



Board of Supervisors

Board Hosts Award winning team – The Board of Supervisors welcomed the Bodacious Blue Canyon Gang on Tuesday August 12th. The Blue Canyon Gang and Fashion Stables helped propel Mono County to its finest showing at the State Fair ever!

After the Board presented two Resolutions thanking the Old Western re-enactors as well as the design team, the Gang went out to Bodie. This presentation made the front page of the Mammoth Times and Mono County’s four (4) awards placed it atop the State. The State Fair has over 800,000 visitors per year and this marketing brings tourists to the region.



While at Bodie State Park, there were several dozen vehicles and hundreds of visitors from across the globe enjoying a part of Mono County. Thank you to Liz Erdelyi, Jeff Simpson and Alicia Vennos for making the day be a great adventure for the Gang!

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Building Department

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY/PACE WORKSHOP – On FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the MINARET VILLAGE MALL, SUITE Z (437 OLD MAMMOTH ROAD, MAMMOTH LAKES) anyone interested in learning more about energy efficient, cost saving projects for your property and financing options available for these types of projects should come to the Workshop being hosted.

Thanks to Board action earlier this year, the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) PACE enables both residential and non-residential property owners to undertake energy-saving upgrades on their buildings with the costs of these upgrades being distributed in payments on their property tax bill. The advantage is that no up-front money is needed for these upgrades to be done, unlike traditionally funded projects that require all project money on the front end of a job.



Among the many projects eligible for PACE include, but are not limited to: Solar PV systems; geothermal (ground source) space and water conditioning systems; energy- efficient windows; roofing systems; insulation upgrades; and energy-efficient HVAC and water heating systems.

Agenda

- 2:00 PM Check-In, Meet & Greet, Refreshments
- 2:30 PM Solar Photovoltaic Systems T.J. Chase, Sierra Solar
- 3:00 PM Geothermal Space & Water Heating Systems - Bruce Sanguinetti, Sierra Eco Systems
- 3:30 PM Rebates & Tax Incentives for Energy-Efficient Projects, Deborah Hess, Southern California Edison
- 4:00 PM PACE Program for Residential & Commercial Buildings - Bryant Kearney, HERO Account Manager

Industry Participants

- ✓ Geothermal Institute of Mammoth, Sustainability Programs
- ✓ Sierra Eco Systems, Geo Heat Pump Designer/Installer
- ✓ Hydron Module, Geothermal Heat Pumps
- ✓ High Sierra Energy Foundation, Local Energy Efficiency Programs
- ✓ Southern California Edison, Energy Efficiency Programs
- ✓ Sierra Solar, Solar PV Systems

Sponsors: Mono County Community Development Department; Geothermal Institute of Mammoth; Sierra Eco Systems.

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Community Development

Local Transportation Commission – After a public hearing at its Monday meeting, the LTC followed the recommendation of Gerry Le Francois to change the adoption cycle of the Regional Transportation Plan from five years to four, which allows the Housing Element update deadlines to be shifted from five to eight years. This change saves significant staff time and potential costs to the County General Fund. Megan Mahaffey reported increased reserves in the Local Transportation Fund, and John Helm provided

a thorough review of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's operating statistics. Ryan Dermody, Peter Bernasconi & Garrett Higerd presented status of road improvement projects throughout the region.

Mono Basin RPAC – At Wednesday's meeting, Supervisor Alpers reported on efforts with Caltrans to improve conditions near the Old Marina on US 395 in response to a recent motorcycle fatality, provided an update on Conway Ranch issues, & distributed the County's legislative platform. The RPAC focused its meeting on fire issues with a presentation by FPD Chief Tom Strazdins on a new firehouse location & workshop with Sue Farley and Sarah Tomsy of Inyo National Forest on fuels reduction and wildfire defensible space. Courtney Weiche presented a draft report on Mono-Yosemite Trails project.

Planning Commission – At its Thursday meeting, the Commission approved a final subdivision map in Chalfant Valley after extensive work by Garrett Higerd & Walt Lehmann, as well as the first Expanded Home Occupation submittal for a firewood business in Bridgeport. Gerry Le Francois, Brent Calloway, & Courtney Weiche reviewed a variety of proposed amendments to development standards, including mobile food vendors.

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County Administrator's Office

REMINDER -- Grant Writing Course being offered for all departments – In an effort to build our County's ability to find new revenue sources for our programs and services, we are launching a rigorous Grant Writing Course. On August 8th the Department Heads were sent a memo of the program which will be for free and offered to all departments.

Probation Chief Karin Humiston who is a certified Grant writer will be offering a five full day courses on how to be a grant writer. It is being asked that at least one person from every Department come to this class. The Memo to department heads is attached for your review.

If you are interested, please talk with your Department Head! We will be offering this course again in the spring time.

Thank you to Megan Foster who raised the idea of having a grant writer for the County through one of our Innovation Group meetings! Her idea led to this low cost and high value adding effort. I also want to thank Chief Humiston for going above and beyond to share her skills with all of us!

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North County Employee Round Table – On Thursday August 7th in Bridgeport Memorial Hall we had a great turn out of folks from half dozen of our Departments. Had report backs on the Commute item mentioned above as well as the Grant Writing Course.

South County Employee Round Table – The South County Round Table was a great discussion about our Budget. Over 30 people in attendance and directly fueled by our ongoing negotiations with MCPE. It was truly appreciated to hear directly from employees their concerns as well as having three of the Negotiating Team for MCPE (Shop Stewards) present.

We are working to find every alternative to navigate through very difficult budget times. As was presented both at Budget Mid Year on February 11th, on April 15th at 3rd quarter and during the June Budget workshops, Mono County is facing a difficult truth.

Also, know that the Finance Director and I are able to meet with any employee who has questions. These are the important conversations we have needed to have for several years around the County. They finally are happening and will continue.

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Thank you to the 15 attendees of the August 7th Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting. We had our ambassadors present and discussed the draft agenda for the meetings with departments. Beth Conley was joining us via phone. We also finished reviewing the Draft Plan and made some additional changes.

This Draft now at Version 3 will be the focus as the Ambassadors go out to all department staff meetings and present the information for feedback. The Ambassadors will then head out to any employees unable to attend and gather their feedback.

From all of this feedback we will review and refresh and bring to the Board for their review. The next Meeting for the Steering Committee is August 21st at 4:00pm at Lee Vining Community Center.

Next meeting of Steering Committee and schedule is as follows:

- **August 21st**
- **September 4th**
- **September 11th**
- **September 25th**

Thank you again for your participation.

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Sheriff's Office

1. Public Safety Officer Carlos Hernandez graduated from his Jail Core Academy that was taught by the Fresno Sheriff's Office. Carlos has been a great addition to our staff.
2. We had multiple SAR missions again this week, keeping the SAR team busy in the back country.

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