



**EASTERN SIERRA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ESCOG)**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**Friday, December 14, 2018**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Bishop City Council Chambers  
301 West Line Street  
Bishop, California**

**Board Members**

Mono County Supervisor  
Stacy Corless

Inyo County Supervisor  
Jeff Griffiths – Vice Chair

Mono County Supervisor  
Bob Gardner

Inyo County Supervisor  
Dan Totheroh

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember  
Lynda Salcido

City of Bishop Councilmember  
Jim Ellis

Town of Mammoth Lakes Councilmember  
John Wentworth – Chair

City of Bishop Councilmember  
Karen Schwartz

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NOTE: Comments for all agenda items are limited to a speaking time of three minutes.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Salcido led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. Roll Call**

Board members Corless, Gardner, Salcido, Griffiths, Ellis, and Schwartz were all present. Board members Wentworth and Totheroh were absent.

- 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.

There were no public comments.

### **5. Approve the minutes of October 19, 2018**

ACTION: It was moved by Board member Schwartz, seconded by Board member Salcido, and carried by a 6-0 vote to approve the minutes of October 19, 2018.

### **6. Update regarding Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium (IMBC) Advisory Council**

Nate Greenberg, Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes IT Director, provided an update. He said they have received a 6-month grant extension and have modified the budget accordingly.

Christie Osborne, IMBC Advisory Council Chair, provided an update on the website. Mr. Greenberg spoke about communication with Suddenlink and other providers regarding service issues. Ron Day, IMBCAC Economic Development Subcommittee, reported on their work program for the next six months.

Mr. Greenberg spoke about next steps and what will happen to this group after June 30. There was a discussion between Mr. Greenberg and the ESCOG.

Dan Holler, Town Manager, Town of Mammoth Lakes, spoke about the background of the formation of the IMBC.

### **7. Update regarding next steps in considering formation of a Joint Powers Authority for the ESCOG**

Board member Gardner introduced the item.

Stacy Simon, Mono County Counsel, distributed a draft Joint Powers Authority (JPA) document. Ms. Simon walked through the document. There was a discussion between the Board, Ms. Simon, and Marshall Rudolph, Inyo County Counsel.

Mr. Holler spoke about staff support for a JPA. Clint Quilter, Inyo County CAO, spoke about administrative and clerical support for a JPA. There was additional discussion between the Board and Ms. Simon.

**8. Update regarding Town of Mammoth Lakes administrative position**

Mr. Holler reported that the Town is currently recruiting for an Assistant Clerk position that would have some capacity to provide clerking support to the ESCOG.

**9. Update regarding California Federal Opportunity Zones and Eastern Sierra Roundtable Discussion with staff from the State of California**

There was no discussion about this item.

**10. Update regarding Mammoth Yosemite Airport and Bishop Airport**

Mr. Holler reported that the Town is taking the 5-year ACIP forward for Town Council adoption in December. He spoke about the transition of commercial service from Alaska Air to United.

Mr. Quilter reported about meetings with FAA staff. He said Inyo County has hired an environmental consultant. He said they are pushing for commercial service at the Bishop airport in winter of 2020.

**11. Update regarding the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership including update on the Inyo National Forest Management Plan Update**

Mr. Holler reported on hiring a joint position between Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, and Mammoth Lakes Recreation that will start in January.

**12. Update and submission of proposal to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to establish the “Eastern Sierra Office of Sustainable Recreation and Tourism”**

Board member Griffiths said that they met last week with the SNC. He said they completed their strategic plan and allocations of Prop 1 and 68 funding.

**13. Approve 2019 meeting schedule**

ACTION: It was moved by Board member Schwartz, seconded by Board member Salcido, and carried by a 6-0 vote to approve the 2019 ESCOG meeting schedule.

**14. Board and Council Reports**

Board member Salcido attended the LTC meeting last week, where she said there were discussions about finding funding to mitigate deer collisions on 395.

Board member Schwartz reported on hiring a new City Administrator and new Assistant Finance Director.

Board member Griffiths said Inyo County just approved its first two cannabis licenses.

**15. Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Election of officers
- IMBC report
- ESCOG clerking support update
- Introduce Matthew Paruolo, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.