

Agenda



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

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

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Note: Historically the Board does break for lunch; the timing of a lunch break is made at the discretion of the Chairperson and at the Board's convenience.

December 21, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments may be time-limited)

CLOSED SESSION

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *LADWP v. Inyo County* (Kern County Sup. Ct. Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC).

OPEN SESSION (With the exception of timed items, 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.**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 4. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW**
 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments may be time-limited)
 6. **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS** (Reports limited to two minutes)

7. **INTRODUCTIONS** - The following new Public Works employees will be introduced to the Board: Aaron Ray Dondero, Equipment Operator Heavy; Brayán Gutierrez, Custodian; and Colton Kinzy, Equipment Operator Heavy.
8. **COVID-19 STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS

9. **Assessor** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Appraiser I exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Assessor and concurred with by the County Administrative and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Appraiser I, Range 68 (\$4,714 - \$5,728).
10. **Treasurer-Tax Collector** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Treasurer-Tax Collector and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Office Technician II or III at Range 059-063 (\$3,816 - \$5,091).

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

11. **County Administrator - Economic Development** - Request Board: A) approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and AccompanyCo of Palisade, CO, extending the term end date from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022, increasing the amount of the contract by \$15,000 for a total amount not to exceed of \$61,238, and expanding the Scope of Work to allow AccompanyCo to provide expertise and assistance in executing the Eastern Sierra Small Business Resource Center Launch Plan; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.
12. **County Administrator - Personnel** - Request Board ratify and approve the Staffing Vendor Agreement between the County of Inyo and Sierra Employment Services, Inc. of Mammoth Lakes, CA and Inyo County for the provision of temporary employment services for the period of December 14, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.
13. **Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health** - Request Board approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Teleconnect Therapies of Avalon, CA for the provision of psychotherapy via telemedicine in an amount not to exceed \$59,040 for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.
14. **Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention** - Request Board ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Inyo County Health & Human Services Mentor Program and Bishop Unified School District and authorize the HHS Director to sign.

15. **Planning Department** - Request Board: A) certify that \$72,877.70 in funds provided to Inyo County as an Affected Unit of Local Government (AULG) under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, have been expended in accordance with the provisions of that Act, Public Law 97-425 and the 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-85); and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign the certification and direct staff to submit it to the U.S. Department of Energy.
16. **Public Works** - Request Board approve Resolution No. 2021-57, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Accepting Easements from the U.S. Forest Service Regarding County Road and Death Valley Road," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
17. **Public Works** - Request Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Fountainhead Consulting Corporation of Anaheim, CA, extending the end date of the contract from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022 and authorize the Chairperson to sign the amendment, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

DEPARTMENTAL (To be considered at the Board's convenience)

18. **Public Works - Recycling & Waste Management** - Request Board: A) approve Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of 5.3%, to the portion of the Service Fee Floor rates not associated with the tipping fees, effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with Franchise Agreements between the County of Inyo and contract waste haulers; and B) adopt the new schedule of Minimum Charges for Waste Hauling Services for Areas A & B in Inyo County as presented in Exhibit A.
19. **Public Works** - Request Board approve proposed Ordinance 1277 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Repealing Certain Portions of Ordinance No. 1167 (2011) and Setting Rates for Vehicle Parking at the Bishop Airport."
20. **Public Works** - Request Board:
 - A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Works Budget 011500 as follows: increase appropriation in Professional Services, Object Code 5265, by \$120,000 (*4/5ths vote required*);
 - B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Contingencies Budget #087100 as follows: decrease appropriation in Contingencies, Object Code 5901, by \$120,000 (*4/5ths vote required*);
 - C) Approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Meyer Land Surveying of Oak Hills, CA, for on-call County Surveyor Services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and
 - D) Authorize the chairperson to sign the contract, contingent upon obtaining appropriate signatures.
21. **Public Works** - Request Board:
 - A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 State Funded Road Budget 034601 as follows:
 1. increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In Object Code 4998 by \$20,000 and
 2. increase appropriation in State Line Road Object Code (code # to be determined) by \$20,000 (*4/5ths vote required*);
 - B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Road Budget 034600 as follows: (1) increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out Object Code 5801 by

- \$20,000 (4/5ths vote required);
- C) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement and Funds Transfer Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Federal Highway Administration for the project delivery, construction contracting, and contract administration of a California Federal Lands Access Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$9,660,000 pending final project evaluation, with construction estimated to occur in FY 2027-2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and
 - D) Authorize the Chairperson to sign.

COMMENT (Portion of the Agenda when the Board takes comment from the public and County staff)

22. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL

- 23. **U.S. Geological Survey** - Letter regarding USGS Western Ecological Research Center's 2021 field studies of Bell's Vireos (*Vireo belli*) at Millpond Campground.