropriate with federally funded entities responsible for providing health services to **higher-risk** populations (e.g., tribal nations and federally qualified health centers).

### **Coordinate and Engage with Partners**

- 1. Partner with LHDs to establish or enhance testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.
  - a. Support appropriate LHDs with acquiring equipment and staffing to conduct testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.
  - b. Support LHDs to conduct appropriate specimen collection and/or testing within their jurisdictions.
- 2. Partner with local, regional, or national organizations or academic institutions to enhance capacity for infection control and prevention of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.



- a. Build infection prevention and control and outbreak response expertise in local health departments (LHDs).
- b. Partner with academic medical centers and schools of public health to develop regional centers for IPC consultation and support services.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND REPORTING

Performance Measures: In addition to the metrics and deliverable indicated above, performance measures specific to COVID-19-related activities will be finalized and provided to recipients within **approximately 45** days of award. The ELC Program Office will utilize existing data sources whenever possible to reduce the reporting burden on recipients and, where appropriate, existing ELC performance measures may be used. While more frequent reporting may be employed within the first year of this supplement, these requirements may be adjusted as circumstances allow. Where it is possible, reporting will be aligned to current performance measure reporting timelines.

Consistent with current ELC Program Office practice, progress on **workplan milestones** will be reported on a quarterly basis utilizing REDCap. Recipients will be provided 2 weeks to update their progress and note any challenges encountered since the previous update. Financial reporting requirements shall be noted and, as necessary, updated in the Terms and Conditions of the award. The ELC Program Office will work with OGS to limit the administrative burden on recipients.

### Summary of Reporting Requirements:

1. Quarterly progress reports on milestones in approved workplans via REDCap.
2. Monthly fiscal reports (beginning 60 days after NOAs are issued).
3. Performance measure data.
4. CDC may require recipients to develop annual progress reports (APRs). CDC will provide APR guidance and optional templates should they be required.

Please also note: Data collected as a part of the activities supported with these funds shall be reported to CDC in a form and fashion to be determined and communicated at a later date.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER: DUE WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF NOA RECEIPT**

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**ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion**

Date:

Organization Name:

Subject: Acknowledgement Letter for CK19-1904 – COVID-19 Supplemental Funds

Reference: Guidance for the use of supplemental funding (January 2021) for CK19-1904 ELC Enhancing Detection Through Coronavirus Response and Relief (CRR).

This is to acknowledge that I have received, reviewed and understand the requirements in the attached programmatic guidance.

The federal funding received will be in support of the supplemental funding referenced herein and will be spent in accordance with the legislation and programmatic guidance.

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Authorized Official

# Attachment 5

## Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) Funding Distribution For the ELC Grant

### Funding Formula: Population, Poverty and Race/Ethnicity

**Description of funding formula:** Each California LHJ, excluding Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Pasadena, is awarded a base of \$1,000,000. The balance of funds are distributed based on the proportion each LHJ contributes to the 2019 population (50% of allocation), the proportion each LHJ contributes to the 2019 population in poverty (25% of allocation), and the proportion each LHJ contributes to the population that is Black/African American, Latinx, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (25% of allocation). Population and race/ethnicity data are from the Department of Finance, and population in poverty are calculated using 2019 Census Estimates.

LHJ	Total	LHJ	Total
Alameda HD <sup>1</sup>	54,086,796	Orange	115,488,386
Alpine	1,039,587	Pasadena <sup>3</sup>	-
Amador	2,239,091	Placer	12,177,694
Berkeley	5,805,600	Plumas	1,599,671
Butte	9,107,329	Riverside	101,417,767
Calaveras	2,396,622	Sacramento	59,781,149
Colusa	1,941,647	San Benito	3,472,678
Contra Costa	39,451,315	San Bernardino	98,066,203
Del Norte	2,108,128	San Diego	123,774,567
El Dorado	6,503,584	San Francisco	28,952,934
Fresno	50,590,289	San Joaquin	32,682,786
Glenn	2,190,179	San Luis Obispo	10,711,455
Humboldt	6,114,292	San Mateo	25,313,712
Imperial	11,470,855	Santa Barbara	19,162,899
Inyo	1,631,761	Santa Clara	62,183,150
Kern	45,144,117	Santa Cruz	11,079,439
Kings	8,389,941	Shasta	6,975,884
Lake	3,493,388	Sierra	1,102,958
Lassen	2,130,829	Siskiyou	2,578,510
Long Beach <sup>3</sup>	-	Solano	16,415,577
Los Angeles HD <sup>3</sup>	-	Sonoma	17,813,262
Madera	8,738,220	Stanislaus	24,639,154
Marin	8,585,474	Sutter	4,861,952
Mariposa	1,599,662	Tehama	3,506,043
Mendocino	4,433,407	Trinity	1,517,396
Merced	14,952,065	Tulare	25,547,375
Modoc	1,361,816	Tuolumne	2,685,618
Mono	1,463,197	Ventura	32,125,196
Monterey	20,479,442	Yolo	10,468,641
Napa	5,870,118	Yuba	4,115,803
Nevada	3,960,818		

<b>Total Allocation:</b>	<b>1,187,497,429</b>
<b>Miniumum Allocation:</b>	<b>1,039,587</b>
<b>Maximum Allocation:</b>	<b>123,774,567</b>

1 - Alameda Health Department (HD) excludes City of Berkeley

2 - Los Angeles, including Cities of Pasadena and Long Beach, was excluded as they were separately funded by the ELC grant.

## Equity Targeted Investment Plans: Updated guidelines for ELC Workplans

### What is the same from the last Equity Targeted Investment Plan process?

- The plan can be updated throughout the response and recovery to reflect changes as needed.
- Targeted equity investments can include spending across all 6 ELC Strategies including on immediate response strategies, longer-term strategies, or crosscutting approaches. The below categories from the COVID-19 Equity Playbook Framework will be included in the template as drop-down options plus an additional field for “other” if activities are not represented in this list.
  - Immediate COVID-19 Response Strategies
    - ♦ Testing
    - ♦ Contact Tracing
    - ♦ Isolation Support
    - ♦ Worker Protections
  - Longer-term COVID-19 Response Strategies
    - ♦ Housing Security and Homelessness
    - ♦ Economic Security
    - ♦ Schools and Childcare
    - ♦ Cross-sectoral collaboration and Health in All Policies (HiAP)
    - ♦ Transportation / Physical Access and Mobility
  - Cross Cutting strategies
    - ♦ Data
    - ♦ Communications
    - ♦ Language Access and Cultural Competency
    - ♦ Community and Stakeholder Engagement
    - ♦ Mental Health Care
  - Vaccines
- Equity activities funded by other funding streams can be included to support communication and transparency about comprehensive local equity strategy; however, they are not required.
- Counties are required to identify and address the needs of priority populations – those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Priority populations may be described through geographic, demographic or socioeconomic characteristics (e.g., essential workers, under-resourced neighborhoods, older adults in multigenerational housing, or non-English speakers). LHDs can identify multiple priority populations, with a different population of focus for different activities listed in their plan as approaches are tailored for specific audiences and settings.
  - The Healthy Places Index quartiles may be used to inform planning, but it is not a requirement that these be used as the priority population for the focus of the equity plan.

- The emphasis of activities should be focused on disproportionately impacted populations in order to reduce transmission and severity of outcomes, resolve barriers, reduce heightened exposure, and vaccinate.

### **What is new or different for Phase 2 Equity Targeted Investment Plan?**

#### Template format

- The Equity Targeted Investment Plan is now part of the ELC Workplan as a separate tab (Health Equity tab).
- LHJ must provide a health equity point of contact (name, email, and phone number). This person should be familiar with the equity activities and be able to elevate and identify TA support and other needs as well as share out lessons learned and promising practices. ELC funds can be used to support this person, but it is not required.
- The Equity Targeted Investment Plans section of the ELC Workplan will be posted publicly as an update (most recent plan available here: [Blueprint for Safer Economy: Targeted Equity Investment Plans \(ca.gov\)](#)).
- In addition to describing new Phase 2 activities LHJ have the option of reflecting any updates to the Equity Targeted Investment plan activities previously described if there are changes from what was submitted in ELC Phase 1.

#### Funding Requirements

- It remains an expectation that ELC funding across all strategies will continue to be invested in a manner proportional to the burden of COVID-19 on disproportionately impacted populations. (Note: The Phase 1 minimum 40% ELC Strategy 5 funding dedicated to disproportionately impacted communities in the first round of ELC funding is still required for those Phase 1 funds).
- For the ELC Expansion grant (Phase 2) there is no specific requirement for a set percentage of ELC funds that must be dedicated to equity/addressing disproportionate impacts. This is to allow for greater flexibility, in response to feedback from counties about ways to reflect the full range of activities they are addressing, and to support integration equity activities across all response strategies.

#### Content

- The intent of the Equity Targeted Investment Plan to be comprehensive and capture all COVID equity related activities in the response, recovery, and vaccines. LHJ can report equity activities from any of the 6 ELC strategies and use the Equity Investment Plan tab to expand on the approach. Optional: Equity activities from other funding sources may also be included to help present a comprehensive picture of local equity strategy.
- Vaccine equity activities are an allowable category with ELC funds. This includes outreach, vaccine promotion, vaccine administration, and vaccine storage, but not vaccine purchase. Counties are encouraged to also leverage vaccine specific funds first to address primary vaccine

equity activities and then use ELC for non-vaccine activities or supplemental vaccine equity activities.

- LHJs may also note “refer to Vaccine Equity Support Plan” for additional details on partners and activities. Please resend the “Vaccine Equity Support Plan” with the ELC work plan.
- An additional column has been added “challenge/problem.” Descriptions of the challenge/problem may also help inform statewide coordination to identify consistent themes and target development of tools and supports or peer collaboration.
- Edited column M, “Additional TA support needed” has been edited to have a broader scope and is now, “Identify Technical Assistance and/or Other Support Needs.” This can include TA but can also be used to highlight other procedural barriers, policy changes, etc. that are needed to support the activity. This column is optional.
- Added column N, “Progress Status.” This column is to be updated quarterly as part of the ELC reporting process.
- All columns are expected to be completed and submitted with the rest of the ELC Workplan unless otherwise noted on the template. If there are cells that you cannot complete, staff are available to support and/or please provide more information about why it cannot be completed (e.g., partners will be determined based on another activity)

Support/Assistance

- CDPH Equity Technical Assistance team is available to support counties as they develop the Equity Targeted Investment Plan, and to assist with TA support during implementation.

Resources:

- [COVID-19 Health Equity Playbook for Communities \(ca.gov\)](#)
  - Bulletin updates to the Playbook can be found on the [CDPH website](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Equity-Technical-Assistance-Playbook.aspx) (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Equity-Technical-Assistance-Playbook.aspx)
- COVID-19 Health Equity Technical Assistance Team

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**MONO COUNTY**  
**BARGAINING UNIT: UNREPRESENTED**  
**FLSA: Exempt**  
**Serves "At Will" Under Negotiated Employment Agreement**  
**WORK STATUS: Full-time (limited term)**

**APRIL 2021**

**COUNTY of MONO HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Deputy Director of Public Health - COVID 19**

**General Statement of Duties:**

The Deputy Director of Public Health - COVID 19 provides administrative direction and guides public health programs' operations through subordinate managers and supervisors. The primary program units overseen by this position may include: COVID 19 Contact Tracing and Investigation; COVID 19 Vaccinations Program, COVID 19 Testing Program; and COVID 19 211 Nurse Line. Other duties include but are not limited to: ensures program consistency with the Department's mission and vision and adheres to grant and contract requirements; interprets department policies and provides direction to subordinate managers; coordinates the integration of programs that involve multiple programs or units; oversees program budgets and expenditures; represents Public Health Services in external community coalition meetings; acts as a liaison to community organizations and other county departments on issues pertaining to COVID 19 public health programs; may act as the Director in his or her absence, and performs other duties as assigned.

Training and Experience: ' 'bachelor's degree required, and ' 'master's degree preferred, in a relevant field including but not limited to Public Health, Healthcare Administration/Management, Nursing, Social Work, Health Communication, etc. A minimum of three 'years' Experience managing or coordinating a health program or service and providing administrative oversight to federal and private grant programs is highly recommended. Persons with medical/clinical Experience (Registered Nurse, Physician, or other clinically licensed professional) are preferred.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Interacts with the Health Department Director and Health Officer regarding COVID 19 programs and operations administers.
2. Responsible for the day-to-day administrative operations of all Health Department COVID 19 Programs.
3. Provides administrative oversight to federal and private grant programs for the Health Department.
4. Oversees the development of the COVID 19 Departmental budget process.



5. Interacts with the County Administration with regards to administrative operations for the Department.
6. Works closely with the medical community to advance the mission of the Health Department.
7. Acts as a member of the leadership team representing the Health Department in the community by participating in the development of administrative policies and procedures and making recommendations regarding the 'organization's future.
8. Acts as the liaison with state and federal medical authorities.
9. Provides periodic in-service training for clinical and other Health Department staff.
10. Regularly reviews scientific and/or best-practice guidance for COVID 19 response and treatment shared by trusted and reputable health information sources.
11. Works to ensure health equity in all Health Department COVID 19 outcomes and programs.

**ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:**

- Must possess required knowledge, skills, abilities, and Experience and be able to explain and demonstrate, with reasonable accommodation if needed, that the job's essential functions can be successfully performed. Examples of skills that are required to perform this job include:
  - Ability to record, organize, analyze, and present data with accuracy, thoroughness, and attention to detail.
  - Ability to analyze complex information and develop strategies, plans, and procedures to meet the Department's needs.
  - Ability to communicate complex information clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
  - Ability to interpret Federal & State regulations, procedures, and policies and incorporate them into all aspects of the work.
  - Proficiency in PC operations and the use of online data resources (??), databases, and reporting tools.
  - Self-motivated and disciplined.
  - Ability to work effectively in groups and in collaborative professional environments.

**OTHER:**

- Will be expected to respond to public health emergencies.
- Will require non-traditional working hours on occasion.



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

**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Public Health**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Authority to Hire Health Program  
Manager/Public Health Nurse at Step  
D

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse position at Step D (82D).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Marjoree Nee at a D step in the position of Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the County General Fund. The cost of this position is currently budgeted in fiscal year 2020-21 through the approved budget. The fiscal impact for the remainder of fiscal year 2020-21 will be \$39,817, consisting of \$24,671 in salary and \$15,146 in benefits.

**CONTACT NAME:** Bryan Wheeler

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 760-924-1835 / bwheeler@mono.ca.gov

**SEND COPIES TO:**

Bryan Wheeler, Stephanie Butters, Ryan Roe

**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

YES  NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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# MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Public Health

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Date: April 6, 2021  
To: Honorable Board of Supervisor  
From: Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director  
Subject: Authority to Hire at Step D

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse position at Step D (82D).

### **Discussion:**

The Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse is a current vacant position due to the leaving of the prior incumbent. After conducting interviews, Marjoree Neer has accepted to fill this position.

Ms. Neer possesses excellent qualifications for the position of Health Program Manager/Public Health Nurse. She is a nurse practitioner and has the expertise needed for this position. She has experience with seeing patients independently. Marjoree is bilingual and has great customer service skills. Mrs. Neer is currently the Director of Public Health for Toiyabe. Typically, a new employee is placed at Step A of a given salary range. In accordance with the Mono County Personnel System (MCPE), Board of Supervisors approval is required when an employee is hired above Step A. Given Ms. Neer's experience and qualifications, the department is requesting authorization to offer her employment at Step D of the salary range (Range 82) for this position.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There is no impact to the County General Fund. The cost of this position is currently budgeted in fiscal year 2020-21. The fiscal impact for the remainder of fiscal year 2020-21 will be approximately \$39,816.59 consisting of \$24,670.50 in salary and \$15,146.09 in benefits.

For questions regarding this item, please call Bryan Wheeler at (760) 924-1835.

Submitted by: Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director



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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Public Health**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** California Immunization Local  
Assistance Grant Amendment

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Proposed Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A02 with the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10332, A02 and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the amended contract on behalf of the County. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to sign future amendments to the grant that shift funds between budget categories without changes to the grant allocation.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The agreement amendment increases funding in the amount of \$39,696 for fiscal year 2020-21 for an amended total of \$214,421 for the 5-year contract period.

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### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

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# MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Public Health

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DATE: April 6, 2021  
TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Bryan Wheeler, Director of Public Health  
SUBJECT: Grant Amendment for FY 2019-22 Immunization Local Assistance Grant Agreement #17-10332, A02

### **Recommendation:**

Approve amendment to the FY 2019-22 Immunization Local Assistance Grant Agreement #17-10332, A02 and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the FY 2019-22 Amended Grant Agreement 17-10332, A02 on behalf of the County. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to sign future amendments for the grant that shift funds between budget categories without changes to the grant allocation. Provide any desired direction to staff.

### **Discussion:**

On April 6, 2021 the Board approved County entry into the Immunization Local Assistance Grant Agreement #17-10332, A02 and the grant contract has been fully executed. The California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch is requesting that the FY 2019-22 Amended Grant Agreement 17-10332, A02 be signed to amend the contract, scope of work, and budget. These changes will increase the grant allocation to \$39,696.00 for the 20-21 grant year, for a total of \$214,421.00 for the 5-year contract period.

The Health Department contracts with the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch for the provision of immunization services. The Immunization Branch helps ensure that people living in California who are uninsured and under-insured have access to disease preventing vaccinations. The 8 components of this program include:

- Vaccine Accountability and Management
- Improving Vaccine Access and Coverage Rates
- Immunization Information Systems
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention

- Education, Information, Training, and Partners
- Prevention, surveillance, and Control of Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD)
- Assess and Improve Compliance with Childcare and School Immunization Entry Requirements
- Improve and Maintain Preparedness for an Influenza Pandemic

This contract authorizes the Mono County Health Department to receive funding to fulfill the 8 program components.

**Fiscal Impact/Budget Projections:**

There is no impact on the Mono County General Fund.

The Immunization Program provides a revised allocation increase of \$39,696.00 for the 20-21 grant year, for a total of \$73,771 for the 20-21 grant year, and a total of \$214,421.00 for the 5-year contract period.

For questions regarding this item, please call Bryan Wheeler (760) 924-1835.

Submitted by Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

## CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

### Awarded By

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, hereinafter “Department”

TO

Mono County Public Health Department, hereinafter “Grantee”

Implementing the project, “To assist local health departments (LHDs) in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) in the local health jurisdiction (LHJ),” hereinafter “Project”

### AMENDED GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 17-10332, A02

The Department amends this Grant and the Grantee accepts and agrees to use the Grant funds as follows:

**AUTHORITY:** The Department has authority to grant funds for the Project under Health and Safety Code, Section 120325-120380 of the Health & Safety Code, which requires immunizations against childhood diseases prior to school admittance and Federal Grant numbers 6 NH23IP922612-01-01, 5 NH23IP922612-02-00 and 6 NH23IP922612-02-01.

**PURPOSE FOR AMENDMENT:** The purpose of the Grant amendment is to increase funding in the amount of \$39,696 for FY2020-21 to augment and enhance efforts around influenza vaccination coverage as well as perform Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination planning and implementation.

**Amendments** are shown as: Text additions are displayed in **bold and underline**. Text deletions are displayed as strike through text (i.e., ~~Strike~~).

**AMENDED GRANT AMOUNT:** this amendment is to increase the grant by \$39,696 and is amended to read: **\$214,421 (Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One dollars)** ~~\$174,725 (One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars)~~

Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provisions, paragraph 4.A is hereby replaced as shown below.

#### 4. Amounts Payable

A. The amounts payable under this Grant shall not exceed ~~\$174,725~~ **\$214,421**.



**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES.** The Project Representatives during the term of this Grant will be:

<b>California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch</b>	<b>Grantee: Mono County Public Health Department</b>
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All payments from CDPH to the Grantee; shall be sent to the following address:

<b>Remittance Address</b>
<b>Grantee: Mono County Public Health Department</b>
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Address: P.O. Box 556
City, Zip: Bridgeport, CA 93517
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Either party may make changes to the Project Representatives, or remittance address, by giving a written notice to the other party. Said changes shall not require an amendment to the agreement. Note: Remittance address changes will require the Grantee to submit a completed CDPH 9083 Governmental Entity Taxpayer ID Form or STD 204 Payee Data Record Form which can be requested through the CDPH Project Representatives for processing.

All other terms and conditions of this Grant shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Grant on the dates set forth below.

Executed By:

Date:

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Jennifer Kreitz, Chair  
Mono County Health Department  
P.O. Box 715  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Date:

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Jeff Mapes, Chief  
Contracts Management Unit  
California Department of Public Health  
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Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

**CDPH Immunization Branch**  
**Scope of Work for Local Health Departments FY 2020-22**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this grant is to assist local health departments (LHDs) in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases in the local health jurisdiction (LHJ).

**Related Statutes**

California Health & Safety Code sections:

- 120130 requires the Local Health Officer to properly report to CDPH those diseases listed as reportable, which include vaccine-preventable diseases.
- 120175 requires the Local Health Officer to take measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread or occurrence of additional cases of reportable diseases (which includes reportable vaccine-preventable diseases).
- 120350 requires Local Health Officers to organize and maintain a program to make available the immunizations required for admittance to child care facilities and schools.

**Services to be Performed by the Grantee**

The Grantee is to implement activities to:

- Assess and improve coverage levels in the jurisdiction of all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to protect the population.
- Detect, report, and control vaccine-preventable diseases in the jurisdiction.

The LHD must agree to the following inclusive objectives and conduct the following activities. Many of the services to be performed are also conditions for federal funding of the CDPH Immunization Branch (IZB) and/or statutory requirements of State and LHDs. The level of local assistance grant funding to be awarded is not represented as sufficient for support of all the required activities; a significant amount of local support and funding is expected. Local assistance grant funds must not be used to supplant (i.e., replace) local funds currently being expended for immunization services and activities.

Grantee agrees to assign the responsibility of monitoring each program component:

1) Vaccine Accountability and Management; 2) Access to and Utilization of Quality Immunization Services; 3) California Immunization Registry (CAIR)<sup>3</sup>; 4) Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention; 5) Education, Information, Training, and Partnerships; 6) Prevention, Surveillance and Control of Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD); 7) Childcare and School Immunization Entry Requirements; 8) Influenza; and 9) COVID-19 Vaccination.

Grantee will monitor grant fund expenditures to maximize the utilization of the funding for achieving the goals and objectives. Grant invoices shall be reviewed and submitted quarterly to the CDPH Immunization Branch.

The Immunization Coordinator is required to participate in meetings, webinars, and conference calls as requested by the CDPH Immunization Branch including, but not limited to, the CDPH Immunization Branch's Immunization Coordinators' Meeting, New Immunization Coordinator Orientation (offered annually and required for all new Immunization Coordinators), regional coordinators' meetings, and conference calls related to influenza, outbreak control, perinatal hepatitis B, changes in policies and procedures, and other important issues.

**CDPH Immunization Branch**  
**Scope of Work for Local Health Departments FY 2020-22**

**1. Vaccine Accountability and Management**

**Goal 1.1** Maintain viability of IZB supplied vaccine to ensure vaccine effectiveness and reduce vaccine waste.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Annually, make sure all relevant staff within LHD-operated clinics (routine, mass vaccination, or special immunization outreach) are properly trained on current policies and procedures for proper vaccine storage and handling outlined in each participation agreement/addendum for the receipt of IZB supplied vaccines (317, Vaccines for Children [VFC], state general fund).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updated Vaccine Management Plans for each LHD facility.</li> <li>2. Completed EZIZ Lessons for Key Practice Staff.</li> <li>3. Documentation of completed trainings.</li> </ol>
b. Develop and implement a training plan for provider facilities outside LHDs receiving IZB supplied doses (state or 317 Outbreak). Focus the plan on proper vaccine management, vaccine storage and handling requirements, and administration prior to the distribution of IZB-supplied vaccines.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Training plan developed and implemented.</li> <li>2. Completed trainings/Documentation of completed trainings.</li> <li>3. Completed and signed Vaccine Management Plans.</li> </ol>
c. Develop and implement a plan to verify that 317 Outbreak and state general fund immunizations administered by providers outside the LHDs adhere to policies for vaccine management. Conduct Quality Assurance verifications (such as random temperature log review, on site vaccination clinic assessments, review of vaccine losses, etc.) at least every other year, in a sample of sites receiving vaccines.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developed and implemented Quality Assurance Plan.</li> <li>2. Completion of Mass Vaccination Hourly Temperature Logs/Electronic Data Files.</li> <li>3. Temperature Documentation on CDPH provided Logs for all IZB-supplied vaccines/Electronic Temperature Files.</li> <li>4. Completed Quality Assurance verifications in a minimum sample of 10% of sites receiving vaccines.</li> </ol>
d. Promote and encourage adoption of CDPH and CDC storage and handling guidelines among all healthcare providers providing immunization services in the community.	Documentation of storage and handling best practices promotion efforts.

**Goal 1.2** Facilitate compliance with current protocols, policies, and procedures for vaccine accountability for LHD facilities and partners that receive IZB-supplied vaccine.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Make sure all relevant staff involved in vaccine ordering, management, and accountability activities within local health department-operated clinics adhere to all program requirements as outlined in the VFC/317 Provider Participation Agreements and Addendums. Complete annual VFC/317 program recertification.	Completed annual program recertification and corresponding educational lessons for all key practice staff.

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<p>b. Promote adherence to eligibility guidelines corresponding to VFC, Section 317, and state general fund vaccines. Upon release of the Immunization Branch’s Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines, IMM-1142, disseminate guidance to all relevant staff involved in vaccine ordering, management, and accountability activities within local health department operated pediatric and adult immunization clinics.</p>	<p>Documentation of provided guidance.</p>
<p>c. Verify that processes are in place such that IZB-supplied (317, VFC, state) vaccines are administered to eligible individuals following outlined eligibility guidelines for each vaccine funding source.</p>	<p>LHD developed protocols, inclusive of eligibility guidelines, for each vaccine funding source.</p>
<p>d. Comply with federal policies regarding vaccine re-distribution. Publicly funded VFC and 317 vaccines must be distributed directly to the location at which the provider will administer the vaccines.</p>	<p>Documentation of procedures.</p>

**2. Access to and Utilization of Quality Immunization Services**

**Goal 2.1** Improve access to and receipt of all ACIP-recommended immunizations, especially for low income and underserved community members.

<b>Required Activities</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
<p>a. Use a current, local jurisdiction-specific referral list to support an immunization safety net. This may include referral to other programs that connect patients to services.</p>	<p>Referral list completed and updated on an annual basis.</p>
<p>b. Be responsive to problems Medi-Cal members report related to access to immunization services.<sup>1</sup> Work with the corresponding Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) to resolve problems. After attempts to work with MCP, if still unable to resolve, collect details and escalate to Senior Field Representative or other designated Immunization Branch staff person.</p>	<p>Maintain log of access problems resolved at local level or reported to CDPH.</p>
<p>c. For all LHD facilities that are VFC providers, participate in and support provider compliance and quality improvement<sup>2</sup> visits in conjunction with the CDPH Immunization Branch. Assist with the implementation of corrective action plans, strategies to reduce missed opportunities for vaccination, and linkage/referral to medical homes.</p>	<p># of clinics with corrective actions that were all completed within the specified time frame.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Requirements for Medi-Cal immunization services are summarized here: <http://izcoordinators.org/vaccine-programs/medi-cal-and-pharmacy-resources/>.

<sup>2</sup> Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP), formerly known as AFIX

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Scope of Work for Local Health Departments FY 2020-22**

**3. California Immunization Registry (CAIR)<sup>3</sup>**

**Goal 3.1** Promote and optimize<sup>4</sup> the use of CAIR in the jurisdiction.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Enter all IZB-supplied vaccine doses administered by LHD or partners, including influenza doses, into CAIR.	# LHD clinics participating in CAIR/# all LHD clinics. % of LHD clinic doses entered into the registry within 14 days. # state flu doses entered by end of flu season/ # state flu doses administered.
b. For LHDs with primary care clinics, use manage patient status functionality to remove inactive patients at least once a year.	Inactive patients marked as inactive in CAIR.
c. In LHD primary care clinics, utilize CAIR data to identify and improve low or lagging infant or adolescent vaccination coverage levels.	Low infant or adolescent CAIR coverage rate identified and improved.
d. Review monthly CAIR usage reports <sup>5</sup> to identify priority non-participating VFC sites that need to be recruited/retained. Communicate priority sites to Local CAIR Rep (LCR).	# of VFC Sites identified for priority recruitment /retention contact.
e. Invite CAIR staff to participate in local provider trainings in order to promote CAIR.	Number of trainings with CAIR participation/Number of trainings held.

**Goal 3.2** Connect local Immunization Information Systems (IIS) so CAIR becomes a statewide system.  
**For San Diego and San Joaquin Counties only**

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Implement data sharing with CAIR2, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Attend scheduled planning meetings with CAIR2 staff</li> <li>b. Comply with agreed upon timelines</li> <li>c. Complete data transfer testing, including both inbound to CAIR2 and outbound back to local IIS.</li> <li>d. Share bulk historical loads of existing patients and immunizations to CAIR2 to initiate data sharing</li> </ul>	Full historical data load completed.
b. Initiate and maintain ongoing electronic data sharing with CAIR2 (HL7).	Ongoing data sharing continues.

<sup>3</sup> CAIR refers to the statewide system connecting CAIR2 with the San Diego Immunization Registry and Healthy Futures.

<sup>4</sup> If have EHR, move from manual data entry to data exchange (upload from EHR) to bidirectional data exchange, to optimize CAIR use. See <http://cairweb.org/docs/CAIR2-Communications/IMM-1266> and <http://cairweb.org/docs/CAIR2-Communications/IMM-1260>.

<sup>5</sup> Monthly CAIR usage reports for VFC providers are posted here: <http://izcoordinators.org/cair-reports/>.

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**4. Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention**

**Goal 4.1** Reduce the incidence of perinatal hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in the jurisdiction.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
<p>Note: Coordinate perinatal HBV prevention efforts with your LHD’s Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program, as activities 4.1a-4.1c may also help fulfill title V requirements and MCAH Scope of Work Activities.</p> <p>a. Educate medical providers and hospital staff about the screening, care, and reporting of pregnant women who test positive for hepatitis B and their infants according to the guidance outlined below:  <a href="#">Guidance for Prenatal Providers</a>  <a href="#">Guidance for Labor and Delivery Hospitals</a>  <a href="#">Guidance for Pediatric Providers</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number and percentage of HBsAg-positive pregnant women identified in the reporting period who were enrolled prior to delivery.</li> <li>2. Number and percentage of HBsAg-positive pregnant women identified in the reporting period with an HBV DNA test result during pregnancy.</li> <li>3. Number and percent of PEP errors in the reporting period with completed LHJ follow-up.</li> </ol>
<p>b. Educate identified HBsAg-positive pregnant women about their HBV status and provide the appropriate information on prevention of perinatal hepatitis B transmission, based on current ACIP recommendations and the guidance outlined below:  <a href="#">Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Coordinator Handbook</a></p>	<p>HBsAg positive pregnant women identified.</p>
<p>c. Collect and submit requested data to CDPH on HBsAg-positive pregnant women and their infants according to the guidance outlined below:  <a href="#">Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Coordinator Handbook</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number and percentage of infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers in the reporting period who received PEP according to ACIP recommendations.</li> <li>2. Number and percentage of infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers who completed the HBV vaccine series by 12 months of age.</li> <li>3. Number and percentage of infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers who have completed PVS testing by 24 months of age.</li> <li>4. Number and percentage of infants closed to case management with complete information within 24 months.</li> </ol>

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**5. Education, Information, Training, and Partnerships**

**Goal 5.1** Provide and/or promote educational activities and information to health care providers, schools and childcare centers, and other immunization stakeholders to promote best practices for immunizations and the importance of timely vaccinations.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Based on local priorities and resources, disseminate print and/or electronic communications among providers, school, general public and other immunization stakeholders in their jurisdiction.	Summary of efforts conducted to distribute materials in print or electronically to immunization stakeholders.

Note: Depending on funding, CDPH may offer select hard-copy materials to all VFC Providers through the Online VFC store. If the VFC store is available, LHDs may choose to not provide the select materials to VFC providers in their jurisdiction (refer these providers to the VFC store instead).

CDPH will inform LHDs on centralized communication activities from the Immunization Branch (select print materials to VFC providers, electronic communications to VFC providers, electronic communications and resources to schools, electronic communications resources to pharmacies, electronic communications and resources to community-based organizations/other stakeholders, traditional media and social media to reach general public). LHDs may supplement any gaps in communication with local efforts.

**Goal 5.2** Develop partnerships and collaborative activities in order to expand immunization services, promote best practices and improve coverage rates among children, adolescent and adults.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Engage* with at least 3 types of partners** in conducting educational activities or trainings. (See definitions below)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of partner types (provider, school, social service/other partners) engaged with.</li> <li>2. Summary of activities conducted with each partner type.</li> </ol>

\*Partnership engagement should be based on commitment to perform agreed-upon activities (e.g. joint training, mass vaccination clinic, collaboration to include immunization messaging in communications or event, promotional efforts).

\*\*LHJ will engage with at least one “provider” partner, one “school” partner and one “social service or other” partner:

- “Provider partner” may include hospitals, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), long term care facilities, birth facilities, professional associations (local ACOG or WIC chapters), pharmacies, health plans and community clinics.
- “School partner” may include child care providers, school or school district, County Department of Education, college, school nurses association or other school-related organizations.
- “Social service and other partners” may include WIC, MCAH, social service agencies, migrant health, homeless shelters, drug-treatment centers, jails, faith-based organizations, local business or community-based organizations.



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**6. Prevention, Surveillance and Control of Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD)**

**Goal 6.1** Conduct surveillance to identify VPD cases and/or outbreaks, and implement recommended prevention and control activities.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Ensure that appropriate clinical specimens are tested and relevant epidemiologic information is collected for VPDs requiring immediate public health action.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of measles specimens submitted for molecular characterization.</li> <li>2. Percentage of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> specimens/isolates submitted for molecular characterization.</li> <li>3. Percentage of pertussis cases &lt;4 months of age with complete maternal prenatal provider information.</li> </ol>
b. Implement appropriate public health activities for the control and prevention of cases and/or outbreaks of VPDs that are reportable to CDPH in accordance with CDPH recommendations. (Coordinate with your local Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program.)	Percentage of infant pertussis cases where mother was unimmunized during the appropriate window during pregnancy for which a communication regarding prenatal Tdap immunization was made to the prenatal care provider. <sup>6</sup>
c. Obtain vaccine and assist with the organization and implementation of efforts to vaccinate susceptible individuals, if appropriate.	Completed outbreak response request <sup>7</sup> with plan for doses and target population (as appropriate).

**Goal 6.2** Collect and submit requested data to CDPH on VPD cases and outbreaks.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Report VPDs and other conditions reportable to CDPH Immunization Branch per CDPH instructions listed here: <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/ReportingGuidanceforLHJs.pdf">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/ReportingGuidanceforLHJs.pdf</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of measles cases reported immediately to CDPH.</li> <li>2. Percent of meningococcal disease cases in high school and college students reported immediately to CDPH.</li> <li>3. Percentage of case reports submitted to CDPH via an electronic communicable disease reporting system (CaIREDIE or other) in the recommended timeframe.</li> </ol>
b. Collect and submit CDPH-requested VPD case and outbreak data.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percentage of infant pertussis cases &lt;4 months of age for whom maternal Tdap status is known.</li> <li>2. Percentage of confirmed hepatitis A cases for whom hepatitis A risk factors are known.</li> </ol>

<sup>6</sup> Sending a letter re: standard of care is the minimum acceptable communication, with copy to LHD Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program. See [Template Letter for Prenatal Care Providers with Pregnant Patients that did not Receive Prenatal Tdap Appropriately and Infants Developed Pertussis](#).

<sup>7</sup> The Immunization Branch provides a form for requesting vaccine from CDPH.

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Scope of Work for Local Health Departments FY 2020-22**

	3. Percentage of meningococcal disease cases for whom high school or college attendance status is known.
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**7. Childcare and School Immunization Entry Requirements**

**Goal 7.1** Decrease the proportion of pupils who are overdue for required immunizations or admitted conditionally.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. Provide guidance, training, and support for compliance with entry immunization requirements by all childcare centers and schools within the jurisdiction.	Percentage of schools with kindergarteners in the jurisdiction that have completed the annual immunization assessment.
b. At least annually, visit schools with 10 or more kindergarteners that reported > 10% were either conditionally admitted or overdue for required immunization; provide guidance and support follow-up until these students are up to date.	Percentage of schools with 10 or more kindergarteners where the proportion of students are either conditionally admitted or overdue for required immunization is greater than 10%. Target %: By next school year, less than 3% of schools have $\geq 10\%$ of kindergarteners either conditional or overdue.

**8. Influenza**

**Goal 8.1** Strengthen capacity to protect against seasonal influenza and to prepare for a pandemic.

Required Activities	Performance Measures
a. <u>To assist your LHD emergency preparedness lead in fulfilling its emergency preparedness grant requirements, utilize IZB-supplied influenza vaccine or other 317-funded vaccines to support at least one mass immunization exercise/year. Confirm your LHD emergency preparedness program has entered all doses into CAIR within 14 days of administration, as per the emergency preparedness grant requirement.</u>	Mass vaccination exercise completed by local health department, including immunization and preparedness program staff.
b. Utilize IZB-supplied influenza vaccine to immunize jurisdiction against influenza; doses may be shared with local partners.	Number of doses of influenza vaccine administered. Target #: Administration of at least 9f% of previous season's doses total.
c. Enhance influenza vaccination coverage as a critical part of COVID-19 response work, in order to mitigate the impact of influenza on the health care system, avoid diagnostic confusion with COVID, and build local vaccination capacity. Enhancing coverage includes: supporting/promoting partner efforts to vaccinate vulnerable populations against	Summary report of activities completed.

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<p>influenza; augmenting direct influenza vaccination services (e.g., additional mass vaccination clinics); expanding use of CAIR for tracking influenza doses; and/or, developing enhanced messaging and education to promote influenza vaccination among high-risk populations</p>	
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**9. COVID-19 Vaccination**

**Goal 9.1** Organize an effective COVID-19 vaccination response at the local level.

<b>Required Activities</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
<p>a. Develop and implement a COVID-19 vaccination plan that incorporates the three phases of vaccine availability, ensures equitable vaccination access at each phase, and encourages widespread vaccine acceptance and uptake.</p>	<p>LHD COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Template completed and submitted to IZB-CDPH.</p>

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**Glossary of Acronyms and Terms**

Abbreviation or term	Definition
317 vaccine	Vaccine provided to LHD clinics and partners for uninsured adults and for outbreak purposes.
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
AFIX	Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, eXchange
CAIR	California Immunization Registry
CalREDIE	California Reportable Disease Information Exchange
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EZIZ	An Immunization Branch-operated website (eziz.org) with immunization training and resource materials.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
HBsAg	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
HBV	Hepatitis B Vaccine
HL7	Health Level 7 (standards for data exchange)
IIS	Immunization Information System
IQIP	Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers
IZB	Immunization Branch (of CDPH)
IZB-supplied vaccine	Vaccine ordered through the CDPH Immunization Branch and supplied to LHD clinics or partners using state or federal (VFC and 317) funding sources.
LCR	Local CAIR representative (on CDPH IZB staff)
LHD	Local Health Department

**CDPH Immunization Branch  
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Abbreviation or term	Definition
LHD Primary Care Clinic	Clinic run or housed in LHD that serves as a medical home for its patients. Includes federally qualified health centers or look-alikes that are operated or housed in LHDs
LHJ	Local Health Jurisdiction
MCAH	Maternal Child and Adolescent Health
MCP	Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan
PEP	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
PVS	Post-Vaccination Serology
Tdap	Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
TK/K	Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten
VFC	Vaccines for Children Program
VPDs	Vaccine-Preventable Disease(s)
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children



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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Public Works - Roads**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**SUBJECT** Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Regional  
Surface Transportation Program  
(RSTP) Funding Agreement

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

The Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Agreement, a copy of which is enclosed with this report, will authorize the exchange of federal highway funds for state highway funds. The proposed exchange is made available to rural counties on an annual basis and provides the Road Fund with a more flexible, less complicated funding source.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY20/21 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's Regional Surface Transportation Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Revenue of \$329,725 to the Public Works' Road Fund, which is annually included in the budget.

**CONTACT NAME:** Kevin Julian

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**SEND COPIES TO:**

**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

YES  NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Time	Who	Approval
3/24/2021 12:55 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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4/2/2021 1:33 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



# MONO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**Date:** April 6, 2021  
**To:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent  
**Subject:** FY20/21 RSTP Road Funding Agreement

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY20/21 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's Regional Surface Transportation Program.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$329,725 revenue to Public Works' Road Fund.

**Discussion:**

The annual funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) apportionment is a major source of revenue for Mono County's road maintenance programs. Although the amount is based on a statewide formula that has not increased over the years, the RSTP funding and the annual gas tax apportionment continue to be one of the foundations of Public Works' Road Division. The exchange agreement allows the State to forward non-federal highway apportionments directly to the Road Fund and the County maintains total control over how those funds are expended.

The Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Agreement, a copy of which is enclosed with this report, will authorize the exchange of federal highway funds for state highway funds. The proposed exchange is made available to rural counties on an annual basis and provides the Road Fund with a more flexible, less complicated funding source.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at 760.932.5449 or by email at [kjulian@mono.ca.gov](mailto:kjulian@mono.ca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Julian  
Road Operations Superintendent

Attachments: Agreement No. X21-5947(062)

FEDERAL APPORTIONMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND STATE MATCH PROGRAM  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - NON MPO COUNTY

09 MONO  
District County

Agreement No. X21-5947(062)  
AMS Adv ID:0921000025

THIS AGREEMENT is made on \_\_\_\_\_, by the COUNTY of MONO, a political subdivision of the State of California (COUNTY), and the State of California, acting by and through the Department of Transportation (STATE).

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to assign federal apportionments made available to COUNTY for allocation to transportation projects in accordance with Section 182.6 of the Streets and Highways Code [Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)/Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (RSTBGP) funds] in exchange for nonfederal State Highway Account funds, and

WHEREAS Section 182.9 of the Streets and Highways Code requires the allocation of State Matching funds from the State Highway Account to COUNTY:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. FEDERAL APPORTIONMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A. As authorized by Section 182.6 of the Streets and Highways Code, and the RTPA having agreed to exchange or elected not to exercise its authority as it relates to the COUNTY'S portion of the RSTP/RSTBGP under Section 182.6(g), COUNTY agrees to assign to STATE:

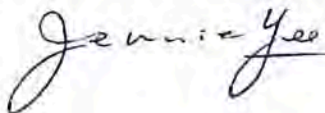
\$229,725.00 from the eligible portion of its estimated annual minimum RSTP/RSTBGP Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

The eligible portion of said minimum apportionment is the COUNTY'S estimated annual minimum RSTP/RSTBGP apportionment established under Section 182.6(d)(2) of the Streets and Highways Code less any federal apportionments already obligated for projects chargeable to COUNTY'S eligible portion of its estimated annual minimum RSTP/RSTBGP apportionment.

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I hereby Certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance



Accounting Officer

Date

3/15/2021

\$ 329,725.00



B. COUNTY agrees that it will not undertake any capacity-expanding project funded herein located in an air quality nonattainment area without prior inclusion of said project by its RTPA in the "build" alternative of the air quality conformance analysis and the RTPA's subsequent concurrence in the project's implementation.

## II. STATE MATCH PROGRAM - Section 182.9

A. As authorized by Section 182.9 of the Streets and Highways Code, STATE agrees to pay to COUNTY \$100,000.00 from the unobligated balance of COUNTY's State Matching funds for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

B. COUNTY agrees that before COUNTY uses State Matching funds for any other lawful purpose, COUNTY shall use such funds to match federally funded transportation projects.

## III. COMMON PROVISIONS

A. Subject to the availability of State funds by the State Budget Act, and upon receipt of COUNTY invoice evidencing COUNTY's assignment of COUNTY's estimated apportionment under Section I.A to STATE, STATE agrees to pay to COUNTY an amount not to exceed \$329,725.00 that equals the sum of the estimated apportionment amounts identified in Sections I.A and the State Match funds identified in Section II.A.

B. COUNTY agrees to use all State funds paid hereunder only for transportation purposes that are in conformance with Article XIX of the California State Constitution.

C. COUNTY agrees to establish a special account within their County Road Fund for the purpose of depositing all payments received from STATE pursuant to this agreement.

### D. COST PRINCIPLES

1. The COUNTY agrees to comply with, and require all project sponsors to comply with, Office of Management and Budget Supercircular 2 CFR Part 200, Cost Principles for STATE and LOCAL government, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to STATE and LOCAL governments.

2. COUNTY will assure that its fund recipients will be obligated to agree that (a) Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allowability of individual project cost items and (b) Those parties shall comply with Federal Administrative Procedures in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to STATE and LOCAL governments. Every sub-recipient receiving funds as a contractor or sub-contractor under this agreement shall comply with federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to STATE and LOCAL governments.

3. Any fund expenditures for costs for which COUNTY has received payment or credit that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under Office of Management and Budget

Supercircular, 2 CFR Part 200, are subject to repayment by COUNTY to STATE. Should COUNTY fail to reimburse funds due STATE within 30 days or demand, or within such other period as may be agreed in writing between the parties hereto, STATE is authorized to intercept and withhold future payments due COUNTY from STATE of any third-party source, including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer, the State Controller and the CTC.

#### E. THIRD PARTY CONTRACTING

1) COUNTY shall not award a construction contract over \$10,000 or other contracts over \$25,000 [excluding professional service contracts of the type which are required to be procured in accordance with Government Code Sections 4525 (d), (e) and (f)] on the basis of a noncompetitive negotiation for work to be performed using funds without the prior written approval of STATE.

2) Any subcontract or agreement entered into by COUNTY as a result of disbursing funds received pursuant to this Agreement shall contain all of the fiscal provisions of this Agreement; and shall mandate that travel and per diem reimbursements and third-party contract reimbursements to subcontractors will be allowable as project costs only after those costs are incurred and paid for by the subcontractors.

3) In addition to the above, the preaward requirements of third party contractor/consultants with COUNTY should be consistent with Local Program Procedures as published by STATE.

#### F. ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

COUNTY, its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate fund expenditures by line item. The accounting system of COUNTY, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion, and provide support for reimbursement payment vouchers or invoices.

#### G. RIGHT TO AUDIT

For the purpose of determining compliance with this Agreement and other matters connected with the performance of COUNTY'S contracts with third parties, COUNTY, COUNTY's contractors and subcontractors and STATE shall each maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts. All of the above referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times for three years from the date of final payment of funds to COUNTY. STATE, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of STATE or the United States Department of Transportation, shall each have access to any books, records, and documents that are pertinent for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and COUNTY shall furnish copies thereof if requested.

#### H. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE

Payments to only COUNTY for travel and subsistence expenses of COUNTY forces and its subcontractors claimed for reimbursement or applied as local match credit shall not exceed rates authorized to be paid exempt non-represented State employees under current State Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) rules. If the rates invoiced are in excess of those authorized

DPA rates, then COUNTY is responsible for the cost difference and any overpayments shall be reimbursed to STATE on demand.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department Of Transportation

COUNTY OF MONO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of Project Implementation  
Division of Local Assistance

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Sheriff**

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** 2021-2022 Boating Safety and Enforcement Program Agreement

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Resolution R21-\_\_\_ authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This resolution will assist with meeting the program guidance for participation in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the agreement is awarded, the award will not exceed \$131,065. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**CONTACT NAME:** Sarah Roberts

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**SEND COPIES TO:**

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YES  NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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3/24/2021 12:51 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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**MONO COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF**  
*A Commitment to Community Safety and Service*



**Ingrid Braun**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Phillip West**  
Undersheriff

DATE: March 10, 2021  
TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Ingrid Braun, Sheriff-Coroner  
SUBJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution 21-xx authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement will not exceed \$131,065.00.

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program is to provide State financial aid to local governmental agencies whose waterways have high usage by transient boaters and an insufficient tax base to fully support a boating safety and enforcement program. The program is intended to augment existing local resources for boating safety and enforcement activities and is not intended to fully fund Boating Safety and Enforcement programs. Eligible costs include personnel; operations, maintenance and equipment; and administration.

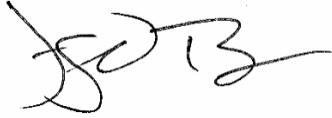
The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement. The resolution should specifically identify the following personnel as administrators to administer and sign documents related to the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement:

Mono County Sheriff-Coroner  
Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Coordinator  
Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This resolution will assist with meeting the program guidance for participation in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. When the agreement is awarded, the award will not exceed \$131,065.00. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'IB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ingrid Braun, Sheriff-Coroner



R21-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FY 2021-2022  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS GRANT  
PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING THE SHERIFF-CORONER AS AN AUTHORIZED  
AGENT TO SIGN FOR AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Mono County, a political subdivision of the State of California, wishes to participate in the 2021-2022 California Department of Boating and Waterways grant program and to authorize the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner to act as its agent to sign for and administer grants thereunder; and

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

**SECTION ONE:** The County of Mono's participation in the 2021-2022 California Department of Boating and Waterways grant program is hereby authorized.

**SECTION TWO:** The Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Emergency Management Coordinator, or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer is authorized to execute for and on behalf of Mono County any documents necessary for the purpose of obtaining and administering financial assistance provided by the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways and to act as the County's agent with respect thereto.

**SECTION THREE:** The department shall not allocate funds to any county or a public agency within a county unless the department receives a resolution adopted annually by the board of supervisors authorizing the county to participate in the program and certifying that the county will expend for boating safety programs during that year not less than an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount received by the county from personal property taxes on vessels. The Mono County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that the money allocated to it pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be used only for boating safety and enforcement programs, as specified in subdivision (a), that are conducted in Mono County.

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**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,  
by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Kreitz, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

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County Counsel





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Mammoth Lakes Housing 2020  
Annual Report

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Mammoth Lakes Housing's 2020 Annual Report.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

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**Subject:** FW: Mammoth Lakes Housing 2020 Annual Report

**From:** Patricia Robertson <[Patricia@MammothLakesHousing.org](mailto:Patricia@MammothLakesHousing.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:34:35 PM

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**Subject:** Mammoth Lakes Housing 2020 Annual Report

**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Dear Partner – Mono County, staff and Board of Supervisors,

I'm excited to share with you Mammoth Lakes Housing's 2020 Annual Report. You can download the complete report on our website here: <https://mammothlakeshousing.org/2020-annual-report/>.

In the report, you will see all that we accomplished under the extreme circumstances we all faced. We implemented an emergency rent assistance program and raised nearly \$1,000,000 to help folks pay rent; our home ownership programs saw an increase in success of 55%; and we submitted \$4.5 million in grant applications to convert a commercial property into eleven one-bedroom apartments. We also hosted a free virtual workshop on tenant protections during COVID; you can watch the video here: <https://mammothlakeshousing.org/tenant-protections-during-covid-19-community-webinar/>.

In 2021, we are looking forward to a rebranding process, collaborating with LISC and the State on rental assistance, and building new relationships to find creative housing solutions for a viable economy and a sustainable community.

Best wishes,

Patricia

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**Patricia Ann Robertson**

Executive Director



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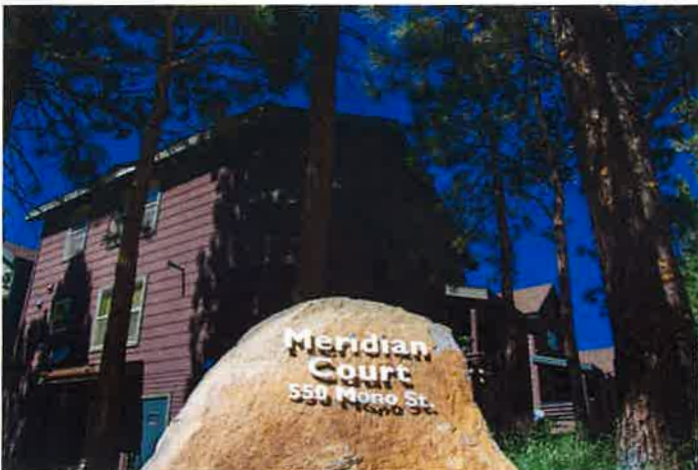
## Annual Report—2020 | A Review of the Year

Leadership Message • Program Updates  
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And More!

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Have you been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? Help is available.



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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Patricia Robertson | Executive Director

Dear Friend,

March 2021

Looking back at 2020, it is amazing to remember what we have endured – a worldwide pandemic, isolation, devastating wildfires, political turmoil, personal struggles, and more... it seems like an eternity ago and yet like no time has passed at all.

Through all this, our homes have transformed into more than a place to relax from a day's work. They have become our offices, gyms, schools—and continue to be the sanctuaries we need to recharge for another day. At Mammoth Lakes Housing we take the responsibility to provide housing stability to our communities seriously, as demonstrated by the implementation of emergency programs and the increased workload in existing programs that we have shouldered during this trying time.

During the early days of the public health response, Mammoth Lakes Housing took the lead to implement and raise funding for an Emergency Rent Payment Assistance Program. By the end of the year, we had raised nearly \$1,000,000 and written almost 1,000 partial rent payments. We undertook an unprecedented level of service for our community members, assisting clients with applications in both English and Spanish, making thousands of phone calls to anxious landlords and tenants, and providing online application functionality to our website. Our clients are grateful. As one wrote,

*"Thank you for the assistance from the bottom of our hearts. We were very uncertain on when we would have our normal income flow. Though it has not recovered fully and we only needed 2 months of assistance we couldn't be more appreciative of the help when we needed it. Thank you for keeping us afloat and keeping our family here in our beloved community!"*

This program also played a significant role for local landlords that would not have been able to collect their usual monthly rents. By the end of the year, our program had sent payments to more than 150 different landlords. One landlord expressed, "I am just proud to be a resident of Mono County right now, and just really appreciate the [program] is helping..."

Despite the unpredictable increased workload, including a 55% increase in homeownership programs success, we continued progress on our multifamily development and submitted \$4.5 million in grant applications. We remain committed to our vision that communities in the Eastern Sierra thrive because everyone has access to safe, affordable, quality housing.

We have continued to strengthen and expand our partnerships. This year, we entered into an agreement with Inyo County to develop a rehabilitation loan incentive program to increase the long-term rental housing stock. Partnerships remain critical in the work that we do and we are committed to working together to produce regional housing solutions.

As we move into 2021, we have a lot of things to look forward to including a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary rebranding initiative, new homeownership programs, and progress on our commercial conversion project. In closing, I hope you will subscribe to our newsletter, attend a Board of Directors meeting, or stop by the office to learn more about the programs we offer, ways to get involved, and fundraising opportunities. It's a different world now, and we are all changed, but our mission remains to support community housing for a viable economy and a sustainable community.

In solidarity,  
Patricia



## PROGRAMS UPDATE

A Glance At The Work We Have Accomplished



### Down Payment Assistance

MLH made six home buyer assistance loans totaling more than \$675,000 to eligible households in the region in 2020.

These households represent families with members employed in recreation, government, retail, healthcare, property management, food service, and education.

One new homeowner said about their experience:

*“Working with Mammoth Lakes Housing was an enjoyable experience. Now, instead of paying rent every month, my wife and I are homeowners! I recommend Mammoth Lakes Housing to other first time home buyers in our area. Thank you MLH, we are very pleased with our experience.*

*Thank you for everything you did Patricia and staff!”*



### Deed Restriction Retention

Five deed restricted properties transferred ownership in 2020. These homes were sold to income-eligible households earning between 80-120% of the Area Median Income. One new homeowner expressed the difficulty of making life work in our community:

*“I contemplated life as I stared into the mirror at my newly arrived gray hairs. I reluctantly accepted the fact that I would never be able to purchase a residence in Mammoth. By some aspects of my self-evaluation, I was a failure. I am fortunate to work in a job field that I really enjoy. I work hard and try to do my job well. I feel like I’m part of a team. I feel like I can make a difference. But maybe it’s not enough - at least not in Mammoth. Thank you MLH... Because of you all, I am able to stay in the area that I absolutely love. I’m so grateful to live in the majestic Eastern Sierra.”*



### Emergency Rent Assistance

This program was successful because of our partnerships and dedication to supporting our community members. Funded via the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, First 5 Mono, CA Coalition for Rural Housing, and private donations totaling almost \$50,000, for nearly \$1M in contributions to assist our neighbors in need during the public health crisis and public policy response.

Through this program we assisted almost 400 households (including more than 100 children under 6) with nearly 1,000 partial rent payments to more than 150 landlords.

Operations adaptations such as a physical drop-box and online application functionality were added to facilitate access for our clients.

A virtual thank-you card was made available for recipients to express their gratitude.



### Community Resource

MLH serves as a community resource.

During 2020, we hosted three free community events.

In April 2020, we held a free home buyer education class.

In October, we convened a meeting with representatives from the Mexican Consulate to speak about resources and services.

In November, we hosted Michael Godbe, legal aid attorney, to speak to the community about the ever-changing Tenant Protections during COVID-19. This presentation included live Spanish interpretation.

Through our partnership with Mono County we hired a Latino Advocacy Coordinator and started a Spanish Facebook Page which quickly grew to 192 followers and provides information on resources throughout the community.

# COMMERCIAL CONVERSION—NEW APARTMENTS!



MLH plans to convert two commercial buildings it purchased in 2017 into eleven one-bedroom apartments, serving households earning below 80% of the Area Median Income. The project also boasts five garage spaces and seven surface parking spaces. Each apartment will be approximately 730 square feet and include a bedroom, kitchen/living area, bathroom, storage, and laundry.

MLH submitted a building permit application to the Town of Mammoth Lakes in August under SB35 Streamlining, a process designed to expedite the creation of affordable housing that meets certain criteria. In 2020, additional due diligence was completed to bring the project to a “shovel-ready” state in preparation of grant applications, including an environmental analysis and architectural plans. Staff submitted two applications to the State Department of Housing & Community Development for a total of approximately \$4.5M.

The earliest that construction could start would be Summer/Fall 2021.



## FINANCIALS July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

Revenue	\$752,790
Expenses	\$661,440
<b>Assets</b>	
CalHome Program Reuse	\$26,224
STAR Apartments	\$872,867—asset value
Meridian Court Condo	\$150,000—asset value
238 Sierra Manor Road	\$1,253,036—asset value
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,178,480</b>
Maintenance & Admin Reserves	\$478,651
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,679,000</b>

View the complete financial statements on our website.

## UPCOMING WORK PROGRAMS

- \* 20th Anniversary Rebranding!
- \* Rehabilitation Loan Program in Inyo County
- \* Homeownership Assistance in Mono County
- \* Continued implementation of Housing Action Plan items including:
  - Homeownership Assistance for 80-120% AMI within the Town of Mammoth Lakes
  - ADU Loan Programs
- \* And More!





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT**

Rush Creek Relicensing Project  
(FERC Project No 1389), Project  
Information Questionnaire

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) operating license for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389 expires January 31, 2027. Consequently, SCE is taking the initial steps required by the Federal Power Act and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to obtain a new license for the Project. The Project is located in Mono County, California and includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

### FISCAL IMPACT:

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**From:** Julie Smith <Julie.Smith@cardno.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 12:31 PM

**Cc:** David Moore <david.moore@sce.com>; Julie Smith <Julie.Smith@cardno.com>

**Subject:** Rush Creek Relicensing Project (FERC Project No 1389), Project Information Questionnaire

**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Project Stakeholder:

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) operating license for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389 (Project) expires January 31, 2027. Consequently, SCE is taking the initial steps required by the Federal Power Act and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to obtain a new license for the Project. The Project is located in Mono County, California and includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities. Complete information regarding the FERC's relicensing process and ILP is provided on FERC's website at:

<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/hydropower/licensing/licensing-processes/integrated-licensing-process-ilp>

The ILP requires that SCE prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) to be filed with FERC between five and five and one half years before the expiration of the existing license (i.e., January 31, 2022). The PAD identifies for FERC and other entities existing, relevant, and reasonably available information pertaining to the Project to help identify issues and related information needs, develop study requests and study plans, and provide the basis for analyzing potential Project impacts. To obtain information for the PAD, a license applicant uses information in its possession and relevant information obtained from others.

SCE would like your assistance identifying existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment. You and/or your organization have been identified as a potential source of information for possible inclusion in the PAD. To facilitate the collection of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information attached is a Project Information Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

The Questionnaire seeks the identification of information regarding specific resource subject areas that are addressed in the PAD, including:

Aesthetic Resources	Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species
Botanical and Wildlife Resources	Recreation Resources
Cultural Resources	Riparian and Wetland Habitats
Fish and Aquatic Resources	Socio-economic Resources
Geology and Soils	Tribal Resources
Geomorphology	Water Quality



Land Use  
Power Generation

Water Use/Water Supply  
Other

To ensure relevant information you have is available for developing the PAD, **please fill out and return the attached Questionnaire on or before April 15, 2021**. Your timely response allows for follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative that may be needed and/or helpful. Not responding on or before April 15, 2021 will indicate that you are not aware of any existing, relevant, and reasonably available information describing the existing Project environment.

Please send your response via email (preferred method) or regular mail as indicated below.

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**By U.S. Mail:** Send a hardcopy of the completed questionnaire via U.S. mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Thank you in advance for your help identifying information that meets FERC's criteria for inclusion in the PAD. If you have any questions about this request, please contact David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at (626) 302-9494, or [david.moore@sce.com](mailto:david.moore@sce.com).

March 15, 2021

**To: Project Stakeholder**

**Re: Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389  
Early Relicensing Outreach  
Project Information Questionnaire**

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Power Generation	Other

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Sincerely,

Wayne Allen  
Southern California Edison Company  
Principal Manager  
Regulatory Support Services

Attachments

1. Rush Creek Project Information Questionnaire
2. Rush Creek Project Vicinity Map

**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

**Name (required):**

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**Title/Organization:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address (required):**

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a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?

Yes

No

b. My preferred method of communication is:     Regular mail     Email     Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

Yes (If yes, complete 2a through 2c)

No (if no, go to Question 3)

a. If yes, please check the box(es) to indicate the specific resource area(s) that the information relates to:

Aesthetic Resources

Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species

Botanical and Wildlife Resources

Recreation Resources

Cultural Resources

Riparian and Wetland Habitats

Fish and Aquatic Resources

Socio-economic Resources

Geology and Soils

Tribal Resources

Geomorphology

Water Quality

Land Use

Water Use/Water Supply

Power Generation

Other

b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): *(Additional information can be provided on page 4)*

**Information or Available Documents:**

c. Please transmit a copy of the information identified in 2b via email to Julie Smith at [julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com). Information can also be submitted via U.S. Mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833. If you are unable to provide the materials, please specify where SCE can obtain the information above.

3. Based on the resources listed below, do you have any specific Project-related concerns or interests? Check all box(es) that may apply. (*Additional information can be provided on page 4*).

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical and Wildlife Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Resources                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian and Wetland Habitats         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Aquatic Resources       | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic Resources              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Resources                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Use/Water Supply                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Generation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 |

**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

4. Based on the resource area(s) identified in Question 3, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs? (*Additional information can be provided on page 4*).

- Yes (*If yes, provide information below*)       No (*If no, go to Question 5*)

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

5. Is there a representative other than yourself you would like to designate as an additional contact for potential follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative for the resource area(s) checked above? Please indicate their contact information below: *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

**Name (required):**

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**Title:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address (required):**

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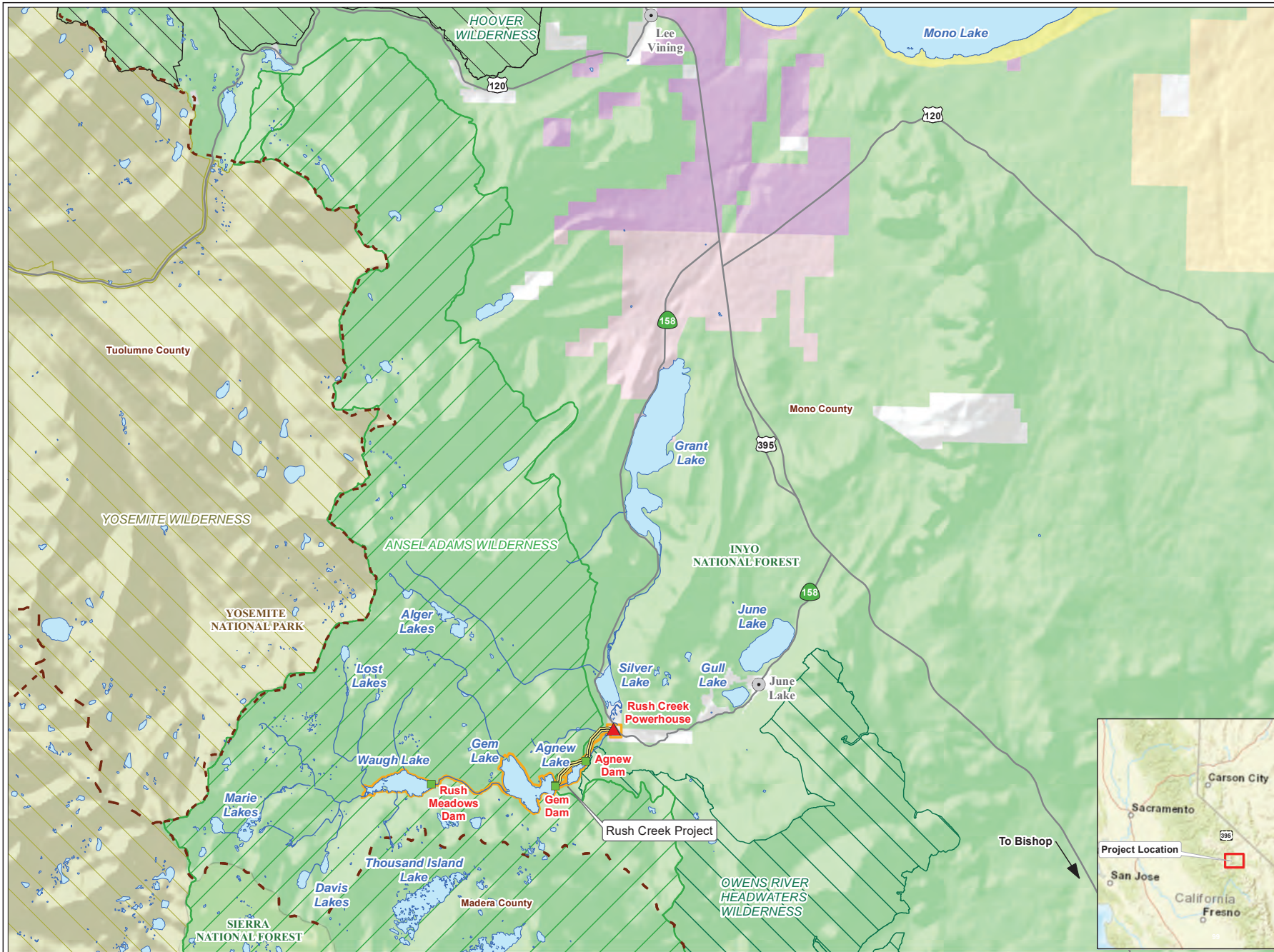
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Thank you for your time. Please provide any additional information and/or comments below.

**Additional Information or Comments:**





**SCE Facilities**

- Dam
- ▲ Powerhouse
- Flowline / Penstock
- FERC Boundary

**Other Features**

- Major City/Town
- Highway
- River/Stream
- Lake
- County Boundary

**Land Jurisdiction\***


- Local Government
- LADWP
- State Government
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Private (Blank)

\*SOURCE: BLM 2020

**National Wilderness Areas**

- Ansel Adams Wilderness
- Hoover Wilderness
- Owens River Headwaters Wilderness
- Yosemite Wilderness






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Rush Creek Project (FERC No. 1389)

**Map 1**

**Project Vicinity**



Projection: UTM Zone 11  
Datum: NAD 83

Date: 11/25/2020

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## **REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT**

Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission (FERC) Letters re:  
Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek  
Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### **AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: (1) Responses to FERC comments on the 2018 Owner's Dam Safety Program Audit; (2) Completion of Construction for 2020 Eastern Operations Dam Surveillance Camera Projects, FERC Project Nos. 1388, 1390, 1394; (3) Responses to FERC Comments on the Third Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam; (4) Responses to FERC Comments on the 11th Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam; (5) Wave-Induced Run-Up Evaluation for Tioga Lake Dams; (6) EAP High Flow Operations Plans.

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Division of Dam Safety and Inspections – San Francisco Regional Office  
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March 2, 2021

In reply refer to:  
Project Nos. See Enclosure

Mr. James A. Buerkle  
Director of Generation  
Southern California Edison Company  
1515 Walnut Grove Ave  
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: Responses to FERC Comments on the 2018 Owner's Dam Safety Program  
Audit

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a November 16, 2020 letter from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted responses and a plan and schedule to address D2SI comments regarding Southern California Edison's (SCE's) Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP) and the ODSP audit for the projects listed in the Enclosure. We have reviewed the submittal, and we have the following comments:

1. Make any necessary revisions to the organizational chart in Enclosure 2 based upon discussions during the February 17, 2021 quarterly meeting with D2SI-SFRO.
2. The plan and schedule to address Comments 3 through 11 provided in the October 2, 2020 D2SI letter by May 14, 2021 is acceptable.

We appreciate your cooperation in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Wang at (415) 369-3366 or Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank L. Blackett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

Enclosure: Projects and Dams Subject to ODSP

cc:  
Ms. Sharon Tapia, Chief  
CA Dept. of Water Resources  
Division of Safety of Dams  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

<b>SCE Western Operations Projects</b>	
<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Big Creek</b>	
67	Big Creek No. 2a, 8, and Eastwood
120	Big Creek No. 3
2017	Big Creek No. 4
2085	Mammoth Pool
2086	Vermilion Valley
2174	Portal
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2
<b>Southwest</b>	
298	Kaweah
372	Lower Tule River
382	Borel
1930	Kern River No. 1
2290	Kern River No. 3

<b>SCE Eastern Operations Projects</b>	
<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Bishop/Mono</b>	
1388	Lee Vining Creek
1389	Rush Creek
1390	Lundy (Mill Creek)
1394	Bishop Creek
<b>Los Angeles Basin</b>	
344	San Gorgonio No. 1 and No. 2
1932	Lytle Creek
1933	Santa Ana River Nos. 1 and 3
1934	Mill Creek Nos. 2 and 3

<b>SCE Western Operations Dams</b>	
<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Dam Name</b>
67	Big Creek Dam No. 5
67	Florence Lake
67	Mono Creek Diversion
67	Shaver Lake
67	Shaver Dike
67	Chinquapin Creek Diversion
67	Balsam Meadow Forebay Main
67	Balsam Meadow Forebay Dike

67	Crater Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
67	North Slide Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
67	South Slide Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
67	Hooper Creek Diversion
67	Tombstone Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
67	Camp 62 Creek Diversion
67	Bolsillo Creek Diversion
67	Pitman Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
67	Bear Creek Diversion
120	Big Creek Dam No. 6
2017	Big Creek Dam No. 7 (Redinger Lake)
2085	Mammoth Pool
2085	Ross Creek Diversion
2085	Rock Creek Diversion
2085	Daulton Creek Diversion
2086	Vermilion (Lake Thomas Edison)
2086	Warm Creek Diversion
2174	Portal Forebay Main
2174	Portal Forebay Dike
2175	Big Creek Dam No. 4
2175	Big Creek Dam No. 1 (Huntington Lake)
2175	Big Creek Dam No. 2 (Huntington Lake)
2175	Big Creek Dam No. 3 (Huntington Lake)
2175	Big Creek Dam No. 3a (Huntington Lake)
2175	Balsam Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
2175	Eley Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
2175	Adit 8 Creek Diversion
298	East Fork Diversion (Kaweah No.1)
298	Middle Fork Diversion (Kaweah No. 2)
372	North Fork Diversion (Tule)
372	South Fork Diversion (Tule)
382	Borel Canal
382	Kern River Diversion Weir
382	Borel Settling Basin Dike
382	Borel Settling Basin Overflow Weir
1930	Kern Diversion (Democrat Dam)
1930	Kern River No. 1 Forebay
2290	Fairview Diversion (Kern No. 3)
2290	Corral Creek Diversion (Kern No. 3)
2290	Salmon Creek Diversion (Kern No. 3)

SCE Eastern Operations Dams	
Project No.	Dam, Canal, or Conduit Name
1388	Saddlebag Lake
1388	Tioga Lake Main
1388	Tioga Lake Auxiliary
1388	Rhinedollar
1389	Rush Meadows
1389	Gem Lake
1389	Agnew Lake
1390	Lundy Lake (Mill Creek)
1394	Hillside (South Lake)
1394	Sabrina
1394	Bishop Creek Intake No. 2
1394	Green Creek Diversion (Inoperative)
1394	Longley
1394	Bishop Creek Intake No. 3
1394	Bishop Creek Intake No. 4
1394	Bishop Creek Intake No. 5
1394	Bishop Creek Intake No. 6
1394	McGee Creek Diversion
1394	Birch Creek West Diversion
1394	South Fork Diversion
344	East Fork Diversion
344	South Fork Diversion
344	Black Wheel Creek Diversion
1932	Lytle Creek Diversion
1933	Break Neck Creek Diversion
1933	Santa Ana River Diversion
1933	Bear Creek Diversion
1933	Keller Creek Diversion
1933	Alder Creek Diversion
1934	Mill Creek No. 2 Forebay
1934	Mill Creek No. 3 Forebay
1934	Mill Creek No. 3 Diversion



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March 5, 2021

In reply refer to:  
Project Nos. 1388, 1390, and  
1394-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle  
Director of Generation  
Southern California Edison Company  
1515 Walnut Grove Ave  
Rosemead, CA 91770-3710

Re: Completion of Construction for 2020 Eastern Operations Dam Surveillance Camera  
Projects, FERC Project Nos. 1388, 1390, 1394

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated February 12, 2021 from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the final construction report and the final as-built drawings for the 2020 Eastern Operations dam surveillance camera Projects, which are part of the Lee Vinning Creek Project, Lundy Lake Dam Project and Bishop Creek Project, FERC Nos. 1388, 1390, and 1394. We have reviewed the submittal and we have the following comment.

- Submit the signed construction certifications using the sample forms that were provided in our June 30, 2020 construction authorization letter. If it is still not possible to have the certifications notarized due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, fill out the forms without having it notarized.

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

cc:

Ms. Sharon Tapia, Chief  
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March 9, 2021

In reply refer to:  
Project No. 1388-CA

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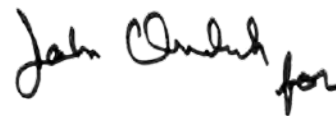
Re: Responses to FERC Comments on the Third Independent Consultant's Safety  
Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam (Lee Vining Creek FERC Project No. 1388-  
CA)

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated February 24, 2021 from Mr. Wayne Allen that responded to our comments on the Third Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Rhinedollar Dam, which is part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388. We have reviewed the response and it is acceptable. SCE's plan and schedule to submit the updated STID by June 30, 2021 is acceptable.

We appreciate your cooperation in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,

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Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

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March 9, 2021

In reply refer to:  
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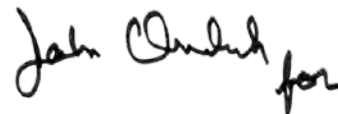
Re: Responses to FERC Comments on the 11th Independent Consultant's Safety  
Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam (FERC Project No. 1388-CA)

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated February 22, 2021 from Mr. Wayne Allen that responded to our comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Saddlebag Dam, which is part of the Lee Vinning Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388. We have reviewed the response and it is acceptable. SCE's plan and schedule to submit the updated STID by June 30, 2021 is accepted.

We appreciate your cooperation in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,

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Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
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March 11, 2021

In reply, refer to:  
Project No. 1388-CA

Mr. James A. Buerkle  
Director of Generation  
Southern California Edison Company  
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Re: Wave-Induced Run-Up Evaluation for Tioga Lake Dams

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to letters dated June 17, 2020 and September 8, 2020, from Mr. Wayne Allen that transmitted supplemental information for the Wave-Induced Run-Up Evaluation of the Tioga Lake Dams, part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388. We have reviewed the submittals and we have the following comments:

1. For this study, we concur with your approach of using USBR's Design Standards No. 13, Chapter 6 (DS-13-6) for wave height calculations and the EurOtop Manual for converting these wave heights into overtopping discharges for use in your seepage, stability, and erosion evaluations. We understand that you selected the EurOtop Manual to calculate overtopping discharge because DS-13-6 does not provide specific calculations for this value. If you decide to use the EurOtop Manual in future studies for other projects, please consult with us in advance to discuss its applicability.
2. We note that significant wave height is a key input for the EurOtop's discharge calculations, but that wind-generated setup and wave runup are neglected. However, DS-13-6 calculations for setup and runup should still be included in your report as a reference of available freeboard or height of overtopping. Also, a wind-generated vertical rise in stillwater level (i.e. setup) may be present during the evaluated scenarios but was not included in your overtopping discharge calculations. Reevaluate your overtopping discharges by including setup or justify why it should be excluded.

3. Provide wave and overtopping calculations for the longest unobstructed fetch corresponding to both the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) and Normal Reservoir Water Surface (NRWS) elevations. Based off aerial imagery, the fetch lengths for the scenarios evaluated may be significantly longer than the fetch length used in your calculations. While we note that wave heights may be reduced when longer fetches intersect the dam with an angle of incidence that is not perpendicular to its centerline, the resultant wave heights and overtopping discharges may still be higher than those presented in this submittal. The highest resultant significant wave heights should be used in your evaluations.
4. Appendix B.4 of DS-13-6 recommends that the wave height be selected based on the ability of the crest and downstream slope to withstand overtopping by wave action. For example, a wave height equal to the average height of the highest 10 percent of the waves (1.27 x height of significant wave) is recommended when the crest and downstream slope are adequately protected against erosion or will not slough or soften excessively, or when public traffic will not be interrupted. A wave height equal to 1.67 multiplied by the height of the significant wave should be used if overtopping by only an infrequent wave is permissible. Select and justify an appropriate ratio of specific wave height to significant wave height (not to be less than 1) based on your assessment of the ability of Tioga Dam to withstand overtopping.
5. Reevaluate, as appropriate, your seepage, stability, and erosion analyses based on the revised wave and overtopping discharge calculations. Material parameters used to complete the seepage and stability analyses, and the basis of their selection, should be included in your report.
6. The report includes erosion estimates by two methods. Clarify the statement that three different methods were obtained from the USBR and whether a third method was used in the evaluation.

Within 45 days from the date of this letter, please provide a response to our comments or submit a plan and schedule to address our comments. We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact or Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

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March 18, 2021

In reply refer to:  
Project Nos. See Enclosure

Mr. James A. Buerkle  
Director of Generation  
Southern California Edison Company  
1515 Walnut Grove Ave  
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Re: EAP High Flow Operations Plans

Dear Mr. Buerkle:

This is in response to a letter dated February 24, 2021 from Mr. Wayne Allen that submitted the plan and schedule to revise the Emergency Action High Flow Operations Plans for the dams listed in the Enclosure. The plan and schedule to revise the High Flow Operations Plans for Southern California Edison dams in the next EAP updates/reprints and by December 31, 2021 are acceptable.

We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission's public safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Wang at (415) 369-3366 for Western Operations Projects or Mr. Rakesh Saigal at (415) 369-3317 for Eastern Operations Projects.

Sincerely,



Frank L. Blackett, P.E.  
Regional Engineer

Enclosure

cc:

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Enclosure – Southern California Edison Dams

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Dam Name</b>
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Florence Lake Dam
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Shaver Lake Dam
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Big Creek Dam No. 5
67	Big Creek No. 2A, No. 8, and Eastwood	Balsam Meadow Dam
120	Big Creek No. 3	Big Creek Dam No. 6
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Rhinedollar Dam
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Tioga Dam
1388	Lee Vining Creek	Saddlebag Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Agnew Lake Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Gem Lake Dam
1389	Rush Creek	Rush Meadows Dam
1390	Lundy	Lundy Lake Dam
1394	Bishop Creek	Hillside Dam
1394	Bishop Creek	Sabrina
1394	Bishop Creek	Bishop Intake No. 2
2017	Big Creek No. 4	Big Creek dam No. 7
2085	Mammoth Pool	Mammoth Pool Dam
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2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 2
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 3
2175	Big Creek No. 1 and No. 2	Big Creek Dam No. 4



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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Notice of Availability of a Final  
Supplemental Environmental Impact  
Report for the Casa Diablo IV Project

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is publishing the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

**SEND COPIES TO:**

**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

YES  NO

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3/24/2021 12:52 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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**From:** CDIVSupplementalEIR <CDIVSupplementalEIR@esassoc.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 3:41 PM

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Casa Diablo IV Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2011041008)

**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

To Interested Parties for the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project,

On behalf of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District), please see the attached Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). The Final SEIR was re-published today March 22, 2020 with minor clarifications to the FSEIR published January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The FSEIR and NOA are available on the District's website <https://gbuapcd.org/PermittingAndRules/cd4/>. If you have any questions about the Final SEIR, please contact Luke Eisenhardt, Air Quality Specialist at (760) 872-8211.

Please do not reply to this message. Instead, please direct all communication to the District by email at [permits@gbuapcd.org](mailto:permits@gbuapcd.org), or by mail or phone using the contact information provided below.

Luke Eisenhardt  
Air Quality Specialist  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street  
Bishop, CA 93514-3537  
(760) 872-8211

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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## Casa Diablo IV

**Date:** March 22, 2021

**To:** State Clearinghouse, the Public, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Casa Diablo IV Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2011041008)

**Project Title:** Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project Supplemental EIR

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is publishing the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Power Plant Project (Project).

**Background:** The District prepared the Draft SEIR in response to the 2019 Appellate Court’s decision in *Covington v. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District* (2019) 43 Cal.App.5th 867, which addressed a CEQA challenge to the 2013 Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for this Project.

In response to that decision, the District prepared and circulated a Draft SEIR for public comment that contained information and analysis that supplemented the 2013 Final EIS/EIR to adequately inform the public and local officials in the planning and decision-making process regarding two potential and additional mitigation measures to address reactive organic gas (ROG) emissions from the plant: (1) a stronger leak detection and repair (LDAR) program, and (2) the additional use of leakless or low-leak technology. The Draft SEIR was available for public review for 47 days. The comment period began on August 27, 2020, was extended once, and ultimately concluded on October 13, 2020. This Final SEIR responds to public comment received on the Draft SEIR.

## PROJECT LOCATION

The Project would be located on public land (BLM Geothermal Lease # CACA-11667 and CACA-11667A) in Sections 29 and 32, Township 3 South, and Range 28 East Mount Diablo (MD) Base and Meridian (B&M). This location is approximately two miles east of the Town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County, California. A location map of the Project area is attached to this Notice as **Figure 1**. The Project has not changed since it was initially approved by the District and the BLM. It includes construction, operation and maintenance of a geothermal power plant and up to 16 geothermal resource wells (some

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new and some existing) and associated pipelines on portions of BLM Geothermal Leases CACA-11667, CACA-14407, CACA-14408 and CACA-11672 located within the Inyo National Forest in Section 25, 26, and 36 of T3S, R27E and Sections 30, 31 and 32 of T3S, R28E, MD B&M. The Project is proposed entirely within the Mono-Long Valley Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA) in Mono County, California.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ormat Nevada Inc. (ORNI 50, LLC, or the Applicant) proposes to build, and following the expected 30-year useful life, decommission the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project in the vicinity of the existing Mammoth Pacific L.P. (MPLP) geothermal complex (**Figure 2**). The Project would consist of the following facilities:

1. A geothermal power plant consisting of two Ormat Energy Converter (OEC) binary generating units (21.2 MW gross each) with vaporizers, turbines, generators, air-cooled condensers, preheaters, pumps and piping, and related ancillary equipment. The gross power generation of the plant would be 42.4 MW. The estimated auxiliary and parasitic loads (power used within the Project for circulation pumps, fans, well pumps, loss in transformers and cables) is about 9.4 MW, thus providing a net power output of about 33 MW. Additional components of the power plant would include:
    - b) A motive fluid system consisting of motive fluid (n-pentane) storage vessels (either one or two vessels in the range of 9,000 to 12,000 gallons) and motive fluid vapor recovery systems (VRUs). Each VRU would consist of a diaphragm pump and a vacuum pump.
    - c) A new substation that would be constructed on the power plant site and would be connected to the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) Casa Diablo Substation at Substation Road.
    - d) An overhead 33 kV transmission line approximately 650 feet (198 meters) long that would connect the power plant substation with the SCE Casa Diablo Substation.
  2. Up to 16 geothermal wells are proposed. Fourteen of the wells would be located in the Basalt Canyon area and two wells would be located southeast of the proposed power plant east of U.S. Highway 395. The specific locations for these wells would be selected out of 18 possible locations (Figure 2). The actual number of wells required may be fewer depending on the productivity of the wells. The final number and location of wells would be determined by modeling and actual drilling results. Approximately half of the wells would be production wells and the other half would be injection wells. Each production well would range in depth from 1,600 to 2,000 feet below ground surface (bgs) and each injection well would be drilled to approximately 2,500 feet bgs. Production wells would be equipped with a down-hole pump powered by a surface electric motor. Thirteen (13) of the 18 potential well locations in the Project area were analyzed and approved for exploratory well development during previous environmental reviews. Two of these previously approved exploratory wells were drilled in 2011.
  3. Piping would extend from the production wells to the power plant and from the power plant to the individual injection wells. Two main pipelines would parallel the existing Basalt Canyon pipeline and would cross beneath U.S. Highway 395 between the well field and the power plant site (Figure 2). Where pipelines must cross another pipeline or a road, the crossings would be underground.
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4. Power and control cables for the wells would be installed in above-ground cable trays placed on the pipeline supports. Ancillary facilities would include pumps, tanks, valves, controls, and flow monitoring equipment.

## Availability of the Final SEIR

An electronic version of the Final SEIR is posted on the District's website: <https://gbuapcd.org/cd4/>. The Final SEIR is also available for public review during normal working hours at the following location:

Primary Agency Contact: Luke Eisenhardt, Air Quality Specialist  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street  
Bishop, CA 93514-3537

For general questions and assistance, please email [permits@gbuapcd.org](mailto:permits@gbuapcd.org) or mail to Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, CA, 93514-3537.

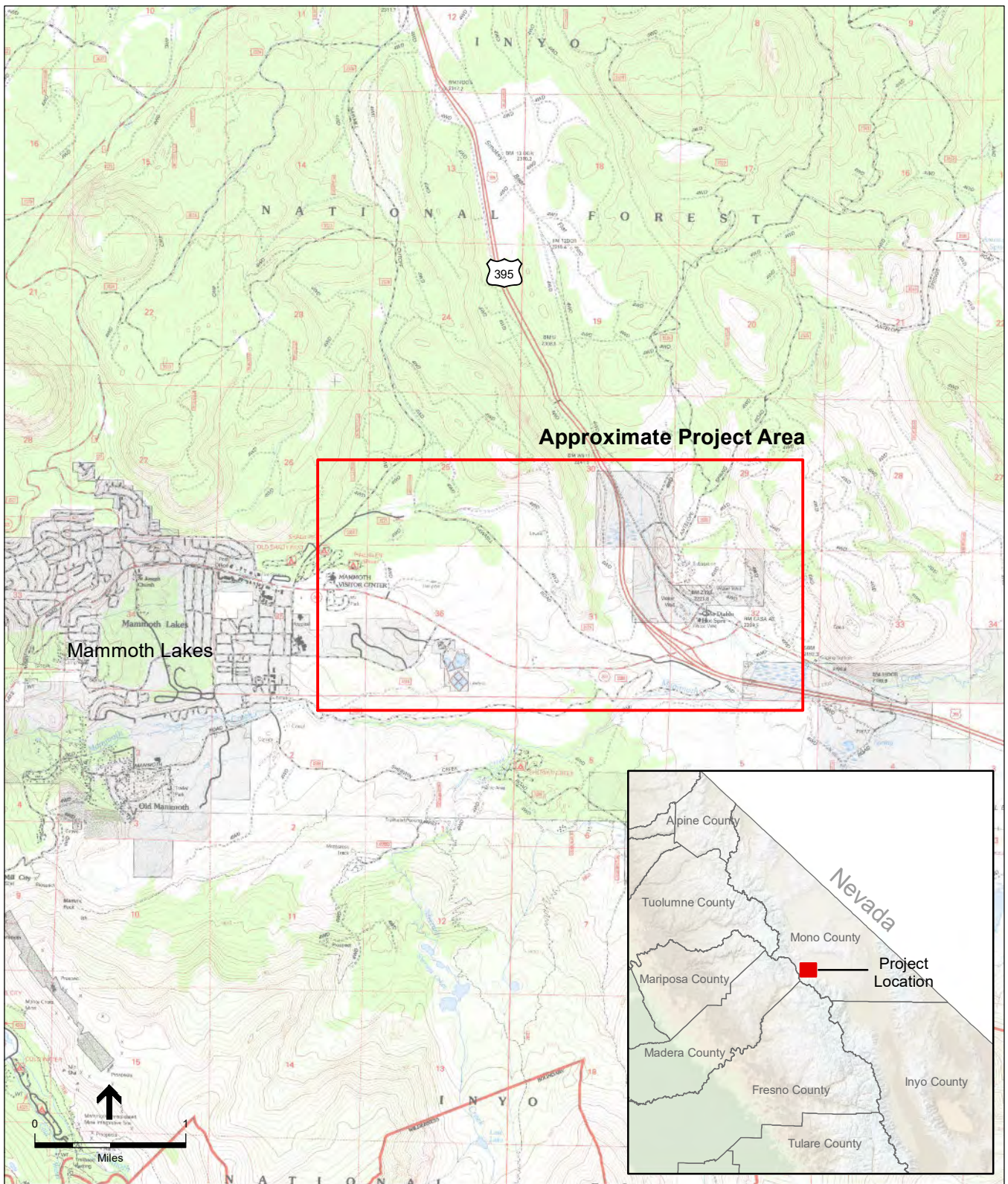
If there are any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Mr. Luke Eisenhardt, Air Quality Specialist, at (760) 872-8211.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

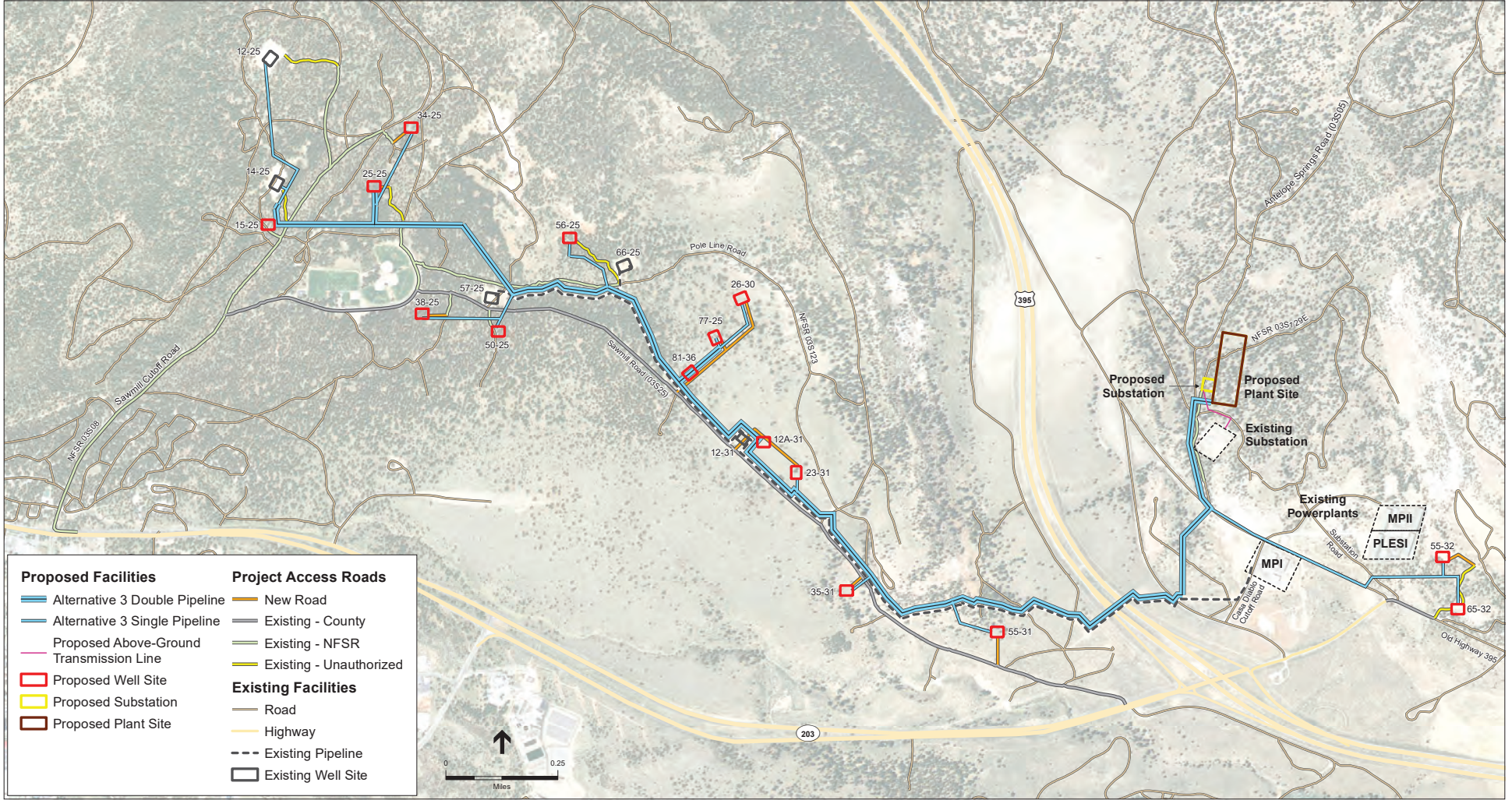
Phillip L. Kiddoo  
Air Pollution Control Officer





SOURCE: USGS 7.5- minute Old Mammoth topographic quadrangle, 1984

Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Project  
**Figure 1**  
 Project Vicinity Map  
 Mono County, California





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Letter from John Stavlo re: Equity

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Letter from John Stavlo regarding equity in Mono County.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

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**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

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## WHY NOT EQUITY?

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“Equity”; what a nice word. Who would ever be opposed to equity? Our so-called governmental leaders throw the word “equity” around as if it is the next best thing our society should be pursuing. These leaders, including our Mono County Supervisors, are now in the pursuit of “equity” even though they have not said what equity is and how we would achieve it. So, let us start with a working definition of “equity”. In the 4 March 2021 edition of the Wall Street Journal, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Chicago, Charles Lipson states the following definitions of “equity” and “equality”:

Equality means equal treatment, unbiased competition, and impartially judged outcomes.

Equity means equal outcomes, achieved if necessary, by unequal treatment, biased competition, and preferential judging.

In other words, the government can treat one group of people differently than other groups of people to achieve “equal outcomes”. This allows the government to discriminate against its citizens in the process of trying to achieve equal outcomes, i.e., “equity”. This is exactly why I oppose our government getting involved in “equity”.

Every elected Mono County official takes an oath of office to uphold the constitutions of the U.S. Government and the State of California. Neither of these constitutions embody the concept of “equity”. Both constitutions only use the word “Equality”.

In 1996 the California voters passed proposition 209 which added section 31 to the California Constitutions Declaration of rights which said:

(a) The State shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

In 2020, our state legislature placed proposition 16 on the ballot to try to overturn Sec 31 of our constitution and it would have allowed our government to discriminate against citizens and groups of citizens. Proposition 16 would have

placed us on the road to “equity”. The Mono County Board should take note that over 66% of our citizens that voted in the November 2020 election voted no on proposition 16.

On 9 February 2021, our County Board of Supervisors voted \$30,000 towards JEDI programs, e.g., Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. So, our county government is definitely considering “equity”.

On 15 September 2020, Dr. Jei Africa made a presentation to some members of the Mono County Board and employees titled “Moving Towards Equity”. The video can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ltEDTUbp4&t=10s>.

At approximately 30 minutes and 48 seconds into the video Dr. Africa stated the following: “You have decision making capabilities to change policies, practice, funding, and purview overseeing county services...”. What he basically said is that “you the employees have the power to move to equity on your own and you can do it this way”. Possibly Dr. Africa misstated what he was trying to say. However, his statement demonstrates exactly how “Equity” could be implemented while bypassing our constitutions. If the Mono County Government wants to pursue “equity”, follow the constitution.

This process of achieving equity is fraught with disregard for our constitutions and our laws. The county has given itself the authority to “Move Towards Equity” while disregarding our constitution. Recently a Mono County employee used the term “Bad Equity” in referring to parking in regards to affordable housing. A County Supervisor used the phrase, “That the parking must speak to inherent, closeted discrimination...” I ask our County Board of Supervisors and District Attorney Tim Kendall: “How will you prevent this Move Towards Equity” from violating our state and federal constitutions and laws”? How will you prevent our county government employees from developing policies, practices, funding, and with their purview over county services from discriminating against our citizens?

In conclusion, I thank our Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless for taking the time to respond to a previous letter that I sent to the County Board of Supervisors. Stacy spent a significant amount of time responding to my questions and providing me sources of information to pursue in order to understand what the county is doing in regards to “Equity”. Thank you for your help.

John Stavlo





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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT** Letter from Gary Nelson re: Speeding  
Vehicles in Mono County

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Letter from Gary Nelson regarding speeding vehicles in Mono County and request for the Board of Supervisors to sponsor a resolution of support for Assembly Bill 550.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

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**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

YES  NO

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Time	Who	Approval
3/30/2021 4:40 PM	County Counsel	Yes
3/29/2021 11:34 AM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:34 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes

3-25-21  
Mono County Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box 237  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Gary J. Nelson  
P.O. Box 273  
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Dear Board Members,

Last January I had to update my personal observations record under the category of fastest speed indicated on the radar Speed Limit sign (30 MPH) just North of Lee Vining. A sedan passed me and entered the High School Speed Zone at 68 miles per hour. No brake lights were observed on the car as it transited Lee Vining from North to South in around 23 seconds. I doubt that the driver even noticed the three crosswalks.

Ironically, just a few weeks earlier the CHP made a maximum one day effort in Lee Vining which resulted in numerous citations being issued. My friend commented, as the officers left town that afternoon, that they had probably run out of ticket books.

The CHP do a really good job, but are spread pretty thin here in the Eastern Sierra. They are facing ever greater numbers of vehicles. Advances in technology have produced vehicles capable of ever higher speeds.

I believe that it is time to utilize technology to mitigate the dangers of vehicles speeding through our Eastside communities. Radar actuated cameras are available. Areas where these cameras are being used have reported significant reductions in speed related accidents. Vehicles approaching these cameras traveling at or above a fixed speed exceeding the limit (trigger speed) will see a flash of light as their picture is taken. The picture shows color, make, model, license plate, and speed of the vehicle vs. posted speed limit. The location of these cameras would be shown on map and direction software, providing advanced warning.

Assembly Bill 550 was recently introduced in the California State Assembly. A copy is attached. This bill would authorize Caltrans to establish and implement a pilot program using speed enforcement camera systems.

I would like to emphatically request that the Board sponsor a Resolution of Support for AB550 and send it to our state representatives; State Assemblymember Franklin Bigelow and State Senator Andreas Borgeas. The Board has likely established working relationships with these gentlemen, and could convey to them the importance of this Bill to the people of Mono County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gary Nelson  
Mono City

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 22, 2021

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 550**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu**  
*(Principal coauthor: Senator Wiener)*  
***(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ting and Wicks)***

February 10, 2021

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~~An act to amend Section 21950 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.~~ *An act to add and repeal Article 3 (commencing with Section 22425) of Chapter 7 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 550, as amended, Chiu. ~~Pedestrian safety.~~ *Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program.*

*Existing law establishes a basic speed law that prohibits a person from driving a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent given the weather, visibility, traffic, and highway conditions, and in no event at a speed that endangers the safety of persons or property.*

*This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to, on or before July 1, 2022, develop and adopt guidelines for the implementation of pilot programs that, in the judgment of the secretary, are designed to promote the safe operation of vehicles and the reduction of speed-related fatalities and injuries by authorizing the limited use of speed safety systems, as defined. In developing the guidelines, the bill would require the secretary to, among other things, consult with certain entities, including the Department of Transportation and local governments, and work collaboratively with privacy stakeholders to*



*consider and adopt guidelines regarding privacy and use of data, as specified. The bill would require the secretary to post the final adopted guidelines on the Transportation Agency’s internet website and submit the guidelines to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.*

*The bill would authorize the Department of Transportation and a local department of transportation to, 30 days after the submission of the guidelines to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, establish and implement a pilot program using speed safety systems as long as the program meets specified requirements, including that the program policies comply with the guidelines adopted by the secretary. The bill would require the Department of Transportation and local departments of transportation that establish a pilot program under these provisions to submit an evaluation report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature within 2 years from the date the pilot program commences and annually thereafter. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2027.*

*Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.*

*This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.*

~~Existing law imposes various requirements relating to pedestrian safety, including requiring the driver of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as specified.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2     *following:*
- 3     (a) *Speed is a major factor in traffic collisions that result in*
- 4     *fatalities or injuries.*

1     ***(b) State and local agencies employ a variety of methods to***  
2 ***reduce speeding, including traffic engineering, education, and***  
3 ***enforcement.***

4     ***(c) Traffic speed enforcement is critical to efforts in California***  
5 ***to reduce factors that contribute to traffic collisions that result in***  
6 ***fatalities or injuries.***

7     ***(d) However, traditional enforcement methods have had a***  
8 ***well-documented disparate impact on communities of color, and***  
9 ***implicit or explicit racial bias in police traffic stops puts drivers***  
10 ***of color at risk.***

11     ***(e) Additional tools, including speed safety systems, are***  
12 ***available to assist cities and the state in addressing excessive***  
13 ***speeding and speed-related crashes.***

14     ***(f) Speed safety systems offer a high rate of detection, and, in***  
15 ***conjunction with education and traffic engineering, can***  
16 ***significantly reduce speeding, improve traffic safety, and prevent***  
17 ***traffic-related fatalities and injuries, including roadway worker***  
18 ***fatalities.***

19     ***(g) Multiple speed safety system programs implemented in other***  
20 ***states and cities outside of California have proven successful in***  
21 ***reducing speeding and addressing traffic safety concerns.***

22     ***(h) The Transportation Agency’s “CalSTA Report of Findings:***  
23 ***AB 2363 Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force,” issued in January***  
24 ***2020, concluded that international and domestic studies show that***  
25 ***speed safety systems are an effective countermeasure to speeding***  
26 ***that can deliver meaningful safety improvements, and identified***  
27 ***several policy considerations that speed safety system program***  
28 ***guidelines could consider.***

29     ***(i) In a 2017 study, the National Transportation Safety Board***  
30 ***(NTSB) analyzed studies of speed safety system programs, and***  
31 ***found they offered significant safety improvements in the forms of***  
32 ***reduction in mean speeds, reduction in the likelihood of speeding***  
33 ***more than 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit, and***  
34 ***reduction in the likelihood that a crash involved a severe injury***  
35 ***or fatality. The same study recommended that all states remove***  
36 ***obstacles to speed safety system programs to increase the use of***  
37 ***this proven approach, and notes that programs should be explicitly***  
38 ***authorized by state legislation without operational and location***  
39 ***restrictions.***

1 (j) *The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*  
2 *(NHTSA) gives speed safety systems the maximum 5-star*  
3 *effectiveness rating. NHTSA issued speed enforcement camera*  
4 *systems operational guidelines in 2008, and is expected to release*  
5 *revised guidelines in 2021 that should further inform the*  
6 *development of state guidelines.*

7 (k) *Speed safety systems can advance equity by improving*  
8 *reliability and fairness in traffic enforcement while making*  
9 *speeding enforcement more predictable, effective, and broadly*  
10 *implemented, all of which helps change driver behavior.*

11 (l) *Enforcing speed limits using speed safety systems on streets*  
12 *and in highway work zones where speeding drivers create*  
13 *dangerous roadway environments is a reliable and cost-effective*  
14 *means to prevent further fatalities and injuries.*

15 SEC. 2. *Article 3 (commencing with Section 22425) is added*  
16 *to Chapter 7 of Division 11 of the Vehicle Code, to read:*

17  
18 *Article 3. Speed Safety Systems Pilot Program*

19  
20 22425. *As used in this article, the following definitions shall*  
21 *apply:*

22 (a) *“Individual with low income” means an individual with a*  
23 *household income less than 125 percent of the federal poverty*  
24 *level or who receives CalFresh benefits, Supplemental Security*  
25 *Income (SSI), or Medi-Cal benefits.*

26 (b) *“Local department of transportation” means a city, county,*  
27 *or city and county’s department of transportation or, if a city or*  
28 *county does not have a department of transportation, the city or*  
29 *county administrative division, including, but not limited to, a*  
30 *public works department that administers the city’s or county’s*  
31 *transportation and traffic matters under this code.*

32 (c) *“Public safety vehicle” means an authorized emergency*  
33 *vehicle, as defined in Section 165.*

34 (d) *“Speed safety system” means a fixed or mobile radar or*  
35 *laser system or any other electronic device that utilizes automated*  
36 *equipment to detect a violation of speeding laws and is designed*  
37 *to obtain a clear photograph, video recording, or other visual*  
38 *image of a vehicle license plate.*

1 (e) “Work zone” means a highway construction or maintenance  
2 area, during any time when traffic is regulated or restricted  
3 through or around that area pursuant to Section 21367.

4 22426. (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Secretary of  
5 Transportation shall develop and adopt guidelines for the  
6 implementation of the pilot programs described in Section 22427  
7 that, in the judgment of the secretary, are designed to promote the  
8 safe operation of vehicles and the reduction of speed-related  
9 fatalities and injuries by authorizing the limited use of speed safety  
10 systems. The secretary shall convene at least two public workshops  
11 to receive and consider public comments regarding draft guidelines  
12 prior to adoption, and shall post the draft guidelines on the  
13 Transportation Agency’s internet website at least 30 days prior  
14 to the first public workshop.

15 (b) In developing the guidelines, the secretary shall do all of  
16 the following:

17 (1) Consult, at a minimum, with the Department of  
18 Transportation, the Department of the California Highway Patrol,  
19 the State Department of Public Health, local governments, and  
20 relevant stakeholder organizations. The secretary shall also  
21 consider and incorporate best practices from speed enforcement  
22 camera systems operational guidelines from the National Highway  
23 Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

24 (2) Work collaboratively with privacy stakeholders to consider  
25 and adopt guidelines regarding privacy and use of data, including,  
26 but not limited to, all of the following:

27 (A) The Department of Transportation or local department of  
28 transportation shall adopt a speed safety system use policy that  
29 includes the specific purpose for the system, the uses that are  
30 authorized and uses that are prohibited, the rules and processes  
31 required prior to that use, including policies on the data or  
32 information that can be collected, individuals who have access to  
33 that data, and provisions for protecting, retaining, and disposing  
34 of that data.

35 (B) The use of facial recognition technology in a speed safety  
36 system program shall be prohibited.

37 (C) Notwithstanding Sections 6253 and 6262 of the Government  
38 Code or any other law, photographic, video, or other visual or  
39 administrative records made by a speed safety system shall be  
40 confidential. The Department of Transportation and local

1 departments of transportation shall use, and allow access to, these  
2 records only for the purposes authorized by this article or to assess  
3 the impact of the use of speed safety systems.

4 (D) If any confidential information is collected by the  
5 Department of Transportation or a local department of  
6 transportation from the Department of Motor Vehicles, that  
7 information shall be held confidential, and shall not be used for  
8 any other purpose.

9 (E) Information collected and maintained under a pilot program  
10 authorized under this article shall only be used to administer the  
11 speed safety system program, and shall not be disclosed to any  
12 other persons, including, but not limited to, any other state or  
13 federal agency or official for any other purpose, except as required  
14 by state or federal law, court order, or in response to a subpoena  
15 in an individual case or proceeding.

16 (3) Work collaboratively with racial equity and economic justice  
17 groups to ensure equity considerations are included in all aspects  
18 of the development and administration of the guidelines, including,  
19 but not limited to, both of the following:

20 (A) An evaluation of the impacts of the pilot programs on  
21 low-income and predominantly minority communities where the  
22 pilot programs may be implemented.

23 (B) Consideration of the fiscal impacts of the pilot program on  
24 individuals with low income, including, for any civil penalties  
25 established under a pilot program, the Department of  
26 Transportation or a local department of transportation shall offer  
27 a diversion program for certain individuals with low income who  
28 are found in violation of a speed law under the pilot program,  
29 including, but not limited to, the option to pay applicable fines,  
30 fees, and penalties over time under a payment program, to enroll  
31 in a community service program in lieu of payment, and the  
32 establishment of reduced fines, fees, and penalties for qualifying  
33 individuals with low income.

34 (4) Determine procedures for issuing, contesting, and paying  
35 citations, and the amount of the citation. Notwithstanding any  
36 other law, a violation of Section 22350, or any other speed law,  
37 that is recorded by a speed safety system shall be subject only to  
38 a civil penalty, in a total amount, which includes any additional  
39 fees, not to exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125), and  
40 shall not result in the Department of Motor Vehicles suspending

1 or revoking the privilege of a violator to drive a motor vehicle or  
2 in a violation point being assessed against the violator. The  
3 procedures for contesting a citation shall include an opportunity  
4 to appeal for a hearing on the matter, and the procedures for  
5 payment of the civil penalties shall be consistent with the  
6 considerations described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3).

7 (5) Evaluate and include best practices on speed safety system  
8 placement, speed thresholds, public notice, a warning phase,  
9 adjudication, use of revenue, system calibration, community  
10 engagement, program operations, and oversight.

11 (c) Upon adoption of the guidelines, the Secretary shall post  
12 the final adopted guidelines on the agency's internet website and  
13 submit the guidelines to the appropriate policy committees of the  
14 Legislature.

15 (d) The Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing  
16 with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the  
17 Government Code) does not apply to the development and adoption  
18 of guidelines pursuant to this article.

19 22427. (a) The pilot programs described in this section may  
20 commence 30 days after the secretary submits the adopted  
21 guidelines to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature  
22 pursuant to Section 22426.

23 (b) The Department of Transportation, in collaboration with  
24 the Department of the California Highway Patrol, may establish  
25 a work zone pilot program using speed safety systems that meets  
26 all of the following requirements:

27 (1) The program policies comply with the guidelines adopted  
28 pursuant to Section 22426.

29 (2) The program is implemented in an active work zone on a  
30 highway under the department's jurisdiction.

31 (3) If the highway under the department's jurisdiction functions  
32 as a local road, the program shall have a written agreement with  
33 the local transportation department acting through its department  
34 head.

35 (4) The program requires the collection of data to support the  
36 evaluation report required pursuant to Section 22428.

37 (c) (1) A local department of transportation may, by ordinance  
38 or resolution, establish and implement a local streets pilot program  
39 using speed safety systems that meets all of the following  
40 requirements:

1 (A) *The program policies comply with the guidelines adopted*  
2 *pursuant to Section 22426.*

3 (B) *The program requires community engagement to inform the*  
4 *community about the implementation of the program.*

5 (C) *A local department of transportation may include speed*  
6 *safety systems in school zones under its pilot program.*

7 (D) *The program requires the collection of data to support the*  
8 *evaluation report required pursuant to Section 22428.*

9 (2) *A local department of transportation may include speed*  
10 *safety systems in school zones.*

11 (d) *An operator of a public safety vehicle shall not be found to*  
12 *be in violation of a speed law under a pilot program established*  
13 *pursuant to this article.*

14 22428. (a) *The Department of Transportation, in collaboration*  
15 *with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, shall submit*  
16 *an evaluation report for a work zone pilot program it establishes*  
17 *pursuant to Section 22427 to the appropriate committees of the*  
18 *Legislature within two years from the date the pilot program*  
19 *commences and annually thereafter.*

20 (b) *A local department of transportation with a local streets*  
21 *pilot program established pursuant to Section 22427 shall submit*  
22 *an evaluation report for the pilot program to the appropriate*  
23 *committees of the Legislature within two years from the date the*  
24 *pilot program commences and annually thereafter.*

25 (c) *The pilot program evaluation reports shall include, at a*  
26 *minimum, an analysis of the impacts related to all of the guidelines*  
27 *described in subdivision (b) of Section 22426. An analysis of the*  
28 *guidelines specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section*  
29 *22426 shall be developed in collaboration with racial equity and*  
30 *economic justice groups.*

31 22429. *This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,*  
32 *2027, and as of that date is repealed.*

33 SEC. 3. *The Legislature finds and declares that Section 2 of*  
34 *this act, which adds Section 22426 to the Vehicle Code, imposes*  
35 *a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings of public*  
36 *bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the*  
37 *meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.*  
38 *Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes*  
39 *the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this*  
40 *limitation and the need for protecting that interest:*

1 *To protect the privacy interests of persons who are issued notices*  
2 *of violation under a speed safety systems pilot program, the*  
3 *Legislature finds and declares that the photographic, video, or*  
4 *other visual or administrative records generated by the program*  
5 *shall be confidential, and shall be made available only to alleged*  
6 *violators and to governmental agencies solely for the purpose of*  
7 *enforcing these violations and assessing the impact of the use of*  
8 *speed safety systems, as required by this act.*

9 SECTION 1. ~~Section 21950 of the Vehicle Code is amended~~  
10 ~~to read:~~

11 21950. (a) ~~The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way~~  
12 ~~to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk~~  
13 ~~or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as~~  
14 ~~otherwise provided in this chapter.~~

15 (b) ~~This section does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of~~  
16 ~~using due care for their own safety. A pedestrian shall not suddenly~~  
17 ~~leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path~~  
18 ~~of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.~~  
19 ~~A pedestrian shall not unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in~~  
20 ~~a marked or an unmarked crosswalk.~~

21 (c) ~~The driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within a~~  
22 ~~marked or an unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and~~  
23 ~~shall reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action~~  
24 ~~relating to the operation of the vehicle necessary to safeguard the~~  
25 ~~safety of the pedestrian.~~

26 (d) ~~Subdivision (b) does not relieve a driver of a vehicle from~~  
27 ~~the duty of exercising due care for the safety of a pedestrian within~~  
28 ~~a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an~~  
29 ~~intersection.~~





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT**

2020-2022 Target Inspection of  
Mono County Sheriff's Office, Mono  
County Jail, Penal Code 6031

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

On October 20, 2020, staff of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) conducted a targeted inspection of the Mono County Jail. The inspection consisted of a review of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Custody Services Manual and sections of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual that apply to Jail Operations.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

### FISCAL IMPACT:

**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

### SEND COPIES TO:

### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

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Time	Who	Approval
4/1/2021 2:20 PM	County Counsel	Yes
4/1/2021 2:30 PM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:35 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



December 9, 2020

Ingrid Braun, Sheriff  
Mono County Sheriff's Office  
49 Bryant Street  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**2020-2022 TARGETED INSPECTION OF MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
MONO COUNTY JAIL, PENAL CODE 6031**

Dear Sheriff Braun:

On October 20, 2020 staff of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) conducted a targeted inspection of the Mono County Jail.

