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SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to California Businesses and Residents Affected by the Round Fire

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SBA Field Operations Center - West, P.O. Box 419004, Sacramento, CA 95841

Community Development

Antelope Valley RPAC – Late afternoon last Thursday, the Mountain Gate working group and community residents discussed ideas for a possible Mountain Gate Phase III project. At the evening meeting, **Doug Power** gave an update on Mountain Warfare Training Center, and **Supervisor Fesko** updated BOS actions. **Jill Batchelder** of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority discussed transit services in North County, unmet transit needs, and short-range transit plan. The RPAC discussed local and regional trail options, possible use of a tennis court as a dog park, and Antelope Valley Area Plan update led by **Gerry Le Francois**.

Local Transportation Commission – At Monday's meeting, Commission acted on **Wendy Sugimura's** recommendations for appointments to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, reviewed **Megan Mahaffey's** Overall Work Program submittal to Caltrans, and conducted a review of the Town's Regional



Transportation Plan policies. Commission also received several presentations by Caltrans, including wildlife collisions on state highways, upcoming Active Transportation grant program, and an overview of the draft California Transportation Plan.

Mono Basin RPAC – Wednesday evening the RPAC received an overview of the Lee Vining Airport Layout Plan by **Garrett Higerd**, a report from **Supervisor Alpers** on BOS activities, and **Jill Batchelder** provided an overview of ESTA services and discussed unmet transit needs. Members also discussed Mono Basin Area Plan policies to develop a Strategic Plan priority list, and reviewed RPAC roles, responsibilities and appointment protocols.

Planning Commission – At Thursday’s meeting in Bridgeport, Commission conducted a public hearing on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) opportunities, **Megan Mahaffey** reviewed grant application requirements, and public and commissioners presented concepts/ideas for CDBG funding. In a lengthy deliberation, commissioners also considered a Use Permit in community of June Lake. Also, workshops were conducted on Round Fire recovery and fire-safe regulations. Commissioner **Dan Roberts** of June Lake presented topics and suggestions for the California County Planning Commissioners Association fall convention in Mono County, and CAO **Jim Leddy** presented a PowerPoint overview of the Strategic Plan.



CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

County Administrator’s Office

Mono County Staff from various Departments works with State to continue Recovery Efforts for Fire impacted residents – On March 10th, **Jon Drozd, Tony Dublino, Jeff Walters, Louis Molina, and Jill Kearney** met with representatives of Cal Recycle for the first Fire Debris and Removal Operations meeting. This meeting is the kick off to helping the fire impacted residents remove from their property damaged or destroyed fire debris and facilitate the needed rebuilding.

Todd Thalhamer, who presented at the Board of Supervisors special meeting on March 3rd, was present along with **Melinda Stehr** of Cal OES. The minutes of the meeting are attached to the Board Update email and show the quick work underway to help local property owners seeking to rebuild.

PROPOSED DEBRIS REMOVAL SCHEDULE

- a) Working Schedule – County code limits 7 AM to 8 PM Monday through Saturday and 9 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. Will also depend on operating hours of disposal sites at which debris materials will be deposited.
- b) Overall Operations Schedule – estimated:
 - i. March 10 – GLA collect background samples to determine site cleanup goals
 - ii. March 11 - GLA collect residual soil samples for Regional Board, County, and LADPW

- iii. March 12 – Regional Board Meeting to consider residual soils deposition at Bishop and/or Benton Landfills.
- iv. March 14 – Receive soil samples results
- v. March 14 – GLA to direct the start of asbestos survey and sampling
- vi. March 16 – GLA begin site documentation process
- vii. March 19 – Mobilize DROC and contractor mobilization
- viii. March 23 – Debris Removal begins

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Mammoth Area of Governments Meeting receives Strategic Planning Presentation – On Wednesday March 11th, had the opportunity to present the great work the employees have done with the Strategic Planning Framework to the Mammoth Area of Governments group. This group meets every other month to discuss interagency opportunities for shared services and collaboration.

The Group found the work to be an incredible step in the right direction for the County and will be seeing how each of their agencies and the group as a whole can better partner around those best projects.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

PIO Core Team meeting – Thank you to *Jennifer Hanson* of the Mono County Sheriff's Department for hosting a very well attended Public Information Officer's meeting and Roundtable on March 11th. We spent most of the 90 minutes debriefing from the Round Fire event and moving forward with system improvements to ensure communication strengthening prior to the next event. Great cross agency turn out and Jennifer kept the group on task for finding improvements.

Eastern Sierra Child Support Regional Oversight Committee Meeting – *Chairman Tim Fesko* along with *Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillerman* and *Inyo County CAO Kevin Carunchio* attended the Annual review meeting of the Eastern Sierra Regional Child Support Oversight Committee. *Suzanne Rizo* and *Breanne Nelums* presented the latest information on the incredible efforts being made to ensure that the children of the region are receiving the support needed. Suzanne will come before the Mono County Board in October of 2015 for the annual presentation and update on services.

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South County Employee Round Table on March 19th at 8:00am in Sierra Center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers – Now that we have gotten past holidays and then the fire, the south county employees roundtable is back to its normal time – namely the third Thursday of each month.

Please join us on **March 19th** for our monthly chance to meet and discuss any issues employees may have. As always the CAO brings the coffee and donuts and the county does not pay – mostly because I eat too many.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510



Where are the donuts?

Mono County’s first ever Strategic Planning Framework Heads to the RPACS – 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. On March 11th the Mammoth Area of Governments received a presentation and on Thursday March 12th the Planning Commission received a presentation.

On March 16th, the Benton RPAC will get a chance to see the information and a first review of the Strategic Planning Framework. Also, please note we will be bringing back Laree and Beth to host a special Board meeting date to be determined for a Strategic Planning Board session! Stay tuned as we get the details put into place.

Please feel free to come on by the following RPAC meetings:

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| Benton | March 16th |
| June Lake CAC | April 7th |
| Mono Basin RPAC (2nd review) | April 8th |
| Antelope Valley (2nd Review) | April 9th |
| Bridgeport RPAC (2nd Review) | April 16th |
| First Five (2nd Review) | April 16th |

Thank you all very much for being a part of history and building our future!

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State of the County - A full video recap of the Mono County – 2015 State of the County Presentation can be viewed online here: <https://youtu.be/ApOHRlebueg>

The 2015 State of the County Presentation, a morning of in-depth information from experts and specialists about the state of the global, national, and regional economy, tourism trends in California, and how we in the Eastern Sierra Can take advantage of opportunities in market shifts. Presenters include; **Jeff Lucas**, Principal, Community Development Services, **Laszlo Horvath**, Principal, Active Media, and **Caroline Beteta**, CEO and President, Visit California.

The State of the County was held Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Sierra Event Center.

FREE Webinar this Wednesday: “Capital Connectors Venture Forum” - Looking for Venture Capital? Need an Investor for your business project? Look no further, the Capital Connectors are here! Whether you are a start-up, are already operating successfully and looking to expand, have a business or product that could use financial backing or just have a fantastic idea, the Capital Connectors Venture Forum is an excellent opportunity for you and your business to reach the next level. Time is limited, the deadline is May 1st so tune in and learn out how to get connected to the capital you need and visit sendyourplan.com for more information

When: Wednesday March 18, 2015 at 12:05 – 1pm.

Where: Go to www.gotowebinar.com and enter webinar code: 159-830-539

Cost: FREE

\$31.1 Million Available in California Competes Tax Credit - The California Competes Tax Credit is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California. \$31.1 Million is available from March 09, 2015 to April 6, 2015 and a portion of this tax credit is allocated to small businesses.

Tax credit agreements will be negotiated by GO-Biz and approved by a statutorily created “California Competes Tax Credit Committee,” consisting of the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of GO-Biz, one appointee each by the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Committee on Rules. For more information and to apply visit <http://bit.ly/1oYorwi> or give the GO-Biz office a call at 916-322-0694

CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

New York Media Event: **Alicia Vennos** represented the High Sierra Visitors Council (a collaborative partnership between tourism organizations from Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Tuolumne County, Yosemite, Calaveras, Visalia, Mammoth Lakes, Mono County and Bishop) at Visit California’s New York Media reception this week. Over 70 A-list NY area media attended the event including *CBS This Morning*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Forbes.com*, *USA Today*, *ShermanTravel.com*, *Parents* magazine, and freelancers for *Travel + Leisure*, *Huffington Post* and *CNN*. Prior to the event, Alicia also booked 1:1 desktide meetings with *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Condé Nast BRIDE*, the JetBlue PR Manager, and freelance travel writer, David Perry. Exciting news for High Sierra access from the East coast is the new JetBlue air service from NYC direct to Reno beginning daily on May 28, 2015.

Fred Hall Fishing Show: **Jeff Simpson**, **Liz Grans**, **Supervisor Tim Alpers**, and Fisheries Commissioner volunteer, **Don Morton** represented Mono County at the Fred Hall show March 11-15 in Long

Beach. **Supervisor Alpers** was, as always, a big draw among the fishing enthusiasts, and both he and Jeff participated in Pete Gray’s “Let’s Talk Hookup” radio show, were panelists for several fishing seminars, and Jeff’s presentation on the “Best Hunting and Fishing Spots in Mono County” was standing room only every day. Great job and many thanks to all.

PR: Mono County made CBS Los Angeles’s Top Five Spring Break locations:

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/top-lists/best-spring-break-2015-destinations-near-los-angeles-for-families/>. (We have contacted the editor to thank her and to request her to correct the overly-optimistic mention of camping in Yosemite and throughout our area this month and next).

Film Commission: Pleased to report that we have secured an episode shoot for the television series “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” later this month at Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth Lakes and surrounding area. We also pitched and successfully secured a shoot for the History Channel in June Lake and possibly in Bridgeport, as well. A commercial for OnStar is currently on Day 5 of production, and numerous other scouting inquiries have been keeping us busy, including a commercial for Ram trucks and one for a well-known perfume.

Economic Development: **Jeff Simpson** attended the Food Retailer Conference organized by **Nancy Mahannah** this past Wednesday. The moderator from Modoc County, Bill Hall, was excellent and many ideas for cooperative distribution practices and advertising/promotion were shared during Jeff’s presentation on retail marketing. Great job, Nancy.

Website Focus Group: **Jeff Simpson** and **Alicia Vennos** were invited to participate in a focus group regarding the development of Mammoth Lakes Tourism’s new website.

Air Service: **John Urdi**, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, has shared the following statistics on YTD cancellations:

Alaska	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15 Reason
December	95%	94%	3 Weather @ MMH (all LAX), 1 Crew Availability
January	92%	94%	4 Weather @ MMH (2 LAX, 1 LAS, 1 SAN), 3 Mechanical, 2 Crew Availability
February	88%	90%	7 Weather @ MMH (5 LAX, 2 SAN), 2 Mechanical

Totals

11 Weather @ MMH
8 non- weather (5 Mechanical + 3 Crew)

United **2014-15** **2013-14** **2014-15 Reason**

December	64%	90%	4 Weather @ MMH, 1 Crew Availability (2 flights diverted to Reno and bussed to Mammoth which likely show up for MMH as a cancellation driving this % down) – we only had 20 flights scheduled in December
January	97%	90%	2 Crew Availability
February	92%	67%	3 Weather at MMH

Totals

7 Weather @ MMH
 3 non-weather (3 Crew Availability)

Overall Cancellations (both airlines combined)

Total Cancellations = 29
 Weather @ MMH = 18 (11 Alaska + 7 United)
 Crew Availability = 6 (3 Alaska + 3 United)
 Mechanical = 5 (all Alaska)

As you can see only 18 weather related cancellations YTD for both airlines and I would estimate that nearly half of those would have had issues diverting to Bishop due to super high winds (think Round Fire weekend).

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos, (760) 924-1743

Human Resources

Creating a Workplace of Equal Opportunity and Respect: California Sexual Harassment and Abusive Conduct Training -- California AB 1825 and AB 2053 Required Training – for all managers and supervisors.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Lee Vining Community Center

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 am OR 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Space in each class is limited to the first 40 RSVPs – Please save your spot with **Sarah Messerlian**. You must have department head approval to attend.

CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405

Public Health

Public Health Hosts Food Forum - On Wednesday March 11th, the Public Health Department hosted Mono County food retailers in a workshop designed to answer the question: “How can the food distribution system be improved such that the community has better choices for healthy items and the food retailers experience greater financial benefit?” All food retailers from Mono County were invited.

Market owners and managers from Walker, Lee Vining, Bridgeport and June Lake participated in this problem-solving event. Attendees’ food retail experience ranged from several months to 30 years. Guests included **Supervisor Stacy Corless** and Toiyabe Indian Health Project’s **Kate Larsen**. Topics included Marketing your Business by **Jeff Simpson** of



Nancy Mahannah, Kate Larsen of Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and Bill Hall of Modoc Co. Public Health

Economic Development; and Cottage Industry Food Laws by **Chris Babula** and Results of Mono County Food Retailer and Consumer Public Opinion Surveys by **Nancy Mahannah**, both of Public Health.

Guest speaker, **Bill Hall** of Modoc County Public Health facilitated a discussion of challenges, barriers and actions to resolve food distribution issues. Both **Jeff Simpson** and **Bill Hall** have extensive retail experience through family ownership of rural retail food markets. The Board will be presented with the retailers recommendations at the March 17th Board meeting in Mammoth.

CONTACT: Nancy Mahannah, (760) 924-4621

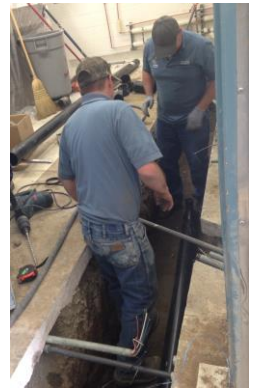
Public Works

Public Works hosts first all staff meeting! – On Thursday, March 12th all Public Works staff were invited to attend a team meeting in Lee Vining. Almost 50 staff were able to make it.

Many topics were covered, suggestions made and we even squeezed in a lunch courtesy of Ohanas395. It was a successful effort at increasing communication and bringing the department together. Another scheduled in the fall. This is part of opening up communication and building a stronger team.

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Jason Davenport and Jesse Hale help upgrade the Jail's electrical system! – Seen here → Jesse and Jason were working on the electrical system in the jail this last week helping improve the Jail's grid. Great work guys and if you find a tunnel out make sure to inform Lt. Booher.



CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459

Social Services

WORKFORCE SERVICES: NEW CONNECTIONS - We're in the final stages of completing **On-the-Job Training** contracts for an event/office manager at Green Fox Events and a store manager at Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. These contracts reimburse the wages of new and promoted employees in full-time/year-round positions through the Workforce Investment Act.

Green Fox Events and Disabled Sports are also completing **Job Skills Placement** contracts. These agreements provide a work experience/internship opportunity for community members receiving CalWORKs benefits, and this will assist low income families in obtaining skills and future paid employment in Mono County. These are the first contracts of their kind in Mono County, and we hope to see an increase in business participation in the future.



We're currently working with businesses in June Lake and Walker who are in the beginning and middle stages of the hiring and contracting process. Also, we visited each open business in Bridgeport last week to speak with local business owners about how they can benefit from the various WIA and CalWORKs

workforce programs. The initial outreach to Benton, June Lake, Lee Vining, Bridgeport, and Walker has been made, but an ongoing effort will continue as seasonal businesses prepare for the summer.

Please encourage people to give me a call to learn more about these great programs. I am eager to assist **employers and job seekers** alike!

CONTACT: Jay Sloane, Workforce Services, Dept. of Social Services, 760/924-1788



138 RESIDENTS ATTEND RED CROSS TRAININGS! - The **American Red Cross** sent a team out to do some preparedness training for Mono County residents recently. They were able to provide the **Prepare U** course on March 6th for community members at the Antelope Senior Center and at the Bridgeport Indian Colony. The training instructs participants on how to make a kit, have a plan and be informed in the event of an emergency. There were **20 participants** in attendance at the Senior Center and an additional **11 participants** in Bridgeport. If you missed this training and are interested in information on how you can be

prepared visit the Red Cross Plan and Prepare website page <http://www.redcross.org/prepare>.

Also on Friday, March 6th the Red Cross provided the **Pillow Case Project** to **76 fifth grade students** at Mammoth Elementary School. The Pillowcase teaches students about personal and family preparedness, local hazards, and basic coping skills. The program leads students through a “learn, practice, share” framework to engage them in disaster preparedness. Students receive a sturdy pillowcase upon completion of the program in which they are encouraged to build their personal emergency supplies kit. The instructors for these classes was quoted as saying *“the students at Mammoth Elementary were excellent, and some of the brightest students we’ve had. They were so eager to provide excellent answers to our questions and share their experiences.”*

On Saturday, March 7th, **6 people** attended the **Red Cross Volunteer Boot Camp** where they learned about the history of the American Red Cross and all of the volunteer opportunities and services that are available. The Boot Camp participants can now continue with further training to become a part of the local Disaster Action Team (DAT). DAT members respond immediately to a disaster when called by emergency dispatch. Specially trained DAT volunteers assess the scope of the damage and meet with the affected family or families to determine their immediate disaster-related needs and ensure that those needs are met. Depending upon their individual needs, the Red Cross can provide assistance to disaster victims, helping them secure shelter, food, clothing, medical needs and mental health counseling.

On Monday, March 9th there was a community **Adult CPR and First Aid** course that was taught at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and **25 participants** learned and practiced these skills. Participants stated that they thought it was very informative and well done. Red Cross is excited about the collaboration with our county and is committed to continue to offer similar trainings for us at least twice a year. We are in the process of making plans for the next sessions in late August.

CONTACT: Cathy Young, Staff Services Analyst I, 760/924-1780

TOWN HALL MEETING -MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE-COMMUNITY HISPANIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (en español en el otro lado de esta hoja) - Thursday, March 19, 2015 --- 5:00 p.m. Grand Sierra Lodge - 1111 Forest Trail-Emerald Room

The Presentations Will Be Made in a Friendly and Open Manner

- **Immigration Attorney, Lazaro Salazar** *The New Executive Order DAPA (Deferred Action for Parent of Americans) and avoiding fraud in the deferred action process*
- **Immigration Attorneys, Raissa Morris & Brian Lopez** *Understanding the Executive Order DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and expanded DACA*
- **The Mexican Consulate** *Related consulate services*



There Will Be an Open Forum Where You Can Comment and Ask Questions of All the Speakers
Representatives from These Organizations to Answer All Your Questions

Police and Sheriff's Departments, the Superior Court, Behavioral Health, Wild Iris and Social Services Food, Childcare & Interpreters will be available and you can comment confidentially
(en español en el otro lado de esta hoja)

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