



**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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024**

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Peters read:

In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial to the present and have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. We who live in Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.

9:01 AM Call meeting to order by Chair Peters.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Salcido, and Peters. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Duggan.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin K. Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. In designating May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month, Mono County joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health and to provide education and reduce stigma around mental health. Mono County Behavioral Health has planned activities and events to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month.

Action: Adopted proclamation designating May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month, receive report on activities planned to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month.

Salcido moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-080

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Presented item.

B. Proclamation Designating May 2024 as Art Month

Departments: Mono Arts Council

(Kristin Reese, MAC Executive Director) - Proclamation recognizing and celebrating May as Mono County Art Month 2024.

Action: Adopted proclamation recognizing and celebrating May as Mono County Art Month 2024.

Salcido moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-081

Chair Peters:

- Presented item.
- Announced that item #9a. is pulled from the Afternoon Agenda.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Update on Road crew doing a great job and getting great feedback from the public. Specifically with clearing shoulders and plowing in Chalfant and Virginia Lakes Road.
- Update on insurance issues and discussed the development of a task force with Chris Mokracek.
- Discussion the county 2-1-1 service and the reinstatement of service.
- Update on Bridgeport Fire request of additional funding.
- Update TOT increase, working with a consultant.

- Discussion on the Governors new budget and budget workshop.
- California Job First process and monthly updates to the Board.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Discussion of the 2-1-1.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion of the 2-1-1.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Update on the Eazy Smart Pay.
- Update on Gerald Frank working with Megabyte regarding the TOT.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Discussion on California Job First:
 1. Recognized Liz Grans for going to a 2-day workshop in Tahoe.
 2. Liz and Amanda attended Community Workshop in Mammoth Lakes.
 3. Next workshop is on May 16.

Kathy Peterson, Health and Human Services Director:

- Discussion on Public Health funds and future budget cuts.

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.)

Items #5c and #5j pulled from Consent Agenda.

A. Behavioral Health Advisory Board Appointment

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Mono County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Appointments. The mission of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) is to support individuals by promoting recovery, self-determination, and wellness in all aspects of life. The Board advises and evaluates the various functions and policies of the Behavioral Health Department that are under the direction of the Behavioral Health Director and jurisdiction of the Mono County Board of Supervisors (BOS).

Action: Appointed to the Mono County Behavioral Health Advisory Board: Jennifer Weaver, term expires May 14, 2027.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-082

B. Updated Memorandum of Understanding with Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care

Departments: Behavioral Health

Minor updates to previously executed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, and Inyo County pertaining to the homeless housing, assistance, and prevention program (HHAP) grant funds.

Action: 1). Approved and authorized Chair to sign contract with Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care and Inyo County for the HHAP for the period March 26, 2024, through June 30, 2029. 2). Delegated authority to Chair to approve future minor changes or revisions that do not substantively alter the agreement or significantly change the contract amount and are approved as to form by County Counsel.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-083

C. Budget Adjustment for Mono County Behavioral Health Vehicle Purchase

Departments: Behavioral Health

A budget adjustment is needed to allow for the purchase of a new vehicle for needed services in the Behavioral Health Wraparound program. The increase in appropriations in budget unit 841 and 650 is covered by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) fund balance.

Action: Approved budget adjustment for FY 2023-24, (4/5 vote required).

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No

M24-090

Kreitz - N

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requested clarity on the deadline for spending.
- Discussion on all County vehicles and the concerns she has.
- Does not support until we have a discussion. Requested an agenda item on this topic.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Discussion on the usage of vehicles and vehicle availability.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Discussion on the County fleet vehicles.

Moved to item #5j.

D. Amendment to Agreement with Anne Sippi Clinic

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract amendment with Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group pertaining to the provision of transitional social rehabilitation services.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair, to sign, contract with Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group for provision of transitional social rehabilitation services for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, and a not-to-exceed amount of

\$169,765.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-084

E. Exchange Agreement between ParcelQuest and the Mono County Assessor

Departments: Assessor

Proposed contract with ParcelQuest pertaining to Payment for Data.

Action: Approved and authorized Chair to sign, Exchange Agreement with ParcelQuest.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-085

F. Temporary Closure of a County Road (Sherwin Creek Road) in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for July 4, 2024

Departments: Public Works - Road Department

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is requesting temporary closure of a county road (Sherwin Creek Rd) for its annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration. This road closure will be to support traffic control at Highway 203/395 turn off for people returning to Mammoth from the Crowley Lake Fireworks display.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-039, Authorizing the Temporary Closure of County Roads for the Town of Mammoth Lakes Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-039

G. Avigation Easement from Parcel Adjacent to Bryant Field

Departments: Public Works

Resolution Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Accept and Consent to Recordation of an Avigation Easement Deed for Assessor's Parcel Number 008 070 042

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-040, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Accept and Consent to Recordation of an Avigation Easement Deed for Assessor's Parcel Number 008 070 042.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-040

H. Mono County Systemic Safety Curve Signage Project

Departments: Public Works

This project will install curve warning signs, chevrons, and other curve signage on Lower Rock Creek Road, Benton Crossing Road, Convict Lake Road, Lundy Lake Road, Twin Lakes Road, Eastside Lane, and Cunningham Lane. An executed Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) and adopted Resolution are required to obtain reimbursement of HSIP funds from the state.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-041, Approving Program Supplement Agreement No 00000A493 Under Administering Agency – State Master Agreement No 09-5497S21 for the Mono County Systemic Safety Curve Signage Project, State Project No. HSIPSL 5947(069).

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-041

I. Approval of Updates to Existing County Job Descriptions and Changes to the Allocation List

Departments: County Administrative Office

Approval of updates to existing County Job Descriptions and changes to the Allocation List; and request the Board of Supervisors direct the County Administrative Officer or designee to approve future updates to existing County Job Descriptions.

Action: Approval of updates to existing County Job Descriptions and changes to the Allocation List; and requested the Board of Supervisors direct the County Administrative Officer or designee to approve future updates to existing County Job Descriptions.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-042

J. Amending the Allocation List to Add One Licensed Vocational Nurse and one Epidemiologist in the Health and Human Services Department

Departments: Human Resources

Proposed resolution Amending the Allocation List to Add One Licensed Vocational Nurse and one Epidemiologist in the Health and Human Services Department.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-043, Amending the Allocation List to Add One Licensed Vocational Nurse and one Epidemiologist in the Health and Human Services Department. 1:19:34

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No

R24-043

Supervisor Kreitz: No.

Supervisor Duggan: No.

**Second Motion: Recall the vote
Salcido moved, Kreitz seconded
Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No**

Supervisor Gardner: No
Chair Peters: No

Action: Adopted the second reading of Resolution Amending the Allocation List to Add One Licensed Vocational Nurse.

**Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded
Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No
R24-048**

Supervisor Kreitz: No.
Supervisor Duggan: No.

Kathy Peterson, Health Human Services Director:

- Clarification on the position and infrastructure.
- Offered to bring item back when they have more information.
- Suggested that the Board approve the LVN (Change the allocation list) today.

Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer:

- Provided clarity on the resolution that has been brought back (excluding the Epidemiologist).

Break: 10:32 AM

Reconvened: 10:43 AM

First reading: Moved to Item #6a.

Second reading: Moved to Item #7h.

K. Amending the Allocation List Deleting One Administrative Services Specialist and Adding One Fiscal/Administrative Services Officer I/II

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed resolution approving reclassification of Deanna Tuetken into the position of Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer II, Step A, in the Department of Community Development and amending the Allocation List to delete one Administrative Services Specialist and add one Fiscal/Administrative Services Officer I/II within that department.

Action: Approved Resolution R24-044, Approving reclassification of Deanna Tuetken into the position of Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer II, Step A, in the Department of Community Development, and amending the Allocation List to delete one Administrative Services Specialist and add one Fiscal/Administrative Services Officer I/II within that department.

Fiscal Impact: This item increases costs for the remainder of this fiscal year by

\$1,232, of which \$1,085 is salary and \$146 is benefits. If this item is approved, the annual cost of this position will be \$110,894, of which \$88,122 is salary and \$22,772 is benefits. This is an annual cost increase of \$9,566.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-044

L. Amending the Allocation List Deleting One Substance Use Disorder Counselor I/II/III and Adding One Behavioral Health Services Coordinator and adding One Clinical Supervisor

Departments: Human Resources

Proposed resolution to amend the allocation list to delete one Substance Use Disorder Counselor I/II/III and adding one Behavioral Health Services Coordinator - SUD I/II/II and to add one Clinical Supervisor.

Action: Approved the Resolution R24-045, Amending the allocation list to delete one Substance Use Disorder Counselor I/II/III and adding one Behavioral Health Services Coordinator - SUD I/II/II and to add one Clinical Supervisor.

Fiscal Impact: Exact fiscal impact unknown, depending on qualifications of potential candidates. Estimate of costs increases from a range of \$82,300 to \$108,000, to a range of \$230,000 to \$244,400, assuming applicants are hired at step A of the respective ranges.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-045

M. Approval of Funding Agreement with Long Valley Fire Protection District

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed agreement with Long Valley Fire District to provide \$100,000 in financial assistance for preliminary design, entitlement, and permitting work related to the construction of Station #2 in Sunny Slopes (515 Owens Gorge Road).

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair to sign, contract with Long Valley Fire District for preliminary design, entitlement, and permitting work for Station #2 for the period April 2024, through March 31, 2027, for \$100,000.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-086

N. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2024.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2024.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-087

O. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2024.

Action: Approved the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2024.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-088

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. F.I.M. Corporation Comment Letter on Proposed Sage-Grouse Listing Under the State Endangered Species Act

Departments: Community Development

F.I.M. Corporation transmitted their comment letter on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed listing of the Greater Sage-Grouse under the California Endangered Species Act for the Board's information.

Action: None.

B. Request to Backfill Insufficient Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF)

Letter to Senator Padilla regarding the request appropriation for insufficient ERAF amounts in Mono County.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Behavioral Health Advisory Board Overview

Departments: Sheriff's Office / Behavioral Health

(Sheriff Ingrid Braun) - Presentation by Behavioral Health Advisory Board providing an overview of the Board's responsibilities.

Action: None.

Sheriff Ingrid Braun:

- Presented item.
- Discussed Prop 1.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Advisory Board:

- Discussion on importance of the Behavioral Health Department.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Discussion on Prop 1.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: County Fees

Departments: Finance

PUBLIC HEARING: 9:00 AM (20 minutes)

(Gerald Frank, Treasurer/Tax Collector Director) - Public hearing regarding changes to County fees.

Action: 1). Conducted Public Hearing; 2). Considered and approved the Resolution R24-046, Adopting new fees and changes in existing fees for specific County permits and other services.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-046

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Open: 11:04 AM

Supervisor Duggan:

- Requested clarity on the Solid Waste fees.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Provided paid fees information from last year.

Gerald Frank, Treasure/Tax Collector:

- Clarified the temporary food permits.

Public Hearing Closed: 11:20 AM

C. Mono Arts Council (MAC) Program Update and Resolution Naming Mono Arts Council as Mono County's State-Local Partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP)

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Kristin Reese, MAC Executive Director) - Proposed resolution designating the Mono Arts Council as Mono County's authorized local partner for the California Arts Council's State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and authorizing the

Mono Arts Council to apply for and receive funds from the California Arts Council's SLPP.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-047, Designating the Mono Arts Council as Mono County's authorized local partner for the California Arts Council's State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and authorizing the Mono Arts Council to apply for and receive funds from the California Arts Council's SLPP.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-047

Kristin Reese, MAC Executive Director:

- Presented item.

D. Mono County Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation and CSA1 Trails Proposal for Inyo National Forest

Departments: Public Works - Sustainable Recreation

(Marcella Rose, Sustainable Recreation Coordinator) - Mono County Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation (MCSOAR) has been working with members of the County's Service Area 1 (CSA1) advisory board to develop a recommendation to the Board regarding the establishment of a connector trail system in southern Mono County in partnership with the Inyo National Forest and BLM Bishop. This item requests Board approval of the initial proposal of this trail system to the Inyo National Forest and BLM Bishop submitted by Mono County, as recommended by the County's CSA1 advisory board.

Action: Approved the proposal for Mono County to submit to the INF and BLM to proceed with the trail connector system.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-089

Marcella Rose, Sustainable Recreation Coordinator:

- Presented item.

E. Discussion of Potential Future Single-Use Water Bottle and Styrofoam Ban

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Supervisor Gardner) - Board discussion of a potential future single-use plastic water bottle and Styrofoam ban sponsored by Supervisor Gardner.

Action: None.

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Provided an overview of item.
- Will research and come back with research and additional information.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Provided background and intention moving forward.

Board Consensus:

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Not in support currently.
- Am interested in getting more filtered water stations to refill water bottles.

Supervisor Salcido:

- In favor.

Supervisor Duggan:

- In favor.
- Would like to investigate the solutions for recycling.

Chair Peters:

- Has many questions before supporting.

Public Comment:

Chris Bubster, Town of Mammoth:

- In support.

Moved to Closed Session.

F. Biomass Facility Update

Departments: Emergency Management

(Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - An update on biomass-related grants and possible bioenergy projects.

Action: None.

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator:

- Presented item.

G. Wildfire Resilience Action Financial Team (WRAFT) Information

Departments: Emergency Management

(Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - Update on the Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Project (ESCCRP) Wildfire Resilience Action Financial Team (WRAFT) and discussion of a proposed MOU among WRAFT and other partners.

Action: None.

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator:

- Presented item.

Moved back to Item #5j.

H. Mono County Jail Facility - Update

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Presentation by Public Works Director, Paul Roten regarding the progress in constructing a new Mono County Jail on Twin Lakes Road in Bridgeport.

Action: None.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

I. Update to Policies and Procedures Manual - Purchasing and Contracting

Departments: County Administrative Office and County Counsel

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Staff update on new sections added to the Mono County Policies and Procedures Manual - Policy L-1: "Department Processes for Preparing Contracts" and L-2: "Purchasing - Documentation and Internal County Review". Discussion of process for updating or revising Manual.

Action: None.

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

J. Proposed Purchase of Certain Real Property at 264 Highway 182 Bridgeport, CA 93517 (APN: 008-213-011-000)

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager) - Proposed Purchase of Certain Real Property at 264 Highway 182 Bridgeport, CA 93517 (APN: 008-213-011-000)

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-049, Authorizing the purchase of the property located at 264 CA 182 Bridgeport, CA 93517, APN: 008-213-011-000

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-049

Tyrone Grandstrand, Housing Opportunities Manager:

- Presented item.

Moved to item #71.

K. Update of Draft Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Workplan

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer) - Presentation by Assistant County Administrative Officer, Christine Bouchard regarding update on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Workplan.

Action: Item tabled.

L. Terms and Conditions of Employment for Danyell LeBrun as Health Services Manager

Departments: Health and Human Services

(Michelle Raust, Health Human Servies Deputy Director) - The Health and Human Services Department has selected Danyell Lebrun, RN, as its Health Program Manager-Community Health. Ms. Lebrun currently works for the county as a nurse within the Public Health Division. This item seeks Board approval of an agreement regarding the terms and condition of employment for Ms. Lebrun in this new role.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Adopted Resolution R24-050, Approving an agreement regarding the terms and conditions of employment of Danyell Lebrun as Health Program Manager-Community Health. Authorized the Board Chair to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: This item increases spending for the remainder of this fiscal year by \$3,012, of which \$2,275 is salary and \$737 is benefits. If this item is approved, the annual cost will be \$195,751, of which \$130,138 is salary and \$65,613 is benefits. The fiscal impact of this item is included in the Health and Human Services FY 2023-24 adopted budget.

Salcido moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-050

Michelle Raust, Health Human Servies Deputy Director:

- Presented item.

Moved to item #9b.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:32 PM

Reconvened: 1:41PM

No reportable action.

