

Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Draft meeting minutes
10 October 2018, Lee Vining Community Center

Members Present: Ilene Mandelbaum, Lisa Cutting, Bartshe Miller, Kristie Nelson, Chris Lizza
Public attendees and presenters: Wayne Beaver, Lynn Bolton, Janet Carle, Bentley Regehr, Wendy Sugimura, Bob Gardner, Elin Ljung, Margaret Eissler,

1 Call to Order: 6:41 pm

2. Public Comment: Janet Carle gave update on Solar Pavilion: it is open and readily being used. They hope to have the solar power running soon. Wayne Beaver raised concern about the ongoing water leaking from the street trees in the sidewalk of Lee Vining. It has been leaking since spring, and although he has brought it up previously, the problem persists.

3. Review/Approve Minutes from September 2018. Kristie Nelson moved and Ilene Mandelbaum seconded, unanimously approved.

4. Supervisor Gardner's report: The County recently approved the second part of its budget which includes \$30k for recreation and trails maintenance, \$100k for fish stocking next year and \$50k for the joint recreation position with the town of Mammoth Lakes. The County sent a letter to the Forest Service regarding objections they have on the forest management plan.

The County has one pending permit application for retail Cannabis, and two for grow operations. On 9/28 the county had a productive housing workshop and discussion.

5. Chairperson Report: Lisa reported that Mono Basin RPAC member Margy Verba resigned. The Mono Lake Committee is also filing a letter to the USFS raising objections to the Inyo National Forest management plan. The Lee Vining Creek Trail is now completed! The new trail has exceeded the expectations of many.

6. Members Reports: Chris Lizza gave an update on last Saturdays Public Lands Day in which a big clean-up effort was conducted near Conway Ranch. Up to 8 old refrigerators were removed. Ilene voiced her thanks for the objection letters sent on the Inyo NF management plan by the County and Mono Lake Committee.

7. Fire Safe Council update: Bob Gardner described some of the work the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council has been conducting including fliers around Lee Vining and discussions of having more Smoky Bear banners and signs.

8. Solar Pavilion Charging Station Proposal: Lynn Bolton (with back up by Janet Carle) gave a PowerPoint on the proposed vehicle charging station. Conduit has been laid but may need to be either moved to a different parking spot, or a new handicapped parking spot needs to be painted adjacent to the charge spot in order to be compliant with ADA rules. Different options were reviewed for both charging station types (i.e., one vehicle or two, charge cord options), and options available for charging a fee for this service.

9. GBUAPCD monitoring station: tabled until further notice when a representative can attend a meeting.

10. Recognition of Pioneer Solar Pavilion: A letter to Janet Carle thanking her for the tremendous amount of work and dedication she made to see the Solar Pavilion project through was written by Ellen King and asked to be endorsed by the Mono Basin RPAC. Ilene motioned and Chris seconded that the RPAC approve Ellen King's letter.

11. Discussion of dispersed camping on SCE land on lower Lee Vining and Lundy Canyons: First addressed by the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council and subsequently brought to the RPAC attention, concerns have been raised about the large numbers of dispersed campers on SCE land and the associated sanitation issues and fire risk. A long discussion ensued. Wayne Beaver mentioned local fire districts have some jurisdictions over local camping, and the County has jurisdiction over SCE through permitting. We plan to bring this up with an SCE representative at a future RPAC meeting to address further.

12. Letter to Caltrans requesting removal of portions K-rail: Lisa Cutting drafted a letter requesting that certain low-risk portions of the K-rail adjacent to the Marina Fire scar be removed (specifically sections below north of the Tioga Lodge and south closer to Lee Vining which have low slopes that are now covered in vegetation). Bartshe Miller motioned and Ilene Mendelbaum seconded and the RPAC unanimously accepted the letter with some revisions that were discussed.

13. Revisions to Noise Ordinance – Construction Days/Hours: Wendy Sugimura described an inconsistency within County policy (between the Mono County Code and the Noise Ordinance) that needed to be clarified. Specifically whether heavy equipment and construction noise are permitted on Saturdays between the hours of 9AM – 5PM needed to be made consistent between the two policies. Wendy read the County's new proposed verbiage which was reasonable to the RPAC.

14. Information Items and Direction to staff: Wendy mentioned a Cannabis retail permit that was approved in June Lake and cultivation permits pending for Antelope Valley. Five short term rental permits in June Lake were approved.

15. Upcoming agenda items: GBUAPCD update still pending, request for SCE representative to address the RPAC on Lee Vining to Lundy pole replacement update and safety overview (in which we can address the dispersed camping issues on their property)

Adjourn 8:45 pm to next meeting November 14, 2018

Prepared by Kristie Nelson