

Agenda

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

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

All members of the public are encouraged to participate in the discussion of any items on the Agenda. Anyone wishing to speak, please obtain a card from the Board Clerk and indicate each item you would like to discuss. Return the completed card to the Board Clerk before the Board considers the item (s) upon which you wish to speak. You will be allowed to speak about each item before the Board takes action on it.

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.

10:00 a.m.
March 22, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board will
Convene on the Steps of the Historic County Courthouse in Independence
To Commence Official Inyo County 150th Anniversary Celebration

(See attached Program of Events)

Including the following action item

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Request Board approve a Proclamation Titled Proclamation Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo State of California, Commemorating the County's 150th Anniversary; and present Proclamation for display in the Administrative Center.

The Board will reconvene
in the Board of Supervisors Room
at the County Administrative Center
224 N. Edwards
Independence, California

At 2:00 p.m.
to consider the following action item

WATER DEPARTMENT – A meeting of the Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee is scheduled for March 31, 2016 in Los Angeles, California. Pursuant to Resolution 99-43 and the Long-Term Water Agreement, your Board sets policy for the County's representatives to the Standing Committee. The Water Department requests your Board provide direction to the County's Standing Committee representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting Agenda

Special Meeting - 10:00 A.M. Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Inyo County Courthouse
168 North Edwards Street • Independence, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Jeff Griffiths, Chairman, Inyo County Board of Supervisors
 2. **PRESENTATION OF COLORS** by Inyo County Sheriff's Office Color Guard
 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
by John K. Smith - Inyo County Administrator, April 2, 1948 - Oct. 12, 1981
 4. **INVOCATION** by Pastor Erin McPhee
 5. **NATIONAL ANTHEM** by Jeff Griffiths, Chairman, Inyo County Board of Supervisors
 6. **FLY OVER-** U.S. Navy, China Lake Naval Weapons Center (Requested)
 7. **CHANGES TO PROGRAM**
 8. **OPENING REMARKS** by Jeff Griffiths, Chairman, Inyo County Board of Supervisors
 9. **FEATURED SPEAKER-** W.A. Chalfant as portrayed by David Woodruff
 10. **REMARKS** by Attending Dignitaries
 11. **FEATURED SPEAKER-**
Greg James, Director, Inyo County Water Department, June 9, 1987 - Dec. 31, 2004
 12. **PRESENTATION OF FALDEROL**
Kern County, Mick Gleason, Chairman, Kern County Board of Supervisors
Mono County, Fred Stump, Chairman, Mono County Board of Supervisors
City of Bishop, Laura Smith, Mayor, City of Bishop
California Assembly & Senate, Devon Mathis, 26th Assembly District
U.S. House of Representatives, Jan Leja representing Congressman Paul Cook
 13. **FEATURED SPEAKER-** Rob Pearce, descendent of A.A. Brierly, Man About Inyo
 14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 15. **REMARKS** by Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Dan Totheroh, First District Supervisor
Rick Pucci, Third District Supervisor
Mark Tillemans, Fourth District Supervisor
Matt Kingsley, Fifth District Supervisor
 16. **PROCLAMATION**
Request Board of Supervisors approve a Proclamation Titled "Proclamation Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Commemorating the County's 150th Anniversary"
 17. **CLOSING REMARKS** by Jeff Griffiths, Chairman, Inyo County Board of Supervisors
 18. **SINGING OF AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL** by Everybody
 19. **ADJOURN** to Independence Legion Hall for Pie & Ice Cream Social
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Immediately following the program, all are invited to pose for a group picture on the Courthouse steps.

PROCLAMATION
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COMMEMORATING COUNTY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Inyo County was officially established by the California State Legislature on March 22, 1866, largely carved out of territory from other California counties, including Mono, Tulare, Kern and San Bernardino; and

WHEREAS, the name Inyo is a Native American word derived from the area's first inhabitants, who included members of the Paiute-Shoshone, Panamint-Timbisha, Shoshone, Mono, Coso and Kawaiisu Tribes, and

WHEREAS, prior to being established as a County, the area that would become Inyo County played a critical role in the settlement of California during the Gold Rush of 1849 by serving as a popular route for prospectors and other "49ers" through Death Valley and the Eastern Sierra; and

WHEREAS, the silver mines of Cerro Gordo were the first in a long line of local mining operations producing a variety of valuable minerals like borax, gold, tungsten, boron, salt, and soda which led to the exploration and colonization of the eastern side of California and the growth of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Inyo County, comprised of 10,227 square miles, is the second largest geographic county in the State of California, is the ninth largest in the continental United States excluding Alaska, with about 98 percent of that land in public ownership, providing un-paralleled recreational opportunities and sweeping open spaces; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the public lands in Inyo County's Owens Valley are owned by the City of Los Angeles and have been providing precious water to Los Angeles for more than 100 storied years via the Los Angeles Aqueduct, thereby replacing Cerro Gordo ore with liquid gold and enabling Los Angeles to become the second largest city in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the landscapes of the Owens Valley have served as the location for more than 400 feature films, from silent movies to modern day thrillers, from our favorite western movies and television shows, to science fiction films like *Tremors*, as well as modern day blockbusters like *Iron Man*; and

