

Agenda

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Room
County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards
Independence, California

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Any member of the public may also make comments during the scheduled "Public Comment" period on this agenda concerning any subject related to the Board of Supervisors or County Government. No card needs to be submitted in order to speak during the "Public Comment" period.

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Note: Historically the Board does break for lunch, the timing of a lunch break is made at the discretion of the Chairperson and at the Board's convenience.

**September 23, 2013
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
Home Economics Building
Tri-County Fairgrounds
Sierra Street and Fairground Drive
Bishop, California**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (The Board will take public comment from the public on any item not on the agenda during this public comment period.)
2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** – The Board of Supervisors will convene in joint session with representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service to receive information concerning U.S. Fish and Wildlife's proposal to list as endangered and designate critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad. The critical habitat proposed for these species encompasses nearly 2-million acres of land in the Sierra Nevada, including over 100,000 acres in Inyo County.

At the conclusion of the agency presentations, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to agency representatives. The agenda item will conclude with an opportunity for the members of the Board of Supervisors having time to ask additional questions and provide commentary concerning the proposal.

3. **PLANNING** – Request Board review draft correspondence to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the proposed listing and designation of critical habitat for certain species of amphibians (noted in items No. 2 above), including requesting the USFWS hold a formal public meeting in Inyo County regarding the habitat designation, and authorize the Chairperson to sign correspondence in regards thereto.



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:
AGENDA NUMBER

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- Consent Departmental Correspondence Action Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for Closed Session Informational

FROM: Inyo County Planning Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: September 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad

RECOMMENDATION: Review draft correspondence to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding proposed listing and designation of critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad, and authorize the Chair to sign correspondence in regards thereto.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has issued notices indicating its intent to adopt regulations to list as endangered and designate critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad.¹ Critical habitat for these species is proposed in Inyo County and adjacent to the County along the crest of the Sierra Nevada. The Board has issued correspondence previously regarding the proposals, including requests for public meetings and hearings. The Board is conducting a special meeting on September 23, 2013 with USFWS, the Forest Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Staff is drafting correspondence for the Board's consideration to USFWS for consideration at the special meeting; the draft correspondence will be issued under separate cover.

ALTERNATIVES: The Board could direct changes to the correspondence, or not submit correspondence.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Department of Interior, USFWS; other agencies with jurisdiction (U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, etc.); neighboring Counties.

FINANCING: General funds are utilized to monitor federal rule making. Resources for Gruen Gruen + Associates' work on the proposals is being provided through the geothermal royalties fund.

¹ Refer to http://inyoplanning.org/projects/USFW_YellowLeggedFrog.htm for background information regarding the proposals and the County's previous correspondence.

<u>APPROVALS</u>	
COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:
(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)



Date: 9/18/13