



Animal Control

Animal Control continues animal adoption efforts – Thanks to the outstanding work of the Animal Control Team, many local animals find loving homes. Check out Sage Lovelace helping spread the word with two canine companions on recent pet adoptions.

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Community Development

Planning Commission – Among items considered at Thursday’s Planning Commission meeting were a workshop on setback requirements and a demonstration of the County’s draft online General Plan by **Brent Calloway**. The Commission also considered parking and improvement standards for the proposed skate park at the Crowley Lake Community Center. A big thank you to County staff **Courtney Weiche, Vianey White, Garrett Higerd**; County Service Area 1 (CSA1) representatives **Kim McCarthy** and **John Connolly**; and **Supervisor Stump** for their contributions on the skate park item.

Mono Basin RPAC – At its Wednesday meeting, the RPAC received a status report on the Lee Vining Rockfall Project from Caltrans staff, conducted a well-attended workshop with Southern California Edison on power line safety, and discussed priorities for the County’s Strategic Planning process. **Supervisor Alpers** also provided an update on BOS matters.

LDTAC – At its Monday meeting, the Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (LDTAC) met to consider a master plan for the Crowley Lake Community Center presented by **Courtney Weiche** and **Vianey White**, with input from **Garrett Higerd, Tom Perry** and **Louis Molina**. The issue focused on parking and access for a proposed skate park. On another LDTAC matter, **Nick Criss** reviewed requirements for a proposed impound yard in the community of Walker.

YARTS – On Wednesday, the Authority Advisory Committee of **YARTS** (Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System) reviewed the upcoming budget and status of new operations emanating from Fresno. For more information on Fresno service, see the following link: <http://kvpr.org/post/finally-public-bus-system-fresno-yosemite>

Still grouching at sunrise – Community Development Department staff continued to participate in lek counts of the Long Valley sage grouse population. A shout-out to **Brent Calloway** and **Wendy Sugimura** for their sunrise field trip today.

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County Administrator's Office

Free Energy Code Training being offered - On behalf of SCE, the Eastern Sierra Energy Foundation is passing along information for a workshop you might like to attend on Thursday, May 7, 8:30am – 4:30pm, Edison Theatre, Mammoth Lakes. Please see the attached flyer.

There is plenty of room so please pass the information along to anyone you feel would benefit from the workshop! There is no charge, but pre-registration is required since SCE is serving a continental breakfast and lunch.

FREE ENERGY CODE TRAINING

Title 24 Part 6 Essentials

Residential Standards

Plans Examiners & Building Inspectors

While targeted to examiners and inspectors, this course would be valuable to anyone dealing with energy standards for residential new construction and renovations.

For more information and registration, please call 626-812-7537 or register online at www.SCE.com/workshops

Or if you plan on taking the workshop, you could just respond to this email, and we will be pleased to send along your information to SCE:

NAME, AFFILIATION, TELEPHONE, EMAIL, MAILING ADDRESS

CONTACT: Pamela Stayden, High Sierra Energy Foundation, (760) 934-4650

CSAC Highlights County efforts as part of National County Government Month - April is National County Government Month. The theme this year is focused on transportation and infrastructure. CSAC is celebrating by highlighting four innovative county programs that are delivering real value for constituents in energy, broadband, flood control and road improvement. Today we have a video and blog that look at Yuba County's innovative energy program; an energy retrofit that is paying for itself. Please take a few minutes to [watch the video](#) or [read the blog](#).

We hope you will be inspired by these county programs that are making a difference.

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REMINDER – Deadline to sign up is today!

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and The Inyo County Office of Emergency Services Presents:

Debris Management Training

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Time: 3 hours 0900-1200 (check-in begins 0830)

Location: Bishop Fire Training Facility - 960 Poleta Road

Overview - California has experienced floods, fires, earthquakes and even civil unrest. These events created tons of debris that not only posed an immediate threat to public health and safety and the economic recovery of the state, but were also a hindrance to response and recovery actions. In the past, this debris was generally burned or buried with little consideration to landfill capacity, air pollution or effects on the environment.



These practices caused serious concerns for environmental scientists, emergency managers and the general public. Steps taken to address these concerns caused the costs of debris removal and disposal to quickly escalate. In fact, data compiled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency revealed that debris management costs are as much as 40% of the total disaster dollar amount nationwide.

In response to the issues facing local governments with increasing debris types and quantities, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) conducts Debris Management Training at no cost to local governments. This training is geared for anyone who has a role in emergency and/or debris management operations. Anyone directly involved in debris planning and operations (public works, civil engineers, emergency planners, code enforcement, finance, etc.) is encouraged to attend this training.

During this training, Cal OES staff provides information that helps eligible applicants hold on to all the disaster dollars that they are entitled. The training shows how to identify various disaster related debris issues, discusses possible solutions, and provides additional related information and guidance for successful debris management operations. The main focus of the training highlights the following:

- Debris Type
- Eligibility & Reasonable Costs
- Debris Contracting
- Debris Forecasting & Estimating
- Debris Monitoring
- Debris Management Plan

Target Audience -- The workshop is geared for state and local government participants directly involved in debris planning and operations (public works, solid waste, civil engineers, code enforcement, finance, etc.). The workshop focuses on debris management plan development.

Registration - Please complete your application for [Debris Management Training](#) by Friday April 10, 2015, 1500 hours. Email completed applications to Emergency Services Coordinator Karla.Benedicto@caloes.ca.gov

You will receive a registration confirmation by email.

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CSAC SEEKS COUNTY BEST PRACTICES FOR ANNUAL CHALLENGE AWARDS - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) invites you to enter our 2015 Challenge Awards competition.

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find innovative, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight your county's best practices and the staff behind them.

CSAC recognizes counties in four population categories. Challenge Award-winning programs receive state and national exposure, are highlighted in county best practices videos, and recognized at Boards of Supervisors meetings. This is a great way to let your colleagues across the state and nation know about the innovative work you are doing.

To learn more about how to enter in the Challenge Awards program, [click here](#).

Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2015

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Mono County's Strategic Planning Framework Continues RPACS review –

Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework. This unprecedented effort is circulating out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback. Thank you to the Antelope Valley RPAC which on April 2nd provided feedback as a second review!

Please feel free to come on by the following Strategic Planning meetings:

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| <i>First Five (2nd Review)</i> | <i>April 16th</i> |
| <i>June Lake CAC (Both reviews)</i> | <i>May 5th</i> |
| <i>Mono Basin RPAC (2nd review)</i> | <i>May 13th</i> |
| <i>Bridgeport RPAC (2nd Review)</i> | <i>May 21st</i> |

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Public Health

Influenza Season Winding Down - The masking period for Mono County healthcare workers who did not receive an influenza vaccination has now ended. However, influenza continues to circulate at low levels.

Throughout the year, public health conducts screening of all Sierra Park Family Medicine and Pediatrics visits for influenza-like illness (ILI), which is defined as a documented (by history or exam) fever of ≥ 100 degrees F, accompanied by a cough and/or sore throat, not explained by another diagnosis (e.g., strept throat or RSV).

The accompanying chart shows that ILI visits to Sierra Park Family Medicine have a baseline of $< 1\%$, with Pediatrics at about 2%. We saw our uptick during Christmas week, largely in the visitor population. Once they left, it took another few weeks for our locals to show a peak of illness. This happened in January, about a month before the usual peak in February. Last week was the first week that we are back to near baseline levels.

Early in the season it was a type A H3N2 strain that predominated. About 75% of the H3N2 viruses that were circulating had drifted from the strain in the vaccine. Evidence showed poor coverage in the vaccine for this strain, which is particularly hard on the very young and very old. Our experience mirrors this, as virtually all of our hospitalizations at Mammoth Hospital for influenza and/or pneumonia were in the very young or the very old. The hospitalization rate nationwide for the >65 year old age group was the highest recorded since this type of record keeping began in 2005.

So far this season in the US, there have been 116 pediatric deaths reported (less than age 18 years). The range since 2004 has been from 37 to 171 pediatric deaths. The importance of vaccination, including vaccination of adults who are around children, is emphasized by these two very concerning facts:

- 46% had no recognized underlying health problems
- 80% of pediatric deaths occurred in unvaccinated children

The usual flu season is 13 weeks in length. This year, having started and peaked relatively early, it is expected to last longer. If current trends continue, our flu season in Mammoth will have been 15 weeks long. Statewide, influenza B has been the predominant strain since the beginning of March. This is typical for the end of the flu season. The strains circulating are covered by the vaccine.

The strains in next years' vaccine have been selected, and production is underway. We will work with you in doing everything we can to protect ourselves, our families, our patients, and our community.

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Public Works

Public Works – Facilities Updates:

- Memorial Hall ADA restrooms: the facilities staff recently received a final inspection on this project.
- Facilities is also working on reseeding the Ball field in Chalfant in an ongoing effort to eradicate the dreaded goats head weed.
- Staff is likewise working on the final phases of the Crowley Ball field concession facility. The work remaining includes taping, texturing, and painting, rough and finish plumbing in mechanical room and restrooms, finish electrical, and concrete work on ADA path of travel and parking. **John Hauter** has been the point person on this project and has done an admirable job of keeping it on track.
- We have also started the Annex II ADA ramp project and are doing our best to minimize the impact to our constituents as well as county staff.
- Additionally, we have started the preliminary work for the Bridgeport Biomass project with **Jason Davenport** working as point man on this complex installation.

- Lastly, we are continuing to prepare for upcoming projects, maintain our existing facilities, and complete work orders as quickly and efficiently as possible. ***I would like to thank all of the facilities staff for their hard work and dedication.***

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Sheriff's Office

Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team rescues a stranded backpacker near Glass Creek

On the morning of Wednesday, April 8th, 2015, at approximately 10:00AM, the Mono County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a stranded backpacker near Glass Creek.

A male backpacker, age 43, from Ramona, CA, began a two week backpack trip. The backpacker started his trip at Dead Man Creek and was hiking to Yost Lake. On day four of the trip, while near Glass Creek, the backpacker twisted his ankle and camped at his location to recover. During this time, a storm moved into the Eastern Sierra and the area received 18" to 2 ½ feet of fresh new snow over the dry landscape. The backpacker was unsuccessful in keeping his equipment dry. He became wet and cold with numb feet. On Wednesday, April 8th, he called 911 via his cellphone and requested rescue/extrication.

The Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team was dispatched to rescue the stranded backpacker. SAR team members staged at June Mountain Ski Area. The ground teams accessed Glass Creek through the ski area and the trailhead at Hartley Springs. The teams were able to locate the stranded backpacker, conduct an EMT patient assessment, and assist in re-warming the backpacker's extremities. The backpacker was given snow shoes, and with the teams' assistance, was able to hike back to the trailhead. Once back at the rescue base, the backpacker signed a medical release to seek his own further medical treatment. He was given a ride to his family members in the Mammoth Lakes area.



The Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team wasn't to remind all the hikers and backpackers who enjoy our Eastern Sierra trails, to research your route prior to starting on your journey, bring the proper equipment for the terrain and area, and always check the weather report for the time you will be enjoying the backcountry. We want all our hikers and backpackers to have a fun but safe adventure throughout the many Eastern Sierra trails.

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