

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 25, 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 October 25, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Mark Tillemans, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, and Matt Kingsley. Absent: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment and there was none.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 8:35 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Griffiths to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9).** *Native American Heritage Commission v. Inyo County Planning Department and Inyo County Board of Supervisors*, Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVPT1557557 (Munro Petition for Writ of Mandate); No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (two cases); No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** – Employee 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, Senior Deputy County Administrator Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo; and No. 5 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** – Title: Planning Director.

OPEN SESSION

Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:04 a.m. with all Board members present except for the absent Chairperson Griffiths.

PLEDGE

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph led the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported on action taken during closed session with regard to Item No. 2: *Native American Heritage Commission v. Inyo County Planning Department and Inyo County Board of Supervisors*. He said the Board of Supervisors by unanimous vote of the members present (excluding Chairman Griffiths, who is absent) approved County entry into a Stipulation for Settlement. The substance of the settlement agreement involves: dismissal of the petition by the Native American Heritage Commission; with respect to the County's recently-adopted Tribal Consultation Policy, that the County agrees to provide advance notice to the public, the Commission, and Local Tribes prior to any proposed rescission or amendment of the Policy; the County will refund to the petitioners of approximately \$4,566 which they had paid for preparation of the administrative record in the litigation; that the County will contact Local Tribes regarding implementation of the Policy and the potential development of individuals MOUs; and that the Commission will provide consultation training to the elected and/or staff representatives of the County, who will participate in such training. More details are set forth in the settlement document, which is a public record and will be provided upon request pursuant to the Public Records Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment and there was none.

COUNTY
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Before asking for County Department Reports, Vice Chairperson Tillemans noted that Chairperson Griffiths was absent due to his attendance at a special meeting of the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners today in Los Angeles.

Planning Director Josh Hart passed around a flyer prepared by SolSmart as part of its efforts to help make Inyo County a solar-friendly County for residents and businesses. The flyer illustrated the benefits of rooftop and ground-mounted solar for residents and business in Inyo County. He asked the Board to get back to him with any feedback and he'd pass it along to SolSmart.

Brandon Shults, Senior Deputy County Administrator/Information Services, reported that the County website is about 20 percent functional right now. He said I.S. is currently working on a solution but basically some pages work and others do not.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie offered a brief update on what's happening with California Treasurer Chiang's sanctioning of Wells Fargo over alleged fake accounts. She said she has neither a banking nor brokerage relationship with Wells Fargo but she does hold two investments with them right now; one set to mature in January 2018 and the other in April of 2020. She said it is her intent to hold them until maturity as there is no reason to divest the County of them. She said Inyo County's exposure is very limited.

Ag Commissioner Nate Reade updated the Board on proposed pesticide regulations that might affect local producers, specifically a provision that would require reporting of any applications within a quarter-mile of a school or daycare, including home-run daycares. He also told the Board that every year the California Ag Commissioners and Sealers Association selects a delegation to go speak with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. about California ag issues and he has been nominated to join a group of five to represent Southern California in D.C. in February.

AG DEPT. ECONOMIC
STUDY CONTRACT

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) accept the bid for an Economic Study on Agricultural Industry Contributions to the Inyo and Mono County Regions from Agricultural Impact Associates, LLC of Watsonville, CA; B) approve the contract between Inyo/Mono Agriculture Department and Agricultural Impact Associates, LLC of Watsonville, CA to conduct an economic study on agricultural industry contributions within Inyo and Mono counties, in an amount not to exceed \$46,500 with a proposed 12-week schedule of completion; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

AG DEPT. SURPLUS
ATV AUCTION

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare two all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) identified in Exhibit A as surplus; B) authorize Motor Pool to offer the two ATVs for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and C) authorize Motor Pool to utilize another auctioneer for the removal and sale of any of the ATVs remaining unsold after the Public Auction process. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

MOTOR POOL
SURPLUS VEHICLE
AUCTION

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare the vehicles identified in Exhibit A as surplus; B) authorize Motor Pool to offer the vehicles for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and C) authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another auctioneer for the removal and sale of any vehicles remaining unsold after the Public Surplus process. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

RECYCLING AND
WASTE MGMT.
HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize the Inyo County Recycling and Waste Management Program to close the Independence Landfill and the Bishop-Sunland Landfill on Christmas and New Year's Day. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

