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AGENDA

Board of Supervisors Room - County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards, Independence, California

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REGULAR MEETING January 17, 2023

(Unless otherwise specified by time, items scheduled for either the morning or afternoon sessions will be heard according to available time and presence of interested persons.)

Start Time:

- 8:30 A.M.** 1) **Public Comment on Closed Session Item(s)**
Comments may be time-limited

CLOSED SESSION

- 2) **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to §54956.9(d)(4)** - Number of cases: one. Facts and circumstances: Fire Damage to Commander's House Property.
- 3) **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 Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue

Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

- 4) **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.

OPEN SESSION (With the exception of timed items, which cannot be heard prior to their scheduled time, all open-session items may be considered at any time and in any order during the meeting in the Board's discretion.)

- 10 A.M.**
- 5) **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 6) **Report on Closed Session as Required by Law**
 - 7) **Employee Service Recognition Awards** - The Board will recognize employees who reached service milestones during the Fourth Quarter of 2022.
 - 8) **Introductions** - The following new employees will be introduced to the Board: Jane Theisen, PA/PG Specialist, Public Administrator/Public Guardian's Office; and Dylan Rennie, Custodian, Robyn Ross, Office Technician III, and Carlos Sualdez, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Public Works.
 - 9) **Public Comment**
Comments may be time-limited
 - 10) **County Department Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items that are considered routine and are approved in a single motion; approval recommended by the County Administrator)

- 11) **California Public Utilities Commission 211-Designated County Application**
County Administrator - Emergency Services | Mikaela Torres

Recommended Action: Request Board approve the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application to become a 211-designated county, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the cover letter.
- 12) **AB 361 Findings Regarding Remote Board of Supervisors Meetings**
County Counsel | John Vallejo

Recommended Action: Request Board adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

13) **Consideration of Emergency Proclamation**

County Administrator - Emergency Services | Mikaela Torres
5 minutes

Recommended Action: Request Board declare the existence of a local emergency as a result of the atmospheric river event beginning on January 9, 2023, which resulted in extensive flooding throughout the County, by approving Resolution No. 2023-03.

14) **Presentation of the Annual Safety Award for "Most Improved in Safety"**

County Administrator - Risk Management | Aaron Holmberg
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action: Request Board receive presentation of Risk Management's Annual Safety Award for "Most Improved in Safety."

15) **Report from Inyo County Film Commissioner**

County Administrator - Advertising County Resources | Jesse Steele
30 minutes (15min. Presentation / 15min. Discussion)

Recommended Action: Request Board: A) receive written report from the Inyo County Film Commissioner; and B) hear update on Film Commission activities.

LUNCH

16) The Board will recess for lunch.

REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

1:30 P.M. 17) **2023 Legislative Platform**

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg
40 minutes (20min. Presentation / 20min. Discussion)

Recommended Action: Request Board: A) receive presentation/update from Kristi More, of The Ferguson Group, on legislative issues relevant to Inyo County; and B) review, discuss, and adopt the Inyo County 2023 Federal Legislative Platform.

18) **Updates on the Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant and the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Grant**

County Administrator - Information Services | Scott Armstrong
30 minutes (10 min. Presentation / 20 min. Discussion)

Recommended Action: Request Board receive presentation on the Local Agency Technical Assistance and Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium grants.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT & REPORTS

- 19) **Public Comment**
Comments may be time-limited
- 20) **Board Member and Staff Reports**
Receive updates on recent or upcoming meetings and projects

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL

- 21) **Auditor-Controller** - An actual count of money in the hands of the Treasurer, in accordance with Government Code Section 26920 and Board Orders of February 5, 1950 and January 3, 1956.



COUNTY OF INYO

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Department Heads

From: Denelle Carrington, Senior Budget Analyst

Date: January 3, 2023

Re: Employee Service Awards for 4th Quarter 2022

The following employees will be recognized for their service to the County of Inyo, at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 10:00 am. Please invite your employees to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting (in person) to be recognized.

Name	Hire Date	Years of Service	Department Head
Shane Rily	12/01/02	20	Mike Errante
John Bigham	10/01/07	15	Mike Errante
Justin Drew	11/02/17	5	Mike Errante
Juan Martinez	10/01/02	20	Stephanie Rennie
Joe Kapturkiewicz	12/20/07	15	Stephanie Rennie
Wendy Stine	10/01/12	10	Stephanie Rennie
Seneca Willis	10/16/12	10	Stephanie Rennie
Phil West	11/26/12	10	Stephanie Rennie
Julio Gonzalez	11/02/17	5	Stephanie Rennie
April Eagan	10/25/12	10	Marilyn Mann
Vanessa Ruggio	10/05/17	5	Marilyn Mann
Timothy Whitney	11/30/17	5	Marilyn Mann
Marissa Whitney	11/30/17	5	Marilyn Mann
Jean Bigham	11/30/17	5	Marilyn Mann
Rick Beall	12/06/12	10	Tom Hardy
Scott Gadea	11/02/17	5	Jeff Thomson
Brenda Delgado Botello	11/30/17	5	Danielle Sexton
Benjamin Mitchell	10/19/17	5	Scott Armstrong
Knight Porter	12/28/17	5	Scott Armstrong



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

Reference ID:
2022-3227

California Public Utilities Commission 211-Designated County Application

County Administrator - Emergency Services

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Marilyn Mann, HHS Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Mikaela Torres, Emergency Services Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board approve the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application to become a 211-designated county.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Health and Human Services (HHS) are requesting your Board approve the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application to become a 211 designated county. 211 provides individuals and families in need with a shortcut through what can be a bewildering maze of health and human service and community support service agency phone numbers. By simply dialing 211, those in need of assistance can be referred, and sometimes connected, to appropriate agencies and community organizations.

211 Inyo County was implemented in 2020 in partnership with the Interface Children and Family Services (ICFS), located in Camarillo, California. ICFS provides 211 services to numerous counties in California, including Mono, Alpine, Del Norte, and Ventura.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no charge to submit an application to the California Public Utilities Commission.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board could choose not to submit an application to the CPUC; however, this is not recommended. 211 provides a valuable service to both Inyo County residents and the County's many visitors.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Office of Emergency Services is partnering with Health and Human Services to maintain the 211 data and cover the financial obligations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2-1-1 Inyo County Intake Collection Tool
2. 2-1-1 Inyo County Inclusion Exclusion Policy

- 3. 2-1-1 Inyo County BOS Endorsement
- 4. CPUC Application

APPROVALS:

Marilyn Mann	Created/Initiated - 11/3/2022
Darcy Ellis	Approved - 11/3/2022
Marilyn Mann	Approved - 1/10/2023
Mikaela Torres	Approved - 1/10/2023
Anna Scott	Approved - 1/11/2023
Melissa Best-Baker	Approved - 1/11/2023
John Vallejo	Approved - 1/11/2023
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 1/11/2023
Nate Greenberg	Final Approval - 1/11/2023

- Does your organization provide services that are appropriate for inclusion in the 211 database based on the 211 Inyo County Inclusion/Exclusion Policy?
- Have you been in operation for at least six months?
- Your Name
- Your Email Address
- Agency Information
 - Agency Name
 - Agency Description* (describe your agency in one or two sentences) e.g., Nonprofit organization focused on supporting low-income families in Ventura County.
 - Agency Type*
 - Agency Website
 - Agency General Email (for public use)
 - Physical Address
 - Is this location wheelchair accessible?*
 - Is this location confidential?
 - Mailing Address*
 - Administration Office Hours*
 - Agency General Phone Number*
 - TDD/TTY Number (if any)
- Agency Primary Contact Information (The best person for 211 to contact with questions about your service or to update the 211 record)
 - Agency Primary Contact Name*
 - Agency Primary Contact Title*
 - Agency Primary Contact Email*
 - Agency Primary Contact Phone Number*
- Agency Senior Executive Information (i.e., Organization Executive Director/CEO/President)
 - Senior Contact Name
 - Senior Contact Title
 - Senior Contact Email
 - Senior Contact Phone Number
- Program Information
 - Program Name*
 - Program Description* (maximum of 100 words) (e.g., Offers parenting skill classes to parents struggling with managing misbehavior of their children at home or school.)
 - Program Residency Requirement*
 - Program Eligibility* (e.g., Must be parents with children under 18 years old.)
 - Language Offered*(e.g., English, Spanish, Other Interpreter Services Available
 - Other languages (if "Other" selected in the previous question)
 - Program Fees* (No fee Fees vary based on income Fees vary based on services Sliding scale fee based on income Set program fee Accepts Medi-Cal Accepts Medicare Accepts most insurance Membership fee)
 - Fee information (explain fee range for sliding scale, fees vary, set program fee, membership fee, etc.)

- Program Intake Procedure* (Visit during program hours, call or visit, call for an appointment, call for intake, call to apply, referral required-provide additional notes below, other-provide additional notes below)
 - Additional notes on Intake Procedure (e.g., Clients must be referred by a school counselor.)
- Document Required at Intake* (e.g., ID, SSC, Proof of Income, etc.)
- Program Website
- Program Hours*
- Program Phone Number 1* (required) and phone description (e.g., 760-111-1111 Main Number)
- Program Phone Number 2 (if any) and phone description (e.g., 760-111-2222 Independence Office)
- Program Phone Number 3 (if any) and phone description
- TDD/TTY Number (if any)
- Program Physical Address 1* (required) where the service is offered
 - Is this location wheelchair accessible?*
 - Is this location confidential?
- Program Physical Address 2 (if any) where the service is offered
 - Is this location wheelchair accessible?
 - Is this location confidential?
- Program Physical Address 3 (if any) where the service is offered
 - Is this location wheelchair accessible?
 - Is this location confidential?
- Program Mailing Address*
- Additional Information



2-1-1 Inyo County 2-1-1 Inclusion / Exclusion Policy

2-1-1 Inyo County provides comprehensive information and referral services, linking residents to community resources in Inyo County. The following guidelines are used to determine if an organization is eligible to be listed in the 2-1-1 Inyo County resource database.

The following criteria MUST be met to be in order to be considered for inclusion in the 2-1-1 Inyo County resource database. (MANDATORY CRITERIA)

- Organization provides a health or social support service for residents of Inyo County.
- Organization must demonstrate provision of service for at least 6 months.
- All organizations included in the 2-1-1 Inyo County resource database must agree to update their service information, at minimum, once each year.

Organizations meeting the following criteria may be eligible for inclusion, provided they meet all mandatory criteria above and do not meet exclusion factors below.

- Government (local, state, federal, tribal) agencies that provide social, consumer, criminal justice, education, legal, environmental, or other services to residents of Inyo County.
- Non-profit organizations that provide social, educational, legal, community, consumer, health, or human services to residents of Inyo County.
- Local elected representatives.
- Churches, social clubs, service organizations, and civic groups that offer a service to the community at large.

Organizations meeting the following criteria may be considered for inclusion provided they meet all mandatory criteria above and do not violate any exclusion factors.

- For-profit organizations providing health or human services not adequately available from the non-profit sector and are considered on an individual basis.
- Support groups that are not part of a larger agency that do not charge a fee for service and can demonstrate provision of service for at least 6 months.
- National organizations and out-of-county entities, including statewide and national toll-free phone services, that offer needed health and human services, and which address a gap in local services or in the case where the out of county service is more accessible to residents than the equivalent services offered within Inyo County.
- Professional Associations providing a public service (e.g. information and referral).

Organizations meeting the following criteria will not be included in the 2-1-1 Inyo County resource database.

- Any organization which promotes or delivers illegal services.

- Agencies that misrepresent themselves, fail to respond to updating contacts, or deny service based on prejudice or discrimination.
- Services which are available only to members of a certain group or affiliation. For example, counseling available to a church's parishioners only.
- Organizations that offer free or low-cost services only to market the organization's main business when the organization's main business/services are not appropriate for 2-1-1 inclusion.
- Private practitioners or group practices of mental health providers, medical doctors, dentists, legal/paralegal providers, etc.
- Organizations that do not maintain a consistently available contact person may not be included in the database or may be removed from the database. Access through an answering machine is acceptable.
- Providers serving the childcare needs of the county as Inyo County 2-1-1 has an agreement with Child Development Resources of Inyo County to handle all referrals for childcare requests.

Guidelines for Review and/or Appeals

Should special circumstances exist which are not effectively covered by the preceding guidelines, or if there is disagreement about inclusion or exclusion, the agency or organization in question may contact 2-1-1 Inyo County and request a review of the inclusion/exclusion decision.

Disclaimer

Eligibility for inclusion does not guarantee inclusion. Inclusion in the 2-1-1 Inyo County database does not imply endorsement and omission does not indicate disapproval.

2-1-1 Inyo County may exclude or remove organizations from the 2-1-1 Inyo County resource database at any time at the discretion of the 2-1-1 Inyo County Office of Emergency Services. Exceptions to this policy may be made at the discretion of the 2-1-1 Inyo County Office of Emergency Services.

This policy does not prohibit the inclusion of any program that targets services based on age, gender, health, disability, or other characteristic designed to meet special needs of targeted populations. However, the program must be open to all people in those targeted populations.

Information provided by organizations and individual service providers and included in the 2-1-1 Inyo County database will be made available to the general public in various formats, including telephone information and referral, an online searchable database of services, and printed materials. 2-1-1 Inyo County reserves the right to edit information to meet format, guideline, and space requirements. Information listed in the resource database represents what is provided to 2-1-1 Inyo County by service providers and, as such, 2-1-1 Inyo County neither guarantees nor makes any representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in its resource inventory. 2-1-1 Inyo County disclaims any and all responsibility and liability that may be asserted or claimed resulting from or arising out of reliance upon the information and procedures presented in the resource inventory.



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January 17, 2023

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please accept this letter and enclosed Service Provider Application Packet from the Inyo County Office of Emergency Services as our official request before the California Public Utilities Commission for authorization to utilize 2-1-1 Dialing Code for Information and Referral Services in Inyo County, California.

Enclosed herewith are materials supporting the request required by the Commission, CPUC Decision 03-02-029, which established procedures for implementing 2-1-1 dialing code in California.

The Inyo County Office of Emergency Services is dedicated to serving the public before, during, and after a disaster, and improving overall communications between government and the public. The Inyo County Office of Emergency Services has the necessary organizational capacity to provide 2-1-1 based service and has demonstrated the ability to assume a leadership role in the community in partnering with agencies, local businesses, and other county government operations.

It is the Inyo County Board of Supervisors' belief that the Inyo County Office of Emergency Services is in an excellent position to become the 2-1-1 provider for Inyo County. We enclose the materials required to show that we meet the standards you have set for approval. We are happy to provide any additional supporting materials or information as needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Roeser
Inyo County Board of Supervisors, Chair

SECTION 1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, BACKGROUND, AND EXPERIENCE

This section of the application requires that the applicant provide a summary of relevant information to indicate its ability to perform required basic Information and Referral services for a designated community. The information will be used to evaluate organizational capacity.

1.1 Provide the name, address, and contact name for the organization. Provide the names and address and contact information for all collaborators or partners.

The application is submitted by:

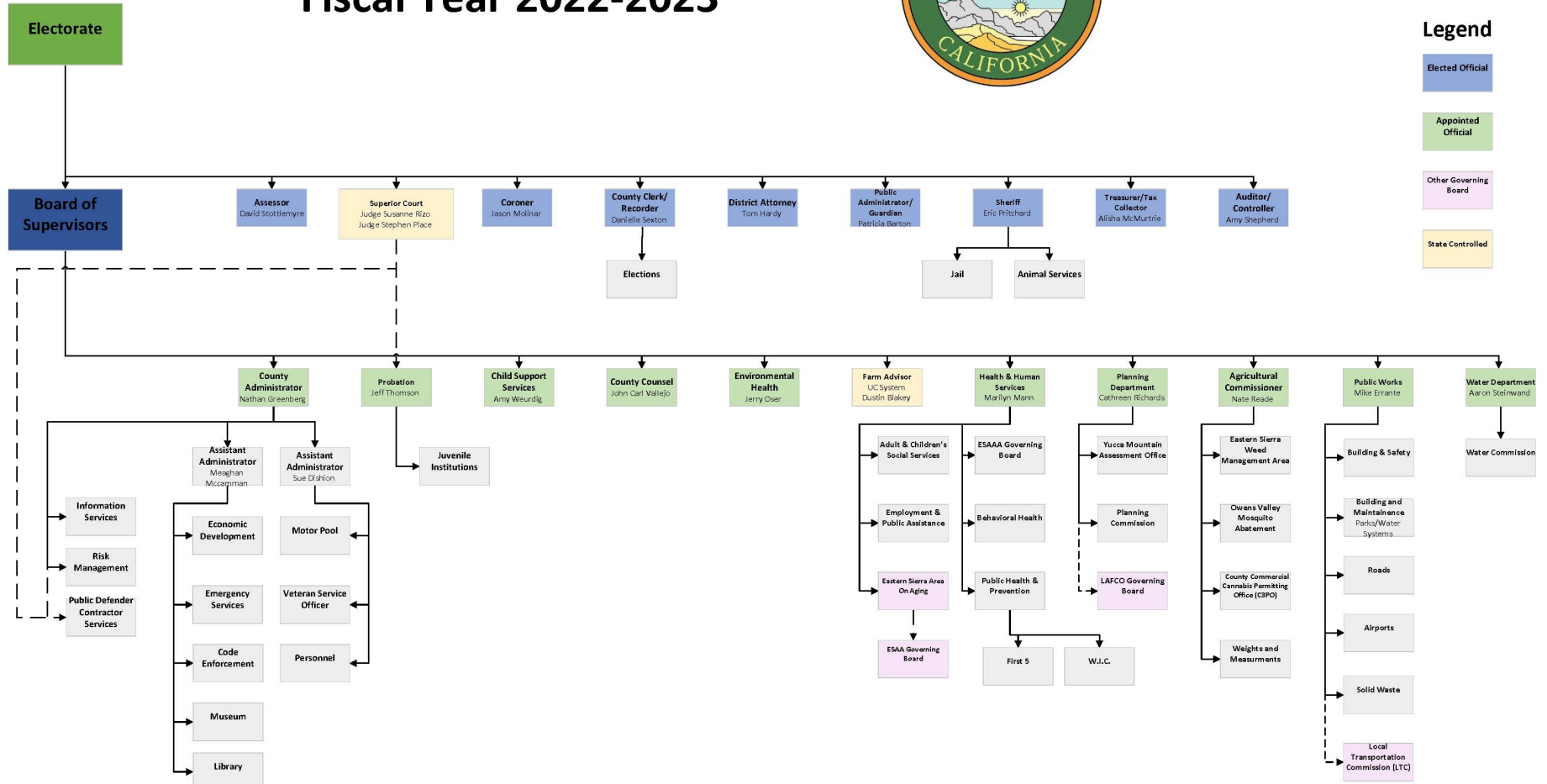
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This application is submitted by a single organization: therefore, no information is attached on collaborators or partners. The County has contracted with Interface Children & Family Services (Interface). Interface will continue to provide 211 services, including call/text handling and database management, for the County of Inyo (County) through Interface's Contact Center, located in Camarillo, California. Interface is the lead entity for 211 Ventura County, the longest running 2-1-1 service in California. Interface also supports a variety of other 211 services (See Section 1.3).

1.2 Provide documentation that indicates the organizational category of your organization, e.g., corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, profit or non-profit organization, governmental agency, or any combination thereof. Also provide a list of all individuals that comprise the governance or ownership or collaborators of your organization.

The County of Inyo is a governmental agency. The Board of Supervisors is the governing body over all of the County agencies. Nate Greenberg is the Director of the Inyo County Office of Emergency Services, which is handling the implementation of the 211 System for Inyo County. Please see the attached organizational chart for further details.

Inyo County Organizational Chart Fiscal Year 2022-2023



1.3 State the number of years of experience the applicant has had providing information and referrals services, the types of services performed and the communities in which they were performed.

As a local government, the County of Inyo is often one of the main organizations that community members look to for information. The County of Inyo offers information and referral services throughout its many divisions and departments. The County of Inyo includes several departments that provide direct services and referrals to clients across the county. One of the largest departments in the County is Health and Human Services, which provides welfare, behavioral health, general assistance, and social services countywide. HHS also provides clients with referrals to other community services and has established a formalized process for internal and external referrals.

211 *Inyo County* will be supported by Interface, the lead agency for 211 Ventura County. Interface established 211 Ventura County in 2005, when it was the first live 211 service in the state of California. Interface has provided 211 services continuously for both Ventura County and for other 211 providers through contact since that time. Prior to launching 211 Ventura County, Interface provided information and referrals services through the community-based Helpline information and referrals service for over 30 years.

Interface is Accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS), the national standards setting organization for information and referrals services for all providers. Interface provides comprehensive information and referrals services for all providers served, incorporating enhanced services as appropriate for various communities. As an example, 211 Ventura County is the single point of entry for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), entering clients directly into the HMIS system for a seamless entry to services.

In addition to services for Ventura County, Interface currently supports 211 services in the following counties in California:

- *24/7 call/text handling services and resource database management:* Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Mendocino, El Dorado, and Sonoma
- *24/7 call/text handling services:* San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Tehama, Santa Cruz, San Benito
- *Afterhours call/text handling services:* San Joaquin and Orange
- *Resource database management:* Alameda County

Interface has been providing Disaster Only 211 call/text handling and resource database management for 12 counties under the SB1212 project: Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mono, Siskiyou, Sutter, and Trinity.

Interface also supports call/text handling and resource management for 211 Lake County, Illinois.

1.4 Provide proof of, or application for, authority to conduct business in the State of California.

The County of *Inyo* was established as a public agency in 1866.

1.5 Indicate the length of time in business under current business name and prior business names. If a corporation, include date of incorporation.

The County of Inyo was established in 1866 and is sometimes referred to as Inyo County.

1.6 Provide a description of key managers' experience in the service to be provided or equivalent or similar experience of principle individuals in the applicants' organization.

Nate Greenberg

Nate Greenberg is the Inyo County Administrative Officer and Director of Emergency Services. Nate has over 25 years of experience in information technology with a strong emphasis on driving innovative change around process improvement, systems integration, access to data, and collaboration - particularly in the government space. Nate has worked extensively on broadband deployment and has a strong background in policy and legislation on technology matters, and serves on several boards and technical committees at the local, state, and national level. Nate has been a resident of the Eastern Sierra for decades and has extensive experience working in and with local government. Nate's local government experience includes a long history of emergency preparedness and disaster response including using GIS for situational awareness & messaging, public safety communications, emergency services technology, and working within EOCs and as part of Incident Management Teams.

Marilyn Mann

Marilyn Mann has worked in the health and human services field for over 35 years for both non-government and public agencies. She began her career with Inyo County Health and Human Services in 1998 when she returned to live in her hometown of Big Pine, California. Marilyn began her career at Inyo County as a social worker in child welfare and advanced into a leadership role in 2004. She was appointed the Director of the department in 2017 and has had the unique pleasure of leading a diverse team of public servants who strive every day to help strengthen resilience and well-being in our community by being trauma-informed and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Mikaela Torres

Mikaela Torres is the Inyo County Emergency Services Manager. Mikaela has over 9 years working in government, at the Tribal and local level. A native to Inyo County, Mikaela has always had a passion for serving the community she grew up in. Mikaela has experience working in government emergency services, as well as with health and human services. Mikaela started her role in the County's Office of Emergency Services in March 2022 and has worked diligently

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to help bridge the communication and information flow between government and the public, particularly as it relates to preparedness and response in disasters.

Kelly Brown

Kelly Brown is the Chief Information Officer at Interface Children & Family Services, overseeing 211 Ventura County. Kelly has worked with 2-1-1 for 12 years, spending the first six years managing the 211 call center and the following five years as 211 Director. Prior to her 211 work Kelly served as the Valuations Manager at ING Nederland in Los Angeles for six years, leading a team of staff located in California, Delaware, and Minnesota that determined the value of potential and mitigated the loss on current bank assets. Kelly enjoys combining her experience in both for profit and non-profit organizations.

Lohanna Almanza

Lohanna Almanza is the Interface Associate Director, overseeing contact center operations for 211 Ventura County. Lohanna has worked with 211 for 8 years. She first served as a Call Specialist, providing 211 I&R services & assisting individuals in need. Then, as a 211 Project Specialist, developing the procedure for text and call handling with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Thereafter, she became the 211 Call Center Supervisor and eventually assumed the role of 211 Associate Director.

1.7 Provide a proposed budget for the next three years. In the proposed budget you may want to consider the anticipated increase in your budget due to 2-1-1 service implementation as well as the projected source of the anticipated increased funding.

Inyo County’s Fiscal Year is from July 1st to June 30th. Budgets are prepared annually. The current Fiscal Year 2022-2023 County Budget is \$130,080,924. Of this amount, Inyo County Administration has Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget of \$20,736,902.

A breakdown of the budgeted amount for County-wide 211 services for three years is below and appropriately accounts for any anticipated service increases.

3 YEAR BUDGET

	FY 2023/2024	FY 2024/2025	FY 2025/2026
Revenue			
Social Services (055800)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Public Health (045100)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Community Mental Health (045200)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Emergency Services – General Fund (023700)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Expenditures			
Interface Children and Family Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

1.8 Provide an audited financial statement. Such statement shall be the most recent and complete audited financial statement available and for a fiscal period not more than 18

months old at the time of submission. This statement shall be by an independent, certified public accountant. In the event qualifying audited financial statements are not available, an unaudited statement along with the entity's federal income tax returns for the preceding two (2) years may be submitted.

Please see attached audit as of *Date*. (See Attachment)

1.8.1 New organizations may provide a proposed budget, proposed funding sources, and commitments, if any, from proposed sources.

Inyo County is not a new organization. Please see responses to 1.7 and 1.8.

1.8.2 If a collaboration, provide proposed budget details of commitment from principal members of the collaborative and financial statement for principal members of the collaborative. A principal member is defined as contributing/raising/otherwise responsible for more than 25% of the budgeted income or any member(s) on whose experience the collaboration is relying to demonstrate its qualifications.

This application is not a collaboration. The County of Inyo will be the sole lead entity of 211 services for the County. Interface will provide services for 211 Inyo County via contract but will not be financially responsible for the Inyo County service.

SECTION 2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

This section of the application sets forth the required service conditions for 211 service providers. To obtain 211 designation, all these conditions must be met. Applicants should prepare a narrative describing the organization's ability to meet the required conditions. The information provided will be used to evaluate the organization's ability to meet required service terms. The narrative should not exceed two pages.

2.1 The minimal geographic service area of 2-1-1 is a county 2-1-1 service providers may serve one or more counties. State the county or counties the applicant intends to serve.

The County of Inyo is applying to provide 211 services for Inyo County.

2.2 The 2-1-1 service provider applicant will not accept fees from referred organizations in return for referrals.

No fees will be charged to or accepted from organizations in return for referrals by 211 *Inyo County*.

2.3 211 service must be provided at no charge to callers; it must also be free of commercials or advertising; supporters may be recognized on printed materials.

211 information and referral services will be provided free of charge to callers and texters. 211 service will be commercial-free, though supporters may be recognized on printed materials.

2.4 2-1-1 service will be provided by "live" call takers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The County of Inyo agrees and has contracted with Interface for this purpose. Interface will answer 2-1-1 calls live 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Interface has been providing 24 hour live call handling since 211 Ventura service went live in 2005.

2.4.1 2-1-1 services must be provided by the applicant or

The County of Inyo agrees and has contracted with Interface for 24/7 service.

2.4.2 After hours 2-1-1 services may be provided by linkage to another organization. If service is to be provided in this manner, provide the name of the organization its phone number, and the name of the contact person. Service delivery standards (See Section 3), however, must be met at all times.

N/A. Services will be provided on a 24/7 basis by Interface.

2.5 2-1-1 service must be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to all callers regardless of language or disability.

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The County of Inyo agrees and has contracted Interface for this purpose.

2.5.1 Provide information regarding languages available via live staff.

Over 80% of the Interface 211 staff handling calls and texts are bilingual, with an emphasis on heavy staffing for bilingual English/Spanish staff.

2.5.2 Provide information regarding interpretation/translation services.

Interface utilizes Voiance as a primary interpretation/translation service and Language Line as a backup interpretation/translation service. Interpretation is available in over 150 languages through these services.

2.5.3 Provide information regarding TTY/TDD access.

Interface utilizes the IPTTY system for TTY/TDD access.

SECTION 3 AIR STANDARDS

The Alliance of Information and Referral Services (AIRS), the national professional membership organization of information and referral service providers, has established standards for delivery of information and referral services. The applicant must demonstrate its understanding of these standards and agree to adhere to them in the delivery of 2-1-1 services. The applicant should provide a narrative description that illustrates how it will meet these service delivery standards. The maximum narrative length is five pages.

3.1 Information and referral service delivery standards

2-1-1 Inyo County calls and texts will be handled by Interface/211 Ventura County, operated by Interface, an AIRS Accredited organization. 211 services provided by Interface are in alignment with AIRS Standards. Interface is an active participant in the state and national 211 community and has become known for establishing and promoting high quality standards that meet and often exceed AIRS standards.

3.1.1 Organization staff must provide a range of information responses

Interface 211 staff respond to a wide variety of calls and texts from the public on a daily basis.

3.1.1.1 Provision of simple information e.g., name, address, and telephone number of service provider.

If a caller knows what service provider, he or she needs information about, Interface 211 staff can quickly access the needed information for the caller using the comprehensive 211 database. Referral information can be provided by phone or by text.

3.1.1.2 One-to-one referrals based on assessment of the clients' needs.

If a caller is uncertain about what he or she needs, 211 staff conduct appropriate assessments through discussion and while building rapport to identify the caller's needs. Most I&R calls require discussion with the caller to determine the most appropriate services to meet the caller's needs. Callers are often not sure of what type of agency can help them or they may have multiple needs. Trained 211 Specialists use active listening techniques to assess the client's needs and help them find appropriate service provider(s) to meet their needs. 211 Specialists also work with callers to go beyond the initial need to find any underlying issues that may be addressed. The 211 Specialists locate appropriate service referrals within the 211 database. Callers are provided with three referrals wherever three appropriate referrals are available, including the name, telephone number, and location of the provider as well as services available, eligibility requirements, times and days services are available, and if there are associated fees.

3.1.1.3 Advocacy and intervention as needed to increase the likelihood that people will obtain the benefits to which they are entitled.

