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R7. The Grand Jury recommends that the TOML and Mono County work together with local Departments of Public Works, the Task Force, lodging and like associations, Chambers of Commerce and Non-governmental Organizations throughout Mono County to develop programs to educate the public, especially visitors, about what we can all do to increase recycling and minimize solid waste.

Timeline: January 1, 2020.

R8. The Grand Jury recommends that Mono County staff support the Task Force website so that Mono County residents can be better informed about Task Force meetings and be able to engage in the process of creating solid waste policies. Timeline: October 1, 2019.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Biomass Reactor: In general, a boiler which transforms organic materials into a usable resource.

BIOCHAR: A form of charcoal which is an output from certain types of biomass reactors. It is formed when organic fuel is incinerated at high heat in a low oxygen environment. The biochar stores CO₂ which is slowly released as it decomposes over a period of years. Can be used as a soil amendment or a method of sequestering CO₂.

C & D: "Construction and Demolition" waste; comprised of wood, concrete, steel, masonry, gypsum, asphalt and other building material waste.

Council: Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council.

Diversion: Refers to any alternative use of discarded materials which avoids that material not being disposed of in a landfill.

DWP: Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power. Owner of the land at Benton Crossing Landfill.

MRF: "Multi-use Recycling Facility," also called Material Recovery Facility. A facility where recyclable materials can be processed. A "Dirty" MRF removes and processes recyclables from solid waste. A "Clean" MRF refers to a facility which processes recyclables which have already been removed from the waste stream.

Request for Qualifications: A document issued by a business or municipality requesting a potential vendor's qualifications to complete a certain job or project, generally issued prior to an RFP. This is similar to an RFI.

RFI: "Request for Information" - A document issued by a business or municipality requesting information from potential vendors to determine their suitability to perform a certain job or project.

RFP: "Request for Proposals" - A document issued by a business or municipality requesting proposals on how they would complete a specific project, generally including costs to complete the project

Sierra Conservation Project: A local private recycling business that works in cooperation with the TOML, Mono County, Mammoth Disposal, and D&S Waste, Inc.

Solid Waste: Can have different definitions but is generally used here to mean all discarded materials.

Task Force: “Solid Waste Task Force” - is a diverse group of citizens with a stake in the operations of the Solid Waste Program in Mono County. The group is governed by a set of bylaws that were adopted in May 2015 by both the Mono County Board of Supervisors as well as the Council.

Tipping Fees: Fees charged by landfills for dumping at their site. Usually charged by the ton.

TOML: Town of Mammoth Lakes, usually referring to the local Town Government.

2018-2019 MONO COUNTY GRAND JURY MONO COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION Final Report

BACKGROUND

Penal Code Section 919 (b) requires that the Grand Jury annually inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.

METHODOLOGY

Members of the 2018-2019 Mono County Grand Jury (MCGJ) traveled to Bridgeport and participated in a tour of the jail facility. In addition, Sheriff Department Staff and Mono County Department of Public Works Staff were interviewed. Several documents were reviewed including the Policy and Procedures manual for the jail and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant application as well as a review of the Mono County Board of Supervisors (MC BOS) Special Budget meetings of May 28 and May 29, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The Mono County Jail, located in Bridgeport, CA is within the jurisdiction of the MCGJ. The current jail facility was built in 1964 with further construction done in 1988. The jail is a Type II Facility which constitutes a maximum of 48 beds with a current population of 23 at the time of the tour. Recent California State legislation has resulted in more offenders with longer terms being sent to county jail facilities rather than to state prisons. This has resulted in counties housing more inmates for longer periods time and all the additional costs associated with that legislation. As stated in The Marshall Project of April 23, 2019, "...changes were also supposed to help people convicted of nonviolent crimes, by letting them serve their sentences close to home in county jails with lots of education and training programs...County spending on medicine for inmates [statewide] has jumped (to almost \$64 million in 2017 from \$38 million in 2010), and the cost of psychotropic medication has recently spiked." (1)

Note: Juvenile offenders may not be housed within sight of an adult, therefore, given the space restrictions at the current Mono County facility, they are sent to other counties within California where they can be appropriately accommodated.

The current number of staff, including supervising Officers and Public Safety Officers (PSO) staffing the jail facility and 911 call center located at the jail is currently at the

minimum; there are four open positions, one for a second jail Sergeant and three PSOs.

During the jail visit, MCGJ members were apprised of existing plans for a new jail to be built on County-owned land in Bridgeport on the site of the former Bridgeport Hospital. The plans for the new facility, for which the County has a \$25 million grant from Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC), would replace the current jail facilities and, based on the plans for the new facility, provide potential benefits to the County and local population with an included health clinic. That clinic, to be housed, in the new jail would service both the public as well as prisoners; plans allow for the clinic and jail to be locked off depending on who is being seen by medical personnel.

When an inmate is assigned to Mono County Jail, the County is responsible for their health - medical, dental, optometric, and psychiatric, as necessary. Staff is required to transport inmates to appointments as there is currently no access to health care providers in Bridgeport. The Toiyabe Health Center is used as much as is appropriate. Eye exams are scheduled in Gardnerville, which requires long periods of time for jail staff traveling with inmates off-site. There are currently no providers of psychiatric health for anyone - inmates or the public, in Mono County.

Support for inmates at the jail facility includes multiple services to assist their reintegration into society and reduce recidivism, including but not limited to counseling, library access, GED program.

During the tour, the staff was asked about visits by the MC BOS to assess the status and conditions of the facility.

FINDINGS

F1. The overall condition of the jail is well maintained given its age. However, as indicated by Public Works staff, Department of Public Works (DPW) receives frequent call outs for maintenance requiring a lot of attention as the facility is beyond its useful life. Additionally, the current facility is not ADA compliant. The construction of the new Civic Center in Mammoth Lakes caused a shift in construction priorities, resulting in the jail construction being postponed. While there is a time limit for completion of the construction, (see the timeline in BSCC Grant application) Mono County Public Works indicates it is working with the BSCC to coordinate extensions, so the grant is not lost. However, the longer the delay the more the costs of construction will likely increase, and changes may need to be made in the overall plan to fit within the grant and matching funds budget. The BSCC Grant can be found at <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Mono-County-SB-844-Proposal-Final-REDACTED.pdf>