



EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

Friday – April 21, 2017
Bishop Council Chambers
301 West Line Street, Bishop, California

ESCOG Board Members

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schwartz called the meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Schwartz.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Board Members Peksi, Tillemans, Corless, Vice Chair Wentworth, and Chair Schwartz

Alternate Mono County Board Member Bob Gardner was present in Board Member Johnston's absence.

Absent: Board Members Griffiths, Richardson

- #### 4. 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.

Public comments were made by:

Town of Mammoth Lakes Assistant to the Town Manager Pam Kobylarz announced a recreational marijuana workshop to be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chambers, Suite Z. This workshop is to learn more about Proposition 64 and how the Town plans to implement this Proposition and the legalization of recreational marijuana in Mammoth Lakes; all are invited to attend.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Director Grady Dutton announced the Town of Mammoth Lakes' next steps in the process to design and construct a new Commercial Airline Terminal and Aircraft Apron at Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

No further public comments were made.

5. PRESENTATION – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM – Pam Bold of High Sierra Energy Foundation was unable to be present at this meeting and asked to be placed on the June 16, 2017 next regularly scheduled meeting agenda.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR - NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board and will be acted on by one motion.
 - A. Approve Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2016
 - B. Approve Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2016 – **[Due to a 4-0 vote, this item will come back for the Board's consideration at their June 16, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting.]**
 - C. Approve Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2017

No public comments were made.

Vice Chair Wentworth made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented, and with spelling corrections made to the July 29, 2016 meeting minutes as discussed. Board Member Corless seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0; 4-0; 5-0.

Ayes: Board Members Pecs, Tillemans, Corless, Vice Chair Wentworth, Chair Schwartz

Noes: None

Abstain: Alternate Board Member Gardner, and Chair Schwartz abstained from voting on the September 16, 2016 meeting minutes only.

Absent: Board Member Griffiths, Richardson

7. INYO-MONO BROADBAND CONSORTIUM ADVISORY AND PROVIDER COUNCILS

Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Information Technology Director and GIS Coordinator Nate Greenberg reviewed this item with the Board.

No public comments were made.

After a brief discussion, Board Member Pecsí made a motion to approve the formation of the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council, and approve the three nominees put forth by each member jurisdiction in the special stakeholder categories [City of Bishop – Private Sector Representative Christopher Carmichael; City of Bishop – Public Sector Representative Beth Himelhoch; City of Bishop – Tribal Sector Representative Phillip Fowler; Inyo County – Private Sector Representative Charles James; Inyo County – Public Sector Representative Justin Norcross; Inyo County – Tribal Sector Representative Jesse Archer; Mono County - Private Sector Representative Ron Day; Mono County - Public Sector Representative Jimmy Little; and Mono County - Tribal Sector Representative Tina Baithwaite] to serve on the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council except for the Town of Mammoth Lakes whereas both Board Member Richardson and Vice Chair Wentworth will represent the Town of Mammoth Lakes until the Town of Mammoth Lakes can make their respective appointments in the upcoming month of May 2017. Board Member Tillemans seconded the motion. Motion passed: 6-0.

Ayes: Board Members Pecsí, Tillemans, Corless, Alternate Board Member Gardner, Vice Chair Wentworth, Chair Schwartz

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Board Member Griffiths, Richardson

Mr. Greenberg and the Board discussed options for the formation of the "Provider Council." After a thorough discussion, it was agreed that instead of a "Provider Council" being formed, there was consensus to form a "Provider Forum" made up of a list of stakeholders that are willing to meet and discuss the work plan outlined by the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council.

8. INYO-MONO BROADBAND CONSORTIUM ADVISORY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, PROJECT UPDATE, AND NEXT STEPS

Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Information Technology Director and GIS Coordinator Nate Greenberg reviewed this item with the Board.

No public comments were made.

After a thorough discussion, the Board agreed to the following arrangements:
1) Set up an Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council Ad-Hoc Committee that would consist of one Board member from each jurisdiction. It was also agreed that this Ad-Hoc Committee should meet via video conference call on

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. prior to the first meeting of the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council in order to prepare the Council's first meeting agenda. It was also agreed that the Advisory Council meet prior to the next scheduled ESCOG meeting of June 16, 2017.

- 2) The Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council will meet and take action on electing a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 3) Until further notice, the City of Bishop will be responsible for staffing the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council meetings which includes the production of agendas and minutes.
- 4) Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Information Technology Director and GIS Coordinator Nate Greenberg will work with the Ad-Hoc Committee to prepare the Advisory Council's first agenda which will include an overview of the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium's Work Plan.
- 5) Take a vote on the proposed regional broadband logo concept for Eastern Sierra Connected.

No public comments were made.

Board Member Corless made a motion to approve the formation of an Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council Ad-Hoc Committee and to appoint John Wentworth of Mammoth Lakes, Karen Schwartz of City of Bishop, Mark Tillemans of Inyo County and herself, Stacy Corless, of the County of Mono to serve on the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council Ad-Hoc Committee. Board Member Pecsí seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ayes: Board Members Pecsí, Tillemans, Corless, Alternate Board Member Gardner, Vice Chair Wentworth, Chair Schwartz

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Board Member Griffiths, Richardson

Mono County & Town of Mammoth Lakes Information Technology Director and GIS Coordinator Nate Greenberg reviewed the proposed regional broadband logo concept for Eastern Sierra Connected with the Board.

No public comments were made.

Board Member Tillemans made a motion to approve the proposed regional broadband logo concept for Eastern Sierra Connected as presented. Board Member Pecsí seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ayes: Board Members Pecsí, Tillemans, Corless, Alternate Board Member Gardner, Vice Chair Wentworth, Chair Schwartz

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Board Member Griffiths, Richardson

9. EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG) WEBSITE

Chair Schwartz reviewed this item with the Board.

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No public comments were made.

After a brief discussion, Board Member Pecsí made a motion to approve the proposed ESCOG website and its domain name of escog.ca.gov, approve the web hosting costs of \$180.00 per year to be paid by the ESCOG Chair's agency each year, and to direct staff to finish the website design to accommodate public access to ESCOG documents. Board Member Corless seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ayes: Board Members Pecsí, Tillemans, Corless, Alternate Board Member Gardner, Vice Chair Wentworth, Chair Schwartz

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Board Member Griffiths, Richardson

10. DISCUSS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Vice Chair Wentworth reviewed this item with the Board.

No public comments were made.

After a discussion on how a regional economic development authority could be used to assist all jurisdictions in planning matters, it was agreed that Vice Chair Wentworth would bring this item back at a future ESCOG meeting with further information for discussion.

11. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS

Board Members shared pertinent information from meetings they each attended and announced current matters and events taking place in each of their jurisdictions.

Board Member Corless left the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

12. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium (IMBC) Website – Mono County
- Review IMBC Quarterly Work Plan – Mono County
- Presentation by High Sierra Energy Foundation Pam Bold
- IMBC Advisory Council First Meeting Report – Given by IMBC Advisory Council Chair and/or Vice Chair
- Confirm list of ESCOG documents to be placed on ESCOG website - Bishop
- Report on Regional Economic Development Authority – Mammoth
- Report from each jurisdiction on a support letter for H.R. 975 – Respect State Marijuana Laws Act of 2017 – Inyo County
- Discuss Short-Term Vacation Rental policies in region – Bishop

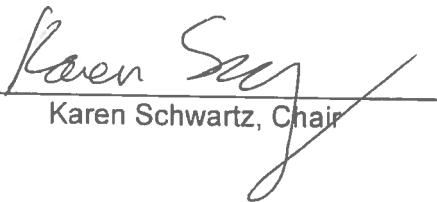
Agenda Items requested for the August 11, 2017 ESCOG Meeting:

- Invite Tribe representatives to attend the August 11 meeting to join in discussion on regional effects of new marijuana laws – All ESCOG agencies
- Discuss Unmanned Aircraft (or Aerial) Vehicle (UAV)/Drone policies in region – Inyo County

No further requests were made for future agendas items.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Friday, June 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Regular Meeting in the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chambers located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, California.

Chair Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. to the ESCOG meeting scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers.



Karen Schwartz, Chair

Approved on: 6/16/2017