Moved to Item #7f.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Mary Snyder, Christopher Beck, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

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

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

County of Mono, et al v. Liberty Utilities, LLC, et al., Case No: 2:21-cv-00834-DAD-KJN, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Update from Toiyabe Indian Health Project on Coleville Clinic Planning

Departments: Clerk of the Board, Sponsored by Chair Peters

1:00 PM: 30 minutes (10-minute presentation, 20-minute discussion)

(Dr. Zahid Sheikh, CEO and Earl Lent III, Chief Operating Officer) - In November of 2020, the Mountain View Fire destroyed thousands of acres and over 100 structures in the town of Walker. The fire also destroyed the Toiyabe Indian Health Clinic located in Coleville. The Board of Supervisors will hear an update from Toiyabe leadership, Dr. Zahid Sheikh, CEO and Earl Lent III, Chief Operating Officer, on efforts to rebuild a medical and dental clinic in Coleville.

Action: Item tabled.

B. Water Transfer Criteria to Restore Walker Lake

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Presentation on draft General Plan policies on water transfer criteria for the restoration of Walker Lake in Nevada.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Carlene Henneman, Water Program Director Walker Basin Conservancy:

- Addressed the Board questions.
- Discussion on the Pilot Storage Program.

Public Comment:

Marcus Bunn:

- Discussion on the difficulty of transferring surface water rights.
- Discussion on the irrigation on agricultural parcels.

Moved to Adjournment.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- 4/17 & 18-CSAC Legislative Conference

- I attended the 2024 CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento with my colleagues Supervisors Kreitz, Salcido, and Chair Peters. CAO Moberly and I met with staff from Sen. Alvarado-Gil's office to discuss County priorities and projects that could benefit from the Senator's support. Later that afternoon we all met with CALOES in a noticed special meeting to offer thanks for their response to our continuing county disasters and make new contacts for the future. Regarding the conference content, we had several sessions highlighting legislative priorities and State bills of concern to the wellbeing and operations of county government.
- 4/19 - RCRC Roads and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
- Following the CSAC Board meeting on Friday morning, I met with RCRC Ad Hoc Committee on Roads and Transportation. We had an informative presentation regarding SB1 funding alternatives.
- 4/25-TVGMMD - I attended the monthly meeting for TVGMMD. Matt Doonan was reappointed to the board to fill out the open board seat until the term ends in November. The Board has submitted an operational budget request to the County and is working to update their website.
- 4/26-27 - RCRC/Rural Advancement Institute - I participated in an educational tour "Behind the Scenes of the Recreational Economy" sponsored by Sen. Marie Alvarado-Gil. Highlights of the trip were a visit to Mariposa Grove to see forest restoration efforts in Yosemite, the Mariposa Creek Project that brings together recreation, transportation hub, community art and affordable housing in an inspiring demonstration and benefit for the town of Mariposa.
- I participated as the County delegate in the LAFCO meeting this spring. Tom Cage will continue as Chair and there are notices out for open seats on the board.
- 5/2 - GBUAPCD - I participated with Supervisor Salcido in the bimonthly meeting. Noted were the effects of last winter's storms on both Mono Lake and Owens Lake. Negotiations continue with LADWP on various lawsuits and there was recognition for retiring employee Dr. Grace Holder, who was so instrumental in oversight of the Keeler Dunes Restoration and Dust Mitigation Project.
- 5/8-10 - NACo - WIR Annual Meeting - I participated in the WIR Conference in Mariposa County along with 2nd Vice President Peters and Supervisor Kreitz. The Energy, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee participated in tours that showed how California mountain areas deal with wildfire resilience, plus many seminars and focus groups on recreation and economic opportunities.
- 5/13 - LTC - I participated in the Local Transportation Commission meeting with Commissioners Peters and Chair Kreitz. No opening date projected for 120W at this time, facilities assessment and repairs are the main concerns. ESTA has approval from CARB to purchase a new diesel bus and will continue to rehabilitate existing vehicles in the meantime. We approved the OWP for the next year and will continue to work closely with CalTrans to garner support for the completion of the 395 project in Southern Inyo/Kern area.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Thursday April 18 I participated in a hearing of the Lahontan Water Board regarding designation of Tribal Beneficial Uses for the Kutzadika Tribe around Mono Lake. There was substantial support for this action from various participants at the hearing.
- Also, on Thursday the 18th I attended a meeting of several Mono Basin partners at the Mono Basin Scenic Visitors Center to discuss plans for recreation-related activities this summer. The USFS has limited staff but plans to operate the Visitor Center six days a week and will use volunteers to help fill needs.
- Also, on the 18th I participated in a meeting of the Wildfire Resilience Action Funding Team (WRAFT). As discussed today, this group is working on ways to fund major fuels treatment projects in the Eastern Sierra.

- Finally, on the 18th I attended a meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce. We discussed their continued interest in pursuing a TBID proposal for the June Lake area, and several other projects.
- On April 19 I participated in a call with Yosemite National Park staff and members of the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce to discuss Park efforts this year to open the Tioga Road. Updates from Caltrans and our County Public Works staff were also provided. Yosemite staff provide weekly status reports every Friday which are passed on to various contacts in Lee Vining and other areas. No date for opening the Tioga Road has been set yet.
- On April 30 I participated in a meeting with SCE staff and June Lake community members about SCE's Rush Creek Recommissioning Project. There will be many more opportunities for public participation about this project, which will continue for several years.
- On May 3 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Topics included the status of their efforts to obtain Federal Recognition and updates on other Tribal projects.
- Also, on the 3rd I chaired a special meeting of the Mono County First 5 Commission to approve additional funding made available to the County for First 5 programs.
- That evening on May 3 I attended an Appreciation Dinner in Mammoth for Childcare Providers in Mono County. This was a great opportunity to say thank you to the many special people in our communities who take care of our children every day.
- On Monday May 6 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics at that meeting included updates about the Cal Jobs First Program planning workshop and related upcoming events, as well as updates from each of the partners.
- Also, on Monday the 6th I participated in a meeting of the Mono Basin Housing Working Group. The Group is planning two community meetings to talk about housing issues in May, on the 22nd in Lee Vining, and on the 28th in June Lake.

Chair Peters:

- No report.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- No report.

Supervisor Salcido:

- April 18, CSAC Legislative session in Sacramento. Updates and information on each of the key areas within CSAC, opportunities to work with the legislative analysts from each sector and prepare for the now published CA budget cuts.
- April 24, ESCOG. Regular meeting to approve the final budget, program updates and approval of two contracts to assist with administrative work, including grant writing and oversight.
- April 25-26, Sierra Jobs First, Truckee, CA. Two day working session towards a final strategic plan, review and understanding of next steps and working besides other Counties in our region to identify common projects, challenges, and strengths. Good energy, interest, and participation. Next steps include SBC coming around to update each Board of Supervisors and Community meetings in each county.
- May 2, GBUACD, Bridgeport. Final budget approval, work plan review, update on ongoing litigation with LADWP, and a recognition of Grace Holder for her years of hard work and advocacy.
- May 3. Town County Liaison Committee, set agenda for the Town/County joint meeting to be held later this month.
- May 6. ESSRP. Lively meeting with multiple partners such as LADWP, NPS, Inyo USFS, BLM, HT USFS, ESCOG, Inyo County, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono

County, Town of Bishop, White Bark, Caltrans, and more, reporting on activities and initiatives in our region.

- May 8. Pioneer Home Care Board, regular quarterly meeting to review service, financials, and service plans.
- May 9, Sierra Jobs First Community Outreach, Bridgeport. Six community members, including the Bridgeport Fire Chief, attended this meeting, pizza was served, and a lively conversation occurred around ideas and the challenges of job development in the Bridgeport area. This meeting was facilitated by Erica Harvey and Magnolia Bara from SBC, along with Elaine Kabala from ESCOG and Jeff Simpson, Business Development and Tourism Director, Mono County.
- May 11 attended the Mono County Sustainability Fair at Mammoth Library.
- May 13, ESWST. Discussed funding opportunities, the CalTrans project at Sonora Junction, northern Mono County, using two large pipes to assist wildlife in crossing HWY 395, and holding a workshop on the crossing at Mammoth Airport to review design and next steps for the southern project.

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