



# INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## AGENDA

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

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### REGULAR MEETING August 15, 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 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.
- 3) **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.**
- 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**

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

- 8) **Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board  
  
**Recommended Action:** Approve an amendment to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for August 1, 2023 to include the action taken on Item 22 and approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 8, 2023.
- 9) **Continuation of Local Emergency**  
County Administrator - Emergency Services | Mikaela Torres  
  
**Recommended Action:** Discuss, consider, and approve staff's recommendation to continue the local emergency proclaimed in response to the 2023 storms and projected spring runoff in March 2023.
- 10) **Approval of Contract for Legal Services - General Labor and Employment Advice and Representation**  
County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney  
  
**Recommended Action:** Approve and ratify the contract between the County of Inyo and Atkinson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the provision of Legal Services - General Labor and Employment Advice, in the amount of \$320,000 for the term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPPA Business Associate Agreement.
- 11) **Approval of Contract for Legal Services - Law Enforcement Employment Advice and Representation**  
County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney  
  
**Recommended Action:** Request the Board ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Hanson Bridgett LLP for the provision of Specialized Law Enforcement Legal Services and Employment Advice, in the amount of \$100,000 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget,

authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPPA Business Associate Agreement.

- 12) **Drug Medi-Cal Agreement with Department of Health Care Services**  
Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health | Anna Scott

**Recommended Action:** Approve and ratify the standard agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the provision of substance abuse treatment in an amount not to exceed \$1,076,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Acting Director to sign the Standard Agreement, Contractor Certification Clauses, and the California Civil Rights Laws Certification.

- 13) **Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 1172 (2012) Regarding Fees for the Inyo County Driving Under the Influence Program**  
Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health | Marilyn Mann

**Recommended Action:** Approve Ordinance 1300, titled, "An Ordinance of the board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Repealing Ordinance No. 1172 (2012) Regarding Fees for the Inyo County Driving Under the Influence Program."

- 14) **Mental Health Services Act 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Annual Updates**  
Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health | Marilyn Mann

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 2022-2023 Annual Update and approve the MHSA 2023-2024 Annual Update in order to access funds under the approved MHSA Agreement, and authorize the HHS Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Division, as the County's Mental Health Director, to sign.

- 15) **Mono County ESAAA Contract Amendment No. 1**  
Health & Human Services - ESAAA | Darcia Blackdeer-Lent

**Recommended Action:** Ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the four-year agreement with the County of Mono for the provision of Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA) services to Mono County eligible residents, to recognize additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$60,136.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, and not exceeding the total four-year contract amount of \$660,136.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

- 16) **USGS Joint Funding Agreement**  
Planning Department | Cathreen Richards

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for wells and springs monitoring in the Amargosa Desert in the amount of \$8,000 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

17) **Plans and Specifications for the Big Pine Animal Shelter Construction**

Public Works | Michael Errante

**Recommended Action:** Approve the plans and specifications for the Big Pine Animal Shelter Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the project.

18) **Request for Landfill Fee Waiver**

Public Works - Recycling & Waste Management | Michael Errante

**Recommended Action:** Approve a waiver up to the historical cap of \$100 toward the Bishop Paiute Tribe Friends of the Conservation Open Space Area pilot project.

**REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

19) **Cal-Ore Life Flight LLC (Sierra Lifeflight) 30-Day Contract Extension**

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg

40 minutes (10min. Presentation / 30min. Discussion)

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Authorize an amendment to the current agreement with Cal-Ore Life Flight LLC (dba Sierra Lifeflight) for the provision of 911 Emergency Medical Services in the greater Bishop area, extending the term for an additional 30 days – until September 22, 2023; and
- B) Provide direction to staff as appropriate.

20) **Presentation on the Inyo County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff | Stephanie Rennie

35 minutes (15min. Presentation / 20min. Discussion)

**Recommended Action:** Receive a presentation from Sheriff Rennie regarding her department's functions, core services, mission, and projects.

21) **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority EIR Public Process**

Board of Supervisors | John-Carl Vallejo

5 minutes

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the County Administrative Officer to provide comments on the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Environmental Impact Report public process consistent with Inyo County's prior expressions of support for an IWVGA water import project utilizing water sources from other than the Owens Valley River and groundwater systems.

22) **Personal Services Contract - Water Director**

County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney

5 minutes (2.5min. Presentation / 2.5min. Discussion)

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Dr. Holly Alpert for the provision of personal services as the Water Director at Range

- 155, Step B, \$10,463 per month effective August 17, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Approve Resolution 2023-23, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Resolution 2021-52, Changing Salary and/or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Appointed Officials Employed in the Several Offices of Institutions of the County of Inyo," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

### **LUNCH**

- 23) The Board may recess for a lunch break and reconvene as appropriate.

### **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

- 1 P.M.** 24) **Board of Equalization** - The Board of Supervisors will recess and reconvene as the Inyo County Board of Equalization (separate agenda).

### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT & REPORTS**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL**

- 27) **California Fish and Game Commission** - Agenda for August 22-23 meeting.
- 28) **Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee** - Resolution expressing the committee's strong support of a crack-filling project for the hangar area pavement and urging the Board of Supervisors to support both the project and its funding in the upcoming FY 23-24 Budget.