

# MINUTES

# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**March 18, 2014**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci presiding, Linda Arcularius, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed open session at 8:36 a.m., to convene in closed session with all Board Members present to discuss and take action 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c)].** – Meet with legal counsel for discussion and advice regarding Potential Litigation (one case); No. 4. **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: Labor Relations Administrator, Sue Dishion, Information Services Director, Brandon Shults, and Planning Director Josh Hart; No. 5. **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. 6. **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. 7. **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 (ICPPOA) - Negotiators: Information Services Director Brandon Shults, and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 8. **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; and No. 9. **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 10:00 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:10 a.m., with all Board Members present.
- Pledge      Supervisor Tillemans led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.
- Report on Closed  
Session      County Counsel reported on closed session as follows: with regard to Agenda Item 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, direction was given to Counsel to proceed; Item No. 3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Pursuant to**

**Government Code §54956.9(c)].** – Meet with legal counsel for discussion and advice regarding Potential Litigation (one case), direction was given to Counsel; and Agenda Items No. 4. **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: Labor Relations Administrator, Sue Dishion, Information Services Director, Brandon Shults, and Planning Director Josh Hart; No. 5. **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. 6. **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. 7. **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 (ICPPOA) - Negotiators: Information Services Director Brandon Shults, and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 8. **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; and No. 9. **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, instructions were given to the negotiators.

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| County Department Reports                       | The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, informed the Board of an upcoming ESAAA Advisory Council Meeting, and reported on SB 1029 that has California joining other states in allowing drug felons to receive CalWorks benefits; SB 1341 which allows staff to access the State's medical eligibility data base; and SB 1262 regarding medical marijuana. Sheriff Bill Lutze informed the Board of an upcoming test of the County's emergency notification system. |
| District/Indy Cemetery District Appointment     | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to appoint Rick Cromer to the Independence Cemetery District Board of Trustees, to complete a four year term ending January 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Motor Pool/Vehicle P.O. Safety & Communications | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to award the bid for and approve the purchase for safety and communications equipping three 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor patrol vehicles from Woodcrest Vehicle Center, as the low bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$31,844.33. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Motor Pool/Vehicle P.O. Ford F250               | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to award the bid for and approve the purchase of one 2015 Ford F250 cab and chassis 4x4 from Bishop Ford as the low bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$30,822.55. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Museum/Bishop Chamber Comm. Project Grant       | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve a \$1,500 payment to the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for the 2013-14 Community Project Sponsorship Grant project of creating the Easy Hiking Trails in the Eastern Sierra brochure. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Clerk/Letter Opposing AB2206                    | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve, per the County's Legislative Platform item No. 22 under the General Government Section that reads oppose legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates real property rights of private citizens, of the letter opposing AB2206 (Gomez) that would establish a class of individuals who could hide their interests in real property. Motion carried unanimously.  |

HHS-Hlth. Serv./ HIV/AIDS Services State Agreement	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the Amendment to Agreement No. 13-20052, between the County of Inyo and the Dept. of Public Health for the provision of HIV/AIDS care and support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS or at risk of HIV infection for a total amount of \$222,727 for the period of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2016, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement, Contractor Certification, and the Darfur Contracting Act Certification. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-First 5 Comm./Comm. Appointments	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to appoint Eileen Dougherty to the Inyo County Children and Families First Commission, representing the early childhood development services category to complete an unexpired three-year term ending December 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
Road/Britt's Diesel & Dave's Auto Parts P.O.'s	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve blanket purchase orders in the amount of \$20,000 each to the following vendors for vehicle and equipment repair parts and tires: Britt's Diesel & Automotive; and Dave's Auto Parts. Motion carried unanimously.
Road/Western Nevada P.O.	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve a blanket purchase order to Western Nevada Supply in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.
Resol. #2014-17/ Sabrina Bridge Project Notice	On a motion by Supervisor Kingsley and a second by Supervisor Arcularius to approve Resolution No. 2014-17, accepting the improvements for the Sabrina Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorizing the recording of a Notice of Completion for the Project: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Resol. #2014-18/ Maintained Mileage	On a motion by Supervisor Kingsley and a second by Supervisor Arcularius, Resolution No. 2014-18 titled "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Annual Revisions and Certification of the 2013 Maintained Mileage Log" and directing the Public Works Department to file the resolution with the District 9 Office of the State of California Department of Transportation, was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Probation/DOJ payment for Juvenile Incarceration	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to authorize paying the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation/Department of Juvenile Justice \$2,000 a month for a total of \$24,000 per year for the incarceration of an Inyo County Juvenile for approximately four years starting in February 2014, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.
Ag Comm./Position Request Biologist	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to A) change the authorized strength by deleting the Deputy Agricultural Commissioner position at Range 83 (\$5,751 - \$6,987) and adding one Supervising Agricultural Biologist position, at Range 78 (\$5,097 - \$6,195); and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy (a) the availability of funding for the position of Supervising Agricultural Biologist comes from the General Fund as certified by the Agricultural Commissioner and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; (b) B) where due to the type of position it is unlikely that the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the most qualified applicant; and (c) authorize the hiring of one Supervising Agricultural Biologist, at Range 78 (\$5,097 - \$6,195). Motion carried unanimously.
Ag. Comm./Position Request Seasonal Positions	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the seasonal Field Assistants exists, as certified by the Agricultural Commissioner, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the seasonal nature of the position it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply and C) approve the hiring of two seasonal Field Assistants I at Range 050PT (\$13.90 - \$16.87 per hour) contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, with one beginning on April 15 and working through September 15, and one beginning on May 1 and working through October 1. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Budget/Mid-Year Review	The County Administrator thanked Ms. Amy Shepherd, Auditor-Controller and the other members of his expanded budget team, including Sr. Deputy CAO, Pam Hennarty, HHS Fiscal Director, Denelle Carrington, Riannah Reade, Account Tech, Kelley Williams, Asst. to CAO, Pat Gunsolley, Asst. Clerk of the Board, and Randi Chegwiddden, Budget Analyst, for their assistance in preparing the Mid-Year Budget. He went on to briefly review the Mid-Year Financial Report in detail. Mr. Carunchio talked about the Service Redesign efforts, the expected shortfall because of negotiated benefits for this year and next year, and fund balance. Ms. Amy Shepherd, Auditor-Controller also provided information concerning how fund balance is determined. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to A) accept the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Mid-Year Financial Report as presented; B) approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report and represented in Attachments A & B of the report; C) continue to stress revenue attainment and expense savings in order to maximize year-end fund balances; and D) consider reaffirming the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies (Attachment C), as amended and recommended and/or otherwise modified, remain in effect. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Soc. Serv./ Position Request Integrated Case Worker	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the position of Integrated Case Worker exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where it is unlikely that the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one Integrated Case Worker II, at Range 64 (\$3,662 - \$4,450). Motion carried unanimously.
Parks/Position Request Seasonal Maintenance Helpers	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the positions of seasonal part-time Maintenance Helpers comes from the General Fund, as certified by the Senior Deputy County Administrator, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the seasonal nature of the positions, it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the positions, an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of three seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers at Range PT42 (\$11.55 - \$14.05 per hour), contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, with one beginning April 1 and working through August 30 and two beginning May 16 and working through October 15. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Soc. Serv./ Position Request Social Worker	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the positions of Social Worker exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of two Social Workers III at Range 70 (\$4,221 - \$5,133) or IV at Range 73 (\$4,526 - \$5,506) dependent upon qualifications of the applicants. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Soc. Serv./ Position Request Registered Nurse	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to A) change the Department's authorized strength by deleting one full-time Social Worker I-IV career ladder at Ranges 65 – 73 (\$3,744 - \$5,506) and adding one full-time Registered Nurse position at Range 78 (\$5,097 - \$6,195); and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the position of Registered Nurse exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where if internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, however an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one Registered Nurse at Range 78 (\$5,097 - \$6,195). Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Soc. Serv.- ESAAA/Position Request A-Par Program Services Assistant	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the position of A-Par Program Services Assistant exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the part-time nature of the position it is unlikely that the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one A-PAR Program Services Assistant I at Range 39PT (\$11.02 – \$13.38 per hour) or II at Range 42PT (\$11.78 - \$14.33 per hour), depending upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Soc. Serv./ Social Worker	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the position of Social Worker exists in the Social Services budgets, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where it is unlikely that the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one Social Worker IV at Range 73 (\$4,526 – \$5,506). Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Hlth. Serv./ State Agreement Enrollment Site	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Agreement #13-20619, to continue Inyo County HHS/Public Health as an Enrollment Site for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016; and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the Agreement, the Contractor Certification CCC-307 form, and the Darfur Contracting Act form. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./Bishop Airport Restaurant Contract and Amendment	Mr. Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, provided additional information and further clarification of the request to extend the Bishop Airport restaurant lease, and to authorize the sublease of the restaurant, along with a change in the hours of operation. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to A) authorize exercising option number one to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Mr. Weng-Cheong Lim for the operation of the Tai Tai Restaurant located on the Bishop Airport, extending the dates to April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and maintaining the existing contract in its entirety; and B) approve Amendment No. 2 to the lease between the county of Inyo and Mr. Weng-Cheong Lim assigning Mr. Lim's lease to Ms. Supatra Bergstrom as provided for in Section 30 of the current lease, modifying the current hours of operation which are lunch menu six days per week, breakfast Friday through Sunday, and dinner being optional, to operating hours that include lunch and dinner six days per week, with breakfast being optional, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures and insurance documents being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/NRAC Appointments	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to appoint Tom Noland and Dana Jeffries to the Natural Resource Advisory Committee to complete unexpired three-year terms ending October 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:05 p.m., with all Board Members present.
Planning/General Plan Annual Progress Report	Ms. Elaine Kabala, Associate Planner, reviewed the 2013 General Plan Annual Progress Report. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to accept the draft Inyo County 2013 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) and direct staff to forward the APR with any modifications made, as a result of today's discussion, to the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/D.V. NPS Saline Valley Warm Springs Plan	Ms. Sophia Merk of Ridgecrest supported keeping the uses of Saline Valley Warm Springs Area of Death Valley, as they have historically been. The Board received a report from Staff on the Plan and the County's draft letter. The Board and staff discussed the Plan alternatives, with Supervisor Kingsley supporting the "no action" alternative. Supervisor Griffiths explained that the NPS has already said that they cannot legally choose the "no action" alternative and suggested that the County add a condition to its support for the "no action" alternative that acknowledges and identifies support for the "community engagement" alternative. Supervisor Kingsley indicated that he supports "no action" alternative at this point, saying other options could be explored as this process proceeds. Supervisor Kingsley asked that the letter be amended to include specifically identifying that auto support services be retained for the safety of those visiting the area. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the letter regarding the alternatives presented in the Death Valley National Park News Letter on the Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan as written, and modified to include identifying that auto repair services be retained; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Personnel-  
Risk/Sierra Private  
Investigations  
Contract

Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Sierra Private Investigations for investigation services, for the period of March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop-Planning  
Renewable Energy  
General Plan  
Amendment

The Chairperson recessed open session at 1:30 p.m., to immediately convene in a workshop, with all Board Members present, to conduct a workshop on the Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment (REGPA). The Board received an extensive report from the Planning staff on the REGPA, which included (a) a discussion on how under the current General Plan all areas of the County are open for renewable energy development and under the proposed REGPA, only a small area of the County is identified as being acceptable for that kind of development, and (b) that the REGPA covers development of distributive generation projects up to 20 megawatts, including utility scale developments which are permitted by the State or the governmental entities that own or is responsible for the land, that are more than 20 megawatts. During the discussion the County Administrator noted that "transmission lines" are governed by the State and Federal governments. The Board also heard from Jim Stroh of Independence, who supported the REGPA, and from the following individuals, many of whom provided written documents to support their statements and who either, (a) opposed the general plan completely; (b) opposed the general plan as written; and/or (c) opposed the DWP's solar ranch project: Harry Williams, Susan Hutson of Independence, Bryan Kostors, Julie Fought of Lone Pine, Ilene Mandelbaum of Lee Vining, Robin Stater of Bishop, James Wilson of Bishop, Sydney Quinn of Big Pine, Lorraine Masten of Bishop, Carrie Andersen of Independence, Kristen Luetkemeier of Independence, April Zrelak, Jane McDonald, Gann Matsuda of Los Angeles, Colin Smith Superintendent of Manzanar Historical Site, Judith Greenburgh of Darwin, Cindy Kamler, Dave Wagner of Independence, Chris West, Kathy Goss of Darwin, Tom Budlong of Los Angeles, Paul Fretheim of Independence, Sally Miller of the Wilderness Society, Mark Bagley of the Sierra Club, John Rothgeb, Ben Holgate, Sally Manning, Daniel Pritchett, Philip Anaya, Alan Bacock, Nancy Masters, Ilene Anderson of the Center for Biological Diversity, Jacklyn Velasquez of Big Pine, Andy Selters of Wilkerson, Linda Emerson of Starlight, Drew Foster with the Friends of the Inyo, Michael Prather, Kurt Stolzenburg, Mary Roper, and Bill Helmer. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 4:15 p.m., to immediately reconvene in open session with all Board Members present.

Planning/CEC Grant  
Renewable Energy

Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, reviewed the request concerning the concepts for a Response to the California Energy Commission's Request for Proposals for Phase IIB of the Renewable Energy and Conservation Planning Grants. He said that this new program opportunity provides an excellent chance for the County to augment its current grant and better plan for potential renewable energy development. He said that staff is recommending that this grant focus on transmission, saying that the County could augment the current work that is being done at a program level with more specific details on corridor planning, and gives the County the opportunity to say where transmission upgrades would occur. Supervisor Arcularius expressed her concern with the public's perception that the County is "issuing a golden invitation" for renewable energy development and asked about changing the word "facilitate" in the "now therefore" clause to "evaluate. The Board and staff discussed what items the grant would cover in detail and at length, including the exclusion of wind generation, site specifics for the Owens Valley and the Owens Lake, and the inclusion of private and public partners. The Board heard from the following members of the public: Jim Stroh of Independence who supported the application; Sally Miller of the Wilderness Society who supported the grant application; Mark Bagley of the Sierra Club who said the Club supports the grant application; Philip Anaya supported the application, but not necessarily for studying transmission, and to request that a stakeholder, a person from today's audience, go to the critical review meetings the County has with the CEC; Paul Fretheim of Independence who questioned the County's use of outside funds, like these grant funds, to pay for the Planning Department and to oppose industrial solar operations in the Valley; John Rothgeb who provide alternative suggestions for distributed generation, Ben Holgate who opposed solar development in the Valley, and Nancy Masters, who opposed solar development in the Valley. The Board and staff continued to discuss the grant parameters in depth and at length. The County Administrator talked about what little land use authority the County has. County Counsel provided suggestions for alternative language for the resolution. The County Administrator explained that the Resolution is the authority to submit the grant and the grant has the specifics of the project, and suggested the Board not make too many changes to the resolution because it could affect the way the project is scored. The Board also discussed including community based generation in the grant, with the County Administrator providing suggestions on how that could be incorporated into the broader topics identified in the grant without it being specifically identified in the grant. County Counsel suggested leaving in the

word "facilitate" adding the word "eligible" and after the word resources "and suitable for Inyo County." On a motion by Supervisor Kingsley and a second by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2014-16, with the changes identified in today's discussions and direct staff to prepare and submit the grant application with the idea of doing a more focused planning process within the Owens Valley and the Owens Lake area that engages our public and private partners: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the final public comment period. Mr. Charles James commented on how meetings are conducted, and about the quality of the TV broadcast of the meeting, and suggested that the County stream the meetings on the web. Ms. Gigi Coal, Big Pine Resident, addressed the Board to provide her understanding of the meaning of the words "facilitate" and "evaluate" and their inclusion in the resolution for the grant.

Adjourned The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*