



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**June 14, 2016**

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 June 14, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, 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 8:30 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 NEGOTIATORS** – (Government Code Section 54957.6). Employee or organizations: Deputy Sheriff’s Association (DSA); Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA); Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA); Inyo County Employees Association (ICEA); Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); Law Enforcement Administrators’ Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. Agency designated representatives - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Assistant County Administrator, Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, Information Services Director, Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo; No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**. (Government Code Section 54957). Title: Health and Human Services Director; and No. 4 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**. (Government Code Section 54957). Title: Chief Probation Officer.

*OPEN SESSION* 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* County Counsel Marshall Rudolph let the Pledge of Allegiance.

*REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION* County Counsel reported that there were no actions taken in closed session that are required by law to be reported on. In addition he reported that the Board had not concluded closed session and further discussion would continue later in the meeting.

*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. There were no County Departmental reports. The Chairperson asked that item #10 – Mt. Whitney Cemetery District be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to Departmental for further discussion. The Assistant to the Board Clerk noted that there was a correction on item #15 of the Consent Agenda. The blanket purchase order to Silver State International should be for an amount not to exceed of \$2,000.

*BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER TO CDLAC 2016 ALLOCATION TO GSFA* Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) approve a letter to the California Debit Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC), requesting the assignment of Inyo County’s 2016 allocation of private activity bonds to Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA-formerly CHF) for inclusion in the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program, which is a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) housing program, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) authorize the County Administrator to sign the Housing Element Certification Form. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO  
ADVERTISING  
COUNTY  
RESOURCES-CPSP

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the final payment for the 2015-2016 Community Project Sponsorship Grants to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce in the amounts of \$3,000 for the Early Opener Trout Derby and \$3,000 for the Wild Wild West Marathon. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING  
YUCCA MOUNTAIN  
HYDRODYNAMIC  
GROUP LLC  
CONTRACT

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) declare Hydrodynamic Group LLC. a sole source provider of hydrological consulting services; and B) approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Hydrodynamic Group, LLC to (i) provide technical expertise in the review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) level and quality of responses to the County's comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); (ii) assist the County in supporting its existing contentions or crafting new contentions based on the comments and concerns the County has submitted to the NRC; (iii) evaluate any new hydrologic models or information introduced by the NRC in the Final SEIS; in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING  
YUCCA MOUNTAIN  
ANDY ZDON &  
ASSOCIATES  
CONTRACT

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) declare Andy Zdon and Associates, Inc. a sole source provider of hydrological consulting services; and B) approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Andy Zdon and Associates, Inc. to (i) provide technical expertise in the review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) level and quality of responses to the County's comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); (ii) assist the County in supporting its existing contentions or crafting new contentions based on the comments and concerns the County has submitted to the NRC; (iii) evaluate any new hydrologic models or information introduced by the NRC in the Final SEIS; in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS  
RESO 2016-25  
NOC COUNTY  
BUILDINGS PAINTING  
PROJECT

On a motion by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh Resolution 2016-25 entitled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the County Buildings Painting Project" accepting completion of the work and authorizing the Chairperson to sign the resolution and authorizing the Public Works Director to sign and record the Notice of Completion, was approved; motion unanimously passed and adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS  
INYO COUNTY JAIL  
SPRINKLER HEAD  
PROJECT

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) approve the bid package for the Inyo County Jail Sprinkler Head Replacement Project; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and bid the project. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS  
SILVER STATE  
INTERNATIONAL  
PURCHASE ORDER

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the Public Works Department expending funds in excess of the amount approved for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for vehicle and equipment repair, parts and tires on blanket purchase order #P42016 to Silver State International, and authorize an additional purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF  
CALOES RADIO  
REPEATER SITE  
MAINTENANCE  
AGREEMENT

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for the provision of Radio Repeater site maintenance as outlined in the agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per year for a total amount of \$60,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; and B) authorize the Undersheriff to sign the agreement, contingent upon Board's adoption of future Budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

MT. WHITNEY  
CEMETERY DISTRICT

Supervisor Tillemans stated that he requested this item be pulled from the consent agenda because he wanted to ask Administration for clarification and information about who manages the employees of the individual cemeteries throughout the County. Administrator Carunchio stated that the cemetery districts are special districts with their own boards and the County

oversight is relative to appointing members to the boards, which is what is being requested today. The employees that work at the cemeteries are managed by their respective boards. Supervisor Kingsley stated that the Lone Pine Cemetery has a part time manager and employee that both work a couple days a week and the tax assessment fees that go to the cemetery district helps to pay for these employee services. These employees are not County employees. Supervisor Tillemans noted that recently there had been an incident that occurred at the Independence Cemetery in which a funeral was scheduled to take place, but apparently the gravesite had not been prepared prior to the service. It was later determined that the employee that would have done the gravesite preparation was not scheduled to work that day. Supervisor Kingsley reported that during his tenure of sitting on the Lone Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees, his understanding was that it is the responsibility of each cemetery district's Board of Trustees to oversee the management of the cemetery and it's employees. After further discussion, it was moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to re-appoint Chris Langley and Tom Noland to the Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Board of Trustees to complete four-year terms ending May 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGRICULTURE  
2015 ANNUAL CROP  
AND LIVESTOCK  
REPORT**

Agriculture Commissioner, Nate Reade, provided the Board with the new 2015 Annual Crop and Livestock Report. Commissioner Reade reported that the gross combined production values for Inyo and Mono Counties in 2015 represented a decrease of nearly 15% from 2014 production values. Inyo and Mono Counties have been losing herds, down 30% from 2011 and reduced by 40% since the drought began. Alfalfa production is down 27% due to the water availability (or lack of). After additional discussion, Supervisor Kingsley asked if marijuana growers were included in other areas crop reports? Commissioner Reade stated that California is not considering it as a commodity at this point but believes counties will start reporting it, especially if the ballot measures pass in November. The Board thanked the Commissioner for the report.

**AGRICULTURE  
MOSQUITO  
ABATEMENT  
PROGRAM**

Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Manager Chris Wickham provided a powerpoint presentation on the history of the Inyo County – Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program. He touched on the technical side of the program giving details on how data is collected and tracked by the field technicians. The technicians iPhones are each loaded with google earth maps that cover their particular area of responsibility. Pools are identified and are continually surveyed throughout the season. Trapping occurs every two weeks for the evaluation and assessment of disease transmission as well as the variety of mosquito and their nuisance level. He advised the Board that the species of mosquito that carries the Zika virus is not in the Owens Valley, but that doesn't mean that at some point it won't reach here. The species that carries the Zika thrives in high humidity areas, which, Inyo County normally is not. Mr. Wickham continued by stating that there are concerns with the Owens Dry Lake (ODL). Populated centers around the lake (Cartago, Olancho and Keeler) are monitored throughout the season for vector issues. He noted that as part of the 2003 State Implementation Plan (SIP), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power was to provide for the application of mosquito control measures on all dust control areas deemed necessary by the Inyo County Mosquito Abatement District. The costs of the mosquito control efforts within the project boundaries were to be borne by the City of Los Angeles. In 2004 a contract was developed and entered into with LADWP. The contract was for \$100,000 per year for 5 years, with a total cap of \$300,000. In 2009 the services were provided through a purchase order not a contract, under the same terms. Currently there is no contract in place for these services. Even though LADWP is responsible for the Mosquito Abatement Program's services around the ODL, they currently owe the County \$20,000 for mosquito abatement and treatment services that have occurred to date, The County needs to continue to stay on top of the mosquito problems so they continue to provide treatments around the ODL. Unfortunately, LADWP seems to be unwilling to pay the costs associated with these treatments.

**CAO  
FISH AND GAME  
COMMISSION**

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) amend the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Fish and Game Budget (*Budget #024200*) by increasing Fish and Game Fees (*Revenue Code #4213*) by \$1,500 and increasing General Operating (*Object Code #5311*) by \$3,000; and B) approve the expenditure from the Fish and Game Fine Fund for a total amount not to exceed \$3,000 to Professional Aquaculture Services of Chico, California, for the purchase of 100 lbs./400 catfish to be planted at Buckley Ponds. There is sufficient fund balance to cover this expenditure. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO  
PRELIMINARY  
BUDGET

