

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 18, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Beverly Brown presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Marty Fortney and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Arcularius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.

County Department Reports The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Mr. Jon Klusmire, Museum Services Director, updated the Board on a Sierra Nevada Geotourism Project which is being launched this week and which is geared to help publicize the local areas. He informed the Board that he has been selected as a member of the Geotourism Council which oversees the local activities. Supervisor Arcularius questioned the information provided by Mr. Klusmire, expressing her concern that it references "restore the landscape disfigured by human activity..." noting that the human activity is what gives the local area its economic viability, and much of its culture and historic significance. Supervisor Cervantes noted that he had concern with interpretations of the area being exclusively tourist based. Mr. Klusmire clarified that this is only incorporating the tourism segment of the County and it is a way for the County and local businesses to get some free advertising through participation in the geotourism website. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, updated the Board on Department activities including an upcoming meeting cosponsored by the Department with Eastern Sierra Transit on how to use the local transportation system. She also updated the Board on local senior program cuts and notified the Board that a second law suit has been filed in Sacramento against the governor regarding his line item budget cuts. Ms. Turner went on to update the Board on the upcoming flu season and the potential impacts of a H1N1 flu virus epidemic, encouraging the employees to stay home if they are ill in order to not infect their co-workers and not return to work until they are free from a fever for 24 hours. Supervisor Cervantes read a letter into the record from the Healthy Communities to update the Board on the organization's activities.

Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor/Gallina Contract for Audit Services Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to declare Gallina LLP CPAs as a sole-source provider of audit services and approve a Contract between the County of Inyo and Gallina LLP CPAs for the provision of audit services for the County, LAFCO, Inyo Transportation Development Acts Funds and Inyo County STIP Programs for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, 2010, and 2011, for the contract period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Integ. Waste/Sierra Conservation Project Lease Supervisor Brown questioned whether the sub-lease for processing recyclable materials at the Bishop Sunland Landfill had been put out for bids. The County Administrator explained that the County was approached by the Contractor to provide these services as opposed to being a service the County was to provide. Mr. Carunchio went on to explain that this Project provides a service to the communities that would otherwise be unavailable and it also helps the County meet its diversion requirements. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to approve a sub-lease between the County of Inyo and Sierra Conservation Project for the purpose of processing recyclable material at the Bishop-Sunland Landfill, for a five year period; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Fish and Game/ Status of Inyo Mono Fish and Game Commission	Supervisor Fortney provided additional information and further clarification on his recommendation that Inyo County no longer participate in a joint Fish and Game Commission with Mono County and create its own Fish and Wildlife Commission. He explained that just recently and over the past several years Mono County Board of Supervisors have taken large amounts of their fine funds for fish stocking without the benefit of a recommendation from the Fish and Game Commission regarding the use of the funds. Additionally he noted Mono County has formed an independent Fish Enhancement Committee which appears to be making recommendations on expenditures of the Mono County Fine Funds rather than the Inyo Mono Fish and Game Commission, there have been changes in how the secretary is paid that resulted in an MOU with Inyo County and that there is a lack of desire from Mono County residents to participate in that all of Mono County's representatives on the Commission live in Inyo County. In response to a query from Supervisor Arcularius, Supervisor Fortney explained that the membership requirements were for residents and business owners of Inyo County. Mr. Gary Gunsolley, an Inyo County Representative to the Inyo Mono Fish and Game Commission, responded to a question from the Board regarding the balance in the Inyo County Fine Fund. Supervisor Fortney explained that the fine money from each County is under the control of the individual counties as required by law. Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Cash to approve the letters to the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Inyo Mono Fish and Game Advisory Commission notifying them of Inyo County's desire to no longer participate in the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
Resol. #2009-32/ Inyo Fish & Wildlife Commission	On a motion by Supervisor Fortney and a second by Supervisor Cash, Resolution No. 2009-32, titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Establishing the Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission," was adopted: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2009 and the Special Meeting of August 10, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including a First Five Commission Meeting, an upcoming CSAC Executive Meeting, a meeting regarding Southern Inyo Hospital upgrades, a meeting regarding possible ATV routes, with Supervisor Fortney noting he had informed the group that he could not support any proposal that could jeopardize public access to DWP property in the Valley, the State Lands Commission Meeting at which Supervisor Arcularius had provided Inyo County's support of the moat and row project on the Dry Lake Bed, a CSAC Ag and Natural Resources conference call, a tour of the Black Rock area, an upcoming RCRC meeting, and a constituent meeting concerning posting of IMAAA Board Meetings agenda in Tecopa. The County Administrator updated the Board on the Digital 395 project.
Public Comment	The Chairperson announced the second public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:45 a.m., to convene in closed session with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: - CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 10. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio, Sheriff Bill Lutze, and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 11. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 12. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 13. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 14. PERSONNEL (Pursuant to Government Code §54957) - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Director of Environmental Health.

Report on Closed Session The Chairperson recessed closed session at 1:00 p.m., to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session. County Counsel reported there were no actions taken in closed session, which are required by law to be reported on in open session.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 1:00 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*