EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

Friday – December 16, 2016
Bishop Council Chambers – 8:30 a.m.
301 West Line Street
Bishop, California

ESCOG Members

Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless – Chair
Mono County Supervisor Larry Johnston
Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember Shields Richardson
Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember John Wentworth
Inyo County Supervisor Jeff Griffiths
Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillemans
City of Bishop Councilmember Joe Pecsi
City of Bishop Councilmember Karen Schwartz – Vice Chair

1. INTRODUCTIONS
   Board Member Wentworth was asked to chair the meeting in Chair Corless' absence.

   Call to Order:
   Board Member Wentworth called the meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California.

   Roll Call:
   Present – Board Member Richardson, Board Member Wentworth, Board Member Griffiths, Board Member Tillemans, Board Member Pecsi

   Absent and Excused – Board Member Johnston, Vice Chair Schwartz, and Chair Corless

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Bishop Assistant Finance Director Lorraine Ray.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda. When recognized by the Chair, please state your name and address for the record and please limit your comments to three minutes. Under California law the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board may briefly respond to comments or questions from members of the public. Therefore, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board will listen to all public comment but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

   No public comments were made.

4. INYO-MONO BROADBAND CONSORTIUM CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND (CASF) GRANT
   After a discussion with City of Bishop City Administrator Jim Tatum and City of Bishop Assistant Finance Director Lorraine Ray they agreed that the City of Bishop would accept the responsibility as the fiscal agent for the CASF Grant and would like to discuss the details of how this grant will be managed at their next scheduled meeting.

   No public comments were made.

   Board Member Wentworth made a motion to approve the City of Bishop serving as the fiscal agent for the California Advanced Services Fund Grant and that Eastern Sierra Council of Governments will be the grantee and that the formation of an ad-hoc committee for consortium planning will be made. Board Member Pecsi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

   Ayes: Board Members Richardson, Wentworth, Griffiths, Tillemans, and Pecsi
   Noes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Board Member Johnston, Vice Chair Schwartz, and Chair Corless

5. PROPOSITION 64/MARIJUANA REGULATION
   The Board discussed Proposition 64 and Marijuana Regulation.

   Public comments were made by:

   Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel for Mono County. Ms. Milovich spoke on actions taken recently at the Mono County Board of Directors Meeting on December 13, 2016. The Mono County Board of Directors adopted an interim ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium prohibiting commercial medical and

recreational marijuana activities, including commercial cultivation, distribution, transportation, delivery, storage, manufacturing, processing, provision or sale of cannabis products in the unincorporated area of Mono County.

After a review of the ways in which each agency is handling the planning for regulation of marijuana cultivation and sales, it was agreed that this item be brought back for further discussion at their next meeting. Inyo County Board Members and Mono County Board Members will plan to bring each of their respective staff members to the next scheduled meeting to share their current information on this subject. No action was taken.

6. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
Board Member Wentworth asked that the following items be added to the next scheduled meeting agenda:

- Call for selection of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium CASF Grant – discuss management of the CASF grant and the formation of the ad-hoc committee for consortium planning.
- Continue discussions on Proposition 64 and Marijuana Regulation.
- Continue discussions on Recreation, Technical Services, and Air Service.
- Reds Meadow Road
- Solid Waste
- Discuss remote participation in future ESCOG meetings.

Board Member Pecsi asked that a discussion to schedule a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) IS-800 National Response Framework training be added to an upcoming agenda.

No further requests were made for future agendas items.

7. APPROVAL OF 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE AND ADJOURMENT TO NEXT MEETING
The following proposed 2017 ESCOG Meeting Schedule was reviewed and discussed.

<u>Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule</u>
Friday, February 17 in Mammoth Lakes
Friday, April 21 in Bishop
Friday, June 16 in Mammoth Lakes
Friday, August 18 in Bishop
Friday, October 20 in Mammoth Lakes
Friday, December 15 in Bishop

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Board Member Pecsi to approve the proposed ESCOG meeting schedule with the following changes: Friday, August 18, 2017 will be replaced with Friday, August 11, 2017 and Friday, December 15, 2017 will be

replaced with Friday, December 8, 2017 and that all meetings are to begin at 8:30 AM. Board Member Tillemans seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Board Members Richardson, Wentworth, Griffiths, Tillemans, and Pecsi
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Board Member Johnston, Vice Chair Schwartz, and Chair Corless

Public comments were made by:
Board Member Griffiths made comments on the status of their Planning Department staff, North Sierra Highway Project, future planning efforts by the County on marijuana regulations, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Leases.

Bishop City Administrator Jim Tatum made comments on current discussions with LADWP and answered questions on the City of Bishop's current land appraisals.

Board Member Wentworth made comments on their Downtown revitalization efforts, Sustainable recreational activities, Transit, Housing, E-Bike Issue, Reds Meadow, and addressing long-term rentals in Mammoth Lakes.

No further comments were made.

Adjournment:
Board Member Wentworth adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m. to the ESCOG meeting scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers - Suite Z.

John Wentworth, Board Member

Approved: 2/17/2017