The County Administrator addressed the Board and made special note of the great work the budget team had done to prepare the Preliminary Budget. He continued by reviewing the process by which a Preliminary Budget is prepared, stating it's necessity in keeping operations going until passage of the Final Budget. A list of fixed assets, capital projects that are ongoing, and new or increased consultant services, was presented to the Board for their review and discussion. He also pointed out that the Preliminary Budget includes \$53,580 in funding for the Grant-In-Support budget, which is 50% of the funding included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Board Approved budget. Also, \$31,350 is designated for the Community Project Sponsorship Program, which is consistent with the current program guidelines of allocating about one third of the prior year's budgeted amount for possibly funding a round of summer/fall grants prior to the Final Budget approval in the Advertising County Resources budget. After further discussion, it was moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to adopt the modified Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and approve the Fixed Assets as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO  
PURCHASING  
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT  
PUBLIC AUCTION

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) declare certain property surplus; B) authorize transfer thereof to other public entities and non-profit organization; C) approve the public auction of County surplus equipment not claimed by those entities/organizations on June 22, 2016; and D) authorize the auction to take place at the Building and Maintenance yard located at 136 South Jackson Street, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO  
PERSONNEL AUTH TO  
HIRE DEPUTY CAO

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: 1) find consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) The funding for the position comes from the General Fund and, possibly, certain Non-General Fund departments depending on job responsibilities and associated budget allocations, as certified by the County Administrator and concurred with by the Auditor-Controller; B) the vacancies could possibly be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, however, an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the best qualified candidate; C) approve the hiring of a Deputy County Administrator position, Range 88 (\$6,627 - \$8,053) up to a Step E; OR, a Senior Deputy County Administrator position, Range 92 (\$7,310 - \$8,885) up to Step E; depending on the qualifications of the selected candidate as determined by the County Administrator; and D) if necessary, as a result of the level at which the position is filled, authorize adjusting the department's authorized staffing by changing the Deputy County Administrator to a Senior Deputy County Administrator. 2) Designate and authorize the County Administrator to sign the standard personal services contract with the successful candidate for the Deputy County Administrator or Senior Deputy County Administrator position at the salary range corresponding to the level of the position(s) approved by your Board. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING  
INYO NATIONAL  
FOREST PLAN  
UPDATE/REVISION

Planning Director Josh Hart notified the Board about the calendar for some upcoming important meetings regarding the Inyo National Forest Plan Update Revision. The USFS public informational kick-off meeting is tonight from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Bishop Cerro Coso Community College campus and then again on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, also at Cerro Coso Community College. The Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative kick-off meeting is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop; on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Central Gateway Communities Facility - Bishop Senior Center from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Gateway Communities Facility – Lone Pine Statham Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; and, on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cerro Coso Community College from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mr. Hart stated he would return on June 28<sup>th</sup> to give an overview of the public comment that had been submitted up to that point on the Forest Plan. Lone Pine resident Earl Wilson spoke stating after his first review of the document, there seems to be only 4 areas of wilderness, which are very small. He also noted that the species of concern have been reduced. Supervisor Griffiths asked if Planning staff could provide a hard copy of the proposed plan, which Mr. Hart responded that he would direct his staff to provide a copy to all the Board members.

*PLANNING  
RENEWABLE ENERGY  
TRANSMISSION  
INITIATIVE 2.0*

Planning Director Josh Hart provided the Board with a power point presentation with updated information regarding the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities (CPUC) and California Independent System Operator (CALISO) Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI 2.0). Mr. Hart explained that the new planning effort is a follow up to the 2008 RETI 1.0 and is intended to help achieve the Governor's Executive Order B-30-15 that calls for a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels, by 2030. The two elements to achieve these goals will be to produce 50% of the State's electricity from renewable energy and to electrify the vehicle fleet, which requires new investments in transmission. Foundational work reportedly began in early 2016 with more detailed discussions of resource and transmission combinations occurring now and a final draft scheduled for later in 2016. Mr. Hart continued by stating that the focus seems to be on renewable energy generation in the Central Valley, west Mojave and the Sonoran desert, with an emphasis leaning towards non-hydro resources, due to the continuing drought conditions. Several new transmission lines have been constructed, and several more are under development. Currently there appears to be sufficient capacity to reach the 33% Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) but not a 50% RPS. The capacity on out-of-State transmission will limit imports to California due to the constraints by the transfer capability into California at the interconnection points, which are congested. Local resident from Lone Pine Earl Wilson stated that the route over Westguard and Silver Canyon has been limited due to the Bi-State Sage Grouse. The proposed route through the Owens Valley would run right through the Alabama Hills. The Administrator spoke stating that the transmission lines are really the head of the snake. After further discussion the Board asked the Planning Director to continue to monitor the situation as it develops and report back with any new information as it is received.

*PLANNING  
ENACT ORDINANCE  
#1201/Z.R.  
INYO EASTERN  
CALIFORNIA MUSEUM*

On a motion by Supervisor Tillemans and second by Supervisor Kingsley, Ordinance No. 1201 entitled "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Zone Reclassification No. 2015-02/Inyo County Eastern California Museum and Amending Zoning Map of the County of Inyo by Rezoning a 9.4-acre parcel located at 155 North Grant Street (APN 022-140-16 & 022-140-31) in the Community of Independence from Open Space with a 40 acre minimum (OS-40) to Public (P)" was enacted: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

*RECESS/  
RECONVENE*

The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 11:50 a.m. to reconvene in open session at 1:15 p.m. with all Board members present.

*BOARD MEMEBERS  
AND STAFF REPORTS*

Supervisor Kingsley spoke about the upcoming ballot measures dealing with the laws on the cultivation and distribution of marijuana. He stated that he had been contacted by the growers that distribute to the Mammoth dispensaries and he thinks it might be a good idea to have a workshop to discuss the issue, before it comes to the people for a vote in November. Supervisor Pucci agreed that it would be important to give the people information before November. Supervisor Pucci also spoke about the success of the Mule Days event this year and now the City is preparing for the High School Rodeo events. Supervisor Totheroh spoke about the Mental Health Awareness group coming to Board to change the name to Behavioral Health Awareness. There will be a kite flying event next month to raise Behavioral Health Awareness. Supervisor Tillemans shared with the Board a letter of concern he received from a constituent that addressed the Air Bed and Breakfast businesses throughout the Owens Valley, asking that the County take a look at the transient occupancy tax that is imposed on other lodging businesses, do the Air B&B's need to abide and are they? Apparently there are 11 between Big Pine and Independence. Supervisor Kingsley suggested that the Board ask the Treasurer Tax Collector come do a workshop on the issue. Supervisor Griffiths reported that he attended the City/County Liaison meeting. He also reported that he attended the LAFCO meeting where they discussed a preliminary study prepared by the Planning Department on healthcare regionalization between Inyo and Mono Counties. Dr. Ben Benzeevi was in attendance and gave some perspective on the subject matter having worked with Tulare County and now Southern Inyo Hospital. Administrator Carunchio stated the Personnel Office staff had some commitments this week and their offices would be closed periodically. He also announced the new Assistant to the Board Clerk would be starting next week. County Counsel Rudolph stated the legislative language for the extension of the Adventure Trails pilot program is still problematic and he continues to work with staff to refine the language. He also noted that he will be attending the annual County Counsel conference in Lodi.

*RECESS/  
RECONVENE* The Chairperson recessed the Board of Supervisors regular meeting to reconvene at 1:30 P.M. as the Board of Equalization.

*BOARD OF  
EQUALIZATION* The Chairperson reconvened at 1:30 p.m. as the Board of Equalization with all Board members present (separate minutes).

*RECESS/  
RECONVENE* The Chairperson adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:40 p.m. to recess the regular meeting until the 2:00 p.m. timed item.

*BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS  
BIG PINE PAIUTE  
TRIBE – WATER  
CONSERVATION  
WORKSHOP* The Chairperson reconvened the regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. with all Board members present. Supervisor Mark Tillemans brought this item to the Board at the request of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe. Big Pine Tribal Elder Charlotte Bacocho was introduced to the Board and provided an opening blessing on behalf of the Paiute Tribe. Elder Bacocho spoke of her ancestors and told stories of her time as a child in the Owens Valley. She continued by stating environmental changes have altered many things throughout the valley. Our world is getting a lot of people. We all need to learn to share our water with Mother Earth and with our neighbors. Big Pine Tribe Water Program Coordinator Alan Bacocho introduced himself and proceeded with a presentation on the Tribes perspective on the history of water in the Owens Valley, and more specifically, on the Big Pine Tribal lands. Mr. Bacocho stated that the Big Pine Tribe was presenting this workshop to try to raise awareness of the impact that has occurred over the years to the Big Pine Tribal lands due to LADWP's water diversions, pumping and depletion. He is hoping this awareness will assist the Board in their policy and decision making in the future and it will help the Board be more forceful in making LADWP more accountable in honoring their agreements stating that the Board has the power to change the environment. If violations are occurring, LADWP needs to be accountable. Several members of the Big Pine Tribe as well as members of the public came before the Board thanking them for the opportunity to speak and give their perspective. Residents of Los Angeles also came to speak to the Board stating that unfortunately most of the residents of Los Angeles don't really know where their water comes from or what sort of impact their wastefulness is having on the beautiful Eastern Sierras. These Los Angeles visitors continued by stating that Los Angeles needs to be more responsible and come up with new ways to conserve and recycle. Board members were encouraged to see these Los Angeles residents in attendance and requested they return to Los Angeles and continue to be proactive at their local level, speaking out at water commission meetings and other local meetings within their communities. After further discussion, the Board thanked all those in attendance and encouraged them to continue to be proactive. The Board stated they were very thankful for the very positive tone and professionalism that occurred during the workshop and also stated the Tribe underestimates its own power in Los Angeles and they need to continue to educate and get their message out to the leaders in Los Angeles. The Board stated its goals are aligned with what the Big Pine Tribe would like to see happen and we all need to work together by continuing to have these positive discussions and continue communicating with each other often.

*RECESS/  
RECONVENE* The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 3:50 p.m. to reconvene in open session at 4:00 p.m. with all Board members present.

*WATER  
SGMA – OWENS  
VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER  
BASIN* Water Department Director Bob Harrington provided the Board with an informational workshop on the recently adopted 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). SGMA establishes a framework of priorities and requirements to help local agencies sustainably manage groundwater within basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as medium or high priority. DWR has designated the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin as a medium priority basin that is not in a condition of critical overdraft. However, medium priority basins are required to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) by June of 2017. GSA's are then required to prepare Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) by 2020. DWR is offering no-cost facilitation support services to local agencies implementing SGMA. Dr. Harrington stated that after recently observing the complicated process for the formation of a GSA in the Indian Wells Valley, the Water Department has requested facilitation support from DWR and it has been approved. Inyo, Mono and the Tri Valley Groundwater Management District recently cooperated on the submittal of a request to DWR to subdivide the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin into an Inyo subbasin and a Mono subbasin. DWR and the California Water Commission will decide on this request later in the year. Dr. Harrington continued by stating, regardless of the outcome of this request, it is timely to begin discussions among the local, state and federal agencies, special districts, tribes and other interested parties concerning the formation of a GSA. After further discussion, Dr. Harrington finalized his presentation by stating

that the Long Term Water Agreement (LTWA) is the sustainability plan for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the LTWA is a much stronger plan than a SGMA plan. The LTWA's provisions for protecting native vegetation and habitat really set a much higher bar for protecting the groundwater system in the Owens Valley. If you were to search SGMA for groundwater dependent vegetation, you would find nothing, whereas if you did the same with the LTWA, you would get several hits. And that goes the same for the terms of ecosystems and environment. The LTWA is a much stronger sustainability plan than what SGMA contemplates. The LTWA has everything that is included in SGMA and much more. If Inyo dropped the LTWA for a SGMA plan it would be taking the County back to 1971, basically eliminating everything that has been accomplished and agreed to thus far to preserve the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin, and starting all over. Lone Pine Resident Earl Wilson spoke stating that Inyo County once again is in the eyes of the State, as we were back with the renewable energy subject. He gave notice that the USFS is monitoring water flows out of the mountains and that information may be something to look at. Chairperson Griffiths thanked everyone for their participation.

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Lone Pine resident, Earl Wilson, distributed information on the transmission line projects that were discussed on item #25

*RECESS/  
RECONVENE*

The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene in closed session with all Board members present.

*REPORT ON CLOSED  
SESSION*

The Chairperson recessed closed session at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene in open session. County Counsel reported that there were no actions taken in closed session that are required by law to be reported on.

*ADJOURNMENT*

The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 5:18 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center in Independence.