



AGENDA

Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee Regular Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

1:00 p.m.

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA

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Members: Town of Mammoth Lakes: *Committee Members Chris Bubser, Bill Sauser, and Secretary Dan Holler,*
Mono County: *Committee Members Lynda Salcido and Bob Lawton, and Chair Jennifer Kreitz, (Mary Booher)*

NOTE: This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 which amends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Public comments can be submitted to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov before the meeting or via Zoom by using the Raise Hand feature. All comments will be limited to a speaking time of five minutes.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Resolution R23-01** – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES /MONO COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE TO MEET VIRUTALLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DECLARED EMERGENCY.
3. **Selection of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**
4. **Public comment for items not on the agenda**
5. **Approve action minutes of December 5, 2022 meeting**
6. **Discussion on date options for joint meeting between Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council and Mono County Board of Supervisors**
6. **Update on Town and County work program related to joint efforts including, but not limited to:**
 - **Solid Waste**
 - **New Radio System**
 - **Housing programs**
 - **Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) numbers**
 - **Missing Middle Income Housing funding options**
 - **Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD): for Housing, Wildfire Mitigation, Infrastructure, etc.**
 - **Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF)**
 - **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), etc.**
 - **Update on the State and Federal Emergency Declaration and how the local response, the CalOES response to our needs and escalation/informing to FEMA**
7. **Discussion regarding topics for proposed Joint meeting**
8. **Determine next Liaison meeting date to finalize joint meeting agenda (if needed)**
9. **Determine next general Liaison meeting date**
10. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN/COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE TO MEET VIRUTALLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DECLARED EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County supports transparency in government, and meetings of the Town Council and Board of Supervisors and other legislative bodies of the Town and County are conducted in compliance with the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq), so that members of the public may attend, observe, and participate; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54953(e) is a provision of the Brown Act establishing special rules that apply under specific circumstances to meetings of local government legislative bodies that are conducted remotely via teleconference; and

WHEREAS, using the special rules will facilitate continuing to conduct meetings remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Liaison Committee of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mono County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that allowing for conducting public meetings virtually will support social distancing and reduce the potential risk to the public, elected officials, and employees to be infected by or to spread COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a required condition for the use of the Section 54953(e) rules is the existence of a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by conditions as described in Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, an additional required condition is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a Statewide state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus on Wednesday, March 4; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Mono County Health Officer declared a local health emergency, including finding "that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Mono County;" and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Director of Public Health has issued a memorandum recommending that social distancing be used as one means of reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town/County Liaison Committee does hereby find that the Committee shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of Section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54953.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution by this reference; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town/County Liaison Committee hereby declares a State and County emergency exists due to the existence or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within Mono County including the Town of Mammoth Lakes due to the COVID-19 virus; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mono County Director of Public Health has issued a memorandum recommending the continued use of social distancing as a means to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and that the COVID-19 state of emergency impacts the ability of the Town Council to safely meet in person; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town/County Liaison Committee finds the use of virtual meetings, as provided for under AB 361 as approved by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor, is a prudent and safe means to conduct the Town's business respecting the recommendation to use social distancing as a precaution to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town and County staff and legislative bodies are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and that the Town/County Liaison Committee may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th day of February 2023.

Jennifer Kreitz, Chair

ATTEST:

Dan Holler, Secretary

I, Dan Holler, Secretary for the Town/County Liaison Committee, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 23-01 adopted by the Town/County Liaison Committee at a meeting thereof held on the 27th day of February 2023 by the by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DISQUALIFICATION:

Dan Holler, Secretary



MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Bryan Wheeler, Director of Public Health

Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Virtual Meetings

Both Mono County “covering” Health Officer Dr. Rick Johnson and I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Mono County communities, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other County-related legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act, to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease’s spread. Virtual board meetings allow for the participation of the community, county staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies in Mono County implement fully-remote meetings to the extent possible.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.



Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes Liaison Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022

**Dana Room - Mono County Civic Center
1290 Tavern Rd, Mammoth Lakes CA**

Members: Town of Mammoth Lakes: *Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair, Lynda Salcido, Dan Holler, Secretary*
Mono County: *Jennifer Kreitz, Chair; Stacy Corless, Bob Lawton*

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called order 9:15 a.m. at 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lake, CA in the Dana Room at the Mono County Civic Center. Chair Jennifer Kreitz, Secretary Dan Holler, and Committee Members Lynda Salcido, Stacy Corless, and Bob Lawton were present. Vice Chair Kirk Stapp was absent.

Item 2. Public comment for items not on the agenda

There were no public comments given at this time.

Item 3. Approve action minutes of October 3, 2022 meeting

It was moved by Committee Member Stacy Corless, seconded by Committee Member Lynda Salcido, with Vice Chair Kirk Stapp absent and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting.

