



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## April 19, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on April 19, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice-Chairperson Mark Tillemans, presiding, Dan Totheroh and Rick Pucci. Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley were absent.

*PUBLIC COMMENT* The Vice-Chairperson announced public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

*PLEDGE* County Administrator Kevin Carunchio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*PUBLIC COMMENT* The Vice-Chairperson announced the second public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

*COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS* Chief Probation Officer, Jeff Thomson, provided the Board with an update on the different opportunities that are being explored for the juvenile facility. He stated that he has had two staff meetings and felt they were well received and was able to answer a lot of questions and dispel some rumors. He is hoping to have one more meeting with all of the staff in attendance. He continued by stating that he has been in contact with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) regarding notifications to make sure he prepares everything necessary before he comes to the Board of Supervisors for direction and approval. Santa Barbara had a similar situation with their juvenile facilities so Chief Thomson has been in contact with their staff to review some of the models they used. Last week 10 HHS and Probation staff attended the Moral Reconciliation Therapy Training (MRT). The last day was a trauma training and staff stated they really enjoyed the training. Supervisor Tillemans asked if there was anything to report on the court school and area resource center projects. Chief Thomson reported that he hadn't been able to connect with Barry Simpson of the Bishop Union High School District because he had been out of town. A group including himself, Jean Turner and other staff are going to be meeting with UC Davis to formulate some ideas and start putting some pieces together to start moving forward with a plan.

Clerk Recorder Kammi Foote reported on election activities. There have been 572 new voter registrations since January of 2016. Elections is preparing for a very high voter turnout in the state of California. The voter registrations continue to increase. Ms. Foote continued with details about an interesting phenomenon occurring with the U.S. Senate race. There are 34 candidates running for U.S. Senate, which is causing a ballot design issue. Due to the extra language that is required to be added to the ballot, the entire contest cannot be put into one column. When that happens, people over vote by voting for someone in the first column and the second column. Inyo County will be putting one column on the front and continue on the back side of the ballot in the hopes it will prevent this over voting issue.. Ms. Foote also reported that she has been meeting with senior classes in the high schools throughout the valley to discuss and explain the voting process. Voter registration outreach will be at the City Park this weekend during Earth Day.

*INTRODUCTIONS* The following new employee was introduced: Planning Department: Michael Draper, Associate Planner.

*PRESENTATION FRIENDS OF THE INYO* Laura Beardsley, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Inyo, and Sydney Quinn, President of the Board, gave a power point presentation on the activities of the Friends and the work they do in the Eastern Sierra. Supervisor Tillemans commended the organization for all of the volunteer work performed on behalf of the Friends.

CAO  
PERSONNEL  
RESO 2016-18  
CHANGES TO  
ICMA-RC'S 401 PLAN

On a motion by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci, the Board approved Resolution 2016-18 entitled "Resolution of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Legislative Regulatory Changes to the IMCA-RC's 401 Plan Document", and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion unanimously passed and adopted with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

CLERK-RECORDER  
PRODOCUMENT  
SOLUTIONS, INC.

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci, to approve: A) the printing costs of the election materials by ProDocumentSolutions, Inc. (also known as ProVoteSolutions) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the June 7, 2015 Presidential Primary Election; and B) authorize the prepayment of \$6,371 to ProDocumentSolutions, Inc. (estimated 1/2 of the total estimated printing cost) in order to obtain a discount of 2%. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

PUBLIC WORKS  
MT. WHITNEY  
PORTAL ROAD  
CLOSURE

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci, to approve a road closure schedule of the upper 5.2 miles of Whitney Portal Road during the construction of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) - Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) roadway reconstruction project. A 21-day notice will be given prior to the work commencing. The Public Works Director, Clint Quilter stated there will be media notification and the USFS and the Whitney Portal concessionaire will be notified. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

ROAD DEPARTMENT  
SOLE SOURCE  
WULFENSTEIN  
CONSTRUCTION CO.

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci, to: A) declare Wulfenstein Construction Company as a sole source provider of cold mix asphalt; and B) approve a purchase order to Wulfenstein Construction Company in an amount not to exceed \$17,820 for the purchase of 200 tons of cold mix asphalt. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

HHS-  
ESAAA  
2016-2020 AREA PLAN  
FOR INYO AND MONO  
COUNTIES

Health and Human Services Director, Jean Turner, provided the Board members with details on the extensive Area Plan that includes a big community needs assessment that was conducted last fall with the regional seniors, including those living in long-term care facilities. This assessment helps to develop a 4 year plan for services in the Planning and Service Area (PSA) of Inyo and Mono Counties. The results of the needs assessment assists in prioritization of needs among the seniors and will help in the development of the 4 year plan for the PSA. The draft plan was presented to the ESAAA Advisory Council and included in a Public Hearing. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve: A) the 2016-2020 Area Plan for Services for Planning and Services Area 16 (Inyo and Mono Counties); and B) set the minimum percentages for the subcategory of Supportive Services as recommended by the Advisory Council: 50% for transportation; 10% for legal services; and 3% for in-home services; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign two copies of the required Transmittal Letter. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

PLANNING  
AREAS OF CRITICAL  
CONCERN IN THE  
DESERT RENEWABLE  
ENERGY  
CONSERVATION PLAN

The Board received a presentation from the Planning Department's Senior Planner Cathreen Richards regarding the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) that are proposed in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Ms. Richards reminded the Board that the County had sent a letter in formal protest on the Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) back in December 2015 and submitted a subsequent amendment to that letter in January 2016. Ms. Richards continued by stating that the ACEC's identified in the FEIS must be listed in the text of a Federal Register notice. Since this did not occur with the FEIS and LUPA noticing in November 2015, the BLM posted a Federal Register notice on March 11, 2016. This notice opened a 60-day public review period that will close on May 9, 2016. Ms. Richards indicated that there weren't any new areas identified, but the maps were still very difficult to decipher. Lone Pine resident Earl Wilson came forward stating that he finds the document hard to get a grip on. Although there aren't many new items of concern, the old ones are still there. Ms. Richards stated that a response letter to the formal protest from Inyo has not been received yet from the BLM. But they have indicated that the items of concern that were identified by Inyo County in the LUPA apparently will be addressed in Phase II. After further discussion, the Board directed the Planning staff to call the BLM to see when they anticipate a response letter being sent to Inyo.

*WATER  
2016-2017 LOWER  
OWENS RIVER  
ANNUAL WORK PLAN*

The Water Department Director, Bob Harrington, stated that the 2016-2017 Lower Owens River Project (LORP) budget had been approved by the technical group in January. It was a status quo budget. There was some disagreement on the Operation/Maintenance portion of the budget but this has since been resolved. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh the Board adopted the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Lower Owens River (LORP) Annual Work Plan, contingent upon the adoption of the same by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisor Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*CAO  
PARKS &  
RECREATION ACCEPT  
BOATING &  
WATERWAYS NON-  
MOTORIZED BOATING  
FACILITY GRANT*

The County Administrator presented the Board with details on 2 different State Department of Parks & Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways for Non-Motorized Boating Facility Grant applications that were submitted by Inyo County over a year ago for improvements to Diaz Lake and Millpond Recreation Areas. The County has been notified that it has been awarded the Diaz Lake grant application, but the grant amount had been reduced from \$338,707 to \$202,000, due to project modifications and re-engineering. The Millpond grant application had been declined. Administrator Carunchio stated this will be a Public Works project that will need to be developed through the Public Works Department in coordination with the Parks and Recreation staff. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci, to accept the \$202,000 State Department of Parks & Recreation Division of Boating & Waterways for Non-Motorized Boating Facility Grant to make improvements to the Diaz Lake Recreation Area and authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign all grant agreements and amendments thereto upon County Counsel's approval as to form. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*CAO  
LETTER OF SUPPORT  
FOR AB1758  
INTERNET FOR ALL  
NOW ACT OF 2016*

The County Administrator provided details on AB1758 (Stone) the Internet For All Now Act of 2016 stating that this will improve the management of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), which is one source of funding to help pay for some of the 21<sup>st</sup> Obsidian Project. The State is wanting to snuff out this funding, which would impact the rural and most isolated and economically disadvantaged populations. Darwin resident John Rothgib addressed the Board stating that we now have the fastest fiber optic backbone right in front of our front door yet the infrastructure to get the service to our homes is antiquated, fragile, and unreliable. The process to get it to the homes is slow and needs financial backing. Supervisor Tillemans stated that this bill carries out the original goal of the 21<sup>st</sup> Obsidian Project. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a letter of support for AB1758 (Stone) – The Internet for All Now Act of 2016, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*CAO  
EMERG SERV  
GULLY WASHER*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to continue the local emergency, known as 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 with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*CAO  
EMERG SERV  
LAND OF EVEN LESS  
WATER*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency, known as the "Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of the extreme drought conditions that exist in the County, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*CAO  
EMERG SERV  
DV DOWN BUT NOT  
OUT*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to continue the local emergency, known as the "Death Valley Down But Not Out Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of October, 2015, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously with Supervisors Griffiths and Kingsley absent.

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

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

*BOARD MEMBERS  
AND STAFF REPORTS*

Supervisor Totheroh announced he will be attending the LTC meeting tomorrow.

*ADJOURNMENT*

The Vice-Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center in Independence.