

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

ANNUAL DEATH VALLEY SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, November 29, 2010 and Tuesday, November 30, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in Special session at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Monday November 29, 2010, in the Conference Room at the CR Briggs Mine located 8 miles south of Ballarat on Wingate Road, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Richard Cervantes presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Beverly Brown, and Marty Fortney. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- BofS/CR Briggs
Mine Tour
- The Board took a tour of the CR Briggs Corporation mining operation. Mr. Ken Mann, Vice President and General Manager, showed the Board many aspects of the operations including the cyanide leaching pond, the crushers, the pour room, and the Board had an opportunity to watch a 163-hole blast which resulted in about 50,000 tons of material being dislodged for processing. Supervisor Cervantes asked Mr. Mann about mining equipment and dumping that was occurring in Ballarat, with Mr. Mann confirming that CR Briggs was not responsible. Members of the audience, Mr. Jim Stroh of Independence and Mr. Tom Budlong of Los Angeles, asked questions about the operations. The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 11:45 a.m. At the conclusion of the tour CR Briggs hosted lunch for the Board, Staff and members of the audience.
- The Board proceeded to Furnace Creek Inn, where the Chairperson reconvened the special meeting at 3:30 p.m., in the Chef Marques Room, with all Board Members present. Supervisor Cervantes provided the invocation and Supervisor Arcularius led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment
- The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board
- Emerg. Serv./Oak
Creek Mud Flow
- Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO/Cal Expo
Exhibit
- Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to A) declare Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce a sole source contractor for the purpose of designing, constructing, staffing and removing the Inyo County Exhibit at the 2011 California State Fair; B) approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce to design, construct, staff and remove the Inyo County Exhibit at the 2011 California State Fair, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and authorize the County Administrator to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained; and C) authorize the County Administrator to sign any documents related to designating the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce as the County's contractor for coordinating the Inyo County Exhibit at the 2011 California State Fair. Motion carried unanimously.
- Elections/Statement
of Votes Cast
- Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to issue an order accepting the Statement of All Votes Cast at the General Election held November 2, 2010 and declare elected those offices under their jurisdiction for this election, and declare passed or failed those measures under their jurisdiction for this election, according to the number of votes for each as shown on the Statement of All Votes Cast. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning/Stephens
& Assoc. Contract
Amendment
- Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve Amendment No. One to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for the provision of hydrologic analysis services to amend the schedule of fees to reflect a contract limit not a task limit; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff/American Security Group Contract Amendment	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve Amendment No. One to the Contract between the County of Inyo and American Security Group for installation of a security system, increasing the Contract by \$5,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$408,441.81 and extending the ending date of the Contract from December 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
Sheriff/RIMS Upgrade Hardware & Software Purchases	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the purchase of hardware and software components required for the upgrade of the existing RIMS and Sheriff's File Server System, as Phase II of the project referred to as the RIMS Upgrade Project, as recommended by staff, in an amount not to exceed \$29,500. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/Gruen Gruen + Associates Contract Amendment	The Planning Director, Mr. Josh Hart, provided additional information and further justification for the amendment to the Contract with Gruen Gruen + Associates for the Socio-economic Impact Assessment Report for the Yucca Mountain Project. Supervisor Cash expressed concern with a contractor expecting additional payment for contractual work prior to the Board's approval. The Board and Mr. Hart discussed the additional work performed by the Contractor, as well as the impact not approving this Amendment might have on future work being performed by this Contractor for the County on the Solar Ranch Project. The Board directed that the request to A) approve Amendment No. Two to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Gruen Gruen + Associates for professional services to prepare a Socio-economic Impact Assessment Report, to amend the scope of work, change the ending date of the Contract from January 12, 2011 to June 30, 2011, and increase the amount of the Contract by \$24,805.68 to a total not to exceed \$200,805.68; and B) amend the FY 2010-2011 Planning-Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office Budget Unit 620605 by increasing appropriations in Professional and Special Services (Object Code #5265) by \$24,805.68 and decreasing appropriations in Contingencies – FY Encumbrance (Object Code #5902) by \$24,805.68, be continued to a future Board Meeting, at which time the Board would like more information regarding the amendment, including under whose authority the additional work was performed. At the suggestion of the County Administrator, the Board continued this item to tomorrow morning, in anticipation that the Planning Director might have the information being requested.
BofS/Xanterra Presentation	The Board received a presentation from Mr. Rich Jones, General Manager of the Xanterra Parks & Resort. Mr. Jones reported on visitation numbers, new cell phone service, various projects throughout the properties including the photovoltaic system and the fire at Stovepipe Wells, and a report on the transfer of the Stovepipe Wells property to the new concessionaire after the first of the year.
BofS/D.V. National Park Presentation	The Board received a presentation from Charlie Callagan of the Death Valley National Park. Mr. Callagan provided a copy of his briefing statement on the Wilderness and Backcountry Stewardship Plan. The Board and Mr. Callagan discussed his presentation, the statement and wilderness designations in depth and at length.
BofS/BLM Presentation	The Board received a presentation from Mr. Rick Rotte, Realty Specialist from the Barstow Bureau of Land Management Office. The Board and Mr. Rotte talked about the Digital 395 project, the Tecopa/Shoshone Landfill, and the Tecopa Sewage Lagoon Project.
Recess/Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 5:30 p.m., to reconvene in open session, at 5:40 p.m., with all Board Members present.
Planning/Renewable Energy Presentation	Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, talked about a variety of the renewable energy opportunities in the southeastern portion of the County.
Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed open session at 6:00 p.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Item No. 14. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization - ICEA - Negotiators - Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion, Undersheriff Jim Jones, Deputy County Counsel Susanne Rizo, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
Report on Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed closed session at 6:30 p.m., to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session. County Counsel reported there were no actions taken in closed session, which are required by law to be reported on in open session.

Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 6:30 p.m., to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at the Community Center in Tecopa, with all Board Members present. Supervisor Cervantes provided the invocation and Supervisor Brown led the Pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Fire Chief Paul Postel of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District, addressed the Board. Mr. Postel updated the Board on Fire Department activities and issues, including informing the Board that Supervisors Fortney and Cervantes had located a building that could be used as a firehouse. He said the building is being donated by Coso and he is working on getting it delivered.

BofS/BrightSource
Energy Presentation Representatives of BrightSourceEnergy introduced the Company and the services provided by the Company to the Board. The Board was introduced to several key people in the Company who talked about various aspects of the Company and its operations and business methods, including the Ivanpah project and potential opportunities in the southern part of the County.

Recess/
Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 10:20 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:25 a.m., with all Board Members present.

Planning/Gruen
Gruen + Associates
Contract
Amendment With regard to the item continued from yesterday concerning the Gruen Gruen + Associates Contract Amendment, the Planning Director, Mr. Josh Hart, indicated that he had no new information to provide and the Board continued this item to the December 14, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting for further consideration.

County Dept.
Reports The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Mr. Josh Hart, Public Works Director, reported that with regard to the Charleston View CSD, several assets of the District, have been identified and prior to any actions to disband the District a meeting will have to be held in the District to determine the disposition of the assets.

Elections/Statement
of Votes Cast The Assistant Clerk notified the Board that the Clerk-Recorder had identified an omission on the Statement of Votes Cast for the Death Valley Unified School District and was asking the Board to reconsider the action taken yesterday to provide for a corrected motion to include the name of Debra Watterson being appointed in Lieu of Election to the Death Valley Unified School District Governing Board for a four year term. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Brown to issue an order accepting the Statement of All Votes Cast, including the Appointment in Lieu of Election of Debra Watterson to the Death Valley Unified School District Governing Board for a four year term, at the General Election held November 2, 2010 and declare elected those offices under their jurisdiction for this election, and declare passed or failed those measures under their jurisdiction for this election, according to the number of votes for each as shown on the Statement of All Votes Cast as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the Special Meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*