



# Board of Supervisors Update

October 2016



# County Department News

## County Administrative Office

### **RCRC Annual Meeting:**

Supervisor Alpers, Leslie Chapman (CAO), and Janet Dutcher (Director of Finance) attended the RCRC Annual Meeting. The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-four member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties.

RCRC's Annual Meeting concludes with a Basket Raffle Dinner in which a county themed basket is raffled off from each member county. The proceeds from the Basket Raffle Dinner are donated to the RCRC Chair's charity/charities of choice. Below is a picture of the Mono County basket with Recology Corporation, the winners of the items.



### **Employee Trainings:**

Three employee trainings were conducted since the last newsletter. A county-wide training called "The Power of Team" discussed the process of accomplishing our county goals through cooperative effort as well as the positive attributes, advantages, and behaviors of teamwork.



**Employee Trainings continued:**

Employee’s with supervisory roles were invited to attend a training titled, “The Supervisor—Building Skills for Success” which addressed how to better empower employees to achieve a shared vision. Additional topics included common supervisory mistakes and examples of leadership excellence.

Supervisor Corless led a acting based training on improving board room presentations called, “Drama in the Board Room.” Individuals who frequently present before the Board of Supervisors received theatre based instruction on how to communicate more effectively so as to more clearly achieve their department goals and objectives. Supervisor Corless will be presenting a longer version of this workshop at the CSAC Institute of Excellence in County Government in November and appreciated the opportunity to “rehearse” this training here in Mono County.



**Probation**

Orlando Mejia has been selected to receive the Central Region Employee of the Year Award on behalf of the Chief Probation Officers of California. Orlando has been invited to attend the CPOC Annual Awards Luncheon in San Diego in December to celebrate this great accomplishment. When you see Orlando, please congratulate him on receiving the Central Region Employee of the Year Award!

And since individual achievement only happens when a great team is in place, here is a photo of probation staff with Orlando the second from the left.



## **Economic Development**

### **TOURISM**

#### Social:

The Tourism Facebook posts were in the feeds of 1,551,500 people in the first 12 days of October alone.

From October 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> we had 4,568 people click on our [www.MonoCounty.org](http://www.MonoCounty.org) tourism website from our Facebook portal.

Our Instagram page is only 100 followers away from hitting 10,000 fans!

The most successful post of October was this post of Burcham Flat road to Lobdell Lake reaching 442,077 people with 20,000 likes, 2,300 shares and 572 comments: <https://www.facebook.com/VisitEasternSierra/photos/pcb.1402787873066511/1402785313066767/?type=3&theater>

#### Advertising:

Exciting partnership with Brand USA and Visit California on a "Great Outdoors" co-op program to feature Mono County on the Visit USA website, including custom video (above Bodie section): <http://outdoors.visittheusa.com/5-scenic-destinations-californias-eastern-sierra>

Public Relations: We have had features and pick-up by numerous publications and outlets from media visits. Here are four notable ones:

San Francisco Chronicle: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/mono-county-californias-fall-heartland/>

Rough Rider Guides, UK: <https://www.roughguides.com/article/pilsners-poltergeists-and-pistes-why-you-should-visit-mammoth-lakes-california/> and <https://www.roughguides.com/special-features/bodie-california-ghost-town/>

LA Times (Jeff Simpson's photo of Summers Meadows is featured!) - <http://www.latimes.com/travel/deals/la-tr-california-eastern-sierra-fall-colors-20161006-snap-story.html>

Sunset, 10-page feature article "Weekend Trips 2016" in September issue: <http://www.sunset.com/travel/outdoor-adventure/sierra-nevada-mountains/view-all>

#### 2017 Visitor Guide:

Advertising opportunities are available in the 2017 edition of the Mono County Visitor Guide for tourism-related businesses and organizations. Contact us at 800-845-7922 for details!

#### Tradeshows:

Alicia Vennos represented Mono County and the High Sierra Visitors Council (HSVC) at IFTM Top Resa travel industry trade show in Paris, France from Sept. 20-23, funded by the HSVC - excellent leads were made with international and French travel agents and tour operators.

The tradeshow season kicks off in January through March with staff attending several consumer travel and fishing shows in California, including a new Fred Hall show in Bakersfield.

### **FISHERIES**

Successfully stocked 22,400 pounds of fish into 21 Mono County bodies of water since the opening day of fishing season.

Conducted spawning stream studies around the June Lake Loop this spring and approved funding for a brown trout spawning study on Rush Creek this fall.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Produced and released the third video testimonial on opening a business in Mono County – featuring the two sisters who operate the Mono Inn restaurant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK1SxMi6uFA>

Liz Grans and Jeff Simpson attended Yosemite Gateway Partners fall meeting and Liz co-presented information about the Eastside with Whitney Lennon of Mammoth Lakes Tourism.

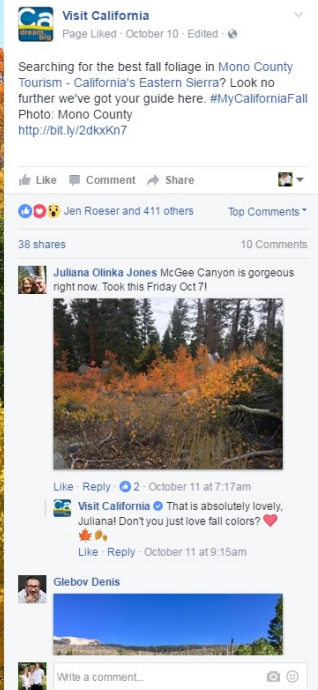
Alicia Vennos will attend the Cal travel Board meeting, November 1-2 in Berkeley.

## COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mono County Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission - Tuesday, October 25, 10am at Twin Lakes Annex, Bridgeport. Join us to hear a presentation/annual report on **Public Relations and media outreach for Mono County by East River PR**, as well as event reports from some of the grant recipients of the Community Event Marketing Fund for 2016.

Mono County Fisheries Commission – Wednesday, November 2, 10am at the June Lake Community Center. All are welcome.

Jeff Simpson's photo of Lobdell Lake made the Visit California FB site and [www.CaliforniaFallColor.com](http://www.CaliforniaFallColor.com)



## Public Health

### Fall and the Flu

It's that time of year again... the mornings are crisp, fall colors are changing, and Public Health staff is busy traveling around the County protecting residents from the flu. While overall flu activity is currently low in the United States, localized influenza outbreaks have been reported. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older receive the flu vaccine each season, ideally by the end of October. Vaccination can reduce flu-related illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school, as well as prevent hospitalizations. Only injectable vaccine is available this year, and is offered at community flu clinics, the Mammoth and Bridgeport Health Department offices, local pharmacies, and medical providers' offices.

To date, Public Health staff has hosted flu clinics in the communities of Crowley Lake, Lee Vining, Walker, June Lake, and Bridgeport. Upcoming clinics include the following:

10.13.16	Chalfant Community Center	Thursday 5:00-6:00 PM
10.13.16	Benton Community Center	Thursday 6:30-7:30 PM
10.18.16	Mammoth Lakes Elementary School	Tuesday 4:00-7:00 PM
10.19.16	Paradise Fire Station	Wednesday 4:00-5:30 PM
10.19.16	Swall Meadows Fire Station	Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM

Additionally, Public Health staff will be traveling to all Mono County schools to offer flu vaccines to children and staff in the coming weeks. A few friendly reminders:

#### To Prevent Getting the Flu

Get vaccinated.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.



#### If you are Sick

Limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it and wash your hands.

Call your medical provider within 2 days of illness to see if you may be a candidate for taking anti-viral medications.

Stay home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone (without use of fever-reducing medicine).

For more information about the flu, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/index.html>.

Contact:

Sandra Pearce, Director of Public Health Nursing or Bryan Wheeler, Immunization Coordinator  
760.924.1830

## **Sheriff's Office**

On August 21, Sheriff Braun swore in our newest employee, Deputy Brent Gillespie. Brent comes to us from the Bishop Police Department and has successfully completed his first month of training. We are excited to have him join our team!



Sheriff Ingrid Braun and Deputy Brent Gillespie at Swearing-In

As usual, many of our visitors got themselves into situations they were unable to extract themselves. Thanks to our deputies and our Search and Rescue, we pulled people out of sand, water, mud and mountains. Many thanks to the California Highway Patrol's helicopters for assisting on many rescues and literally plucking people off of mountainsides.



CHP Helicopter and MCSO Patrol Vehicle

Ingrid Braun

Mono County Sheriff

## Social Services

# Welcome **OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

Welcome **Krista Cooper**. Krista joins the Child and Adult Services team as a Social Worker Supervisor. Krista comes to us from Inyo County Health and Human Services, where she worked for over 16 years, serving as a social worker and supervisor for both adult and children's services.



Welcome **Glenda Williamson**. Glenda joins the Eligibility team as an Integrated Caseworker. She is finishing up over 11 weeks of Eligibility Induction training in Merced County. Glenda will be a welcome addition to our Mammoth Lakes office when she returns later this month.

Welcome **Raymond Gaffney**. Raymond joins the Child and Adult Services team as a Social Worker II. He joins us from Santa Cruz where he most recently served as a behavior interventionist for children with special needs. He's excited to move back to the county where he was born and raised, and to begin serving his community.

Condolences ...

We learned of the passing of one of our newest staff members, Debbie Mayorga. Debbie served as the Office Assistant in the Walker office. We had just started to get to know and enjoy Debbie when we learned of her untimely passing. Our deepest sympathies go to her family and loved ones. She will be missed.



A heartfelt thank you to Randy Endricks who volunteered with very short notice to help distribute home delivered meals to recipients in the Antelope Valley. We couldn't have done it without you, Randy!

### **RED Team:**

Our Child and Adult Services team has adopted a group decision-making process as part of the suspected child abuse referral intake process. This innovative child welfare practice —termed the “RED team”—was developed as a means for making sound decisions regarding how a child welfare agency responds to allegations of maltreatment.

RED Teams are a group process in which Social Workers, supervisors, and other professionals review child protective referrals, using a framework to map out the safety and risk, complicating factors, child vulnerability, strengths, protective factors, cultural considerations and history. This process provides a balanced view of the referral and provides the case-worker with more information to begin the assessment process. The end-goal is for child welfare interventions to be respectful of families while maximizing safety for vulnerable children in our community.





## Community Resource Guide – Review Assistance Needed



The Mono Strengthening Families Team, a workgroup of the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), identified the need for a **community resource guide** to share important supports and services. Please open the guide, [which is attached to this email as a file named “Mono Brochure Resource Guide.”](#)

To recommend changes or additions to the draft Mono County Community Resource Guide, please email Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator at [dtergesen@monocoe.org](mailto:dtergesen@monocoe.org) or call 760/934-0031 x204 by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Which Medicare Part D Plan Is Best for You?



Seniors can take the guesswork out of their prescription drug coverage for 2017. HICAP’s Medicare Part D counselor can help seniors compare, select and enroll in the Part D plan that best fits their individual needs by attending an **Enrollment Clinic at Walker Senior Center, Wednesday October 19**, starting at 10:00 AM. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:** Call Cathy at HICAP of Inyo and Mono Counties 760/872-2043.

## IHSS Advisory Committee – Recruiting 2 New Committee Members



There are two membership openings on the Mono County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee. The Committee provides ongoing advice and recommendations to the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the IHSS Program.

The IHSS Advisory Committee meets four times each year from 12-1 PM, usually the first Tuesday of January, April, July and October. Meetings are held via teleconference, video conference or in person

at the County conference room in Bridgeport. Stipends are paid to each committee member and committee members who attend the meetings in person also receive a mileage allowance.

The Advisory Committee serves as a voice for consumers and providers that directly affects their lives and in how services are provided to consumers.

Please join us at our next meeting to see what it’s all about. For more information please call our IHSS Registry @ (530) 495-2700.



## New Face at Veteran Services Office!

**Jessica Allmon** is the new Veteran Service Representative for Inyo and Mono Counties. She’s a US Army veteran of nearly 10 years and the spouse of a US Army veteran. Jessica is planning to be at the Mammoth Lakes Social Services conference room on **Thursday, November 3 at 9:00 AM**. To arrange an appointment time, contact Jessica (760-873-7850). She looks forward to meeting Mono County veterans

and she is happy to be of service!

## Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

The Mono County Emergency Shelter Coordinator and Inyo County American Red Cross Liaison teamed up with the Los Angeles American Red Cross during the Tri-County Fair on the Labor Day weekend as part of a state and national fire safety campaign.



During the fair residents of both counties were able to schedule appointment to receive free smoke alarms in their homes.

Ten volunteers have been trained on smoke alarm installation and fire and earthquake safety education.

"While the alarms will not prevent fires, they do give residents a chance to get out of their homes safely and call 911 for immediate assistance. Installing smoke alarms cuts the risk of someone dying from a home fire in half, so we’re joining with volunteers and groups from across our region to install smoke alarms," said Jon Brown, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross Los Angeles Region.

Teams of trained volunteers have been deployed and have gone to some of these scheduled appointments to check homes for working smoke detector units. If it was determined there was nothing installed, was an outdated device or the structure just needed more... they not only gave away the life-saving units, the team installed them on the spot. They also offered to conduct free, in-home fire safety checks and help residents develop fire escape plans.

These campaign efforts will continue and residents in Mono and Inyo Counties needing smoke alarms can call 760-924-1770 to make an appointment for a visit from our Red Cross Home Fire Campaign volunteers.

Even as the Red Cross and other groups install smoke alarms in some neighborhoods, they are calling on everyone to take two simple steps that can save lives: create and practice their home fire escape plan and check their smoke alarms.

The Home Fire Campaign is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for groups and individuals. Help save lives by visiting homes to install smoke alarms and educate residents about fire safety. If you're interested please call 760-924-1770.

## Disaster Preparedness Class

# Be Red Cross Ready

Get a kit



Make a plan



Be informed



**Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.**

If a disaster hits, Antelope Valley residents just may be better prepared to deal with the aftermath than other folks.

On August 31st, the Antelope Valley Senior Center was packed with residents who listened to a presentation on disaster preparedness by Sara Breuer, an American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Educator.

“No matter what happens – a fire, flood or an earthquake – make a plan so you will know where things are, like your important documents,” Breuer said. “And make a plan to communicate with or meet up with your family members after a disaster. You will need supplies on hand to self-sustain for a while because rescuers may not be able to get to you immediately.”

People should prepare a kit with supplies they can grab and take with them; they should carry basic supplies in their vehicle; they should have on hand a well-stocked first aid kit; they should have sanitation supplies on hand; and they should have critical tools and supplies easily accessible.

Becoming “Red Cross Ready” for an emergency means following our simple steps in advance to ensure you can weather a crisis safely and comfortably.

Get a Kit - Learn the essential supplies to put in your family's first aid and survival kits.

Make a Plan - Plan effectively for you and your family in case of an emergency.

Be Informed - Understand which disasters are likely in your area and what you must know to stay safe.

Visit the Red Cross website for more information: <http://preparesocal.org/redcrossready>.



## [Governor Vetoes State PILT Legislation](#)

Disappointingly, Governor Brown vetoed Senate Bill 1188 (McGuire and others) late last week despite unanimous support throughout the entire legislative process. While Governor Brown has included State Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding in both the 2015–16 and 2016-17 budgets, last year's change in statute leaves the future of State PILT payments in question.

[Read More:](#)

<http://www.rcrcnet.org/barbed-wire-october-07-2016>

Also In This Week's Edition:

## [Congress Continues Federal Funding Before Leaving Washington](#)

Congress passed a 10-week continuing resolution (CR) that will allow the federal government to continue to be funded at current fiscal year 2016 levels until December 9, 2016. The House passed the CR by a vote of 342-85 and the Senate passed the CR by a vote of 72-26. The CR also includes \$1.1 billion in funding to respond to the Zika virus, \$500 million in flood relief for Louisiana and other states and full fiscal 2017 appropriations for military construction and veterans. The President has signed the bill into law.

## [Feinstein Weighs in on Forestry Reform](#)

Before leaving Washington, D.C. for the October campaign recess period, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) sent her priorities for forestry reform to the leaders of the energy policy reform conference committee. The bipartisan letter was co-authored by Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) and listed several requests for the energy conference committee to consider this fall as the conference committee works toward a compromise bill.

## [Senators Feinstein and Boxer Endorse Kamala Harris](#)

This week, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer jointly endorsed state Attorney General Kamala Harris for Senate. Harris is running against Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) for the Senate to replace retiring Senator Boxer.

## [Delta Legislators Voice Opposition to California WaterFix Project](#)

A dozen Delta-area legislators have recently submitted a letter to Felicia Marcus, Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, expressing their strong opposition to the California Water Fix Project. The legislators believe the project will not fix anything and will in fact cause significant harm to the Delta.