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 6031, this inspection was performed to determine compliance with the Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities as outlined in Titles 15, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Our targeted inspection was limited to only those Title 15 regulations that were found out of compliance during our 2018/2020 Biennial Inspection. Please note that we will return to complete the comprehensive 2020/2022 Biennial Inspection prior to December 31, 2022.

The complete BSCC inspection report is enclosed and consists of this transmittal letter and the targeted sections Title 15. Refer to the Title 15 Targeted Checklist for indication of compliance status and evidence used to determine compliance.

**BSCC INSPECTION**

The inspection consisted of a review of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Custody Services Manual and sections of the Mono County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual that apply to Jail Operations.

**Title 15, CCR Inspection** Our evaluation consisted of reviewing only those targeted policies and procedures related specifically to the applicable regulations included in Title 15, CCR.<sup>1</sup> We identified no items of noncompliance.

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<sup>1</sup> BSCC does not review all policies and procedures. We do not "approve" policies and procedures nor do we review them for constitutional or legal issues. We recommend agencies seek review through their legal advisor, risk manager and other persons deemed appropriate.

Please refer to the Procedures Checklist for detailed information.

This concludes our targeted inspection report for the 2020-2022 biennial inspection of the Mono County Jail Facility. We would like to express our gratitude to Lieutenant Mark Hanson and Sergeant Chad Casanova for their assistance and preparation for the inspection. We look forward to working with you in the future to provide technical assistance. If you should have any questions, please contact me at (916) 323-2613 or email at [dale.miller@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:dale.miller@bscc.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

**Dale A. Miller**  
Digitally signed by Dale A. Miller  
Date: 2020.12.09 16:25:51 -08'00'

DALE MILLER  
Field Representative  
Facilities Standards and Operations Division

Enclosures

cc: Chair, Board of Supervisors, Mono County\*  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court, County of Mono\*  
County Administrator, Mono County\*  
Grand Jury Foreman, Superior Court, Mono County\*  
Chad Casanova, Jail Sergeant, Mono County Sheriff's Office (Electronic Copy)

\* Complete copies of this inspection are available upon request and at [www.bscc.ca.gov](http://www.bscc.ca.gov)

**TYPE II AND III FACILITIES**  
**Board of State and Community Corrections**  
**PROCEDURES<sup>1</sup>**  
**2020/2022 Targeted Inspection**

**BSCC Code: 3250**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Mono County Jail	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b> II
<b>PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED:</b> Lieutenant Mark Hanson and Sergeant Chad Casanova	
<b>FIELD REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Dale Miller	<b>DATE:</b> October 20, 2020

TITLE 15 SECTION	YES	NO	N/A	P/P REFERENCE – COMMENTS
<b>1027.5 SAFETY CHECKS</b>  Safety checks shall be conducted at least hourly through direct visual observation of all inmates. There shall be no more than a 60-minute lapse between safety checks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mono County Sheriff's Custody Manual (CM) CM 504.3 Safety Checks Safety checks shall be conducted at least once every 60 minutes and more frequently if necessary.  BSCC Staff reviewed safety check logs for August through October 2020. Safety check have significantly improved and meet requirements of this section.
There is a written plan that includes the documentation of routine safety checks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CM 504.3 Safety Checks (e) Safety checks will be clearly documented on permanent logs in accordance with the department Daily Activity Logs and Shift Reports Policy.  BSCC Staff verified the documentation of checks.
<b>1056 USE OF SOBERING CELL</b>  The sobering cell described in Title 24, Part 2, Section 1231.2.4, shall be used for the holding of inmates who are a threat to their own safety or the safety of others due to their state of intoxication and pursuant to written policies and procedures developed by the facility administrator.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CM 518.3 Sobering Cell Procedures It is used as an initial sobering place for arrestees or inmates who are a threat to their own safety or the safety of others as a result of being intoxicated from any substance, and who require a protected environment to prevent injury or victimization by other inmates.  BSCC Staff reviewed 9 sobering cell logs for persons held in the sobering cells. All described a significant level of intoxication.
Such inmates shall be removed from the sobering cell as they are able to continue in the processing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) Inmates will be removed from the sobering cell when they no longer pose a threat to their own safety and the safety of others and are able to continue the booking process.

<sup>1</sup> This document is intended for use as a tool during the inspection process; this worksheet may not contain each Title 15 regulation that is required. Additionally, many regulations on this worksheet are SUMMARIES of the regulation; the text on this worksheet may not contain the entire text of the actual regulation. Please refer to the complete California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Local Facilities, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4 for the complete list and text of regulations.

TITLE 15 SECTION	YES	NO	N/A	P/P REFERENCE – COMMENTS
<p>In no case shall an inmate remain in a sobering cell over six hours without an evaluation by a medical staff person or an evaluation by custody staff, pursuant to written medical procedures in accordance with section 1213 of these regulations, to determine whether the prisoner has an urgent medical problem.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>(c) If the inmate is not showing obvious signs of improvement, a qualified health care professional shall assess the medical condition of the inmate in the sobering cell at least every six hours.</p> <p>BSCC Staff found that those held in the sobering cells over six hours had been reevaluated by custody staff prior to the six-hour point.</p>
<p>At 12 hours from the time of placement, all inmates will receive an evaluation by responsible health care staff.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Agency does not hold inmates in sobering for 12 hours without receiving medical clearance at the hospital.</p>
<p>Intermittent direct visual observation of inmates held in the sobering cell shall be conducted no less than every half hour. Such observation shall be documented.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>(b) A safety check consisting of direct visual observation that is sufficient to assess the inmate's well-being and behavior shall occur at least every 30 minutes. Each visual observation of the inmate by staff shall be documented.</p> <p>BSCC Staff found that direct visual observations were conducted within standards of the custody manual and documented.</p>



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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**SUBJECT**

Notice and Approval of Petitions for  
Renewal of Temporary Urgency  
Change for Licenses 10191 and  
10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043)  
of the City of Los Angeles,  
Department of Water and Power

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

On March 5, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board received Temporary Urgency Change Petitions (TUCPs) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requesting approval of temporary changes to its water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043). On April 1, 2021, the Deputy Director for Water Rights signed an order approving petitions filed by the LADWP for temporary urgency changes in Licenses 10191 and 10192.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

### FISCAL IMPACT:

**CONTACT NAME:** Queenie Barnard

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 760-932-5534 / qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

### SEND COPIES TO:

### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

### ATTACHMENTS:

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### History

Time	Who	Approval
4/2/2021 12:22 PM	County Counsel	Yes
4/2/2021 10:04 AM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:36 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes

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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE FOR LICENSES 10191 AND 10192 (APPLICATIONS 8042 AND 8043) OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

COUNTY: MONO                      STREAM SYSTEMS: RUSH, LEE VINING CREEK, PARKER,  
AND WALKER CREEKS

On March 5, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received Temporary Urgency Change Petitions (TUCPs) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 from the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requesting approval of temporary changes to water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043). With the TUCPs, LADWP requests authorization to temporarily deviate from Stream Restoration Flow requirements as outlined in the State Water Board's Decision 1631 and Order 98-05 for Rush, Lee Vining, Parker, and Walker Creeks and instead follow the Stream Ecosystem Flows (SEFs) in the Draft Amended Licenses 10191 and 10192. The proposed amendments to the TUCPs will cover the appropriate water-year type over a 6-month (180-day) period starting on April 1, 2021 and ending on September 28, 2021. The purpose of the temporary changes to the flow requirements are to collect data, and to test and evaluate the effects on resources from the implementation of the SEFs.

The petitions request the following temporary changes:

1. Rush Creek - The Mono Basin's April 1st forecast for Runoff Year (RY) 2021-2022 is not yet available; however, it is projected that RY 2021-2022 will be either a Normal, Dry/Normal II, Dry/Normal I, or Dry water-year type. Rush Creek's SEFs will be set to the appropriate water-year type and follow either Table 1D for a Normal, Table 1E for a Dry/Normal II, Table 1F for a Dry/Normal 1, or Table 1G for a Dry water-year type.
2. Lee Vining Creek – The SEFs for Lee Vining Creek will follow either Table 2A for a Normal or Dry/Normal II water-year type, or Table 2B for a Dry/Normal I or Dry water-year type.
3. Parker Creek – All flow will be continuously bypassed.
4. Walker Creek - All flow will be continuously bypassed.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Summary of Existing Licenses 10191 and 10192**

Sources:	(1) Lee Vining Creek, (2) Walker Creek, (3) Parker Creek, (4) Rush Creek
Points of Diversion:	(1) NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, T1N, R26E; (2) NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T1S, R26E; (3) SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T1S, R26E; (4) NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T1S, R26E, all within MDB&M
Points of Rediversion:	Grant Lake - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T1S, R26E; Long Valley Reservoir - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, T4S, R30E; Tinemaha Reservoir - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, T10S, R34E; Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , T11S, R34E; and Haiwee Reservoir - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, T21S, R37E, all within MDB&M
Amount:	16,000 acre-feet per annum
Season:	January 1 through December 31
Purposes of Use:	Municipal and Power
Place of Use:	Within the service area of the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, as shown on map filed with the State Water Board.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(a), the State Water Board may issue a temporary change order in advance of public notice. The TUCP Order can be viewed at: [Transfers and Temporary Urgency Actions - Notices](#)

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested person may file an objection to the TUCPs. The procedure for addressing an objection is described in Water Code section 1438. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **May 3, 2021**.

Send objections to both:

Steve Marquez  
Petition and Licensing Unit  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
[steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov)

Adam Perez  
City of Los Angeles  
Department of Water and Power  
300 Mandich Street  
Bishop, CA 93514  
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For more information regarding this project, including procedures for filing objections, please contact Steve Marquez by email at [steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov).

DATE OF NOTICE: **April 1, 2021**





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## State Water Resources Control Board

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In Reply Refer to:  
SM: A008042 and  
A008043

Adam Perez  
City of Los Angeles  
Department of Water and Power  
300 Mandich Street  
Bishop, CA 93514  
[adam.perez@ladwp.com](mailto:adam.perez@ladwp.com)

Dear Mr. Perez:

ORDER APPROVING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE OF LICENSES 10191 AND 10192 (APPLICATIONS 8042 AND 8043) OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

The enclosed Order approves the petitions for renewal of temporary urgency change for Licenses 10191 and 10192. Please review the conditions of the Order and retain the Order with your licenses.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Marquez by email at: [steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:steve.marquez@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Steve Marquez, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Scott McFarland, Senior  
Petition and Licensing Unit  
Division of Water Rights

Enclosure: Order

ec (w/enclosure): Mono Basin Distribution List

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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**In the Matter of Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043)**

**City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power**

**ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGES**

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SOURCES: Rush Creek, Lee Vining Creek, Parker Creek, and Walker Creek

COUNTY: Mono

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BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WATER RIGHTS:

**1.0 SUBSTANCE OF THE TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITIONS**

On March 5, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received Temporary Urgency Change Petitions (TUCPs) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power (LADWP) requesting approval of temporary changes to its water right Licenses 10191 and 10192 (Applications 8042 and 8043).

With the TUCPs, LADWP requests authorization to temporarily deviate from Stream Restoration Flow requirements as outlined in the State Water Board's Decision 1631 (D-1631) and Order 98-05 for Rush, Lee Vining, Parker, and Walker Creeks and instead follow the Stream Ecosystem Flows (SEFs) in the Draft Amended Licenses 10191 and 10192. The proposed TUCPs are a continuation of the Runoff Years (RY) 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and previously approved TUCP Orders, dated April 16, 2019, October 22, 2019, May 13, 2020, and October 15, 2020 (TUCP Orders). The TUCPs will cover the appropriate water-year type for the RY 2021-2022 from April 1, 2021 and ending on September 28, 2021. The purpose of the renewal of the temporary changes to the flow requirements is to collect another 180 days of flow data, and in conjunction with the TUCP Orders, test and evaluate the effects on resources from the implementation of the Rush and Lee Vining Creeks SEFs.

The temporary flow changes and the TUCPs are in support from the California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout), the Mono Lake Committee (MLC), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the State Water Board-approved stream monitoring team (Stream Scientists).

The temporary flow modifications proposed by LADWP will not increase LADWP's annual export of 16,000 acre-feet<sup>1</sup> as specified in D-1631.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 State Water Board Decision 1631, Orders WR 98-05 and WR 98-07, and Licenses 10191 and 10192**

In D-1631, the State Water Board modified Licenses 10191 and 10192 for the purpose of establishing instream flow requirements below LADWP's points of diversion on four affected streams tributary to Mono Lake. The decision also established conditions to protect public trust resources at Mono Lake. State Water Board Orders WR 98-05 and WR 98-07 (Orders) amended D-1631. Pursuant to D-1631 and the subsequent Orders, LADWP is required to conduct fisheries studies and stream monitoring activities until the program (or elements thereof) is terminated by the State Water Board. LADWP has been conducting fisheries studies and stream monitoring for over 20 years. These activities are conducted by the Stream Scientists who: (a) oversee implementation of the stream monitoring and restoration program, and (b) evaluate the results of the monitoring program and recommend modifications as necessary. In the Stream Scientists' April 30, 2010 *Synthesis of Instream Flow Recommendations Report* (Synthesis Report), they recommended modification of the flow regime and other aspects of the Mono Basin stream monitoring and restoration program.

### **2.2 Description of the Temporary Urgency Changes**

The basis of temporary changes to the flow requirements is to allow LADWP to collect additional data, and to test and evaluate the effects on resources from the implementation of the SEFs, as identified in the *Mono Basin Operations Plan Under The April 2021 TUCP*, dated February 24, 2012. The renewal TUCPs request the following temporary changes:

1. Rush Creek - The Mono Basin's April 1st forecast for RY 2021-2022 is not yet available; however, it is projected to be either a Normal, Dry/Normal II, Dry/Normal I, or Dry water-year type. Rush Creek's SEFs will be set to the appropriate water-year type and follow either:  
Table 1D for a Normal,  
Table 1E for a Dry/Normal II,  
Table 1F for a Dry/Normal I, or  
Table 1G for a Dry water-year type (see Tables on pages 9 - 12).
2. Lee Vining Creek – The SEFs for Lee Vining Creek will follow either:  
Table 2A for a Normal or Dry/Normal II, or  
Table 2B for a Dry/Normal I or Dry water-year type (see Tables on pages 13 - 14).

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<sup>1</sup> 16,000 acre-feet may be exported annually when Mono Lake elevation is at or above 6,380 feet and below 6,391 feet.

3. Parker Creek – All flow will be continuously bypassed.
4. Walker Creek – All flow will be continuously bypassed.

It has been noted and LADWP acknowledged that implementing Tables 2A and 2B SEFs for Lee Vining Creek presents challenges for LADWP with the current infrastructure. The current infrastructure does not function accurately when setting a constant diversion flow rate while Lee Vining Creek's flow rate fluctuates. Lee Vining Creek flow varies on a day-to-day basis due to Southern California Edison's operations upstream of the Lee Vining Creek Intake. LADWP will implement Tables 2A and 2B flow rates to the extent that current infrastructure allows and will conservatively operate to ensure flows in Lee Vining Creek do not drop below the minimum specified flows as outlined in Tables 2A and 2B. An exception to the flows will be made in September 2021 during fish monitoring activities where Rush and Lee Vining Creek flows will be set to around 25 cfs for up to two weeks in order to ensure the safety of the Stream Scientists and LADWP biologists performing the fish monitoring activities. The exact dates for the 2021 fish monitoring activities will be determined later in the year.

LADWP will comply with Provisions 11(b)(2)i and 11(b)(2)ii of the Draft Amended Licenses 10191 and 10192 for the management of Grant Lake Reservoir (GLR). The terms require LADWP to follow rules and criteria for GLR storage between July 1 and September 30 and provides for bypass of diverted water from Lee Vining Creek into Rush Creek under specific conditions.

LADWP will communicate with the Mono Basin parties (MLC, CalTrout, and CDFW), the Stream Scientists, and the State Water Board during the TUCPs' authorized period to coordinate and gain input as SEFs proceed. Specifically, a conference call will be scheduled within a reasonable time before the end of this TUCP Order to discuss the operations plan for the remaining runoff year, address questions, and seek the Stream Scientist input that may result from the operations plan. LADWP will also provide reasonable communication to update parties, answer questions, and address unforeseen challenges as SEFs are delivered according to the April 1 forecast for RY 2021-2022.

### **3.0 COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

LADWP, as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared a Notice of Exemption for the *Mono Basin Temporary Operation Petition to State Water Resources Control Board* on February 24, 2021. LADWP found that the change is categorically exempt from CEQA, as the project is for the use of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of existing use, for the purpose of maintaining fish and wildlife habitat areas, maintaining stream flows, and protecting fish and wildlife resources. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15301(i)). The State Water Board has reviewed the information submitted by LADWP and has determined that the petitions qualify for an exemption under CEQA. The State Water Board will issue a Notice of Exemption for the temporary urgency change petitions.

#### **4.0 PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITIONS**

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (a), the State Water Board may issue a temporary urgency change order in advance of the required notice period. On April 1, 2021, the State Water Board issued a public notice of the temporary urgency changes pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (a) and issued the TUCP Order. The comment period expires on May 3, 2021. Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (b)(1), LADWP is required to publish the notice in a newspaper having a general circulation and published within the counties where the points of diversion are located. LADWP published the notice on April 1, 2021 in the Mammoth Times. The State Water Board posted the notice of the temporary urgency changes and distributed the notice through its electronic notification system.

#### **5.0 COMMENTS REGARDING THE TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITIONS**

On February 16, 2021, LADWP held a conference call to discuss the proposed TUCPs with the MLC, CalTrout, CDFW, State Water Board staff, and the Stream Scientists. On February 22, 2021, LADWP informed State Water Board staff that a consensus to support the amended TUCPs was reached with the Mono Basin parties.

#### **6.0 CRITERIA FOR APPROVING THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGES**

Water Code section 1435 provides that a permittee or licensee who has an urgent need to change the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use from that specified in the permit or license may petition for a conditional temporary change order. The State Water Board's regulations set forth the filing and other procedural requirements applicable to TUCPs. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 805, 806.) The State Water Board's regulations also clarify that requests for changes to permits or licenses other than changes in point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use may be filed, subject to the same filing and procedural requirements that apply to changes in point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use. (*Id.*, § 791, subd. (e))

Before approving a temporary urgency change, the State Water Board must make the following findings:

1. the permittee or licensee has an urgent need to make the proposed change;
2. the proposed change may be made without injury to any other lawful user of water;
3. the proposed change may be made without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses; and

4. the proposed change is in the public interest.  
(Wat. Code, § 1435, subd. (b)(1-4).)

### **6.1 Urgency of the Proposed Change**

Under Water Code section 1435, subdivision (c), an “urgent need” means “the existence of circumstances from which the State Water Board may in its judgment conclude that the proposed temporary change is necessary to further the constitutional policy that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that waste of water be prevented . . . .” However, the State Water Board shall not find the need urgent if it concludes that the petitioner has failed to exercise due diligence in petitioning for a change pursuant to other appropriate provisions of the Water Code. (Ibid.)

In this case, there is an urgent need for the proposed change in the license conditions regarding fish flows for the purpose of furthering protection of public trust resources. Furthermore, the TUCPs will provide LADWP almost two and a half years of continuous flow data and further provide valuable information on fisheries and riparian conditions.

### **6.2 No Injury to Any Other Lawful User of Water**

There is no known water diverter below LADWP's point of diversions in the affected stream reaches. Accordingly, granting this TUCP will not result in injury to any other lawful user of water.

### **6.3 No Unreasonable Effect upon Fish, Wildlife, or Other Instream Beneficial Uses**

As described above, the renewal of the temporary urgency changes will benefit the restoration of Rush, Lee Vining, Walker, and Parker Creeks and help with Grant Lake Reservoir management. No other fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial use resources are implicated by the proposed change; accordingly, the proposed change will not have unreasonable effects upon fish and wildlife resources.

### **6.4 The Proposed Change is in the Public Interest**

The proposed change would assist LADWP in maintaining the fishery resources in good condition. Maintenance of the fishery is in the public interest.

In light of the above, I find in accordance with Water Code section 1435, subdivision (b)(4) that the proposed change is in the public interest, including findings to support change order conditions imposed to ensure that the change is in the public interest.

## **7.0 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC TRUST RESOURCES**

Prior to approval of a TUCP, the State Water Board must find that the proposed change may be made without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses. In addition, the State Water Board has an independent obligation to consider the effect of approval of LADWP's petitions on public trust resources and to protect those resources where feasible. (National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983) 33 Cal. 3d 419 [189 Cal. Rptr. 346].) Public trust resources may include, but are not limited to, wildlife, fish, aquatic dependent species, streambeds, riparian areas, tidelands, and recreation in navigable waterways, as well as fisheries located in non-navigable waterways. As stated above, no other fish or wildlife resources, or other instream beneficial uses are implicated by the proposed changes; accordingly, the proposed changes will not have unreasonable effects upon fish and wildlife resources, and public trust resources will be protected.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1439, the State Water Board shall supervise diversion and use of water under this temporary change order for the protection of all other lawful users of water and instream beneficial uses.

## **8.0 STATE WATER BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

On June 5, 2012, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2012-0029, delegating to the Deputy Director for Water Rights the authority to act on petitions for temporary urgency change. This Order is adopted pursuant to the delegation of authority in section 4.4.1 of Resolution 2012-0029.

## **9.0 CONCLUSIONS**

The State Water Board has adequate information in its files to make the evaluation required by Water Code section 1435.

I conclude that, based on the available evidence:

1. The licensee has an urgent need to make the proposed changes;
2. The proposed changes will not operate to the injury of any other lawful user of water;
3. The proposed changes, with conditions set forth in this Order, will not have an unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses; and,
4. The proposed changes are in the public interest.

## ORDER

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:** the petitions filed by the City of Los Angeles (LADWP) for temporary urgency changes in Licenses 10191 and 10192 are approved, and this approval is effective from April 1, 2021 to September 28, 2021. All existing terms and conditions in Licenses 10191 and 10192 remain in effect, except as temporarily amended by the following terms.

1. For protection of fish in Rush and Lee Vining Creeks, LADWP shall bypass flow below the point of diversion at the flows specified in the tables below for the applicable water year type. The Stream Ecosystem Flows provided under this requirement shall remain in the stream channel and not be diverted for any other use.
2. LADWP shall submit to the Deputy Director for Water Rights on a monthly basis a written report that summarizes all activities conducted to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Order. The first monthly report is due at the end of the first complete month of this Order. LADWP shall submit a final report summarizing overall compliance with this Order no later than November 1, 2021.
3. This Order does not authorize any act that results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species, or any act that is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this Order, the Petitioner shall obtain authorization for an incidental take permit prior to construction or operation. The Petitioner shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the temporary urgency change authorized under this Order.
4. The State Water Board shall supervise the diversion and use of water under this Order for the protection of legal users of water and instream beneficial uses and for compliance with the conditions. The Petitioner shall allow representatives of the State Water Board reasonable access to the project works to determine compliance with the terms of this Order.
5. The State Water Board reserves jurisdiction to supervise the temporary urgency changes under this Order, and to coordinate or modify terms and conditions, for the protection of vested rights, fish, wildlife, instream beneficial uses, and the public interest as future conditions may warrant.
6. The temporary urgency changes authorized under this Order shall not result in creation of a vested right, even of a temporary nature, but shall be subject at all times to modification or revocation in the discretion of the State Water Board. The temporary urgency changes approved in this Order shall automatically expire September 28, 2021, unless earlier revoked.



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

*Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights*

Dated: APR 01 2021

**TABLE 1D: RUSH CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS FOR NORMAL YEARS**

<b>Hydrograph Component</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Flow Requirement</b>	<b>Ramping Rate</b>
Spring Baseflow	April 1 – April 30	40 cfs	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Spring Ascension	May 1 – May 15	40 cfs ascending to 80 cfs	Target: 5% Maximum: 25%
Spring Bench	May 16 – June 11	80 cfs	Maximum: 20%
Snowmelt Ascension	June 12 – June 16	80 cfs ascending to 120 cfs	Target: 10% Maximum: 20%
Snowmelt Bench	June 17 – July 14	120 cfs	Maximum Ascending: 20% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Snowmelt Flood and Snowmelt Peak	Starting between June 17 and June 25 with the 3-day peak between June 23 and July 3	120 cfs ascending to 380 cfs, 380 cfs for 3 days, 380 cfs descending to 120 cfs	Target Ascending: 20% Maximum Ascending: 40% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Medium Recession (Node)	July 15 – July 26	120 cfs descending to 58 cfs	Target: 6% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Slow Recession	July 27 – August 17	58 cfs descending to 30 cfs	Target: 3% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Summer Baseflow	August 18 – September 30	30 cfs target 28 cfs minimum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Fall and Winter Baseflow	October 1 – March 31	27 cfs target 25 cfs minimum and 29 cfs maximum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
			* whichever is greater

**TABLE 1E: RUSH CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS FOR DRY/NORMAL II YEARS**

<b>Hydrograph Component</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Flow Requirement</b>	<b>Ramping Rate</b>
Spring Baseflow	April 1 – May 18	40 cfs	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Spring Ascension	May 19 – June 2	40 cfs ascending to 80 cfs	Target: 5% Maximum: 25%
Snowmelt Bench	June 3 – June 30	80 cfs	Maximum Ascending: 20% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Snowmelt Flood and Snowmelt Peak	Starting between June 2 and June 15 with the 3-day peak between June 6 and June 21 coinciding with Parker and Walker Creek peaks	80 cfs ascending to 200 cfs, 200 cfs for 3 days, 200 cfs descending to 80 cfs	Target Ascending: 20% Maximum Ascending: 40% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Medium Recession (Node)	July 1 – July 8	80 cfs descending to 48 cfs	Target: 6% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Slow Recession	July 9 – July 24	48 cfs descending to 30 cfs	Target: 3% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Summer Baseflow	July 25 – September 30	30 cfs target 28 cfs minimum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Fall and Winter Baseflow	October 1 – March 31	27 cfs target 25 cfs minimum and 29 cfs maximum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
			* whichever is greater

**TABLE 1F: RUSH CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS FOR DRY/NORMAL I YEARS**

<b>Hydrograph Component</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Flow Requirement</b>	<b>Ramping Rate</b>
Spring Baseflow	April 1 – April 30	40 cfs	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Spring Ascension	May 1 – May 15	40 cfs ascending to 80 cfs	Target: 5% Maximum: 25%
Snowmelt Bench	May 16 – July 3	80 cfs	Maximum Ascending: 20% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Medium Recession (Node)	July 4 – July 9	80 cfs descending to 55 cfs	Target: 6% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs
Slow Recession	July 10 – July 30	55 cfs descending to 30 cfs	Target: 3% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Summer Baseflow	July 31 – September 30	30 cfs target 28 cfs minimum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Fall and Winter Baseflow	October 1 – March 31	27 cfs target 25 cfs minimum and 29 cfs maximum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
			* whichever is greater

**TABLE 1G: RUSH CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS FOR DRY YEARS**

<b>Hydrograph Component</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Flow Requirement</b>	<b>Ramping Rate</b>
Spring Baseflow	April 1 – April 30	30 cfs	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Spring Ascension	May 1 – May 18	30 cfs ascending to 70 cfs	Target: 5% Maximum: 25%
Snowmelt Bench	May 19 – July 6	70 cfs	Maximum Ascending: 20% Maximum Descending: 10% or 10 cfs*
Medium Recession (Node)	July 7 – July 12	70 cfs descending to 48 cfs	Target: 6% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Slow Recession	July 13 – July 28	48 cfs descending to 30 cfs	Target: 3% Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Summer Baseflow	July 29 – September 30	30 cfs target 28 cfs minimum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
Fall and Winter Baseflow	October 1 – March 31	27 cfs target 25 cfs minimum and 29 cfs maximum	Maximum: 10% or 10 cfs*
			* whichever is greater

**TABLE 2A: LEE VINING CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS**

Timing: April 1 – September 30						Year-type: Extreme Wet, Wet, Wet/Normal, Normal, Dry/Normal II				
Maximum ramping at the beginning and end of this period is 20%.										
Inflow	Flow Requirement									
30 cfs or less	Licensee shall bypass inflow.									
31 – 250 cfs	Licensee shall bypass flow in the amount corresponding to inflow which is displayed as blocks of 10 cfs (left-hand vertical column) and 1 cfs increments within such blocks (top horizontal row).									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30		30	30	30	30	30	31	32	33	34
40	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
50	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
60	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
70	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
80	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
90	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
100	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
110	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94
120	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
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140	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
150	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129
160	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139
170	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144
180	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154
190	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164
200	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169
210	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179
220	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189
230	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199
240	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204
250	200									
251 cfs and greater	Licensee shall bypass inflow.									

**TABLE 2B: LEE VINING CREEK STREAM ECOSYSTEM FLOWS**

Timing: April 1 – September 30						Year-type: Dry/Normal I, Dry				
Maximum ramping at the beginning and end of this period is 20%.										
Inflow	Flow Requirement									
30 cfs or less	Licensee shall bypass inflow.									
31 – 250 cfs	Licensee shall bypass flow in the amount corresponding to inflow which is displayed as blocks of 10 cfs (left-hand vertical column) and 1 cfs increments within such blocks (top horizontal row).									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
40	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
50	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	31	32
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70	39	40	41	41	42	43	43	44	45	45
80	46	47	47	48	49	49	50	51	52	52
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100	60	61	61	62	63	64	64	65	66	66
110	67	68	69	69	70	71	72	72	73	74
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230	158	158	159	160	161	162	162	163	164	165
240	165	166	167	168	169	169	170	171	172	172
250	173									
251 cfs and greater	Licensee shall bypass inflow.									



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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: CAO**

**TIME REQUIRED** 10 minutes

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD** Robert C. Lawton, CAO

**SUBJECT** Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer Update

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Introduction of new Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer Gordon Greene.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None, informational only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**CONTACT NAME:** Robert C. Lawton

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED** 1 hour

**SUBJECT** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan  
Wheeler, Public Health Director

**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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*Shannon Kendall, Clerk of the Board*

March 16, 2021

Sent via U.S. Mail and Email  
The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

We are writing today to respectfully request that the State revisit the metrics established for advancement within the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy (Blueprint) as they disproportionately negatively affect rural, remote communities with small populations. As we near the "light at the end of the tunnel" that we have worked tirelessly to reach, the metrics with which we are required to achieve to advance to a less restrictive tier within the Blueprint threaten to hold us back, and are misaligned as indicators of virus spread within rural, sparsely populated communities. Small counties have received exemptions before, and we think an exemption is appropriate again. As an example, we would suggest removing the positivity rate metric altogether, and instead incorporate metrics around vaccination rate and hospital capacity for small population counties.

Residents, businesses, transit operators, and Mono County have diligently followed State and local health orders related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic response throughout the pandemic. Local business owners and government agencies have invested millions of dollars to implement safety protocols and make required modifications, in addition to limiting or altogether shuttering overall operations. Together, Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have invested almost two million dollars in local rent support and business assistance grants to band-aid a collapsing local economy. Unfortunately, these efforts and those of the State and Federal government have been insufficient to save many of our local jobs and businesses.

Rural communities face unique challenges not experienced by their suburban and urban counterparts. A one-size-fits-all approach to COVID-19 guidance, restrictions, and the ability to advance within the State's prescribed Blueprint is simply not tenable for a county such as ours with a total population of 14,500. It is critical that we work collaboratively to create a program tailored to small counties that appropriately balances local public health, and affords the local economy and schools the opportunity to begin to rebuild and recover. Metrics designed for large populations do not translate to rural, sparsely populated regions, and prove wholly inequitable in overall COVID-19 response.

As of this writing, Mono County has administered nearly 7,000 first dose vaccines, which accounts for nearly 50% of our overall total population. We have led the state in vaccine administration and distribution through a strategic, coordinated local effort that has seen much success. Nationally and locally COVID-19 cases continue to drop at a rapid pace, and Mono County's positive cases rarely translate into hospitalization. In fact, throughout the pandemic Mammoth Hospital has been able to operate completely within capacity, never experiencing a surge in COVID-19 patients. We are proud of the local efforts to manage virus spread within the county, and continue to advocate for additional local control in the development of COVID-19 guidance.

We have strived to balance our public health response and support for our local community members and economy. Our public health has been protected, but our families and business community are suffering unparalleled and unprecedented economic devastation. Our residents' financial survival is dependent almost exclusively upon a tourism-based economy, and we've now weathered several tourist seasons under various levels of restriction. Our working families and small business owners cannot afford another lost season. As a County, we are extremely concerned about our ability to support the onslaught of tourists visiting for the annual Fishing Opener in April, along with the subsequent opening of the National Forests, State Parks, and Yosemite National Park within and bordering Mono County.

We recognize that the State is working diligently to protect its residents, and understand the challenges involved with managing a global pandemic. However, Mono County and its residents echo the sentiment expressed by a number of other rural California counties struggling to balance public health and economic impacts of COVID-19, including our neighbors in Inyo County. The current Blueprint metrics make it nearly impossible for Mono County to advance to a less restrictive Tier beyond the Red Tier with no accounting for hospital capacity, nor vaccination rate.

We would like to join our regional partners and work collaboratively with the State to revisit the metrics established for advancement within the Blueprint as they disproportionately penalize rural, sparsely populated communities and the working families and small businesses within them. Again, small counties have received exemptions before, and we think an exemption is appropriate at this time. Our recommendation and request would be to remove the positivity rate metric altogether, and instead incorporate metrics around vaccination rate and hospital capacity for small population counties. Public trust in the government's response to COVID-19 has eroded, and now that we are experiencing positive trends in both vaccination and diminished virus spread, we will be unable to enforce State guidelines and restrictions that no longer seem relevant, effective, or appropriate. We would be happy to work together to develop an equitable approach and path forward for California's rural counties, and look forward to your response before we move into the Spring season.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Kreitz (Mar 22, 2021 10:25 PDT)

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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: EOC**

**TIME REQUIRED** 10 minutes

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD** Justin Nalder, EOC Director

**SUBJECT** Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts. 2. Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Continuation of the declared emergencies continues the County's eligibility for state and federal disaster assistance.

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Kevin Moss

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Stacey Simon  
Date: April 6, 2021  
Re: Review of Emergency Declarations – Mountain View Fire

**Recommended Action**

Review need for continuing local emergency declared by the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2020, and for continuing the local health emergency declared by the Mono County Health Officer on November 19, 2020, (ratified by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020).

Determine that the need for continuing the declarations of emergency continues to exist or determine that need no longer exists and terminate one or both declarations.

**Strategic Plan Focus Areas Met**

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

**Discussion**

On November 17, 2020, a fire broke out in the Community of Walker (the “Mountain View Fire”) in the midst of a hurricane-force wind event. More than 140 structures were destroyed, including 74 homes. On that date, by emergency action, the Board of Supervisors declared a state of local emergency under the California Emergency Services Act (CESA) (Cal. Gov’t Code § 8630). On November 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California also proclaimed a State of Emergency under CESA, and the Mono County Health Officer declared a local health emergency under Health and Safety Code § 101080, related to the presence of hazardous and toxic materials associated with fire debris. The Board of Supervisors ratified the Health Officer’s declaration on November 24, 2020.

Under the CESA, the Board must review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until it terminates the emergency. Under Health and Safety Code § 101080, the Board must review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least once every 30 days. Under both provisions, the Board must terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

This item is on the Board’s agenda for a review of the conditions necessitating the declarations of emergency as follows:

## **1. Declaration of Local Health Emergency**

A local health emergency exists under § 101080 when an area is affected by release or escape of hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health or imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent.

The potential for widespread toxic exposures and threats to public health and the environment exists in the aftermath of a major wildfire disaster. Debris and ash from residential structure fires contain hazardous substances and the health effects of hazardous substances releases after a wildfire are well-documented.

The combustion of building materials such as siding, roofing tiles, and insulation result in dangerous ash that may contain asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials. Household hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and chemicals that have been stored in homes, garages, or sheds also produce hazardous materials when burned.

Exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects, long-term public health and environmental impacts. Uncontrolled hazardous materials and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies. Improper handling can expose workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community

As of this date, hazardous debris removal associated with the Mountain View Fire is not complete and conditions warranting the continuation of the declared health emergency continue to exist.

## **2. Declaration of Local Emergency**

A local emergency exists under subdivision (c) of section 8558 of the CESA when conditions exist of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by fire, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the local government and require the combined forces of other entities to combat.

As noted above, debris removal and other remediation of the events of November 17-18 is ongoing. These activities require the combined forces of Mono County, CalOES and other entities to combat.

Attachments:

November 17, 2020 Board Declaration

November 19, 2020 Health Officer Declaration

November 24, 2020 Board Ratification of Health Officer Declaration





R20-101

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING  
A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WILDFIRE IN THE ANTELOPE  
VALLEY AREA CAUSED BY THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, today, November 17, 2020, during a severe wind event, a fast-moving fire erupted in the Antelope Valley in Northern Mono County (the “Mountain View Fire”); and

**WHEREAS**, by 4:00, the fire had destroyed structures and homes and taken at least one life; evacuations are ongoing, and animals have been let free; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that conditions of disaster and extreme peril exist which are beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities within the County of Mono;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, does hereby declare a state of emergency as a result of the Mountain View Fire in Northern Mono County, based on the findings stated above and other information presented to it during its meeting of today’s date.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act, in addition to any and all recovery assistance the State of California can provide, are requested to respond to the emergency herein described, including as necessary to respond to such eligible damages resulting from the emergency which may later be discovered.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 17th day of November 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:** Supervisors Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

Stacy Corless, Chair  
Mono County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

Queenie Barnard (Nov 18, 2020 12:25 PST)

Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Stacey Simpson (Nov 18, 2020 12:40 PST)

County Counsel



# MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

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**EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MONO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER  
DECLARING A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE  
MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE; LIMITING RE-ENTRY TO AFFECTED AREAS TO  
PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND PROHIBITING ENDANGERMENT  
OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE UNSAFE REMOVAL,  
TRANSPORT, AND DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency on November 17, 2020, and the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on November 19, 2020, due to conditions of extreme peril caused by the Mountain View Fire, which destroyed 96 homes and damaged various other structures, including Mono County's solid waste transfer station, in the Walker area of Mono County; and

**WHEREAS** the potential for widespread toxic exposures and threats to public health and the environment exists in the aftermath of a major wildfire disaster. Debris and ash from residential structure fires contain hazardous substances and the health effects of hazardous substances releases after a wildfire are well-documented; and

**WHEREAS**, the combustion of building materials such as siding, roofing tiles, and insulation result in dangerous ash that may contain asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials. Wells may be contaminated and require chlorination following a period of power outages. Household hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and chemicals may have been stored in homes, garages, or sheds that may have burned in the fire, also producing hazardous materials; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects, and may cause long-term public health and environmental impacts. Uncontrolled hazardous materials and debris pose significant threats to public health through inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water supplies. Improper handling can expose workers to toxic materials, and improper transport and disposal of fire debris can spread hazardous substances throughout the community, and

**WHEREAS**, areas affected by the fire were evacuated by Incident Command, and reentry by residents and the public for safety reasons must be regulated until such time as hazardous materials inspection and removal is conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes the local health officer to declare a local health emergency in areas affected by release or escape of hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health or imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code section 101040 further authorizes the Health Officer to issue orders to protect public health and safety in the context of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Health Officer finds that the Mountain View Fire has created conditions hazardous to public health and safety in the form of contaminated debris from household hazardous waste/materials and structural debris, which poses a substantial threat to human health and the environment unless its removal and disposal is performed in a manner that protects the public health and safety.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mono County Health Officer **DECLARES** and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 101080, a local health emergency exists in Mono County due to debris resulting from the Mountain View Fire being or containing hazardous materials and the imminent and proximate threat of release thereof, which are public health hazards and immediate threats to the public health and safety.
2. Effective immediately and continuing until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Public Health Officer, this Order continues existing closures and prohibits re-entry into specified areas affected by the Mountain View Fire as shown in Exhibit A (“Current Evacuation Area (11/19/20)”), which is attached to this Order and incorporated by this reference, until such time as those areas can be assessed for hazards and, where necessary, remediated.
3. Upon notification by the County of Mono’s Building and Environmental Health Divisions that additional areas or premises are safe to re-enter, the Health Officer may replace Exhibit A, without otherwise modifying this Order, by posting and distributing a revised map labeled “Current Evacuation Area” with the date of such revision and a reference to this Order.
4. In coordination with local law enforcement, re-entry for the limited purpose of retrieving possessions may be allowed, provided no hazards have been identified on the property being accessed.
5. Regardless of when re-entry occurs, no cleanup activities of burned structures or other construction activities shall commence without the prior written authorization of the County

of Mono's Building and Environmental Health Divisions and in compliance with adopted cleanup standards and construction safety guidelines.

6. Pending the enactment of additional requirements to address the Mountain View Fire disaster clean up, no debris bins shall be provided to property owners for the purposes of the removal of fire debris without the authorization of the Mono County Public Health Department – Environmental Health Division.
7. Pending the enactment of additional requirements to address the Mountain View Fire disaster clean up, property owners choosing not to participate in a State Fire Debris Clearance Program, if one is established in Mono County, must register with and obtain the permission of the Mono County Public Health Department – Environmental Health Division, before beginning the removal of fire debris and conduct their private debris removal, transport, and disposal in a manner that does not endanger the community.
8. No one shall temporarily occupy or camp on private property unless and until standards for such temporary occupancy are approved by the Mono County Building and Environmental Health Divisions, (and the Board of Supervisors if required under County or State law).

**IT IS FURTHER DECLARED**, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 101080, that the local health emergency created and presented by the Mountain View Fire shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the Mono County Board of Supervisors and shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at least every 14 days until the local health emergency is terminated.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Date: November 19, 2020

*Thomas Boo, MD*

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Dr. Tom Boo  
Mono County Public Health Officer

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CURRENT EVACUATION AREA (11/19/20)**

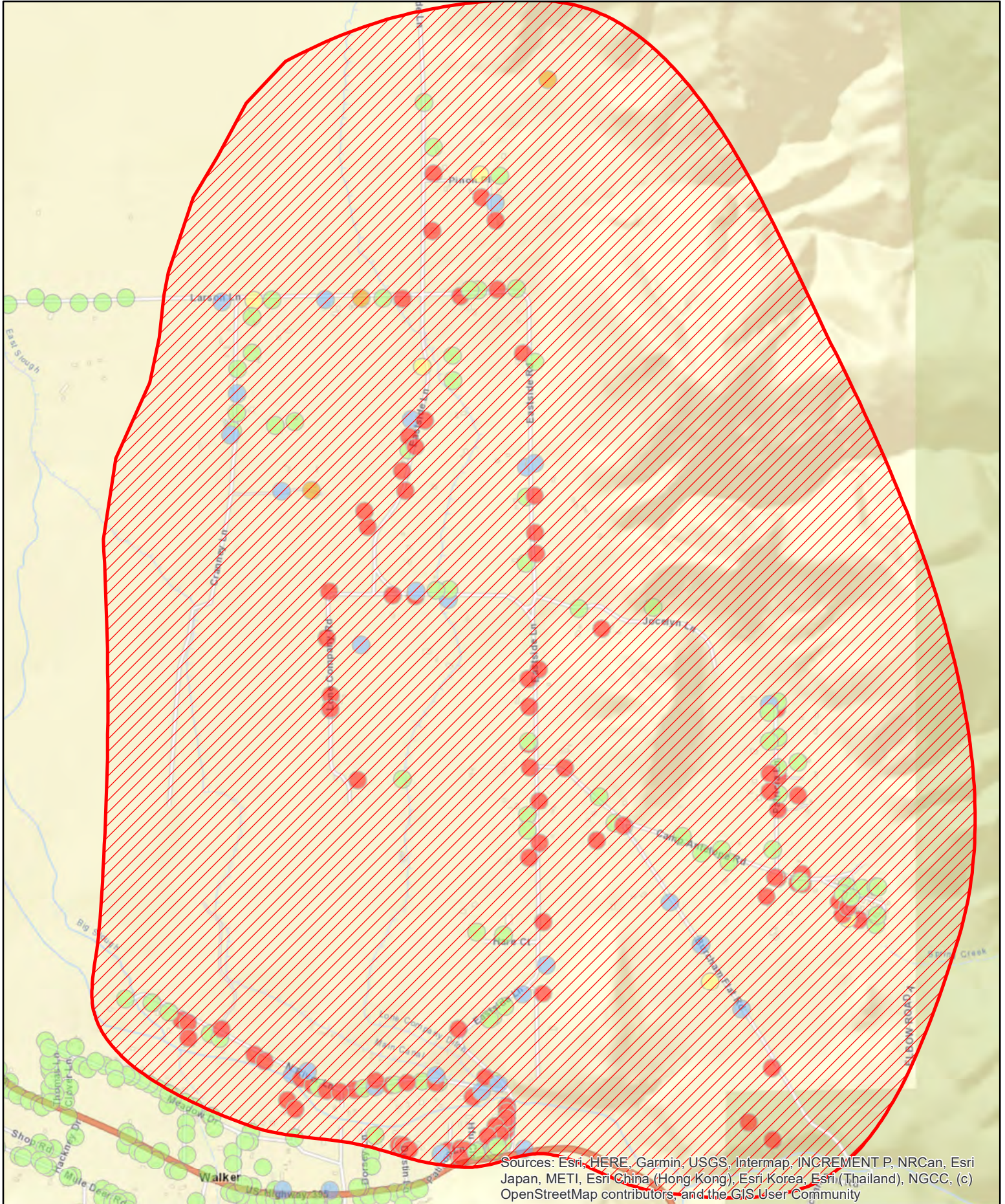


# CURRENT EVACUATION AREA

As of 11/19/2020 - 10:45a

For updates visit

<https://on.mono.ca.gov/mountainviewfire>



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



R20-102

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH  
DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS DEBRIS  
RESULTING FROM THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE IN WALKER**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer did, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, declare a local public health emergency in the County of Mono as a result of the Mountain View Fire, a fast-moving and devastating blaze which began on November 17, 2020, and burned more than 140 structures, including 74 homes which were completely destroyed and an additional 2 homes which were damaged, in the community of Walker, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Officer declaration, which is hereby incorporated by this reference, included a restriction on re-entry into areas affected by the fire in order to protect the public from toxic and hazardous materials typically present following a fire that burns residential or commercial structures. The order also included guidance and restrictions for safe debris removal, transport and disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Building and Environmental Health Departments, with support, expertise and resources provided by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), thereafter assessed the fire-damaged areas and a plan was made to allow residents to commence safely re-entering the area on November 22, 2020. The Health Officer therefore issued a revised order on that date allowing for controlled re-entry, but continuing the prior restrictions on debris removal, transport and disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuation of these restrictions, as well as the continued assistance and resources of CalOES and others with expertise in remediating fire damage, remain necessary in order to protect public health, safety and the environment and are required for a safe and effective response to the conditions of disaster and extreme peril resulting from the Mountain View Fire, which is beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities within the County of Mono;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono, State of California, adopts the above findings and does hereby ratify the aforementioned proclamation of local health emergency and declares a continued state of local health emergency in the County which is beyond the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities within the County, as a result of the Mountain View Fire.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** consideration for a U.S. Small Business  
2 Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and funding through the California  
3 Disaster Assistance Act, in addition to any and all recovery assistance the State of California can  
4 provide, are requested to respond to the emergency herein described, including as necessary to  
5 respond to such eligible damages resulting from the emergency which may later be discovered.

6 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 24th day of November, 2020, by the  
7 following vote, to wit:

8 **AYES:** Supervisors Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.

9 **NOES:** None.

10 **ABSENT:** None.

11 **ABSTAIN:** None.

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14 Stacy Corless, Chair  
15 Mono County Board of Supervisors

16 **ATTEST:**

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19 Queenie Barnard (Nov 24, 2020 12:57 PST)

20 Clerk of the Board

21 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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24 Stacey Simon (Nov 24, 2020 13:14 PST)

25 County Counsel





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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Community Development**

**TIME REQUIRED** 10 minutes

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

Wendy Sugimura, Community  
Development Director

**SUBJECT** Mountain View Fire Recovery -  
Waiver of Fees for Director Review  
Permits to Facilitate Reconstruction

### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Proposed resolution waiving fees for Director Review permits for recovery and reconstruction associated with Mountain View Fire damage.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Find that the proposed resolution qualifies under CEQA exemptions 15303(a) and 15303(b). 2. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption, and adopt proposed resolution "Waiving Fees for Director Review Permits for Mountain View Fire Reconstruction and Recovery" with any desired modifications. 3. Provide any further direction to staff.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The reduced revenue from waiving County fees for Director Review permits is unknown at this time and dependent upon the number of projects. Given two projects are anecdotally known at this time and this situation is not expected to occur very frequently, two to 10 permits would result in reduced revenue of \$1,000-\$5,000.

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YES  NO

### ATTACHMENTS:

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April 6, 2021

To: Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors

From: Wendy Sugimura, Director

**RE:** MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE RECOVERY – WAIVE FEES FOR DIRECTOR REVIEW PERMITS TO FACILITATE RECONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH RECOVERY

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Find that the proposed resolution qualifies under CEQA exemptions 15303(a) and 15303(b), direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption, and adopt proposed resolution "Waiving Fees for Director Review Permits in Specified Circumstances to Facilitate Reconstruction Associated with Mountain View Fire Recovery" with any desired modifications. Provide any further direction to staff.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The reduced revenue from waiving County fees for Director Review permits unknown at this time and dependent upon the number of projects. Given two projects are anecdotally known at this time and this situation is not expected to occur very frequently, two to 10 permits would result in reduced revenue of \$1,000-\$5,000.

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 15, 2020, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution R20-103, and subsequently Resolution R21-20 on March 16, 2021, which together authorized, among other things, the waiver of planning fees for Director Review permits for the placement of Temporary Emergency Dwellings (TEDs) on vacant property during construction of a main building subject to approved standards, and the waiver of all building permit fees (except state pass-through fees). The fee waivers apply only to the original property owner suffering loss from the Mountain View Fire.

Other reconstruction situations requiring planning permits for recovery from fire damage have since been raised, and a waiver of fees for any Director Review permit for fire recovery is now being proposed. To qualify for a Director Review permit, the use must be listed as subject to Director Review in the Mono County General Plan or the Land Use Designation, and uses qualifying as use permits may be downgraded to a Director Review if it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is not controversial or environmentally sensitive. Use permits are not included in the proposed fee waiver as these projects typically trigger CEQA and are anticipated to only be needed for new uses or new development.

## **DISCUSSION**

The key points of the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) are as follows:

- A Director Review permit for a project facilitating recovery from Mountain View Fire damage would be written and issued by staff, but no fees would be charged. An example of such a Director Review permit might be for construction of an accessory building prior to the main residence (where the residence was lost in the fire).

- The purpose of issuing the DR is to ensure clear communication about the requirements and conditions of the project and prevent any unintended detrimental effects to public welfare and safety or surrounding properties, or future code enforcement situations.
- As with previous fee waivers, it only applies to the owner suffering the loss in the Mountain View Fire.
- No sunset date is proposed for the fee waiver.

At this time, staff is aware of two situations where this fee waiver may apply. As reconstruction and recovery proceeds, however, more situations may arise, and more property owners may benefit from this fee waiver for recovery.

Please contact Wendy Sugimura (760-924-1814, [wsugimura@mono.ca.gov](mailto:wsugimura@mono.ca.gov)) with any questions.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Resolution Waiving Fees for Director Review Permits for Mountain View Fire Reconstruction and Recovery



**RESOLUTION R21-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WAIVING FEES FOR DIRECTOR REVIEW PERMITS FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE  
RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, the Mountain View Fire ravaged the community of Walker in Mono County and destroyed approximately 143 structures, including at least 74 homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency on November 17, 2020; the Governor issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on November 19, 2020; and the Mono County Health Officer proclaimed a local health emergency due to conditions of extreme peril caused by the Mountain View Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the fire, over 70 families and individuals lost their homes, many of whom have no permanent alternative place of residence and no means to protect their property as they begin the slow process of clearing their land, addressing hazards and safety issues, and rebuilding; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of rebuilding is a significant financial burden for property owners and the community, and reducing that burden by waiving County fees for certain Community Development Department permits and approvals for the original property owner suffering the loss benefits the public and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution R20-103 on December 15, 2020, and subsequently Resolution R21-20 on March 16, 2021, which together authorized, among other things, the waiver of planning fees for Director Review permits for the placement of Temporary Emergency Dwellings (TEDs) on vacant property during construction of a main building subject to approved standards, and the waiver of all building permit fees (except state pass-through fees); and

**WHEREAS**, other situations requiring planning permits and fees for reconstruction due to damage from the Mountain View Fire have since come to the attention of Mono County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** that:

**SECTION ONE:** The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that, in order to provide the public benefit of facilitating community recovery from the destruction caused by the Mountain View Fire, the County fees for Director Review permits, or use permit downgraded to Director Review permits per General Plan Land Use Element §32.020, facilitating recovery from damage caused by the Mountain View Fire shall be waived for the original property owner

1 suffering the structural loss (fee waiver does not apply to a new owner purchasing a fire-  
2 impacted property).

3 **SECTION TWO:** The Board further finds that, while fees shall be waived, the Director  
4 Review permit itself shall be written and issued following applicable County procedures in order  
5 to ensure a clear understanding of the regulations and conditions that must be followed to  
6 prevent unintended detrimental public health and welfare impacts, or negative impacts to  
7 surrounding properties, or future code enforcement situations.

8 **SECTION THREE:** The Board further finds and declares that the fee waivers qualify  
9 under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15303 Exemption – New  
10 Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The fee waiver itself has no environmental  
11 impact; further, a project must be exempt from CEQA to qualify for a Director Review permit.  
12 Therefore, the projects approved by Director Review permit will be no more impactful than new  
13 construction of one single-family residence or a second dwelling unit in a residential zone  
14 (§15303(a)) or a duplex or similar multi-family structure totaling no more than four dwelling  
15 units (§15303(b)).

16 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, by the following vote of the  
17 Board:

18 AYES :

19 NOES :

20 ABSENT :

21 ABSTAIN :

22 \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Jennifer Kreitz, Chair

24 ATTEST:

25 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 Queenie Barnard  
28 Clerk of the Board

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30 Stacey Simon  
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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Community Development**

**TIME REQUIRED** 1 hour

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

Wendy Sugimura, Community  
Development Director

**SUBJECT** LADWP Long Valley Adaptive  
Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-  
Grouse

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

Presentation on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation developed by a collaborative, multi-agency technical working group.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive presentation and public comment, provide input, and provide staff with any further direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impacts are expected. Staff time for conservation efforts are programmed in existing budgets and some staff time is offset by a cooperative grant with the Bureau of Land Management. (Total grant award is subject to annual BLM budget allocations and provides for up to \$150,000 over three years.)

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YES  NO

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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<a href="#">1 2019 LADWP Commitment Letter</a>
<a href="#">2 LADWP Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse</a>

**History**

Time	Who	Approval
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March 9, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mono County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Wendy Sugimura, Director  
**RE:** LADWP Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse

### RECOMENDATION

Receive presentation and public comment, and provide any desired input. Provide direction to staff.

### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacts are expected. Staff time for conservation efforts are programmed in existing budgets and some staff time is offset by a cooperative grant with the Bureau of Land Management. (Total grant award is subject to annual BLM budget allocations and provides for up to \$150,000 over three years.)

### BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns and manages approximately 314,000 acres in Mono and Inyo Counties, California. Of these, approximately 38,389 acres provide potential year-round habitat for the Bi-State Sage-Grouse (BSSG) within the Bodie Hills and South Mono Population Management Units (PMUs). Historic water distribution and irrigation in Long Valley on LADWP lands has supported high-quality brood-rearing habitat for the BSSG, providing a buffer against environmental fluctuations and supporting population stability.

In 2013, LADWP adopted a Conservation Strategy<sup>1</sup> for managing BSSG habitat on their deeded property in Mono County, California. This strategy was formalized with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2014 and incorporated into and implemented through LADWP's management activities. In 2015 and again in 2018, Long Valley irrigation water amounts were reduced to very low/minimal amounts and LADWP proposed "dry" ranch leases to agricultural operators in 2018. In 2019, LADWP wrote a Commitment Letter (June 18, 2019; Attachment 1) to the Service that reiterates its intention to continue managing the habitat in ways that will benefit BSSG. On July 27, 2020, LADWP informed the Service that it would participate in developing an adaptive management plan that will "set objectives, define success, determine pertinent data and measurements, establish timelines, and outline scientific processes by which to guide land management decisions that will ultimately preserve and enhance the BSSG population." In these letters, LADWP committed to work with the Service to develop a plan by the end of 2020 that guides management toward enhancing and maintaining brood-rearing habitat.

To develop the adaptive management plan, the Service and LADWP established a collaborative technical working group (TWG) and invited the following representatives: LADWP, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Bishop Office, Inyo National Forest (INF), Audubon Society, local ranchers, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and Mono County. Not all representatives participated, or participated on a regular basis, but all were informed of the meetings, sent drafts of the plan as it was written and refined, and invited to provide input. For Mono County, Supervisor Stacy Corless attended an initial kick-off meeting establishing the work effort and then delegated participation in the plan development to staff, which was assigned to the Community Development Department.

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<sup>1</sup> Available by request from LADWP or the Mono County Community Development Department.



This BSSG conservation effort is separate from the Long Valley ranch lease issue and associated legal actions, although clearly some content overlaps. The overall goals, context, and methods of resolution are quite different, however, and can inform each other but should be considered separate topics.

## **DISCUSSION**

This Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) is intended to more fully explain the commitments LADWP made to the Service for BSSG conservation in its letters. The AMP is meant to be living document, with this current version representing the starting point based on best available scientific knowledge and data to date, and is expected to be refined as lessons are learned, its effectiveness is evaluated, and new data and information about BSSG becomes available. As a case in point, further edits have already been suggested by the TWG for the next iteration.

The purpose of the AMP is to strive for the most habitat, in high quality condition, within LADWP's operational capacity, and with the most efficient allocation of water. In particular, the AMP identifies conservation activities for maintaining or improving the quality and quantity of mesic (wet, green), brood-rearing habitat on LADWP lands; benefitting the BSSG in Long Valley; and helping the Service meet standards of the Policy for the Evaluation of Conservation Efforts (PECE).

To determine the geographic scope of the AMP, LADWP lands in Long Valley most susceptible to drought were first identified by mapping mesic habitat across seven years (2010-2017), which included a severe drought cycle. LADWP lands appeared largely resilient to the drought period (2013-2016) except the areas associated with Convict Creek. Next, data from female grouse with tracking devices (VHF and GPS) were overlaid on Long Valley and LADWP lands, and distribution during the brood-rearing season (April 15-September 15) was evaluated. The female grouse clustered around Convict Creek and McGee Creek with some use near Laurel Creek/Pond. Anecdotal reports of grouse in other locations are acknowledged, and the McGee Creek area is suspected as a refuge for birds during drought periods. Finally, water distribution infrastructure was evaluated in the areas with female grouse clusters. The Laurel Creek/Pond area has no ditches to directly control water distribution and surface water does not re-enter the LADWP system. In contrast, the Convict Creek and McGee Creek areas have significant female grouse use and a network of ditches that can control water distribution across the landscape. Therefore, the focus of the AMP is on the Convict Creek area and the drought refuge of the McGee Creek area.

Based on USGS research data, the female birds appear to utilize the habitat at the edge of sage brush and meadow areas within 100 meters (m) of the ditches, with certain areas preferred over others, and select for green, mesic conditions. Remote sensing data was used to define the "greenness" selected by female birds with a measurement called Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). An NDVI equal to or greater than ( $\geq$ ) 0.3 appeared to be the preferred "greenness."

In high water years, maintaining the preferred greenness of the edge habitat is a non-issue. The complications arise during low water years, such as this year (potentially), when not enough water may be available to maintain desired conditions in all areas. To guide water distribution decisions, the AMP establishes the target condition for habitat as an NDVI  $\geq$  0.3 within 100-m of ditches based on the following constraint and irrigation priorities:

- To protect riparian and stream health, a minimum flow of 10 cubic feet per second (cfs) must be maintained in Convict and McGee Creeks.
- Table 1 (AMP page 11) prioritizes habitat around the ditches/diversions off Convict Creek and McGee Creek (Diversion [D] 26, Eaton, D25, D27 at Convict, Upper then Lower at McGee), which corresponds to prioritized brood-rearing habitat. (These priorities will be presented with more detail at the Board meeting.)

LADWP is required to prepare an annual monitoring report to provide information about water availability and distribution for the year, as well as the habitat quality results. Key monitoring metrics are defined in the AMP (see Appendix C: LADWP Sage Grouse Monitoring).

Finally, the technical working group meets four times to 1) review water forecasts, 2) develop recommendations for maintaining and enhancing brood-rearing habitat based on the predicted water year, 3) observe conditions in the field and discuss/recommend any needed changes, and 4) review the field season and outcomes, and recommend changes to the adaptive management framework if needed. A dispute resolution procedure is also defined, should it be needed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 760.924.1814 or [wsugimura@mono.ca.gov](mailto:wsugimura@mono.ca.gov).

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2019 LADWP Commitment Letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2. LADWP Long Valley Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse, Dec. 2020

June 18, 2019

Mr. Paul Souza, Regional Director  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Pacific Southwest  
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W - 2606  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Souza:

Subject: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Commitments for  
Greater Sage Grouse

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) commitment to continue implementing conservation actions in support of maintaining and improving habitat and species viability for the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of the Greater Sage-Grouse (Bi-State DPS). The goal of LADWP's natural resource management is to employ Best Management Practices (BMP) for land and water uses that maintain water supplies to the City of Los Angeles (City) while protecting water quality, habitat, biodiversity, as well as threatened and endangered species throughout the related watersheds.

LADWP lands occur within the boundary of three Bi-State DPS Population Management Units (PMU): Bodie, South Mono, and White Mountains. Based on telemetry research conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and University of Idaho, sage-grouse use of LADWP lands in the Bodie and White Mountains PMUs is limited. However, grouse use of LADWP lands in the South Mono PMU is high and includes two breeding complexes, Long Valley and Parker. The Long Valley complex is particularly important to the Bi-State DPS because of the number of birds found at leks here and the use of this area for nesting and brood-rearing. Important habitat components for sage-grouse in Long Valley include high quality nesting habitat and irrigated pastures that create artificial mesic-meadow habitat. The edges of mesic meadows such as these are valuable to sage-grouse during the brood-rearing stage and especially when they are in close proximity to nesting habitat.

## **Conservation Planning**

In 2013, LADWP drafted a Conservation Strategy (Strategy) for the Bi-State DPS on their lands in Mono County, California. This Strategy was approved by the Board of Water and Power Commission on August 18, 2014, and LADWP entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the implementation of this Strategy with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in 2014. A component of this Strategy includes commitments to maintain sage-grouse lekking, nesting, and brood rearing habitat. In 2015, LADWP drafted the "Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for its Operation and Maintenance Activities on its land in Mono and Inyo Counties, California." Consistent with these documents, LADWP manages the activities on its lands such as habitat restoration, livestock grazing, recreation, control of noxious and invasive weeds, fire suppression, infrastructure maintenance, and the management of water gathering and power production/distribution in a manner that is compatible with the conservation of the Bi-State DPS and the mission of LADWP.

### Mono County Ranch Lease Renewal Project

Currently, LADWP is evaluating the potential renewal of expired grazing leases in the Long Valley region. As this evaluation has begun, it has come to LADWP's attention that this renewal process has raised concerns regarding its commitments to the 2013 Strategy. LADWP wishes to address and alleviate such concerns.

During the renewal evaluation, changes may occur to grazing lease land management practices that could be related to conservation commitments put forth in the 2013 Strategy and the 2015 Draft HCP. In no instance, however, will LADWP diminish any management commitments made in the 2013 Strategy or 2015 Draft HCP to manage and improve habitat for sage-grouse on its land. LADWP will also continue to use BMPs to protect and enhance riparian and upland habitats.

The proposed changes may also include alterations of the amount of water provided for agricultural use. This alteration would relate to the 2013 Strategy mention of an allocation of up to 5 acre feet of water per acre for use by LADWP lessees. Pursuant to the terms of the leases however, LADWP has always provided any such water at its sole discretion and "is subject to the paramount right of the Lessor..." LADWP uses its discretion to meet its basic operational purposes and needs, and its commitment to maintain habitat in Long Valley to the benefit of the Bi-State DPS, evidenced by its approval of the 2013 Strategy, is such an operational purpose.

Potential alterations to grazing leases, therefore, will not be inconsistent with LADWP's existing commitments in the 2013 Strategy to continue to enhance and maintain habitat

for sage-grouse; and, in particular to keep pastures, identified on the attached map, in good to excellent condition to provide forbs and insects for sage-grouse. As was noted in the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the lease renewal project, proposed alterations would not affect the existing practice of spreading water for sage-grouse. Specifically, LADWP remains committed to managing the artificially irrigated habitat important to sage-grouse in Long Valley as depicted in the associated map. Such habitat would be actively managed to maintain its functionality for sage-grouse.

The 2013 Strategy further includes implementation of its goals through an adaptive management approach. Consistent with that approach, LADWP will continue to work with the Service to refine mapped areas -- such as those shown on the above map -- that benefit most from active management, and to otherwise embrace additional protective measures necessary to ensure the goals of the Strategy continue to be met.

### **Past and Current Conservation Actions**

LADWP has a long history of development and implementation of projects to sustain and enhance biodiversity on the lands that it manages in the eastern Sierra. Since the early 1990s, LADWP has focused on natural resource projects that restore riparian vegetation along the Owens River and its tributaries as well as the rehabilitation of degraded or dewatered stream reaches throughout the watershed. In addition to water quality and water quantity benefits from these projects, plant and animal biodiversity has increased, fish and wildlife populations have increased, and there are more acres of wetlands in the watershed than in decades past. The 2013 Strategy includes a wide breadth of management action commitments that benefits sage grouse. The following describes some of the actions that have been implemented to date and will be continued into the future.

#### **Livestock Grazing Management**

Livestock grazing is the most widespread type of land use in sagebrush areas. Improper livestock management can have negative impacts on sage-grouse habitat. The threat of improper livestock grazing to sage-grouse populations was identified in the 2013 Conservation Objectives (COT) Report (Service 2013). In 1991, recognizing the need to improve stream conditions along the upper Owens River, LADWP Watershed Resources staff worked to develop the Upper Owens River Riparian Livestock Grazing Program. The program modified fencing and grazing practices to effectively control livestock timing and distribution in pastures and along the creeks to limit livestock impacts. During this process, LADWP recognized the impacts of recreational use on

resources and provided the public with convenient parking locations and creek access points that reduced human impacts to streams and adjacent wet meadows.

LADWP then developed and implemented grazing plans for all ranch leases in Mono County. These plans were designed to maintain healthy rangelands and improve those that had been degraded for both upland and riparian habitats. Riparian pastures have been designated along all streams using fences to manage cattle access, distribution, and utilization. Utilization is capped to minimize impacts to riparian and upland habitats from livestock grazing.

### Recreation Management

The primary risk to sage-grouse from recreation is disturbance and displacement from important use areas such as leks, brood-rearing habitats, and during winter (Bi-State TAC 2012). Recreation can also adversely affect habitat quality and quantity. Direct and indirect impacts from recreational activities to sage-grouse were identified in the COT Report (Service 2013). Long Valley is a popular place to view sage-grouse leks, with the most frequently visited lek on LADWP land. In order to reduce on-going adverse effects related to outdoor recreation activities and to provide guidance for future recreation management to avoid or minimize new adverse effects, LADWP has developed and implemented recreation plans for its land in Mono County. Actions that LADWP has implemented under the recreation plans that benefit sage-grouse include:

- Developing the sage-grouse Lek Access Policy for City property in Mono County
- Working with partners (BLM, CDFW, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and Eastern Sierra Audubon Society) to develop Lek Viewing Guidelines for sage-grouse on City-owned lands as well as lands managed by other agencies. These policies and guidelines have been developed in order to minimize impacts from vehicular disturbance and recreation to sage-grouse during their breeding season
- Imposing seasonal closures that prohibit public access to critical sage-grouse habitat areas during the peak breeding period (March 1<sup>st</sup>-last Saturday in April), south of Benton Crossing Road, near Crowley Lake
- Posting signs for public information and education
- Installing barriers to block vehicular access at certain leks
- Developing walk-through access points to direct recreational traffic
- Closing and/or rerouting roads
- Contacting law enforcement to address violations

Implementation of the recreation plan protects and/or restores riparian areas including brood-rearing habitat. It also removes or minimizes human disturbance to areas

important to sage-grouse such as lekking sites. In addition, LADWP is not proposing or considering any proposals for large developed recreational areas.

#### Weed and Wildfire Management

Noxious weeds, annual invasive grasses, and wildfire can substantially reduce the quality of sage-grouse habitat, as identified in the COT Report (Service 2013) and the 2015 finding (80 FR 22,828). LADWP addresses these threats by:

- Controlling non-native invasive plant species that compete with native species
- Developing and implementing a fire management plan that emphasizes fire prevention and swift suppression;
- Developing and implementing grazing management plans to impose BMPs to protect and enhance riparian and upland habitats

#### Infrastructure Management

Infrastructure such as roads, pipelines, powerlines, cellular towers and fences can result in habitat loss, reduction in habitat quality, changes in sage-grouse behavior, and even direct mortality to birds (COT 2013). In addition to maintenance of infrastructure related to water and power management, LADWP addresses the threats of infrastructure to benefit sage-grouse. For example, LADWP has:

- Facilitated and assisted in a fence removal habitat improvement project in Parker Meadows
- Installed 2.75 miles of "let-down" fences in Long Valley to reduce collision-related injury and mortality of sage-grouse
- Marked over 7 miles of fences in Long Valley with flight diverters to reduce collision-related injury and mortality of sage-grouse

#### Partnerships

Recognizing the importance of value of working with partners and the local community to find compatible and sustainable solutions to land management challenges, LADWP works with a variety of partners to address issues related to natural resource management and sage-grouse conservation such as:

- Bi-State Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Eastern Sierra Audubon Society

- Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- Mono County
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey

### **Continued and Future Conservation Commitments**

Once again, the goal of the LADWP's natural resources management is to employ BMPs for land and water uses that maintain water supplies to the City while protecting water quality, habitat, biodiversity, as well as threatened and endangered species throughout the watershed. This includes conservation of the Bi-State sage-grouse through the continued implementation of the 2013 Strategy on LADWP lands, supporting and implementing best-available science in an adaptive management framework, and addressing additional threats to this species on LADWP lands where and when possible. For the conservation of Bi-State sage-grouse on LADWP lands this includes but is not limited to the following:

- Continue to work with the Bi-State EOC and TAC. As with other members of this group, this includes:
  - Engaging in regular and transparent exchanges of scientific information;
  - Identifying and applying the best available science in order to avoid or minimize competing assumptions, analyses, models, products, decision-making criteria and frameworks.
- Develop an objective, science-based evaluation of the cost, benefits and trade-offs of management actions to maintain or improve habitat for sage-grouse. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Management of mesic sage-grouse habitat on LADWP lands that provide (or could provide) brood-rearing habitat. This may include the use of best available science such as USGS assessment of such habitat needs for sage-grouse in Long Valley.
- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy: Continued management of upland habitat that provides (or could provide) lekking and nesting habitat. For example:
  - Appropriate management of noxious weeds and annual invasive grasses.
  - Implementation of actions to minimize the loss of habitat from wildfire.
- Management of predators (i.e. common ravens) and predator subsidies (e.g. perching and nesting substrates, access to food subsidies) on LADWP lands. For example:
  - Working with USGS, CDFW, and FWS to assess and address the impacts of ravens on sage-grouse nesting and brood-rearing success in Long Valley.



- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy: Working with Mono County to close and relocate the Benton Crossing landfill by 2023.
- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy, LADWP will continue to manage and maintain infrastructure (e.g., roads, powerlines, fences, communication towers) to benefit sage-grouse and will evaluate any proposed construction.
- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy, LADWP has and will continue to maintain the majority of its 65,730 acres in Mono County as open space with no plans for urban development.
- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy, recreational use on LADWP lands will continue to be managed to avoid adverse impacts to sage-grouse and sage-grouse habitat. This includes:
  - Overnight camping in high value grouse habitat is only allowed in established campgrounds
  - Hiking and biking are limited to existing trails. Certain areas are off-limits to hiking and biking and are posted as such
  - Continue to the use and application of access points to limit, direct, or otherwise control recreational use to limit disturbance to sage-grouse during sensitive seasons and to limit impacts to habitat
  - Prohibit the collection of firewood in sage-grouse habitat
  - Imposing restrictions on requests for public use (individual or group events) to avoid impacts to sage-grouse or sage-grouse habitat
- As addressed in the 2013 Strategy, LADWP has and will continue to maintain and improve habitat for sage-grouse using a collaborative, science-based, and adaptive management approach. Consistent and integrated with the 2013 Conservation Strategy, the 2015 Draft HCP, the 2012 Bi-State Action Plan, and best available science.
- Continue to support the development and use of science and decision-support products capable of advancing any of the above objectives.

Since the adoption of the 2013 Strategy, LADWP has been managing its lands for the conservation of the Bi-State DPS, and is committed to continuing to manage and improve habitat for Bi-State DPS on its lands. We hope you will consider our significant accomplishments to date along with this commitment from LADWP as you evaluate development of either a final rule to list the species, or a finding that listing is no longer warranted. With this letter we wish to clearly indicate our commitment to conservation of the species and the habitat.

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LADWP will continue to maintain close relationships with your staff and our partners to prioritize funding where biological benefits are maximized. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Anselmo G. Collins, Director of Water Operations Division, at (213) 367-1001 or by email at [anselmo.collins@ladwp.com](mailto:anselmo.collins@ladwp.com).

Sincerely,



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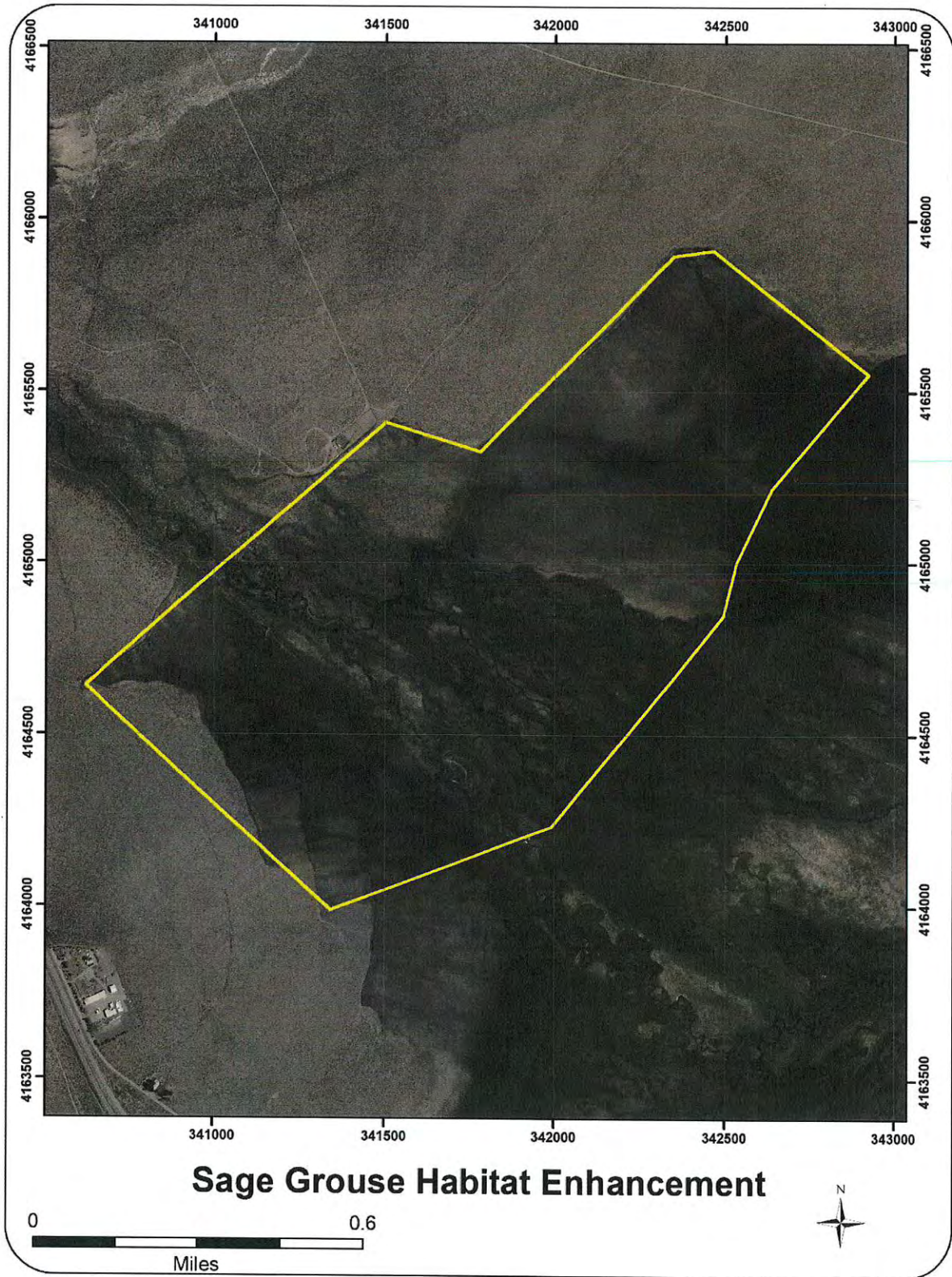
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December 30, 2020

Mr. Paul Souza, Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Souza: *Paul*

Subject: Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse Brood-Rearing Habitat on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Lands in Long Valley

Enclosed is the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Adaptive Management Plan for Bi-State Sage-Grouse Brood-Rearing Habitat on LADWP Lands in Long Valley.

This plan culminates several months of joint effort and is presented to satisfy the commitments made by LADWP in 2019 to develop and provide a plan that will outline land management principles and protocols that are designed to support critical habitat for the bi-state sage grouse and thus the success of the species.

I would like to particularly thank you for the engagement of your professional United States Fish and Wildlife Service staff in this endeavor, which has directly resulted in a plan that we are pleased to put forth. The partnership of our staffs and other key individuals has been a model for future cooperation and a testament to what committed public agencies can accomplish together to meet the needs of the environment and native species. Your leadership on this issue set the foundation for a level of species protection that I am confident can be achieved with great scientific precision and agreement in the coming years.

This predicted below-average precipitation year may prove to be an immediate stress-test of the management plan and an opportunity to verify its accuracy first-hand. I welcome the opportunity to continue to work collaboratively with your staff as we test this new tool. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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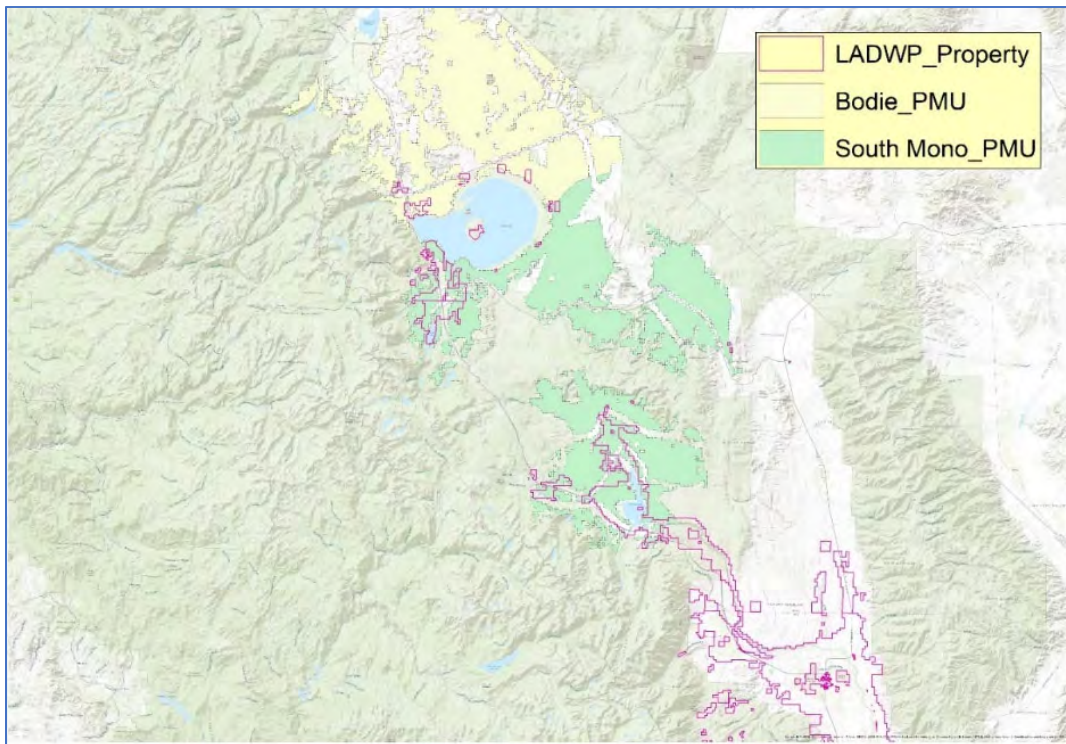
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**Adaptive Management Plan**  
**for bi-state sage-grouse brood-rearing habitat**  
**on LADWP lands in Long Valley**

**Introduction**

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns and manages approximately 314,000 acres in Mono and Inyo Counties, California. Of these, approximately 38,389 acres provide potential year-round habitat for the bi-state sage-grouse (BSSG) within the Bodie Hills and South Mono Population Management Units (PMUs).



*Figure 1: LADWP land ownership within the Bodie Hills and South Mono Population Management Units for bi-state sage-grouse.*

In 2013, LADWP adopted a Conservation Strategy for managing BSSG habitat on their deeded property in Mono County, California. This approach was codified with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2014, and this plan has been incorporated and implemented into LADWP’s management activities. In 2019, LADWP wrote a Commitment Letter (June 18, 2019) to the Service that reiterates their intention to continue managing the habitat in ways that will benefit BSSG. On July 27, 2020, LADWP informed Service that it would participate in developing an adaptive management plan that will “set objectives, define success, determine pertinent data and measurements, establish timelines, and outline scientific processes by which to guide land management decisions that will ultimately preserve and enhance the BSSG population.” In these letters, LADWP committed to work with Service to develop a plan by

the end of 2020 that guide management toward enhancing and maintaining brood-rearing habitat. This Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) is intended to more fully explain the commitments LADWP made to the Service in both its 2019 and 2020 Letters. Modification and renewal clauses in the 2014 MOU will allow for continued codification of the collaboratively developed conservation approach to improve and maintain BSSG habitat on LADWP-owned lands.

LADWP has committed to managing its lands for BSSG habitat through the implementation of the 2013 Conservation Strategy. This includes the 38,389 acres of BSSG habitat that has been mapped on LADWP lands within the Bodie Hills and South Mono PMUs. This document will provide a supplemental adaptive management approach to more specifically identify objectives for managing mesic, brood-rearing habitat in pastures that have historically been altered by supplemental irrigation. The ability to manage for brood-rearing habitat will be dependent on the availability of water which can be dynamic. This will require annual assessment, evaluation, and calibration. The AMP sets forth strategies and the underlying data support to evaluate potential water supplies to maintain brood-rearing habitat, consistent with LADWP's 2019 Commitment Letter, in cooperation with the Service.

During development of this AMP, input was solicited from interested parties including U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Inyo National Forest (INF), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Mono County, Eastern Sierra Audubon and private ranchers. Continued input from these parties is anticipated.

The proposed AMP is a result of LADWP's ongoing commitment to sage-grouse protection in Long Valley. In addition to its Conservation Strategy and MOU with the Service, LADWP wrote a Commitment Letter in 2019 that outlined the steps it intended to take to ensure habitat protection for the sage-grouse. Among the many conservation actions outlined in that letter, LADWP formally committed to conserve and maintain mesic, brood-rearing habitat on portions of its land. Although LADWP is not providing a sum certain amount of water, LADWP is committing, as an operational necessity, to provide sufficient water to preserve delineated areas. All operational decisions and necessities concerning LADWP's management and use of its water rights, including those discussed herein, are subject to LADWP's Los Angeles City Charter obligations and limitations concerning those water rights.

The AMP is a more detailed description of the conservation activities LADWP pledged to undertake in its 2019 Commitment Letter and where these activities would be undertaken. The AMP is a bilateral document that supports the Service ongoing sage grouse conservation efforts. Through the AMP, LADWP reiterates, clarifies and defines the conservation actions it plans to incorporate into its operational plans going forward. Although the AMP does not include stakeholders as signatories, stakeholder input is provided for in the document.

An outline of the Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies are provided in the following 2 pages. The background, supporting documentation, and further details for each of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies are provided, in order, throughout the remainder of the document.

## **Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies**

**Purpose:** Together, LADWP and the Service are striving for the most habitat, in high quality condition, within LADWP's operational capacity (ownership, infrastructure, and operational necessities) and with the most efficient allocation of water. The AMP is intended to more fully describe LADWP's conservation activities that were identified in the 2019 Commitment Letter. In particular, the AMP will identify conservation activities for maintaining or improving the quality and quantity of mesic, brood-rearing habitat. The implementation of this AMP will maintain and improve brood-rearing habitat on LADWP lands, will benefit BSSG in Long Valley, and will help the Service meet standards associated with the Policy for the Evaluation of Conservation Efforts (PECE; Appendix A).

**Goal 1:** Develop a framework that will identify LADWP operations in ways that can adaptively manage for high-quality brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.

- **Objective 1a:** Use the best available information to inform when and where LADWP's management can benefit brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.
  - **Strategy 1a1:** *LADWP will release water into identified ditches as early in the season as possible and maintain flows for as long as possible. The strategy for managing BSSG mesic habitat at the appropriate time largely be determined by water availability, infrastructure limitations and LADWP operational necessities.*
  - **Strategy 1a2:** *Pasture habitat associated with Convict Creek and McGee Creek will be managed in ways that will maintain and enhance brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.*
- **Objective 1b:** Identify habitat metrics and targets that will maintain or improve habitat quality for BSSG.
  - **Strategy 1b:** *Annually manage for an NDVI  $\geq 0.3$  along 100 meter bands between the months of May-September with infrastructure associated with Convict and McGee creeks with a minimum target of 0.3 NDVI by June 29.*
- **Objective 1c:** Conduct short-term and long-term monitoring of identified brood-rearing habitats.
  - **Strategy 1c:** *Actively monitor conditions to ensure mesic habitat targets are being achieved and changes in plant composition (diversity and cover) that are suitable for BSSG are not being compromised.*

**Goal 2:** Based on the best available information, develop recommendations for LADWP's annual operational plan to enhance and maintain BSSG brood-rearing habitat. This will include development of proposed operational plans, review and adaptive management process, reporting, and conflict resolution.

- **Objective 2a:** Outline the approach for development of an annual plan.



- *Strategy 2a: Annual meetings will occur four times per year: A winter meeting (late February/early March; virtual) will review water forecasts; A spring meeting (early April; virtual) will convene after LADWP forecasts the upcoming water year; a summer meeting (July; in-person) will be conducted in the field to assess conditions; and a fall meeting (October; in-person or virtual) will be held to discuss operational successes and challenges and to consider adaptive management opportunities.*
- **Objective 2b:** Identify the roles, components, and timelines for annual reporting.
  - *Strategy 2b: A report of the previous field season will be prepared by LADWP, reviewed by the Service, and completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The report will include (but not limited to) information related to water availability, management actions conducted, surveys and monitoring conducted, acres improved or maintained, adaptive management considerations/needs, collaborative participation.*
- **Objective 2c:** Identify the process by which issues will be elevated to LADWP and the Service management if needed.
  - *Strategy 2c: Any request for dispute resolution will first be submitted to LADWP's Aqueduct Manager and the Service's Reno Field Office Supervisor. Additional needs for resolution will be elevated to LADWP's Director of Water Operations and the Service's California/Great Basin Regional Director.*

**Science products, assumptions, and constraints**

This AMP is designed to address needs for conservation of both water and bi-state sage-grouse. Therefore, the AMP is being developed using the best available science related to water availability, water infrastructure, appropriate timing for water distribution, and brood-rearing habitat on LADWP lands in Long Valley. Where data gaps exist, LADWP and the Service will look for opportunities to improve our understanding through science. New science products will be evaluated and, where relevant, be updated in the plan annually.

Currently, there are assumptions underlying the proposed AMP direction. The known assumptions are addressed more holistically later in this document. Guided by the best available science, LADWP and the Service, along with the help of partners will test these assumptions and work towards improving the efficacy of this plan. There are also inherent constraints related to static conditions (e.g., infrastructure) and uncertain variables (e.g., precipitation). There are no water holding facilities in the system so implementation of the AMP will rely on the availability of existing annual run-off. In addition, new water delivery systems may be needed or existing ones improved but these will not be a requirement of the AMP. The ability to manage for brood-rearing habitat will be limited by the available ditches and their capacity requirements.

While moving forward with implementation of the AMP is imperative, doing so in the most effective and efficient manner possible is critical. The approach to managing for brood-rearing habitat is

expected to improve through experience, monitoring, and research. Application of findings as appropriate will occur through an adaptive management process.

**Background and supporting information:**

**Goal 1:** Develop a framework that will help guide LADWP operations in ways that can adaptively manage for high-quality brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.

**Objective 1a:** Use the best available information to inform when and where LADWP’s management can benefit brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.

**When:** The appropriate time to manage for mesic habitat using water infrastructure is currently constrained by climate and operational capacity. By experience, it has been determined that it is best to put water out early each spring because the landscape can dry up very quickly and, once vegetation has desiccated, recovery to conditions that are needed for brood-rearing BSSG is difficult. On average, there’s enough water in the system to fill ditches and irrigate pastures around May 1<sup>st</sup>. This however depends on snowpack and timing of snowmelt. The maintenance of mesic habitat will be most beneficial to BSSG during the late brood-rearing period (approximately June 29<sup>th</sup> through September; Coates et al. 2019). In most years, the cessation of irrigation is determined by reductions in flow and typically occurs in early September.

Strategy 1a1	<i>LADWP will begin releasing water into identified ditches as early in the season as possible and maintain flows for as long as possible. The strategy for managing BSSG mesic habitat at the appropriate time largely be determined by water availability, infrastructure limitations and LADWP’s operational necessities.</i>
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**Where:** Data are currently available to help identify the LADWP lands where management has and can support mesic, brood-rearing habitat for BSSG (USGS reference). To further analyze areas of interest, we conducted a GIS exercise using available data (e.g., telemetry locations, seasonal habitat maps, LADWP ownership and infrastructure). This provided an understanding of where suitable brood-rearing habitat exists on and near LADWP lands, where habitat is selected by female grouse during the potential watering season (May 1-Sept 1), and where LADWP has irrigation infrastructure that would allow for habitat manipulation. The following steps were used to refine focus areas:

1. Where are areas within LADWP property that are most susceptible to drought?
  - a. Look at Eastern Sierra run-off over last ten years.
  - b. Compare this with NRCS/Sage-grouse Initiative interactive mapping tool, looking at changes in NDVI over recent years near Crowley Lake.
2. Where are BSSG brood-rearing habitats on LADWP lands?
  - a. USGS developed products
  - b. GIS exercise
3. Of these areas, where are opportunities to maintain or improve brood-rearing habitat conditions for BSSG using supplemental water.
  - a. Infrastructure limits
  - b. Suitability

Areas susceptible to drought: We used the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s interactive online mapping tool (<https://map.sagegrouseinitiative.com/ecosystem/mesic-resources>) to qualitatively assess where changes in precipitation have influenced on-the-ground mesic resources in Long Valley over 7 years (2010, 2011, 2013-2017). During these years, the Eastern Sierra experienced fluctuating snowpack with 3 years being above average and 4 years being below average (Figure 2).

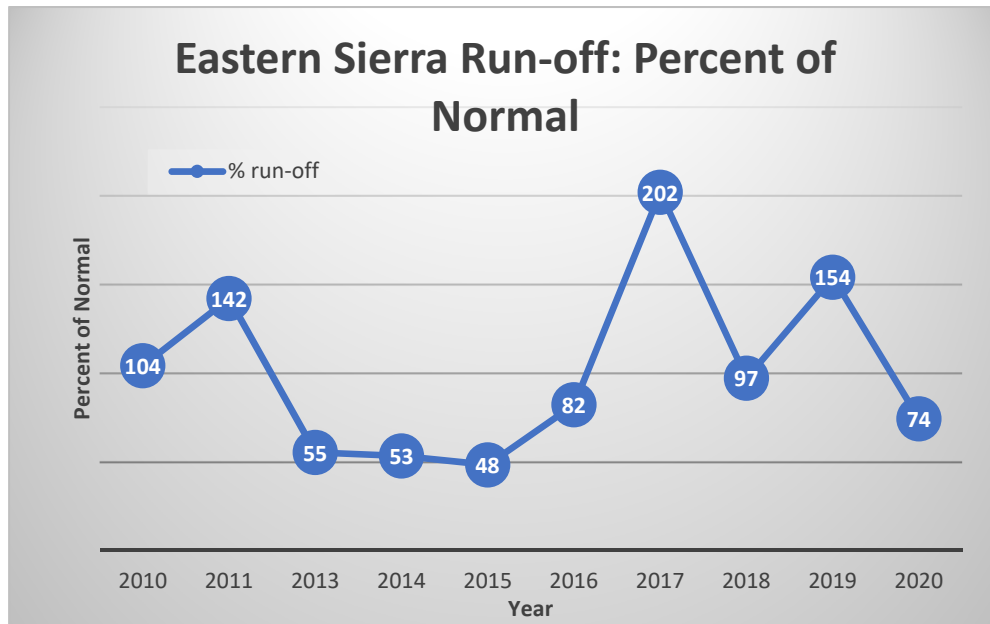


Figure 2: Percent (%) normal run-off for the Eastern Sierra 2010-2017 with 100% representing the long-term average.

Based on the mesic maps generated with the online mapping tool (Appendix A), it appears that areas around Convict Creek experienced substantial change in mesic habitat during years of drought whereas other areas (e.g., Upper Owens) do not exhibit similar fluctuations. This suggests that the pastures associated with Convict Creek ditches are the most susceptible to drought conditions and other areas may exhibit more resilience to drought.

Bi-state greater sage-grouse use in the Long Valley area was delineated using Utilization Distributions (UDs) derived from collared BSSG (USGS). Larger use areas (i.e., home range) are represented by 95% UD during the months of May, June, and July (Figure 3). Core use areas, where grouse spend the majority of their time during those months, are represented by 50% UD (Figure 4). Based on these estimates, BSSG on LADWP-owned lands, including hens with broods, spend the majority of their time associated with areas near Convict Creek.

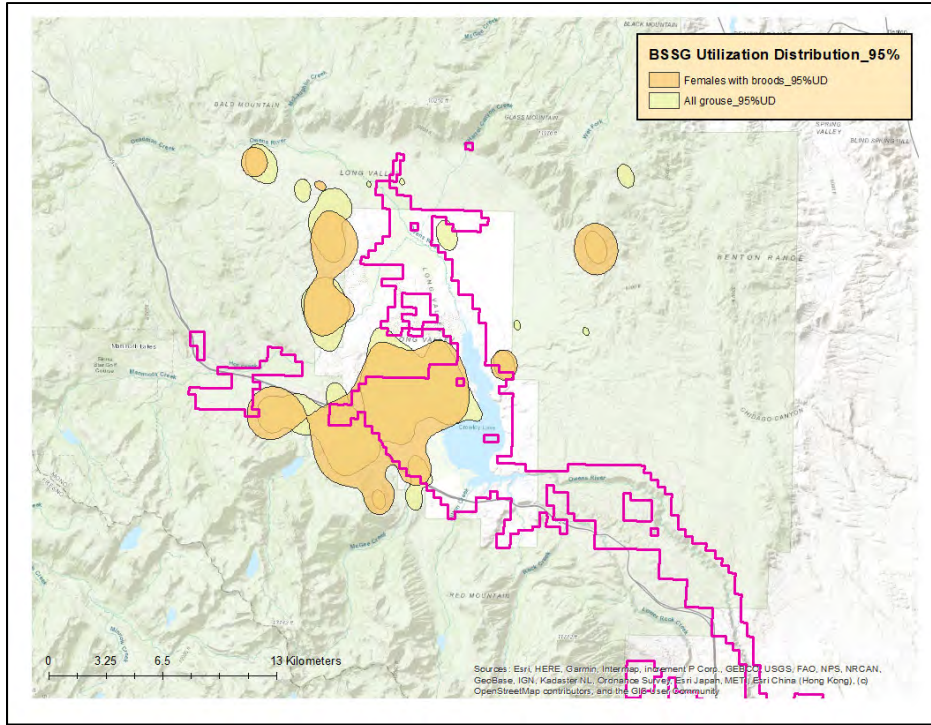


Figure 3: Bi-state sage-grouse use-areas in Long Valley as estimated with 95% Utilization Distribution polygons which equate to a home range. Grouse locations are grouped by “females with broods” and “all grouse” during May, June, July.

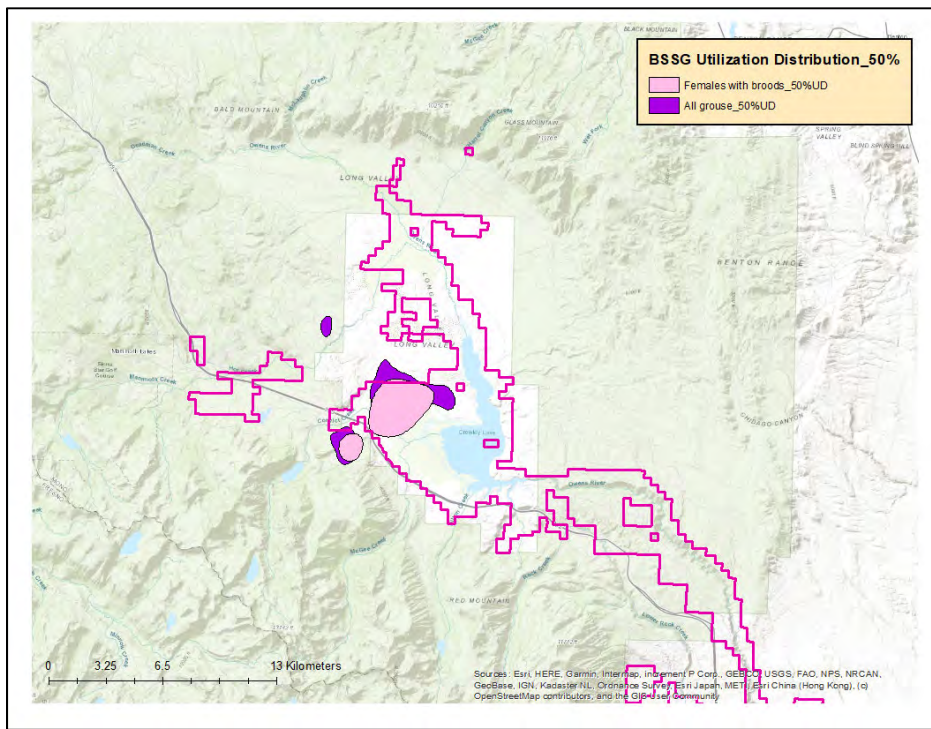


Figure 4: Bi-state sage-grouse use-areas in Long Valley as estimated with 50% Utilization Distribution polygons which equate to a core range. Grouse locations are from collared “females with broods” and “all grouse” during May, June, July.

To further evaluate areas that could be managed to benefit brood-rearing habitat we mapped female grouse locations (VHF and GPS) from 2015-2019 to look at use distribution between April 15-June 29 (early brood-rearing) and June 30-September 15 (late brood-rearing). This database did not identify which females had broods so this is simply a look at female use areas during the brood-rearing period. As with the identified core areas on LADWP property using 50% UDs, we found female grouse during the brood-rearing season, were clustered around Convict Creek and McGee Creek with some use near Laurel Creek/Pond (Figure 5). Also shown in Figure 5 are clusters of female grouse use associated with Upper Owens River and Hot Creek but off of LADWP property. Although not represented in the existing database, observations of grouse using LADWP property near Upper Owens River and Hilton during the brood-rearing season have been reported.

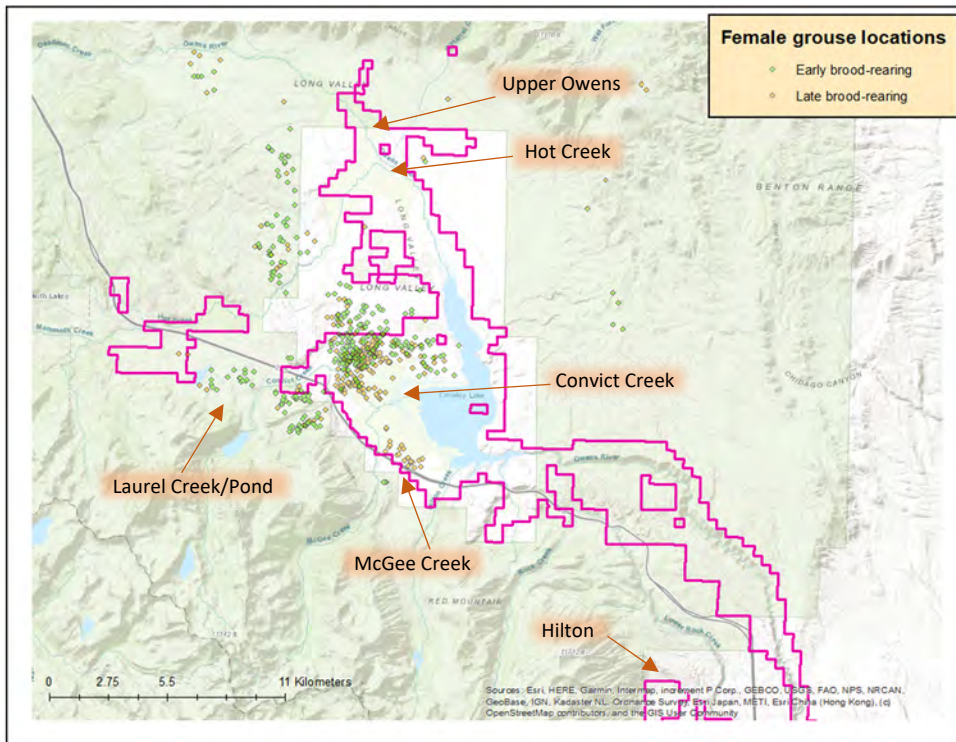


Figure 5: Female grouse locations during spring/summer months between 2015-2019. This database has all marked female grouse and does not specify if they are with broods. Also shown are areas of interest for potential brood-rearing habitat management.

With this analysis, each area was defined by the amount of BSSG use currently known, water infrastructure availability, and other known characteristics:

- Upper Owens
  - Anecdotal observations of 25-50 BSSG at a time in this area during grazing season have been reported.
  - Little to no documented grouse use on LADWP lands based on marked/collared birds.

- Adjustments to livestock operations on DWP lands would require a change to livestock management on federal land.
- McGee Creek
  - Appears to provide important habitat for a subset of birds in all years but may have even greater importance in dry years.
  - This area is known to have more water and therefore stays greener for longer and is more resilient to dry periods.
  - Diversions 30 and 31 appear to have little to no use based on telemetry database.
  - Prioritized management for BSSG would focus on D29 lower then D29 upper.
- Hot Creek
  - No detected BSSG use on LADWP lands using telemetry database.
  - Property here is heavily saturated, almost a swamp.
- Convict Creek
  - Concentration of use around ditches D26, Eaton and D25.
  - Little use and potential ecological trap associated with D27 except at the tail end, where habitat associated with Lek 3 would benefit from irrigation.
- Laurel Creek/Laurel Pond
  - Important brood-rearing habitat.
  - No water infrastructure.
  - Surface flow does not make it to the LADWP system.
- Hilton
  - No BSSG were detected in this area using telemetry database.
  - Urban expansion and recreational uses are greater here.
- Misc. springs and seep habitat
  - BSSG use associated with springs/seeps in Long Valley is currently unknown but generally these habitat types provide important mesic habitat.
  - No infrastructure with spring or seep habitat.

Based on the use of LADWP property by female BSSG during the spring and summer months and by locations of existing water diversion infrastructure, management to benefit brood-rearing habitat would be most effective along Convict Creek and McGee Creek (Figure 6).

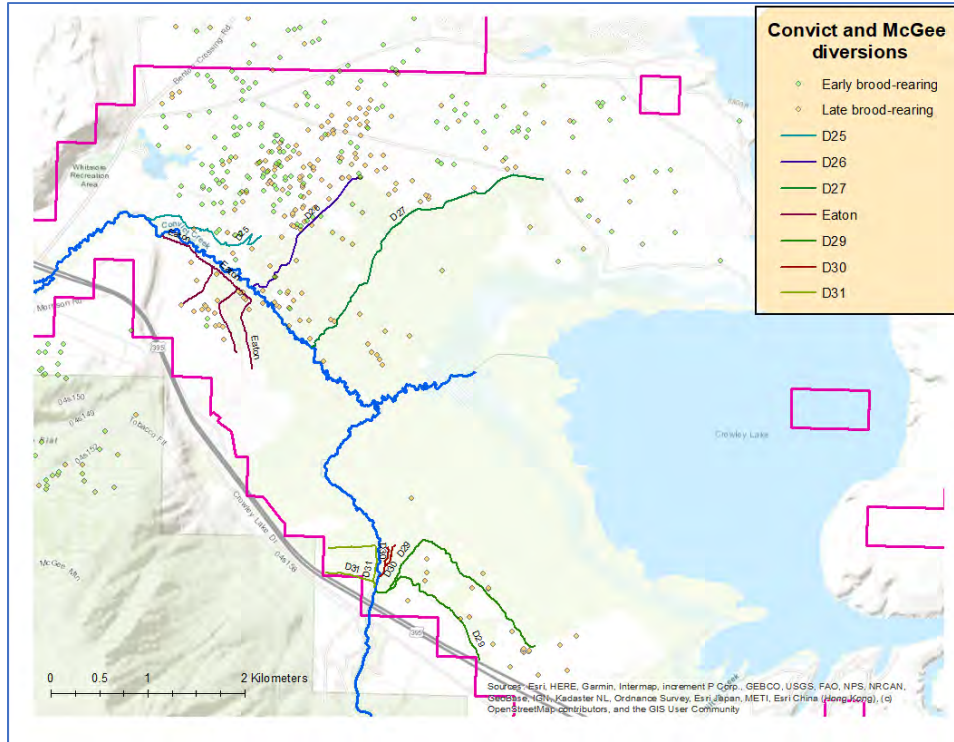


Figure 6: Irrigation diversions associated with Convict and McGee creeks with female grouse locations during the early (April 15-June 29) and late (June 30-Sept 15) brood-rearing season.

Strategy 1a2	<i>Manage pasture habitat associated with Convict Creek and McGee Creek in ways that will maintain and enhance brood-rearing habitat for BSSG.</i>
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**Objective 1b:** Identify habitat metrics and targets that will maintain or improve habitat quality for BSSG.

Effectively and efficiently managing for brood-rearing habitat (as well as knowing how much habitat can and should be managed) will entail an understanding of infrastructure capacity and limitations, and optimal habitat needs for brood-rearing BSSG.

Building on the assumption that managing pastures associated with Convict and McGee creeks for mesic conditions will provide the greatest benefit for brood-rearing BSSG, habitat targets and a prioritization of diversions associated with these systems has been identified (Table 1). Certain constraints will influence the ability to use water resources from Convict and McGee creeks. For example, retaining minimum flows of 10 cubic feet per second (cfs) in Convict and McGee creeks are desired to maintain riparian habitat functionality. Also, a threshold of water must be met in diversions before irrigation from check points can occur. When enough water is available to push into and spill from these diversions, it is anticipated habitat targets will be achieved and maintained during the months important for brood-rearing BSSG (May-Sept).



Normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) is a measure of plant greenness and can be used as an index of mesic habitat value. Unhealthy or desiccated plants, having reduced chlorophyll, will absorb rather than reflect green light waves. In contrast, healthy and succulent plants have higher levels of chlorophyll and reflect green light waves. Categorized on a range from -1.0 (e.g., non-plant materials) to 1.0 (e.g., succulent plants), NDVI can provide a measure of habitat quality but cannot differentiate between plant types. For example, undesirable weedy species may exhibit similar spectral reflections as desirable species. High mesic quality and properly functioning meadow habitat, important for Greater sage-grouse brood-rearing, exhibits an NDVI value that is  $\geq 0.3$  (Donnelly et al., 2016). Coates et al., (2019) found similar selection preference for BSSG in Long Valley. Starting Julian day 180 (June 29), broods moved progressively closer to mesic habitat, selecting for an NDVI of 0.3 on day 180 and greater than 0.3 for the remainder of the summer months.

To provide quality brood-rearing habitat for BSSG while also recognizing the importance of water conservation, it's important to understand the appropriate quantity and spatial configuration for managed habitat. For the needs of BSSG, too little mesic habitat may be insufficient to support broods while habitat in areas not selected by BSSG may be an inefficient use of resources. In addition, there is an increased risk of predation in open and exposed habitat and BSSG prefer to stay close to the shrub edge when using meadows or pastures. Hens with broods selected for upland sagebrush habitat within 4,000 meters (m) of mesic habitat until approximately Julian day 180 (June 29). After day 180, the strongest habitat selection model for hens with broods in Long Valley included covariates of NDVI of  $\geq 0.3$  within 100m of edge habitat (Coates et al., 2019).

*Table 1: Prioritized order and habitat targets for ditches associated with Convict and McGee creeks.*

Priority	Convict Creek	Habitat target	McGee	Habitat target
1 <sup>st</sup>	Diversion 26	100m green band with $\geq 0.3$ NDVI	Diversion 29 (upper and lower)	100m green band with $\geq 0.3$ NDVI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eaton diversions	100m green band with $\geq 0.3$ NDVI		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diversion 25	100m green band with $\geq 0.3$ NDVI		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Diversion 27	Provide water to Lek 3 area		

\*A spreadsheet has been drafted to guide water management decisions based on this order of prioritized ditches and with different water availability.

Keeping within the purpose of this AMP, quality and quantity are important components of maintaining and improving brood-rearing habitat. The exact locations of suitable habitat, the configurations within and among these areas, and the means by which these targets are achieved, will potentially change overtime as we develop a greater understanding of the needs for BSSG in Long Valley and the effects of this adaptive management effort.

Strategy 1b	<i>Annually manage for an NDVI <math>\geq 0.3</math> along 100m bands between the months of May-September with the infrastructure associated with Convict and McGee creeks with a minimum target of 0.3 NDVI by June 29.</i>
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**Objective 1c:** Conduct short-term and long-term monitoring of identified brood-rearing habitats.

Continued maintenance and enhancement of brood-rearing habitat for BSSG will entail annual implementation and effectiveness monitoring by LADWP. Monitoring will account for management actions conducted toward this effort, progress toward meeting objectives of mesic habitat in defined areas, and changes in habitat condition for sage-grouse (e.g., species composition, cover, and presence/abundance of weed species). Specific monitoring actions are described in greater detail in the draft Sage-grouse Conservation and Adaptive Management Plan (Appendix C).

Strategy 1c	<i>Actively monitor conditions to ensure mesic habitat targets are being achieved and changes in plant composition (diversity and cover) that are suitable for BSSG are not being compromised.</i>
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**Goal 2:** Based on the best available information, develop recommendations for LADWP’s annual operational plan to enhance and maintain BSSG brood-rearing habitat. This will include development of proposed operational plans, review and adaptive management process, reporting, and conflict resolution.

**Objective 2a:** Outline the approach for development of an annual operations plan.

LADWP and the Service will coordinate in the development of annual recommendations to LADWP’s annual operations plan regarding operational water releases for BSSG habitat. Additionally, LADWP and the Service will seek input from interested stakeholders, including USGS, BLM, INF, Mono County, Audubon Society and CDFW during four management meetings/year. During those meetings LADWP and the Service will consider recommend management actions and assess implementation outcomes, provided by interested stakeholders. A winter meeting (late February or early March; virtual) will review water forecasts; a virtual spring meeting will occur around April 1. At this meeting, the snowpack and estimates for water will be reviewed and recommendations for maintaining and enhancing brood-rearing habitat will be developed; An in-person summer meeting, occurring around July 1, will be a field-based meeting to observe the outcome of management actions, discuss any changes to the water forecast and provide modified recommendations if needed. A fall meeting (in-person or virtual) will occur around October 1 and will serve to review the field season, the actions that were implemented, and the outcomes to brood-rearing habitat. The fall meeting will also be an opportunity to review new science and discuss any adaptive management recommendations for future years or modifications to the plan. In addition, landscape-level population and habitat conditions for Long Valley (or South Mono PMU) should be reviewed and discussed at this time.

Strategy 2a:	<i>Annual meetings will occur four times per year: A winter meeting (late February/early March virtual) will review water forecasts; A spring meeting (early April; virtual) will convene after LADWP forecasts the upcoming water year; a summer meeting (July; in person) will be conducted in the field to assess conditions; and a fall meeting (October; in person or virtual) will be held to discuss operationally successes and challenges and to consider adaptive management opportunities.</i>
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**Objective 2b:** Identify the components of and timelines for an annual report to be prepared by LADWP and the Service.

An annual report will be prepared by LADWP, reviewed by the Service, and completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The report should include sufficient information to monitor trends in brood-rearing habitat that result from management and to inform future decisions.

Strategy 2b	<i>A report of the previous field season will be prepared by LADWP, reviewed by the Service, and completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The report will include (but not limited to) information related to water availability, management actions conducted, surveys and monitoring conducted, acres improved or maintained, adaptive management considerations/needs, collaborative participation.</i>
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**Objective 2c:** Identify the process by which issues will be elevated to LADWP and the Service management if needed.

Disputes between technical staff arising out of the processes established in this framework shall first be submitted to local office managers: LADWP’s Aqueduct Manager and the Service’s Reno Field Office Supervisor for resolution. If resolution cannot be achieved at the local level, disputes shall be submitted to LADWP’s Director of Water Operations and the Service’s Regional Director of the California/Great Basin Region. Any dispute over any water allocation will be consistent with LADWP’s 2019 Commitment Letter.

Strategy 2c	<i>Any request for dispute resolution will first be submitted to LADWP’s Aqueduct Manager and the Service’s Reno Field Office Supervisor. Additional needs for resolution will be elevated to LADWP’s Director of Water Operations and the Service’s California/Great Basin Regional Director.</i>
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Data gaps and science needs

As mentioned earlier, with this AMP, LADWP and the Service are striving for the most habitat, in high quality condition, within LADWP’s operational capacity (ownership, infrastructure, and operational necessities) and with the most efficient allocation of water. The direction provided is based on the best, currently available information. However, LADWP and the Service recognize that improving our understanding of elements such as BSSG distribution, brood-rearing habitat needs, potential management actions and the outcomes of these actions, will all serve to refine this AMP, and to more effectively and efficiently address the conservation needs of both BSSG and water.

Current assumptions that warrant attention and further exploration include the distribution of BSSG and areas used for brood-rearing habitat on LADWP lands; the appropriate configuration, distribution, and prioritization of focus areas; the targets proposed for maintaining and enhancing brood-rearing habitat; the water resources that will be needed to achieve such targets, and the reliability and consistency of climatic conditions.

The areas selected, where management actions can maintain or enhance brood-rearing habitat, are based on a telemetry database between the years of 2015-2019. This is currently our best available information and is assumed to be representative of BSSG use on LADWP lands within Long Valley. However, anecdotal observations and reports have been made of additional areas of LADWP lands where grouse have been observed during the brood-rearing period. Additional monitoring of BSSG will refine our understanding of use and important habitat in Long Valley.

The diversions associated with Convict and McGee creeks are anticipated to provide management options that can benefit brood-rearing habitat for BSSG. Again, based on use patterns of marked birds, a prioritization of these diversions was drafted (Table 1) with the intent of guiding where water resources will yield the greatest outcome throughout the season. Application and evaluation of this system will inform its success and will help refine the most effective approach.

In addition to identifying and prioritizing the diversion, we have identified the habitat targets of having at least 0.3 NDVI by June 29<sup>th</sup>, maintaining or increasing the NDVI score into September, and managing for this level of mesic habitat along 100m of identified diversions. These metrics were derived from work on greater sage-grouse and on BSSG in Long Valley but should continue to be evaluated to ensure the implementation of the AMP is meeting Objectives. In addition, it is currently predicted that spilling 5 cfs from diversions will yield  $\geq 0.3$  NDVI along a 100m-wide band. This will be evaluated through remote sensing monitoring of NDVI throughout the season by LADWP.

It is also well known that climatic conditions in the Eastern Sierras can be highly variable. In addition to high precipitation and drought years, there will likely be timing challenges such as late snowpack or early run-off events. There will certainly be long series of dry years where the storage capacities of soils and downstream infrastructure are depleted, sometimes punctuated or followed by periods of historically high-water years. All the possible scenarios related to fluctuating climate and the appropriate management actions would be hard to conceptualize. However, continuing to account for snowpack and run-off along with management actions and associated outcomes will help build our understanding of how to manage for the objectives in this AMP and to continue striving for conservation of water resources and bi-state sage-grouse.

## Appendix A:

### **Policy for the Evaluation of Conservation Efforts (PECE)**

- Section 4(b)(1)(A) requires the Services to take “into account those efforts, if any, being made by any State or foreign nation, or political subdivision..., to protect such species, whether by predator control, protection of habitat and food supply, or other conservation practices, within any area under its jurisdiction or the high seas.”
- Purpose
  - To provide a policy framework and criteria for evaluating, within a listing determination, conservation efforts that have not yet been implemented or have not yet demonstrated whether they are effective.
  - To facilitate planning for conservation efforts to reduce or remove threats to a species.
- Standard to be met
  - “To consider that a formalized conservation effort(s) contributes to forming a basis for not listing a species or for listing a species as threatened rather than endangered, we must find that the conservation effort is sufficiently certain to be implemented and effective so as to have contributed to the elimination or adequate reduction of one or more threats to the species identified through the section 4(a)(1) analysis.”
    - Formalized Conservation Efforts - “conservation efforts identified in a conservation agreement, plan, management plan or similar document.”
    - Conservation Efforts - “specific actions, activities, or programs designed to eliminate or reduce threats or otherwise improve the status of a species... may involve restoration, enhancement, maintenance, or other beneficial actions.”
- 9 criteria for Certainty of Implementation
  - (1) The conservation effort, the party(ies) to the agreement or plan that will implement the effort, and the staffing, funding level, funding source, and other resources necessary to implement the effort are identified.
  - (2) The legal authority of the party(ies) to the agreement or plan to implement the formalized conservation effort, and the commitment to proceed with the conservation effort are described.
  - (3) The legal procedural requirements (e.g., environmental review) necessary to implement the effort are described, and information is provided indicating that fulfillment of these requirements does not preclude commitment to the effort.
  - (4) Authorizations (e.g., permits, landowner permission) necessary to implement the conservation effort are identified, and a high level of certainty is provided that the party(ies) to the agreement or plan that will implement the effort will obtain these authorizations.
  - (5) The type and level of voluntary participation (e.g., number of landowners allowing entry to their land, or number of participants agreeing to change timber

management practices and acreage involved) necessary to implement the conservation effort is identified, and a high level of certainty is provided that the party(ies) to the agreement or plan that will implement the conservation effort will obtain that level of voluntary participation (e.g., an explanation of how incentives to be provided will result in the necessary level of voluntary participation).

- (6) Regulatory mechanisms (e.g., laws, regulations, ordinances) necessary to implement the conservation effort are in place.
- (7) A high level of certainty is provided that the party(ies) to the agreement or plan that will implement the conservation effort will obtain the necessary funding.
- (8) An implementation schedule (including incremental completion dates) for the conservation effort is provided.
- (9) The conservation agreement or plan that includes the conservation effort is approved by all parties to the agreement or plan.
- **6 criteria for Certainty of Effectiveness**
  - (1) The nature and extent of threats being addressed by the conservation effort are described, and how the conservation effort reduces the threats is described.
  - (2) Explicit incremental objectives for the conservation effort and dates for achieving them are stated.
  - (3) The steps necessary to implement the conservation effort are identified in detail.
  - (4) Quantifiable, scientifically valid parameters that will demonstrate achievement of objectives, and standards for these parameters by which progress will be measured, are identified.
  - (5) Provisions for monitoring and reporting progress on implementation (based on compliance with the implementation schedule) and effectiveness (based on evaluation of quantifiable parameters) of the conservation effort are provided.
  - (6) Principles of adaptive management are incorporated.
- If listing is not warranted due to PECE evaluated efforts, we are required to monitor those efforts into the future.

Appendix B.

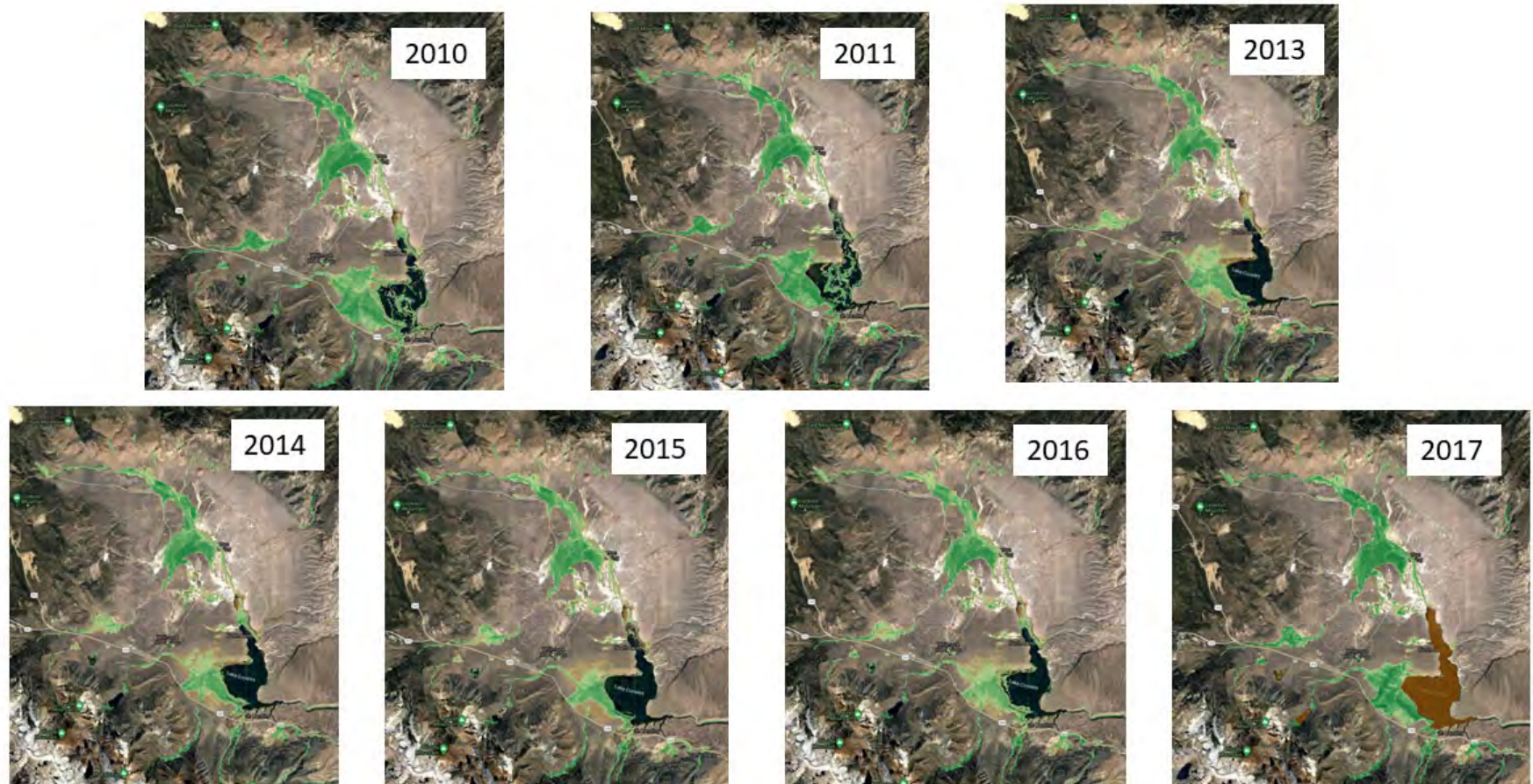


Figure 5: Maps of mesic habitat in Long Valley across 7 years. The lands associated with LADWP lands were largely resilient to drought periods (2013-2016) except areas associated with Convict Creek.

**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**  
**Sage Grouse Monitoring**

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### Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Sage Grouse Monitoring Plan

In 2013, LADWP drafted a Conservation Strategy (Strategy) for the bi-state sage-grouse (BSSG) on their lands in Mono County, California. This Strategy was approved by the Board of Water and Power Commission on August 18, 2014 and LADWP entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the implementation of this Strategy with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in 2014. A component of this Strategy includes commitments to maintain BSSG lekking, nesting, and brood rearing habitat. In 2015, LADWP drafted the “Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for its Operation and Maintenance Activities on its land in Mono and Inyo Counties, California.” In 2018 LADWP reaffirmed its commitments to the Service and specifically identified an area for priority habitat enhancement for sage grouse. Consistent with these documents, LADWP manages the activities on its lands such as habitat restoration, livestock grazing, recreation, control of noxious and invasive weeds, fire suppression, infrastructure maintenance, and the management of water gathering and power production/distribution in a manner that is compatible with the conservation of the BSSG and the mission of LADWP.

LADWP land in the South Mono Population Management Unit (PMU) receives high use by BSSG year-round. The South Mono PMU has three breeding complexes, two of which occur on LADWP land – Long Valley and Parker. In the Long Valley breeding complex, there are eight trend leks (leks monitored to collect population trend data), three of which are on LADWP land. In the Parker breeding complex, all known leks (one lek and several satellite leks) are on LADWP land.

The Long Valley complex is particularly important to the BSSG because of the number of birds found at the leks here and the use of this area for nesting and brood-rearing. Important habitat components for BSSG in Long Valley include high quality nesting habitat and irrigated pastures that create artificial mesic-meadow habitat. The edges of mesic meadows such as these are valuable to sage-grouse during the brood-rearing stage and especially when they are in close proximity to nesting habitat.

Within the South Mono PMU LADWP staff participate in direct monitoring of BSSG through annual participation in multi-agency monitoring efforts that include the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), the Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Monitoring efforts include lek counts, brood surveys, and habitat assessment.

#### Activities That May Adversely Affect BSSG on or near LADWP Land

Threats to the Bi-State DPS have been evaluated by local working groups within the PMU’s, a Bi-State Technical Advisory Committee composed of members of each PMU (Bi-State 2004, Bi-State TAC 2012), and in the Species Status Report by the Service (2013a). The specific threats to BSSG in the Conservation Strategy Area may vary by PMU and breeding complex.

The Service identified several threats to BSSG in the South Mono PMU. These include:

- Nonnative and Native, Invasive Plants
- Wildfire and Altered Fire Regime
- Grazing and Rangeland Management
- Urbanization and Habitat Conversion
- Recreation

- Infrastructure (i.e. roads, power lines, fences)

LADWP developed a monitoring program for the Conservation Strategy that describe monitoring associated with the threats described above.

### **Weed Management Monitoring**

Nonnative plant species may negatively impact sage-grouse habitat by altering the shrub and forb plant community structure, composition, and productivity that sage-grouse rely on (Service 2013a). The nonnative plant species of greatest concern is cheatgrass because it is widely dispersed and contributes to an increasing fire cycle.

LADWP has an extensive weed monitoring and treatment program. In implementing this program, LADWP identifies, documents, treats, and monitors nonnative weeds within the Conservation Strategy Area and has staff certified in the treatment of noxious weeds. LADWP conducts annual surveys for weeds typically from March through October to document the location and extent of weed occurrence. In addition, LADWP has trained their staff to identify weed occurrences while conducting operations and maintenance activities and conducts outreach programs to educate lessees and the public on identification and reporting of noxious weeds. Also, LADWP has trained their staff working in BSSG areas about grouse biology, habitat requirements, and avoidance and minimization measures that they will need to implement.

LADWP removes weedy species using the appropriate method for the ecological sensitivity of the site. For example, when weedy species are located near a special status plant species, a backpack sprayer is used instead of a truck-mounted sprayer because of ecological sensitivity. LADWP monitors weed management activities to determine their effectiveness by conducting surveys for at least five years to ensure that eradication has been successful.

By implementing these weed management activities, LADWP intends to limit the establishment and spread of undesirable plant species thereby maintaining or improving existing habitat.

### **Altered Wildfire Frequency Monitoring**

The potential of future wildfires and for increased wildfires are considered a risk within the South Mono PMU. Wildfire in the Long Valley area is of concern because it would result in the direct loss of habitat, habitat fragmentation, and could result in long-term changes in habitat quality and quantity including type conversion of vegetation communities (e.g. conversion of sagebrush community to cheatgrass). LADWP's monitoring includes recording the frequency, intensity, and location of wildfire (human and natural caused) events. These results will be compared to historic incidence of fire in an attempt to foster natural fire cycles where fire is a useful management tool or the habitat is adapted to fire.

### **Livestock Monitoring (including fencing)**

Livestock grazing is the most widespread type of land use in sagebrush areas. Improper livestock management can have negative impacts on greater sage-grouse habitats such as decreased herbaceous or sagebrush canopy cover or increased conifer cover (Connelly 2009).

LADWP land in the South Mono PMU is leased for cattle grazing. Cattle grazing occurs on irrigated pastures, upland habitats, and riparian pastures.

Livestock grazing monitoring activities include Range Trend, Pasture Condition, and Utilization Monitoring described below as well as any other activities necessary for livestock management in the Plan Area (e.g., fences, stock water). For a complete list of monitoring associated with livestock grazing please see the Owens Valley Land Management Plan (LADWP 2010) as well as the LADWP Habitat Conservation Plan.

#### Urbanization and Habitat Conversion

Urbanization and the conversion of sagebrush habitats on private lands to agriculture, housing and associated infrastructure has negatively affected BSSG and limited the current and future conservation opportunities (Service 2013a, FR 64368). The majority of private land within Unit 3 is LADWP land and includes key areas of BSSG habitat (Bi-State TAC 2012). LADWP lands within Unit 2 and 3 are composed primarily of sagebrush, antelope bitterbrush, native meadow, and irrigated pasture habitats. Approximately 1% of all LADWP land in Unit 2 and 3 has classified as “urban”.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Management Monitoring (including fencing)**

The primary risk to BSSG from recreation is disturbance and displacement from important use areas such as leks and brood habitats (Bi-State TAC 2012). This species is also vulnerable when concentrating in large groups such as during the lekking season, brood-rearing season, and during winter (Bi-State TAC 2012). Recreation can also adversely affect habitat quality and quantity.

LADWP land is largely unrestricted for public use as LADWP’s policy is to retain approximately 75 percent of its lands open for public recreational use. The other 25 percent of LADWP land may be posted “No Trespassing” as needed to protect biological, agricultural, or other resources.

Long Valley is subject to intense, year-round recreational pressure and human disturbance from recreation is considered a high risk to BSSG. Activities that take place in Long Valley include fishing, kayaking, boating, waterskiing, dog walking, bike riding, hot-tubbing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, camping, birding, and hunting for BSSG and other species. Long Valley is a popular place to view BSSG leks, with the most frequently-visited lek in Long Valley located on LADWP land.

LADWP conducts periodic patrols in areas that are known to have high use by outdoor recreationists. During these patrols, LADWP personnel look for issues with fencing, road closures, creation of new roads, camping and campfires, dumping, weeds, vandalism, etc. Further, LADWP personnel also look for adverse effects associated with outdoor recreation while they are conducting their normal duties. After identification, corrections are implemented as soon as possible. If illegal activities (camping, dumping, artifact gathering, etc.) are observed LADWP contacts law enforcement.

#### **Water Flow Monitoring**

LADWP will track changes in flow in waterways to ensure compliance with Biological Goals and Objectives. Flow monitoring is done through automated telemetered flow gauging stations or manually by the aqueduct and reservoir keepers (A&Rs) or hydrographers at gauging stations. Flow

monitoring is conducted on all waterways (Section 2). Flow monitoring enables flow management that promotes water distribution to maintain and enhance existing and potential habitat for Covered Species.

Based on the use of LADWP property by female grouse during the spring and summer months and by locations of existing water diversion infrastructure, management to benefit brood-rearing habitat would be most effective along Convict Creek and McGee Creek (Figure 1).

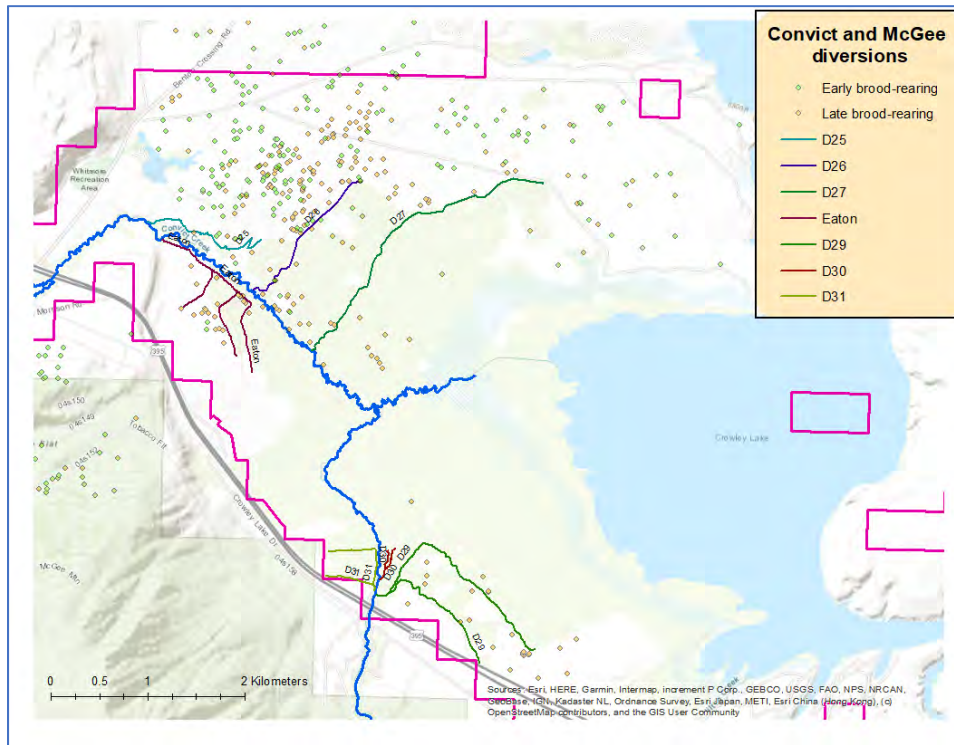


Figure 1: Irrigation diversions associated with Convict and McGee creeks with female grouse locations during the early (April 15-June 29) and late (June 30-Sept 15) brood-rearing season.

Building on the assumption that managing pastures associated with Convict and McGee creeks for mesic conditions will provide the greatest benefit for brood-rearing sage-grouse, habitat targets and a prioritization of diversions associated with these systems has been identified (Table 1). When enough water is available to push into and spill from these diversions, it is anticipated habitat targets will be achieved and maintained during the months important for brood-rearing sage-grouse (May-Sept).

Table 2: Prioritized order and habitat targets for ditches associated with Convict and McGee creeks.

Priority	Convict Creek	Habitat target	McGee	Habitat target
1 <sup>st</sup>	Diversion 26	100m green band with $\geq$ 0.3 NDVI	Diversion 29 (upper and lower)	100m green band with $\geq$ 0.3 NDVI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eaton diversions	100m green band with $\geq$ 0.3 NDVI		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diversion 25	100m green band with $\geq$ 0.3 NDVI		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Diversion 27	Provide water to Lek 3 area		

\*A spreadsheet has been drafted to guide water management decisions based on this order of prioritized ditches and with different water availability.

### Infrastructure

Three linear and two site-specific infrastructure features have been found to impact sage-grouse. The development and use of infrastructure such as roads, powerlines, fences, and cellular towers, results in habitat loss and fragmentation and may cause BSSG to avoid using certain areas. This infrastructure may also negatively affect BSSG habitat by promoting the introduction of invasive plants or providing perches or improved access for predators.

#### Roads

Many dirt roads exist throughout BSSG habitat with up to 100 miles of dirt roads on LADWP land in the Long Valley breeding complex area alone. LADWP staff have documented road locations and if feasible worked with neighboring land managers to close unnecessary or redundant roads.

#### Powerlines

A high-voltage transmission line crosses a small area of potential Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on LADWP land in the South Mono PMU and multiple small electrical distribution lines exist in all PMU areas. LADWP is working with USGS and Hardshell Labs to develop raven egg oiling to potentially reduce predation associated with LADWP transmission and distribution infrastructure.

#### Fences

Fences on LADWP land are used within the BSSG PMUs primarily for managing livestock and controlling recreational access. Fences can impact sage-grouse indirectly by causing habitat fragmentation or can result in injury or direct mortality through strikes. Fences with the highest risk of collision are those closest to lek sites on level terrain. Fences located in areas of more varied topography and increasing distance from lek sites are less likely to pose a collision risk.

In the mid-1990s, LADWP initiated a livestock fencing program in Long Valley. Some fencing associated with this program is in the vicinity of a large lek complex. Shortly after installation of fencing around this lek, evidence of BSSG mortality due to collision with the fence was found. Subsequently LADWP converted large sections of fencing to let-down fencing to reduce the potential for mortality.

## Communication Towers

One cellular tower exists on LADWP land south of Highway 395, near the community of Crowley Lake in the Unit 3 area. It is unlikely that this tower poses high risk to BSSG.

## Landfills and Transfer Station

The Benton Crossing landfill is located on LADWP land in Long Valley. The landfill, operated by Mono County, has been operating as a municipal solid waste disposal site since 1973 under a Business Lease to Mono County. The site is gated; it collects household hazardous waste, used oil, and appliances for processing and recycling, and buries construction and demolition waste as well as municipal solid waste. In 2012, an agreement was reached with LADWP to renew the lease through 2023, at which time the site is expected to reach capacity.

The Benton Crossing landfill is considered a threat to BSSG because it supports a subsidized population of common ravens which are potential nest predators. Nest success in Long Valley has been reported to be low compared to other PMU's in the bi-state area, although evidence that low nest success is limiting this population is not available.

## Habitat monitoring

In 2018 LADWP staff began a specific BSSG habitat monitoring effort following The Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development Pre- and Post-Habitat Treatment Vegetation Sampling Protocol. Four sample locations were randomly located in the Lek 2 area, three locations in the Eaton diversion area, and two locations in the Lek 3a area. Vegetation species cover and community composition were assessed at each location when the sampling points were established. Monthly photo points, collected during the growing season, began in 2020.

Additionally, LADWP staff conducted brood surveys with California Department of Fish and Wildlife during the summer of 2020.

Normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) is a measure of plant greenness and can be used as an index of mesic habitat value. Unhealthy or desiccated plants, having reduced chlorophyll, will absorb rather than reflect green light waves. In contrast, healthy and succulent plants have higher levels of chlorophyll and reflect green light waves. Categorized on a range from -1.0 (e.g., non-plant materials) to 1.0 (e.g., succulent plants), NDVI can provide a measure of habitat quality but cannot differentiate between plant types. For example, undesirable weedy species may exhibit similar spectral reflections as desirable species. High mesic quality and properly functioning meadow habitat, important for Greater sage-grouse brood-rearing, exhibits an NDVI value that is  $\geq 0.3$  (Donnelly et al., 2016). Coates et al., (2019) found similar selection preference for BSSG in Long Valley. Starting Julian day 180 (June 29), broods moved progressively closer to mesic habitat, selecting for an NDVI of 0.3 on day 180 and greater than 0.3 for the remainder of the summer months.

To provide quality brood-rearing habitat for BSSG while also recognizing the importance of water conservation, it's important to understand the appropriate quantity and spatial configuration for managed habitat. For the needs of BSSG, too little mesic habitat may be insufficient to support broods while habitat in areas not selected by BSSG may be an inefficient use of resources. In

addition, there is an increased risk of predation in open and exposed habitat and BSSG prefer to stay close to the shrub edge when using meadows or pastures. Hens with broods selected for upland sagebrush habitat within 4,000 meters of mesic habitat until approximately Julian day 180 (June 29). After day 180, the strongest habitat selection model for hens with broods in Long Valley included covariates of NDVI of  $\geq 0.3$  within 100m of edge habitat (Coates et al., 2019).

LADWP will utilize Landsat 8 at approximately 2-week intervals beginning in late April each year to determine NDVI in the areas of interest.

### **Reporting Requirements**

LADWP agrees to meet annually or more frequently if necessary and agreed upon, with Service to review progress in implementing the Conservation Strategy and to review needs for project modifications due to any changes in circumstances. LADWP will submit its annual written report July 1 for the previous calendar year. Annual Reports will include monitoring results and will identify Adaptive Management Recommendations.



OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
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## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: County Counsel and Human Resources**

**TIME REQUIRED** 5 minutes

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

**SUBJECT** Employment Agreement - Deputy  
County Counsel II

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Emily R. Fox as Deputy County Counsel II and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R21-\_\_\_\_, approving a contract with Emily R. Fox as Deputy County Counsel II and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for this position for the remainder of FY 2020-2021 (April 19 to June 30th) is \$31,009 of which \$21,255 is salary and \$9,754 is the cost of the benefits and was included in the approved budget. The cost for an entire fiscal year would be \$144,083 of which \$110,532 is salary and \$33,551 is the cost of benefits.

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### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

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Date: April 6, 2021  
Re: Employment Agreement with Emily R. Fox

**Recommended Action**

Adopt Resolution #R21-\_\_\_, approving a contract with Emily R. Fox as Deputy County Counsel II and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Discussion**

After a competitive open recruitment, Ms. Fox was selected as the successful candidate and offered the position of Deputy County Counsel II with Mono County. Ms. Fox graduated from UC Berkeley School of Law in 2018, where she was awarded the Prosser Prize both in Environmental Law and in Criminal Law. While at Berkeley, Ms. Fox served as Editor-in-Chief of one of the nation's top environmental law journals – Ecology Law Quarterly, and was a teaching assistant to Professor Eric Biber, among other distinctions.

Following law school, Ms. Fox was hired by the law firm of Covington & Burling, LLP, where she gained experience in litigation and exposure to a broad variety of legal topics. She and her husband have dreamed of moving to the Eastern Sierra and are excited to become a part of the community.

We are very pleased to have Ms. Fox join our team and believe that she will be an outstanding addition to the office of the Mono County Counsel.



**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF EMILY R. FOX  
AS DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL FOR MONO COUNTY**

This Agreement is entered into this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021, by and between Emily R. Fox and the County of Mono.

**I. RECITALS**

The County wishes to employ Emily R. Fox as Deputy County Counsel II in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Ms. Fox wishes to accept employment with the County on said terms and conditions.

**II. AGREEMENT**

1. The term of this Agreement shall be April 19, 2021 until April 18, 2024, unless earlier terminated by either party in accordance with this Agreement. This Agreement shall automatically terminate in the event the County implements new agreements for its "at-will" employees and executes such new agreement as to Ms. Fox. The County shall notify Ms. Fox in writing no later than October 18, 2023 whether it intends to negotiate a renewal of this Agreement. In the event the County fails to provide such notice, Ms. Fox shall notify the County in writing of its breach of this provision of the Agreement within 30 days of October 18, 2023, and County shall be allowed 30 days from the receipt of that notice to cure the breach. If the County cures the breach and notifies Ms. Fox that it does not intend to negotiate a renewal of the Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate six months after said notification and no additional compensation or damages shall be owing to Ms. Fox as a result of the cured breach. If the County does not cure the breach, then the Agreement shall automatically renew for another three years on the same terms in effect at the time of renewal.
2. Commencing April 19, 2021, Ms. Fox shall be employed by Mono County as Deputy County Counsel II, serving at the will and pleasure of the County Counsel in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Ms. Fox accepts such employment. The County Counsel shall be deemed the "appointing authority" for all purposes with respect to Ms. Fox's employment.
3. Ms. Fox's salary shall be \$9211 per month. Ms. Fox understands that she is responsible for paying the employee's share of any retirement contributions owed to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) with respect to her employment for the County, and also any employee share of the "normal cost" of her retirement benefits that may be mandated by the Public Employees Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA).

The Board may unilaterally increase Ms. Fox's compensation in its discretion at any time while this Agreement is in effect. Any further increases during the term of this agreement shall be in accordance with Mono County Resolution R20-57. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the management compensation study currently underway indicates that a change in Ms. Fox's salary is warranted, it is agreed that this contract will be reopened for discussion and potential re-negotiation with respect to Ms. Fox's salary. During such negotiations the County shall consider and discuss the issue of increased compensation with Ms. Fox in good faith, but the County's decision whether or not to grant such additional compensation shall be final and non-appealable..

4. Ms. Fox shall earn and accrue vacation and sick leave in accordance with the County's Management Benefits Policy and in accordance with any applicable County Code provisions not in conflict with said Policy. Also, pursuant to said Policy, in recognition of the fact that her employment will be exempt from the payment of overtime or compensatory time-off under the Fair Labor Standards Act, she shall be entitled to 80 hours of merit leave (aka administrative leave) during each year of service under this Agreement, prorated for 2021 to reflect Ms. Fox's April 19 start date. Ms. Fox understands that said merit leave does not accrue from one calendar year to the next; rather, it must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year in which it is provided, or it is lost.
5. To the extent deemed appropriate by the County Counsel, the County shall pay the professional dues, subscriptions, and other educational expenses necessary for Ms. Fox's full participation in applicable professional associations, for her continued professional growth and for the good of the County.
6. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, Ms. Fox 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, CalPERS medical insurance, County dental and vision coverage, and life insurance. Pursuant to the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, the CalPERS retirement formula applicable to Ms. Fox's County employment will be "2% at 62." 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," amended most recently by Resolution R20-56 of the Mono County Board of Supervisors and as the same may be further amended from time to time and unilaterally implemented by the County.
7. Ms. Fox 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 full-time personal services to the County or, in the event of any absence, upon her proper use of any accrued leave. Should Ms. Fox 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. Fox’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.

8. Consistent with the “at will” nature of Ms. Fox’s employment, the County Counsel may terminate Ms. Fox’s employment at any time during this Agreement, without cause. In that event, this Agreement shall automatically terminate concurrently with the effective date of the termination. Ms. Fox understands and acknowledges that as an “at will” employee, she will not have permanent status nor will her employment be governed by the County Personnel System (Mono County Personnel Rules) except to the extent that System is ever modified to apply expressly to at-will employees. Among other things, she will have no property interest in her employment, no right to be terminated or disciplined only for just cause, and no right to appeal, challenge, or otherwise be heard regarding any such termination or other disciplinary action the County Counsel may, in his or her discretion, take during Ms. Fox’s employment.
9. In the event of a termination without cause occurring after the first six (6) months, Ms. Fox shall receive as severance pay a lump sum equal to six (6) months’ salary or, to the extent that fewer than six full calendar months remain (as of that effective date) before this Agreement would have expired, Ms. Fox shall instead receive a lesser amount equal to any remaining salary payments she would have received before expiration of the Agreement had she not been terminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Ms. Fox shall receive severance pay equal to six (6) months’ salary in the event that termination occurs after the County has notified Ms. Fox that it intends to negotiate a renewal of this Agreement but before this Agreement expires. In no event shall the parties’ failure or inability to arrive at mutually acceptable terms of a renewed agreement trigger the payment of severance pay. Note: for purposes of severance pay, “salary” refers only to base compensation.
10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Ms. Fox shall not be entitled to any severance pay in the event that the County Counsel has grounds to discipline her on or

about the time he gives her the notice of termination. For purposes of this provision, grounds for discipline include but are not limited to those specified in section 520 of the Mono County Personnel Rules, as the same may be amended from time to time. Ms. Fox shall also not be entitled to any severance pay in the event that she becomes unable to perform the essential functions of her position (with or without reasonable accommodations) and her employment is duly terminated for such non-disciplinary reasons.

11. Ms. Fox may resign her employment with the County at any time. Her resignation shall be deemed effective when tendered, and this agreement shall automatically terminate on that same date, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the parties. Ms. Fox shall not be entitled to any severance pay or additional compensation of any kind after the effective date of such resignation.
12. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the employment of Ms. Fox.
13. 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 terms and conditions of County employment. It is not the parties' intent to alter in any way the fundamental statutory (non-contractual) nature of Ms. Fox'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. Fox's sole remedy in response to any failure by the County to comply with this Agreement shall be traditional mandamus. Pursuant to Government Code sections 53243. Ms. Fox 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. Fox is convicted of a crime involving abuse of office or position.
14. Ms. Fox acknowledges that this Agreement is executed voluntarily by her, without duress or undue influence on the part or on behalf of the County. Ms. Fox further acknowledges that she has participated in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement and has had the opportunity to be represented by counsel with respect to such negotiation and preparation or does hereby knowingly waive her right to do so, and that she is 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.

### **III. EXECUTION:**

This Agreement is executed by the parties this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

EMPLOYEE

THE COUNTY OF MONO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emily R. Fox

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By: Jennifer Kreitz, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COUNSEL





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**REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**TIME REQUIRED**

**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, Janet Dutcher, Dave Wilbrecht, 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:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**CONTACT NAME:**

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## **REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

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**SUBJECT** Closed Session - Public Employee  
Evaluation

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
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BOARD**

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### **AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

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

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

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**SUBJECT** Closed Session - Existing Litigation

**PERSONS  
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BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *Abshire et al. v. Gavin Newsom et al.* (U.S. Dist. Ct., E.D. Cal. 2:21-cv-00198-JAM-KJN).

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4/2/2021 1:34 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

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**SUBJECT** Closed Session - Initiation of  
Litigation

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

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### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

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.

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative**

<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	Item scheduled to start at 1:00 PM: 25 minutes (15 minute presentation; 10 minute discussion)	<b>PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD</b>	John Wentworth, Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative Update		

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

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

The Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative is a grant funded effort on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, of which Mono County is a partner. An update will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on what has been accomplished and what is still to come before the grant ends December 31, 2021.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None. Informational presentation only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**CONTACT NAME:** Kristy Williams

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 760-709-1493 / kristywilliams@mltpa.org

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**MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

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3/24/2021 12:54 PM	County Counsel	Yes
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## Memorandum

Date: March 22, 2021

To: Honorable Mono County Board of Supervisors

From: Kristy Williams  
Project Manager, Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative

Subject: Informational Presentation – Update on the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative

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### **Recommended Action:**

None. Informational presentation only.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

### **Discussion:**

We are a little more than halfway through the Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Initiative - which is a grant funded effort on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, of which Mono County is a partner. John Wentworth, on behalf of the "SRTI" team, will provide an update to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, including what we have accomplished and what is still to come before the grant ends December 31, 2021. This presentation will take about 15 minutes, then please allow time for questions as desired.





Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership  
Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative

Mono County Board of Supervisors

April 6, 2021



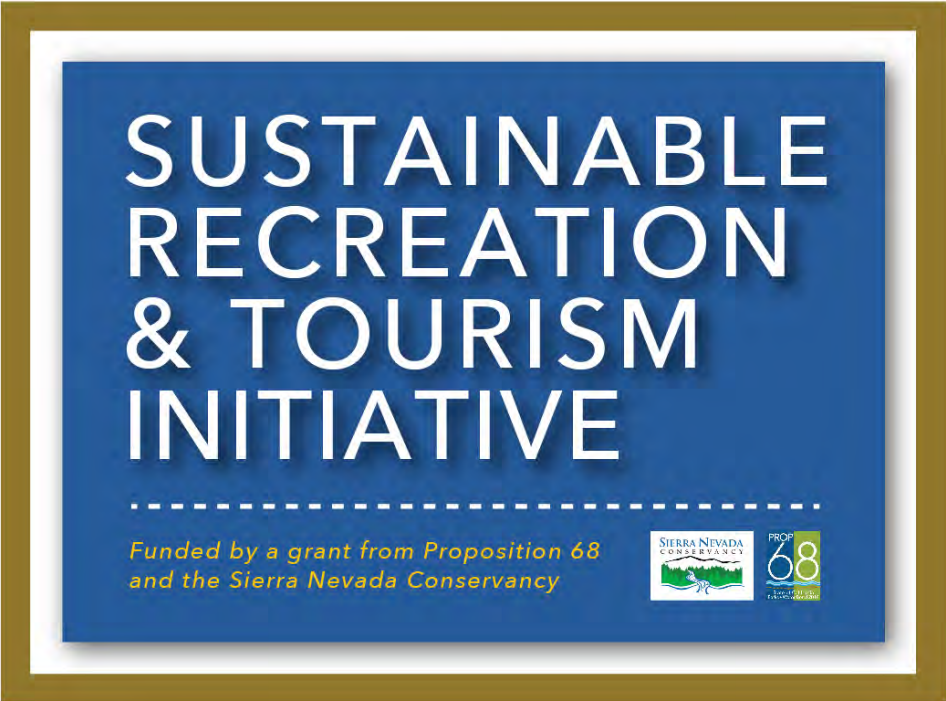


# EASTERN SIERRA

Sustainable Recreation Partnership







- “Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative”
  - Grant Awarded March 7, 2019 - \$618,750
  - Proposition 68 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy
  - Awarded to the Town on Behalf of Regional Partners
  - Work Initiated July 1, 2019

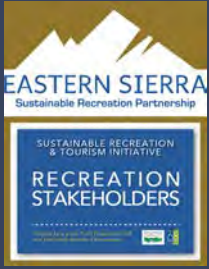
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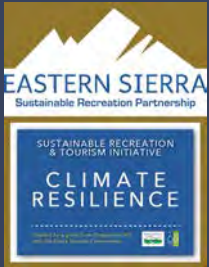


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- HighBar Global Consulting
  - “Recreation Stakeholders” – *Track #1*
  - “Projects and Funding” – *Track #4*
- Placeworks + ICF
  - “Climate Adaptation and Resilience Assessment” – *Track #2*
- SMG Consulting
  - “Visitor Connection Working Group” – *Track #3*
- Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA)
  - Project Management + Progress and Final Grant Reporting
  - Staff Support for all Tracks

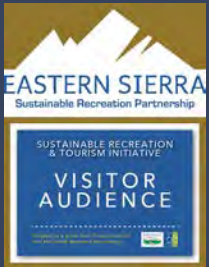


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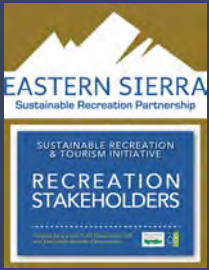
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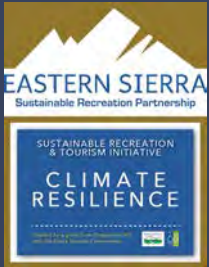


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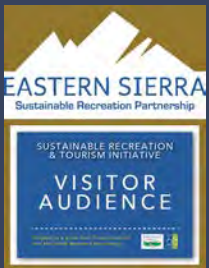
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- Final Tally of Projects: 183
- **Completed February 1, 2021**



## “Climate Adaptation and Resilience Assessment” – Track #2

- “Vulnerability Assessment” + “Natural Capital Assessment”
- **Completion: April, 2021 / ESSRP Report Out May 3**



## “Visitor Audience” – Track #3

- “Visitor Connection Package”
- **Completed February 22, 2021**



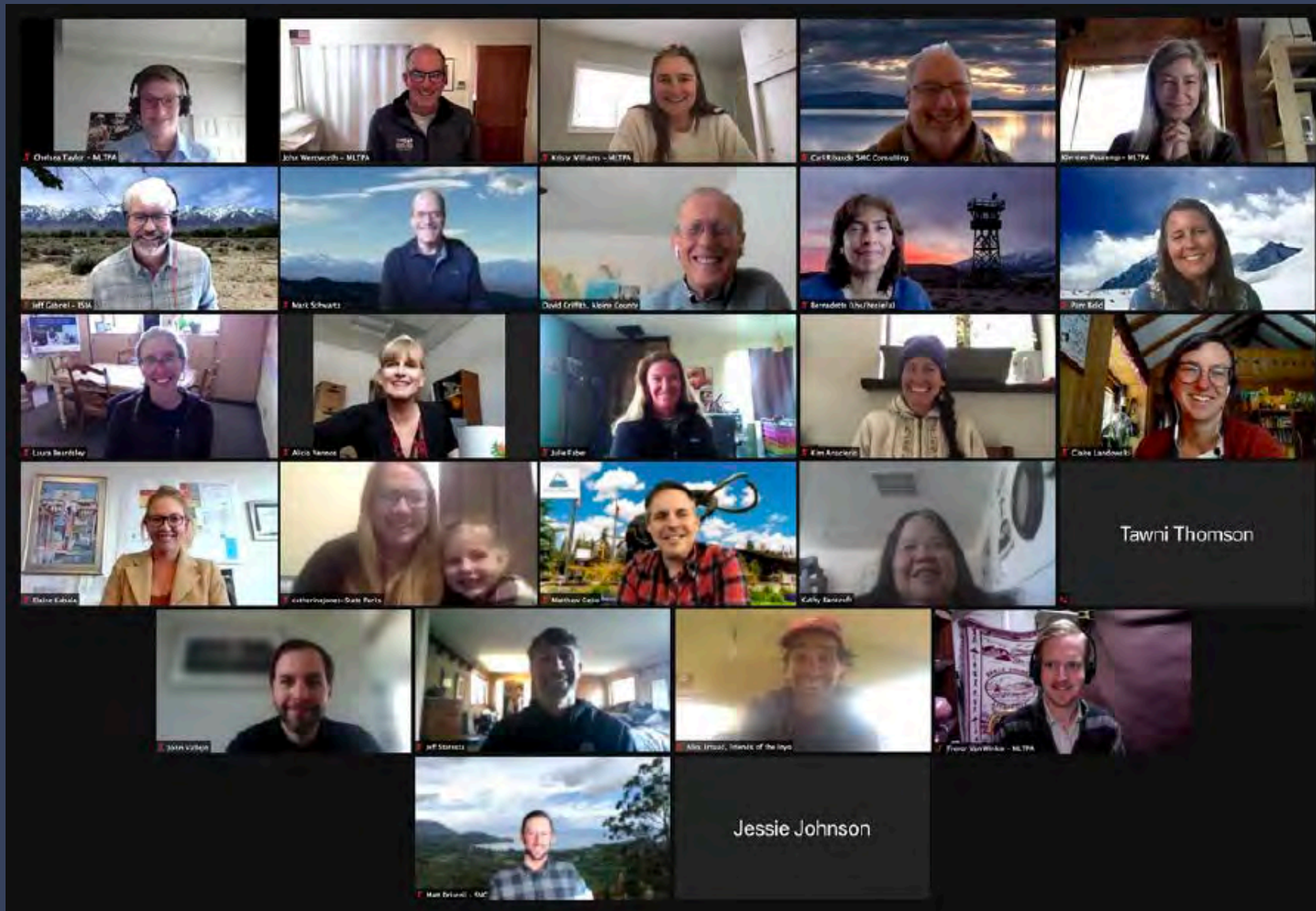
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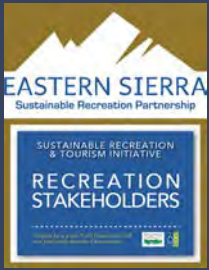
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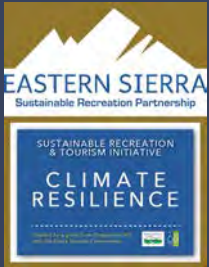






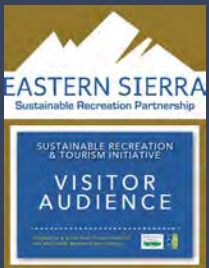
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## “Visitor Audience” – Track #3

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- Completed February 22, 2021



## “Projects and Funding” – Track #4

- Completion: December 2021

# "Recreation Stakeholders" – Track #1 – 183 Project Ideas

ESSRP Projects 1 to 183 - Sorted by Type and Composite Desirability Scores Above "18"

ID	Score	Stewardship	Access	Benefits	Project Name	Project Location	Project type	Short summary
3	22.28	7.95	6.68	7.65	This is Our Home: Treat this like your home	Southern Inyo County	Outreach and Communication	A three-pronged education program to reach visitors, engage local businesses, teach local kids how to care for the environment.
143	21.71	7.07	7.33	7.31	Eastern Sierra Visitor Centers Exhibit Inspection and Review, Repair and Replacement.	Visitor Centers in Lone Pine, the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, the White Mountain Ranger Station, Mammoth Lakes, and Lee Vining	Education	Visitor Center exhibits provide information and education for visitors. This project will inspect, repair, and/or replace exhibits needing rehabilitation because of wear, or to be more current.
5	21.64	7.6	6.95	7.09	Where to "Go" in the Alabama Hills	Alabama Hills; Regional	Outreach and Communication	Leverage agency partnerships to provide regular on the ground presence and establish a regionally coordinated information network (Signs, websites, apps) on etiquette, way finding and interpretation.
108	21.11	6.96	7.13	7.02	Celebrating Indigenous History and Culture	Entire east side	Education	Interpretive tours of local Indigenous sites, by local Indigenous guides
112	20.98	6.98	7.09	6.91	Kids in Nature	Mammoth Lakes area	Education	Provides science and nature-based outdoor education programs to get kids outside exploring and learning about nature and how to responsibly enjoy the outdoors
150	20.98	6.89	7.11	6.98	Eastern Sierra Visitor Center and Regional Interpretive Program and Visitor Services Review, and Development and	Lone Pine, Ancient Bristlecone Pines Forest, White Mountain Ranger Station, Mammoth Lakes, and Lee Vining	Education	All Eastern Sierra Visitor Centers and the region need quality interpretive programs and visitor services. This project would review these current programs and develop and implement improvement plans.

# "Recreation Stakeholders" – 183 Project Ideas Scored

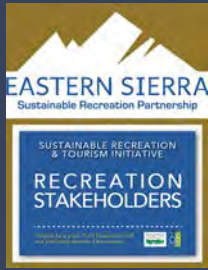
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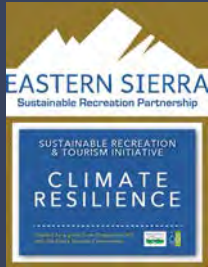
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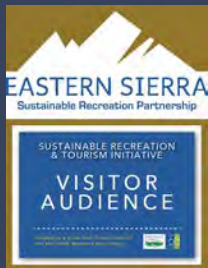
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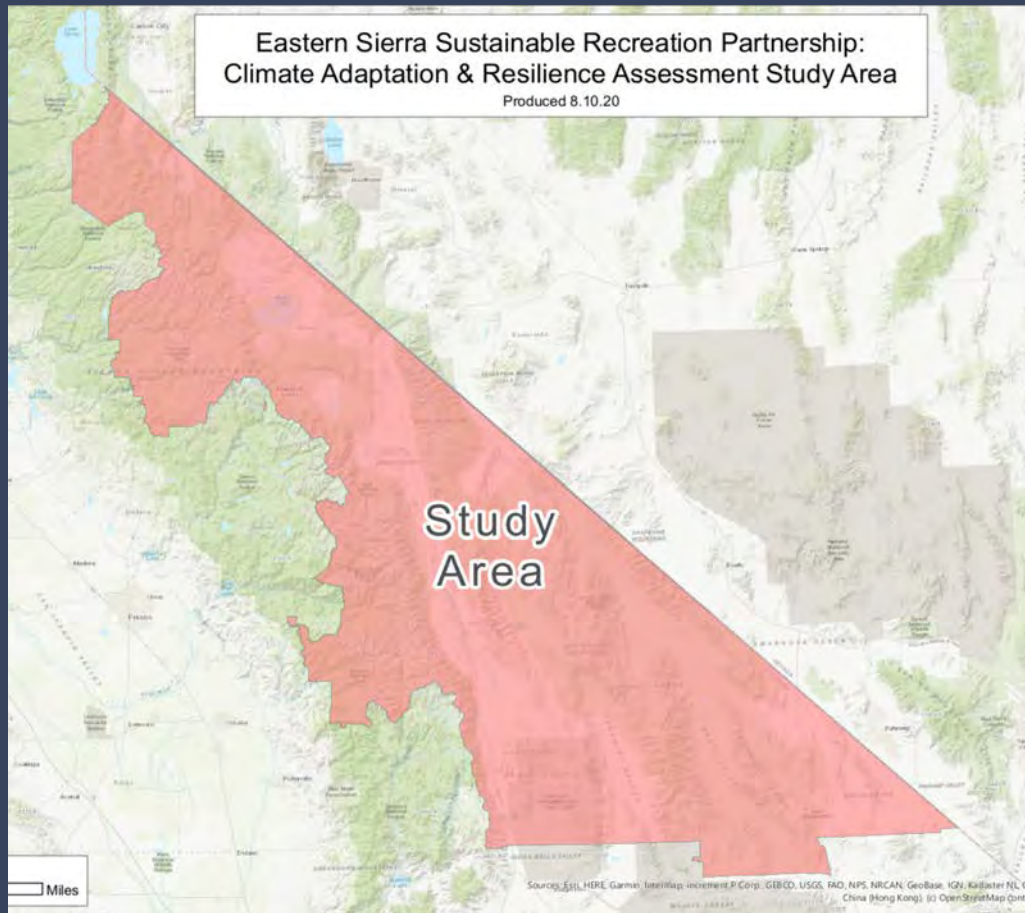
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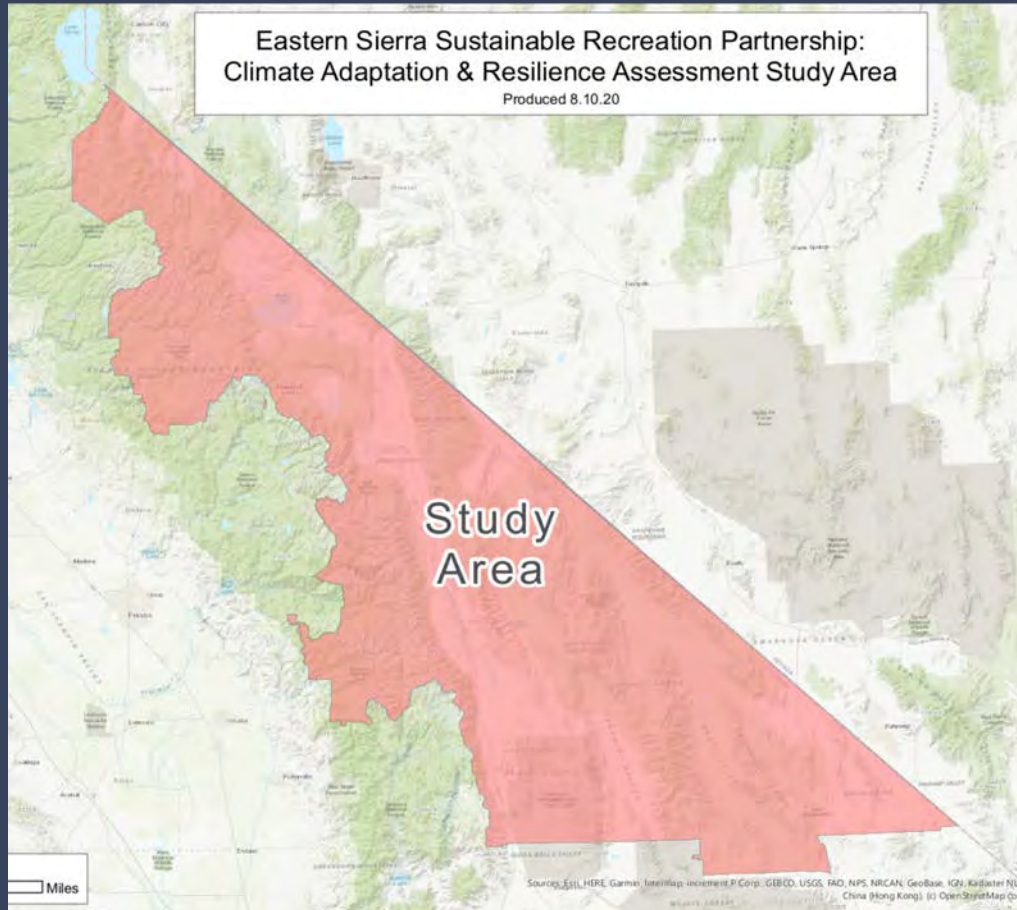
## “Projects and Funding” – Track #4

- Completion: December 2021





## Vulnerability Assessment



# Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative: Baseline Natural Capital Assessment Draft

November 17, 2020

Submitted to:  
Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public  
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Submitted by:  
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Vulnerability Assessment



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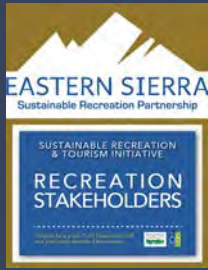
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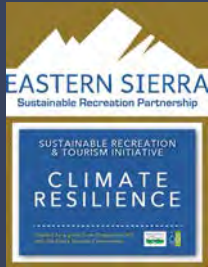
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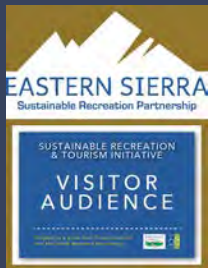
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# "Visitor Audience" – Track #3 - Complete

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## VISITOR CONNECTION PACKAGE

A Framework  
for the Development  
and Implementation of  
a Regional Voice for  
Sustainable Recreation  
in the Eastern Sierra



*Funding for this project has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California, under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) and in support of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.*

## **MESSAGING THEMES FOR THE EASTERN SIERRA**

**RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP**

**ESCAPE - ADVENTURE - SURPRISE**

**MEMORY - TRADITION - CONNECTION**

**EXPANSIVE - DRAMATIC - TIMELESS**

**RESPECT - APPRECIATION - STEWARDSHIP**



**ESCAPE - ADVENTURE - SURPRISE**



**MEMORY - TRADITION - CONNECTION**



**EXPANSIVE - DRAMATIC - TIMELESS**

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ★ Focus on stewardship education and the celebration of local culture.
- ★ Be reliable, implementable, and forward thinking.
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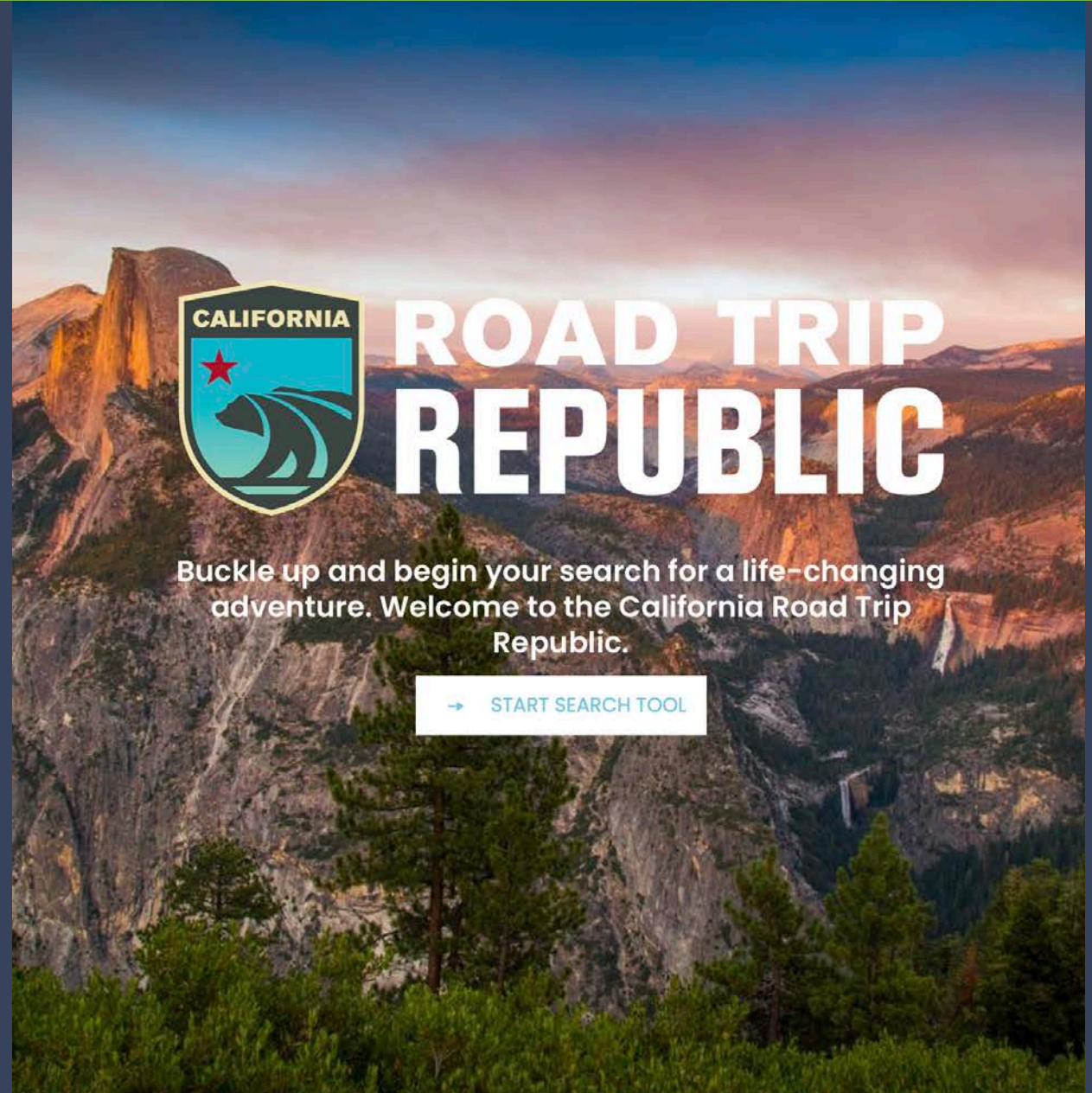
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## Outdoor Recreation in the West

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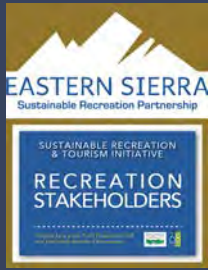
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### Plans to Visit National Public Lands in the Year Ahead



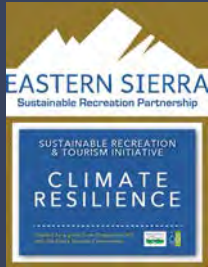
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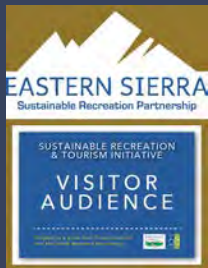
## “Recreation Stakeholders” – Track #1

- Final Tally of Projects: 183
- Completed February 1, 2021



## “Climate Adaptation and Resilience Assessment” – Track #2

- “Vulnerability Assessment” + “Natural Capital Assessment”
- Completion: April, 2021 / ESSRP Report Out May 3



## “Visitor Audience” – Track #3

- “Visitor Connection Package” + 8 Working Group Meetings
- Completed February 22, 2021



## “Projects and Funding” – Track #4

- **Completion: December 2021**





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    - Mono County Board of Supervisors – **April 6, 2021**
    - USFS: HT + Inyo NF - **April 8 + 14, 2021**
    - City of Bishop – **April 12, 2021**
    - Alpine County – **April 20, 2021**
    - Regional: Vulnerability Assessment – **May 12, 2021**

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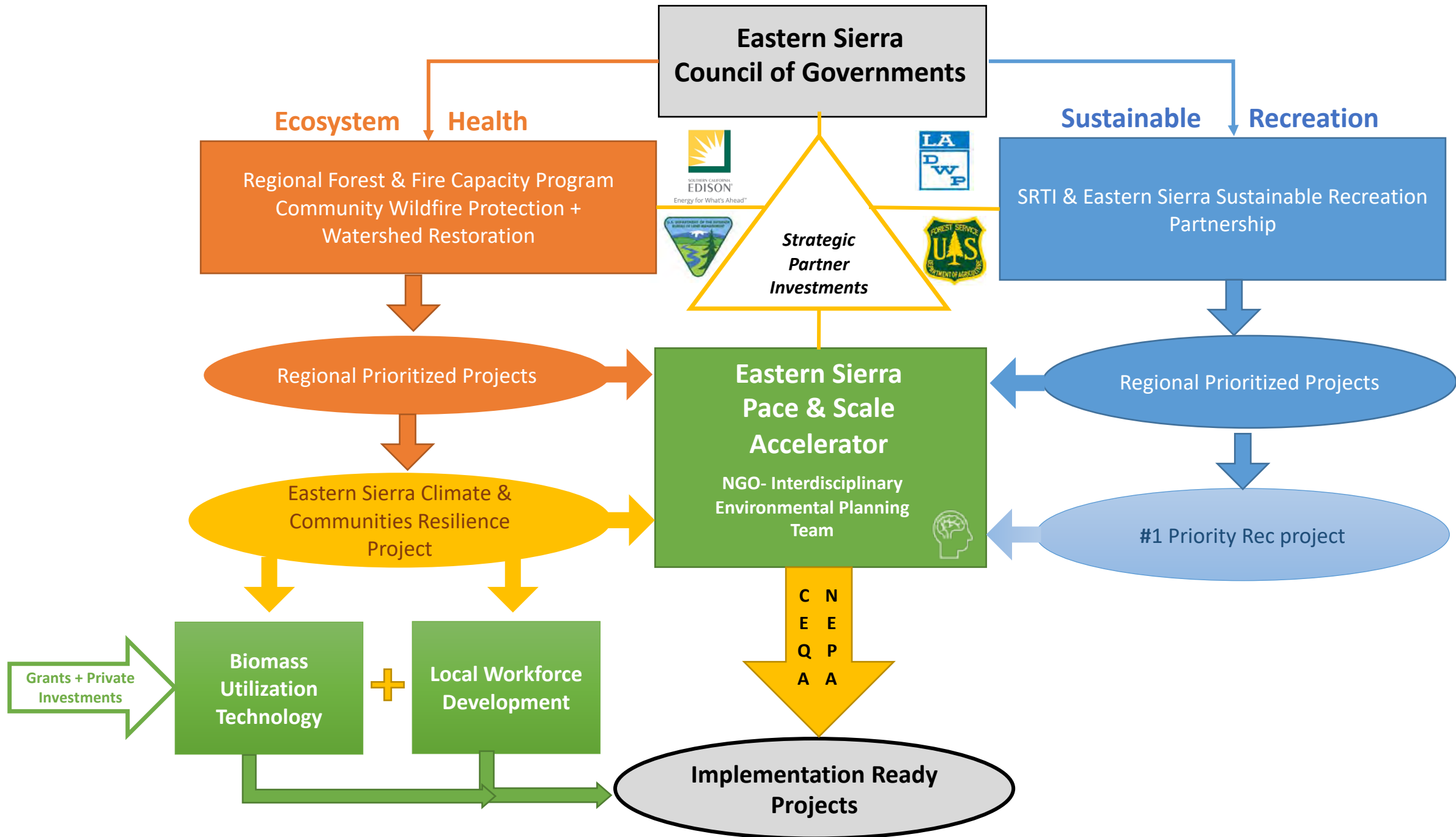
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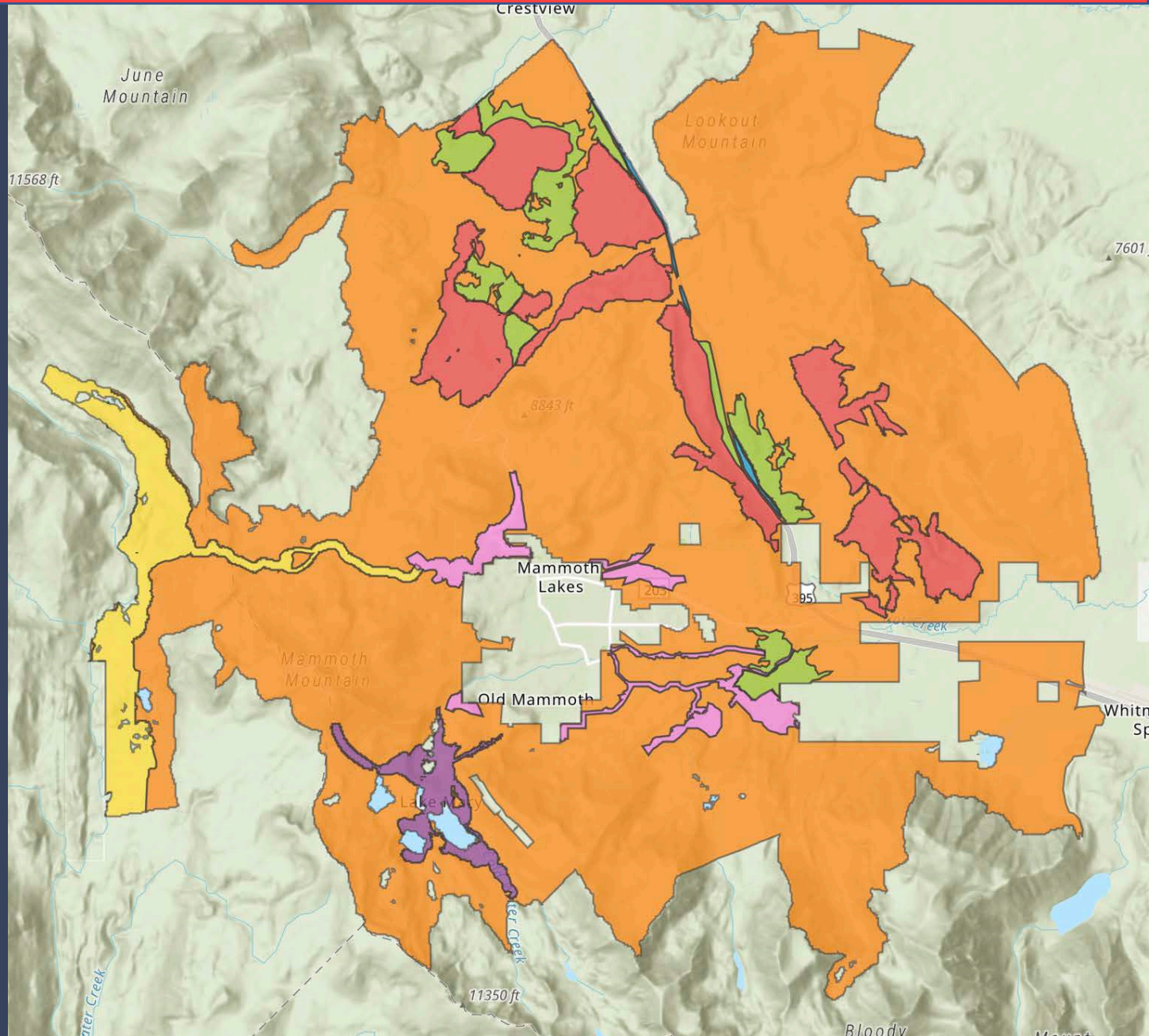


**PROP 1**

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**WATER BOND 2014**  
RELIABILITY | RESTORATION | RESILIENCE

Proposition 1 Restoration Grants

[Grant Program Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)



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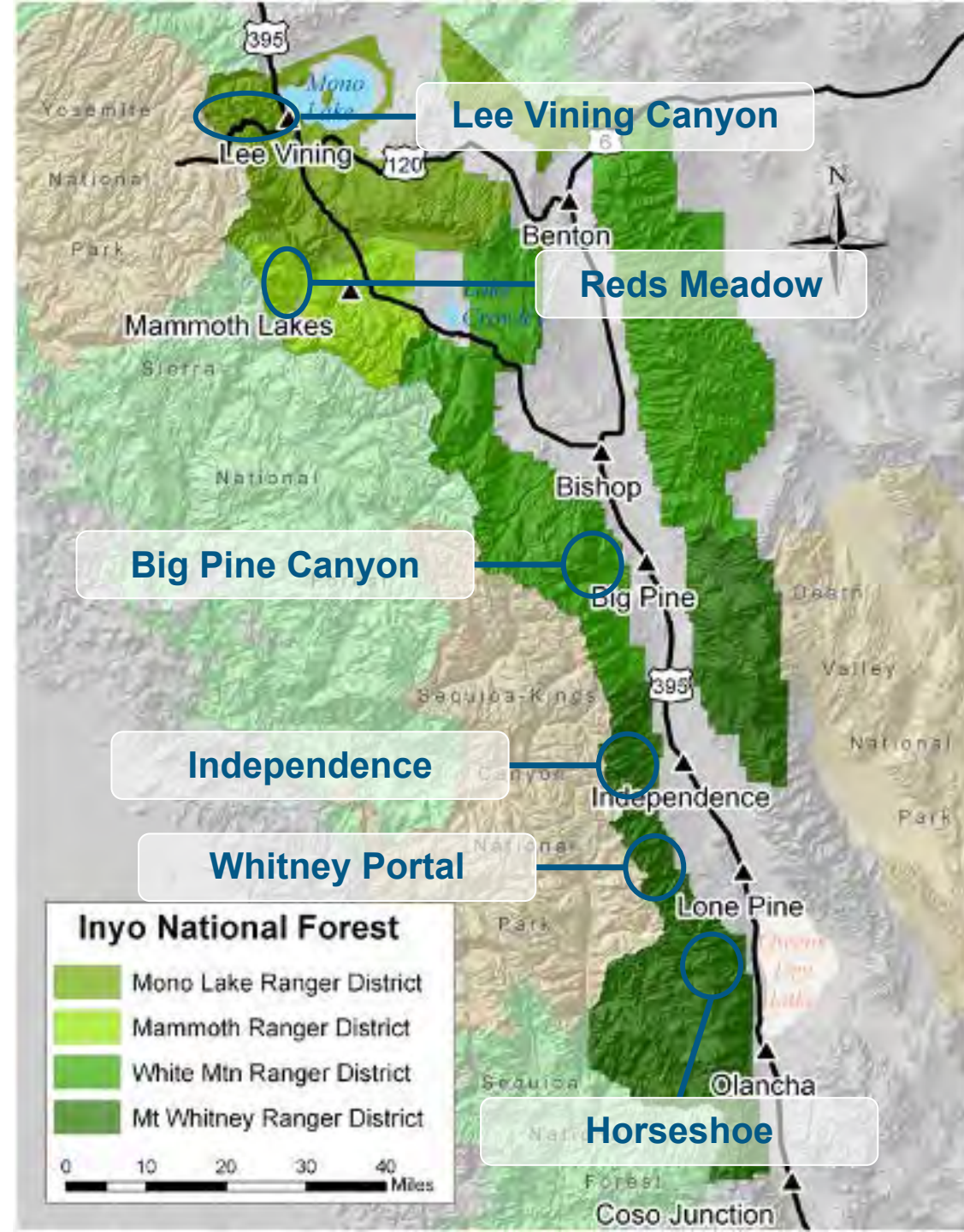
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## Status: We have defined geographic areas of focus for the business plan.

- We identified **geographic areas** with high potential.
- We are defining a high-level concept of a project for each area to use in our business plan.
- The final business plan will be delivered in September 2021.
- In the later design phase, multiple campgrounds within this area would be examined, delivering a design plans that makes sense for the geographic area as a whole.





# SRTI Projects and Funding – Dispersed Camping 2021

To build collective engagement for collaborative action *this summer* across the Eastern Sierra



# SRTI Projects and Funding – Dispersed Camping 2021

## Brief Review of 2020 Dispersed Camping Experience

- a. Rapidly increased numbers (estimates?)
- b. Increased trash, human waste
- c. Fire rings, non-compliance with fire restrictions, wildfires
- d. General damage to roads, trails, and the environment
- e. Route proliferation = vegetation and habitat damage
- f. Focused impact and/or problem areas
- g. Impacts to cultural resources (theft)
- h. Overtaxed infrastructure – overflowing trashcans, trashed bathrooms, crowding within communities and focused locations
- i. Overtaxed agencies – increased calls for service, constant need to dispense basic information
- j. Question posed is it really more folks or more visible impacts?
- k. Other thoughts



### Noted Problem Areas

- *Inside communities*
- *All along 395 and 120 (5-mile corridor)*
- *Mammoth Scenic Loop, Lakes Basin, Shady Rest*
- *Grant Lake and June Lake Loop*
- *Glass & Deadman creeks & Upper Owens River Rd*
- *Hot Springs – Buckeye, Long Valley*
- *Mono Lake and Lee Vining Canyon, esp. Tioga Road and Saddlebag Rd*
- *Tablelands*
- *Alabama Hills*

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Public lands in the United States hold the creation stories, burial grounds, and ceremonies of Indigenous people who were killed or forcibly removed from their ancestral homes during territorial acquisition.

Many tribes, comprised of different bands, live in the Eastern Sierra region, caring for their native lands as they coexist with the ongoing impacts of colonization. Past or present tribes and bands associated with the region that this effort is aware of include, but are not limited to, the Miwok, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a, Mono/Monache, Nüümü (Paiute), Newe (Shoshone), Timbi-Sha, Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute, and Washoe.

Two Nüümü terms describe the region and provide important context to ideas offered in this document. The first is Pamidu Toiyabe (Western Mountains), and the other, more widely known, place name is Payahuunadü (The Place Where Water Flows).

This acknowledgement is an invitation to all organizations, residents, and visitors to recognize the way this history has shaped the present as all parties work together in anticipation of a better future.

# Thank You

Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership  
Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative

Mono County Board of Supervisors

April 6, 2021





OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

Print

**MEETING DATE** April 6, 2021

**Departments: Probation**

**TIME REQUIRED** 15 minutes

**SUBJECT** Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council  
Appointment

**PERSONS  
APPEARING  
BEFORE THE  
BOARD**

Karin Humiston, Chief Probation  
Officer

### AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

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

Request for appointment of one member of the Board of Supervisors as a representative to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for 2021. The JJCC is responsible for developing the county's Multi-Agency Local Action Plan to serve Juvenile-Justice Involved Youth.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Appoint one member of the Board of Supervisors to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) for 2021.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

**CONTACT NAME:** Karin Humiston

**PHONE/EMAIL:** 7609325572 / jlmills@mono.ca.gov

### SEND COPIES TO:

### MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:

YES  NO

### ATTACHMENTS:

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### History

Time	Who	Approval
3/18/2021 1:24 PM	County Counsel	Yes
3/30/2021 4:04 PM	Finance	Yes
4/2/2021 1:32 PM	County Administrative Office	Yes



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Mark Magit  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court

Dr. Karin Humiston  
Chief Probation Officer

March 17, 2021

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: K.S. Humiston

SUBJECT: Request for assignment of one member of the Board of Supervisors to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Appoint one member of the Board of Supervisors to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC).

**DISCUSSION:**

Welfare and Institution Code [749.22](#) requires each county to establish a juvenile justice coordinating council (JJCC) that shall develop and implement a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime. The JJCC is responsible for developing the county's Multi-Agency Local Action Plan to serve Juvenile-Justice Involved Youth. The coordinating council shall, at a minimum, include the Chief Probation Officer, as chair, and one representative each from:

- The District Attorney's office
- The Public Defender's office
- The Sheriff's Department
- The Board of Supervisors
- The Department of Social Services
- The Department of Mental Health
- A Community-Based Agency drug and alcohol program
- The Police Department

- The County Office of Education or School district
- An at-large community representative

The JJCC's SB 823 Subcommittee will be established under Senate Bill 823, which began the closure of the state's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), California's youth prison system. SB 823 will realign state functions previously administered by DJJ to county governments. Members of the subcommittee will assist in the development of a comprehensive long-term realignment plan to serve youth at a local level, including the identification of facilities, programming, service needs, and the allocation of grant funding.

This would be an annual appointment. Future appointments will be made at the meeting when the Board of Supervisors review appointments to boards, commissions and committees for the upcoming year.

As the chair, I respectfully request the assignment of one Board of Supervisor to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
No Fiscal Impact.