

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 8, 2011

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, February 8, 2011, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Susan Cash presiding, Linda Arcularius, Rick Pucci, Marty Fortney and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Mr. Kevin Carunchio, County Administrator led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- CAO-Budget Update The Board received the weekly budget update report from the County Administrator and heard lengthy verbal reports from the following Department Heads regarding potential budget impacts: Sheriff Bill Lutze, Chief Probation Officer, Jeff Thomson, and Director of Health and Human Services, Ms. Jean Turner,
- 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. Ms. Nancy Masters, Librarian, provided information regarding budget impacts. The County Administrator reported on the recent County Administrator's conference he had attend that was held in conjunction with a City Manager's conference.
- Introduction The Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Chuck Hamilton, introduced Mr. Jeff Ahlstrom, Managing Landfill Engineer, to the Board. Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director introduced Mr. Dan Stewart, Planning Coordinator, to the Board.
- Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Hlth. Serv./AIDS Drug Assist. Program Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve and ratify the Agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health, AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Office of AIDS in the amount of \$1,000, for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Recess/Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:42 a.m., with all Board Members present.
- Ag. Comm./Position Request Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested positions comes from Weed Management funds, as certified by the Agricultural Commissioner and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the positions of Field Assistant I and II, the vacancies could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of five seasonal Field Assistants I and/or II at Range 050PT (\$13.90 - \$16.87 per hour) and/or 054PT (\$15.22 - \$18.51 per hour) depending upon qualifications; two positions to work 9 months and three positions to work 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resol. #2011-04/ESTA JPA Amendment On a motion by Supervisor Arcularius and a second by Supervisor Cervantes, Resolution No. 2011-04 was approved, amending Section 2.2 of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Joint Powers Agreement to allow options for the provision of the Treasurer and Auditor-Controller services for the Authority: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

Integ. Waste/Gate & Disposal Fee Adjustment Workshop The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:49 a.m., to convene in a workshop with all Board Members present to receive a presentation and discuss with Integrated Waste Management Staff solid waste gate and disposal fee adjustments and possible services reduction. The Chairperson recessed the workshop and the regular meeting at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:15 p.m., with all Board Members present.

Probation/CalEMA Grant Budget and Consortium Agreement The Chief Probation Officer, Jeff Thomson, provided additional information and further justification for adding a CalEMA Grant Budget and approving a contract with Fresno County for administrative services. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) accept the CalEMA Grant awarded to the Probation Department in the amount of \$54,364, expiring on October 1, 2012; B) approve the CalEMA-Probation Budget (Budget number to be assigned by the Auditor-Controller) (4/5's vote required); C) amend the FY 2010-2011 County CalEMA-Probation Budget by increasing estimated revenue in State Other (Revenue Code #4499) by \$38,507 and increasing appropriations in Internal Charges (Object Code #5121) by \$13,551, Professional Services (Object Code #5265) by \$23,956, and Office & Other Equipment (Object Code #5232) by \$1,000; and D) approve the Agreement between the County of Fresno and a consortium of counties, including Inyo County, for the County of Fresno to be the liaison and coordinator between ALLVEST information Services, Inc., dba Assessments.com and the consortium, in an amount not to exceed \$44,739 (\$42,832 for Assessments.com and \$1,907 for Fresno County administrative costs), expiring on June 30, 2015; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

BofS/Big Pine Tribe Consultation The Board reviewed the January 24, 2011 letter from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe regarding the Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment. The Planning Director, Mr. Josh Hart, explained that consultation with the Tribes has been taking place as required. Mr. Randy Keller, County Counsel, explained consultation as required by Statute, and discussed some of the problematic issues relative to the Board actually meeting with the Tribal Council to discuss the project, recommending that the Board allow the consultation to continue at the staff level which is appropriate. The Board and Staff discussed SB 18, as well as sending a response to the Tribe to thank them for the invitation. The Board and staff continued to discuss the issues related to the Tribe's letter in detail and at length. The Board asked the Chairperson to work with staff to draft a response to the Tribe's letter, explaining that consultation is occurring at the staff level, and inviting the Tribe to continue its involvement in the process.

Board Members and Staff Reports The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including the DWP Habitat Plan Meeting, the Technical Group Meeting, various constituent meetings, a conference call with Senator Fuller, an IMAAA Meeting, an RCRC legislative update, an update on the Bishop Library Mural Project, a Southern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, an ICEMA Meeting, notification that the Flag Pole at the Big Pine Town Hall has been installed, Inyo First Five Commission report on allocation allotments, a Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, information regarding the UC Extension program, notification of a situation with the Tecopa Sewage Lagoon Project, and a meeting with the Bishop Tribe.

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 2:45 p.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present, to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 13. **PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957]** - Public Employee Appointment - Title: Director Public Works; No. 14. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Director Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; No. 15. **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 and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 16. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

Report on Closed Session The Chairperson recessed closed session at 3:20 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 3:20 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 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*
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant