

## February 10, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:35 a.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans.

- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed open session at 9:35 a.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; and No. 3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults.
- Recess/  
Reconvene      The Chairperson recessed the closed session at 9:55 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:10 a.m., with all Board Members present.
- Pledge      Supervisor Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Introduction      Mr. Phillip Traver a Programmer Analyst was introduced to the Board, by Mr. Brandon Shults, the Information Services Director.
- CAO-Personnel/  
ICPPOA MOU      Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the February 10, 2015 through February 28, 2018, Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning-County  
Counsel/Munro  
Valley Legal Fees  
Contract      Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a Contract between the County of Inyo and Munro Valley LLC and ECOS Energy LLC for the reimbursement of County of Inyo for defense litigation costs contingent upon adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning/SCE  
Contract  
Amendment re:  
Efficiencies Action  
Plan      Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the Second Amendment to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Southern California Edison regarding the Cost Energy and Service Efficiencies Action Plan, extending the ending date of the Contract to December 31, 2015; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resol. #2015-20/  
Off-Highway  
Vehicle Grant App      On a motion by Supervisor Griffiths and a second by Supervisor Tillemans, Resolution No. 2015-20 titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

HHS-EMS/Local Services and ICEMA	The Board heard from Mr. Steve Davis, Olancha Fire Chief, who was representing the Inyo County Fire Chiefs. He reviewed a letter the Fire Chiefs sent to the Board regarding emergency medical services and our local emergency medical services agency out of San Bernardino, the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Authority (ICEMA). The Board and Mr. Davis discussed various items identified in the letter in detail and at length. Mr. Davis confirmed that the Inyo County Fire Chiefs are looking for a viable and sustainable system and the system they believe is the most viable and most sustainable is the system that is currently in place. The Board heard from the County Administrator who clarified that the letter identifies two separate issues, one which is the relationship between ICEMA and the local providers, and the other which is the RFP process. Mr. Carunchio explained that he believes today's discussion is to provide the local agencies, the public and the Board to provide input to the ICEMA representatives, who are here, on the RFP so that they can finalize a draft RFP for the Board's consideration. He said that he believes that there are ways that the County can help facilitate discussions between the emergency services providers and ICEMA on the communications issues identified in the Fire Chiefs letter. Mr. Carunchio explained that the counties of Inyo and Mono get somewhere around \$60,000 from the State for EMS services and estimated that it would cost the County of Inyo general fund \$400,000 to duplicate those services outside of the ICEMA JPA. Mr. Carunchio went on to recap the Board's direction after the workshop in November regarding the RFP. The Board heard from Mr. Tom Lynch of ICEMA and Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, who both addressed some of the issues identified by the Fire Chief's. The Board, Chief Davis, Mr. Lynch, Chief Kritz of the Lone Pine Fire Department, and staff continued to discuss local EMS services in detail and at length, with the Board expressing their desire to see the draft RFP as soon as possible.
Public Comment	The Chairperson noted that CalFire Chief Melendrez of the Owens Valley Camp was in the audience and invited him to update the Board on the recent Round Fire. Chief Melendrez said that he was in attendance today to support the Inyo County Fire Chief's in the previous discussion, but would be pleased to provide the update requested. He went on to explain how important volunteer fire departments are and provided an in-depth report of the incident which began around 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015 in Round Valley. He said it was a rapidly moving fire that encompassed 7,000 acres, burned 40 structures and homes in Swall Meadows and one home in Paradise; there were a multitude of responding agencies from all over the State; and while there was a great deal of property loss associated with the fire and several responders were forced to take protective measures during the fire, there was no loss of human life.
Water Dept./GW Management Act	Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, briefed the Board on the recently adopted Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 12:50 p.m., with all Board Members present.
HHS-Misc./Admin Assist. Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for an Administrative Assistant position exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where it is possible that the position of Assistant to the HHS Director could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure as many qualified applicants as possible apply for the position; and C) approve the hiring of one Administrative Assistant to the HHS Director at Range 70 (\$4,305 - \$5,236).
HHS-Misc./Mang. Analyst Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a Management Analyst position exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where it is possible that the position of HHS Management Analyst could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure as many qualified applicants as possible apply for the position; and C) approve the hiring of one HHS Management Analyst at Range 80 (\$5,450 - \$6,628). Motion carried unanimously.

Planning/DRECP EIR/EIS Review	The Planning Director, Mr. Josh Hart, explained that representatives of the California Energy Commission (CEC) will be here next week to provide an update on the DRECP. He went on to review the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Environmental Impact Report, and Environmental Impact Statement, with the Board, in detail and at length. Ms. Susie Patton of Cartago addressed the Board to identify her concern with her property being identified as "conservation lands" and asking what that designation does and could mean in the future. Mr. Troy Patton of Cartago also addressed the Board to express his concern with designation of his property. Ms. Sally Miller of the Wilderness Society provided comments on various aspects of the Plan and suggested that the Board's letter be more collaborative. Ms. Jura Fogg of the Friends of the Inyo supported the Plan. Ms. April Zrelak of the Lone Pine Tribe Environmental, asked about the Tribe's ability to comment on the Plan. The Board and staff went on to talk about various aspects of the plan, the accuracy of the information contained in the document, the need for the local jurisdictions to benefit from renewable energy projects, and the impacts of the Plan on Inyo County. The Board indicated that they would like to consider the correspondence regarding the EIR/EIS after the presentation by the CEC next week.
County Counsel- Planning/Greg James Contract	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services on behalf of the County and ECOS Energy, LLC, from January 8, 2015 to the completion of the <u>Native American Heritage Commission v. County of Inyo, et. al.</u> , Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVPT 1557557 lawsuit, at the rate of \$155 per hour for legal services, except travel time will be paid at \$50 per hour, for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, contingent upon the Board's approval of a FY 2014-15 Mid-Year Budget and future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
CAO-County Counsel/Liner Contract	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Engagement Letter between the County of Inyo and Liner, LLP for the provision of legal services for the Consolidated Office Building Build-to-Suit Lease, negotiation as needed, and preparation of a proposed Lease, at a fixed fee of \$15,000, which will be billed at the hourly rate of \$495 per hour until paid and then no charge for services until the proposed next version of the Lease is prepared; and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting of January 22, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
County Department Reports	The Chairperson announced the County Department report period and there were no reports forthcoming.
Public Comment	The Chairperson announced the final public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.
BofS/Carson Colorado	The Chairperson noted the item under the Correspondence Information portion of the Agenda, which is a copy of an article from the March, 2015 Trains publication, by David Lustig concerning the work being done on the old Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge locomotive (Slim Princess) located at the Independence Park.
Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed open session at 2:35 p.m. to reconvene in closed session with all Board Members present to continue discussions and possible action as appropriate on previously identified closed session items.
Report on Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed closed session at 2:55 p.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present. County Counsel reported that with regard to Agenda Items No. 2 and No. 3, which are instructions to negotiators regarding various employee unions, instructions were given to the negotiators.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including an update on the City of Bishop Warren Street Project.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:00 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

*by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*