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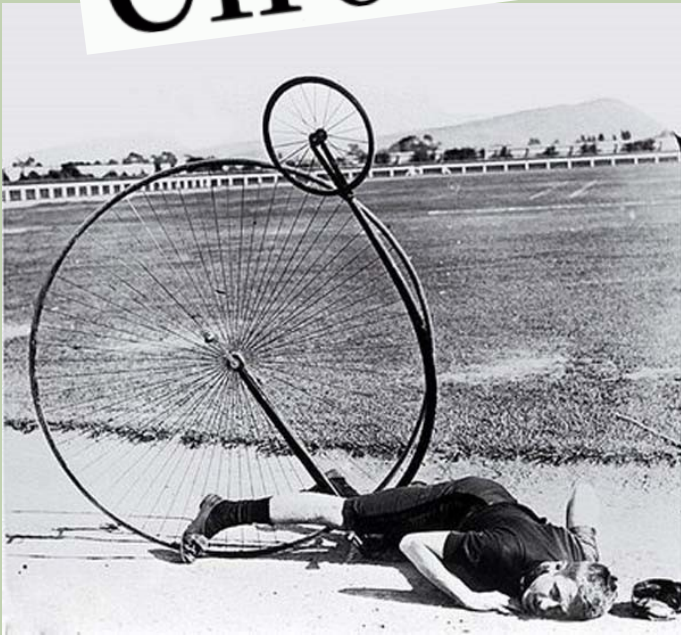
## Board of Supervisors Update

July - September 2018

# YIKES!



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Most sincere apologies to

## Community Development

for mistakenly leaving their write-up out of the BOS Update....

**Local Transportation Commission** – The LTC’s recent meetings, staffed by **Gerry Le Francois**, **Megan Mahaffey** and **Michael Draper**, have focused on community interest in electric vehicles. Charging stations every 100 miles would facilitate travel to Mono County. The Electric Auto Association was represented by **Raejean Fellows**, **Lynn Boulton** and **Don Condon**. Also on the LTC’s radar has been SB 1/gas tax, a sometimes-unfamiliar connection. Mono County drivers undoubtedly have noticed numerous road projects funded by SB 1, including preventive maintenance. The LTC also endorsed expansion of YARTS (Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System) to include daily service instead of weekends only during June and September. Twice-daily runs throughout July and August would continue. **Michael Draper** continues to work with a planning group on the YARTS Short-Range Transit Plan as well.

**Mono Basin RPAC** – The Mono Basin RPAC had a pair of exciting workshops with Caltrans in July and August regarding potential changes to the US 395 corridor extending from Cemetery Road to the Hwy 120 junction with staff assistance from **Bentley Regehr**, **Michael Draper**, **Gerry Le Francois** and **Wendy Sugimura**. Residents worked with County and Caltrans staff to brainstorm potential options to improve safety, traffic flow, visuals, and multi-modal transportation through the corridor.

The RPAC, staffed by **Bentley** and **Wendy**, also continues to work with Southern California Edison to improve safety and visuals related to utility poles. Ten poles located near the substation south of Lee Vining were approved to be treated to reduce glare and fit the natural setting. Additionally, the RPAC collaborated with SCE to address poles that have significant potential for fire hazard.

**June Lake CAC** – At the August meeting staffed by **Wendy Sugimura**, the CAC discussed funding for fish stocking and trails, approved a resolution of appreciation for long-time member Patti Heinrich, and continued discussions on a skate park and community recycling.

**Bridgeport Valley RPAC** – **Michael Draper** and **Nick Criss** reported discussion of a potential electric-vehicle-charging station to be located at the Shell station in Bridgeport, editing language of the Noise Ordinance, and nuisance issue of trash containers attracting bears.

**Antelope Valley RPAC** – At the August and September meetings staffed by **Gerry Le Francois**, the RPAC discussed a Fire Safe Council, dumpsters for campers and visitors, and local development projects.

