



EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

Friday – June 17, 2016
Bishop Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.
377 West Line Street
Bishop, California

ESCOG Members

Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless – Chair

Mono County Supervisor Larry Johnston

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember Michael Raimondo

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth

Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths

Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillemans

City of Bishop Councilmember Joe Peci

City of Bishop Councilmember Karen Schwartz –
Vice Chair

Meeting called to order at 9:08

1. Introductions

- Present: Corless, Johnston (left at 10:40), Wentworth, Griffiths, Tillemans, Schwarz

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Karen Schwartz

3. Public Comment

Dana Stroud – Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Introduced Randy Jorgensen, new manager for Sierra Nevada Conservancy. September Board meeting will be in Markleeville, September 7/8.

Randy Jorgensen – Been trying to visit since September, glad to be here.

4. Forest Plan/Eastern Sierra Recreation (Wentworth) – Gave presentation on USFS Land Management Plan.

- Johnston – Federal government has failed on funding for forest and recreational area infrastructure, need to push for more funding
- Corless – We need to speak to representatives with one message about common interests

- Wentworth – May need special meeting to discuss issues with getting the message out, possibly in August
- Corless – Could agendize advocacy policies for September meeting as an action item. Wentworth to take lead on this item
- Griffiths – Language in legislative platform already covers this

5. Airport Update

- Grady Dutton - Distributed PowerPoint. FAA wants Mono & Inyo to be talking about regional plan, would like to come visit. Grady will coordinate scheduling special meeting for Airport & Forest Service Plan issues, shooting for last week in July.
- Clint Quilter – Bishop crack seal & slurry going in in a day or two. Starting on traffic study.

Break from 10:30 to 10:40

6. Eastern Sierra Broadband

- Corless – CASF grant application is still pending.
- Wentworth – Discussions in Mammoth businesses regarding further enhancements, may have more news soon

7. Juvenile Hall

- Griffiths – Transition tentatively moving forward, Hall would be open on weekends, kids would be in school and staying with foster homes during week. Transition should be done before school starts in late August. Mono County has contract with El Dorado County, not sure if they will be working on this with Inyo County.
- Corless – Will ask Mono County staff for an update on coordination between the two counties.

8. Legislative Platform

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9. Future Meeting Times

- Possibly shift to more frequent meeting schedule, meet every other month
- Add to next agenda for discussion and possible action
- Also discuss changing start time to 8:30 or 9:00
- Corless –Suggest that ESCOG info be added to each agencies web site
- Wentworth – Maybe we should have an ESCOG website

10. Board Member and Staff Reports

- Schwarz – Business is up in Bishop. Mule Days was largest in years, lots of people in town for High School Rodeo championship.
- Wentworth – We need a way for ESCOG agencies to gauge economic activity similarly. Possibly agendize for September
- Griffiths – Working on Tribal Consultation policy. TOT will be dropping due to remodeling of Furnace Creek Ranch. LAFCO on Monday, dispute on Mammoth Hospital District operating in competition with Northern Inyo Hospital District, looking at having larger discussion on regional

healthcare. Most expensive healthcare in nation is in Eastern Sierra. Inyo went out to bid on regional EMS, nothing changed except in Olancho.

- Wentworth – Two new councilmembers, Cleland Hoff and Bill Sauser. Council has new 18 month goals and priorities, involving getting NGO's and Town aligned and working in the same direction. Had record TOT year, but did not solve long-term funding and staffing issues. Encouraging signs from local forest officials.
- Corless – Motocross and half-marathon this weekend in Mammoth. Elections results are in. New District 3 Supervisor, runoff in District 4. Going through town hall budget meetings next month. New Finance Director, Janet Dutcher. Looking at issues with jail health care, EMS reform,

11. Approval of Minutes from meeting of March 18, 2016

- Motion Griffiths, Second Wentworth, approved 5-0

12. Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- For action items, make the action more clear on the agenda
- Meeting Dates and Times – Action Item - July
- Tribal participation - September
- Economic Activity metrics - September
- Airport – July & September
- Forest Service – July
- Broadband - September
- Juvenile Hall - September

13. Adjournment to Next Meeting – 11:45