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Supervisors Meet with New Senator

Members of the Inyo Board of Supervisors and key staff had a chance to meet last weekend with newly elected State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil to discuss issues and challenges affecting Inyo County.

Senator Alvarado-Gil stopped in Bishop last Saturday as part of a goodwill/fact-finding tour of California's sprawling 4th District, which also includes Mono, Amador, Alpine, Calavares, El Dorado, Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

The Senator began her visit with a tour of the Bishop Airport courtesy of CAO Nate Greenberg, Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman, and Deputy Public Works Director Ashley Helms. According to Greenberg, the airport was of particular interest to Senator Alvarado-Gil because it is one of only a few airports operating commercially in the entire 4th Senate District.

The afternoon included individual visits with Supervisors Kingsley, Roeser, and Griffiths, during which the local officials had the opportunity to discuss everything from economic development to infrastructure to connectivity for isolated communities of Inyo County. Senator Alvarado-Gil also spent time with City of Bishop Administrator Deston Dishion and members of the Bishop City Council.

The visit culminated in a public meet-and-greet during a posada at the Tri-County Fairgrounds hosted by the Inyo-Mono Cattlewomen.

Board members expressed gratitude for the chance to discuss areas of concern and for the engagement from the Senator.

"We appreciated the opportunity to visit one-on-one with our new state legislator," said Vice Chairperson Jennifer Roeser. "Opportunities like this are rare, but crucial to rural counties like Inyo County. The Senator's proactive engagement was a breath of fresh air and a very promising start in our relationship moving forward."

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CAPTION 1: Inyo County Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman, CAO Nate Greenberg, Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, and Public Works Deputy Director Ashley Helms at the Bishop Airport, one of a few airports operating commercially in California's District 4.

CAPTION 2: Fourth District Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil helps unload baggage from an inbound flight Dec. 17 at the Bishop Airport.