

Agenda

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

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ADDENDUM

to
Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m.
January 21, 2014

ADDITION

CLOSED SESSION

- 3A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c)]. – meet with legal counsel for discussion and advice regarding potential litigation (one case).

DEPARTMENTAL

- 21A. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - COUNTY COUNSEL - PLANNING - WATER** – Review draft correspondence to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power regarding the Owens Lake Master Project, provide input, and authorize the Chair to sign.



AGENDA REQUEST FORM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:
AGENDA NUMBER

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

FROM: Inyo County Administrative Officer/County Counsel/Water Department/Planning Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF: January 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Owens Lake Master Project

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: Review draft correspondence to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power regarding the Owens Lake Master Project, provide input, and authorize the Chair to sign.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: In early 2010, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) initiated a Master Plan for the Owens Lake following many years of dust mitigation efforts. After several years of planning efforts, DWP has transformed the Plan into a Master Project.¹ Last year, DWP published a number of requirements it deems necessary to create a balanced plan that warrants a renewed investment of resources, including the following:

- Acceptance of Master Plan elements that protect or improve the habitat and public benefit goals within the areas where DWP dust controls currently exist.
- Reduction in the amount of Aqueduct water applied to Owens Lake for dust mitigation by at least 50 percent to lessen water use from other resources.
- Legally establish a limit of 45 square miles of dust controls that DWP is responsible to construct and maintain.
- Approve new waterless dust control methods.
- Allowance to transition sufficient areas of the Lakebed without penalties.
- Easement or other indisputable, permanent right to execute and maintain the Lakebed according to the Plan provisions.
- Allowance to utilize groundwater under the Lakebed to achieve full habitat goals.

Staff is drafting correspondence responding to these requirements, which will be submitted under separate cover.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Owens Lakebed Planning Committee and interested organization and individuals – DWP; Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; State Lands Commission; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Inyo and Mono County Agriculture Department and other County Departments; numerous tribes, business, community, agricultural, conservation, and other groups.

FINANCING: Resources from the County's general fund and Water Department budget are utilized to monitor DWP's activities and participate in related planning efforts.

¹ Refer to <http://inyoplanning.org/projects.htm> for more information regarding the Master Plan and Master Project, and the County's participation efforts.

APPROVALS

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: 1/15/14