



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Mono County Administrator relocating to Bay Area** *CAO Leddy provides six week notice to assist transition*

**Bridgeport, CA** – On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Mono County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Jim Leddy announced he would be leaving the employ of Mono County effective May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chairman Tim Fesko commented, “The Board appreciates the hard work and energy Jim brought to the position during a crucial transitional period for Mono County. Thanks to Jim’s hard work, Mono County is moving in a new direction to improve services while understanding the new restrained fiscal reality. We wish his family well and will be strongly continuing the efforts to improve public services launched since 2013.”

CAO Leddy will be working to ensure all major initiatives such as Strategic Planning, the ongoing response to the Round Fire recovery, and other budget re-organization efforts continue forward after his departure. CAO Leddy commented, “It has been an honor to work for the people of Mono County over the last two years on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The opportunity to collaborate with the employees, Board and many communities of the County have been extraordinary experience with which my family and I will remember with fondness.”

The Board will discuss the process for recruitment in the coming weeks.

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport. Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.