

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

January 3, 2012

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, January 3, 2012, 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 Supervisor Arcularius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and Mr. Alexander Reid addressed the Board, as a member of the media and a resident of the County, to thank the Board for its support of and to offer his support for the Adventure Trails System.

County Department Reports The Chairperson announced the County Department Report Period. Mr. Jeff Ahlstrom, Managing Landfill Engineering, reported on the Solid Waste Programs accomplishments for 2011, including the successful implementation of the new gate fees, the installation of the new gatehouse at the Bishop-Sunland Landfill, and purchase of the new roll-off truck, the 5-year facility leases for the Bishop-Sunland and Lone Pine landfills, and the development of mandatory community recycling program under AB 341. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, presented the Board with the 2012 Wellness Calendar and cleared up some misconceptions reported in the local newspaper regarding the Annual Christmas Dinner. She said that it was an all volunteer event and that there was no paid staff. She said that there were no budget cuts that will impact that program and it is a long-standing community supported event that will continue because of the generosity of spirit of the volunteers. Mr. George Milovich, Agricultural Commissioner, reported on the successes and activities of his department including the fact that only two complaints were received regarding mosquitos in one of the wettest years on record, the Annual LORP review resulted in no complaints from environmental groups, 1200 weights and measure devices were inspected, and that his working through staffing challenges with the retirement of his Deputy and the Mosquito Abatement Program Manager moving to Environmental Health. The County Administrator reported that the Gruen's from Gruen Gruen + Associates will be meeting with management staff from various departments to refine the socio-economic impacts identified by the departments associated with the Hidden Hills Solar Project. He also reminded the Board that there is very little tax benefit associated with this project for Inyo County because the taxing process has been usurped by the State of California.

BofS/Election of Officers The Chairperson turned the meeting over to the Assistant Clerk of the Board for the election of Officers. The Clerk opened the nominations for Chairperson. Supervisor Arcularius nominated Supervisor Fortney and the nomination was seconded by Supervisor Cash. There being no further nominations, the Clerk closed the nominations and called for the vote to elect. Supervisor Fortney was elected Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors by a unanimous vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Pucci, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes.

The Clerk opened the nominations for Vice Chairperson. Supervisor Cash nominated Supervisor Pucci and Supervisor Pucci nominated Supervisor Arcularius. Supervisor Cash withdrew her nomination and Supervisor Arcularius' nomination was seconded by Supervisor Fortney. There being no further nominations, the Clerk closed the nominations and called for the vote to elect. Supervisor Arcularius was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors by a unanimous vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Pucci, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes. The Clerk turned the meeting over to the new Chairperson.

Recess/Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 9:47 p.m., with all Board Members present.

Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
Resol. #2012/01/ Surplus Property Acquisition Authority	The Board asked that both the title of County Administrator, along with the Administrator's name be designated. On a motion by Supervisor Cash and a second by Supervisor Cervantes, Resolution 2012-01 was approved designating the County Administrator as the County's representative authorized to acquire surplus property through the California State Agency for Surplus Property: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Sheriff/Vest P.O.	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to approve the purchase of ten tactical vests from Adamson Police Products in an amount not to exceed \$23,799. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/CSAC Public Safety Initiative	Supervisor Cash reported that there is nothing new to report on CSAC's Local Taxpayers, Public Safety and Local Services Protection Act initiative. She said that several of the groups sponsoring tax initiatives are talking to the governor about combining all of the initiatives into one in order to increase the chances of passage. She also told the Board that the Governor is scheduled to attend the CSAC Board Meeting and that the polling numbers will not be available on either initiative until the day of the meeting. She shared her thoughts about the problems she sees if the Governor's initiative is expanded. The Board discussed the suggestion by Supervisor Cash that the County support CSAC's initiative and take a neutral position on the Governor's initiative until it is certified for the ballot. The Board Members expressed concern with the chances of the Governor's initiative passing should the revenue enhancements be expanded, and that should neither initiative be approved the impact to the taxpayers of Inyo County will be to fully fund the requirements of AB 109 in Inyo County. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to direct Supervisor Cash to support CSAC's initiative moving forward if the polling number are favorable and remain neutral on the Governor's initiative. Motion carried unanimously.
Water Dept./IRWMP Updated	The Water Director, Dr. Bob Harrington updated the Board on the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) activities. He explained that the group will be looking at the projects requesting funding. The Agricultural Commissioner informed the Board that his department will apply for project funding for the Weed Abatement Program and representatives of the Public Works Department, Mr. Paul Hancock and Mr. Keith Pierce, talked about the projects that P.W. will be submitting. With regard to the request by staff to provide direction concerning the January 11, 2012 Regional Water Management Group conference call and January 25, 2012 IRWMP Meeting, the Board asked to be kept apprised as to the final projects being recommended for funding.
BofS/Minute Approve	The Clerk noted a change on page one the "County Department Report" paragraph, asking that the spelling of Lavato be changed to Lovato. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of December 20, 2011, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.
Clerk/Elections Workshop	The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:30 a.m., to convene in a workshop, with all Board Members present. The Clerk-Recorder, Ms. Kammi Foote, conducted a workshop on the Top-Two Candidates Open Primary Act of 2010. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 11:05 a.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week including a meeting with the Administrator of the Southern Inyo Hospital, a meeting with Coso Representatives, a meeting with the Diaz Lake Concessionaire, good wishes extended by the Board Members for a prosperous and healthy new year, a report on the status of the SRA fees guidelines, a Caltrans Meeting, and notification by a Mono County Supervisor to an Inyo County Supervisor that Mono County is requesting the speed limit on U.S. 395 through Inyo County be raised to 70 miles per hour.
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 11:20 a.m., to convene in closed session to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (one case); 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: Law Enforcement Administrators Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 15. **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.

Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed closed session at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene at 1:30 p.m., with all Board Members present, to continue discussion on previously noted closed agenda items.

Report on Closed
Session The Chairperson recessed closed session at 2:55 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 2:55 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant