

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.

February 8, 2022 - 8:30 A.M.

1. ***PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS***

CLOSED SESSION

2. ***CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8*** - Property: APNs 002-056-0600 and 002-056-0602 (102 S. Edwards St., Independence, CA 93526; Agency Negotiators: Leslie Chapman, Meaghan McCamman, and John-Carl Vallejo; Negotiating Parties: LADWP; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
3. ***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 – Los Angeles Department of Water and Power v. County of Inyo et al, Kern Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-101513-KCT (CEQA).***

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. 4. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

5. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments may be time-limited)
7. **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS

8. **Health & Human Services** - Request Board:
 - A) Change the Authorized Strength in HHS by adding one Term-Limited Equity and Diversity Coordinator position;
 - B) Approve the Equity and Diversity Coordinator job description;
 - C) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator exists in a non-general fund budget as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and
 2. 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;
 - D) Approve the hiring of one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator at Range 72 (\$5,180-\$6,292); and
 - E) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.
9. **Health & Human Services - Fiscal** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
 - A) The availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the Health and Human Services Director 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;
 - C) Approve the hiring of one (1) Office Technician I at Range 55 (\$3,477 - \$4,228), Office Technician II at Range 59 (\$3,816 - \$4,636) or Office Technician III at Range 63 (\$4,184 - \$5,091), dependent upon qualifications; and
 - D) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize Health and Human Services to backfill resulting vacancy.
10. **Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention** - Request Board:
 - A) Approve the revised Prevention Specialist I-III job description;
 - B) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Specialist I-II exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and
 2. 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;
 - C) Approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Specialist I at Range 60 (\$3,908 - \$4,747), Prevention Specialist II, Range 63 (\$4,184 - \$5,091), or a Prevention Specialist III, Range 66 (\$4,489 - \$5,464); and
 - D) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.

11. **Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Program Manager exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director 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; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Program Manager at Range 80 (\$6,259 - \$7,613); and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.
12. **Public Works** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician I/II/III exists in the General Fund and non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates 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 I/II or III at Range 55 to 63 (\$3,477 - \$5,091), depending on qualifications.
13. **Public Works - Parks & Recreation** - Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested positions exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) due to the seasonal nature of the positions it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the positions, so an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply, and C) approve the hiring of three (3) Seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers at Range PT50 (\$17.85 - \$27.71/hr).

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

14. **County Administrator - Personnel** - Request Board authorize deletion of the Authorized Position Review process from the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies, originally approved by the Board in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and reaffirmed and made permanent in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
15. **County Counsel** - Request Board approve Amendment No. 4 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services to the County related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related Court actions, to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00, and authorize the Chairperson.
16. **County Counsel** - Request Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing contract between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00; and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
17. **Public Works - Road Department** - Request Board authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$192,655.06, payable to RDO Equipment Company of Riverside, CA for one (1) new John Deere 6105E Tractor with two (2) Alamo Industrial mower attachments.

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

18. **Water Department** - Request Board provide direction to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority special meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021.
19. **County Counsel** - Request Board approve the amendment to the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' March 10, 2020 meeting.

TIMED ITEMS (Items will not be considered before scheduled time but may be considered any time after the scheduled time.)

20. **11 A.M. - Presentation** - Request Board receive a presentation from temporary Death Valley National Park Superintendent James Woolsey and Management Analyst Abby Wines, including an update on the Park and the Stovepipe Wells Environmental Assessment.
21. **1 P.M. - Planning** - Request Board conduct a Public Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2021-01 (Shade Grown Farms) and deny the appeal.

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL

23. **California Fish & Game Commission** - Agenda for meeting of February 16-17, 2022, via webinar and teleconference.