**LDTAC** – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (Building, Planning, Public Works and Environmental Health) at recent meetings considered: six short-term rental conditional use permits at June Lake, with five eventually approved by BOS, and another short-term rental conditional use permit in Bridgeport. The LDTAC also reviewed an animal standard entitlement for a 20,000-sq. ft. SFR lot at Paradise and a tentative tract map for five condos at June Lake. Conditional use permits for cannabis proposals at Walker, Lee Vining and Sierra Business Park outside Mammoth were considered; and June Lake Brewery proposed a three-story mixed-use market with outdoor dining, commissary, storage, and four residential units. Staff presenting applications included **Michael Draper**, **Bentley Regehr**, **Jake Suppa**, **Nick Criss** and **Gerry Le Francois**.



**Planning Commission** – Housing workshops conducted by **Megan Mahaffey** and **Bentley Regehr** received considerable input from commissioners. A telling conclusion was that Mono County lacks middle class housing to rent or to buy. Commission approved Mono's first cannabis retail use permit at June Lake (**Bentley Regehr** and **Michael Draper**). An expert analyst confirmed only minimal avalanche possibility at the downtown site. The Commission also approved seven use permits for short-term rentals at June Lake (**Michael Draper**). A use permit for Type III short-term rental at June Lake downsized occupancy due to inadequate parking.

**Compliance Division** – Code Compliance staff **Nick Criss** and **Jake Suppa** are busy following up on complaints ranging from bear-resistant trash containers to restoration plans required by the state for illegal grading and clearing. **Nick** is wrapping up annual reporting under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM). **Jake** has been implementing enforcement of short-term rentals through tools and reporting from our consultant, Host Compliance.

**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. A request for proposals was recently flown for a consultant to complete the Groundwater Management Plan, and efforts are being made to finalize mechanisms for public engagement in OVGA Board decisions.

**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Dewatering** – **Wendy Sugimura** has been participating in site visits to critical sage-grouse habitat in Long Valley with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, Inyo National Forest, US Geological Survey, Audubon Society, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The group has been observing the impact to sage-grouse habitat due to the change in water management by LADWP. In addition, **Wendy Sugimura** and **Supervisor Stacy Corless** attended a meeting with state department heads and regional federal directors in Sacramento to discuss the dewatering issue with LADWP. The cooperative sage-grouse group asked LADWP to engage fully with the Bi-State groups to collaboratively find solutions in Long Valley, and the USFWS was clear that they will need to consider the impacts of the changed management practices as they reconsider the listing of the Bi-State sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act. Finally, **Wendy Sugimura**, **Jason Canger** and **Stacey Simon** have been actively engaged in responding to LADWP's Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report on the Ranch Lease Renewal Project.

**Building Division** – Building Official **Tom Perry** has been guiding our department with policy, code interpretation, resolution and guidance. **Jim Shoffner** provides senior level inspection and review, represents the Building Division at LDTAC meetings, provides training of Building Division staff, and customer service. **Jason Davenport** has been providing inspection and plan review with a focus on updating our Expedited Solar process along with customer service. **Julie Aguirre** has been intaking and counter reviewing new submittals, providing customer service and guidance throughout the permit cycle. The year-to-date permits for 2018 total 139 with a valuation of \$7,693,503.

**Tidbits** – The Board of Supervisors had a thorough housing workshop with **Bentley Regehr**, **Megan Mahaffey** and **Wendy Sugimura**, reviewing a menu of implementation activities and prioritizing top choices. **Michael Draper** and **Wendy Sugimura**, with assistance from a variety of community organizations, drafted an objection letter to the Inyo National Forest Plan primarily on wilderness and wild & scenic rivers. **Bentley** and **Wendy** have been working with the consultant on the North County Water Transfer project for Walker Lake, establishing an "upper bound" analysis for the environmental analysis and meeting with the North County Resource Conservation District for input. **Gerry Le Francois** has been processing lot line adjustments and lot mergers, and running point on the following new development projects under consideration: a multi-family project, a commercial main street project, the Social Services housing project, and a water export project. **Michael Draper** shepherded the first six Short-Term Rental Activity Permits at June Lake through approval by BOS. In addition to building, planning and code compliance matters, the CDD front counter processes applications for county clerk and collects taxes for the tax collector. In September and October **CD Ritter** handled 23 marriage licenses and DBA (Doing Business As) applications for county clerk, **Michael Draper** processed eight, and **Julie Aguirre** handled four.