



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

July 15, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on July 15, 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 8:32 a.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 2. **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 - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 3. **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: County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 4. **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 - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 5. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA) – Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 6. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; and No. 7. **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: - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults

- Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed closed session at 9:00 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 9:02 a.m., with all Board Members Present.

- Pledge Supervisor Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Report on Closed
Session The Chairperson requested a report on closed session. County Counsel reported that there was no reportable action taken by the Board in closed session.

- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Ms. Bernadette Johnson the former Bishop BLM Field Supervisor and the new Superintendent of the Manzanar Historic Site addressed the Board concerning her new position.

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| Integ. Waste/Cal Fire Blanket P.O. | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a blanket purchase order to Cal Fire for landfill maintenance services in the amount of \$5,500, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Integ. Waste/Geo-Logic Assoc. Contract Amendment | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 6 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Geo-Logic Associates, Inc., (formerly Vector Engineering) for solid waste technical services, amending the scope of work and increasing the amount of the Contract by \$457,107.50 for a total amount of \$1,779,569.50 for the five year Contract, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously. |
| CAO-Adv. Co. Resc./Community Sponsorship Grant Projects | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve final payments for 2013-14 Community Project Sponsorship Grant Projects as follows: A) to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce - \$4,000 for the Images of Inyo County Photo Contest, \$3,000 for the Sierra Roots Music Festival, and \$4,250 for the 2014 Inyo County Visitors Guide; B) \$2,000 to the Inyo Council for the Arts for the Millpond Music Festival; and C) to the Bishop Museum and Historical Society – Laws Museum - \$1,150 for the 2014 Laws Benefit Concert, and \$600 for the 2014 Good Ole Days Celebration. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Auditor/MGT Contract | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to declare MGT of America, Inc., a sole-source provider for cost claims services and approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and MGT of America, Inc., for the preparation of the FY 2014-2015 SB90 State Mandated Costs Claims, in an amount not to exceed \$16,510, contingent upon the Board adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously. |
| HHS-Behavioral Hlth/Position Title Change | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the title change of the existing Psychiatric Nurse I and II to Behavioral Health Registered Nurse I and II and approve the job description for the Behavioral Health Registered Nurse I at Range 78 (\$5,907 - \$6,195) and II at Range 80 (\$5,343 - \$6,498). Motion carried unanimously. |
| P.W./PMC Contract Amendment | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and PMC for the completion of a Triennial Performance Audit of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, extending the term of the Contract three months to October 31, 2014, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Sheriff/Sun Ridge Systems Contract | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to declare Sun Ridge Systems, Inc., as a sole source provider of RIMS support services and approve the purchase of RIMS annual support services for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$22,532, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; authorize payment. Motion carried unanimously. |
| P.W./ICARE Animal Shelter Donation | The County Administrator made introductory remarks regarding the ICARE donation to the building of a new Animal Shelter. He said that the Agreement between the County and ICARE for the governance of the ICARE donation for the building of a new Animal Shelter is a momentous occasion that is a shining example of a successful public/private partnership that benefits the people of Inyo County. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the Inyo County Animal Shelter Donation and Acceptance Agreement between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Animal Resources and Education (ICARE) establishing conditions for ICARE's donation of \$416,000 toward the construction of the Inyo County Animal Shelter Project, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ted Shade, the President of ICARE, presented the check for the first installment of the ICARE donation for the new Inyo County Animal Shelter to the Chairperson who graciously accepted the check on behalf of the County. |
| Parks/Tecopa RFP | The Deputy County Administrator provided additional information regarding the RFP for the operations of the Tecopa Hot Springs Campground and Pools. The Board and staff discussed the proposed RFP. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to operate the Tecopa Hot Springs Campground and Pools as modified by the County Administrator to provide the most flexibility for the operations and maintenance of the facilities. Motion carried unanimously. |