If a caller needs assistance immediately due to an emergency or crisis and is not willing and able to contact emergency services themselves, callers will be transferred directly to appropriate crisis services such as 9-1-1, the local crisis or suicide prevention hotline. Interface 211 maintains a threat assessment protocol and staff are trained to appropriately route crisis calls. Interface 2-1-1 staff ask questions to help identify the barriers the caller is experiencing to accessing services. Interface 211 staff are trained to ask questions to help identify the barriers the caller is experiencing to accessing services. Interface 211 staff are trained to help the caller identify and discover resources they need and to explore options for overcoming barriers to accessing services.

3.1.1.4 Follow-up services to address situations where further assistance may be acquired.

Interface 211 staff schedule follow up calls with callers who are particularly vulnerable or likely to face barriers to service. Special attention is given to callers from vulnerable population groups, such as parents with young children, and at-risk seniors, youth, and homeless individuals and families to ensure they get the assistance they need and to assess if they are in need of any other services.

3.1.2 Information and referrals must be accurate and pertinent to the needs presented.

211 *Inyo County* referrals will be provided from the 211 *Inyo County* database, which will be available to the public by calling or texting the service or by searching online. Resources included in the database will be maintained based on AIRS standards, which will enable 211 staff and the public to have immediate access to high quality, accurate and up-to-date information to assist callers.

3.1.3 Interactions between clients and I&R agency staff must be confidential.

Interface 2-1-1 staff carefully maintain client confidentiality. The Interface Contact Center is located in a secure location that houses a variety of Interface programs with highly sensitive client information, including mental health services, domestic violence services, and services for human trafficking victims. The multi-service nature of the larger Interface agency has led to a deep understanding of the need for care in client confidentiality. The database of client information has several layers of security and password protection, and client records are not shared outside of the agency. Client confidentiality is part of the initial and ongoing training for all Interface 2-1-1 staff and all agency staff are required to sign a confidentiality agreement upon hire.

3.2 Information and Referral Resource File Standards

3.2.1 The organization must have written criteria that identify what is included or excluded from the resource database.

211 *Inyo County* has written criteria for inclusion/exclusion in the resource database based on the AIRS standards. The policy will be posted for public access on the 211 *Inyo County* public web site.

3.2.2 The organization must have a standardized profile (resource information collection tool) that collects identified data elements regarding all agencies and/or services for which it is supplying information or to whom it is making referrals.

2-1-1 *Inyo County* will use a standardized profile and resource collection tool to collect data regarding all agencies and programs that qualify for inclusion in the resource database.
(Include Attachment)

3.2.3 The entire database must be updated at least annually to provide for up-to-date referral information.

There will be a comprehensive annual update of all resource entries to ensure the most accurate data is available at all times. Information within the 211 *Inyo County* resource database will also be updated on an ongoing basis as new information is identified.

3.2.4 The organization must index services using the AIRS/Info Line of Los Angeles Taxonomy of human services or

The 211 *Inyo County* resource database will index services using the AIRS taxonomy, specifically utilizing the public 211 Ventura County AIRS taxonomy filter, the most widely used taxonomy filter among 211 services in California.

3.2.5 The organization must agree to convert the resource database to Taxonomy indexing within three years.

N/A. The 211 *Inyo County* database created as part of the SB1212 project utilizes the AIRS taxonomy indexing.

3.3 Information and Referral Disaster Standards

3.3.1 2-1-1 service must be available in the event of a local disaster, such as an earthquake, flood, or other emergency.

211 *Inyo County* services will be available in the event of a local disaster such as flood, fire, earthquake, hazardous materials spill or infectious disease outbreak or other community emergency to assist with disseminating crucial public information to the public. The 211 *Inyo County* database is stored securely through the iCarol server system. Because 211 *Inyo County* services will be provided through the Interface 2-1-1 Contact Center, located in Ventura County, local incidents will not impact service continuity.

Interface is able to shift calls to other 211 providers for mutual assistance if needed. In the case that Interface is unable to provide 211 service to *Inyo County*, Interface will reach out to fellow 211 providers (both in California and other areas of the country) for assistance. Calls can be distributed to 211 providers within Interface's telephony business unit and/or can be sent to other providers for handling. Telephony, resource database, and call tracking systems are all web-based, so these would not be impacted by an incident in either area.

3.3.2 The organization must have a disaster plan.

Both the County of Inyo and Interface have extensive disaster planning in place. The Inyo County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) will guide the organization's operations during an emergency in Inyo County. The EOP includes information relevant for response to incidents countywide and is a collaborative plan with all local response partners. The main objectives of the EOP are to ensure employee safety and immediate communication of information; continued functioning of key business operations; ensure immediate setup of communications infrastructure during periods of business interruption – for both employee communication and external communications (media, constituents, etc.); and provide quick first communication to the media and 2-1-1.

The Interface/211 Ventura County Emergency Operations Plan will guide Contact Center operations during an emergency. This includes planning for service expansion and service continuity and, in the event of an emergency at the Contact Center, plans for relocating service to alternate location.

The Interface/211 Ventura County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) includes information relevant for response in various situations, including incidents within Ventura County and incidents in counties we serve via contract. Because 211 Ventura County has been a long-time provider of services for other 211 providers in California, Interface disaster planning has been established with both scenarios (local incident and remote incident) in mind. Aspects of the plan relate to both scenarios. For instance, if expanded staffing is necessary, the same mechanism for expanding staff shifts and tracking disaster work related to local or remote incident only. Other aspects of the plan are specific to scenarios related to a remote incident only. For example, our primary communication is with the lead agency in that area, who will identify the primary source of vetted, local information.

Interface/211 Ventura County and *Inyo County* emergency plans will form the foundation of emergency planning for 211 *Inyo County*. More detailed plans for the local service will be developed once the service has been approved and further local coordination and planning are possible.

The telephony, resource database, and call tracking systems supporting 211 *Inyo County* are web based and incorporate redundant systems with the ability to expand as needed for disaster. Should Interface Call Center need to expand service, it will utilize addition agency resources, including space and bandwidth at the administrative headquarters (which is equipped with a designated circuit for power by generator if needed) or at one of the agency's other locations (including the Moorpark site, which is in a city facility hardened with ongoing access to a generator). The Interface Call Center is also equipped with a wireless access point, such there be an interruption in internet access via the primary connection. Should call volume exceed the capacity of the Interface 211 Call Center, existing relationships will be utilized to put out a call for mutual assistance. Logic can be programmed in the telephony system to continue sending calls to the Interface Call Center as the primary provider, but to send calls beyond a certain threshold to a supporting provider.

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211 *Inyo County* currently relies upon the Interface/211 Ventura County EOP for core operational processes guiding call handling during disaster. *Inyo County* emergency plans guide continuity of operations for the lead entity.

Information to be disseminated during disaster will depend on the nature of the event and the type of information that has been vetted by local emergency services. This may include any or all of the following information, as applicable and available:

During response: Basic information on the nature of the event, current evacuation information (with clarification of the classification – i.e., mandatory), road closures, shelters, services related to the evacuation of small and large animals, air quality, etc.

During recovery: Information related to submitting applications for recovery funds (depending on the level of disaster declaration, if any), information related to services available after the incident, including one-on-one counseling, mutual support groups, and assistance by local providers related to the specific needs or that incident (i.e., information and/or supplies related to safely removing debris).

3.3.3 The organization must have a pre-disaster resource database.

2-1-1 *Inyo County* has a disaster database, which was built under the SB1212 project.

Pre-disaster resources include existing governmental and community-based organizations that provide services during and after disaster (i.e., County services, including department which would handle disaster specific CalFresh benefits, and American Red Cross, which would provide mass care and shelter during an event). The primary information needed during an event is not available ahead of time, as it is incident dependent. The information will be provided by County name departments (most often Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Inyo County Office of Emergency Services, and Inyo County Health and Human Services) in a public format available to 211 Inyo County.

3.3.4 If such a plan does not exist, provide information regarding plans to create these.

N/A See 3.3.2

3.4 Reports and Measures Standards

3.4.1 The organization must have a data collection tool that has the capability to collect and maintain the confidentiality of inquirer data.

211 *Inyo County* plans to utilize iCarol database system. This system will include both resource information and caller information. Access to the system is available only to staff with login permission and the confidentiality of inquirer data is held securely on iCarol servers.

3.4.2 The organization's data collection tool must have the capability to collect information regarding referrals made for assessed needs and service gaps when no referrals were identified for assessed needs.

The 211 *Inyo County* iCarol system allows 211 staff to create a record for each contact that calls or texts the service for assistance. Referrals provided to the client are attached to the record, with the ability to aggregate data on the organizations receiving referrals and the more generalizable needs the client expressed. Unmet needs are also attached to the contact record, enabling reporting on service gaps.

3.4.3 The organization must have a report tool that is capable of aggregating and organizing inquirer data and resource data to support internal analysis, advocacy, and community planning activities.

211 *Inyo County* staff can use the iCarol software program to generate reports on client demographic data, referrals provided, caller needs (including unmet needs), volume of information and referral calls, and more. Data can be aggregated on a periodic basis (i.e., quarterly, annually) and as needed to address community concerns, so local government and community agency leaders have access to key information for community planning.

3.5 Cooperative Relationship Standards

3.5.1 The organization must have cooperative working relationships with targeted and local I&Rs operating in the same service area (List those agencies and include letters of support as described in Section 4.)

The County of Inyo currently provides information and referral resources for the Area Agency on Aging. This Program helps older adults, families, and communities' access social and health services. The Program informs, guides, and links older adults and their families to services in the community that meet their unique needs. The Inyo County Office of Education provides information and referral resources for the Department of Education. The information and referral service will actively and collaboratively work with 211 Inyo County.

3.5.2 The organization must provide seamless access to 2-1-1 service throughout its service area. Callers make only one call for community service information regardless of the location within the system from which they are calling.

Callers will make only one call to access community services information and referral to have seamless access upon implementation of 211.

3.6 Other Organizational Standards

3.6.1 The organization must provide training for all aspects of the Information and Referral/2-1-1 services to paid and volunteer staff.

211 *Inyo County* client contact will occur through the Interface 211 Contact Center. All 211 Ventura County staff are trained on an AIRS Standards-based curriculum delivered through classroom training, online training, and shadowing experienced I&R Specialists. The curriculum that is used for both initial and ongoing training includes instruction in best practices in information and referral call handling, using the resource database, risk assessment, handling challenging calls, and triaging crisis calls. 211 Resource staff are trained in how to create and

maintain a high-quality resource entry, using AIRS Standards and following the 211 Ventura County customization of the 211 California iCarol Style Guide and 211 Ventura taxonomy filter.

3.6.2 The organization must have a program to increase public awareness of information and referral/2-1-1 services, objectives, and their value to the community.

211 Inyo County will increase public awareness through the following campaign efforts:

- Distribution of 211 promotional materials in English and Spanish, events, training;
- Media releases to local radio and print resources, material provided through partners, events targeting partner organization
- Promotion of 211 service to all government entities, collaborative service networks, and organized community groups;
- Promotion of 211 service on Inyo County social media sites;
- 211 links on service provider websites in Inyo County;
- Promotion of 211 texting service; outreach through local schools, county, and city departments, and businesses.

3.6.3 The organization must have an evaluation plan to identify needed program improvements.

Management staff will regularly monitor the 2-1-1 program to ensure it is operating efficiently, professionally, and according to AIRS standards. Inyo County Administration will review 2-1-1 data and meet quarterly to discuss community needs, gaps in database information, impact of 2-1-1 services on community members, and the impact of outreach efforts. An Annual Report will be created at the end of each year and made available to stakeholders and the public.

3.6.3.1 The plan must be implemented at least annually.

The evaluation plan will be implemented at least annually.

SECTION 4 DOCUMENTATION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

To be designated as a 2-1-1 service provider you must demonstrate strong community support for your application. This support should come from a wide range of organizations and agencies that are stakeholders in the health and human services network in your community.

Leaders of organizations that support your application should complete the attached "**Endorsement of 2-1-1 Application.**" Completed endorsements should be submitted with the application.

You should submit endorsements from major agencies and organizations that provide direct service or information and referral service in the proposed service area in the fields listed below where they are available. Endorsements from other types of organizations and from elected officials are also valuable.

Please cross out any organization or entity that is not available in your county or locality, even by extension from another area. Note those services that you directly provide. *Check all endorsements that are attached. Do not include more than 15 endorsements or letters of support.*

- AIDS/HIV Service
- Alcohol and Drug Service
- Business/Labor
- Services for Children and Families
- Crisis/Suicide Hotline
- Disability Service
- Domestic Violence Service
- Education
- Emergency Food Provider
- Emergency (disaster) Service
- Employment Service
- Health Service
- Homeless Service
- Library or Library System
- Mental Health Service
- Rape Crisis Service
- Senior Service
- Women's Service
- Veterans Groups

Endorsement of Applicant as 2-1-1 Service Provider

NOTE TO ENDORSER: 2-1-1 is a unique social utility. There can only be one 2-1-1 service provider in a given area. Therefore, you should only endorse one organization to be designated as the 2-1-1 service provider in the specified area. If you make multiple, competing endorsements, the last dated endorsement will supersede all others.

Instructions to endorser: _____ is applying to
Name of Applicant Agency

the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be designated as the 2-1-1 service provider for _____.
Name of county. If less than a full county, describe specific portion.

_____ is providing information to the CPUC that
Name of Applicant Agency

it has the necessary organizational capacity to provide 2-1-1 service and that it is familiar with and adheres to the professional standards for information and referral. Another essential element of its application is a demonstration of community support for its designation as the 2-1-1 service provider in its area.

2-1-1 is a unique social utility. There can only be one 2-1-1 service provider in a given area. Therefore, you should only endorse one organization to be designated as the 2-1-1 service provider in the specified area. If you make multiple, competing endorsements, the last dated endorsement will supersede all others.

The undersigned endorses _____ as the
Name of Agency

organization that is best qualified to provide 2-1-1 service in the proposed service area for the following reasons: (Include a description of your relationship with the applicant organization and comments regarding your knowledge of the applicant's experience and ability to provide comprehensive information and referral services. If further space is required, attach an additional sheet.)

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Type of organization:

Government _____ Nonprofit [501][c][3] _____ Other (specify): _____

Briefly describe the service(s) provided by your organization:

Area served by your organization:

Number of unduplicated clients provided service annually _____

Annual budget _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

Reference ID:
2023-3411

AB 361 Findings Regarding Remote Board of Supervisors Meetings County Council ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Office of County Counsel

ITEM PRESENTED BY

John Vallejo, County Counsel

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That Proclamation remains in effect. Subsequently, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which modified the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the "Brown Act"), in order to allow legislative bodies to meet from remote locations without opening those locations to the public or complying with certain agenda requirements. Those modifications remained in effect through September 30, 2021.

In anticipation of the expiration of the applicable provisions of Executive Order N-29-20, the California legislature adopted, and Governor Newsom signed, AB 361. AB 361 amended the Brown Act to allow local legislative bodies to continue to meet under the modified teleconferencing rules until January 1, 2024, if the meeting occurs during a proclaimed state of emergency and the legislative body finds that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and either: measures to promote social distancing have been imposed or recommended by local health officials; and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

The Inyo County Health Officer currently recommends that measures be implemented to promote social distancing, including the holding of virtual meetings. A copy of the memo memorializing that recommendation is included in your agenda materials. Adopting the recommended action would therefore make the required findings that the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency and that local health officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. In order to continue to meet under those modified rules, the Board will again need to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and again make at least one of the additional findings required by AB 361.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	N/A	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	N/A	Object Code	
Recurrence	N/A		
Current Fiscal Year Impact			
Future Fiscal Year Impacts			
Additional Information			

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If your Board chooses to not make the required findings, the Board must meet in person as required by the Brown Act, and any Board Member participating via teleconference must make their location open and available to the public during the meeting.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AB 361 Public Meeting Recommendations

APPROVALS:

Darcy Ellis	Created/Initiated - 1/11/2023
John Vallejo	Final Approval - 1/11/2023



County of Inyo

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Marilyn Mann, Director
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Date: September 23, 2021

To: Inyo County Local Agency Governing Bodies

From: Dr. James Richardson, Inyo County Public Health Officer

Re: Continued Recommendation Re Social Distancing and Remote Meetings

In order to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, I recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Inyo County communities, including at public meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other public agencies. Individuals continue to contract COVID-19 and spread the infection throughout our communities. Social distancing, masking, and vaccination are crucial mitigation measures to prevent the disease's spread. Remote public agency meetings allow for the participation of the community, agency staff, presenters, and board members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. As such, and since this disease negatively and directly impacts the ability of public agencies to conduct public meetings safely in person, it is my recommendation that local public agencies conduct their public meetings remotely.

This recommendation will remain in place until further notice.

Dr. James A. Richardson
Inyo County Health Officer



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

Reference ID:
2023-3413

Consideration of Emergency Proclamation County Administrator - Emergency Services ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Mikaela Torres, Emergency Services Manager

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Mikaela Torres, Emergency Services Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board declare the existence of a local emergency as a result of the atmospheric river event beginning on January 9, 2023, which resulted in extensive flooding throughout the County, by approving Resolution No. 2023-03.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Beginning December 27, 2022, severe winter storms related to a series of atmospheric river systems struck the State of California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river and urban flooding. This storm hit Inyo County on January 9th, beginning in north county and moving through south county, posing risk to persons and property countywide.

Extreme flooding occurred throughout the County, including the City of Bishop, with several roads and state highways damaged. Homes and businesses were impacted and damaged by this event. Avalanches occurred in the Aspendell community, causing additional road closures and damage to several residences. Search and rescue crews were deployed to evacuate residences in the Aspendell community. Crews from the County and partner agencies worked to close the roads that were unsafe to drive on and began cleanup work.

Your Board is asked to declare a local emergency to support any potential requests for disaster assistance by the County and our local partners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. January 9 Atmospheric River Disaster Declaration

APPROVALS:

Mikaela Torres

Darcy Ellis

John Vallejo

Nate Greenberg

Created/Initiated - 1/12/2023

Approved - 1/12/2023

Approved - 1/12/2023

Final Approval - 1/12/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, storm systems resulting from an atmospheric river event has swept across Inyo County on or about January 9, 2023, resulting in torrential rains, mud and debris flow, avalanches, and other localized flooding throughout the County, including the City of Bishop; and

WHEREAS, the storm systems cause major flooding and avalanches that led to road closures, damaged private property, resulting in evacuation of homes; and impacted critical infrastructures including public buildings, schools, healthcare facilities, and public transit; and,

WHEREAS, the extent of damage to County roads and highways is still being assessed, and this effort is slowed by impassable road conditions marked by washouts, continued flooding, and avalanches; and,

WHEREAS, this storm have threatened and continue to threaten critical infrastructure, public and private property, and people in the County; and,

WHEREAS, Rainy conditions are expected to persist into the weekend of January 13-15, 2023, further exacerbating hazard conditions and hampering opportunities for clean-up and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency in Inyo County as a result of severe weather conditions, including torrential rains, mud and debris flows, avalanches, and other localized flooding throughout Inyo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of January 2023 by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Inyo

ATTEST: Nate Greenberg
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Assistant Clerk of the Board



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

Reference ID:
2022-3385

Presentation of the Annual Safety Award for "Most Improved in Safety"

County Administrator - Risk Management

NO ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Aaron Holmberg, Risk Manager

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Aaron Holmberg, Risk Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board receive presentation of Risk Management's Annual Safety Award for "Most Improved in Safety."

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Continuous improvement is the hallmark of a successful safety program. The annual safety award strives to acknowledge continuous improvement in employee and facility safety, and to encourage such improvements throughout all county locations. The award is given at the discretion of Risk Management following the annual comprehensive safety audit. Risk Management wishes to thank all employees for their input and cooperation during inspections from September through December of 2022.

The 2020 award went to HHS Aging and Social Services for improvements especially at Statham Hall. The 2021 award went to Eastern California Museum for improvements throughout the interior of the museum.

The winner/s for 2022 will be announced during the presentation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	n/a	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	n/a	Object Code	
Recurrence	n/a		
Current Fiscal Year Impact			
n/a			
Future Fiscal Year Impacts			
n/a			
Additional Information			

Safety improvement can be charted over time as quantifiably valuable in a number of ways. This presentation does not address the financial benefit of safety improvements. Such a presentation could

be made if requested. This presentation is for recognition of our employees and their dedication to safety in the workplace.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

APPROVALS:

Aaron Holmberg	Created/Initiated - 12/28/2022
Darcy Ellis	Approved - 12/29/2022
Aaron Holmberg	Approved - 12/29/2022
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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

Reference ID:
2023-8

Report from Inyo County Film Commissioner County Administrator - Advertising County Resources

NO ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Film Commission

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Jesse Steele

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board: A) receive written report from the Inyo County Film Commissioner; and B) hear update on Film Commission activities.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele will be presenting the first of two annually required written reports to your Board on recent filming activity in Inyo County. He will also update your Board on activities and efforts related to revitalizing the Film Commission itself - including the development of a long overdue website - and to promote Inyo County as a premier filming location.

Per the Film Commissioner's contract, written reports are to be presented in January and July; oral reports are expected in April and October.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	N/A	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	N/A	Object Code	
Recurrence	N/A		
Current Fiscal Year Impact			
Future Fiscal Year Impacts			
Additional Information			

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inyo Film Commission Report Jan. 17, 2023

APPROVALS:

Darcy Ellis	Created/Initiated - 1/12/2023
Darcy Ellis	Approved - 1/12/2023
Meaghan McCamman	Final Approval - 1/12/2023

Inyo County Film Commissioner's Quarterly Report

January 17th, 2023

By Jesse Steele

Inyo County has been an oddity of sorts in the film industry for its entire history, having a conflicting presence as far as its place in the film lexicon. While a hotspot for films, commercials, still photography and now influencers, Inyo County is also the biggest kept secret – which is hard to wrap your head around, but true nonetheless. With an array of diverse and beautiful locations throughout the area, it's no surprise filmmakers are drawn to this region. Filmmakers love the area for its year-round access to world-class camera-worthy views and locations, as well as its welcoming atmosphere in allowing them to use the area in their productions. But, it seems we go years in between big-budget films. As the new Film Commissioner, I aim to address this issue (let the cat out of the bag, as it were).

Inyo County residents have embraced the influx, and extra resources granted, that come with filming in our county. The local population provides equal support in equipment rentals, lodging, catering and other services in order to help productions achieve their vision. It's exciting to watch this local Inyo County film scene flourish while bringing amazing opportunities to businesses and citizens in our area! The real Challenge is getting the word out, to the right people, that we are open for business. Since I started in October of 2022, we have made great strides in that department. Here are a few of the ways I have been working to grow our film presence.

Website

Inyo County offers an impressive portfolio of unique locations and resources that can accommodate even the biggest Hollywood budgets. Local authorities across Inyo's ranks, (Supervisors included), provide comprehensive support services to help make filming in Inyo County an effortless process. So that makes it really simple to promote!

The first step is developing a website. Julie Faber of Alpen Arete and I have been collaborating on updating our website presence on *visitinyocounty.com* since October with the end goal of giving Inyo County's Film Commission a robust, reliable, and easily accessed home on the Internet. We have been updating all the necessary information that filmmakers need in order to explore the various production possibilities in the region so that we can provide a showcase of available locations, studio and gear rentals, permits and other resources and allow producers, directors and cinema fans around the world to experience Inyo County in all its glory as one of America's most breathtaking destinations. All of this is forthcoming as we create it. There is currently no digital database, as the last time a list was created with some of this information was on paper in 2004.

This is in addition to my initial efforts to reach out to other sites such as Film Liaisons in California Statewide (FLICS) and California Film Commission to update not only my information for a point of contact, but to freshen up the pictures and information we wish to promote.

Agencies and Permitting

To ensure that filmmakers can access our locations, I have been working with local land stewards like the BLM, Inyo National Forest and DWP, as well as private landowners and businesses in the area, as part of an effort to streamline the permitting process and help promote our County in this exciting and often impatient industry. The idea is to combine all the permits for the different governing agencies and build one all-encompassing permit that gives each organization the information it needs. Filmmakers will be able to fill out the permit online and then, through our website, the permit will be sent to the appropriate agencies based on location needs. My hope is to eventually expand this into things like hotel accommodations, catering, emergency services, etc. – to make our website the one-stop shop for everything a film industry representative would need to successfully shoot in Inyo County..

Locations/Crew List and Maps

Speaking of one-stop shops, I am currently working on updating all the locations, cast and crew lists in Inyo County. Once I have them complete, they will be available for producers to reach out to us about positions they need filled locally and how we can help. Utilizing our experience is easy when they know we have it! Locations will be placed on an interactive map that anyone can see and when they choose a location, it will give them not only pictures and videos of the location, but links to other films shot there, as well as all important information necessary to use that space: permitting info, safety requirements, local cast and crew available, basically all the info they need to get started.

Social Media

As I have waxed on about, Inyo County is a mecca for filmmakers, and WILL BE to those that don't know it yet! Creating social media accounts in the area is an important step in building recognition in the film industry. With new accounts on Facebook and Instagram, as well as content being created for YouTube and film-based platforms like Film Freeway, we have the chance to maximize our reach, stand out from the crowd, and let potential fans know about our opportunities here. Through engaging content and meaningful interactions, Inyo County can benefit greatly as filmmakers connect in new ways with us on these platforms.

Social media accounts can be invaluable in boosting overall interest and awareness of the local film scene. We have made great strides in this department in the last few months. With interviews showcasing a short film shot here as well as making connections with Inyo film historians, the Inyo film social media presence is blossoming into something exciting for even the locals to simply be entertained by, much less promote our area. I have many ideas to keep this growing.

I recently spoke with Brent Underwood, who owns Cerro Gordo ghost town above Keeler. He has an amazing YouTube channel called "*Ghost Town Living*," showcasing his adventures up the hill. He has 1.58 million subscribers and each of his videos receive hundreds of thousands of views. We discussed partnering on some content to help get the word out that we are growing in our film scene here in Inyo and he wants to help. Thanks to Supervisor Kingsley for setting up that meeting.

Local Film Projects

Local film projects have been in full swing since I began in mid-October. We had a small-budget independent shoot at the Cal Tech Radio Observatory about humanity's first contact with an alien planet, in October. That shoot brought in over \$15,000 locally for a 2-day shoot. (Detailed in the attached form.)

There was a Chevy Silverado commercial shoot in November. They were just getting a quick shot in the gorge outside of Bishop, so not a lot of impact.

Currently, in Lone Pine, Alabama Hills and Cerro Gordo there's another exciting project in the works: a Discovery Network travel show that will be utilizing local restaurants for filming locations as well as the town and surrounding areas. The last update was that either Mt. Whitney Restaurant or The Totem would host them.

I am talking with another location manager as well for a film that will be shot here later this year. No word on budget, scope or company yet. But I do know they want to shoot in Bishop.

COLA Awards/FLICS

Liz Grans, the Mono County Film Commissioner, and myself were lucky enough to attend the California On Location Awards (COLA) at the Universal Hilton in Burbank this last month and it was a fantastic marketing and networking experience for both Inyo and Mono. I was able to speak with upwards of 20 location managers, most of whom won big awards that evening. One location manager on the show "911" won big that night and he gave a speech on how hard it is to film in downtown L.A. and he wishes he could go back to the days of shooting Westerns...So of course I found him and made sure he not only had my contact info, but that he realized where all those Westerns were shot and that we would welcome him with arms and locations wide open!

The Inyo Film Commissioner has a spot on the Board of Directors for FLICS, which is the governing organization of film locations for California. The meeting was held the same day as the COLA, and also at the Hilton. The FLICS board is really interested in all we are doing in Inyo and they want to help us grow. I was given invites to shadow the different commissioners from other counties and learn how they do things, to help improve our commission. Yes, I also gave them new and innovative ideas that had them excited to work with us as well. I will be visiting these different counties and learning from them in the next few months.

Inyo Filming Post-Breakdown Sheet

I have attached an "Inyo Filming Post Breakdown" document I created to hand out to producers as they work here, detailing their spending and use of our area. This is a good way for us to collect solid data on shoots. So far, I have only received a breakdown back from the Caltech shoot. I should have the information back from the bigger guys shortly. My plan is to compile this data from each Inyo shoot, to help guide us on filmmaking decisions for the county in the future.

Going Forward

I have been focusing on building a base for the commission with the new website and social media, and reaching out and building relationships and connections with not only the governing agencies here in Inyo but also professionals in the film industry that could utilize our area. The plan for the future is to:

- Focus on creating video content for social media, showcasing our area and what we offer to filmmakers.
- Continue to create a web presence for Inyo Film.
- I will have a panel at both Mammoth film festivals later this spring to speak about the benefits of shooting in Inyo County.
- Develop curriculum for locals to learn about working on film sets.
- Go to film festivals and conventions to learn more about the industry and make connections.
- Continue to learn about rising technologies and platforms that can help us promote Inyo and to be on the cutting edge to help attract talent.
- Continue to create innovative ways to attract film to Inyo County.

Conclusion

It's been an exciting ride taking on the challenge of creating a safe, functional, and reliable process for production companies to use when shooting in Inyo. We have made substantial progress in harnessing the power of social media to positively inform people of our services and offerings; Julie Faber and I are continuously working hard to implement our ambitious website ideas. We hope that through collaboration with numerous entities, we can create the ideal space for production projects to thrive here in Inyo County. Contributing our locals' skill sets and assets is integral in making this dream a reality. Also, through constantly educating myself on trends within production protocol, together we all can strive to make Inyo as desirable as possible for potential film industry workers.

Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to a few people that have made my transition into this position fluid and relatively pain-free! CAO Nate Greenberg, Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman, and in particular both Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis and Travis Dean in Public Works. They have gone out of their way to help me find answers and guidance when no one else had them for me. We have such a great team here in Inyo, I learned that well these last few months!

Thank you for supporting the film industry here in Inyo – together let's continue working toward advancing it beyond what we can currently even imagine! See ya in the movies.

Jesse Steele
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Data from American Pantheon, the Film Shoot at Cal Tech

“Bright Forest” by American Pantheon

Inyo County Film Commission Post Breakdown

Dates and Shooting locations

What days and locations did you shoot in Inyo County? List more on the back of the page if necessary.

Location **OWENS VALLEY RADIO OBSERVATORY** Date **10.15.22-10.16.22** Fee **\$13750**

How did you find out about shooting in Inyo?

Google search.

Was there an onsite rep at each location and what was their contact information?

Morgan Catha for CalTech mcatha@caltech.edu

How much were the fees for land use if separate from location fee? (DWP, BLM, NFS...)?

N/A all agencies waived fees.

