



**Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG)
Joint Powers Authority Agenda**

STAFF REPORT

To: ESCOG Joint Powers Authority
From: Elaine Kabala, ESCOG Staff
Subject: Executive Director Report
Meeting date: June 25, 2025
Prepared on: June 17, 2025
Attachments: None

Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program:

Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator:

- Staff participated in the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance meeting with other regional partners.
- Staff participated in the Wildfire Resiliency and Financing Action Team (WRAFT) biomass planning subcommittee meeting.

Towns-to-Trails:

- Staff and Consultants finalized Towns-to-Trails document and storymap, now published on the ESCOG website.
- Staff is closing out the grant June 30, 2025.

California Jobs First Initiative:

- Staff negotiated three awarded contracts with the Sierra Business Council.
- Staff is preparing RFP/RFQs for contractors to implement Sierra Jobs First awards in collaboration with the Inyo County PMO office.
- Staff has been working with the Business Resource Center to develop program to implement the Sierra Jobs First Catalyst Award, including development of a public agency procurement fair to assist local businesses with applying for local agency contracts.
- Staff has been coordinating with regional Sierra Jobs First project awardees regarding project development and collaboration.
- Staff has participated in the working groups for Natural and Working Lands, Tourism and Sustainable Recreation and Sustainable Agriculture.
- Staff attended the Sierra Jobs First Governing Council meeting in Sonora, CA

ESCOG Administration:

- Staff is enrolled in the California State Association of Counties Leadership Training Course, courtesy of Inyo County. The course is conducted one or two days monthly through October.
- Staff met with Regional Managers to discuss ESCOG direction and programs of work, including aligning future programs around the strategic plans of each jurisdiction and ongoing coordination with regional management.
- Staff provided a semi-annual update on ESCOG activities to Inyo County.
- Staff has been participating the Regional Housing Needs Assessment planning process.
- Staff continues to host a regional economic development roundtable for information sharing and collaboration, including Inyo County, Mono County, the City of Bishop, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Alpine County, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, the Sierra Business Council, the Eastern Sierra Business Resource Center, and RCRC.
- Staff attending the Mono County Recreation Partner meet and Greet held in Mammoth Lakes.
- Staff is coordinating with the Inyo County PMO office to integrate ESCOG projects into Quickbase project management software.
- Ongoing grant administration and reporting for the CDFW Proposition 1 grant, Sierra Nevada Conservancy Vibrant Tourism grant, and California Jobs First Initiative.
- Staff has been holding meetings with recreation stakeholder groups to identify partnership opportunities, including the Bishop Area Climbers Coalition and the Bishop Area Bike Organization.