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| Integ. Waste/Waiver of Gate and Disposal Fees for Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery | The Deputy County Administrator, Ms. Pam Hennarty, provided additional information concerning the request from the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery to have the County waive the gate and disposal fees for their monthly green waste clean-up. The Board and staff discussed this request in detail and at length, including the type of precedent this might set, the ability to have the County pay for this service because of the partnership between the Friends and the County, and possibly establishing a sunset clause on the waiver. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to waive the gate fees and disposal fees for green waste disposal at the Independence Landfill once per month for green waste clean up at the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery for a two year period. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hennarty clarified that she would bring back a resolution for the Boards consideration setting this waiver as policy. |
| P.W./Bishop Airport Plan | The Public Works Director, Mr. Clint Quilter, provided an update and report on the Bishop Airport Layout Plan and Narrative Update. |
| P.W./Position Request | Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for an Engineering Assistant position comes from the Road budgets, as certified by the Public Works Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) whereas the County has recruited and has an existing eligibility list for this position, it is recommended that the position be filled from the existing list; and C) authorize the hiring of one Engineering Assistant I at Range 71 (\$4,319 - \$5,250). Motion carried unanimously. |
| P.W./Prior Year Expenditure | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify the expenditure of money in excess of the amount approved for vehicle and equipment repair parts and tires in the 2013-14 Road Budget on blanket purchase Order P41252 and under the Purchasing Policy authority as follows: Steve's Auto for \$3,000 more to an amount not to exceed \$23,000 and Silver State International for \$7,000 more to an amount not to exceed \$17,000. Motion carried unanimously. |
| P.W./Wilder-Barton L.P. Airport Office Space Lease | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the lease between the County of Inyo and Wilder-Barton, Inc. for office space at the Lone Pine Airport, for a one year period, as compensation for the leased space Wilder-Barton will provide an office and pilots lounge 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, providing assistance and fueling during office hours and providing on-call fueling services. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Planning-P.W./ Position Request | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to A) change the authorized strength in the Planning Department by deleting one full-time Planning Coordinator position at Range 66; B) change the authorized strength in the Public Works Department by deleting one full time Engineering Technician position at Range 66; C) create a new position of Project Coordinator at Range 66 (\$3,909 - \$4,758) and approve the job description; D) increase the authorized strength in the Planning Department and Public Works Department by adding one Project Coordinator position at Range 66 at 0.5 FTE in each department; and E) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (1) the availability of funding for the shared Project Coordinator position comes from the General Fund as certified by the Planning Director and the Public Works Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (2) where internal candidates meet the requirements of the position an internal recruitment could be conducted, but due to the nature of the position, an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply and (3) approve the hiring of one Project Coordinator, at Range 66 (\$3,909 – \$4,758). Motion carried unanimously. |
| HHS-Soc. Serv./ Position Request | Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a HHS Specialist exists in the Mental Health and Social Services budgets, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could be filled by an internal candidate; and C) approve the hiring of one full-time HHS Specialist IV at Range 60 (\$3,336 - \$4,052). Motion carried unanimously. |
| Recess Reconvene | The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:25 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:35 a.m., with all Board Members present. |

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| CAO-Budget/ Workshop | The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:35 a.m., to convene in a workshop with County department heads responsible for managing General Fund budgets to identify where the department head intends to make reductions to their respective budgets to implement reduction scenarios that may be necessary to achieve a balanced Fiscal Year 2014-15 County Budget. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 11:35 a.m., to address the following item. |
| Ag Comm./Program Assessments Public Hearing | The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:35 a.m., for the proposed continuation of the assessments for the "Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Assessment" and the "Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment" in order to receive public input on the proposed continuation of the assessments, the proposed assessment budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, the services and programs, the assessments fund, and any other issues related to the assessments. The Board heard from the Agricultural Commissioner, Mr. Nate Reade and the representative from the SCI Consulting Group, who reviewed the proposed increases in the Program Assessment amounts. There was no one from the public wishing to address this item. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:40 a.m. |
| Resol. #2014-37 Mosquito Program Assessments | On a motion by Supervisor Arcularius and a second by Supervisor Kingsley Resolution No. 2014-37 approving the Engineer's Report, confirming the diagram and assessments for FY 2014-2015 for the "Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Assessment" and the "Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment," and ordering the services and levying the assessments for FY 2014-2015 for both programs, was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted. |
| CAO-Budget/ Workshop | At 11:35 a.m., the Chairperson reconvened in the workshop with County department heads responsible for managing General Fund budgets to identify where the department head intends to make reductions to their respective budgets to implement reduction scenarios that may be necessary to achieve a balanced Fiscal Year 2014-15 County Budget. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 12:40 p.m. |
| Recess/ Reconvene | The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:40 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:25 p.m., with all Board Members present. |
| HHS-Soc. Serv./ Position Request | Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for an Integrated Case Worker position exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) approve the hiring of an internal candidate to fill an Integrated Case Worker II position at Range 64 (\$3,662 - \$4,450) from an existing list which will result in an Integrated Case Worker vacancy; and C) authorize the filling of the resulting vacancy at either an Integrated Case Worker I at Range 60 (\$3,403 - \$4,133) or II at Range 64 (\$3,662 - \$4,450) level depending upon qualification, with an external candidate from an existing list. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Probation/Position Request | Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a Group Counselor position exists, as certified by the Chief Probation Officer and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) the position will be filled through a closed departmental internal recruitment; and C) authorize the hiring of one full-time Group Counselor I at Range 62 (\$3,426 - \$4,166). Motion carried unanimously. |
| Planning/West-wide Energy Corridor EIS | The Board received a presentation from a representative of the BLM regarding the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The Board heard from the Mr. Mike Prather, and Mr. Earl Wilson concerning this Corridor. |
| Planning/Renewable Energy Planning Grant | The Board received an update from Staff regarding the County's application for a Renewable Energy Planning Grant Phase IIB and engaged in a discussion about refining the grant scope prior to signing the Grant Award Agreement. The Board heard from the following members of the public, the majority of who did not want the County to exceed the 250 megawatt capacity that they believe was set the last time the Board addressed this issue: Mr. Mike Prather, Allen Bacock. Mr. Earl Wilson, Ms. Sally Miller, Mr. Bryan Kostors, Mr. Charles James, Mr. Terry Russi, and Mr. Dave Wagner. The Board and staff discussed the Grant in detail and at length. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffith to move forward with the Renewable Energy Planning Grant Phase IIB and adopt the scope of work as presented. Motion carried unanimously. |

