

Board of Supervisors Update



Winter 2018-19



Welcome

TO OUR
NEW
EMPLOYEES!



LUISANA BAIRE
Behavioral Health



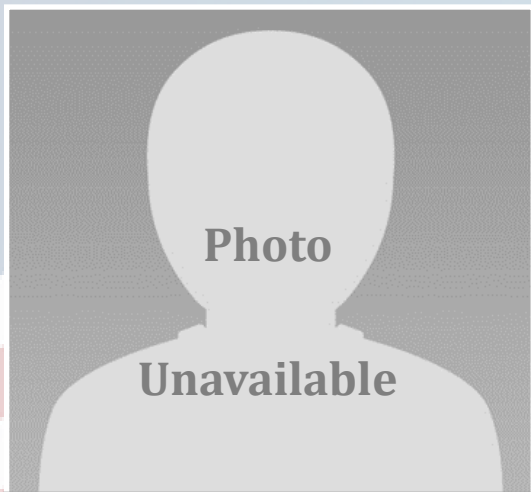
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Sheriff's Office



KALEN DODD
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ALENA DONDERO
Sheriff's Office



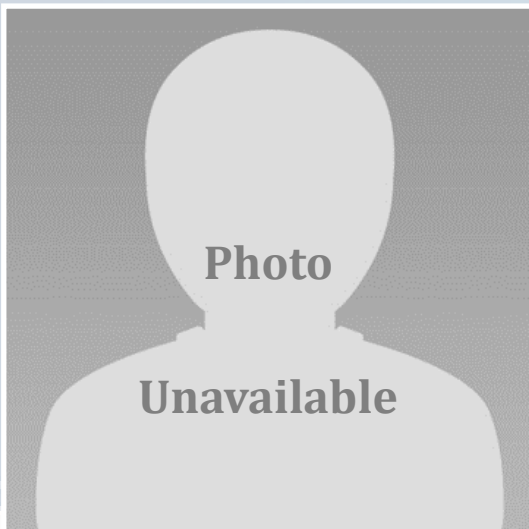
ALISTAIR FLORES
Probation



PRISCILLA ESTES
Social Services



JASON GARCIA
Public Works



TIMINA GILFOY
District Attorney's Office



COURTNEY HUGGANS
Social Services



CARA ISSAC
Finance



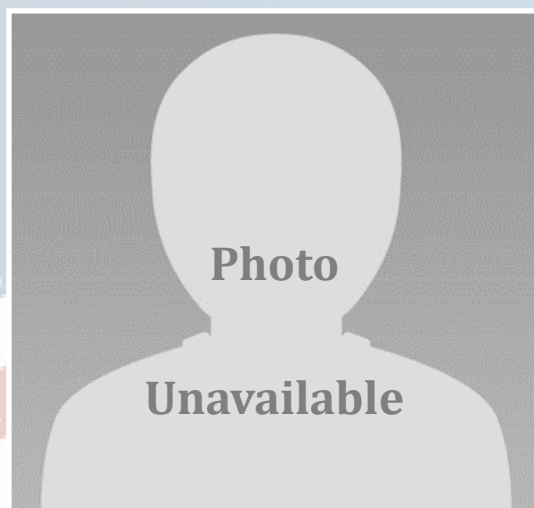
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Community Development



HAILEY LANG
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SHANNON LeGRAND
Public Health



SHAINA RENNER
Sheriff's Office



JON ROCKWELL
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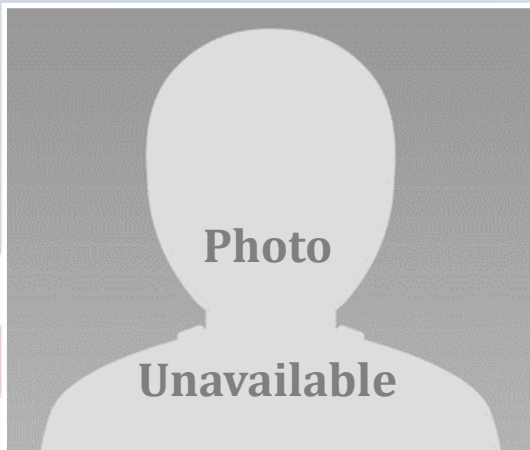
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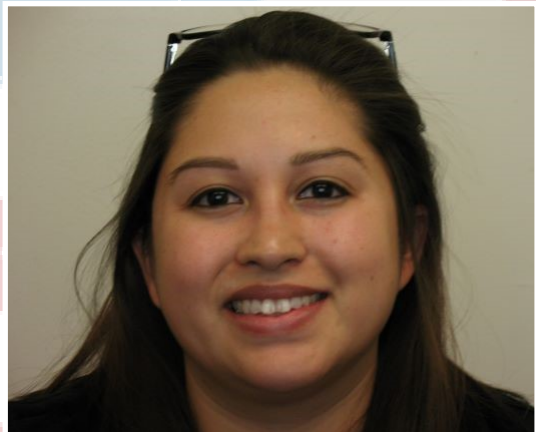
JEREMY STEVENS
Public Works



MATTHEW ULERY
Information Technology



AMANDA WAGNER
Probation



SALINTHEA YBARRA
Public Works



Gerald Mohun was sworn in on January 9th as Superior Court Judge of the County of Mono. He fills the rather large vacancy left by recently retired Superior Court Judge Stan Eller. Superior Court Judge Mark Magit conducted the swearing in with many court staff, friends, justice partners and family present.

Above: Judge Magit swears Judge Mohun in as his wife, Marcia Mohun, looks on.

Below: Judge Eller passes the torch by helping Judge Mohun on with his robe.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Foro Latino in November at Shady Rest Park was a huge success with 125 participants! There was a lot of positive feedback from the community. **Sofia Flores** said, “A statement that stood out to me was a mother who said ‘It’s good to know that agencies believe in us and are showing their support.’ I definitely teared up when she expressed her gratitude. Her statement beautifully sums up the Cultural Outreach Committee’s intention with the Foro Latino. We are aware that the Latino community faces barriers when accessing services whether it’s language, trust, or lack of information. Our mission is to provide a safe environment where individuals can ask questions about services and resources. We have a wonderful community of agencies that offer great programs, and we want to spread the word. “

The theme of another Foro was “La mejor medicina es la alegría” Which translated is “The best medicine is joy (laughter).” Participants join in fun activities and watch a folkloric ballet or singing presentation by local students.

Our Cultural Competency Committee has been working extremely hard collaborating with assorted departments and various community entities to get these Foros to continue to grow throughout our community. Not only are other community entities involved, but quite a few of our Mono County departments contribute to this event. We are extremely grateful for every one of these collaborations!

The Foros are increasing in popularity and we are really proud of that, as well as being very proud of the increasing numbers of participants.

FORO LATINO
La Mejor Medicina es la Alegría

Jueves 13 de Diciembre 2018
5:30-7:30 pm
Mammoth High School

El Comité Cultural de Salud Mental con la colaboración de varias agencias, los invita a pasar una tarde con nosotros para obtener información sobre recursos en nuestra comunidad. El evento es facilitado en español.
Para más información, por favor comuníquese con Sofia o Bertha (760) 924-1740

El Comité Cultural de Salud Mental los invita a una tarde llena de diversión para toda la familia

Comida gratuita
5:30-6:30

Información sobre las agencias de nuestra comunidad
5:30-6:30

Actividad de Arte
5:30-6:30

Presentación de ballet folklórico y cantante
6:45-7:15

The Cultural Outreach Committee of Mono County behavioral Health invites you to our event Foro Latino. There will be free food, information on various agencies, art activity, folkloric ballet, and a singing presentation. Please note that this event will be primarily in Spanish. All are invited to learn about the Latino culture in our community.
December 13th 2018

Evento auspiciado por la Proposición 63 del Departamento de Salud Mental del Condado de Mono



Community Development Department

Local Transportation Commission – The LTC has held multiple meetings on electric-vehicle charging stations, wildlife crossings to prevent or minimize wildlife casualties, and the next annual work plan, staffed by **Gerry Le Francois, Hailey Lang, and Megan Mahaffey**. Several agencies are involved in the ongoing wildlife crossings effort. **Supervisor Jennifer Halferty** was welcomed as the newest of the six-member Town/County commission. **Commissioner Fred Stump** was elected chair with **Lynda Salcido** as vice-chair.

Regional Planning Advisory Committees and Community Advisory Committee – The RPACs, including Long Valley/Paradise/Swall Meadows, and June Lake CAC provided input on the community health needs assessment following an overview by Mono County Health Department’s **Shelby Stockdale** and **Jacinda Croissant**, and discussed the General Plan Housing Element presented by **Bentley Regehr**. Stormy winter weather and lack of quorum canceled several RPAC meetings in early 2019.


In addition, the **Bridgeport Valley RPAC** also deliberated a recommendation on short-term rentals, presented by **Wendy Sugimura**.

The **Antelope Valley RPAC** also deliberated short-term rental requirements and regulations and forwarded a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the RPAC reviewed the Walker Military Operations Area Airspace Establishment Environmental Assessment, received an update on Public Works road projects by **Garrett Higerd**, and discussed a potential solar farm with the applicant.

The **Mono Basin RPAC** approved a letter of support for the electric-car-charging station at Hess Park.

LDTAC – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (Building, Planning, Public Works and Environmental Health) at recent meetings considered: use permits for short-term rentals at June Lake, Walker and Bridgeport; tentative parcel map in Benton area; three cannabis use permits in Antelope Valley; lot line adjustment in Tri-Valley; and use permit for food truck at June Lake. It also considered a lot merger at Paradise, a use permit/variance at June Lake, and future self-storage project plus manager unit with garage and office at Sierra Business Park across from Mammoth Yosemite Airport. **Jake Suppa** held a workshop on odor mitigation for cannabis operations. Projects were presented by **Bentley Regehr, Gerry Le Francois, Hailey Lang, Kelly Karl** and **Michael Draper**.

Planning Commission – During the winter, the Commission considered a conditional use permit for a farm-stay use that included yurts, farm stand/store, native-plant nursery, and RV sites for farm labor housing in Mono City area; a mining operations permit and associated reclamation plan near Lee Vining; and a General Plan Amendment to clarify inconsistencies. It also reviewed: a cannabis cultivation application in Antelope Valley; final approval of parcel map at June Lake; adjusting minimum lot sizes for development to match current density standards; refining Ch. 25 policies and regulations related to short-term rentals; and an owner-occupied short-term rental use permit in June Lake. The PC also recommended to BOS a road renaming/road vacation proposal at residents’ request in June Lake. Presentations were handled by **Gerry Le Francois, Nick Criss, Wendy Sugimura, Bentley Regehr, Hailey Lang, Kelly Karl, Garrett Higerd** and **Walt Lehmann**.





The **Board of Supervisors** heard and approved the companion permits for short-term rental and cannabis applications. Presentations for these projects were given by **Kelly Karl, Bentley Regehr, and Michael Draper**.

Owens Valley Groundwater Authority – Mono County staff **Wendy Sugimura, Michael Draper** and **Jason Canger** provide services, together with staff from Inyo County and the City of Bishop, to the multi-jurisdictional OVGA, with assistance from CAO **Leslie Chapman** and County Counsel **Stacey Simon**. Coordinating with this group is the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District, staffed by **Marion Dunn** and **Jason Canger**.

Building Division – **Tom Perry** has been providing Building Official oversight and guidance on Fridays. **Jim Shoffner** has been conducting inspections, plan review, and staff development. **Jason Davenport**, who also conducts inspections, recently was certified as Residential Plans Examiner and has been updating the Expedited Solar Review procedures. He soon will complete Commercial Inspection Certification. **Julie Aguirre** has provided customer service and guidance, intaking applications, and issuing and managing building permits. Julie also was certified as a Residential Plans Examiner and has begun joint inspections and plan review with Jim and Jason. In addition, **Jim Shoffner** and **Julie Aguirre** are lead staff on processing the building permit for the **Mono County Civic Center** project, with assistance from **Wendy Sugimura** and **Town of Mammoth Lakes staff**. **Jim Shoffner** is the acting building official for the project.

A great deal of progress has been made on the **Tioga Inn Specific Plan** and **Subsequent Environmental Impact Report** with the completion of an administrative draft review, staffed by **Gerry Le Francois, Michael Draper** and **Wendy Sugimura**.

The **North County Water Transaction Project** is also progressing, staffed by **Bentley Regehr** and **Wendy Sugimura**. Public outreach was conducted to help define the project description and identify project alternatives for the draft **Environmental Impact Report**. The Notice of Preparation for the project will be released in early May and will include a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Work continues on the **Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Effort** and response to the proposed listing under the Federal Endangered Species Act. **Kelly Karl** headed up a very complex grant application for California Department of Water and Power funding to develop a hydrogeologic water model for Long Valley, which earned the support of the Bi-State partners and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. **Wendy Sugimura** continues to staff Bi-State Executive Oversight meetings, with assistance from **Kelly Karl** and **Jake Suppa**. Mono County staff, including **Michael Draper, Kelly Karl, Bentley Regehr, Hailey Lang, Jake Suppa, Jason Davenport**, and **Justin Nalder** will be assisting the Bi-State partnership with counting leks this spring.

The **Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** for the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County has been approved by the State of California and is now with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval. Primary staff on the project are **Pam Kobylarz** with the Town and **Wendy Sugimura**.



County Administration—Risk Management



The county held an all employee training on Conflict Resolution, which was well attended by all departments in the county. We really appreciate the engagement from the Public Works department as seen in the picture!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Probation



Mitchell Cyr, to the left, and **Alastair Flores**, on the right, at the Probation Officer Core Academy in Santa Rosa, pictured with a fellow officer from Plumas County.

Public Works—Facilities Division

The **Facilities Division** was awarded the 2018 Annual Safety Award for having a great team-orientated safety culture. The **Facilities Division** safely performs challenging work which benefits all county employees, community members, and visitors.

A **Big Thank You** to the entire **Facilities Team** for the work that they do!



Public Works—Solid Waste



The Solid Waste Division has been ramping up educational outreach on the subjects of recycling and diversion. Workshops were provided to students at the Lee Vining and Coleville Elementary Schools. The workshop covered information on world waste systems, recyclable waste streams as well as how the students can participate at home through composting. A demonstration vermiculture bin (worm bin) was presented and students readily got their hands dirty as they observed different stage of decomposition. After learning about recipes for good soil health, they then created their very own compost projects. Upcoming outreach includes more workshops taught by Mono County Staff as well as school assemblies performed by The EcoHero Show.



Social Services

Social Services Department Welcomes New Employees:



DSS is pleased to introduce **Jayson Partridge, as the newest Social Worker IV** to join our Mono Children and Adult Services team. Jayson was born in San Francisco, and raised in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1991 with a degree in Political Science. He moved to California in 1994 and earned his Master of Social Worker from California State University, Stanislaus in 1997. Jayson went to work for Child Protective Services in Stanislaus County and remained there for nine years. In 2006, Jayson and his family relocated to Southern California and he was hired by Child Protective Services in Orange County and worked for 12 years. Last August, Jayson and his family moved to Mammoth Lakes from Long Beach. He is married and has two children, ages 15 and 13. Jayson's wife is the Director of Nursing at the Northern

Inyo Healthcare District. In his downtime, Jayson enjoys skiing, biking, hiking, and swimming. Welcome Jayson!

Kyla Closson, Fiscal Technical Specialist I is in the Walker Social Services office, working alongside her supervisor, Megan Foster. The north county DSS office is the last Social Service office in the north end of the County, located at 107384 Highway 395. Kyla started working for the County in July 2018, and enjoys every moment getting to know community members and co-workers. Kyla and her daughter and I have been living in Mono County for 8 years, moving "back home" from the Sacramento area. Kyla's daughter is a full-time college student in the Ventura area where she is studying Anthropology and enjoys the experiences that college life affords. Kyla spends time with different family members that continue to live in Walker, watching her young nephews play basketball, her older nephew and niece flourish as adults and taking moments of pure gratitude for living in this hidden spot of the world.



One of her greatest passions is supporting our high school students in their athletic and academic pursuits. They are some of the greatest young people she has had the pleasure of spending time with, and encourages anyone reading this to attend a game, watch a drama production or volunteer. Kyla encourages us all to take the time to let teenagers know that they matter, in whatever capacity you can. She looks forward to learning more about the Social Services Department, becoming an asset to our Social Services team, and Mono County as a whole.



Cindy Musgrove-Cook/Driver

Cindy moved to Walker in 2018 from San Diego, where she was born, raised, and worked as a Pharmacy Technician. Cindy is married to James Musgrove and has two grown children, Jake and Katelyn. Her hobbies in her free time are off-roading, kayaking, and camping.

Kimberly Medeiros-Cook/Driver

Kimberly was born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She received her BA in Psychology in 1997 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she lived for 7 years and did a lot of surfing. She has lived in Coleville for the last 3 years, she is a country girl at heart and feels very much at home here in the Antelope Valley.



Cynthia Garibay, Eligibility Specialist, is the mother of two beautiful children. She started working for the county in May 2018. Before joining the social services team she used to work at the hospital for the Department of Physical Therapy and also with Dr. Schrage as a dental assistant/front office. Cynthia worked with Dr. Schrage for three years and loved helping the patients get better with their dental hygiene. She decided to apply at the county for Social Services because she wants to help the community.

Angela Olson, Integrated Caseworker, started with Social Services on November 19, 2018. Prior to her employment with Mono County Social Services, she worked full-time for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area since 2004 as manager for Guest Services/Lost and Found/Season Lockers at all three lodges and is currently working there as a ski host on Saturdays. She also has worked for Chato boutique since 2009, and helps out occasionally with merchandising. Angela loves to ski, snowshoe, walk with her dog, reading and writing. She feels especially fortunate to call the Eastern Sierras her home.





Debra Ybarra

Debra was employed by Mono County for over 27 years!

Debra excelled at helping people in the community in which she was born and raised. She was always eager to lend a hand, and over the years she aided many locals as well as people passing through who found themselves in need of assistance.

Debra was also vital during county emergencies for her role as a Bridgeport Emergency Shelter Manager.

Debra enjoyed her work being a part of the Social Services team, but after all those years, in December 2018 she decided to retire and pursue new interests and new horizons. Congrats Debra and Happy Retirement!

Senior Center



chair yoga class

Antelope Valley Senior Center has been offering free Chair Yoga classes at the Antelope Valley Community Center.

Come join us to share the benefits that Yoga has to offer. Everyone can do yoga! Chair Yoga is a safe and effective way to practice yoga at any age and level of health, ability or mobility.

Supplemental Security Income “cash-out”

Effective June 1, 2019 for the first time ever in California 369,000 seniors and people with disabilities who receive SSI benefits will also be able to apply for CalFresh food benefits. This is referred to now as the expansion of CalFresh benefits to SSI recipients. This change will increase nutrition and health as well as reduce hunger and poverty among California’s seniors and people with disabilities. California will finally join the rest of the nation in providing CalFresh food benefits to this population. There will be no change or reduction to their current SSI/SSP amounts. Of those 369,000 newly eligible households in California, Mono County has 96 people who could potentially benefit from this change. Although a relatively small number, our eligibility staff is still excited to have the opportunity to serve these individuals residing in our community. As of June 2018, Mono County has 375 CalFresh households with 653 beneficiaries that are receiving services. This change will positively effect many of our community members.

CRAFT DAY!

Community members got together at the Senior Center in Walker for a craft day in January. They had a lot of fun making horseshoe suncatchers together and turned out beautiful!



Craft Day Fun!!



Salvation Army Food Pantry:

This is a very valuable resource in our area for anyone who is low on food to stop in and see Roger Baker who is the manager of the Mammoth Lakes Salvation Army food pantry. The food pantry is open every Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM. The Salvation Army food bank address is 220 Sierra Manor Road (it is the road behind Roberto's). There is no eligibility requirement to receive food, even for those already receiving CalFresh benefits.

CSS Bus Passes for Dial-a-Ride:

Community Service Solutions offers bus passes for medical treatment. They do not pay for bus passes to Nevada. Please see below for further information.

Bridgeport to Gardnerville Bus Schedule & Fares:

BRIDGEPORT TO GARDNERVILLE

Schedule

Stop	Wednesday Only	Address/Location
Bridgeport	1:30 PM	121 Emigrant St.
Walker	2:20 PM	Senior Center
Coleville	2:40 PM	Post Office
Gardnerville	3:30 PM	Smiths, 1341 US Highway 395 N

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** Southbound bus will depart Gardnerville no later than 7:00pm. The bus may leave earlier depending upon passenger needs.

Fares

	Bridgeport	Walker	Coleville	Gardnerville
	Adult / Discount	Adult / Discount	Adult / Discount	Adult / Discount
Bridgeport	—	\$5.50 / \$4.50	\$6.00 / \$5.00	\$13.00 / \$10.75
Walker	\$5.50 / \$4.50	—	\$2.50 / \$2.00	\$6.50 / \$5.50
Coleville	\$6.00 / \$5.00	\$2.50 / \$2.00	—	\$6.00 / \$5.00
Gardnerville	\$13.00 / \$10.75	\$6.50 / \$5.50	\$6.00 / \$5.00	—

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Discount fares are available to riders age 60+, individuals with disabilities, and youth under the age of 16.
Adult fares are charged to non-disabled passengers age 16 to 60.
Children under age 5 ride for free when accompanied by an adult.

**Please check out the following link for more information on bus fares from Lone Pine to Reno:
<https://www.estransit.com/fares/fares-lone-pine-to-reno/>

PIT (Point-In-Time) Homeless Count

On January 24, 2019, the annual Point in Time homeless count was conducted throughout Mono County. Volunteers from Social Services, Behavior Health and the Sheriff's department sought homeless individuals/families from dusk and through the night of the count. A few volunteers were stationed in Mammoth Lakes and others drove throughout the rural areas of the county.

Surveys were conducted with the homeless individuals who wished to spend about 10 minutes with the volunteer. In return, they were given an incentive bag for their time. Observation surveys were also conducted by the volunteers if they thought that certain individuals were homeless, but either chose not to participate or were not able to be reached by one of the volunteers. Service-based survey counts were also conducted from January 25th through January 31st on people identifying themselves as homeless at both the Social Services office and Behavior Health.

For the second year in a row, The Lighthouse Church donated Forty-Three bags for the annual Point in Time homeless count in Mono County. The bags contained a variety of daily essentials including: shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Some bags had beanies and others had throw blankets. All bags had a \$25.00 gift certificate in them to either Vons or Wal-Mart. Thank you to The Lighthouse Church for their gracious donation!



EBT Card Scams!

- Scams offering a “free government cell phone” or “free gift cards”. They ask for your personal information, card number and/or PIN.
- New benefit recipients are contacted by a “protection plan” company that says they are part of the state program. They ask for personal information from cardholders, getting enough to steal benefits from the cardholders’ accounts.
- People who say they are “concerned citizens” posting warnings about EBT card security. They give a telephone number that is close to a real customer service helpline telephone number (maybe one number is different). A cardholder calls the number, and then is asked for personal information, account number, and a PIN.
- Text messages have been used to get illegal access to other people's benefits. If you receive a text message or email asking for your personal EBT information, contact your county public assistance office and do not reply to the text or email message.