



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 17, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, 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 8:35 a.m., to convene in closed session to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 2. **PERSONNEL [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title – Planning Director; No. 3. **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. 4. **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 closed session at 9:25 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:00 a.m., with all Board Members present.

- Pledge The Assistant Clerk of the Board, Ms. Patricia Gunsolley, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Report on Closed
Session County Counsel reported that with regard to Agenda Items No. 2. **PERSONNEL [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title – Planning Director there was no reportable action taken; and with regard to Agenda Items No. 3 and 4 which are instructions to negotiators with various employee unions, instructions were given to the negotiators.

- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. Michael Desousa of Southern California Edison, addressed the Board to talk about the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative which is a local government partnership with SCE. He introduced Ms. Maya Abrey the Account Manager for the local project and presented Mr. Rick Phelps of the High Sierra Energy Foundation with a plaque commemorating the work of the Foundation in making the Initiative successful in the Eastern Sierra.

- County Department
Reports The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Mr. Marvin Moskowitz, Environmental Health Director, updated the Board on the County's efforts to aide Mono County regarding disposal of some of the debris from the Round Fire. Mr. Moskowitz provided the Board with the parameters under which the County can take the debris, as required by CalRecycle because it has been classified as hazardous waste. Mr. Moskowitz also informed the Board that the County's landfill personnel have been advised when not to accept the waste. The Board and staff discussed some of the alternatives that are available to the victims of the fire for disposal of their debris. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, also updated the Board on her Department's activities as a result of the Round Fire, which included offering assistance to Mono County and providing mental health support for some of the first responders.

- Planning/NRAC
Appointment Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Mr. Earl Wilson, as an alternate, on the Natural Resource Advisory Committee to complete an unexpired three year term ending October 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

P.W./Blizzard Fire Protection Contract	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to award the bid to and approve the Contract with Blizzard Fire Protection for the inspection of County fire extinguishers systems for the period of February 10, 2015 through February 9, 2018, as recommended by staff for a total amount not to exceed \$8,043.75, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./WEC Contract Amendment	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment #3 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and WEC for airport planning services, increasing the Contract by \$186,818, to a total amount not to exceed \$1,006,570, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
CAO-Budget/Mid Year Report	The County Administrator reviewed the FY 2014-15 Mid-Year Financial Report in detail. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) accept the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Mid-Year Financial Report as presented; B) approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report and represented in Attachments A & B of the report; (4/5's vote required); C) continue to insist upon revenue attainment and expense savings in order to maximize year-end fund balances; and D) reaffirm the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies (Attachment C), as amended and recommended and/or otherwise modified, remain in effect. Motion carried unanimously.
Treasurer/ Investment Policy	The Treasurer-Tax Collector, Ms. Alisha McMurtrie, told the Board that she was not recommending any changes in the Policy and requested the Board approve the status quo Policy. Supervisor Pucci said that he thought it would be helpful if Ms. McMurtrie could give a report on the investments annually, and she said that she would do that at the same time as the Investment Policy is being considered. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Inyo County Treasury Investment Policy as submitted.
Resol. #2015-21/ Delegating Investment Authority	On a motion by Supervisor Griffiths and a second by Supervisor Tillemans, Resolution No. 2015-21 titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo Delegating to the Inyo County Treasurer its Investment Authority Pursuant to Section 53607 of the Government Code," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
HHS/Workshop on Programs and Administration	The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:35 a.m., to convene in a workshop with all Board Members present, with the Director of Health and Human Services to hear an overview of the Health and Human Services Programs and administration. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 11:55 a.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present.
HHS-Behavioral Hlth. Serv./RN Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a Behavioral Health Registered Nurse position exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) whereas it is unlikely that the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply for this specialized position; and C) approve the hiring of one Behavioral Health Registered Nurse I at Range 78 (\$5,199 - \$6,319) or II at Range 80 (\$5,450 - \$6,628) contingent upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Behavioral Hlth. Serv./HHS Specialist Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a HHS Specialist position exists in the Behavioral Health Budget, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy will be filled through an internal recruitment; and C) approve the hiring of one full-time Health and Human Services Specialist IV at Range 60 (\$3,403 - \$4,133). Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-WIC Prgm./ HHS Prevention Specialist Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to A) amend the authorized strength by deleting one full-time HHS Specialist II position at Range 53 (\$2,892 - \$3,517) and adding one full-time HHS Prevention Specialist at Range 60 (\$3,336 - \$4,052); and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for two HHS Prevention Specialist positions exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the positions could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment; and (c) approve the hiring of two HHS Prevention Specialists at Range 60 (\$3,336 - \$4,052). Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Misc./HHS Asst. Director Position Request	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to A) approve the updated job description for the HHS Assistant Director and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the HHS Assistant Director position exists, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where it is possible that the HHS Assistant Director position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply for this highly specialized position; and C) approve the hiring of one HHS Assistant Director at Range 92 (\$7,310 - \$8,885). Motion carried unanimously.
Parks/Season Positions Request	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for four part-time Park & Campground Maintenance Helper positions comes from the General Fund, as certified and concurred with by the County Administrator, and concurred with by the Auditor-Controller; B) where 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, therefore an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of four Seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers at Range PT50 (\$14.46 - \$17.56 per hour) contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, with one employee to begin in March and work through August, one employee to begin in April and work through September, two employees to begin in May and work through October. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Serv./D.V. Roadeater Emerg.	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency, the Death Valley Roadeater Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the eastern portion of Inyo County during the month of August 2012, per Resolution #2012-32, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Serv./Gully Washer Emerg.	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, the Gully Washer Emergency that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Serv./ Canyon Crusher Emerg.	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to continue the local emergency, the Canyon Crusher Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the portions of Inyo County during the month of August, 2013, was recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Serv./Land of Even Less Water Emerg.	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to continue the local emergency, known as the "Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of extreme drought conditions that exist in the County as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting January 27, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:15 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:18 p.m., with all Board Members present.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week including an Inyo Associates Meeting, a tour of the Owens Lake dust mitigation area, a DRECP-BLM-Staff Meeting, an upcoming CSAC Board of Directors Meeting, and the Standing Committee Meeting in Los Angeles.

Planning/DRECP
Presentation by
CEC

Commissioner Karen Douglas of the California Energy Commission addressed the Board regarding the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The Board and Ms. Douglas discussed the Plan in detail and at length. Ms. Douglas stressed that the Plan is intended to develop a clean renewable energy electricity system utilizing some of the resources of the California desert, while protecting the desert's aesthetic, cultural, and historical resources. She and the Board discussed roof top solar and what part it may play in meeting the State's future goals for renewable energy generation. She noted that roof top solar development is following a parallel path to solar thermal development and said there are many barriers to roof top solar that have to be resolved. She provided examples of the barriers by saying that the majority of California's population centers are located in coastal areas that experience cloudy or partly cloudy days nearly a third of the year which makes roof top solar difficult. She also noted that dark sky electricity is difficult to generate with roof top solar. As the Board and Ms. Douglas continued to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of roof top solar, Ms. Douglas explained that one of the advantages of solar thermal technology is the ability to incorporate thermal storage which is not available through roof top solar. Ms. Douglas encouraged the Board to continue to work towards having roof top solar recognized in meeting the State's renewable energy goals. Ms. Douglas went on to say that the DRECP is attempting to find geographic and technologic diversification to provide a stable clean electricity system. The Board and Ms. Douglas continued to discuss the DRECP and the County's potential participation in the Plan, including the planning grant process, the life expectancy of these projects, connectivity issues, accuracy of the information in the document, the role private property and local jurisdictions' land use authority have in the Plan, alternative to the loss of any private land in the County due to the designations assigned in the Plan, land exchanges, wind technology, and focus development areas. The Board heard from the following members of the public: Mr. Troy Patten of Cartago who addressed roof top solar, Mr. Paul Fretheim of Independence who questioned the data on roof top solar, Ms. Sydney Quinn of Big Pine who talked about roof top solar and who supported conservation designations, Ms. Nancy Masters who opposed large scale solar development in the Valley because of negative impacts to local economics, and Ms. Sally Miller of the Wilderness Society who supported getting the plan in place, the conservation designations, and roof top solar. The Board and Ms. Douglas continued to discuss the Plan in detail. The Board thanked Ms. Douglas for attending today's meeting to discuss the Plan with the Board.

Planning/DRECP
EIR/EIS Comment
Letter

The Board received a presentation from staff on the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Environmental Impact Report, and Environmental Impact Statement. The Board and staff discussed the draft correspondence including highlighting the statement regarding REGPA in the first paragraph on Page 9, to emphasis that the County's REGPA does not include wind and that the DRECP is inconsistent in that wind technologies are not excluded. The Board heard from Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine who supported the letter and noted that no where in the DRECP does it mention PILT. The County Administrator thanked Mr. Wilson for his comments and suggested that the letter include a comment that notes that renewable energy development on public lands provide some sort of revenue sharing similar to how geothermal royalties are shared with local jurisdictions. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to authorize the Chairperson to sign correspondence commenting on the DRECP EIR-EIS as presented with the additions discussed today. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning/Workshop
Bishop Draft
Economic Dev.
Element Update

The Chairperson recessed open session at 3:10 p.m., to convene in a workshop, with all Board Members present to review the City of Bishop Draft Economic Development Element Update. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 3:20 a.m., to reconvene in open session with all Board Members present. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve draft correspondence regarding the City of Bishop Draft Economic Development Element Update and authorize the Chairperson to sign correspondence.

BofS/SB 18
Consultation

With regard to Informational Item No. 30 which was a letter from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley regarding SB 18 consultation on the Inyo County Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment – GPA #2013-02/Renewable Energy. The Board requested to have a workshop on SB 28 Consultation in the future.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:50 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by: _____