WHEREAS, Bishop, the only incorporated city in the County, is the Mule Capital of the World, which honors and celebrates the contribution made by local high-country packers who, with the aid of their trusty, steadfast, sure-footed mules, forged access to the vivid spectacular panoramas of the Sierra Nevada back-country now enjoyed by a wide-variety of recreationist from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the High Sierra backcountry in Inyo County was explored by pioneering mountaineer legend Norman Clyde, who, along with the first generation members of the Sierra Club, advanced modern mountaineering-climbing techniques and wild lands advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Inyo County is a land known for intriguing extremes, that include Death Valley's Badwater Basin, the lowest land elevation in the United States; Mt. Whitney, the highest land elevation in the lower 48 states; 14 of California's 15 peaks topping out above 14,000 feet in elevation, along with the Ancient Bristlecone Pines, the oldest trees on Earth; and

WHEREAS, Inyo County located in central California, encompasses the scenic splendor of the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains, as well as the dramatic desert landscapes of Death Valley, making it a year-round picturesque playground for millions of visitors from around the State, the Nation and the world each year; and

WHEREAS, *El Camino Sierra*, Highway 395, has traversed the County's westerly north-south access, along the Sierra Crest since 1834 with the first recorded trip by Joseph Walker, which is now as much a *place* as it is a roadway; and,

WHEREAS, Digital 395, a major fiber optic trunk line completed in 2013, promises to join the *El Camino Sierra* in providing access to the County's intellectual resources and quality of life and serve as the next generator of economic prosperity for the next 150 years; and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2016 Inyo County will celebrate 150 years of welcoming visitors who come to Inyo County to experience the unique, diverse, irreplaceable outdoor recreational opportunities available in one of the most beautiful, accessible, pristine places in California, the United States and across the globe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of March, 2016, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby joins with the citizens of Inyo County in commemorating and celebrating Inyo County's 150th anniversary.

Dan Totheroh, First District Supervisor

Rick Pucci, Third District Supervisor

Mark Tillemans, Fourth District Supervisor

Matt Kingsley Fifth District Supervisor

Chairperson, Jeff Griffiths, Second District Supervisor



AGENDA REQUEST FORM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:
AGENDA NUMBER

- Consent
 X Departmental
 Correspondence Action
 Public Hearing
 Scheduled Time for 2:00
 Closed Session
 Informational

FROM: Water Department

FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF March 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee Meeting – March 31, 2016

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY DISCUSSION:

The Inyo/Los Angeles Technical Group met on March 16, 2016 in Independence and agreed to agendize the items on the attached draft agenda for the March 31 Standing Committee meeting. This draft agenda is under review by LADWP.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

LADWP

FINANCING:

N/A

APPROVALS

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| COUNTY COUNSEL: <p align="center">N/A</p> | 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> <p align="right">Approved: _____ Date: _____</p> |
| AUDITOR/CONTROLLER: <p align="center">N/A</p> | ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i> <p align="right">Approved: _____ Date: _____</p> |
| PERSONNEL DIRECTOR: <p align="center">N/A</p> | PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i> <p align="right">Approved: _____ Date: _____</p> |

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

Date: 3/17/16

AGENDA

INYO COUNTY/LOS ANGELES STANDING COMMITTEE

11:00 a.m.

March 31, 2016

Board Room 1555-H, John Ferraro Building
111 North Hope Street
Los Angeles, California

The public will be offered the opportunity to comment on each agenda item prior to any action on the item by the Standing Committee or, in the absence of action, prior to the Committee moving to the next item on the agenda. The public will also be offered the opportunity to address the Committee on any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction prior to adjournment of the meeting.

1. **Action Item:** Approval of documentation of actions from the February 8, 2015 meeting.
2. Runoff and Operations update.
3. Report on Technical Group evaluation of current conditions, including projected conditions for 2016 compared to prior runoff years.
4. Status of water conservation measures on Owens Lake.
5. **Action Item:** Inyo County request to formalize retention of some portion of water saved through water conservation on Owens Lake for use in Owens Valley.
6. **Action Item:** LADWP request for approval of a plan for reasonable reductions in irrigation water supply on Los Angeles owned lands and Enhancement/Mitigation projects should the drought continue.
7. Report on evaluation of vegetation monitoring protocols.
8. Report on conditions at Five Bridges Mitigation Project.
9. Preparation of timely Standing Committee agendas.
10. Status of Water Agreement mitigation projects.
11. Public Comment.
12. Confirm schedule for future Standing Committee meetings.
13. Adjourn.