

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 14, 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, August 14, 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 Fortney 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. Sheriff Lutze reported on flooding in the southeast part of the County due to storm activity in the area yesterday. Mr. Doug Wilson, Interim Public Works Director, reported on the extent of the damage caused to County roads as a result of the flooding. Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, informed the Board that the BrightSource meeting he reported last week as being scheduled for August 29 is actually scheduled for August 30th. Mr. Hart also reported (a) that Indian Wells Valley Water District is pursuing a photo voltaic solar project in the Olancha area; and (b) the Death Valley National Park Wilderness and Backcountry Stewardship Plan and Environmental Assessment is out for comment. In response to a question from Supervisor Arcularius regarding the status of meetings with the Forest Service on the Forest Plan Revision, Mr. Hart suggested and it was agreed by the Board to have an ongoing agenda item to discuss the Plan Revision.
- Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Info Serv/Postage P.O. Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a blanket purchase order for metered postage to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power in the amount of \$78,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Purchasing/Print Bid Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to award Bid No. 2012-08, Printing for 2012-13 FY to the Hanigan Company, Inc., and authorize purchase orders to be approved for various County departments to order printing from this bid for FY 2012-13. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Senior Services/Food Try and Coverings P.O. Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to declare Oliver Products Company a sole source provider of food trays and coverings and approve a blanket purchase order to Oliver Products Company for the purchase of food trays and coverings for the home delivered meals program for FY 2012-13, in the amount of \$25,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- BofS/CHF Allocation Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to approve A) the letter to the CHF, which is a Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) developed program, to assign Inyo County's 2012 allocation of CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund for inclusion in their Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) and/or Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program; and B) the Housing Element Certification Form. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sheriff/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 position comes from the General Fund as certified by the Sheriff and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position of Correctional Officer, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the most qualified applicant; and C) approve the hiring of one Correctional Officer at Range 64 (\$3,590 – \$4,363), contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

P.W./Shoshone Sheriff's Trailers HVAC Project	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to approve the specifications for the Shoshone Sheriffs' Trailers HVAC Installation Project; B) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the project; C) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to award the bid and approve and sign a contract for the project if the bids received are within the project budget, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2012-13 budget and the appropriate signatures being obtained; and D) authorize the Interim Public Works Director to sign all other contract documents, including change orders, to the extent permitted pursuant to Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code and other applicable law. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/EIS Statement BLM Solar Energy Dev.	The Board reviewed the correspondence regarding the EIS on the BLM's Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwest States. The Board and staff discussed the project, noting frustration with the process that totally ignored Inyo County's requests regarding lands within Inyo County. They noted that the maps, for the most part, exclude County of Inyo lands for siting of solar projects. The Board and staff discussed the need for the County to make comment in order to preserve any future protest action. They also discussed the lack of coordination, lack of explanation from BLM on how they determined which lands should be excluded, the protest process, the impact of the County being excluded, concern that the map is basically a defacto wilderness map, the concern that the more actively the County participated the more lands were excluded, the request in the second to the last paragraph to replace the verbiage "should have been better addressed" with "ignored" and making the language stronger on this being addressed. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to adopt the correspondence with the suggested change in the language in the last paragraph and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and also direct Mr. Hart, Mr. Keller and other appropriate County staff to file an official protest within the timelines outlined in the statute. Motion carried unanimously.
Water Dept./IRWMP Update and Direction on 8-22 Meeting	Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, updated the Board on the activities of the Inyo Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). He went on to review the items on the agenda for the August 22, 212 IRWMP Regional Water Management Group Meeting. The Board and Dr. Harrington discussed Item No. 4 on the Agenda <i>Approval Process Generic Inyo-Mono RWMG Letter of Support</i> in detail and at length. The Board expressed concern with the process that provides automatic letters of support without the item being discussed by the group during an appropriately agendized meeting. The Board and Dr. Harrington continued to discuss the Agenda, with the Board concurring with Staff's recommendations.
Recess/Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:05 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:10 a.m., with all Board Members present.
Planning/CAPP Projects	The Board and Staff reviewed recommendations regarding project priority for CAPP funded projects. The Board talked about the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations as well as improvements needed at the Big Pine Town Hall. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the Staff recommendations prioritizing CAPP Projects, with the Big Pine Town Hall improvements being added to the list and the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations being placed on a secondary list for consideration should future funding be available. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of July 3, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including a Visitors Center Meeting, a Southern Inyo Hospital Meeting, a CSAC Board Meeting, a RCRC Meeting, and an Inyo Fish and Wildlife Meeting. The County Administrator announced that the Shootout Contest Winners photographs will be on display in the Board Room, beginning next Tuesday for several weeks. He also explained that the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a reception next Tuesday in honor of the new photograph display.
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CAO-Personnel/
Road Commissioner
Qualifications The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:05 a.m., on the qualifications of Mr. Doug Wilson, P.E., to be appointed as the Inyo County Road Commissioner. Mr. Wilson read into the record the government code that requires the Board of Supervisors to conduct a public hearing on the qualifications of the candidate being considered for appointment as the County Road Commissioner, which also requires that the Road Commissioner be a California Certified Civil Engineer. Mr. Wilson confirmed that he is a California Certified Civil Engineer, noting that his Certificate is No. 20898. Mr. Sam Wasson, Inyo County Resident and Third District Planning Commissioner, addressed the Board to endorse and support Mr. Wilson's appointment as the Inyo County Road Commissioner. There was no one else wishing to address the Board on this issue and the Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:10 a.m. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to reappoint Mr. Doug Wilson, P.E., as the Inyo County Interim Director of Public Works, County Road Commissioner, County Surveyor and County Fire Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:10 a.m., to convene in closed session with all Board members present, to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 17. **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: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Information Services Director Brandon Shults, and Planning Director Josh Hart; No. 18. **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; 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: ICEA - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Director of Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; No. 21. **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; and No. 22. **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. The Chairperson recessed closed at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present.

Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:30 p.m., with all Board Members present, except Supervisor Arcularius and Supervisor Cervantes.

BofS/Sierra
Business Council
Presentation Mr. Steve Frisch, President and CEO of the Sierra Business Council, presented the Council's Eastern Sierra Innovation and Prosperity Report for discussion. Mr. Frisch highlighted many of the highpoints of the Report and responded to questions from the Board.

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.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the second public comment period and there was on one from the public wishing to address the Board.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, 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: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant