



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT TOWN / COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Special Meeting  
March 15, 2022**

4:15 PM Meeting Called to Order by Board Chair Gardner.

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

*Supervisors Absent: None.*

*Councilmembers Present: Rea, Salcido, Sauser, Stapp, and Wentworth (Rea, Salcido, Sauser, and Wentworth attended via teleconference).*

*Councilmembers 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 Mayor Salcido.

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

**Kevin Bessenbacher, Ormat:**

- Overseeing Shady Rest portion, here to answer any questions.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Overview of the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Dan Holler, Town Manager) - Overview of the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee.

**Action:** None.

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

- Provided overview of the Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee

**Robert C. Lawton, Mono County CAO:**

- Credits Supervisor Corless for getting the “joint meetings” and Liaison meetings, getting everyone together at the same place at the same time.

**Bob Gardner, Mono County Chair:**

- Supervisor Corless and Kreitz serve on the committee from the Counties side.

**Supervisor Corless, Mono County Board:**

- Remind everyone that the Liaison Committee exists since it did “die down” during COVID

**B. ORMAT Operations Related Plowing of Roads in the Shady Rest Park Area**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Dan Holler, Town Manager) - ORMAT has initiated road plowing in the Shady Rest area to provide access to facilities and other uses. The operations have impacted recreational activities in the area by limiting groomed routes for snowmobiling and other activities.

**Action:** None.

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

- Presented Item

**Kevin Bessenbacher, ORMAT:**

- ORMAT position is temporary: 2-3 months
- Met with Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth – concerned with who is going to take over for the next project
- Discussed possible danger for snowmobiling

**Councilmember Sauser:**

- Schedule – would like to set up a meeting with ORMAT to discuss proposed schedule is for the next year, giving opportunity to plan
- Pipeline melt – should be flagged (ORMAT responsibility)

**Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth:**

- Caution – believes that Kevin is unqualified to speak on matters that are necessary for the issues to be resolved. Doesn't think its fair to put Kevin on the spot since he is a temporary employee of ORMAT.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Would like to establish that this is an issue of serious concern for the Town and County – would like to work toward a recreation plan around the CB4 Expansion Project and maybe staff direction to our points of contact (Joel and Matt) and communication back to ORMAT and federal land agencies that are involved.
- Would like to see some clear direction from staff

**Mayor Salcido:**

- EIR Review – ORMAT agreed to do certain things and very little of this has been done
- Goal is to hold ORMAT responsible for doing what was in the EIR Review

**Andy Morris, Town Attorney:**

- Towns position is at a bare minimum – ORMAT comply with all the permit conditions and mitigation measures in the environmental documents

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- ORMAT – it is incumbent on the project proponent to build their project in compliance with the project description that was analyzed in the environmental document, they do not have leeway or flexibility to deviate from that.
- Determine what the documents said and that is the project that needs to be built unless ORMAT wants to change the project

**C. County and Town Support for and Participation in Proposed Mono County Office of Emergency Services**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dan Holler, Town Manager) - County and Town Support for and participation in proposed Mono County Office of Emergency Services.

**Action:** None.

**Robert C. Lawton, Mono County CAO:**

- Presented Item

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

- General Support and structure have been outlined
- Benefit of having a centralized OES system in place is in the training and planning side

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Dedicated source of funding is important

**Frank Frievalt:**

- Encourages to not lose momentum that we got started under the agreement
- Important to have some strategic guidance
- Risks – must be effective early

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Provided Jessica for training – since moved on to another position
- Support staff is needed for emergency
- Emergency Funding – Cal OES or FEMA
- Dedicated source of funding is important

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Fully in Support
- Multi- Agency approach will be necessary

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Support
- Communication has changed
- Look at input from the community for new opportunities

**Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth:**

- Support
- Need to memorialize all the lessons learned and keep the momentum going

**D. Update on Radio Communications System Upgrade**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Dan Holler, Town Manager) - Update on Countywide Emergency Radio Communications System upgrade.

**Action:** None.

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented item

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

- California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) - preferred alternative

**Frank Frievalt:**

- California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) – has been in progress for a while with a solid strategic build out and solidified a massive amount of funding

**Kirk Hartstrom, Mono County IT Communications Manager**

- By the end of (as their best estimate) 2022 CRIS will have a functional system up and running in Mono County
- Dispatch integration is still a puzzle to solve
- County coverage in area where coverage is lacking

**Public Comment:**

**Good Citizen:**

- Agrees 100 percent – Believes that don't need a relationship with the state to do so (since it's a Sovereign County)
- Disagrees with any kind of 5G tower – several reports of negativity by 5G towers
- Tower being proposed by AT&T in exchange for funding for a dog park – dog park for \$50,000 wants more transparency

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

Addressed dog park comment:

- Clarifies that the dog park grant was thru T-Mobile and it has nothing to do with requested tower

**E. Housing Programs Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Dan Holler, Town Manager) - Housing Programs updates from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County.

**Action:** None.

**Sandra Moberly, Town of Mammoth Lakes Community & Economic Development Director:**

- Introduced & Presented Item

**Nolan Bobroff, Town of Mammoth Lakes Associate Planner – Housing Coordinator:**

- Presentation

**Robert C. Lawton, Mono County CAO:**

- Introduced Sanjay Choudhrie, Mono County Housing Opportunities Manager
- Presented Item from Mono County
- Provided an update of Housing Programs from Mono County includes status of projects
- Status report was a product from the Board of Supervisors dated back to 2018

**Sanjay Choudhrie, Mono County Housing Opportunities Manager:**

- Sanjay is looking forward to working with the community in the future

**Sarah Rea, Councilmember – Town of Mammoth Lakes:**

- Requesting to send the councilmember the Power Point Presentation for sharing
- ADU Construction Loan Program – would like to explore

**Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth:**

- Ideas to discuss with Mono County: Money – the way the town is financed and how to invest

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Looking forward to Sanjay to help the county
- Public conversation with Forest Service and other land management agencies on short term solutions on Safe Parking

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Look at every potential avenue to generate revenue

**Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth:**

- Encourages bringing federal partners into this discussion
- EIFD – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District: something town has to leverage with the counties participation and generate some revenue assist with housing needs in all of Mono County

**Mayor Salcido:**

- Would like to walk away with a preliminary plan as to how to continue this close dialog – come up with a way to move forward

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

- Forest Service update - reengaged discussion about short-term and long-term plans for housing and parking issues

**Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz**

- FHA Financing Approval for buyers – hard to come up with 20 percent for a down payment

**Chair Bob Gardner:**

- Review for NACo on our resort town housing – blown away by the revenue that they are producing beyond what we are doing, great example
- Suggests a quarterly review on housing

**Public Comment:**

**Good Citizen:**

- Don't see enough incentive for homeowners, would like to see more of that and thinks that bring on more success in the housing issues

**Mickey Brown:**

- Look at how can we come up with a 30-day plan that addresses the most desperate need of underhoused community
- This needs to be a working group of people that are underhoused and the employers that are desperate for housing and they need to be bi-lingual

**Mayor Pro Tem Wentworth:**

Follow up – staff direction to Dan Holler

**Dan Holler, Town Manager:**

**Follow up – staff direction**

- Have regular meetings with Sanjay and Patricia from Mammoth on housing
- Potential funding structure
- Making sure to FHA funding structure
- Working with the Forest Service – people living in their cars
- Ongoing review of what other agencies are doing
- Ongoing look for other funding sources

**ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM.**

**ATTEST**



Bob Gardner (Aug 21, 2022 17:26 PDT)

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**BOB GARDNER  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



Queenie Barnard (Aug 23, 2022 17:06 PDT)

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**QUEENIE BARNARD  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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