



## Animal Control

**Last Low Cost Vaccination clinic this weekend!** - This Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> is our last two low cost vaccination and licensing clinics. We will be in Lee Vining at the County road shop from 9:30-11 and in June Lake at the fire Hall from 1-3 any questions call me at 932-5582.

Also Miss Shasta is a Anatolian Shepherd mix about 6 months old her and her sister are available for adoption at the Whitmore Animal Shelter

CONTACT: Angelle Nolan, (760) 932-5582



## Clerk Recorder's Office

**Clerk of the Board Transition** - With Friday June 20th (today) being Lynda Roberts last day as our stalwart Clerk of the Board/Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Linda Romero, Assistant Clerk of the Board becomes the Acting Clerk. This happens automatically under County policy. This will also ensure continuity of services while the County review the recruitment process.

The Board will be receiving a proposed recruitment process on July 1<sup>st</sup> for review. Meanwhile, with the looming November election process beginning, we will be working to ensure that the Clerk's office has the staffing resources and support to continue operations at the incredible level set by Lynda Robert's management.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

## Community Development

**Feds support Mono County effort to prevent Sage Grouse listing** - On Friday morning, major news outlets began reporting that the Obama administration has committed \$31 million to conservation efforts for the Bi-State sage grouse. This figure is precisely what we have requested to fully fund and implement the "Bi-State Action Plan" in an effort to prevent listing of the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of the Greater Sage Grouse under the Endangered Species Act.

The appropriations are split between the Department of Agriculture (Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service) and the Bureau of Land Management, and includes funds for the purchase of conservation easements as well as habitat improvement projects. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack described the funding as a "ground-breaking commitment". While there are no guarantees that the species will not be listed, this is great news for all involved with species conservation, and most importantly, great news for the recovery and long term sustainability of our local Sage Grouse.

The USDA press Release is attached to the Board Update.

CONTACT: Brent Calloway, (760) 924-1809

**Keep it going!** A weekday commuter vanpool from Bishop to Mammoth leaves Bishop at 7 a.m. and Mammoth at 5 p.m. Additional stops along the way could be scheduled. Another vanpool could be set up for employees who work four 10-hr days. The monthly fee is less than the cost of gasoline and wear-and-tear on personal vehicles. Due to riders moving away and/or taking different jobs, however, the size of the vanpool group has diminished. More riders are needed to continue this service. Please contact C.D. Ritter at 760-924-1804 or Jill Batchelder at 760-872-1901 if you're interested in joining.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

## **County Administrator's Office**

***The Strategic Plan moving forward!*** –On June 19<sup>th</sup> the Steering Committee and drafted up a draft mission statement!! We will send out this mission statement and the draft document from may 1<sup>st</sup> in a separate email as well as have a survey in place so you can read it, with background materials and add comments. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be training pour ambassadors and getting them ready to head out to meet with employees! We are rocking and rolling and I want to thank the folks who attended last night from Social Services, the District attorney's office, the paramedics, Economic development department, and Public Works!

***The next Steering Committee will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lee Vining Community Center at 4:00pm.***

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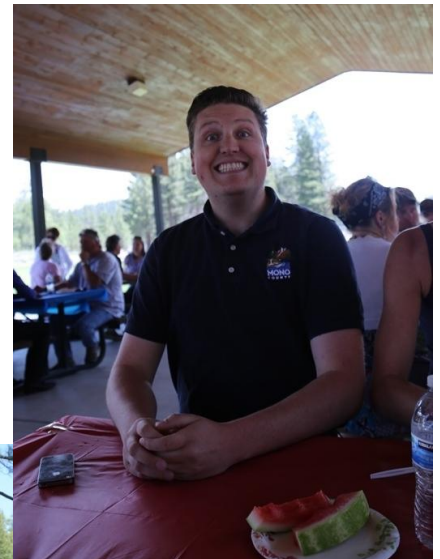
**Employee picnics a great success** – Thank you to everyone who attended the Employee Picnics where we honor those for years of services and have a chance to connect and break bread. The Bridgeport event was on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and the Mammoth Lakers event was on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>. We had over 150 employees attend between the two events as the Board presented recognition to those employees who have reached the 5, 10, 15, and even 30 year milestones of service.

If you would like to see the latest set of awesome pictures from our in House super photo. And IT genius, Greg Newbry, take a look at the South County pictures at:

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CONTACT: Jim Leddy,  
(707) 529-4510

**New Dental Plan Information for Employees** -Alliant & Delta Dental will be here on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to provide all Mono County



Employees information regarding the switch to our new dental insurance provider. There will be presentations in Mammoth and Bridgeport as follows:

Mammoth Lakes  
Suite Z, Minaret Mall  
11:00 am

Bridgeport  
Board Room, Mono County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2:00 pm

We would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend by email. Before we do so - **please confirm your approval to excuse employees to attend on County time.** We anticipate the presentation will last approximately 1 hour.



CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405

**ENTRY DEADLINE FOR CSAC'S CHALLENGE AWARDS COMING UP** - The entry deadline for the CSAC 2014 Challenge Awards competition is just around the corner. All entries must be postmarked by **Friday, June 27.**

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.

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](#).

To review videos of programs honored in the past with Challenge Awards, [click here](#).

***Deadline: Friday, June 27, 2014***

Questions or would like a printed copy of our Call for Entries?

CONTACT: David Liebler, (916) 327-7500, CSAC Deputy Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, at [dliebler@counties.org](mailto:dliebler@counties.org).

**Serve Your Community by Becoming a Civil Grand Juror**

– The Mono County Courts sent out a request for applications for the Grand Jury. The application is attached to the Board Update. This is a great opportunity to serve the community. Please share with friends, family and consider participating!

**What is a Civil Grand Jury?**-a civil Grand Jury is made up entirely of community volunteers whose primary mission is to examine all local government agencies to determine if they are serving the residents of the county in a legal, economical and efficient manner. Grand jurors are appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Mono County Superior Court, Stan Eller.



**What Does a Civil Grand Jury Do?**- California law sets out certain legally required investigations to be done by the Grand Jury, however, the Grand Jury on its own initiative can investigate any local government agency it chooses. In addition, the Grand Jury can investigate local government agencies based on written concerns or written complaints made by members of the public. The Grand Jury has a year to do its investigations and then must submit a final Grand Jury report to the Presiding Judge that will be distributed to the public and to local government.

**What is My Commitment if I Serve As a Grand Juror?** - the Presiding Judge will appoint grand jurors to serve for one year from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. Grand jurors can expect at least one general meeting a month of the entire Grand Jury; time and place of the meetings to be determined by the Grand Jury members. In addition, once the Grand Jury starts investigating local government agencies, there will be committee meetings to do the investigative work. The amount of time spent on committee meetings and investigative work is determined by the Grand Jury members. Grand jurors are also asked to attend a two-day Grand Jury training to be held in Bishop on August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. Grand jurors are volunteers, however, grand jurors are reimbursed for mileage to attend Grand Jury general meetings, committee meetings and training.

**Does the Grand Jury Receive Any Support or Assistance?**- The Grand Jury is appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and has legal authority to support its investigative activities. The Grand Jury receives administrative and technical support from the CEO of the Superior Court. Legal advice is provided to the Grand Jury by Superior Court, the County District Attorney and County Counsel.

**How do I apply?**- Before June 25<sup>th</sup>, you can apply by contacting Hector Gonzalez, CEO of the Superior Court by either phone (760-923-2330) or by mailing the flyer with your contact information provided

**Mail To:** Hector Gonzalez, CEO  
Mono County Superior Court, P.O. Box 1037  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or email to [acaton@monocourt.org](mailto:acaton@monocourt.org) or  
fax to (760) 923-2330

**BLM Bishop Field Office & Inyo National Forest Announce Fire Restrictions** - Effective Friday, June 27, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office and the Inyo National Forest are implementing fire restrictions.

The restrictions are in effect on all BLM public lands managed by the Bishop Field Office and all Inyo National Forest lands.

“Ongoing drought conditions and well below average rain and snowfall this past winter have led to very dry conditions for this time of year,” said Inyo National Forest Supervisor, Ed Armenta. “These conditions can create an active fire season here in the Eastern Sierra. We have experienced 15+ fires already and numerous Red Flag Warning days.

Beginning June 27, and until further notice, the following restrictions will be in effect:

- NO CAMPFIRES, briquette barbecues, or stove fires are allowed outside of designated developed recreation sites and specifically posted campsites or areas. A list of designated campgrounds and recreation sites is available at local Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers, and on the Inyo National Forest website, [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3805273.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3805273.pdf).

Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit (available free of charge at any Ranger Station or Visitor Center) are not exempt from the prohibitions but are allowed to use portable stoves or lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.

- NO FIREWORKS. It is prohibited to possess or discharge any fireworks.
- NO SMOKING, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- NO WELDING or operating an acetylene torch with open flames, except by permit.
- NO USE OF EXPLOSIVES, except by permit.

Inyo National Forest wilderness areas which are exempt from this order are Hoover, John Muir, Ansel Adams, Boundary Peak, White Mountains, Golden Trout, and South Sierra. Resorts, pack stations, recreation residences and other sites operated under special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service or BLM may be exempt from the special orders, as long as any fire activity is conducted in compliance with their permit. Special use permit holders should contact their permit administrator to make sure they are on the list of exempt sites, or check the information for special use permit exemptions on the Inyo National Forest Website, [www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo).

Steve Nelson, BLM Bishop Field Manager and Ed Armenta urge the public’s cooperation in helping to prevent wildfires in this year of very high fire danger, and they remind both residents and visitors that fireworks, even “Safe and Sane” are not allowed at any time on public lands.

