

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 20, 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, March 20 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Marty Fortney presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Rick Pucci, and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Supervisor Cervantes reported on the wind damage at the Lone Pine Airport and requested that today's meeting be adjourned in memory of Margaret Terry, a long time Lone Pine resident who passed away recently.
- County Department The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Mr. Jeff Ahlstrom, Managing
Reports Landfill Engineering, reported on the Solid Waste Program. He informed the Board that the County has received from the BLM the Shoshone Landfill Patent. He also reported on the RCRC Environmental Services JPA Meeting he attended in Sacramento last week. The Interim Public Works Director, Mr. Doug Wilson, reported on the wind damage at the Lone Pine Airport, informing the Board that staff will be assessing the extent of the damage sometime this morning. Ms. Susanne Rizo, Director of Child Support Services, reported on a Regional Oversight Meeting, that the Department had achieved a 100% on qualify compliance audit, an outreach presentation to the Sunrise Rotary, and a Director's meeting she had attended via telephone conference. Mr. Jon Klusmire, Museum Services Manager, presented copies of the California Visitors Guide for this year, highlighting the many places in the Guide that the County of Inyo is mentioned.
- Emerg. Serv./Oak Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local
Creek Mud Flows emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motor Pool/Repair Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the repair of an
HHS Vehicle HHS vehicle through a purchase order to Inyo Mono Body Shop in the amount of \$11,769.85. Motion carried unanimously.
- Integ. Waste/ Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a blanket purchase
Dave's Auto P.O. order to Dave's Auto Parts, in the amount of \$8,000 for the maintenance of landfill equipment. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning/SSTI Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the Planning
Participation Department to participate in the Southwest Solar Transformation Initiative (SSTI); and authorize the Planning Director to sign the letter of commitment to participate. Motion carried unanimously.
- BofS/Committee Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Supervisor Linda
Assignments Arcularius to the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District Board and the Eastern Sierra Subregional Committee of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Motion carried unanimously on a four-to-zero vote, with Supervisors Cash, Pucci, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes, and with Supervisor Arcularius abstaining.
- Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to appoint Supervisor Susan Cash to the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District Board, as the alternate, and the Local Agency Formation Commission. Motion carried unanimously on four-to-zero vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Pucci, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes, and with Supervisor Cash abstaining.
- Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to appoint Supervisor Rick Pucci to the Local Agency Formation Commission. Motion carried unanimously on a four-to-zero vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes, and with Supervisor Pucci abstaining.

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to appoint Supervisor Marty Fortney to the Local Agency Formation Commission as the alternative. Motion carried unanimously on a four-to-zero vote, with Supervisor Arcularius, Cash, Pucci and Cervantes voting yes, and with Supervisor Fortney abstaining.

Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to appoint Supervisor Richard Cervantes to the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District Board. Motion carried unanimously on a four-to-zero vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Pucci and Fortney voting yes, and with Supervisor Cervantes abstaining.

HHS-Position
Request

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested position exists as certified by the Health and Human Services Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for position of Account Technician, the position could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure a sufficient number of qualified applicants apply; and (c) approve the hiring of one Account Technician I at Range 55 (\$2,910 – \$3,537) or II at Range 59 (\$3,194 – \$3,880) depending upon qualification. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Soc. Serv./
Position Request

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested position exists as certified by the Health and Human Services Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for position of Social Worker, the position could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure a sufficient number of qualified applicants apply; and (c) approve the hiring of one Social Worker I at Range 61 (\$3,345 - \$4,062), or II at Range 64 (\$3,590 - \$4,363), depending upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Soc. Serv./
Position Request

Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, provided additional information and further explanation on the request to establish a Senior Social Worker Supervisor Position in the Social Services Wrap-Around Program. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) establish a new classification of Senior Social Worker Supervisor, at Range 78 (\$4,997 to \$6,074) and approve the job description; B) change the Department's authorized strength by adding one Senior Social Worker Supervisor position at Range 78 in the Adult and Children's Social Services Division; and C) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested position exists as certified by the Health and Human Services Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position of Social Worker, the position could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure a sufficient number of qualified applicants apply; and (c) approve the hiring of one full time Senior Social Worker Supervisor at Range 78 (\$4,997 - \$6,074). Motion carried unanimously.

Planning/2011
General Plan APR

Mr. Dan Stewart, Planning Coordinator, reviewed the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR). Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to accept the draft Inyo County 2011 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) and direct staff to forward the APR with any modifications to the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members and
Staff Reports

The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including an Inyo Associates Meeting, a Celebration of Life for Margaret Terry, St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Lone Pine, a meeting with Southern Inyo Hospital, a dinner at Whiskey Creek, a tour of the Lone Pine Airport to see the wind damage, the Blake Jones Trout Derby, an ESCOG Meeting, an ESTA meeting, a CSAC meeting, an update on the wind damage in Red Meadows, an RCRC Meeting, including a report that the MOA between the Forest Service, BLM, CSAC and RCRC had been approved by RCRC, and a State Water Plan Design Team teleconference.

Recess/
Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m., to reconvene at 10:25 a.m., in closed session, with all Board Members present.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 16. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c) – Decision Whether to Initiate Litigation (one case);** No. 17. **PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957]** - Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: Director of Child Support Services; No. 18. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriffs Association (DSA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 19. **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; No. 20. **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. 21. **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; No. 22. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Elected Officials Assistants Association (EOAA) - Negotiators: Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 23. **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 of Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson. The Chairperson recessed closed session at 11:32 a.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present.

Planning/Public Hearing LADWP GPA and Zone Reclass

The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:32 a.m., on the following for a 1.62-acre site located on Sunland Reservation Road, within APN 013-020-07: a General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan designation of the site from “Public Service Facility (PF)” to “General Industrial;” and an ordinance titled “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Zone Reclassification #2012-02/LADWP and Amending Title 18 of the Inyo County Code, the Inyo County Zoning Ordinance, by Reclassifying the Site from Public (P) to General Industrial & Extractive (M-1).” Mr. Dan Stewart, Planning Coordinator, reviewed the Staff Report and recommendations. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Stewart requested that the Staff Report and all attachments be entered into the record and it was marked Exhibit A. There was no one wishing to speak for or against this project. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:35 a.m.

Resol. #2012-15/ GPA 2012-02/ LADWP

On a motion by Supervisor Cash and a second by Supervisor Pucci, Resolution No. 2012-15 was adopted approving the General Plan Amendment #2012-02/LADWP; Zone Reclassification #2012-02/LADWP; and certifying that the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been met: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

Planning/LADWP Z.R.

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to waive the first reading of the ordinance and schedule the enactment for 11:30 a.m., March 27, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

The Chairperson recessed the open session at 11:35 a.m., to reconvene in closed session to discuss and take action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

Recess/ Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:00 p.m., with all Board Members present.

Forest Serv./ Planning Rule Discussion

Mr. Ed Armenta, Inyo Forest Supervisor, and Mr. Joe Stringer, Director of Ecosystem Planning for the Forest Service Regional Office, addressed the Board to discuss the proposed Planning Rule, anticipated Forest Plan revision, and other Forest related issues with the Board. The discussion included the importance of collaboration, the Board’s role in coordination, economic trends, social trends, wildlife assessments, the need to recognize elected officials as representatives of the public and not as a member of the public, a need to insure that when discussing the plan everyone is talking about the same version, the need for early discussions with the Board of Supervisors so that the County’s efforts are not reactionary, and the budget for this project.

Planning/Forest Planning Rule	The Board and Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, continued to discuss the Forest Service Planning Rule, at length and in detail, including the need to protect multiple use of forests, the NEPA process, the development of a work plan, the importance of socio economic impacts of the Plan which is now being referred to as “civic sciences,” and that the Board has previously provided input on the plan and there is no need to send subsequent correspondence at this time.
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 2:35 p.m., to reconvene in closed session, with all Board Members present to continue discussion on previously noted closed session items.
Report on Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed closed session at 4:45 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 meeting in memory of Margaret Terry a long time resident of Lone Pine who passed away recently. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by: _____