

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 27, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:40 a.m., on August 27, 2013, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Linda Arcularius presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley. The County Administrator led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session The Chairperson recessed open session at 8:40 p.m. to convene in closed session to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)] - City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles v. Inyo County Board of Supervisors, et al.** Inyo County Superior Court Case No. 12908; Blackrock 94 Dispute Resolution; No. 3. **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. 4. **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: Information Services Director Brandon Shults and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 5. **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: Information Services Director Brandon Shults and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 6. **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, and Information Services Director Brandon Shults; No. 7. **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: Information Services Director Brandon Shults, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson, and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 8. **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: Information Services Director Brandon Shults and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
- Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed closed session at 9:25 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:00 p.m., with all Board Members present.
- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the second public comment period. Ms. Julie Fritcher of the Lone Pine Indian Reservation, addressed the Board to comment on the Board's action to write a letter of support for the Tribe's grant application to upgrade the Reservations water system. She provided an organizational chart of the hierarchy of the Lone Pine Reservation, questioned the accuracy of the information provided by the Tribe with regard to the costs of the upgrade and suggested the Board not take this type of action in the future. Supervisor Kingsley commented that the Board of Supervisors is always pleased to support projects that are beneficial to our communities.

County Department Reports	The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. The Farm Advisor, Mr. Dustin Blakey updated the Board on a new Food and Ag program that is going to be provided in Inyo County and administered by Kern County. He also reported on a new Master Food Preserves program that he will be implementing. Supervisor Kingsley reported on the induction of the Nadeu Trail as a National Recreational Trail. Ms. Kelly Williams, Assistant to the County Administrator, updated the Board on the road damage as a result of the Gully Washer emergency. Mr. Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, provided specific information regarding the condition of each of the roads affected by the emergency. Mr. Quilter also updated the Board on the removal of the trees at the Bishop Airport, saying that the situation has become critical for air ambulance services. Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, updated the Board on the General Plan and Zoning Update, reviewing the schedule of public meetings. Mr. Jeff Thompson, Chief Probation Officer, updated the Board on the AB109 realignment allocation and the new formula. The County Administrator provided additional information on the new formula explaining that as a result of several more states joining the small rural county category, the pieces of the pie have shrunk.
BofS/Carson & Colorado Slim Princess Update	The Board received a presentation from representatives of the Carson and Colorado Group on the Slim Princess Restoration Project. The Board was also invited to the October 26 annual BBQ fundraiser.
CAO-Adv. Co. Resc./Travel Media Advertising	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the payment to California Travel Media \$11,356 for an Inyo County one-third-page advertisement in the 2014 California Visitors Guide to take advantage of various discounts totaling \$5,344. Motion carried unanimously.
CAO-Personnel/ Reade Personal Services Contract	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Nathan Reade for the provision of personal services as the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures at a monthly base salary of \$8,200 effective August 20, 2013 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./LPG Contract	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to award the bid for liquefied propane gas (LPG) to and approve the Contract with Amerigas of Bishop for the purchase of LPG for County facilities located in Bishop, Big Pine, Independence and Lone Pine for the period of September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$601,498 and direct that payments be made from the various County Department budgets, 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.
P.W./Owenyo Services Contract Amendment	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 9 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Owenyo Services for the operation and maintenance of the Independence, Laws, and Lone Pine Town Water Systems, extending the term through December 31, 2013, unless terminated earlier, and increasing the total Contract to an amount not to exceed \$2,104,895.84, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2013-14 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./DWP Land Survey Authority	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a letter permitting County staff and their contractor to enter DWP property to perform land surveys and environmental investigations for the proposed extension of See Vee Lane; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
CAO-Info Serv./ Long Distance Contract	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Verizon Business Network Services, Inc., for landline long distance service for a period of 12 months following the Effective Date of the Agreement; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
Child Support Serv./ E Step Authority	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the hiring of a previously Board approved part-time Child Support Attorney I position at the E Step of Range 76 (\$31.07 per hour). Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Adv. Co. Resc./Comm. Sponsorship Grant Awards	Mr. Jon Klusmire, Museum Services Director, provided additional information and further explanation concerning the award of 6 Community Sponsorship Program Grants. He highlighted each of the projects considered for funding. Ms. Tawny Thompson of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center addressed the Board to comment on how beneficial the grant program is to the various organizations. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the 6 Community Project Sponsorship Program Grant awards for the 2013-14 Fall Grant Cycle recommended by the Community Project Sponsorship Program Grant Review Panel, in the amounts recommended by the Panel for a total amount of \$20,000; and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Contracts with the Applicants, in the amounts approved by your Board; contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/New Subdivision Requirements	The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:25 a.m., to convene in a workshop with all Board Members present, regarding Senate Bill 1241 (Kehoe, 2012) concerning CEQA checklists and General Plan requirements, with certain findings being of particular interest to Inyo County which requires new findings for subdivisions within a State Responsibility Areas (SRA) or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the workshop and the regular meeting at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:15 p.m., with all Board Members present.
Integ. Waste/Plans and Specs for Landfill Scales	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the Plans and Specifications for the Bishop-Sunland Truck Scale Project and authorize the Department to issue a Request for Bids to purchase and install a truck scale at the Bishop-Sunland Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 1:25 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 2:10 p.m. with all Board Members present.
Water/Standing Committee Meeting Instructions	The Water Director, Dr. Bob Harrington, presented the Board with the Agenda for the upcoming Inyo/LA Standing Committee meeting scheduled for August 29, 2013 in Los Angeles. Dr. Harrington provided information on the items that are to be discussed, which Dr. Harrington noted were informational. The Board and Dr. Harrington discussed the various Agenda items in detail and at length. Mr. Philip Anaya, Bishop area resident, read a prepared statement into the record concerning item No. 5 on the Agenda, identifying his concerns about how the item was worded on the agenda and the events that transpired resulting in the release of water from the Alabama Gates.
Water/Comment on LADWP Rose Valley Project	Dr. Harrington, Water Director, provided additional information and further justification for the County commenting on the Notice of Intent on LADWP's Rose Valley Project. Dr. Harrington clarified that he was recommending that the letter be signed by himself rather than the Chairperson. The Board concurred with the letter commenting on LADWP's Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Well V817 Rose Valley Pipeline Installation Project; and provided direction for the Water Director to sign the letter.
Planning/E.S. Land Adjustment Project	Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, made a presentation regarding the Eastern Sierra Land Adjustment Project.
Planning/Comment on Topic Papers	The Planning Director, Mr. Josh Hart, reviewed the information that was utilized to develop the County's correspondence regarding the Topic Papers. The Board and Mr. Hart discussed the letter, with the Board requesting (a) that the figure of 80% be reflected as the amount of public lands in Inyo County that have been restricted by designations in Item 1; (b) that, in Item 4, the Eastern Sierra Four-Wheel Drive Club be added to the list of volunteers; that the value of volunteer groups be highlighted; that a statement to the effect that volunteerism be encouraged and accommodated be added to that item; and suggest a possible use of volunteers as fire lookouts; (c) in Item 5, include the example of mitigation measures being implemented to reduce erosion from roads and timber thinning activities; (d) in Item 6, expand or identify more precisely the socio-economic relationship between resource utilization employment vs. recreational employment and its effect on the local economy; (e) in item 12 add a statement concerning the importance of the Forest Service fire protection infrastructure to the local communities located in or near the forests; and (f) add an Item that identifies and recognizes the staffing and fiscal resources difficulties associated with implementation of the Plan. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans, approve the correspondence to the Forest Service in regards to the draft Topic Papers, as amended per the discussion; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion

carried unanimously.

- Planning/Next Steps Memorandum Workshop The request for the Board conduct a workshop to receive a presentation on the "Next Steps Memorandum" on the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities: Neighborhood Planning for Healthy Aging, Lone Pine, Inyo County, California was continued to next week's agenda.
- BofS/Minute Approval Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of August 6, 2013; the Special Meeting of August 6, 2013; and the Special Meeting of August 8, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting of August 9, 2013. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Tillemans abstaining.
- Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting of August 12, 2013. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Pucci abstaining.
- CAO-Budget/ Workshop The request for the Board to convene in a workshop to receive preliminary information and provide feedback concerning the CAO Recommended Budget in preparation for the upcoming FY 2013-14 Budget Hearings was pulled from consideration.
- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and the County Administrator provided information regarding AB109 funding and requirements as it relates to this year's County budget.
- Board Members and Staff Reports The Board Members reported on their activities over the preceding week, including recognition of the death of a local Search & Rescue Team Member, a meeting with the Director of the BLM, the Bishop City Council Meeting, and upcoming meeting with Congressman Cooke.
- 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 4:15 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2013 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