CONTACT: Deb Schweizer, (760) 873-2427

## **Economic Development**

- **Media/PR:** 80 members of the Society of American Travel Writers are holding their spring meetings in Mammoth Lakes for five days this week. Mammoth Lakes Tourism is hosting the event and has invited Mono County to participate in the familiarization tours. Jeff, Alicia and Liz are accompanying separate groups to Bodie, Mono Lake, June Lake and McGee Creek on Friday, June 20. Many of the writers/editors/publishers have never been to Mono County before and we are looking forward to receiving some positive press in major travel publications. Special thanks to Terri Geissinger and Ranger Josh Heitzmann at Bodie, Mono Lake naturalists, Stu Wilkinson with Caldera Kayaks, High Sierra Jeep Tours, and Jennifer and Lee Roeser with McGee Creek Pack Station for providing the guided tours and activities. Special thanks to Jerry Vandebroke and Community Development for much appreciated assistance.
- **CDBG:** Approval was received from the Community Development Block Grant administration to hire Community Development Services as the consultant to fulfill the CDBG planning and technical assistance grant. First big hurdle accomplished – great work, Jeff Simpson and Megan Mahaffey!
- **Economic Development Strategic Plan:** Staff is presenting an overview of the plan to the community RPACS – Antelope Valley, Mono Basin, June Lake and Bridgeport thus far – and would like to thank these groups for the warm welcome and thoughtful feedback.
- **Yosemite Gateway Partners Summer Quarterly Meeting:** On July 10 in Yosemite Valley, Economic Development representatives from each of Yosemite’s Gateway communities will be presenting updates and information on Economic Development initiatives. Jeff and Alicia will represent the Eastside.
- **Social Media:** The Tourism Facebook Page is now at 20,700 “Fans” – this week’s posts alone reached a total of 69,400 people. We are starting to grow our new Economic Development Facebook page – please “like” us at [www.facebook.com/MonoCountyEconomicDevelopment!](http://www.facebook.com/MonoCountyEconomicDevelopment!) The June E-Newsletter also went out to visitor database of over 19,700 this week.
- **June Lake Trails Day:** Give some TLC to trails you love in June Lake! Saturday, June 21, 8:30am at the June Lake Community Center – all volunteers welcome and great raffle prizes will be awarded!
- **Film Commission:** Alicia is representing Mono County at the annual Film Liaisons In California (FLICS) Locations Expo/Conference on June 27/28 in Hollywood. The new [www.FilmMonoCounty.com](http://www.FilmMonoCounty.com) website will be introduced to location and film professionals at the show – thanks to Liz Erdelyi for her tremendous work in managing this multi-faceted project. Several elements are still being fine-tuned – all feedback and suggestions are welcome.
- **Fisheries Commission:** Notices to fill two vacant positions on the Fisheries Commission have been placed. Please forward any inquiries to Jeff Simpson/[jsimpson@mono.ca.gov](mailto:jsimpson@mono.ca.gov).
- **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission:** Next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 24 at the Lee Vining Community Center, 10am. All are welcome.

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos, (760)924-1743

## **Information Technology**

### **Peter Kobylarz leaving Mono County for a new position**

- Peter has been a valuable member of the Information Technology Department's GIS team since 2007. Pete came to Mono County after completing a degree in Geography at Washington State University in Seattle - providing him with a valuable set of skills and knowledge which contributed greatly to his job with us. Since his tenure at Mono County, Pete has assisted with the development and maintenance of critical infrastructure datasets (including 911 data), internal and public-facing web applications (including the ParcelViewer and other web mapping resources), and was responsible for automation and integration efforts, and day-to-day server maintenance.



Peter will be taking a job as a GIS Team Lead with WRA Environmental Consultants in San Rafael, CA beginning June 30th. He will leave some very large shoes to fill, but we wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor – we know he'll do great.

Congratulations Pete, and thanks for your service to Mono County over the years.

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg (760) 924-1819

## **Sheriff's Office**

1. Budget workshops indicated the limited resources available. We will make necessary changes to possibly reduce this impact as best we can.
2. Bishop Police put out an officer safety teletype BOLO for a 664/187 suspect (attempted murder) which occurred over the past weekend. Mono County Deputies searched extensively throughout the county and ultimately Deputy Mark Hansen found the suspect in the area of June Lake (near the south junction). The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
3. Mono County Search & Rescue assisted the Inyo County SAR Team for a missing hiker in the Mt. Whitney area. The hiker was found deceased by assisting air units.
4. The Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Bike Safety Fair at Shady Rest Park this Saturday (6/21 – See notice below!) We will be performing safety checks on bicycles as well as discussing gun safety with free gun locks available.

5. We held a department wide squad meeting for all staff: discussing budget and staffing issues, the upcoming 4th of July, boating, MONET, etc. (The command post will not be used at the Crowley Lake 4th celebration as it has been in the past, due to overtime cost to transport it, set up, breakdown and staff it).

CONTACT: Ralph Obenberger, (760) 932-7549

## **Social Services**

**Bike Rodeo!!** -- Please find attached to the Board Update a flyer for our upcoming Health and Safety Fair (aka Bike Rodeo) in Mammoth on June 21st.

The flier was posted around town and First Five wanted to make sure you have it to share with your clients.

Amanda Hoover will be there to do outreach, but if you would like a table as well, please let me know and I'll arrange one.

CONTACT: Molly DesBaillets, MA, Executive Director, First 5 Mono County, (760) 924-7626

