

Animal Control

Animal Control begins return to normal staff levels - Animal Control is very pleased that a new Officer will be starting in the next week. Once the new officer is trained, state mandated service levels will be easier to attain.

Summer time can be a high animal traffic time and the animal control staff must address any reports of dogs running about without proper id. Under Food and Agriculture Code 31101, any dog found running at large without proper identification as required per Section 30951 may be seized and impounded. In addition, under the Health and Safety code 121575 and as Mono County ordinance 9.12.060 and 9.20.010, Animal Control staff is required to monitor rabies vaccination which is done through the licensing program.

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County Administrator's Office

More Yellow Legged Frog Meetings announced – From Robert Moler: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has updated the public engagement schedule regarding the proposals to list and designate critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, the northern distinct population segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog, and the Yosemite toad.

The Service will attend two community forums hosted by Congressman LaMalfa on the proposals. Both forums are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 4**. The Service will be available to address questions and concerns at these events.

Nevada County Congressional Public Forum 11 am – 1 pm	Placer County Congressional Public Forum 2 – 4 pm
Nevada County Board of Supervisors Chambers 950 Maidu Ave. Nevada City, CA 95959	Hearing Room, Dewitt Center 3091 County Center Drive Auburn, CA 95603

The Service will also hold two public meetings and a public hearing regarding these proposals before the end of 2013. Their plan is to hold public meetings in two California counties where the Service is proposing to designate critical habitat for these species. They are going to hold these meetings after the draft economic analysis for the critical habitat proposal is available to the public that is expected in fall 2013. Written comments will be accepted at these meetings. **The Service plans to hold the public hearing in Sacramento after the draft economic analysis is available. Written and verbal testimony will be accepted at the public hearing.**

When they are set, USFW will announce the dates and times of the meetings, the hearing, and other updates to this issue. Updates, copies of the proposals, critical habitat maps, and other resources are available at: http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/outreach/2013/08-05/outreach_newsroom_2013-8-5.htm

Although the Service cannot hold a meeting in every county identified in these proposals, they will try to attend other events such as regularly scheduled meetings of the County Board of Supervisors.

In the meantime, the point of contact is Robert Moler, robert_moler@fws.gov; (916) 414-6606.

The Service is working with the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in managing the public lands for the conservation of these species. These agencies are working together to coordinate outreach for these proposals.

Written testimony from the public regarding these proposals can be submitted during any open comment period. **The current open comment period for these proposals closes November 18, 2013.** Another comment period will open when the draft economic analysis is available, expected fall 2013.

During open comment periods, comments may be submitted online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The Docket Number for the proposed listing rule is FWS-R8-ES-2012-0100 and for the proposed critical habitat rule is FWS-R8-ES-2012-0074.

Comments can also be sent by U.S. mail to:
Public Comments Processing
FWS-R8-ES-2012-0100 or FWS-R8-ES-2012-0074
Division of Policy and Directives Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM
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US Fish and Wildlife to host Inyo Board on Yellow Legged Frog meeting – I spoke with Robert Moler this week and there are tentative plans for **September 23rd special Inyo County Board of Supervisors** meeting in possibly Bishop to take testimony of the potential impacts of the listing of the Yellow Legged Frog listing.

After hearing this, I emailed Inyo CAO Kevin Carunchio about possibly making the a joint Mono/Inyo Board meeting which might provide a better opportunity for concerns to be elevated. Awaiting word back from Inyo County on the possibility. Stay tuned! I will report out on Tuesday any Inyo feedback.

Southern Cal Edison has new Government Affairs representative – Deborah Hess and I met on Friday, August 30th and she will be SCE's new representative for our area. She will be reaching out to all of the Board members individually to introduce herself. Deborah has been absent from Mono for about 5 years working for SCE in Kern County. She previously was the Government Affairs connection for SCE.

Tip o' the hat to Supervisor Alpers for forwarding this information!

Air Resources Board offers training on compliance - The California Air Resources Board is offering the following training courses in September. These courses will help diesel vehicle owners, operators, fleet

managers, brokers, dealers, and maintenance personnel understand requirements and technologies for complying with California's diesel vehicle regulations. There is no charge for these courses.

Course #504 - In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation Training - This class provides an overview of the Off-Road Regulation, including applicability, requirements currently in effect, future compliance requirements, and an overview of the Diesel Off-Road Online Reporting System (DOORS).

September 5 - Truckee (9:00-12:00)
September 12 - Susanville (1:00-4:00)
September 19 - San Jose (9:00-12:00)

For more information and to register for 504, please go to:

<https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/training/courses.php?course=504>

Course #505 - Large Spark-Ignition Fleet Regulation Training – The class provides an overview of the LSI Fleet Regulation, including applicability, requirements currently in effect, compliance extensions, and enforcement activities.

September 5 - Truckee (1:00-3:00)
September 19 - San Jose (1:00-3:00)

For more information and to register for 505, please go to:

<https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/training/courses.php?course=505>

COURSE #511.2 – Overview of Diesel Emission Control Strategies. Briefly discusses diesel emissions and health effects; diesel emission control technology; DPF construction and application; and maintenance necessary for successful DPF operation. (For more comprehensive training on diesel after-treatment devices, please attend Course #511)

September 12 - Susanville (8:00-11:30)

For more information and to register for 511.2, please go to:

<https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/training/courses.php?course=511.2>

COURSE #520 – How to Comply with CARB Diesel Regulations. Reviews inspection process, discusses consequences of non-compliance, and explains how to comply with CARB's regulations affecting most diesel vehicles and equipment operating in the State.

September 11 - Fresno (8:30-12:00)
September 12 - Bakersfield (8:30-12:00)
September 17 - Webinar (9:00-12:00)
September 19 - Selma (9:00-12:00)
September 25 - San Diego (9:00-12:00)
September 25 - San Diego (1:00-4:00)
September 26 - Chula Vista (1:00-4:00)

For more information and to register for 520, please go to:

<https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/training/courses.php?course=520>

To see calendars of all CARB courses please visit: <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/training/calendar.php>

Please let ARB know if you are interested in hosting any of the courses by emailing mtaviani@arb.ca.gov.

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District Attorney

Choose Civility kickoff event successful – The Choose Civility Initiative was Kicked off with a wonderful event, held Friday, August 16th at the Mammoth Lakes Roller/Ice Rink. About 100 people attended the event, including Lt. Col. Jamie Moreno from the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center.

Those in attendance were treated to speeches by Mayor Rick Wood and American 50K record holder, Josh Cox. Both speakers reminded the crowd of the importance of choosing civility in our everyday lives is just one way we can all make Mono County a better place to live and a more attractive place for people to come visit. A raffle was held and winners were given bags of prizes donated by Wave Rave, Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mono County Health Promotions, the Booky Joint, and Giovannis' Pizza. Vons' generously donated the food and water served at the event. Many thanks goes out to all who donated, attended and helped to make this event such a success.

Attached with the Board Update is a copy of the first newsletter from the campaign.

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Economic Development

Economic Development Public Relations and Social Media Update - Great article on *TravelingMom.com* by a family-travel journalist, Mimi Slawoff, who responded to our PR firm's outreach to come to June Lake to report on the family-friendly activities and experiences in June and surrounding area: <http://www.travelingmom.com/an-idyllic-family-getaway-to-june-lake-california/>.

Mimi and her family were hosted by several businesses in June Lake and Lee Vining, as well as the Mono Lake Committee – our thanks for their assistance. *TravelingMom.com* website sees over 11,500 visitors per month and the article will appear in *LA Parent Magazine* (circulation 200,000), probably in the spring.

I worked with a writer for *California Sportsman* magazine and we received two back-to-back feature articles in the August issue. The main focus of the first article was hike-in fishing lakes in Mono County, and Parker, Walker and Kirman were all included; the second article featured Bridgeport. As a direct result of the exposure, we received over 20 calls on our tourism 800# from anglers wanting more info. See sample page attached (PDF file size too large to scan in its entirety).

Sent E-Newsletter to visitor database of over 15,700 advising that the majority of Mono County, with the exception of Antelope Valley, is experiencing clear, blue skies for Labor Day weekend.

YARTS Ridership looking good - YARTS ridership was up 3% for the month of June, 12% for the month of July and 16% so far in the month of August.

FILMING Update - Land Rover commercial on Hwy. 89 to Ebbett's pass – two-day shoot with 50 crew; Chevrolet commercial on Hwy 120 East – one-day with 35 crew; and, UK documentary entitled “How the Universe Works” filming this weekend at Mono Lake.

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Information Technology

D395 Update - Mike Ort notified IT clearance was granted from the Inyo National Forest to begin work on the nine (9) mile segment behind Crowley Lake Dam. Praxis plans to start construction next week, and will work in the area outside of the archeologically sensitive zone (which accounts for about a mile of the total area) from either end.

Praxis is coordinating with Mono County IT and Public Works on the effort, and seeking to close Round Mountain Road during the construction period so as to not impact the area outside of the travelled roadway. Praxis anticipates construction will take about a month, and hope to have connectivity between Barstow and Carson City by early October.

Mono County submits comment to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for D395 additional funding - Mono County submitted three comment letters to the CPUC on August 21st in support of Resolution T-17408 which would grant Praxis another \$10m to complete the project. There were four letters submitted in total on the resolution, all in support. The Resolution will be heard by the Commission on September 5th, and if it passes, Praxis intends to go full steam with the final parts of the construction effort to get work done before the snow falls.

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Sheriff's Office

Multi-agency patrol yield results - Saturation Patrol occurred this past weekend with the assistance of Mammoth Lakes Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Bishop Police Department, the El Dorado Sheriff's office, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff and Nevada Highway Patrol.

With the manpower and K-9's that were available 17 suspects were arrested for Felony drug charges.

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