

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

January 3, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on January 3, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Vice Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

- Public Comment* The Vice Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items, and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Name of case: *Inyo County v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Kern County Superior Court* Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 2 cases; and No. 4 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8** – A) Property: 605 S. Main St., Lone Pine, CA 93545. Agency Negotiator: Nate Greenberg, Meaghan McCamman, John-Carl Vallejo. Negotiating Parties: Inyo County and Raelene Arrington. Under Negotiation: price and terms of payment and B) Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine Landfills. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Greg James. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.
- Open Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:09 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* CAO Nate Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Election of Officers* The Assistant Clerk of the Board opened nominations for Board Chairperson and Supervisor Griffiths nominated Supervisor Roeser. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to elect Supervisor Roeser as Board Chairperson for calendar year 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Assistant Clerk of the Board opened nominations for Board Vice Chairperson and Supervisor Roeser nominated Supervisor Marcellin. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to elect Supervisor Marcellin as Board Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- Proclamation – Positive Parenting Awareness Month* Assistant Director for Health & Human Services Anna Scott introduced the following First 5 team members: Katelyne Lent, Griselda Ortiz, and Rebecca Houle. First 5 Director Katelyn Lent read aloud the proclamation declaring January 2023 as the 5th Annual Positive Parenting Awareness Month in the Inyo County.
- Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the proclamation declaring January 2023 as the 5th Annual Positive Parenting Awareness Month in the Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported and said the Board will need to return to closed session at some point

to continue discussing all closed session items.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser introduced and welcomed new Board members Trina Orrill and Scott Marcellin, noting the swearing-in ceremony scheduled to happen at noon.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was heard from Lauralynn Hundley.

County Department Reports

Assistant HHS Director Anna Scott updated the Board on supply chain disruptions for pediatric fever-reducing medications due to an increase of respiratory viruses around the holiday season. Scott noted that Inyo has been able to hold steady through those shortages, but our Mono County neighbors continue to struggle with obtaining those medications, asking the State for assistance in replenishing them.

Public Works Director Michael Errante welcomed the new Supervisors, gave an update on the Diaz Lake water system project, and thanked the Road crews for working diligently to keep roads safe during the recently challenging weather conditions.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres said that portable HEPA air filters had been purchased with grant monies and will be used throughout local communities. She said the department is working with Information Services as well as a graphic designer to create a new logo and website.

*Clerk of the Board –
Big Pine Cemetery
District
Reappointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) reappoint Ms. Rosemarie Todd and Mr. Robert Vance to unexpired four-year terms on the Big Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees; and B) change the ending date of all terms to May 31 so that they are aligned (years of expiration will continue to be staggered). Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Mt. Whitney Cemetery
District Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Mr. Bill Fletcher to one unexpired four-year term on the Mt. Whitney Cemetery Board of Trustees ending May 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Bishop Rural Fire
Protection District
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Mr. Don Kunze to an unexpired four-year term on the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners ending July 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Fish & Wildlife
Commission Alternate
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Mr. Nick Lara to the Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission, to serve an unexpired term for an alternate ending October 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Kosmont Companies
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Kosmont Companies of El Segundo, CA for the provision of Surplus Land Act and Real Estate Advisory Services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period of January 3, 2023 - June 30, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
AccompanyCo.
Amendment No. 3*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between the County of Inyo and AccompanyCo. of Palisade, CO, extending the term end date from December 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Electric Vehicle*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to adopt Ordinance 1292, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Adding Chapter 14.30 to the Inyo County Code and Setting Forth Procedures for

<i>Charging System Permitting Process Ordinance 1292</i>	Expediting Permitting Processing for Electric Vehicle Charging Systems." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – HHAP 3 Funding Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) of the State of California Department of General Services for the provision of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP 3) in an amount not to exceed \$619,231.17 for the period commencing upon BCSH approval of agreement through December 31, 2026, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the standard agreement (STD 213), initial designated pages of Exhibits A-F, and sign and submit the HHAP 3 Remainder Disbursement Request for Funds Form. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – Innovative Partnerships MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento of North Highlands, CA for the provision of Innovative Partnerships Sierra Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Council Region Project for the period of June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Health & Human Services Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – TeleConnect Therapies Amendment No. 2</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and TeleConnect Therapies of Avalon, California, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$199,040, representing an increase of \$70,000 to the contract, and extending the term end date from 12/31/2022 to 6/30/2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Southern CA Edison Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the closure of Highland Drive in Bishop, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, for the purpose of Southern California Edison's use of a crane to replace utility poles. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Wheel Loader Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2023 John Deere, 544P Wheel Loader from Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV for an amount not to exceed \$245,038.30. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – Statement of Investment Policy</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the 2023 Statement of Investment Policy and direct any questions to the County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – Investment Authority/ Resolution No. 2023-01</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2023-01, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo delegating to the Inyo County Treasurer its investment authority pursuant to Section 53607 of the Government Code," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Water Department – LORP Annual Accounting Report</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the 2021-2022 Lower Owens River Project (LORP) Annual Accounting Report. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services – “Here it Comes” Declaration Termination</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve staff's recommendation to terminate the local emergency known as the "Here It Comes Emergency" that was proclaimed in anticipation of run-off conditions from near-record snowpack in 2017 posing extreme peril to the safety of property and persons in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services –</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve staff's recommendation to terminate the local emergency proclaimed in response to flash flooding

*Tropical Storm Kay
Declaration
Termination*

due to Tropical Storm Kay in South County in September 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency
Services –
August 2022 Floods
Declaration
Termination*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve staff's recommendation to terminate the local emergency proclaimed in response to flash flooding in Death Valley National Park in August 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*Assessor –
Assistant Assessor
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Allison Krohn for the provision of professional services as the Assistant Assessor at Range 88, Step A, \$8,016 per month, effective January 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Inyo County Project
Portfolio Presentation
Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

CAO Nate Greenberg gave an introductory presentation and encouraged dialogue on the new Project Portfolio System.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

*Board Member &
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said that he had attended the "Santa at the Courthouse" event on Christmas Eve and visited the Cerro Gordo mine; and will be attending an Air Pollution Control District meeting, the Clint Quilter plaque dedication ceremony, and a meeting with the Film Commissioner.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the City-County Liaison Committee meeting, met with a few department heads, and has an upcoming meeting with Caltrans on January 11.

Supervisor Orrill said she met with department heads and will also be attending the Caltrans meeting on January 11th.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended constituent meetings, year-end holidays events, presented at a Backcountry Horseman Organization event, and attended meetings with the Forest Service.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the City-County Liaison Committee meeting, and has upcoming meetings scheduled with Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, National Association of Counties, and California State Association of Counties.

County Counsel Vallejo mentioned he had taken an enjoyable flight from the Bishop Airport and welcomed Supervisors Orrill and Marcellin.

CAO Greenberg welcomed the new Supervisors, said he had attended the Liaison Committee meeting in Bishop, attended meetings with staff, and is working with the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to assist with the transition of the Executive Director.

Assistant Clerk of the Board welcomed Supervisors Orrill and Marcellin.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there were none.

Closed Session

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 11:24 a.m. for lunch and closed session with all Board members present. The Board continued discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

Open Session

Chairperson Roeser reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:40 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed
Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*