PW MICRO-
SURFACING SEAL
NOTICE OF
COMPLETION
RESOLUTION

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve a resolution titled, "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 Inyo County/City of Bishop Fiberized Micro Surfacing Seal Project." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*PW TECOPA WATER
VENDING SPIESS
CONTRACT
AMENDMENT 1*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Spiess Construction of Santa Maria, CA in the amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the Tecopa Water Vending Machine Project in Tecopa, CA, increasing the total current contract amount from \$133,761 to \$168,761; B) authorize the Chairperson to execute Amendment No. 1 to the contract, contingent upon obtaining appropriate signatures; and C) authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other contract documents, including contract change orders to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable law. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*PLANNING
PRESENTATION –
SHORT-TERM
VACATION RENTALS*

The Planning Department brought forth the issue of short-term vacation rentals, which are proliferating in Inyo County despite the fact they were made illegal in residential areas in 2006 when the Board of Supervisors at that time reversed an earlier decision by the Planning Commission. Senior Planner Cathreen Richards noted that businesses and websites like Airbnb are making it more convenient and popular for travelers to find short-term accommodations outside of the traditional hotel/motel environment. She said because of the 2006 decision, changes would have to be made to County Code to legalize the short-term rental uses that are currently taking place. She said a random search on Airbnb for the week of September 24-30, 2017 resulted in 29 lodging possibilities from Bishop to Tecopa, including rooms, entire houses, and even a tent. An ad on the site stated that Bishop residents could earn up to \$309 a week by sharing their homes with travelers. Richards said the Planning Department has received several inquiries from residents about how to rent their homes in this manner, as well as complaints from residents regarding increased traffic and noise, use of their garbage cans or parking spaces by renters, lack of respect for the neighborhood by renters, etc. The Planning Department has received only one official zoning violation complaint. She noted the issue is widespread throughout the State, and other jurisdictions have responded in various ways. The City of Santa Monica, for example, allows the rental of rooms only, not full occupancy of homes, and only if the homeowner remits TOT tax to the City. Richards presented several alternatives to the Board: leaving the status quo, which would result in more zoning violation cases; allowing for short-term rentals but only by Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which would require compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; allowing short-term rentals for rooms only, under CUPs; prohibiting short-term rentals in specific residential zones; creating an overlay zone or a new zoning district and allowing short-term rentals under CUP only; and developing neighborhood-specific zoning to allow neighborhoods to unanimously define their own unique mix of conditions under a CUP. Supervisor Pucci said short-term rentals are prevalent in his district, where one house rents for \$1,000 a week. He said he has received eight complaints from constituents. Supervisor Kingsley asked what restrictions a CUP might impose. Richards said it depends, based on whatever conditions are deemed necessary for approval. Supervisor Kingsley noted that he represents a large district where the homes might not be up to par for commercial uses and wondered whether the CUP could include inspections. Public Works Director Clint Quilter did not recommend this. He said once his inspectors go into a home they cannot “unsee things” even if the homeowner decides not to pursue the CUP after all. Supervisor Tillemans said he has received half a dozen complaints as one supervisor. He said he thinks there needs to be more public input, and with Chairperson Griffiths absent, did not want to move forward with a decision or policy direction today. He read a letter from one of his constituents, a motel owner, who wondered whether these renters would be subject to the same regulations as other lodging providers. He said that might be indicative of the sort of sentiment in the lodging community. Andrea Kramer of RealEstate395.com said she had talked to Airbnb and found out the company does collect TOT tax, which is added on top of the various fees, and remits it to whatever jurisdiction it is asked to. She suggested more meetings to talk about short-term rentals. Jenifer Castaneda of Blue Sky Realty said every year she gets calls from people looking for short-term vacation rentals and she had to tell incredulous vacationers that Inyo County doesn’t have any because they are not allowed. She said the fact that people are renting despite it being illegal says there is both a need and a desire. She said she understands there are concerns about parking and trash but said a resident could face those same concerns with a bad neighbor and there are already codes in the books to deal with those issues. She said there are a lot of positive impacts from short-term rentals, including homeowners being able to pay off their mortgages by renting out rooms. Supervisor Pucci said he agreed the County needed more input. Assistant Assessor Phil Lyle told the Board that should short-term rentals be allowed, the Assessor’s Office workload would increase. There would be additional paperwork and staff time associated with setting up homes as businesses on the tax rolls, he said, and went through the process the Assessor’s Office would have to follow. Supervisor Kingsley asked if this was the same process being followed in other counties

and Lyle said yes. Supervisor Pucci asked whether the Assessor's Office would really be as painstaking as indicated, going so far as to assess a homeowner's refrigerator. Lyle responded that if a renter would be serving meals to guests than they would assess their refrigerator and oven. Vice Chairperson Tillemans said he knew there had to be a way the County could streamline the assessment process and asked that staff bring it back it for consideration. Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie told the Board that Airbnb will remit TOT to large counties because it knows it will get sued if it doesn't. She said at Inyo County's level, it would be Tax Collector staff working with the homeowner, which she said she didn't mind because it's easier. She added that she was here during the 2006 controversy and noted that the homeowners were very forthcoming and wanted their activity to be made legal, so she doesn't anticipate any problems tax-wise. Staff was directed to come back with a better assessment process, more information on overlay districts and CUPs, and a plan for gathering public input.

***PLANNING REVIEW –
PARKS' AQUATIC ECO
PLAN R.O.D. AND FEIS***

The Board was asked to review the Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems Plan, and provide direction to staff. Planner Michael Draper said the Planning Department brought the same subject to the Board last July for review of possible alternatives, at which time the Board approved a letter outlining its concerns. Draper said Planning Department staff received a brief response from Woody Smeck, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks Superintendent. Smeck basically said that because the plan would only impact a small amount of water bodies (85), the impacts to recreation cited by Inyo County are considered negligible. Draper noted that the Parks will be using piscicide to treat 33 of those water bodies because physical treatment has been deemed infeasible at those waters. Supervisor Totheroh asked what changes they expected in recreation use at those 85 spots. Draper said none were identified. Supervisor Totheroh said it sounded like they were anticipating no significant recreational impacts and therefore no significant economic impacts. Draper said direction could be given to send another letter expressing the Board's views, but the County has thoroughly corresponded many times with the Park Service on this issue. He added that the 85 affected waters are low-recreational water bodies. Supervisor Kingsley said he understands it will only be a small amount of water bodies impacted, but would like to see a map showing exactly where they are. He also said the Park Service has a fairly well thought-out plan and has targeted areas correctly. Vice Chairperson Tillemans suggested instead of responding again, asking for a copy of a detailed map via email. Planning Director Josh Hart agreed that the County already had a pretty good record of its position on the matter.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 11:22 a.m. to convene in closed session for further discussion on Item No. 3.

OPEN SESSION

Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:51 a.m. with all Board members present except for the absent Chairperson Griffiths.

***ADDITION OF
URGENCY ITEM***

CAO Kevin Carunchio said the Board was being asked to add an urgency item to today's agenda. The item was a letter from the Board to the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners regarding an item to be approved at the Water and Power Commissioners' special meeting today in Los Angeles. The agenda item was a resolution to change rental agreement policies and ranch lease rent and fees. He said for the Inyo Board's letter to be added to the agenda, two findings had to be made: 1. The item came to light after the agenda was published; and 2. The item cannot wait until the next Board meeting. Carunchio said the County only became aware of the proposed resolution yesterday afternoon, and noted the Water and Power Commissioners were supposed to vote on it that afternoon. Supervisor Kingsley said it was clear both of the necessary findings for a post-agenda item could be made. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to add the letter to the Water and Power Commissioners to today's agenda as an urgency item, to be considered as No. 16A. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

***BOARD – LETTER TO
L.A. WATER AND
POWER
COMMISSIONERS RE:
LEASE ACTION***

Supervisor Pucci said he, as at least one Board member just now hearing about the proposed resolution dealing with rental agreement policies and ranch lease rent and fees, said the County should respond today indicating its general feelings on the matter. CAO Carunchio distributed a draft response letter to the Board and audience members. He said obviously there were potential consequences with the policy, as well as consequences with not moving forward with other areas of the policy, such as the ranch leases. The letter, if approved, would be emailed immediately and read into the record as public comment during the simulcast of the Board of

Water and Power Commissioners' meeting at the LADWP offices in Bishop. Special Counsel Greg James said the policy potentially has some major impacts both on the environment and economy of the County, but because of the short notice, the letter notes that the County has not had time to prepare detailed comments regarding those impacts. He said the letter also notes in the third paragraph that while there has been discussion with ranch lessees regarding the policy, there is no indication LADWP staff had any discussions with commercial lessees in the valley. The letter states such discussions should have taken place given the importance of the policy. He said the letter concludes that, as LADWP's partner in the Owens Valley, the Board wants to make LADWP aware of the concerns with the policy, but just as importantly, the County is aware the ranch lessees of the valley have been operating without leases for several years and that this has placed a hardship on those lessees, and consequently the Board feels, despite its concerns, and whether the policy is adopted or not, that new leases with the ranch lessees move forward as expeditiously as possible. He said it was important to emphasize the County is not asking the Water and Power Commissioners not to approve the policy, but rather is expressing its concerns. Supervisor Kingsley said it is important to point out that the City of L.A. is considering a policy regarding Inyo County, not the leases themselves, and that is where the County's concerns lie – with the possible setting of a new policy with short notice that affects Inyo County. Vice Chairperson Tillemans said it has been the County's position to not get involved in the leases themselves, and said the letter does a good job of strictly pointing out the County's concerns, including that, as a partner in the valley, the County was not afforded enough time to prepare detailed response to the proposed policy; and the general lack of consideration given to conduct outreach among commercial lessees. Supervisor Kingsley thanked staff for the great work on the letter. Yaney Maclver of Bishop asked whether local residents would have any input on the policy or if L.A. planned to hornswoggle the Owens Valley into it. The Board noted that she could make public comment via the meeting simulcast at the LADWP offices in Bishop. The meeting was scheduled to start at noon. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the letter as submitted. Motion carried unanimously 4-0 with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

RECESS FOR LUNCH Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 12:05 p.m. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. with all Board members present except for the absent Chairperson Griffiths.

PLANNING REVIEW – FROG FINAL RULING AND LETTER Planner Michael Draper presented the Board with draft correspondence based on the Board's feedback from September on the draft Final Rule designating critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad. He said the Final Draft does not address a number of the County's concerns about the critical habitat proposed in Inyo County, including the Board's request for specific areas to be removed and a more robust economic analysis to be performed. The Final Rule does preserve the prior removal of Rock Creek, Rock Creek Lake, Lamarck Lakes, Lamarck Creek, and South Lake, but still includes Coyote Flats, Mulky Meadows, Robinson and Heart lakes, Bishop Lake and surrounding areas, Piute Lake, and Ruby and Chickenfoot lakes. Supervisor Totheroh said he did some consultation after the last meeting and now doesn't agree with the need for a broad economic analysis, since it is his understanding that because the critical habitat designation does not restrict current activities and only future development, it is unknown what the economic impacts will be. He said any future project or change in use would go through the NEPA process, at which time an individual economic analysis would be done. Planning Director Josh Hart acknowledged that the USFWS has always said it planned an incremental approach to the economic analysis but the County disagrees with this method, especially since it knows the USFWS has done holistic analyses across broad spectrums before. Supervisor Totheroh asked, then, how the impacts would be quantified, and Hart said on the presumption of curtailed activities in the areas with the critical habitat designation. Supervisor Pucci used grazing as an example of a use the County can assume will be impacted, based on the fact that getting permits renewed already takes so much time and effort that it's almost not worth it. Making the ranchers wait out individual economic analyses would only add to the road blocks they already face. He said that's why the County asked the USFWS not to include areas where grazing takes place. Supervisor Kingsley concurred. He said it's clear that maintaining historical uses will be difficult, and based on that conclusion the County can say there will definitely be a future economic impact. He said it should be addressed now rather than later. Supervisor Totheroh agreed that the County should be concerned about economic impacts but should tell the USFWS it will be expressing that concern when the time comes. Supervisor Kingsley pointed out the County's success rate with strategies like that is zero. Vice Chairperson Tillemans noted that in addition to grazing, the

area supports various recreational activities like OHV use. Supervisor Kingsley said the fact the USFWS kept Coyote Flats in the plan, even though the County specifically asked them to remove it and the USFWS says there are no amphibians of concern in that area, makes him nervous. Supervisor Kingsley said the County's response letter can say the County is concerned and understands it will have the opportunity to weigh in on economic impacts when projects come up, but the County still requests a better economic analysis now. Supervisor Totheroh suggested the letter state "we intend to" comment on any negative impact to Inyo County. He said he personally would have written a much shorter letter acknowledging USFWS' commitment to an incremental analysis approach and communicating the County's concerns about future impacts, but ultimately saying the County will comment on those impacts later. Supervisor Kingsley moved and Supervisor Pucci seconded to approve the draft correspondence as presented, with the addition of a statement about commenting during future NEPA processes for individual projects. Motion carried 3-1, with Supervisor Totheroh opposed and Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*WATER DEPT. –
APPOINTMENT OF
TWO WATER
COMMISSIONERS*

Water Director Dr. Bob Harrington explained there were two vacancies on the Water Commission and the County received four letters of interest in those vacancies from Bruce Dishion, Sally Manning, Daris Moxley, and Mike Prather. Supervisor Kingsley said he was in favor of Mike Prather because he would provide continuity as an incumbent and he had done a good job representing the South County. Supervisor Totheroh said he was in favor of Bruce Dishion because he would similarly provide continuity during discussions of ongoing issues. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to reappoint Mike Prather and Bruce Dishion to two, four-year terms on the Inyo County Water Commission ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 4-0 with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*WATER DEPT. –
STANDING
COMMITTEE AGENDA
ITEMS*

Water Director Dr. Bob Harrington reviewed the items scheduled to be discussed at the upcoming Inyo-L.A. Standing Committee on Thursday in Los Angeles: a Runoff and Operations update and report on LADWP's Owens Valley Operation Plan for the second half of the 2016-2017 runoff year; a report on ongoing Green Book revisions regarding vegetation monitoring protocol; a report on the status of mitigation and environmental projects in the Owens Valley; consideration of Standing Committee approval of reductions in water supplied to the McNally Ponds and Pasture Enhancement/Mitigation Project; and a report on McNally Ponds and Pasture Enhancement/Mitigation Project alternatives. Harrington said there were no surprises in the six-month pumping plan, and that staff from LADWP and the County had agreed to the language that would replace the Green Book's section describing annual line-point monitoring and would present it for review and vetting to the Technical Group, and then to the Standing Committee at a future meeting. He said the report on the status of projects in the valley is an effort to keep a list of required mitigation projects that makes note of whether each project is ongoing, implemented, not yet fully implemented, etc. He said the intent is to ultimately improve mitigation efforts. The action item asking for Standing Committee approval of reductions in water supplied to the McNally Ponds and Pasture Enhancement/Mitigation Project is the result of L.A. not believing it had to officially agree with the County at the June 2015 meeting, even though the County conceded the reductions were reasonable. Harrington said the County previously sent a letter to LADWP saying that while the County is amenable to the reductions, it is not OK with LADWP not following the approval process. After some additional discussion by and questions from the Board, Harrington clarified for an audience member that the issue of the test wells in Laws would not be on the Standing Committee agenda.

*BOARD CLERK –
APPROVAL OF
MINUTES*

Vice Chairperson Tillemans asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board if there were any corrections or additions for the minutes. She said there were two corrections: a date under Department Head Reports needed to be changed from November 19 to October 19, and the spelling of someone's name needed to be corrected on page 2. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of October 4, 2016, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously 4-0 with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment and there was none.

*BOARD MEMBERS
AND STAFF REPORTS*

Supervisor Totheroh said he attended the recent Local Transportation Committee meeting, where there was an interesting discussion about the City of Bishop's trail project.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the same meeting as Supervisor Pucci's alternate and it

doesn't sound like the project is going very well. He also attended the BLM Advisory Council meeting in Sacramento where the two hot topics were raising the campground fees at The Pit outside of Bishop from \$2 a car to \$5 a campsite and changing the occupancy limit from nine months to 60 days.

Supervisor Pucci said he was out of the area last week on personal business.

CAO Carunchio said he spent part of last week in Seaside at a county administrators' conference. He said it was his 10th year attending and there was a power-packed program, including panels and much discussion about medical marijuana and Prop 64. Carunchio said other CAOs reported the same halving of probation caseloads as Inyo County. He also reported he has been nominated as a NACo liaison for the Rural Government Administrative Perspective.

County Counsel Rudolph reported he would be off on personal business the rest of the week but did plan to attend the Standing Committee meeting in Los Angeles.

CLOSED SESSION Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 2:22 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Griffiths to continue discussions of one of the cases mentioned in Item No. 3.

OPEN SESSION Vice Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:36 pm. with all Board members present except for the absent Chairperson Griffiths.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT Vice Chairperson Tillemans adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the County Administrative Center, Independence, CA.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant