



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in the Conference Room at the One Stop Center (Behind Taco Bell) at 920 N. Main Street, in Bishop, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Susan Cash presiding, Rick Pucci, Marty Fortney and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Arcularius was absent. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Fortney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

Resol. #2011-10/
Declaration of
Emergency for
Center Fire The Board received an detailed update on the Center Fire in Big Pine, that resulted in many homes and structures being destroyed and/or damaged, from the County Administrator, the Sheriff and the Director of Health and Human Services. The Board commended all of the responders to the fire and everyone who offered help and assistance to the victims of the blaze. The Board thanked Dale Comontofski of Preferred Septic for his donation of waste bins and portable toilets to the victims to aid in the cleanup efforts. On a motion by Supervisor Fortney and a second by Supervisor Cervantes, to approve Resolution No. 2011-10 titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Approving the Declaration by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Inyo, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency" related to the Center Fire which swept into and through portions of the town of Big Pine beginning at 3:18 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011, and which was intensified by severe winds and that threatened lives, forced the mandatory evacuation of residents in the town of Big Pine, destroyed and damaged homes and personal property of Big Pine residents, damaged public facilities including utilities and County property and road infrastructure near the town, required the opening of emergency shelters in Big Pine, Bishop, and Lone Pine, and resulted in the temporary closure of Highway 395, that was beyond the control of the services, personnel equipment, facilities, and fiscal resources of the County of Inyo; and authorize the County Administrative Officer or his designee to make revisions to the resolution, as appropriate or if requested by the Office of Emergency Services, and to proceed in executing the resolution without further review by your Board: motion unanimously passed and adopted, with Supervisor Arcularius absent.

Resol. #2011-11/
Waive Disposal &
Gate Fees for Fire
Debris The Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Chuck Hamilton, explained that the resolution before the Board would allow the fees to be waived for the disposal of debris generated as a result of the Center Fire. He said that the County has taken similar action in the past, most recently with the Oak Creek Mud Flows. On a motion by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Resolution No. 2011-11 to waive disposal and gate fees for the disposal of debris generated as a result of the March 18, 2011 Center Fire event: motion unanimously passed and adopted, with Supervisor Arcularius absent.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the special meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant