



Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP)
Monday February 6, 2023 – 3:30 PM

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The Partnership Current Signatories: Alpine County*; BLM* City of Bishop*; Inyo County*; CALTRANS*; Mono County; Town of Mammoth Lakes; Inyo National Forest; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, National Park Service*
*have voted or otherwise agreed to sign partnership agreement **Partners in Process:** NPS; LADWP

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Welcome

a. What is the ESSRP

- i. "A public/public partnership between tribal, local, state, and federal government agencies and a regional voice for sustainable outdoor recreation in California."

b. Introductions / New Faces

- i. Nicole Andler - *Chief of Interpretation and Education at Death Valley National Park*
- ii. Neil Peacock - *Planning & Modal Programs Manager (Acting), Caltrans, District 9*
- iii. Ben Downard - *Local Agencies Liaison, Caltrans, District 9*

c. Familiar Faces / New Responsibilities

- i. Colin Robertson - *no longer Administrator of the Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation*

3. ESSRP: 2023

a. ESSRP Tribal Consultation Sub Committee: Update

- i. Updates + New Assignments

b. ESSRP MOU: Update

- i. Circulation Draft: Federal and State Agency Review

4. The Weather / The Water – Update from NOAA Reno + Water Trouble Out West

5. Our Regional Economic Prosperity

- a. The CEDS Process: 2023 - *Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director*
- b. The CERF Process: 2023 - *Stacy Corless, Sierra Business Council*

6. Situations / Awareness

a. Federal & National

- i. "Spending time in nature may protect against the risk of dementia" - *Washington Post*
- ii. "We're Already Living in the Metaverse" - *The Atlantic*
- iii. "When I was 15, a psychiatric hospital nearly ruined my life. This advice saved me" - *Washington Post*
- iv. "Employers added 517,000 jobs in January, astonishing labor market growth"
- v. "Restaurants can't find workers because they've found better jobs" - *Washington Post*

b. State

- i. California Forestry Workforce Summit Update – *Janet Hatfield, Whitebark Institute*



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- ii. State Budget: 30x30 Update
- iii. State Funding Opportunities
 - 1. "OPR: Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program"
 - 2. CALTRANS: "Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program"
- iv. California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force Updates
 - 1. Feb. 2 + 3, 2023: Task Force Meeting SoCal – *Update from Those Who Were There*
- v. 30x30: Power in Nature Equity Committee: Updates

c. Regional

- i. Van Life – *Town of Mammoth Lakes*
- ii. ESCOG Joint Powers Authority – *Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Executive Director*
 - 1. Sustainable Recreation + Ecosystem Management Program (SREMP)
 - a. Sustainable Recreation Projects – Update
 - i. "Towns to Trails": Contractor Update
 - b. Ecosystem Management Projects – Update
 - i. ESCCRP: Contractor Update
 - 2. Next Regular ESCOG Meeting – Friday, February 10
 - a. Items from the Draft Agenda
- iii. Mono County Program Updates – *Marcella Rose*
- iv. Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) - Inyo Campgrounds Project
 - 1. Campground Pilot Program: Renderings Preview

7. Partner Updates in Alphabetical Order

- a. Alpine County
- b. BLM
- c. CALTRANS
- d. City of Bishop
- e. HT National Forest, USFS
- f. Inyo County
- g. Inyo National Forest, USFS
- h. Mono County
- i. National Park Service
- j. Town of Mammoth Lakes

8. Next Meeting - First Monday of the Month @ 3:30

- a. Monday March 6 @ 3:30 Via Zoom