




# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**July 11, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on July 11, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

*Closed Session*                      The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and there was  
*Public Comment*                      nobody wishing to speak.

*Closed Session*                      Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with  
all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Legal  
Council – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of  
case: *Sierra Club and OVC v. LADWP et. al.* Case No.: S1CVCV01-29768; No. 3  
**Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to  
§ 54956.9(d)(4): 1 potential case; No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated  
Litigation** – Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of  
subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9: 2 potential cases; No. 5 **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; and No. 5A **Public Employment – Pursuant to  
Government Code §54957** – Title: HHS Director.

*Open Session*                      Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session  
at 10:09 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*                      Undersheriff Juan Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed  
Session*                      County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is  
required to be reported.

*Employee Service  
Recognition Awards*                      The Board recognized the following employees who reached service milestones during the  
Second Quarter of 2023, many of whom were in attendance to receive their commemorative  
pins:

- Cynthia Draper, 5 years – Planning
- Katie Bardonnex, 15 years – Assessor
- Laura Piper, 25 years and Zach Nelson, 10 years –Water
- Jorge Alvarado, 5 years and Lisa Vetter, 5 years – Probation
- Jody Veenker, 15 years; Paulette Erwin, 10 years; and Deanna Briggs, 5 years –  
Health & Human Services
- Shannon Platt, 30 years; Gordon Moose, 15 years; Katy Paterson, 5 years; and  
Cherish Hegi, 5 years – Public Works

- Gabriel Mesquitez, 5 years – Agriculture
- Jayme Westervelt, 5 years –Information Services
- Carma Roper, 25 years; Katie Bird, 15 years; Irving Perez Esquivel, 5 years; Esteban Vega, 5 years; and Melissaann Nelms, 5 years – Sheriff’s Department
- Marilyn Mann, 25 years – Health & Human Services
- Jerry Oser, 20 years – Environmental Health

*Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was given by Lauralyn Hundley.

*County Department Reports* Treasurer Tax-Collector Alicia McMurtrie reported on the successful transition of County accounts from Union Bank to U.S. Bank, with the addition of Brinks armored transportation services, and thanked everyone involved for their assistance and expertise.

Deputy Public Works Director Shannon Platt provided an update on the runoff situation.

Ag Commissioner Nathan Reade updated the Board on mosquito abatement activities.

Acting Water Director Holly Alpert reported on Lower Owens River flows.

Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton announced updates to her webpage, including the addition of an ecommerce feature to allow people to pay for and download historical records.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson provided the Board with legislative updates.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres reported on recent training exercises and opportunities. She also updated the Board on the status of local disasters and said she is still collecting damage information via a survey at [www.ready.inyo.us](http://www.ready.inyo.us).

*Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of June 27, 2023 and the special Board of Supervisors meeting of June 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – Silver Peaks Affordable Housing Project Letter of Support* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve a letter of support to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on behalf of the Silver Peaks Limited Partnership's application to the Multifamily Housing Program. Motion carried unanimously.

*Environmental Health – Inyo/Mono County CUPA Services Contract* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract amendment between Inyo County and Mono County for the Provision of Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Services. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – Health Management Associates Inc./CA Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Project MOU* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Health Management Associates, Inc. of Lansing, MI for the provision of medication assisted treatment of opioid addiction in the county’s jail and drug court in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the period of June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – CA Department of Public Health Agreement #22-1130* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Agreement No. 22-1130 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health for the provision of Public Health Workforce Career Ladder Education and Development in an amount not to exceed \$72,573.00 for the period of February 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Federal Apportionment Program Federal Exchange and State Match Program,

<i>Federal Apportionment Program Federal Exchange and State Match Program Agreement No. 23-5948(106)</i>	Agreement No. 23-5948(106), with the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$673,353 plus a State match of \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$773,353; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning – Ordinance No. 1299 (MWELo Permit Fee)</i>	<p>Planning Danielle Visuano provided background information on the State Mandated Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) and explained the need for County established fees to recover costs processing of landscaping permits under MWELo.</p> <p>Board members directed staff to make the permitting process less onerous on property owners.</p> <p>Chairperson Roeser began the public hearing at 11:47 a.m., and with no one wishing to provide public comment, the Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:47 a.m.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Ordinance No. 1299 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, adding sub sections 3.60.020(A)(22) and 3.60.020(A)(23) to the Inyo County code pertaining to the Planning Department service fee and cost schedule, correcting the effective date to be 60 days following approval, not 30. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>CAO – Design Path Studio Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Design Path Studio of Encinitas, CA for the provision of architectural design services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period of June 6, 2023 through December 31, 2023, contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Closed Session</i>	<p>Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 12:27 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 5 <b>Conference with County's Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6</b> – 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; and No. 5A <b>Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957</b> – Title: HHS Director.</p>
<i>Recess/Reconvene – Board of Equalization</i>	Chairperson Roeser reconvened from closed session as the Inyo County Board of Equalization (separate minutes) at 1:19 p.m. with all members present. The Chairperson adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 2:08 p.m. to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors with all members present.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services – Department Overview</i>	Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres and Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler provided a presentation on the functions and available resources through the Office of Emergency Services.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Board Member &amp; Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting last week in Markleeville and also met with Kim Stringfellow who is working on a reenactment event for the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of taking over Alabama Gates.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended meetings with the Rural Fire District and constituents and will be attending a Bishop Creek Water Association meeting tonight.

Supervisor Orrill said she had a good Fourth of July in Bishop and has continued meeting with department heads.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended the Fourth of July parade in Independence, the Fourth of July barbeque in Big Pine, and the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting in Markleeville.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended Fourth of July events in Bishop and shared information about proposed short-term rental tax legislation.

CAO Greenberg said he, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington and Auditor Amy Shepherd have begun meeting with departments in advance of the FY 23-24 budget; participated in an area managers meeting last week; and has been working with staff to obtain a consultant to analyze short- and long-term strategies for fixing the public safety radio system. He also recognized Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg for receiving a 100% in an audit by PRISM.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 3:13 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 5 **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; and No. 5A **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: HHS Director.

*Open Session*

Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:45 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *NATE GREENBERG*  
*Clerk of the Board*

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Darcy Ellis, Assistant*