



Board of Supervisors



Board holds second Community Based Board meeting –
 On Tuesday the 21st, the Board of Supervisors held its second of the year community based Board meeting. This time, the Board met in Chalfant and as seen here is inspecting a local community issues impacting one of the local parks, namely Goat Head invasion. Thank you to **Garret Higerd, Bob Musil, Shannon Kendall, Brent Calloway, Marshall Rudolph** and **Stacey Simon** for attending as well.

The community turned out and appreciated the information and focus on Tri-Valley issues. The next of these Community Based Meetings will be the 12th at June Lake.

Due to the federal

holiday on the 11th the Board meeting will be on the 12th and will start in Bridgeport and have a special evening meeting in June Lake.

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Supervisor Alpers presents County thanks to the first responders at the June Lake Appreciation event – Supervisor Tim Alpers attending the overflowing thank you dinner sponsored by the June Lake Community on October 23rd. This event was a sold out event which raised \$4,100 in donations for June Lake First responders!

It was also a Thank you to every agency that helped stop the June Lake fire from truly being a disaster. Supervisor Alpers presented 49 Certificates of Appreciation which were drafted by **Stacie Klemm**.



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Clerk-Recorder's Office

The Elections crew hard at work doing election prep! – Check out as **Cameron Cary, Renn Nolan** and **Bob Musil** are putting the finishing touches on triple checking the voting equipment for November 4th election.

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County Administrator's Office



Public Meetings Announced for Forest Plan Revision - The U.S. Forest Service announces a series of public meetings for Forest Plan Revision for the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. The meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- 6:00-8:00pm - Monday, November 17, Sierra National Forest, Holiday Inn, 5090 East Clinton Way, Fresno, CA
- 6:00-8:00pm - Tuesday, November 18, Sequoia National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 1839 South Newcomb Street, Porterville, CA
- 6:00-8:00pm - Thursday, November 20, Inyo National Forest, Tri-County Fairgrounds, Tallman Pavilion, Sierra Street & Fair Drive, Bishop, CA

These "open house" styled meetings are primarily informational to share the issues and concerns the agency heard during the recently completed scoping phase. The meetings are an opportunity for the public to hear discussion how those issues and concerns are being used to frame a preliminary range of alternatives. There is no formal comment period associated with these meetings. As always, the Forest Service welcomes opportunities for thoughtful dialogue.

In September, the Forest Service announced its intent to develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) that, when completed, will revise forest plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests. The Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo are three of eight national forests that were selected as "early adopters," meaning they will be the first forests to revise their land management plans using the new 2012 National Forest System Planning Rule. The planning rule provides the framework for Forest Service land management plans across the nation.

The final EIS will result in three separate plans with three Records of Decision following the revised forest plans. Forest Supervisors will remain the "responsible official" for making decisions on their specific forest plans.

There will be an opportunity for formal comment when the draft EIS (DEIS) is released. The Forest Service expects to publish a "Notice of Availability of DEIS" in April 2015, which begins a 90-day public comment period.

Additional information regarding these forest plan revisions is available at:
<http://tinyurl.com/r5earlyadopters>.

For forest-specific information, please contact that forest directly:

- Inyo NF: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427 or debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us
- Sequoia NF: Alicia Embrey at 559-784-1500 or aliciamembrey@fs.fed.us
- Sierra NF: Dirk Charley at 559-297-0706 x4805 or dcharley@fs.fed.us



CONTACT: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427

CSAC continues exploring the concept of Prevention and Early Intervention today with a blog and video that profile Siskiyou County's bridge maintenance program. [Please click here](#) to see the video, and [click](#)

[here to read](#) the blog posting. In addition, the Human Services programs in Tuolumne, Solano, San Bernardino and Stanislaus Counties that have previously been recognized with a CSAC Challenge Award for innovative and effective service are highlighted. You can find the [Human Services video by clicking here](#).

Through the month of October, we are releasing a series of videos that highlight either individual programs, or compilations of programs that we have honored with CSAC Challenge Awards. All of the videos will be available on this [YouTube playlist](#).

The programs offer a look at best practices in a variety of disciplines. Taken as a whole, these videos point out the value of prevention and early intervention as a standard mode of operation. We titled this series “An Ounce of Prevention...” a nod to Benjamin Franklin who said “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” His wisdom stands the test of time.

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Annual Conference of CAOs – The annual meeting of all of the County’s CAOs took place this week in Carmel. CAO Leddy attending one of the two day event and received updates on AB 109 allocation issues, a legislative update as well as

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Filming has been busy in Mono County - Three major auto companies are using Mono County’s beautiful landscape for commercials and photo shoots in the past month. Chevy Silverado did filming for a commercial to promote the new truck. Ford Motor Company was in town filming a commercial and “VW” will be visiting the June Lake area soon for still shots to promote their new style vehicles.