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| Recess/ Reconvene | The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 3:20 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 3:35 p.m., with all Board Members present. |
| CAO-Personnel/ Voluntary Separation Incentive Program | The County Administrator provided a detailed explanation of the proposed Voluntary Separation Incentive Plan, including the Waiver and Release Form, and the Resignation letter. Mr. Carunchio explained how the Plan would be beneficial to the County and the employees. Ms. Sue Dishion, Deputy Personnel Director, provided specifics about how the Plan would be implemented. Both Mr. Carunchio and Ms. Dishion stressed that this is a voluntary program under which the employees have the choice to participate or not. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the County of Inyo Voluntary Separation Incentive Plan as presented, including the Waiver and Release Form, and the Resignation Letter – County of Inyo Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. Motion carried unanimously. |
| CAO-Risk/Kirby Contract | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and John D. Kirby, A.P.C., for the provision of litigation services for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at the rate of \$220 per hour, with a Contract limit of \$175,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously. |
| CAO-Personnel/ Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, & Romo Contract | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, for the provision of legal services in the area of general labor and employment advice and representation for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at the hourly rates varying from \$115 to \$265 per hour, with travel time billed at \$125 per hour, with a Contract limit of \$150,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Emerg. Serv./D. V. Roadeater Emergency | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, The Death Valley Roadeater Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the eastern portion of Inyo County during the month of August 2012, per Resolution #2012-32, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Emerg. Serv./Gully Washer Emergency | Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, The Gully Washer Emergency that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Emerg. Serv/ Canyon Crusher Emergency | Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to continue the local emergency, The Canyon Crusher Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the portions of Inyo County during the month of August, 2013, was recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Emerg. Serv./Land of Even Less Water Emergency | Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to continue the local emergency, known as the "Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of extreme drought conditions that exist in the County as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Board Members and Staff Reports | The Board Members reported on their activities during the previous week, including a Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce Mixer, an Interagency Visitors Center Meeting, an upcoming BLM RAC Meeting in Sacramento, the See Vee Lane Extension Meeting, Western Counties Alliance conference call, the Junior Livestock Auction, the City of Bishop/County of Inyo Liaison Meeting, a Bishop City Council Meeting, a conference call with the CEC on the DCERP, and a request to adjourn today's meeting on behalf of the Hambleton and Stephenson families who recently lost loved ones. |
| County Department Report | The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, reported on the CMSP and criminal justice Medi-Cal funding. Mr. Nate Reade, Agricultural Commissioner, reported on the State Task Force Meeting he and Dr. Harrington had attended on the drought. Mr. Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, reported that the EIS for the Adventure Trails Project is ready for release. |

- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine addressed the Board to talk about the drought implications and large solar developments.
- Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting with sympathy for the Hambleton and Stevenson families who recently lost loved ones. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 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