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Draft Minutes

September 11, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Rhonda Duggan, Jennifer Kreitz

TOWN COMMISSIONERS: Bill Sauser, Paul Chang, John Wentworth

COUNTY STAFF: Heidi Willson, Deanna Tuetken, Chris Mokracek, Chad Senior, Paul Roten, Gerry LeFrancois

CALTRANS: Neil Peacock, Maggie Ritter, Ben Downard, Clint Weier, Joshua Lundquist

ESTA: Phil Moores

YARTS: Jose Perez

Public: Garrett Higerd

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 am and the Commission lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity to address the LTC on items not on the agenda. Please refer to the Teleconference information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting.

- No public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Approval of minutes from August 14, 2023.
- b) Approve Resolution for the FY 23-24 State of Good Repair program project list for ESTA.
- c) Approve Resolution Authorizing the Commission to be a co-applicant on the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments' application for the Caltrans Highways to Boulevards grant, and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the grant application –
 - Commissioner Kreitz requested that we add to the letter the word “the” before the word “singular” the 3c letter.

Motion: Approve consent agenda items with modifications noted above.

Sauser motioned; Wentworth seconded.

Roll Call – Ayes: Sauser, Wentworth, Kreitz, Duggan. Absent: Peters, Chang. Motion carries 4-0 with 2 absent.

4. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Projects Update (*Wendy Sugimura*)
 - Sugimura gave an update on the MOU and answered questions from the Commission.
 - Commissioner Wentworth requested that we stress the safety of a passing lane and the importance of egress routes.
 - Duggan concerned with the access and the ability to re-route people in emergency

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situations.

- Downard noted that biological studies expire after 3 to 5 years, which might need to be redone if shovel ready goes beyond 3 to 5 years.

*Commissioner Chang joined the meeting at 9:18 am during the MOU update.

- b) Winter Storm Debrief and Preparation (*Chris Mokracek, Paul Roten, Haislip Hayes*)**
- Mokracek gave a debrief of the Winter Storm and answered questions from the Commission.
 - Roten gave an update on equipment and staffing for the upcoming Winter season. Waiting for equipment that was ordered in February. Proper distribution of equipment in different areas with capable staff to operate in order to keep up with the removal of snow.
 - Hayes gave a town update regarding the past winter repairs and future plans for winters.
 - Caltrans added information regarding succession planning for Staff and equipment maintenance.
 - Commissioner Wentworth the Supervisors and Council need to be advocating for climate change resilience and mitigation in order to secure funding for resources in our region.
 - Commissioner Sauser asked if the Marine Warfare Training Center has ever been deployed to aid the Eastern Sierra in future snow events?
 - Mokracek answered that they were already dealing with their own snow emergency and could not aid in the winter situation.
 - Chair Duggan mentioned that we need to set expectations so that people can be prepared.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

- a) WORKSHOP: Project funding and programming, including the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (*Gerry LeFrancois*)**
- LeFrancois gave a presentation on the RTIP and what goes into this project funding and answered questions from the Commission.
- b) WORKSHOP: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (*Gerry LeFrancois*)**
- LeFrancois gave a presentation on the RTP and answered questions from the Commission.
- c) Quarterly report – Mono County**
- Senior gave a quarterly report for Mono County and answered questions from the Commission.
- d) Quarterly report – Town of Mammoth Lakes**
- Hayes gave a quarterly report for the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

6. CALTRANS

- a) Monthly report**
- Downard gave a quarterly report for Caltrans District 9.

7. TRANSIT

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- a) Quarterly Report ESTA
 - Moores gave a quarterly report for ESTA and answered questions from the Commission.
- b) YARTS report and presentation (*Nav Baghri/Jose Perez*)
 - Perez gave a quarterly report and a brief presentation for YARTS.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL

No items

9. REPORTS

- a) Commissioners
 - No Commissioner reports.
- b) Director
 - Sugimura stated that no additional highlights within the provided directors report.

10. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Towns to Trails presentation

- 11. ADJOURN:** Potentially cancel October 9, 2023, next meeting may be Nov. 13, 2023.

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