See more activities under the Economic Development Section!

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Ambassadors are reaching out to each Department for feedback. They kicked this process off today, with two meetings at the Sheriff’s Department with attendance from a majority of the employee’s.

They had great interaction and awesome insight. Thank you to the Sheriff Department and employees who attended, for taking part in this process and welcoming our ambassadors to your department.



Moving forward here are some departments that will be having the travelling Ambassadors coming soon!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department staff meeting</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
October 30 th	Behavioral Health	Megan Mahaffey and Ted “Teddy” Shepard
October 27 th	Public Health	Megan Mahaffey/Stacie Klemm

November TBD Finance

Megan Mahaffey/Barry Beck

Other Departments/programs not yet scheduled:

- **Paramedics**
- **Information technology**
- **District Attorney's Office**
- **Probation**
- **Solid Waste**
- **Clerk's Office**

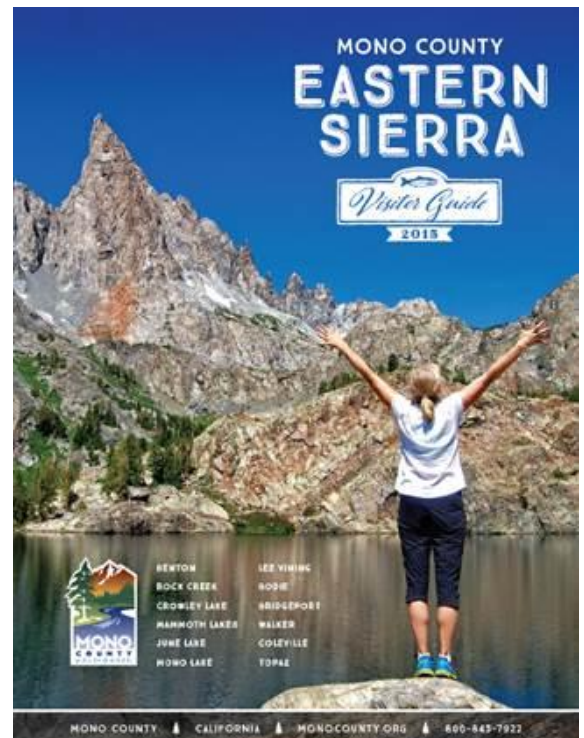
Next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday October 30th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center. We will be reviewing feedback and integrating into the Draft.

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Economic Development

Tourism

- **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission** held a special meeting this past week with the Economic Development Subcommittee and community members to discuss the direction of the Economic Development Strategic Plan and prioritize the 9 core strategies through community input, surveys and subcommittee recommendations. The next Tourism & Film Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, 2014 in Lee Vining at 10:00am. *Staff would like to thank all who attended the meetings and provided valuable input during this process- we appreciate you all for sharing and participating!*
- **Mono County Fisheries Commission's** meeting on November 5th has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 10:00am at the June Lake Community Center.
- Mono County, through its Tourism & Film Commission, is pleased to announce the availability of a **Community Event Marketing Fund (CEMF)** reimbursement program to support organized, non-profit groups that may require additional revenue to market and promote tourism-based community events. The purpose of this program is to further the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission's (MCTFC) goal to increase year-round visitation and overnight stays in Mono County which provide economic benefit to the region. **Available Funding:** Up to \$4,000 in funding on a reimbursement basis is available per event, determined by the scope and needs of



the event. Total funding available for CEMF is \$20,000; these monies are identified in the MCTFC 2014-15 operating budget.

- **Application Submission Deadline:** January 16, 2015
- **Presentation to Commission:** January 27, 2015
- **Funding Approval Notification:** January 30, 2015

For more information, please see the attached application or contact **Liz Erdelyi** at 760-924-1738

- Our **2015 Eastern Sierra Visitor Guide** has some space still available for advertising! The 48-page Visitor Guide was expanded last year, both in quantity printed and in the total number of pages. The Guide covers all the communities in Mono County and includes maps, all tourism-related business listings, activities, main events, campground guide, top hiking trails, most popular fall color drives, museums, OHV trails and more!

This is the main piece we distribute at all the fishing/summer travel consumer trade shows we attend to promote the county, which include three main Travel & Adventure Shows in Los Angeles, the Bay Area, and San Diego, the International Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento, the Fred Hall fishing Shows in Long Beach & San Diego, the Reno Outdoor Expo, the Visit California Los Angeles/New York Media Events, and the California Film Locations Show. It is also the guide we send out to anyone requesting information on our website or 800# and is distributed year-round along the US 395 corridor. To quickly view the 2014 edition online, please click here: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?pbid=89d8265f-2656-4b8e-be0c-fd23d530d1bb>. Prices are very reasonable, starting at \$275 for an 1/8th page to \$1265 for a full-page. Please take a look at the attached information sheet for more details. Space is very limited and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to advertise in the 2015 guide, please send in your order from **by October 27, 2014**. We'd love to have you on board.

Economic Development

- **Yosemite Gateway Partners** and the National Park Service are hosting the first Yosemite Sustainability Conference in Yosemite National Park from December 8 through December 10, 2014. The conference is a three day learning and networking forum dedicated to helping local and state businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations transition to economic, environmental, and social sustainability through best practices. Click here for details on the conference: <http://www.yosemitgatewaypartners.org/yosemite-sustainability-conference/>
- In preparation for the next phase of the **Inyo National Forest Management Plan Revision Process**, the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC) is inviting recreation enthusiasts and regional stakeholders to participate in a series of public meetings scheduled for October and November of this year.
- **Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative:** These four ESRC meetings will be open public forums intended to provide diverse recreationists and stakeholders throughout the Eastern Sierra with an opportunity to collaboratively develop a regional voice representing the area's recreation economy to help inform local, state and federal planning and policy efforts. The meetings will focus on identifying key recreation values in preparation for the anticipated November 2014

release of the preliminary alternatives for the Inyo National Forest's Management Plan Revision process. The efforts of the ESRC are intended to support the Inyo National Forest as it makes its first revision to the Forest Management Plan since 1988. More information can be found on the MLTPA website here: <http://mltpa.org/advocacy/esrc-public-meeting-information> Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative Meeting Schedule:

- **Bishop Cerro Coso Community College – October 14, 2014**
- **Big Pine Town Hall – October 28, 2014**
- **June Lake Community Center – October 30, 2014**
- **Bishop Cerro Coso Community College – November 12, 2014**

Film

- Staff has been working with **Volkswagen**, who is planning a still shoot along the June Lake Loop/ Hwy 158 & North Shore Drive for early November.
- **Bodie State Historic Park** will be featured this weekend on **CBS Sunday Morning** on October 26th. Bodie will also be featured on **The Weather Channel** on November 2nd. Great coverage for a Mono County landmark!

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Information Technology

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month! - Cyber Security is a reality that everyone in today's digital age needs to realize and embrace. The reality is that it is not a matter of if your online life will be infiltrated by a hacker, but when. At Mono County, we take security very seriously, and are constantly evaluating what we can do to improve how we do business to ensure that our employee's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is secure, and that our business operations are protected.



To be successful, we ask you to play your part. The IT Department can implement the best practices and policies imaginable, but we depend on you – our users – to understand the risks, take precautions to avoid them, and alert us whenever there are problems or concerns. Below are some tips based on the campaign **Stop.Think.Connect**. Please take a few minutes to review them, go online to www.stophinkconnect.org and reach out to us in IT whenever you have questions or concerns regarding Cyber Security.



Keep a Clean Machine

- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that's an available option.

- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Along with computers, your smartphones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
- **Plug & scan:** USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use your security software to scan them.



Protect Your Personal Information

- **Secure your accounts:** Ask for protection beyond passwords. Many account providers now offer additional ways for you verify who you are before you conduct business on that site.
- **Make passwords long and strong:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- **Unique account, unique password:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.
- **Write it down and keep it safe:** Everyone can forget a password. Keep a list that's stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer.
- **Own your online presence:** Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It's ok to limit how and with whom you share information.



Connect with Care

- **When in doubt, throw it out:** Links in email, tweets, posts and online advertising are often the ways cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or, if appropriate, mark as junk email.
- **Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
- **Protect your \$\$:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the site is security-enabled. Look for web addresses with "<https://>" which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "Http://" is not secure.



Be Web Wise

- **Stay current. Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online.** Check trusted websites for the latest information, share with friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to be web wise.
- **Think before you act:** Be wary of communications that implores you to act immediately, offers something that sounds too good to be true or asks for personal information.
- **Back it up:** Protect your valuable work, music, photos, and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.



Be a Good Online Citizen

- **Safer for me, more secure for all:** What you do online has the potential to affect everyone – at home, at work and around the world. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.
- **Post only about others as you have them post about you.**

- **Help the authorities fight cybercrime:** Report stolen finances, identities and cybercrime to <http://www.ic3.gov> (the Internet Crime Complaint Center) and <http://www.onguardonline.gov/file-complaint> (the FTC).

Visit <http://www.stophinkconnect.org> for more information.

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Public Health

EMS had a busy last week with several scheduled events and several non-scheduled events. First, hats off to Mammoth Medic 3 crews, who had two “saves” in one day. Medic 3 Paramedic **Captain Kevin Douda**, and **Paramedic Kevin Smith** were called into action on a severe asthma attack, in which the patient was completely unable to speak and had almost stopped breathing. With advanced medicine and medical techniques, the patient improved to the point of being transferred to Renown Medical Center in Reno.

The second was a unconscious, unresponsive patient who was barely breathing when EMS arrived. With quick work and medical treatment, this patient improved to the point of conversing to medics and hospital staff. Good work Guys! Medic 1 from Walker was called into action at Bodie State Park for a possible heart attack, and with assistance from Careflight based in Gardnerville, Paramedic Captain **Bryan Bullock** and Medic **Mike Geary** were able to stabilize and transfer the Patient to Renown.

Also, last weekend, Mono County EMS participated in the training of Mammoth’s new CERT recruits academy, taking place at the MLFD station 1. The Paramedics and EMTs with EMS would like to wish Lt. Cohan from CHP the best of luck in his new assignment.

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On October 17, 2014 the bi-annual Medical Therapy Conference (MTC) brought together the expertise of a multi-disciplinary team in order to assist each eligible child in Inyo and Mono Counties to obtain his or her maximum physical potential through the provision of medical and therapy services. The team includes Dr. Rick Johnson as pediatrician and County Director; Dr. Vernon Tolo, CHLA pediatric orthopedic surgeon; Dr. Cary Kreutzer, Dietician; Ms Deena Farrel, paneled Physical Therapist; David Wegner, Orthotics specialist; and Scott Whitlatch, Durable Medical Equipment specialist.

The MTC will include children with chronic orthopedic or neuromuscular needs to coordinate medical therapy and services through this team approach. We are so thankful to these dedicated California



Children’s Services providers who dedicate their time and love to these special children so that our families do not have to travel long distances to receive coordinated multiple services.

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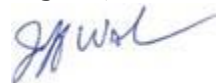
Public Works

Public Works staff Kudos!

I wanted to personally acknowledge and thank Public Works staff who have recently shown their dedication and high level of service to our county:

1. **Tony Dublino** for his tireless efforts on the Conway Ranch Conservation Easement. The Mono County Board of Supervisors approved the plan this week.
2. All our equipment mechanics who keep Mono County’s fleet of vehicles, machinery and heavy equipment operating. **Jerry VandeBrake, Joel Erickson, Matt Davis, Jerry Mosley, Lance Mayhugh and Kevin Roberts** are a strong team of qualified and experienced mechanics.
3. The Road Area 3 staff out of Lee Vining (**Jason Small, Eric Duro and Shelley Goff**) for promptly responding to a constituents concern on Dobie Meadows Road. Their quick response resulted in an actual call-back from the constituent to me thanking them for their skilled work.
4. The Road Area 1 and 2 staff for completing new striping on Lower Rock Creek Road. **Josh Rhodes, Loran Kitt, Ed Spradlin, Russell Brown, Steve Reeves, Jason Garcia, Mark Marland, and Jamie Morley** worked with the Town of Mammoth Lakes striping equipment. The road looks much better!
5. The Road Area 4/5 staff for quickly resolving constituent’s concerns in Walker and Twin Lakes. Nice job **Cory Gonzales, Steve Amundson, and Craig Leyland!**
6. And lastly to the Facilities staff for making great progress on the Crowley Lake Ball field concession stand. **Jason Davenport, Tony Iniguez, John Hauter, and Claude Fiddler’s** efforts will result in another quality construction project for our constituents.

Regards,



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Social Services

American Red Cross visit a success - I wanted to give you an update from the recent American Red Cross (ARC) visit. We had 3 amazing ARC staff come to Mono County on October 18th to provide emergency disaster trainings and visit a few of our emergency shelter sites.

Thirty one people attended these trainings and were given handouts on planning and preparing for emergencies. These handouts are attached for your use.



Also shared were some online ARC apps for weather and safety. You can download these apps for free at: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>.

ARC brought with them **100 fleece blankets** and **20 new ADA cots** that will be distributed to our 8 shelter sites throughout the county.

We enjoy our collaboration with ARC and will continue to work with them to improve our shelter sites and to provide trainings to the communities in Mono County.

Thank you Red Cross!

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