If private land, designate where and how much you were charged, if at all?

\$13750

How much did you spend on fees for Inyo County Permits?

N/A

Was any of the permitting process difficult? Was it hard to find information? Was the online paying system difficult? Were any of the permitting agencies difficult to work with?

The only thing I never figured out was how to find fee information online.

What would you recommend Inyo County do to entice or make filming in Inyo easier and more of a draw for filmmakers?

Nothing. Everything and everyone was incredibly helpful in getting the project done.

Local Cast and Crew

Did you hire any local cast or crew? If so, who were they and what tasks did they perform?

Contact info if possible? List on back if necessary

We hired four local actors for background roles.

Would you hire these individuals again? If so, or not, why?

Yes. Very responsive and respectful. A talented group of locals!

Also include individuals that were hired and didn't show up, or quit during the shoot.

We had a handful of actors who didn't show up due to being sick and/or sleeping in. I do not have their contact information.

What would you recommend Inyo County do to prepare locals to work on set and help meet filmmakers' needs?

N/A

Local Amenities

How many Hotels did you utilize here in Inyo?

Which Hotel(s): **Cielo Hotel, Vagabond Hotel**

Number of Rooms: **Six**

Number of Nights: **One night**

Amount per room: **~\$120/room**

What local restaurants did you order food from? How much did you spend on each (estimate). List more on the back if necessary.

1. **CooperTop ~\$300**
2. **Two Brothers Pizza ~\$200**

Did you use any local caterers or shop locally for craft services? Who and how much did you spend if so? Contact info if possible.

Vons, Rite Aid ~\$200

Estimate on money spent on gas in Inyo County? Which station if possible.

N/A

All Other Monies Spent in Inyo County

Did you spend any other money in Inyo County, not listed here? If so, please label how much, what it was for and where you spent it.

N/A

Experience

How would you say your overall experience was shooting in Inyo County?

Absolutely fantastic. Couldn't have done it without your help and we're excited to come back.

Would you return for future projects?

Absolutely.

Film Commissioner

How do you feel the Inyo County Film Commissioner did. Was he helpful and did he provide a good service as a local liaison? Can he do anything better that will help future productions thrive and want to utilize Inyo more often?

Jesse was great! No notes 😊

Thank you for shooting in Legendary Inyo County! We appreciate you seeing the beauty and grandeur of our area. We have a rich film history and we are honored to add you and your shoot to that list.

Please follow us on Instagram (@inyofilm) Facebook and Twitter to see how yourself and others are utilizing our amazing natural backlot.

For any further comments or complaints about the Inyo County film process or Commissioner. Please reach out to the County Administrator, Nate Greenberg at <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/county-administrators-office>



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

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2023-3405

2023 Legislative Platform County Administrator ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Nate Greenberg, County Administrative Officer

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Nate Greenberg, County Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board: A) receive presentation/update from Kristi More, of The Ferguson Group, on legislative issues relevant to Inyo County; and B) review, discuss, and adopt the Inyo County 2023 Federal Legislative Platform.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Inyo County employs the services of The Ferguson Group, which specializes in representing public and private entities in Washington, D.C. in a wide array of capacities, including federal funding, grants, as well as legislative and regulatory issues. Kristi More of The Ferguson Group will be providing the Board with a brief update on legislative issues relevant to Inyo County.

Additionally, Ms. More will present the Inyo County 2023 Federal Legislative Platform for Board approval. This document will be distributed to legislators to make them aware of our local, rural issues so they may better lobby for our interests. Adoption of this document also allows each Board member the flexibility to take the position identified in the document, on behalf of the Board, without waiting for a full vote of the Board. Conversely, when confronted with an issue that is not listed in this document, that issue will need Board approval before an Inyo County position may be presented in a letter or other form of advocacy.

While this is substantially the same as the 2022 Platform, Ms. More met with County Department Heads and individual Board members last fall in order to ensure current interests and issues are addressed. The attached draft document is the result of these discussions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	N/A	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	N/A	Object Code	
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Future Fiscal Year Impacts			

Additional Information**ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Not approve.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inyo County 2023 Federal Leg Agenda - DRAFT
2. Inyo County 2022 Federal Leg Agenda - FINAL

APPROVALS:

Darcy Ellis

Nate Greenberg

Created/Initiated - 1/12/2023

Final Approval - 1/12/2023



Inyo County, CA 2023 Federal Platform

Approved by Board of Supervisors on **DATE**



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County of Inyo, CA

2023 Federal Priorities

Inyo County was established on March 22, 1866 and is the second largest county in California at 10,227 square miles. However, the County sparsely populated with approximately 18k calling it home. The community of Independence serves as the County Seat. Inyo County is a land of magnificent natural diversity, from Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states, to Death Valley, the lowest point in the U.S. Inyo County has a rich indigenous history, as well as a legacy that also traces its roots to pioneering, mining, railroading, ranching, and farming. Much of this history is not only on display today in museums and cultural centers throughout the County, but in the culture, livelihoods, and family trees of those who call Inyo County home. Robust in natural resources and beauty, Inyo County strives to support the cultural and historical values of its communities, protect and enhance its natural environment, and preserve a rural quality of life.



Rural and Isolated
Communities



Economic
Development

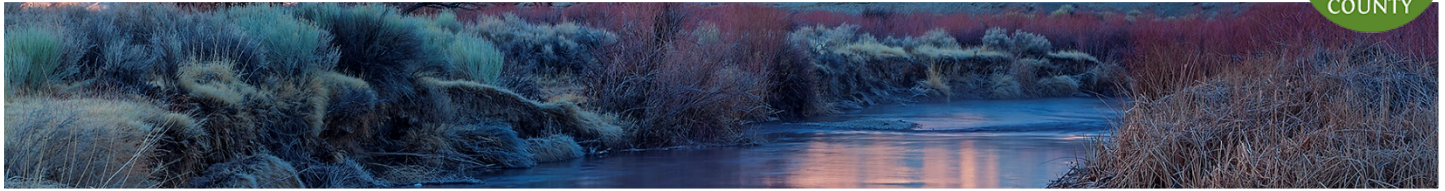


Resource & Land
Management



Infrastructure

Rural and Isolated Communities



Isolated Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek funding and support programs that provide services to isolated communities including construction of community facilities.
Health and Well Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek funding and support programs to improve access to health services including mental health, substance abuse programs, emergency services, community health clinics, and hospitals.
Emergency Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support and seek funding for projects and programs that support emergency and disaster preparedness, response and management.
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support funding and programs for public safety initiatives including search and rescue activities, law enforcement communications, and public safety equipment.
Fire Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek funding and support programs for fire protection enhancements including ensuring community access to fire stations and fire fighting services.
Community Facilities and Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support funding and programs for the construction and programming of projects for community museums, libraries, and parks.
Youth Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support programs that provide assistance to the County's younger populations including access to early childhood education services, afterschool programming, and juvenile justice programs.
Emergency Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustaining Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service is complex and expensive. Seek funding and support programs that develop and support the elements necessary to make such an initiative successful.
Veterans Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek funding to enhance services to the County's veterans, including through the veterans center and veterans housing.
Aging Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support programs and seek funding for services that assist the County's aging population.

Economic Development



Opportunity Zones

- Support development of plan and strategy to encourage private investment in public infrastructure projects through programs such as the Opportunity Zone private tax incentives.

U.S. Census

- Monitor U.S. Census development process in particular to definitions and impacts to rural communities.

Digital 395 and Statewide Middle-Mile Initiatives

- Support development, expansion, and implementation of regional broadband initiatives which construct Middle Mile routes and focus on deployment of high-quality Last Mile broadband to customers.

Bishop Airport

- Support development and expansion of Bishop Airport to increase services of commercial and general aviation uses that support and spur regional economic development.

Housing

- Advocate and support initiatives and programs that provide additional housing and encourages diversity in housing availability in the County.

Recreation and Tourism

- Support programs and activities that enhance and protect tourism in the region and recreation on federal lands and within federal parks. Support programs that provide assistance to local economies based on tourism and recreation.

Tribal Partnerships

- Support programs and activities that prioritize funding for initiatives based on collaborative partnerships between local agencies and tribal entities.

Small Businesses

- Support programs and activities that provide assistance to small businesses and promote entrepreneurship.

Resource and Land Management



PILT Funding

- Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs.

Fuels Management

- Support programs that enhance fuel management activities on federal lands.

Federal Lands Management

- Support funding for federal lands management agencies and programs.

Wildfire Preparedness

- Support programs that help prevent, mitigate, and respond to wildfires.

Recreation

- Seek funding and support programs that protect and enhance recreational activities on public lands.

Inyo National Forest Plan

- Support efforts that foster partnerships and enhance relationships with local agencies and the Inyo National Forest.

Mining Industry

- Seek support of changes to mining claims forms that allow for efficient and timely filing of mining claims.

Cannabis

- Support administrative and regulatory procedures, including banking, related to the cannabis industry that protect local authority and protect the public.

Infrastructure



Drinking Water

- Seek funding and support programs that delivery reliable and clean drinking water through resilient infrastructure.

Wastewater Infrastructure

- Seek funding and support programs that provide wastewater treatment infrastructure and services to communities in a cost efficient matter.

Local Transportation Projects

- Seek funding and support programs for local transportation projects throughout the County including those related to highways, local streets and roads, trails, transit, pedestrians, and electric vehicles.

Broadband and Connectivity

- Seek funding for broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements throughout the County. Seek funding and support programs to provide communication infrastructure, including broadband and cellular services to remote rural communities.

Environmental Review and Project Delivery

- Support changes to federal law that encourage a more efficient and streamlined environmental review and project delivery process and allow public infrastructure projects to be constructed more efficiently and effectively.



County of Inyo, California

2023 Legislative Platform

AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS & MEASURES

1. **Support** full cost recovery for new agricultural programs.
2. **Support** continued funding of weed management programs.
3. **Support** authority for USDA to set up cooperative agreements with states for pest exclusion programs.
4. **Support** control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve and restore public and private lands.
5. **Support** efforts to provide and protect local authority for device registration fees.
6. **Oppose** efforts by State agencies to usurp Agricultural Commissioner's permitting authority for the spraying of pesticides on irrigated lands.
7. **Oppose** efforts to ban the use of rodenticide for agricultural and public health purposes in California.

CANNABIS

1. **Oppose** legislation that would diminish local authority over commercial cannabis regulation.
 2. **Support** legislation that provides the state's tribes a mechanism for entering California's legal cannabis marketplace without sacrificing their sovereign status, while also preserving local governments' right to protect against or require mitigation for associated impacts to their jurisdictions from any commercial cannabis activity on adjacent lands, including Tribal land.
 3. **Support** a statewide regulatory scheme for medical cannabis and/or adult use cannabis that ensures counties have the ability to set regulatory standards based on local needs and priorities, and seek to ensure the County is adequately resourced as regulations and state laws are implemented.
 4. **Support** efforts to study the impacts of cannabis use and legalization on the public's health, particularly on the impacts on youth brain development.
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5. **Support** legislation to increase cannabis surveillance, education, youth prevention, responsible adult use, and drugged driving prevention.
6. **Support** efforts to mitigate community level harms from commercial cannabis operations, such as overconcentration as well as clustering with alcohol and tobacco retailers.
7. **Support** continued Federal and State funding to aid local jurisdictions in the eradication of illegal, environmentally destructive marijuana grow operations on public and/or private land.
8. **Monitor** legislation establishing policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis.
9. **Oppose** policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis Tobacco Control funding that mirror those established for Tobacco Control funding.

CHILD SUPPORT

1. **Support** legislation that would protect existing State and Federal funding for local child support programs.
2. **Support** policies, funding and services for non-custodial parents that promote self-sufficiency and ability to care for their child(ren).
3. **Oppose** any recommendations that would reduce Federal financial participation in child support programs.

COUNTY OPERATIONS

1. **Support** full funding of the Public Library Fund in future State budgets.
 2. **Support** legislation to provide opt-in as opposed to opt-out for receiving electronic sample ballots.
 3. **Support** legislation that requires counties to be reimbursed for the cost of special elections called by the Governor or Legislature.
 4. **Support** efforts to reinstate language directing the state to provide reimbursement to counties that hold a special election to replace a member of Congress or a member of the state Legislature to fill a vacancy, as well as for the cost of special elections called for other reasons.
 5. **Support** legislation that would authorize Federal and State Governments to assist counties in the purchase of voting equipment and technology.
 6. **Support** the continued exemption of rural counties from Organics Recycling Mandates.
 7. **Support** legislation that provides additional State park funding to rural counties.
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8. **Support** legislation that requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to consider the impacts on jurisdictions and their waste diversion programs caused by China's restrictions on imported recyclables and the resulting market loss.
9. **Support** legislation, such as the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 2018, to stabilize the recycling marketplace, provide immediate, temporary relief to California's retailers and grocers affected by the 2016 recycling center closures, and ensure consumers have local redemption opportunities.
10. **Support** legislation that provides the option for rural counties to conduct elections via "Vote by Mail."
11. **Support** legislation that expands the ability of counties to conduct all of their elections via all-mail balloting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. **Support** legislation that realigns governmental services in such a manner as to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people of Inyo County.
 2. **Support** legislation that raises standards of required training for elected and appointed department heads in areas such as finance, personnel and management.
 3. **Support** collective bargaining legislation that:
 - Recognizes the responsibility of local elected officials to govern and manage the organization and to implement public policy; and
 - Minimizes conflict over procedural matters.
 4. **Support** legislation that recognizes the inherent disadvantage rural counties have as it applies to using a population-based criteria (per capita) for allocating State and Federal funds and minimizes and/or eliminates the reliance on this funding criteria.
 5. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over collective bargaining and employer-employee relations.
 6. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over the allocation of funds through the budget process.
 7. **Oppose** legislation that would require counties to share State expenses and liability on projects outside local jurisdiction.
 8. **Support** legislation that reduces State and Federal regulations that impede, or increase the cost of the delivery of services by local governments and special districts.
 9. **Monitor** closely any legislative efforts/initiatives regarding reform of the State Budget process.
 10. **Oppose** legislation that is unduly burdensome to private industry.
 11. **Support** protection of funding discretion and use bond funds.
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12. **Oppose** efforts by Federal and State government to adversely impact the ability of Volunteer Fire Departments to provide critical first response and ambulance services in rural communities, including but not limited to recruiting and retaining qualified EMTs.
 13. **Support** broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements.
 14. **Support** full funding of disaster relief for all eligible counties, and a return to State assistance for the large portion of the costs of state or federally declared disasters.
 15. **Oppose** any changes to, or limitations upon, the eligibility for receipt of disaster costs, especially tying county land use processes and decision-making to disaster relief funding.
 16. **Support** State tax relief for those individuals and businesses who have losses due to disaster.
 17. **Support** legislation that would allow “a contracting agency and the exclusive representative of employees of that agency to agree through collective bargaining that the employer contribution for employee and annuitant health benefits coverage for employees first hired on or after the effective date of a memorandum of understanding may differ from the employer contribution provided to existing employees and annuitants pursuant to Sections 22890 and 22892” and any other legislation that will permit the County to take advantage of a multi-tier benefit package through Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).
 18. **Oppose** legislation that would hinder, as a result of mandated redactions or any other alterations of recorded documents, a private citizen’s ability to establish ownership of real property or conduct private or commercial business operations.
 19. **Oppose** legislation that eliminates, diminishes, limits, or interferes with the nonprofit organizations that the County has membership in, i.e., the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), State Sheriff’s Association, Chief Probation Officers Association, State Welfare Directors Association, etc., in actively participating in the legislative and ballot measure processes. *(Added by Board Order 8-20-13)*
 20. **Oppose** legislation that increases the County’s exposure to litigation.
 21. **Oppose** legislation that removes local governments’ discretion over wireless structures or restricts such discretion to the point that it could negatively impact rural communities’ aesthetics, public safety, the environment, and property values, and/or prevent local governments from negotiating either rates or improved broadband services as a condition of a “small cell” permit.
 22. **Support** legislation and regulations that preserve – and do not impair – the ability of counties to provide public health, safety, welfare or environmental services by local government.
 23. **Support** expanded permission to use private contracts to provide local services in justifiable areas as a means of achieving efficiency and economy.
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. **Monitor** State and Federal health care reform proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers and citizens, and that limit, reduce or discontinue health care coverage for Inyo County residents.
 2. **Monitor** the California Children's Services program and seek protections against increased county program costs.
 3. **Monitor** legislation that funds pilot efforts in MediCal payment reform to result in whole person care and fully integrated behavioral health and health services.
 4. **Monitor** legislation to address opioid addiction, including the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment and allows for Medicaid reimbursement in the jail setting.
 5. **Monitor** legislation to change the definition of "gravely disabled" and to clarify Welfare and Institutions code 5150.
 6. **Monitor** State and Federal health care proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers.
 7. **Monitor** the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) program and **Support** efforts to protect funding, minimize the participation fee paid by counties, and sustain reasonable reimbursement rates to providers in an effort to retain them in small counties. (Ensure CMSP infrastructure is maintained in event unknown health care policy changes occur at Federal level.)
 8. **Monitor** legislation that further mandates increased benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
 9. **Monitor** policy and legislative initiatives involving managed Medi-Cal to ensure rural, isolated counties medical caregiver capacity issues are not negatively impacted.
 10. **Monitor** the implementation of simplifying Medi-Cal and enrollment for participants and providers.
 11. **Support** blended funding across human service programs, i.e. non-categorical.
 12. **Support** legislation that allows maximum local flexibility to design human services programs, based on the needs of the communities served.
 13. **Support** increased allocation of subsidized childcare funding.
 14. **Support** legislation and local, State, and Federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at risk; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.
 15. **Support** funding of affordable short-term, transitional and permanent housing capacity.
 16. **Support** legislation that supports parity of funding for behavioral health issues, ensuring that both mental health and substance use disorder treatment are funded on par with physical health treatment needs.
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17. **Support** legislation that provides or increases a minimum base allocation (MBA) to small counties to sustain treatment for alcohol and drug addiction.
 18. **Support** legislation that addresses behavioral health workforce needs, as statewide agencies are challenged in meeting treatment capacity in both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment providers. This would include legislation such as Peer (someone with lived experience) Certification (SB 906); Mental Health workforce planning (AB2108), which expands the persons eligible for educational loan repayment program; and Substance Use workforce expansion (AB2804), which creates one-year and five-year plans to expand the SUD treatment workforce with incentives like stipends and loan repayment programs for counselors, peers and licensed professionals.
 19. **Support** legislation that reduces administrative burden for small counties and allows for flexibility such as regionalization of administrative tasks.
 20. **Support** legislation that increases use of telehealth for Drug Medi-Cal services.
 21. **Support** the Stepping Up Initiative and legislation that diverts persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system.
 22. **Support** legislation that increases the transparency and consistency of financial reporting for the Mental Health Services Act.
 23. **Support** legislation to fund suicide prevention efforts, including those targeted at youth, LGBTQ and Veterans.
 24. **Support** legislation to build on Continuum of Care Reform to address foster youth crisis response.
 25. **Support** legislation that promotes service integration, such as development of automated, central statistical case records for all human service programs and information sharing across human service programs.
 26. **Support** legislation that allows for funding allocations to have increased local control and flexibility to design human services programs based on the needs of the communities served.
 27. **Support** and advocate for any “new” funding to have a base allocation formula for the Twenty Small Counties.
 28. **Support** and advocate for State to fully fund the administrative costs associated with all state mandated programs (e.g., Child Welfare, Medi-Cal, Public Assistance).
 29. **Support** legislation that fully funds the requirements of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) including Resource Family Approval, Level of Care Assessments, Child and Family Team Meetings and other services that protect the physical, emotional and mental health of children and youth; promote their educational development, and ensure the availability of support services for juveniles.
 30. **Support** legislation and budget initiatives that recognize the growth of needs in our aging population, including increased funding to support Adult Protective Services and other aging services programs.
 31. **Support** legislation that revamps In Home Supportive Services in a manner that reduces fiscal and administrative impact on counties and reduces risk of fraud/abuse.
 32. **Support** legislation that consolidates State offices providing administrative oversight, or otherwise streamlines and/or reduces the administrative costs of Health and Human Services programs.
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33. **Support** and protect funding for public health mandates, and advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure that Inyo County has the resources to meet its obligation to fulfill its statutory public health and indigent health care mandates.
 34. **Support** measures that enhance the communities' ability to deliver services through their hospitals and clinics; favor proposals that would provide for the continued expansion of community Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs).
 35. **Support** efforts to make and retain State or Federal financial participation available in the funding of medical facilities and medical care for inmates in county correctional facilities that were realigned to counties on October 1, 2011.
 36. **Support** increased and flexible State and Federal funding and resources directed at building the capacity of local public health departments to combat and control communicable diseases.
 37. **Support** proposals to expand access to dental health services for low-income Californians, including efforts to increase Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to encourage qualified dentists to participate in providing care to low-income children.
 38. **Support** strategies to streamline funding and program complexities of the California Children's Services (CCS) program in order to meet the demands of the complex medical care and treatment needs for children with certain physically disabling conditions.
 39. **Support** opportunities to "realign" county share of cost for the California Children's Services (CCS) program back to the State.
 40. **Support** and advocate for changes to laws and regulations governing prehospital emergency medical services, including ambulance services, that would increase the ability of volunteer EMS services to attract and retain qualified EMS staff.
 41. **Support** fair and equitable funding to local health departments for public health emergency preparedness (PHEP), ensuring there is a base level available for rural counties, and **Oppose** any funding reductions for PHEP at the federal level, as well as any efforts to shift program costs to local health departments.
 42. **Support** efforts to prevent or reduce the use of tobacco and its accompanying health and economic impacts on the state and its residents.
 43. **Oppose** any efforts to require counties to provide funding for the California Children's Services program beyond their Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
 44. **Oppose** any efforts to reduce funding to Inyo First 5 on the assumption that the First 5 commission will fill the revenue gap created by the withdrawal of State funds (i.e., supplantation).
 45. **Oppose** further Medicaid/Medi-Cal reductions at either the Federal or State level without data-driven analysis and advocate for sufficient resources provided to local jurisdictions to respond to changes in the health care landscape at the federal and state levels.
 46. **Oppose** proposals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Congress, or the Legislature to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/Targeted Case Management reimbursement or to make claiming more reimbursements administratively burdensome.
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47. **Oppose** legislation that further mandates increased employee benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
48. **Opposes** legislative “fixes” to the Maintenance of Effort costs for In-Home Support Services Program that cause negative budget impacts to other Health and Human Services programming (Social Services, Health and Behavioral Health) does not experience negative budget impacts.
49. **Oppose** efforts that create disincentives to Medi-Cal enrollment and utilization, such as co-payments and premiums, seek ways to expand access to dental services, maximize Federal financial participation and increase provider rates.
50. **Oppose** any legislative efforts/initiatives to reopen the realignment legislation or legislation that negatively affects Inyo County’s health and human services realignment funds.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Support** transportation funding legislation that:
 - Provides revenues without affecting funding sources of other county projects;
 - Continues Federal funding efforts for local transportation projects;
 - Reaffirms and continues State responsibility for highway financing;
 - Bolsters the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted, and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads;
 - Supports and encourages the use and development of transit facilities and infrastructure.
 2. **Support** any legislation efforts that assist the County in mitigating for the transportation of transuranic waste to the Nevada Test Site, Yucca Mountain, or other selected sites through California on routes located in or transecting Inyo County. Specifically, funding and assistance is needed in several areas including road and infrastructure improvements, first responder training, radiological detection instruments and training and emergency medical and hospital training.
 3. **Support** State legislators’ efforts to address identified State highway safety needs in our communities.
 4. **Support** State and Federal legislation efforts that benefit our local airports.
 5. **Oppose** legislation that changes public contracting laws in a manner in which it negatively impacts the County’s contract authority and/or increases costs to the County and/or unduly lengthens the time it takes for the County to enter into a Public Works Contract.
 6. **Support** legislation that enhances counties’ ability to designate appropriate uses of county roads.
 7. **Oppose** the effort to repeal SB 1, which would result in the loss of new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise State and local transportation funds in the future.
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8. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to coordinate Transportation Plans with the County's General Plan.
9. **Support** legislation that provides funding to sustain and expand the region's public transit system.
10. **Support** legislation that supports interregional and intercity bus lines that connect with the County's transit system.
11. **Support** reauthorization and implementation of federal aviation policy at the State level to ensure that California continues to receive and dedicate investments to support commercial and general aviation airports.

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

1. **Support** legislation to provide funding to local governments to create programs to protect river parkways and to reclaim damaged river habitat.
 2. **Monitor** legislation that protects and enhances rural counties' natural and developed resources that contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of Inyo County.
 3. **Support** legislation for the development of programs and strategies that will accomplish the non-land acquisition of reinvestment dollars for watershed management, groundwater basins, fisheries and waterways.
 4. **Support** Federal funding proposals that enhance County ability to acquire Federal and State funding for the purpose of managing watersheds et al.
 5. **Support** legislation that clarifies and/or preserves local authority to protect public roads.
 6. **Support** legislation to provide adequate funding for meeting all of the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008.
 7. **Oppose** activities of the Federal and State government to acquire and transfer private lands to public ownership without continued mitigation for loss of local property tax revenue.
 8. **Oppose** Federal or State activities limiting public access to public lands.
 9. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
 10. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
 11. **Support** legislation which identifies the impacts of catastrophic wildfires and provides that wildfire mitigation and prevention are goals that meet the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
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12. **Support** legislation which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the use of its natural resources, including but not limited to mining, water storage, renewable energy, and agricultural resources.
13. **Monitor** efforts to create additional or expand existing wilderness designations in the County.
14. **Monitor** efforts by Federal and State government to increase fees for and reduce and/or eliminate fire protection services on public lands.
15. **Support** legislation that protects those local jurisdictions that operate and deliver and store water that recognize and address mussel infestation early on from liability as a result of mussel infestation.
16. **Oppose** any legislation that could negatively impact outdoor recreation. (Added by Board Order 8-21-2012).
17. **Support** State's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard being re-calculated to include roof-top solar.
18. **Oppose** legislation that makes CEQA/NEPA requirements more burdensome and provides for less public notification in the county where the projects are located.
19. **Support** legislation that reforms wildfire suppression funding, prevents "fire transfers" within firefighting budgets, and gives agencies in charge of fire suppression more budget flexibility.
20. **Support** legislation that recognizes, funds and protects the ecological resources of the Sierra Nevada as part of the effort to reach California's Climate Change goals.
21. **Support** increased funding for public land management agencies to address deferred maintenance of infrastructure in forests, national parks, and reserves that rural counties depend on for tourism and recreation-based economies.
22. **Support** realistic federal policy and regulatory reforms that balance environmental protection with the preservation of life and property and that lead to better mitigation of wildfires on federal, State, and private lands.
23. **Support** legislation to remove State tax exemptions for solar energy development facilities.
24. **Support** and encourage efforts that streamline the process for obtaining permits from State, Federal and local land management agencies for activities such as livestock grazing, commercial filming, guiding and outfitting, packing, and special events.

PLANNING AND LAND USE

1. **Support** legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue from the Federal and State government to counties and continues full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.
 2. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes and/or eliminates local control over land use decisions.
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3. **Support** legislative efforts to enable local governments, utilities, energy developers, California Native American tribal governments, affected landowners and members of the public to actively participate in the renewable energy and utility corridor planning processes.
4. **Support** legislation which reduces and/or eliminates State requirements regarding the General Plan and its updates.
5. **Oppose** legislation which limits or reduces the authority of counties under the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).
6. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
7. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
8. **Support** legislation, which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the highest and best use of its natural resources.
9. **Support** legislation that protects and/or reinstates the payment of geothermal royalties to local jurisdictions.
10. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to local jurisdictions to implement State General Plan requirements.

LAW, JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. **Support** legislation that maximizes county discretion in developing programs for juveniles.
2. **Support** legislation that eliminates the requirement that counties pay for court reporter transcripts.
3. **Support** Federal and State funding to combat the impacts of controlled substance production, distribution, and use, including the ongoing opioid addiction crisis.
4. **Support** legislation that would allow counties to enact an ordinance to allow up to a \$10 penalty assessment for every \$100 fine for criminal offense, including traffic fines, for the maintenance and purchase of Law Enforcement facilities and vehicles.
5. **Oppose** any changes in the State criminal justice system that increases costs to counties for jail operations, including but not limited to early releases of prisoners, commutation of sentences and/or commutation of variable sentencing options (i.e., wobblers), without a corresponding dedicated long-term reliable revenue stream and the ability to administer it locally.
6. **Watch** proposed changes to State and Federal water law.
7. **Support** legislation that will complete the work initiated through the Trial Court Unification Act by making justice system costs that are controlled or imposed by the judiciary but inadvertently remain the responsibilities of the counties the clear responsibility of the State of California and the California Superior Court to fund.



8. **Support** efforts to increase and/or preserve funding allocations to support criminal justice realignment costs including inmate healthcare and jail expense costs.
9. **Support** Federal and State funding and programs to provide comprehensive, effective mental health and substance abuse treatment programs for criminal defendants, thereby reducing recidivism and protecting the public.
10. **Watch** proposed bail system reform efforts in California to ensure full state funding of any new pre-trial release and supervision requirements.
11. **Support** legislation and policies to improve re-entry options for adult and juvenile probationers, including housing.
12. **Support** legislation and policies to expand and enhance Evidence-Based Programs available to clients.
13. **Support** legislation and policies that will allow for continued investment in community corrections training.
14. **Support** legislation to bolster flexible policies and resources for drug treatment and mental health services for probationers.
15. **Support** legislation and policies to protect resources that support foster youth in Continuum of Care Reform.
16. **Support** legislation and policies that ensure resources for supervision, rehabilitative programming, and re-entry services for adult and juvenile offenders.
17. **Support** legislation and policies to preserve and provide resources at the Federal, State, and local level for effective community supervision practices.
18. **Support** legislation that enhances educational programs for adult and juvenile offenders.
19. **Support** legislation which will provide funding for probation services provided to drug offenders, and mentally ill incarcerated offenders.
20. **Support** legislation to authorize local probation departments to collect outstanding victim restitution through the civil process.

TRIBE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1. **Support** the following goals for county-tribal intergovernmental relations:
 - facilitate intergovernmental agreements
 - develop mechanisms to mitigate for the off-reservation impacts of tribal developments on local government services and the environment
 - promote best practices and models of successful tribal-county relationships.
 2. **Support** the promotion and development of positive working relationships between the County and local tribes to the mutual benefit of both parties and the communities they respectively serve.
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3. **Support** legislation or policy that provides for or recognizes enforceable agreements between tribes and local governments concerning the mitigation of off-reservation impacts of development on tribal land.
4. **Oppose** any federal or state limitation on the ability of tribes, counties and other local governments to reach mutually acceptable and enforceable agreements, including any federal prohibitions on deed restrictions mutually agreed to by tribal and local governments.

VETERANS' SERVICES

1. **Support** legislation and efforts that ensure access to the services and benefits to which veterans are entitled, including housing, healthcare, employment, education and training, and community reintegration assistance.
2. **Support** legislation that provides funding for veterans housing programs, such as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
3. **Support** the development of specific strategies for intervention and service delivery to veterans through cooperation between federal, state, and local governments, as well as community and private organizations serving veterans.
4. **Support** coordination of services for veterans among all entities that serve this population, especially in housing, treatment, and employment training.



Inyo County, CA 2022 Federal Platform

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County of Inyo, CA

2022 Federal Priorities

Inyo County was established on March 22, 1866 and is the second largest county in California at 10,227 square miles. However, the County sparsely populated with of approximately 17,977 calling it home. The City of Independence serves as the County Seat. Inyo County is a land of magnificent natural diversity, from Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states, to Death Valley, the lowest point in the U.S. Inyo County has a rich indigenous history, as well as a legacy that also traces its roots to pioneering, mining, railroading, ranching, and farming. Much of this history is not only on display today in museums and cultural centers throughout the county, but in the culture, livelihoods, and family trees of those who call Inyo County home. Robust in natural resources and beauty, Inyo County strives to support the cultural and historical values of its communities, the protect and enhance its natural environment, and the preserve the rural quality of life.



Coronavirus
Pandemic



Rural and Isolated
Communitites



Economic
Development



Resource & Land
Management



Infrastructure

Coronavirus Pandemic



Direct and Flexible Relief

- Seek direct federal assistance for counties, municipalities, and special districts to help respond to and recovery from the public health crisis and the coronavirus pandemic. Advocate for flexibility in the use of funding, including to help recover lost revenues during the pandemic.

Household Assistance

- Support programs that provide rental and utility payment assistance to households and citizens struggling during the pandemic.

Community Support

- Support programs that provide assistance to small business, non-profits, community based organization, schools, and educational institutions to help them respond to needs during the public health crisis and recover from financial impacts of the pandemic.

Tourism Economies

- Support programs that provide assistance to local economies based on tourism and recreation as they work to keep their communities safe and recovery from financial impacts related to loss of visitors.

Broadband & Technology

- Support funding and programs for the installation of broadband and technology in County buildings and facilities that support teleworking and non-traditional work environments.

Rural and Isolated Communities



Isolated Communities

- Seek funding and support programs that provide services to isolated communities including construction of community facilities.

Connectivity

- Seek funding and support programs to provide communication infrastructure, including broadband and cellular services to remote rural communities.

Health and Well Being

- Seek funding and support programs to improve access to health services including mental health, emergency services, community health clinics, and hospitals.

Emergency Response

- Support and seek funding for projects and programs that support emergency and disaster preparedness, response and management.

Public Safety

- Support funding and programs for public safety initiatives including search and rescue activities, law enforcement communications, and public safety equipment.

Fire Protection

- Seek funding and support programs for fire protection enhancements including ensuring community access to fire stations and fire fighting services.

Community Facilities

- Support funding and programs for the construction and programming of projects for community museums and libraries.

Youth Population

- Support programs that provide assistance to the County's younger populations including access to early childhood education services, afterschool programming, and juvenile justice programs.

Veterans Services

- Seek funding to enhance services to the County's veterans, including through the veterans center and veterans housing.

Aging Population

- Support programs and seek funding for services that assist the County's aging population.

Economic Development



Opportunity Zones

- Support development of plan and strategy to encourage private investment in public infrastructure projects through programs such as the Opportunity Zone private tax incentives.

U.S. Census

- Monitor U.S. Census development process in particular to definitions and impacts to rural communities.

Digital 395

- Support development, expansion, and implementation of Digital 395 broadband deployment project to businesses and end users.

Bishop Airport

- Support development and expansion of Bishop Airport to increase services of commercial and general aviation uses that support and spur regional economic development.

Housing

- Advocate and support initiatives and programs that provide additional housing and encourages diversity in housing availability in the County.

Recreation and Tourism

- Support programs and activities that enhance and protect tourism in the region and recreation on federal lands and within federal parks.

Tribal Partnerships

- Support programs and activities that prioritize funding for initiatives based on collaborative partnerships between local agencies and tribal entities.

Small Businesses

- Support programs and activities that provide assistance to small businesses and promote entrepreneurship.

Resource and Land Management



PILT Funding

- Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs.

Fuels Management

- Support programs that enhance fuel management activities on federal lands.

Federal Lands Management

- Support funding for federal lands management agencies and programs.

Wildfire Preparedness

- Support programs that help prevent, mitigate, and respond to wildfires.

Recreation

- Seek funding and support programs that protect and enhance recreational activities on public lands.

Inyo National Forest Plan

- Support efforts that foster partnerships and enhance relationships with local agencies and the Inyo National Forest.

Mining Industry

- Seek support of changes to mining claims forms that allow for efficient and timely filing of mining claims.

Cannabis

- Support administrative and regulatory procedures, including banking, related to the cannabis industry that protect local authority and protect the public.

Infrastructure



Drinking Water

- Seek funding and support programs that delivery reliable and clean drinking water through resilient infrastructure.

Wastewater Infrastructure

- Seek funding and support programs that provide wastewater treatment infrastructure and services to communities in a cost efficient matter.

Local Transportation Projects

- Seek funding and support programs for local transportation projects throughout the County.

Environmental Review and Project Delivery

- Support changes to federal law that encourage a more efficient and streamlined environmental review and project delivery process and allow public infrastruture projects to be constructed more efficiently and effectively.
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County of Inyo, California

2022 Legislative Platform

AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS & MEASURES

1. **Support** full cost recovery for new agricultural programs.
2. **Support** continued funding of weed management programs.
3. **Support** authority for USDA to set up cooperative agreements with states for pest exclusion programs.
4. **Support** control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve and restore public and private lands.
5. **Support** efforts to provide and protect local authority for device registration fees.
6. **Oppose** efforts by State agencies to usurp Agricultural Commissioner's permitting authority for the spraying of pesticides on irrigated lands.
7. **Oppose** efforts to ban the use of rodenticide for agricultural and public health purposes in California.

CANNABIS

1. **Oppose** legislation that would diminish local authority over commercial cannabis regulation.
 2. **Support** legislation that provides the state's tribes a mechanism for entering California's legal cannabis marketplace without sacrificing their sovereign status, while also preserving local governments' right to protect against or require mitigation for associated impacts to their jurisdictions from any commercial cannabis activity on adjacent lands, including Tribal land.
 3. **Support** a statewide regulatory scheme for medical cannabis and/or adult use cannabis that ensures counties have the ability to set regulatory standards based on local needs and priorities, and seek to ensure the County is adequately resourced as regulations and state laws are implemented.
 4. **Support** efforts to study the impacts of cannabis use and legalization on the public's health, particularly on the impacts on youth brain development.
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5. **Support** legislation to increase cannabis surveillance, education, youth prevention, responsible adult use, and drugged driving prevention.
6. **Support** efforts to mitigate community level harms from commercial cannabis operations, such as overconcentration as well as clustering with alcohol and tobacco retailers.
7. **Support** continued Federal and State funding to aid local jurisdictions in the eradication of illegal, environmentally destructive marijuana grow operations on public and/or private land.
8. **Monitor** legislation establishing policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis.
9. **Oppose** policy programming requirements for education and environmental prevention efforts for Cannabis Tobacco Control funding that mirror those established for Tobacco Control funding.

CHILD SUPPORT

1. **Support** legislation that would protect existing State and Federal funding for local child support programs.
2. **Support** policies, funding and services for non-custodial parents that promote self-sufficiency and ability to care for their child(ren).
3. **Oppose** any recommendations that would reduce Federal financial participation in child support programs.

COUNTY OPERATIONS

1. **Support** full funding of the Public Library Fund in future State budgets.
 2. **Support** legislation to provide opt-in as opposed to opt-out for receiving electronic sample ballots.
 3. **Support** legislation that requires counties to be reimbursed for the cost of special elections called by the Governor or Legislature.
 4. **Support** efforts to reinstate language directing the state to provide reimbursement to counties that hold a special election to replace a member of Congress or a member of the state Legislature to fill a vacancy, as well as for the cost of special elections called for other reasons.
 5. **Support** legislation that would authorize Federal and State Governments to assist counties in the purchase of voting equipment and technology.
 6. **Support** the continued exemption of rural counties from Organics Recycling Mandates.
 7. **Support** legislation that provides additional State park funding to rural counties.
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8. **Support** legislation that requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to consider the impacts on jurisdictions and their waste diversion programs caused by China's restrictions on imported recyclables and the resulting market loss.
9. **Support** legislation, such as the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 2018, to stabilize the recycling marketplace, provide immediate, temporary relief to California's retailers and grocers affected by the 2016 recycling center closures, and ensure consumers have local redemption opportunities.
10. **Support** legislation that provides the option for rural counties to conduct elections via "Vote by Mail."
11. **Support** legislation that expands the ability of counties to conduct all of their elections via all-mail balloting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. **Support** legislation that realigns governmental services in such a manner as to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people of Inyo County.
 2. **Support** legislation that raises standards of required training for elected and appointed department heads in areas such as finance, personnel and management.
 3. **Support** collective bargaining legislation that:
 - Recognizes the responsibility of local elected officials to govern and manage the organization and to implement public policy; and
 - Minimizes conflict over procedural matters.
 4. **Support** legislation that recognizes the inherent disadvantage rural counties have as it applies to using a population-based criteria (per capita) for allocating State and Federal funds and minimizes and/or eliminates the reliance on this funding criteria.
 5. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over collective bargaining and employer-employee relations.
 6. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over the allocation of funds through the budget process.
 7. **Oppose** legislation that would require counties to share State expenses and liability on projects outside local jurisdiction.
 8. **Support** legislation that reduces State and Federal regulations that impede, or increase the cost of the delivery of services by local governments and special districts.
 9. **Monitor** closely any legislative efforts/initiatives regarding reform of the State Budget process.
 10. **Oppose** legislation that is unduly burdensome to private industry.
 11. **Support** protection of funding discretion and use bond funds.
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12. **Oppose** efforts by Federal and State government to adversely impact the ability of Volunteer Fire Departments to provide critical first response and ambulance services in rural communities, including but not limited to recruiting and retaining qualified EMTs.
 13. **Support** broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements.
 14. **Support** full funding of disaster relief for all eligible counties, and a return to State assistance for the large portion of the costs of state or federally declared disasters.
 15. **Oppose** any changes to, or limitations upon, the eligibility for receipt of disaster costs, especially tying county land use processes and decision-making to disaster relief funding.
 16. **Support** State tax relief for those individuals and businesses who have losses due to disaster.
 17. **Support** legislation that would allow “a contracting agency and the exclusive representative of employees of that agency to agree through collective bargaining that the employer contribution for employee and annuitant health benefits coverage for employees first hired on or after the effective date of a memorandum of understanding may differ from the employer contribution provided to existing employees and annuitants pursuant to Sections 22890 and 22892” and any other legislation that will permit the County to take advantage of a multi-tier benefit package through Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).
 18. **Oppose** legislation that would hinder, as a result of mandated redactions or any other alterations of recorded documents, a private citizen’s ability to establish ownership of real property or conduct private or commercial business operations.
 19. **Oppose** legislation that eliminates, diminishes, limits, or interferes with the nonprofit organizations that the County has membership in, i.e., the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), State Sheriff’s Association, Chief Probation Officers Association, State Welfare Directors Association, etc., in actively participating in the legislative and ballot measure processes. *(Added by Board Order 8-20-13)*
 20. **Oppose** legislation that increases the County’s exposure to litigation.
 21. **Oppose** legislation that removes local governments’ discretion over wireless structures or restricts such discretion to the point that it could negatively impact rural communities’ aesthetics, public safety, the environment, and property values, and/or prevent local governments from negotiating either rates or improved broadband services as a condition of a “small cell” permit.
 22. **Support** legislation and regulations that preserve – and do not impair – the ability of counties to provide public health, safety, welfare or environmental services by local government.
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. **Monitor** State and Federal health care reform proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers and citizens, and that limit, reduce or discontinue health care coverage for Inyo County residents.
 2. **Monitor** the California Children's Services program and seek protections against increased county program costs.
 3. **Monitor** legislation that funds pilot efforts in MediCal payment reform to result in whole person care and fully integrated behavioral health and health services.
 4. **Monitor** legislation to address opioid addiction, including the expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment and allows for Medicaid reimbursement in the jail setting.
 5. **Monitor** legislation to change the definition of "gravely disabled" and to clarify Welfare and Institutions code 5150.
 6. **Monitor** State and Federal health care proposals with fiscal impacts to the County and private employers.
 7. **Monitor** the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) program and **Support** efforts to protect funding, minimize the participation fee paid by counties, and sustain reasonable reimbursement rates to providers in an effort to retain them in small counties. (Ensure CMSP infrastructure is maintained in event unknown health care policy changes occur at Federal level.)
 8. **Monitor** legislation that further mandates increased benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
 9. **Monitor** policy and legislative initiatives involving managed Medi-Cal to ensure rural, isolated counties medical caregiver capacity issues are not negatively impacted.
 10. **Monitor** the implementation of simplifying Medi-Cal and enrollment for participants and providers.
 11. **Support** blended funding across human service programs, i.e. non-categorical.
 12. **Support** legislation that allows maximum local flexibility to design human services programs, based on the needs of the communities served.
 13. **Support** increased allocation of subsidized childcare funding.
 14. **Support** legislation and local, State, and Federal programs that employ evidence-based best practice strategies to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by: preventing homelessness for those at risk; expanding affordable permanent housing; and promoting self-empowerment through counseling, job training, and other supportive services.
 15. **Support** funding of affordable short-term, transitional and permanent housing capacity.
 16. **Support** legislation that supports parity of funding for behavioral health issues, ensuring that both mental health and substance use disorder treatment are funded on par with physical health treatment needs.
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17. **Support** legislation that provides or increases a minimum base allocation (MBA) to small counties to sustain treatment for alcohol and drug addiction.
 18. **Support** legislation that addresses behavioral health workforce needs, as statewide agencies are challenged in meeting treatment capacity in both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment providers. This would include legislation such as Peer (someone with lived experience) Certification (SB 906); Mental Health workforce planning (AB2108), which expands the persons eligible for educational loan repayment program; and Substance Use workforce expansion (AB2804), which creates one-year and five-year plans to expand the SUD treatment workforce with incentives like stipends and loan repayment programs for counselors, peers and licensed professionals.
 19. **Support** legislation that reduces administrative burden for small counties and allows for flexibility such as regionalization of administrative tasks.
 20. **Support** legislation that increases use of telehealth for Drug Medi-Cal services.
 21. **Support** the Stepping Up Initiative and legislation that diverts persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system.
 22. **Support** legislation that increases the transparency and consistency of financial reporting for the Mental Health Services Act.
 23. **Support** legislation to fund suicide prevention efforts, including those targeted at youth, LGBTQ and Veterans.
 24. **Support** legislation to build on Continuum of Care Reform to address foster youth crisis response.
 25. **Support** legislation that promotes service integration, such as development of automated, central statistical case records for all human service programs and information sharing across human service programs.
 26. **Support** legislation that allows for funding allocations to have increased local control and flexibility to design human services programs based on the needs of the communities served.
 27. **Support** and advocate for any “new” funding to have a base allocation formula for the Twenty Small Counties.
 28. **Support** and advocate for State to fully fund the administrative costs associated with all state mandated programs (e.g., Child Welfare, Medi-Cal, Public Assistance).
 29. **Support** legislation that fully funds the requirements of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) including Resource Family Approval, Level of Care Assessments, Child and Family Team Meetings and other services that protect the physical, emotional and mental health of children and youth; promote their educational development, and ensure the availability of support services for juveniles.
 30. **Support** legislation and budget initiatives that recognize the growth of needs in our aging population, including increased funding to support Adult Protective Services and other aging services programs.
 31. **Support** legislation that revamps In Home Supportive Services in a manner that reduces fiscal and administrative impact on counties and reduces risk of fraud/abuse.
 32. **Support** legislation that consolidates State offices providing administrative oversight, or otherwise streamlines and/or reduces the administrative costs of Health and Human Services programs.
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33. **Support** and protect funding for public health mandates, and advocate for maintaining sufficient health realignment funding to ensure that Inyo County has the resources to meet its obligation to fulfill its statutory public health and indigent health care mandates.
 34. **Support** measures that enhance the communities' ability to deliver services through their hospitals and clinics; favor proposals that would provide for the continued expansion of community Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs).
 35. **Support** efforts to make and retain State or Federal financial participation available in the funding of medical facilities and medical care for inmates in county correctional facilities that were realigned to counties on October 1, 2011.
 36. **Support** increased and flexible State and Federal funding and resources directed at building the capacity of local public health departments to combat and control communicable diseases.
 37. **Support** proposals to expand access to dental health services for low-income Californians, including efforts to increase Denti-Cal reimbursement levels to encourage qualified dentists to participate in providing care to low-income children.
 38. **Support** strategies to streamline funding and program complexities of the California Children's Services (CCS) program in order to meet the demands of the complex medical care and treatment needs for children with certain physically disabling conditions.
 39. **Support** opportunities to "realign" county share of cost for the California Children's Services (CCS) program back to the State.
 40. **Support** and advocate for changes to laws and regulations governing prehospital emergency medical services, including ambulance services, that would increase the ability of volunteer EMS services to attract and retain qualified EMS staff.
 41. **Support** fair and equitable funding to local health departments for public health emergency preparedness (PHEP), ensuring there is a base level available for rural counties, and **Oppose** any funding reductions for PHEP at the federal level, as well as any efforts to shift program costs to local health departments.
 42. **Support** efforts to prevent or reduce the use of tobacco and its accompanying health and economic impacts on the state and its residents.
 43. **Oppose** any efforts to require counties to provide funding for the California Children's Services program beyond their Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
 44. **Oppose** any efforts to reduce funding to Inyo First 5 on the assumption that the First 5 commission will fill the revenue gap created by the withdrawal of State funds (i.e., supplantation).
 45. **Oppose** further Medicaid/Medi-Cal reductions at either the Federal or State level without data-driven analysis and advocate for sufficient resources provided to local jurisdictions to respond to changes in the health care landscape at the federal and state levels.
 46. **Oppose** proposals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Congress, or the Legislature to deny, reduce, cap, or eliminate Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/Targeted Case Management reimbursement or to make claiming more reimbursements administratively burdensome.
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47. **Oppose** legislation that further mandates increased employee benefits/salaries for the local In-Home Support Services Program (IHSS) that are not covered by the State.
48. **Opposes** legislative “fixes” to the Maintenance of Effort costs for In-Home Support Services Program that cause negative budget impacts to other Health and Human Services programming (Social Services, Health and Behavioral Health) does not experience negative budget impacts.
49. **Oppose** efforts that create disincentives to Medi-Cal enrollment and utilization, such as co-payments and premiums, seek ways to expand access to dental services, maximize Federal financial participation and increase provider rates.
50. **Oppose** any legislative efforts/initiatives to reopen the realignment legislation or legislation that negatively affects Inyo County’s health and human services realignment funds.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

1. **Support** transportation funding legislation that:
 - Provides revenues without affecting funding sources of other county projects;
 - Continues Federal funding efforts for local transportation projects;
 - Reaffirms and continues State responsibility for highway financing;
 - Bolsters the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted, and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads;
 - Supports and encourages the use and development of transit facilities and infrastructure.
 2. **Support** any legislation efforts that assist the County in mitigating for the transportation of transuranic waste to the Nevada Test Site, Yucca Mountain, or other selected sites through California on routes located in or transecting Inyo County. Specifically, funding and assistance is needed in several areas including road and infrastructure improvements, first responder training, radiological detection instruments and training and emergency medical and hospital training.
 3. **Support** State legislators’ efforts to address identified State highway safety needs in our communities.
 4. **Support** State and Federal legislation efforts that benefit our local airports.
 5. **Oppose** legislation that changes public contracting laws in a manner in which it negatively impacts the County’s contract authority and/or increases costs to the County and/or unduly lengthens the time it takes for the County to enter into a Public Works Contract.
 6. **Support** legislation that enhances counties’ ability to designate appropriate uses of county roads.
 7. **Oppose** the effort to repeal SB 1, which would result in the loss of new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise State and local transportation funds in the future.
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8. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to coordinate Transportation Plans with the County's General Plan.
9. **Support** legislation that provides funding to sustain and expand the region's public transit system.
10. **Support** legislation that supports interregional and intercity bus lines that connect with the County's transit system.
11. **Support** reauthorization and implementation of federal aviation policy at the State level to ensure that California continues to receive and dedicate investments to support commercial and general aviation airports.

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

1. **Support** legislation to provide funding to local governments to create programs to protect river parkways and to reclaim damaged river habitat.
 2. **Monitor** legislation that protects and enhances rural counties' natural and developed resources that contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of Inyo County.
 3. **Support** legislation for the development of programs and strategies that will accomplish the non-land acquisition of reinvestment dollars for watershed management, groundwater basins, fisheries and waterways.
 4. **Support** Federal funding proposals that enhance County ability to acquire Federal and State funding for the purpose of managing watersheds et al.
 5. **Support** legislation that clarifies and/or preserves local authority to protect public roads.
 6. **Support** legislation to provide adequate funding for meeting all of the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008.
 7. **Oppose** activities of the Federal and State government to acquire and transfer private lands to public ownership without continued mitigation for loss of local property tax revenue.
 8. **Oppose** Federal or State activities limiting public access to public lands.
 9. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
 10. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
 11. **Support** legislation which identifies the impacts of catastrophic wildfires and provides that wildfire mitigation and prevention are goals that meet the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
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12. **Support** legislation which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the use of its natural resources, including but not limited to mining, water storage, renewable energy, and agricultural resources.
13. **Monitor** efforts to create additional or expand existing wilderness designations in the County.
14. **Monitor** efforts by Federal and State government to increase fees for and reduce and/or eliminate fire protection services on public lands.
15. **Support** legislation that protects those local jurisdictions that operate and deliver and store water that recognize and address mussel infestation early on from liability as a result of mussel infestation.
16. **Oppose** any legislation that could negatively impact outdoor recreation. (Added by Board Order 8-21-2012).
17. **Support** State's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard being re-calculated to include roof-top solar.
18. **Oppose** legislation that makes CEQA/NEPA requirements more burdensome and provides for less public notification in the county where the projects are located.
19. **Support** legislation that reforms wildfire suppression funding, prevents "fire transfers" within firefighting budgets, and gives agencies in charge of fire suppression more budget flexibility.
20. **Support** legislation that recognizes, funds and protects the ecological resources of the Sierra Nevada as part of the effort to reach California's Climate Change goals.
21. **Support** increased funding for public land management agencies to address deferred maintenance of infrastructure in forests, national parks, and reserves that rural counties depend on for tourism and recreation-based economies.
22. **Support** realistic federal policy and regulatory reforms that balance environmental protection with the preservation of life and property and that lead to better mitigation of wildfires on federal, State, and private lands.
23. **Support** legislation to remove State tax exemptions for solar energy development facilities.
24. **Support** and encourage efforts that streamline the process for obtaining permits from State, Federal and local land management agencies for activities such as livestock grazing, commercial filming, guiding and outfitting, packing, and special events.

PLANNING AND LAND USE

1. **Support** legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue from the Federal and State government to counties and continues full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.
 2. **Oppose** legislation that minimizes and/or eliminates local control over land use decisions.
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3. **Support** legislative efforts to enable local governments, utilities, energy developers, California Native American tribal governments, affected landowners and members of the public to actively participate in the renewable energy and utility corridor planning processes.
4. **Support** legislation which reduces and/or eliminates State requirements regarding the General Plan and its updates.
5. **Oppose** legislation which limits or reduces the authority of counties under the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).
6. **Support** legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with State and Federal agencies.
7. **Oppose** any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for Federal and State land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
8. **Support** legislation, which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the highest and best use of its natural resources.
9. **Support** legislation that protects and/or reinstates the payment of geothermal royalties to local jurisdictions.
10. **Support** legislation that provides funding opportunities to local jurisdictions to implement State General Plan requirements.

LAW, JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. **Support** legislation that maximizes county discretion in developing programs for juveniles.
 2. **Support** legislation that eliminates the requirement that counties pay for court reporter transcripts.
 3. **Support** Federal and State funding to combat the impacts of controlled substance production, distribution, and use, including the ongoing opioid addiction crisis.
 4. **Support** legislation that would allow counties to enact an ordinance to allow up to a \$10 penalty assessment for every \$100 fine for criminal offense, including traffic fines, for the maintenance and purchase of Law Enforcement facilities and vehicles.
 5. **Oppose** any changes in the State criminal justice system that increases costs to counties for jail operations, including but not limited to early releases of prisoners, commutation of sentences and/or commutation of variable sentencing options (i.e., wobblers), without a corresponding dedicated long-term reliable revenue stream and the ability to administer it locally.
 6. **Watch** proposed changes to State and Federal water law.
 7. **Support** legislation that will complete the work initiated through the Trial Court Unification Act by making justice system costs that are controlled or imposed by the judiciary but inadvertently remain the responsibilities of the counties the clear responsibility of the State of California and the California Superior Court to fund.
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8. **Support** efforts to increase and/or preserve funding allocations to support criminal justice realignment costs including inmate healthcare and jail expense costs.
9. **Support** Federal and State funding and programs to provide comprehensive, effective mental health and substance abuse treatment programs for criminal defendants, thereby reducing recidivism and protecting the public.
10. **Watch** proposed bail system reform efforts in California to ensure full state funding of any new pre-trial release and supervision requirements.
11. **Support** legislation and policies to improve re-entry options for adult and juvenile probationers, including housing.
12. **Support** legislation and policies to expand and enhance Evidence-Based Programs available to clients.
13. **Support** legislation and policies that will allow for continued investment in community corrections training.
14. **Support** legislation to bolster flexible policies and resources for drug treatment and mental health services for probationers.
15. **Support** legislation and policies to protect resources that support foster youth in Continuum of Care Reform.
16. **Support** legislation and policies that ensure resources for supervision, rehabilitative programming, and re-entry services for adult and juvenile offenders.
17. **Support** legislation and policies to preserve and provide resources at the Federal, State, and local level for effective community supervision practices.
18. **Support** legislation that enhances educational programs for adult and juvenile offenders.
19. **Support** legislation which will provide funding for probation services provided to drug offenders, and mentally ill incarcerated offenders.
20. **Support** legislation to authorize local probation departments to collect outstanding victim restitution through the civil process.

TRIBE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1. **Support** the following goals for county-tribal intergovernmental relations:
 - facilitate intergovernmental agreements
 - develop mechanisms to mitigate for the off-reservation impacts of tribal developments on local government services and the environment
 - promote best practices and models of successful tribal-county relationships.
 2. **Support** the promotion and development of positive working relationships between the County and local tribes to the mutual benefit of both parties and the communities they respectively serve.
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3. **Support** legislation or policy that provides for or recognizes enforceable agreements between tribes and local governments concerning the mitigation of off-reservation impacts of development on tribal land.
4. **Oppose** any federal or state limitation on the ability of tribes, counties and other local governments to reach mutually acceptable and enforceable agreements, including any federal prohibitions on deed restrictions mutually agreed to by tribal and local governments.

VETERANS' SERVICES

1. **Support** legislation and efforts that ensure access to the services and benefits to which veterans are entitled, including housing, healthcare, employment, education and training, and community reintegration assistance.
2. **Support** legislation that provides funding for veterans housing programs, such as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
3. **Support** the development of specific strategies for intervention and service delivery to veterans through cooperation between federal, state, and local governments, as well as community and private organizations serving veterans.
4. **Support** coordination of services for veterans among all entities that serve this population, especially in housing, treatment, and employment training.



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 17, 2023

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2023-3415

Updates on the Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant and the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Grant County Administrator - Information Services

NO ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Scott Armstrong, Information Services Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Scott Armstrong, Information Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board receive presentation on the Local Agency Technical Assistance and Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium grants.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Last year, two separate broadband planning grants were submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Inyo County requested \$1,000,000 under the Local Area Technical Assistance (LATA) program to develop shovel-ready plans for last-mile broadband projects throughout underserved portions of the County. Separately, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) requested a total of \$600,000 (\$200,000/year for three years) to re-instate the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium (IMBC) and hire a Regional Broadband Coordinator to assist the four ESCOG partner agencies with broadband expansion plans.

Both grants will be reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission on January 12, 2023. Once approved by the Commission, both grants will require an Inyo County authorized signature to accept the award. The grant acceptance paperwork is scheduled to come back to your Board on January 24, 2023.

This item will provide a brief overview of the roadmap to accept these funds and begin our broadband planning efforts. A more in-depth presentation will occur in the coming months once the broadband initiative has been more fully fleshed out.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	Grant Funded: California Public Utilities Commission - Local Area Technical Assistance & Broadband Consortia Grant Program	Budget Unit	TBD
Budgeted?	No	Object Code	TBD
Recurrence	One-Time Award - Three Year Performance Period		

Current Fiscal Year Impact

Expenses and revenues up to \$1,200,000 which includes money from both the LATA and Consortia Grant.

Future Fiscal Year Impacts

\$200,000 per year for two additional consecutive years (ending December 2025).

Additional Information

Both are reimbursement grants based on actual expenditures and costs incurred, therefore budget numbers are provided for the upper limit in either grant. Inyo County will serve as the Fiscal Agent for both grants and new budget unit will be created to support these work efforts and effectively track the funding.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments

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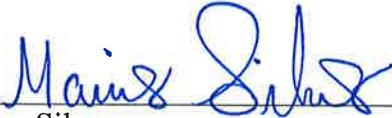
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Honorable Board Members:

In Accordance with Section and 26920 of the Government Code and your orders of February 5, 1950 and January 3, 1956, an actual count of money in the hands of the Treasurer was made on this date. The count showed the funds to be in balance, pending written verification of inactive accounts.

Very Truly Yours,

Amy Shepherd
Auditor-Controller

By: , Deputy
Marissa Silvas

