

# MINUTES

# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## March 10, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:15 a.m., on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans.

- 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 9:15 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: ICEA - Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; and No. 3. **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, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults
- Recess/  
Reconvene      The Chairperson recessed closed session at 10:05 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.
- Report on Closed  
Session      County Counsel reported that with regard to closed session Items No. 2 and 3, instructions were given to the labor negotiators.
- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Introduction      The County Administrator introduced Mr. Rick Benson, Assistant County Administrator, to the Board.
- P.W.-Airport/Bishop  
Airport Lease for  
National Oceanic  
Atmospheric Bldg.      Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to concurrently A) accept title to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Building at the Bishop Airport from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration; B) approve and ratify Lease No. 15WSW0215C, effective December 1, 2014, which provides the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration with no cost continued occupancy of a portion of the building for the National Weather Service which will continue to operate and maintain its equipment in the building, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign, and C) authorize the County Administrator to execute any additional documents that may be associated with the above transaction. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resol #2015-23/  
Affordable Care Act      On a motion by Supervisor Griffiths and a second by Supervisor Pucci, Resolution No. 2015-23, titled "A Resolution of the County of Inyo, A political Subdivision of the State of California, Adopting Safe Harbors Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
- Resol. #2015-24/  
Exemption on  
Commercial  
Recycling      On a motion by Supervisor Griffiths and a second by Supervisor Pucci, Resolution No. 2015-24, titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Opting to Affirm an Exemption From the Requirements of Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

BofS/Alabama Hills Support Letter	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the correspondence supporting legislation introduced by Congressman Paul Cook to establish the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area; and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
Planning/Yucca Mt. Update	The Board received a presentation from Greg James, Special Counsel, regarding the activities of the County's Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office. He gave a brief history of the events that have transpired since 1982 regarding the Repository and talked about the status of the project at the present time.
Planning/Owens Lake Master Plan	The Planning Director explained that in the past the First District Supervisor, Linda Arcularius, had been one of two Board Members representing the County on the Owens Lake Master Plan Planning Committee. He said that upon Ms. Arcularius' retirement, Supervisor Griffiths expressed a desire to represent the County in the process and staff was looking to advise the Board of the change. The Board Members thanked Supervisor Griffiths for his interest in the project. The Board Members confirmed their support of the participation of Supervisors Kingsley and Griffiths on the Owens Lake Master Planning Committee.
Parks/Emergency Well Drilling Contract for County Campgrounds	The County Administrator provided additional information regarding the need to drill new wells at several of the County campgrounds as a result of the old wells being contaminated. Mr. John Jones, Parks Supervisor, provided additional justification for the replacement of the contaminated wells and told the Board that the old wells would be decommissioned and filled with concrete. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) declare an emergency as allowed by Public Contracts Code sections 20134 and 22050, order and authorize the County Administrator to proceed at once to replace four (4) wells that provide potable water to campers and day-users at Pleasant Valley Campground, Baker Creek Campground, Tinnemaha Creek Campground and Taboose Creek Campground which are currently shut down as unsafe due to the presence of coliform bacteria without the necessity of formal bidding; B) approve the bidding process used to secure a prompt response to this emergency due there being no partial fix to the situation and new wells must be drilled; C) award a bid to Boetsch Well Drilling of Mojave, California in the amount of \$40,052.00 for the emergency construction of the domestic water supply replacement wells located at Pleasant Valley Campground, Baker Creek Campground, Tinnemaha Creek Campground and Taboose Creek Campground and authorize the Board Chair to sign the project contract contingent upon obtaining appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.
Assessor/Admin Analyst Position Request	The Assessor and the County Administrator provided additional information and further justification for filling a vacant Administrative Analyst position in the Assessor's office. 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 an Administrative Analyst position comes from the General Fund, as certified by the Assessor, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy may be filled through an internal recruitment; and C) approve the hiring of one Administrative Analyst I at Range 68 (\$4,106 - \$4,988). Motion carried unanimously.
Water/Scientist Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to A) change the authorized staffing of the Water Department by deleting 1.0 FTE Senior Hydrologist (7-hour position) at Range 82 (\$5,725-\$6,951), and adding one Scientist Series (Associate-Scientist-Sr. Scientist) specializing in hydrology (8-hour position), and B) find that consistent with the Authorized Position Review Policy (a) funding for this position comes from the Water Projects Fund as certified by the Water Director and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller, (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure the most qualified applicants apply; and (c) approve the hiring of an Associate Scientist at Range 78 (\$5,199-\$6,319), or a Scientist at Range 80 (\$5,450-\$6,628), or a Senior Scientist at Range 82 (\$5,725-\$6,951) specializing in hydrology, contingent upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Meetings of February 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

County Department Reports      The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period and Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, updated the Board on a conversation he had with the BLM and representatives of the CEC regarding the DRECP.

Public Comment                      The Chairperson announced the final public comment period. Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine addressed the Board to talk about the DRECP.

Board Members and Staff Reports      The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including the fundraiser for the victims of the Round Fire, an update on the Warren Street Project in Bishop, a Treasury Oversight Committee Meeting, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy anniversary celebration in Sacramento.

Resol. 2015-25/  
Correcting Resol.  
2015-22                                  On a motion by Supervisor Pucci and a second by Supervisor Tillemans Resolution No. 2015-25 correcting a clerical error in Resolution No. 2015-22 regarding the purchase of real property located at 586 Central Avenue in Bishop, California, effect March 3, 2015, was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

Adjournment                              The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 11:55 a.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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*