Item 4. Discussion on date options for joint meeting between Town and County

There was discussion among members of the Committee with regard to a joint meeting between the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mono County Board of Supervisors. A tentative date was set for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mono County Office.

Item 5. Topics for Joint meeting between Mono County Board of Supervisors and Mammoth Lakes Town Council:

- Agency work programs on housing
- Joint housing funding including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD)
- New Radio System (CRIS) Implementation
- Update on Solid Waste System
- Other: CERF presentation by SBC; Discussion on allocation of State Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
- Recommended items: Housing and CERF Update (details to be worked out)

Item 6. Discussion regarding Missing Middle Income Housing Program

There was a discussion on Missing Middle Income Housing programs which included: Tax Code changes being proposed, focus on own vs. rent, and an update of the Town's Bridge Program.

Item 7. Determine next Liaison meeting date

There was consensus to schedule the next Liaison Committee to be held on February 6, 2023.

Item 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The Following provides a very brief overview of the work programs to be discussed.

Solid Waste

The Town and County have made the transition in waste disposal following the closure of the Benton Crossing Landfill. The Town's transfer station is open and accepting solid waste from Town and County residents/businesses. The office area and scale house are still under construction. The new recycling facility with the enhanced sort line is nearing completion as well. The relocation of several of the County programs from Benton Crossing to Pumice Valley has gone smoothly. The various transfer stations continue to operate. The Town and County will need to re-engage on the sharing of revenues generated from the County Solid Waste Fee within the Town Mammoth Lakes, prior to consideration of the renewal of the fee for FY203-24.

Housing Programs

Both agencies have presented information on their current housing programs and have jointly supported projects. The purpose of this discussion is to look forward and define means to provide expanded housing. This primarily comes down to looking at funding options. These are touched on below.

Missing Middle Income Housing Programs

One of the key missing programs in the community is providing housing for those with incomes in excess of 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The Town has established programs to assist in this area but are limited. State and federal efforts have also been discussed.

New Radio System

The Town, Mammoth Lake Fire Protection District and Mono County have been working to update the public safety communications radio system. The three agencies have jointly decided to join the California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) which is being expanded through Mono County. The agencies will provide an additional 5 communication sites to provide county wide coverage. An agreement to purchase the equipment for these sites has been executed. Costs will be shared by the three agencies. The next step will be the selection and purchase of radios. Testing of radios on the recently installed State sites is just beginning.

RHNA Numbers

The Liaison Committee requested discussion on the potential for housing units built in the Town through or funded by County be considered in meeting the County RHNA numbers. This will require state approval and agreement by the Town and County to support the approach. Initial outreach to some state officials did not receive a supportive response.

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)

EIFD's are Tax Increment Financing (TIF) which work by freezing the property tax revenues that flow from a designated project area to the city, county, and other taxing entities at the "base level" in the current year. Additional tax revenue in future years (the "increment") is diverted into a separate pool of money, which can be used either to pay for improvements directly or to pay back bonds issued against the anticipated TIF revenue. Kosmont Companies has a summary of EIFD's and projects they can fund on their website here: <https://www.kosmont.com/services/eifds-crias-special-tax-districts/#Statewide EIFD CRIA Evaluation Areas>

Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF)

The Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) is a statewide program that was created to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians. The Sierra Business Council (SBC) was selected by the state to be the convener and fiscal agent for the Eastern Sierra region (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties). The SBC is currently working to form the High Road Transition Council (HRTC) that will help the SBC guide the CERF process. Currently, the project is in the initial planning phase where we are working to develop the region's roadmaps, including a strategy and recommended series of investments. Following this planning phase, the program's implementation phase will include \$500 million statewide to fund projects identified by the HRTC and a series of topical committees.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

This project includes development of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in compliance with requirements of the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). This is being done collaboratively with Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. Economic development planning, as implemented through the CEDS, serves as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration. The CEDS provides the capacity-building foundation by which the public sector, working in conjunction with other economic actors (individuals, firms, industries), creates the environment for regional economic prosperity. This process is being managed by the Golden State Financing Authority (GSFA) and the team (including representatives from all three counties plus the Town of Mammoth Lakes and City of Bishop) are participating in bi-weekly meetings. The consultant preparing the CEDS (Thomas P. Miller & Associates) is pulling together background data currently and will be visiting the area tentatively the week of April 24 to engage with stakeholders. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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State & Federal Emergency Declarations and Local Funding

Recent emergency declarations have provided FEMA funding to the State of California. The Town and County are limited in qualifying for funding. Options to improve access to this funding will be discussed. A discussion on accessing mitigation funding is also warranted.