



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

SPECIAL MEETING

*The Board toured and met
in the Tecopa, Shoshone Area*

April 14, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 12:00 a.m., on April 14, 2015, as follows with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans.

- Tour/St. Thérèse Mission The Board met at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission of St. Thérèse, at 881 E. Old Spanish Trail Highway, Tecopa (Charleston View area) for a tour of the Mission. The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 1:10 p.m.

- Tour/Tecopa Hot Springs The Chairperson reconvened the special meeting at 3:15 p.m., with all Board Members present, and the Board toured the Tecopa Hot Springs operations at 400 Tecopa Hot Springs Road, with representatives of the Tecopa Hot Springs Conservancy, the new concessionaire. The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 3:30 p.m.

- Open Session The Chairperson reconvened the special meeting at the Tecopa Community Center, at 405 Tecopa Hot Springs Road in Tecopa, at 4:00 p.m., with all Board Members present.

- Pledge Supervisor Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment The Chairperson made opening remarks welcoming everyone to the meeting. He announced the public comment period. Mr. Steve McNeal complimented the concessionaire at the Tecopa Hot Springs, saying that everyone is pleased with the results of their operations of the campgrounds and baths.

- BofS/National Conservation Lands The Board received a presentation from Susan Sorrells, and Patrick Donnelly, Executive Director of the Amargosa Conservancy, concerning National Conservation Land designations in southeast Inyo County. Ms. Sorrells explained why many of the residents of the communities of Shoshone, Tecopa, and Charleston View, feel that National Conservation Land designations for much of the lands surrounding the communities is the best way to protect those lands from industrial development. They explained that the communities are looking to expand and protect eco-tourism industry that has been developing over the past 20 years, saying that they believe that eco-tourism is the best way to provide financial sustainability for the area. They also addressed the commonality of the region, explaining that they believe the three communities should be treated as one. Ms. Sorells explained that the National Conservation Land designation is a BLM designation that puts lands into a protected status. Mr. Donnelly talked about the DRECP and the impact of large solar development on the area. Both Ms. Sorells and Mr. Donnelly expressed their opinion that they believe the future of the southeastern part of the County is eco-tourism and there is a need to ensure that the resources of the area are protected. They went on to talk about the possibility of having the Amargosa Valley declared a National Monument. Mr. Donnelly concluded his remarks by talking about the new Desert Protection legislation that he believes has bipartisan support because it provides wilderness areas and off road vehicle user areas. He talked about the legislation being beneficial to the area, and asked the Board to consider sending a letter of support for the legislation.

E.Health/Tecopa Potable Water Update	The Environmental Health Director, Marvin Moskowitz, and the Water Director, Dr. Bob Harrington, updated the Board on the Tecopa potable water situation and the Water Vending Machine Grant Project. Mr. Moskowitz explained that the State Water Quality Control Board has different water quality standards for various types of water systems. He said that the Community Center's system is considered a transient system and it meets the State's water standards, even though it is not very palatable. He said that the D.V. School water system, which has been providing potable water to the community, is considered a community water system and has different water standards. He and the County Administrator, explained that it was the decision of the Superintendent of the Death Valley School District to no longer make that water available. Staff and the audience talked about the permitting requirements and who is responsible for paying the permit fees. Dr. Harrington provided a detailed report on the Tecopa Water Vending Machine Grant Project. He explained that while it had been the hope of the County and the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District to allow the district to take over the contract for the project, the State Water Quality Control Board has not allowed this and is requiring the County to provide the services under the contract. Dr. Harrington responded to questions from the audience, concerning the type of system that will be installed, where it will be installed, operations and maintenance of the system, and the cost of the water.
Planning/Specific Plan for Charleston View/southeast Inyo County	Senior Planner, Cathreen Richards, made a detailed presentation regarding the process for developing a Specific Plan for Charleston View/southeast Inyo County. Ms. Richards responded to questions from the audience concerning the process, some specifics of the Plan that should be incorporated into any plan that is developed including no industrial solar development, flood control, adhering to the plans and visions of the people for their communities, and regionalizing the plan rather than specific community plans. As the discussion progressed the County Administrator explained to the group that today's discussion was to introduce the idea of developing a Specific Plan for the area, not actually talking about the various aspects of the plan.
E. Health/IDEXX P.O.	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to declare IDEXX Laboratories, Inc., a sole-source provider of certain water laboratory supplies for FY 2014-15 and approve a blanket purchase order to IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. for additional water testing supplies, in an amount not to exceed \$4,700. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./Bishop Landfill Truck Scale Notice of Completion	The request by the Public Works Department for the Board to approve a Resolution accepting the improvements for the Bishop-Sunland Landfill Truck Scale Project was pulled from consideration at the request of the Department.
CAO-Info Serv/ P.W./CBC Internet Service Contract	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the Services Agreement between the California Broadband Cooperative (CBC) and the County of Inyo – Road Department for delivery of Internet access service for a period of five years commencing on the date the service is installed in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 over the five years, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and authorize the Public Works Director to sign on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously.
E. Health/CAEHA Contract Amendment	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA), as represented by Jason Boetzer and John Elkins, to provide services required to operate the Inyo County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) program, increasing the amount of the Contract by \$17,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$50,000; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
P.W./Position Requests	<p>Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to take the following actions:</p> <p>A) consistent with the recommendation of the County Administrator, change the authorized strength in the Public Works/Road Department budgets as follows: (a) delete one full-time Management Analyst at Range 80 (\$5,450-\$6,628) and add one Administrative Analyst, at Ranges 68-72 (\$4,405-\$5,236) and; (b) approve the modified job description for the Associate Engineer;</p> <p>B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested Engineering Assistant position comes from General Fund and Non-General Fund sources, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator, and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, and the vacancy might be filled through an internal recruitment;</p>

however, due to the nature of the position an open recruitment would be more appropriate to best ensure a pool of the most qualified candidates; and (c) authorize the hiring of one Engineering Assistant, Range 71 (\$4,405-\$5,355);

C) find consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested Senior Engineer/Associate Civil Engineer/Assistant Engineer position comes from the General Fund, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator, and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, and the vacancy might be filled through an internal recruitment, however due to the nature of the position, an external recruitment would be more appropriate to best ensure a pool of the most qualified candidates; and (c) authorize the hiring of either a Senior Engineer at Range 85 (\$6,158-\$7,486), an Associate Civil Engineer at Range 82 (\$5,725-\$6,951), or an Associate Engineer at Range 78 (\$4,617-\$5,616) depending on qualifications;

D) find consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested Office Technician I position from General Fund and Non-General Fund sources, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator, and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could be filled through an internal recruitment, however due to the need to fill the position expediently and uncertainty over how many internal candidates might apply, an external recruitment would be more appropriate; and (c) authorize the hiring of an Office Technician I at Range 55 (\$3,027-\$3,680).

E) find consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested Administrative Analyst III position from General Fund and Non-General Fund sources, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator, and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy should be filled through an internal recruitment; and (c) authorize the hiring of an Administrative Analyst III Range 72 (\$4,405-\$5,236).

Motion carried unanimously.

- County Department Reports The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Marilyn Mann, Social Services Director, commended the employees at the Community Center. The County Administrator introduced his new Assistant, Rick Benson, to the audience.
- Public Comment The Chairperson announced the final public comment period. Larry Levin asked that the County's 800 telephone line be checked out because he has been having trouble getting through to the County on the line. Suzi Dennett commended Supervisor Kingsley for his outstanding representation of the people in the southeastern part of the County. Blake Ferry informed the Board of efforts being undertaken to have a multi-day festival, May 1 through 3, at the Tecopa Hot Springs Campground. He said the promoters are working with the concessionaire and the County to see if this can be accomplished.
- Adjourned The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant