



EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

Friday – March 18, 2016

Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers – 9:30 a.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z

Mammoth, California

ESCOG Members

Mono County Supervisor Stacy Corless – Vice 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, Chair

Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillemans

City of Bishop Councilmember Joe Pecci

City of Bishop Councilmember Karen Schwartz

1. Introductions
2. Pledge of Allegiance –Led by Supervisor Tillemans
3. Public Comment – None
4. Motion to nominate Stacy Corless for Chair (motion and second unknown).
Motion to nominate Karen Schwarz for Vice Chair by Corless, second by Johnston, vote 8-0. Move to move slate forward Tillemans, Johnston, vote 8-0. Corless thanked Griffiths for his services, and Kelley Williams for her support work.
5. Discussion regarding March 4th ILG workshop and consensus for ESCOG to Continue to work on Four (4) Priorities: Recreation, Broadband, Solid Waste and Airports – Action Item. Corless thanks Bishop and the Tatums for supporting event. Griffiths thanks Corless for prep work on March 4 meeting. Raimondo would like for Grady Dutton from Mammoth Public Works to give FAA update. Grady Dutton Went to SF to meet with SF and LA FAA. Talked to FAA about ML and Bishop regional discussions. FAA happy that regional discussions are ongoing. FAA would like LA ADO and SF ADO to tour both airports, maybe in summer. Discussed various issues involving Mammoth airport, and potential changes to commercial flight visibility rules. Tillemans suggested that cancellation numbers should focus on winter months instead of year round, since

that is busy season for MMSA. Griffiths – Inyo County has not made decision on 139 update. Lighting, signage and stripage have been completed, pavement repair, terminal fence this summer. Wentworth – has there been action on economic analysis? Johnston – would need financial support from local LTCs. Griffiths suggested a public ESCOG meeting to discuss airport issues, maybe after FAA meeting. Schwarz suggested two public meetings, one before and one after FAA meeting. Consensus was that public meeting should wait until after FAA meeting. ESCOG to send letter requesting earliest possible FAA meeting. Grady will draft letter working with Corless. Discussion of ESCOG financing, maybe agencies should budget amount TBD to support ESCOG activities. Will try to get staff/tourism/LTC economic analysis to distribute to ESCOG members.

6. Forest Plan Update/Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative - (Wentworth) DEIS rumored to be released April 29. Wentworth will share information with Board. Need to collaborate on responses. Take to individual agencies.
7. Update on the Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) – Dana Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy - Defer to individual agencies. Add to June agenda.
8. Outdoor Recreation Economy Discussion – Dana Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Introducing Luis Benitez, Director of State of Colorado Office of Outdoor Recreation and Kenji Haroutunian of Kenji Consultants. Danna Stroud Winter Recreation Summit begins this evening. Kenji Haroutunian – outdoor recreation is 29th largest trade show in nation. ESCOG agencies need to ride the economic wave this presents. Encourages region to reach out and touch larger and more diverse population. Luis Benitez – Colorado was 2nd state to hire outdoor recreation director. Outdoor recreation is an 80 billion dollar industry in California. Need to involve all segments of the industry, and recruit leaders from each. Discussion involves economics, conservation and stewardship, education, industry anchors (how do you involve emerging markets). Need to remove red tape issues with access to public lands. Top outdoor recreation drivers in Colorado for economics are skiing, hiking, biking, stand up paddle boarding. Hunting and fishing are not counted in outdoor recreation figures. Neither is motorized recreation. Keep on agenda for next meeting.
9. Review and Approve the Change Made to the ESCOG Legislative Platform in 2015 - See item 10.
10. Update on Regional Solid Waste Discussions and Consideration of Related Amendments to the ESCOG Legislative Platform – Discussion/Possible Action Item. Grady Dutton – Mono County solid waste task force meeting yesterday. Group feels ready to take on regional sold waste issues, but staff time may not be available. Can update much of the data themselves. Griffiths update on Inyo County solid waste, they have problem with DWP on many issues. Trying to revise daily tonnage permit, DWP won't sign off on permit revisions because permit has expired because DWP won't sign off on permit. DWP wants hours expanded and fees reduced. Johnston suggested a series of solid waste alternatives, each to be thoroughly vetted. No action at this time. Agencies will try to sign off on legislative platform prior to June meeting, and circulate platform and changes to members. Solid waste task force is interested in composting proposals.

11. Inyo County Juvenile Hall Update - (Griffiths) Inyo shares Juvenile Hall with Mono. Now down to 3-4 kids in at a time, costs +/- \$2,000,000. Will turn hall into weekend facility, will use school during week. If safe, kids will go home to parents during the week. Keep on agenda.
12. Eastern Sierra Broadband Consortium grant application update – (Corless)
Wants broadband coalition to reorganize including local governments. Will have sub consortium consisting of ESCOG. Grant application was submitted.
Wentworth - More work may be needed on application. Bishop will act as fiscal agent, but what other resources are needed? Keep on agenda. Suggestion from Griffiths: Each entity budget \$2,000 for general ESCOG activities. Wentworth suggest \$2,500. Put budget on agenda. Motion Griffiths to budget \$2,500, second by Wentworth. Motion tabled. Consensus is to request funding from bodies.
13. Approval of December 18, 2015 Minutes and the March 4, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes – Action Item Motion Johnston/second Griffiths. Tillemans abstains from one set. Consensus to go to action minutes.
14. Board Member and Staff Reports
15. Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting - Broadband, Juvenile Hall, Forest Plan/Eastern Sierra Recreation, Airport, Legislative Platform approval.
16. Adjournment to Next Meeting – Try to conference call Joe Pecs in.