

# Mono County and Mammoth Hospital Meet with Governor's Office

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**M**ammoth Hospital had two visitors from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office recently following an invitation from Mono County Board of Supervisors Chairman Duane "Hap" Hazard.

Unhappy with state discussions that did not include "frontier" counties, or rural counties of California, Hazard made a few calls resulting in a visit to Mono County by two State Government Directors.

After touring the county, and meeting with county representatives, Bismarck Obando, Director of External Affairs, and Lindsay Barsamian, Director of the Central Valley Office, took a tour of Mammoth Hospital, lead by hospital CEO, Gary Boyd.

Boyd was glad to meet with these top government officials and discussed with them many issues facing Mammoth Hospital and Southern Mono Heathcare District. Among these items were state budget cuts and their impact on Mammoth Hospital, improving physician recruitment, and Federal IT stimulus possibilities. Also provided to

Boyd was a synopsis of the new state budget including line item vetoes.

Boyd gives kudos to Hazard for setting up the opportunity. "It was great to be able to discuss with them health care issues important to us and our community," says Boyd. "Having these officials come see our organization and what we have to offer is definitely progress in the right direction for our county and health care district."

The Governor's office plans to stay in touch with both the county and health care district regarding future developments.



**"Hap" Hazard, Lindsay Barsamian, Bismarck Obando, and Gary Boyd**