

# **Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee**

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## **Mono Basin RPAC Minutes July 9, 2025**

RPAC Members: Lisa Cutting (present), Elin Ljung (present), Bartshe Miller (present), Jake Suppa (absent)

Non-RPAC Members: Paul McFarland, Mono County Supervisor; Olya Egorov, planner; Brent Calloway, planner; Christine Bouchard, Assistant CAO; Stephanie Heller, USFS District Ranger; Matt Bouchard, member of the public; Dean Tonenna, member of the public; Lynn Boulton, member of the public; Tom Strazdins, member of the public; Margaret Eissler, member of the public.

1. Call to Order at 6:32 PM
2. Public Comment – Aaron Wascho delivered public comment about his departure from Community Development to Risk Management. He introduced the new staff planner for the MB RPAC.
3. Action items
  - A. May 14, 2025, Minutes: not available (will approve at the next meeting)
4. Discussion items
  - A. Supervisor McFarland facilitated a discussion to identify housing options/opportunities adjacent to the Lee Vining Community Center. The parcel is owned by Mono County and could mean fewer complications for housing development. Supervisor McFarland encouraged the group to think about who needs housing here [in the Mono Basin] and what kind of housing should be pursued. It was noted that the site is walking distance to Lee Vining and wouldn't be a "scattered site" development. Supervisor McFarland inquired whether the units should be rental or ownership, and there was an idea about modular (two-story) units. The public noted that the housing could be for County or USFS staff, Tribal members, and maybe some seasonal workers. There was some concern about the sewage ponds nearby and visual impacts.
5. Standing reports and updates
  - A. USFS District Ranger Stephanie Heller shared information on three personnel that were lost and a contract issue with the wild horse gathering project.
  - B. Supervisor McFarland shared information on the Lundy campgrounds, Inn Fire waiver and County park restoration, new staff at Mono County, CalFire, YARTS, and the housing needs assessment.
  - C. Chair Elin Ljung shared information about the Lee Vining Women's League and upcoming events.

- D. Members Lisa Cutting and Bartshe Miller shared information on a firewise education event, the County park restoration project, and a collaborative project with the White Bark Institute.
  - E. Fire Safe Council did not have an update.
  - F. Mono Basin Housing Work Group shared information on the housing needs assessment survey, MLBOR survey, and the recent meeting topic.
  - G. Staff planner Olya Egorov shared information on projects, including the hip camp specific plan (expiring), D&S waste specific plan (in progress), Caltrans main street projects (ongoing), STIP/RTIP (in progress), STR policy update (in progress), MJHMP (in progress), and hemp regulations (in progress).
- 6. Upcoming agenda items
    - A. Lee Vining Main Street Rehab. Project update
  - 7. Adjourn at 8:09 PM

*Note: staff planner Olya Egorov took minutes due to the absence of the secretary.*