

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 21, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:38 a.m., on June 21, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members in attendance, except Supervisor Kingsley, to discuss the following item(s): **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6** – Regarding 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); IHSS Workers; Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. County designated representatives – Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present. (Supervisor Kingsley joined at this time via Zoom.)
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and comment was made by Lauralyn Hundley.
- Introduction* Supervisor Roeser introduced Brenda Ling, new Superintendent at Manzanar National Historic Site, to the Board.
- CAO – Silver Peaks Apartment Project Letter of Support* Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a letter of support for the Silver Peaks Apartment project and authorized the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Economic Development – Ferguson Group Contract Amendment No. 2* Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between The Ferguson Group, LLC and County of Inyo for provision of Federal Advocacy Services, extending the term from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$101,000, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorized the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Public Defender* Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc. of Dallas, TX, for the

<p>– LexisNexis Contract</p>	<p>provision of a subscription for access to Legal information in an amount not to exceed \$17,892 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorized the Senior Budget Analyst to sign.</p>
<p>HHS-Behavioral Health – Bakersfield Recovery Services Contract</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Bakersfield Recovery Services, Inc. of Bakersfield, CA for the provision of residential alcohol and drug treatment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorized the Chairperson to sign the contract and QSO/BA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>HHS- First 5 – First 5 California Contract Extension</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract extension between the County of Inyo and First 5 California of Sacramento, CA for the provision of home visiting coordination funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,772.92 for the period of December 9, 2020 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorized the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Probation – Inyo County Superior Court MOU Approval</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Superior Court for funding of Probation staff and expenditures related to the “expanded pretrial release program,” for the term June 22, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and renewed annually, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Public Works – Cactus Flat Road Project N.O.C./ Reso # 2022-22</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2022-22, 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 Rehabilitation of a Portion of Cactus Flats Road Project," and authorized the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Sheriff – Military Equipment Ordinance 1280</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve proposed Ordinance 1280 titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office Policy Regarding Military Equipment Pursuant to AB 481." Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>CAO – Budget Amendments</p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Water Department Budget #024102 as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$85,624 (4/5ths vote required); B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Parks & Campgrounds Budget #076999 as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers in (4998) by \$85,624 (4/5ths vote required); C) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Revenues and Expenditures Budget #011900 as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$85,624 (4/5ths vote required); and D) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 CAO-ACO Budget #010201 as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In (4998) by \$85,624. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Information Services – Re-establishing Broadband Consortium/ Reso # 2022-21</p>	<p>At the request of County Administrative Officer Chapman, the Board moved this item from the Contest Agenda to Departmental so CAO Chapman could explain the need to re-establish a Broadband Consortium in order to apply for grant monies and that expediting this process is necessary due to the application due date of July 15. It was decided that the ESCOG Board would be the appropriate group to take on this task.</p>
<p></p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign proposed Resolution No. 2022-21 and direct the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to apply for broadband consortia funding allocated under the California Advanced Services Fund in order to re-establish the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>BOS – Fish Springs Workshop</p>	<p>Supervisor Roeser introduced a workshop with the Big Pine Paiute Tribe and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, regarding groundwater pumping and other operations at the Fish Springs Fish Hatchery – specifically, concerns about over-pumping and a desire to help restore the water table and vegetation through a reduction in pumping at the hatchery. She explained that historically Big Pine Paiute Tribe has not been given a seat at the table and in offering the County’s support, hoped to elevate their voice.</p>

In attendance in person and via Zoom were numerous representatives of local, state, and federal agencies who had been invited to participate in discussions, and hopefully help suggest pathways forward for remedying the groundwater situation.

Big Pine Paiute Tribe Environmental Director Sally Manning and Water Program Coordinator Noah Williams gave a presentation which communicated the historical perspective and Tribal members' current concerns with groundwater pumping at the hatchery. They presented ideas for reducing pumping, noting that the hatchery is supposed to be an LADWP mitigation project. Ms. Manning and Mr. Williams said that while a possible 12% reduction is a start, it is not nearly enough to restore the springs in the area.

CDFW Fish Springs Hatchery Manager Dan Tonseth gave a presentation which included pending projects and proposals for water conservation by CDFW. Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor Matthew Norris spoke about the progress being made on multiple projects where CDFW is working with LADWP to keep equipment up to standards and implement needed upgrades to the aging equipment at the Fish Springs Hatchery location.

Board members posed questions to the Tribe, Water Department, and County Counsel about historic land ownership in the Fish Springs area, water levels needed to sustain fish rearing at the hatchery, and which agencies have what kind of authority to make what kind of changes.

Supervisor Roeser said the Tribe's proposed project would need financial support as well as the expertise of various entities. County Administrator Chapman listed some of the agencies involved – and participating in today's meeting – who can provide the kind of assistance needed. agencies involved and interested in helping to resolve this issue.

The Board heard expressions of excitement, hope, and support from:

- Laurie Monserra with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment;
- Rachel Ray and Rosalinda Alexander with Assemblyman Devon Mathis's Office;
- Bidtah Becker, CalEPA Deputy Secretary for Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs, and Border Relations;
- Phill Kiddoo, Great Basin Air Pollution Control Officer;
- Greg Haverstock, BLM Archeologist;
- Terri Red Owl, Executive Director of the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission and member of the Inyo County Water Commission;
- Danny McClure, Lahontan Water Quality Control Board Water Resource Control Engineer;
- UCLA student Jory Lerback; and
- Paul Huetten, Utility Operator/Community Development Department Chairman for the Big Pine Paiute Tribe and member of the Inyo County Water Commission.

LADWP Aqueduct Manager Adam Perez also addressed attendees. Additional comment was provided by Los Angeles resident Sylva Blackstone and Milo Vella, a Cornell University student interning with the Tribe.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in the Fish Springs Fish Hatchery parking lot at 1:20 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Kingsley.

BOS – Fish Springs Field Trip

Supervisor Roeser welcomed attendees to a field trip to a proposed project site near the Fish Springs Fish Hatchery, which was led by Big Pine Paiute Tribe Environmental Director Sally Manning.

Tribal elder Ross Stone spoke about the history of the area surrounding the hatchery and sang a prayer song with his wife. Charlotte Lange, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Chairperson and Big Pine resident, also addressed the group, thanking the various parties for coming together to hear the Tribe.

Supervisor Pucci had to leave the field trip at 2 p.m.

Participants, including Chairperson Totheroh and Supervisors Roeser and Griffiths, then

carpooled to the proposed mitigation site: long-dry five-acre pond. Exploration and discussion ensued, with Ms. Miller offering the option to continue the tour to another possible mitigation site.

Adjournment

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant