

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

July 12, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on July 12, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Rick Pucci, Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chairman Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none.

CLOSED SESSION Chairman Griffiths recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – (Government Code Section 54957.6). Employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA); Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA); Inyo County Employees Association (ICEA); Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. Agency designated representatives - County Administrative Officer Kevin Carunchio, Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, Information Services Director Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo; No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code Section 54957) Title: County Administrator; and No. 4 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Public Works Director.

OPEN SESSION Chairman Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:13 a.m. with all Board members present.

PLEDGE Supervisor Pucci led the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. The Board had not finished its closed session business, however, and would be reconvening to closed session at the end of the meeting to continue discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chairman Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS Assistant CAO Rick Benson told the Board Motor Pool was conducting its second online vehicle auction. It started yesterday and will end Monday, July 18. Nineteen vehicles are available. Chairman Griffiths asked whether there were any gems in there. Assistant CAO Benson said the vehicles have lived a good life. They include pickups, Crown Vics, vans and sedans.

Planning Director Josh Hart announced a North Sierra Highway Specific Plan kickoff meeting was scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 21 at the Northern Inyo Hospital Board Room near Manor Market in Bishop. He then passed out a flyer announcing the meeting.

Information Services Director Brandon Shults reported to the Board that SB 272 became effective July 1. It calls for an inventory of any software system used by more than one department or a system of record. The inventory must be posted on the public agency's website and include the current vendor, current system product, a brief statement of the system's purpose, a general description of categories or types of data, the department that serves as the system's primary custodian, how frequently system data is collected, and how frequently system data is updated. He said it's a lot of data to collect and IS has County Counsel currently reviewing the legislation to see what information the County can leave off the inventory per a clause that doesn't require disclosure if it exposes the agency to vulnerabilities and cyberattacks. He said this is a horrible law, and once the County starts telling the public

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what its system is, what version it is, and what vendor it uses, days will lapse before somebody tries to hack the system. The law's intention was to increase transparency but Shults said the Public Records Act already allows people to make requests for this information with the benefit of public agencies knowing who's asking for it. He said in his opinion any disclosure is a risk for an attack. He said he's been very conservative regarding what he's recommending be included in the inventory. Anything the County doesn't have to post, he is not going to post. Broadcasting that information is foolish, he said. Shults also gave the Board an update on the Property Tax Management System. He said training and system testing are scheduled to begin Aug. 1 with a plan to "Go Parallel" (continue to use existing system and compare results to new system) in October and the new system becoming the System of Record as of January 2017. Project Manager Thomson Reuters is supposed to deliver a functioning system by February of 2017. He went over pros and cons of the project. The Auditor-Control, Assessor, and Treasurer-Tax Collector must come to a consensus on accepting the system and once the County does accept it, the County owns it, whether it works or not.

Water Director Bob Harrington noted that a pair of experts from the California Department of Water Resources visited the Bishop area last week to assess high water table conditions. Staff from the Water Department, Public Works, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and members of the Bishop Creek Water Association spent a good day and a half with the DWR staff during what Harrington called a productive visit. He said the DWR should have a report for the County in four to six weeks. He also reported that a DWR facilitator was in the area a few weeks ago to help with a situation assessment aimed at interviewing representatives and stakeholders with relation to forming a Groundwater Sustainability Area and Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He said she'd be back next week for follow-up interviews with federal agencies and Community Services Districts and would release a final report a few weeks after that.

**CONSENT ITEMS TO
DEPARTMENTAL**

Supervisor Totheroh asked that Item #14 be moved from the Consent Agenda to Departmental for further discussion.

**CAO/INTEGRATED
WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order to Dave's Auto Parts in the amount of \$17,000 from the Solid Waste Budget Unit #045700, Object Code 5173, contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH SOLE-
SOURCE LAB/WATER
TESTING SUPPLIES**

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to: A) Declare IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. as the sole-source provider of certain water laboratory supplies for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and B) Approve the purchase of water testing supplies by the Department from IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. by use of a blanket purchase order not to exceed \$11,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**HHS AGREEMENT
WITH PLUMAS
COUNTY FOR MMA
AND TCM**

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to approve and ratify Amendment No. 1 of the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Plumas County for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 for hosting Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM) for the Local Government Agency (LGA) Consortium and authorize HHS Director to sign, and transmit a copy of the signed document to the Clerk of the Board for the Board's files. Motion carried unanimously.

**HHS BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH MENTAL
HEALTH CONTRACT
WITH DEPT. OF
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES**

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to approve the contract between Inyo County Mental Health and the State of California, Department of Health Care Services for the provision of County mental health services for the one-year period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and designate HHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, in her role as the County Mental Health Director, to sign both copies of each contract as well as complete the Certification Clause, and transmit a copy of the signed documents to the Clerk of the Board for the Board's files. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING
DEPT./WILLDAN
ENGINEERING
CONTRACT
AMENDMENT 4**

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to approve Amendment No. 4 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Willdan Engineering extending the term of the contract to December 31, 2017 and increasing the contract limit by \$10,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$90,500; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets and obtaining appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

*PROBATION DEPT.
PROCLAMATION*

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to approve a Proclamation declaring July 17-23, 2016 as Probation Services Week in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously. (Chairperson Griffiths acknowledged the proclamation later in the meeting and asked Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson to pass along to his staff the Board's appreciation for the work they do.)

*CAO MOTOR
POOL/LAWS MUSEUM
AGREEMENT*

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to approve an agreement between the County of Inyo and the Bishop Museum and Historical Society for the provision of maintenance services at the Laws Museum in exchange for the donation of one surplus 2004 Chevy Silverado (Asset Number 8347, License Number 1184593). Motion carried unanimously.

*WATER DEPT. SOLE-
SOURCE CONTRACT
WITH TETRA TECH,
INC.*

Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Matt Kingsley to: A) Declare Tetra Tech, Inc. a sole-source provider of Aerial Photo Services; and B) approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Tetra Tech Inc. for the provision of Aerial Photo Services in an amount not to exceed \$33,700 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO/MOTOR POOL
BLANKET PURCHASE
ORDERS*

Assistant CAO Rick Benson explained that each year Motor Pool has purchase orders open with vendors in the community to make repairs and perform routine maintenance on County vehicles. Supervisor Totheroh said he had a meeting yesterday with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board in Bishop and near the end of the meeting, somebody brought up this agenda item because of concern about one of the vendors listed, Warren's Auto Repair. Warren's Auto was the neighbor of the Wellness Center at its previous location. Totheroh said there was a lengthy discussion yesterday about this vendor's attitude toward the County's Behavioral Health clients, his disruptive behavior, and him generally making it difficult for Behavioral Health employees to serve individuals with mental or behavioral issues. Totheroh said he later discovered the distribution of the funds to the vendors is discretionary. He said he was not in favor of distributing funds to a vendor who has been demeaning to staff and clients both verbally and in writing on a local media website. Supervisor Totheroh then shared a copy of the comments made in response to an article about the Wellness Center moving to a new location. The vendor's comments included derogatory nicknames for individual clients and stated that children in the neighborhood could now safely play outside again. It was motioned by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the issuance of blanket purchase orders to three vendors in the amounts indicated from the Motor Pool Budget Unit #200100, contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget: Bishop Automotive Center, \$30,000; Britt's Diesel, \$10,000; and Bishop Ford, \$20,000; and to not include Warren's Auto Repair. Chairperson Griffiths continued discussions by noting that the First Amendment allows for people to express their opinions, however reprehensible their viewpoints might be. He said denying a business an automotive contract, and affecting a person's livelihood, because of something they said was a dangerous road to go down. Supervisor Totheroh said he agreed the vendor has a right to his opinion but he didn't want to support behavior that was contrary to the County's mission, especially when the Board had a choice in the matter and there were plenty of other local auto businesses to support. Supervisor Pucci said he was unaware of the situation and asked the CAO for clarification on exactly who had discretion when it came to distributing the Motor Pool funds. CAO Carunchio explained that traditionally, the County has taken a less formal approach to which vendors it works with, preferring to spread its business around the community. He said staff has the discretion to do this up to expenditures of \$10,000 or more. County Counsel Rudolph further explained that having a blanket purchase order in place doesn't entitle any of the businesses selected to the entire amount listed – or any of it. Having a purchase order in place merely gives staff the ability to spend county funds at that business. Supervisor Kingsley said the online comments by the owner of Warren's Auto were disgusting but he was a little hesitant to take Warren's Auto off the purchase order based on a conversation Supervisor Totheroh had about actions that took place a year ago. He said the matter should have been addressed when it was happening. Supervisor Tillemans countered that the incidents in question didn't happen that long ago – only last budget cycle in fact – and now they have caught up to the vendor. He said Warren's Auto was not someone he wanted to do business with. County Counsel Rudolph reminded the Board that the blanket purchase order does not prevent Motor Pool from using Warren's Auto anyway as long as the purchases are below the threshold that has to go before the Board. He said blanket purchase orders just mean staff members don't have to process individual purchase orders

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every time they make a purchase. Chairperson Griffiths said he remembered when the comments about the Wellness Center clients were made on the Internet and it was ugly, awful and reprehensible. He said he hasn't taken his car back there since but thinks it's going too far to deny someone business because you think they're not a good person. Supervisor Tillemans suggested maybe the Board could ask Motor Pool to use good judgment in using the proper service centers. Supervisor Kingsley made his own motion to approve the original blanket purchase order with all four vendors included and ask staff to do more research and if the owner turns out to be unapologetic, and his attitude towards the mentally ill remains the same, then staff should use some discretion with regard to Warren's Auto. Chairman Griffiths called Supervisor Kingsley's motion ambiguous and asked if Supervisor Kingsley could elaborate. Supervisor Kingsley said no. He reiterated he was uncomfortable operating on limited information and reacting to something that took place a long time ago, but if the owner was actually impeding County employees from doing work, then that needs to be addressed. Supervisor Totheroh said he didn't want to imply the vendor was physically preventing staff from doing their jobs, but rather belittling them and making it difficult to do their jobs. Health and Human Services Director Jean Turner was asked for her input. She said Supervisor Totheroh did do further investigation after hearing the comments at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting. She said HHS and Behavioral Health made repeated efforts to de-escalate the situation with the owner of Warren's Auto, none of which were effective. She said there were other degrading things he put in writing as well. She said she cannot speak to whether there were impediments to staff's duties but one of HHS's missions per federal law and state requirements is to address community stigma around people with brain diseases and the vendor made doing so a real uphill battle. She said it's been difficult dealing with the vendor and again said multiple efforts were made to try to de-escalate and resolve the situation to no successful outcome. Supervisor Kingsley said that was enough information for him to withdraw his motion and support the first motion made by Supervisor Totheroh. Motion carried 4-1 with Chairperson Griffiths opposed.

**TREASURER/INTERIM
LOAN TO SOUTHERN
INYO FIRE
PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

Treasurer Tax-Collector Alisha McMurtrie explained the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District (SIFPD) does not receive any property tax revenue, so their annual property tax apportionment is a major source of their funding. She said there would be no impact to the County treasury by loaning the SIFPD money until their apportionment comes through, and recommended the Board approve the interim loan. Carl Dennett, administrative director for the SIFPD, traveled from Tecopa to personally the Board for past swing loans and for again addressing the issue. He said the SIFPD would not be able to function at all without the loan. Supervisor Kingsley said he hopes the day comes when the SIFPD doesn't have to be in this position. He noted the SIFPD has a great track record for paying the loan back. Motioned by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Resolution 2016-26 titled "A Resolution of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Approving an Interim Loan to the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District from the Inyo County Treasury Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 6 of the California Constitution," thereby approving an interim loan from the county treasury to the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District (District) in the aggregate amount of \$23,000 for the purpose of financing the District's operational costs during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year prior to receipt of their annual property tax apportionment. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING DEPT.
NRAC
APPOINTMENTS**

Planning Director Josh Hart said the Planning Commission concurred with staff's recommendation at its June 22 meeting to appoint Doug Thomson and Linda Emerson to two vacancies on the Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC). Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to appoint Doug Thomson to the NRAC as a voting member and Linda Emerson as an alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMERGENCY
SERVICES/GULLY
WASHER**

Motioned by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans 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. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMERGENCY
SERVICES/LAND OF
EVEN LESS WATER**

CAO Carunchio said he believes the County received some positive signs from the State during experts' recent visit to assess the groundwater situation in West Bishop. He also said he wanted to recognize and thank the new Assistant Clerk of the Board for helping to get the word out, via press release, about the County being proactive in addressing the situation. Motioned 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 extreme drought conditions that exist in the County. Motion carried unanimously.

*EMERGENCY
SERVICES/DV DOWN
BUT NOT OUT*

Motioned by Supervisor Kingsley 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. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Kingsley added that Death Valley experienced a flood right before the July 4 holiday that took out the power for a day and a half. About 300-400 employees and visitors were evacuated and it took another day for Xanterra to open its resorts back up. CAO Carunchio said the Friday before July 4, a wildfire broke out near Whitney Portal that required the involvement of the County's Emergency Services personnel. He said the incident never went to unified command and luckily the fire moved uphill and not toward town. He said Kelley Williams was right on top of the situation as were Health and Human Services staff who opened an evacuation center at 4 p.m. on a holiday weekend for people recreating on and near Mt. Whitney. The fire stayed on BLM land and was handled by CalFire with help from the Long Pine Volunteer Fire Department. The road was eventually re-opened but a flare-up around 10 p.m. at night caused a brief scare and another closure. An evacuation center was not available and all motels were full, so two families traveling together decided to stay in their vehicles at the park until the road opened. CAO Carunchio said Supervisor Kingsley went above and beyond by going down to comfort them in his "bathrobe and bedroom slippers." He said overall it was a great showing by County staff and Supervisors.

*PUBLIC WORKS/
DRAFT MULTI-
JURISDICTION
HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN PRESENTATION*

Diane Fortney with the Planning Department told the Board that Inyo is one of the few counties in California that doesn't have a FEMA-approved pre-disaster mitigation plan. She said failure to have one can jeopardize both the City of Bishop and County's eligibility to receive federal money and aid in future disaster situations. FEMA made grant funding available for disaster planning. The City provided its jurisdictional commitment to the \$37,500 and that was included in the grant application. The County was awarded \$112,000 by FEMA and is providing an in-kind match of approximately \$37,500. She said the funding allowed the County and City to hire Michael Baker International to develop a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft is now available for the public to view and comment on through Aug. 12. Fortney introduced Chris Reed, assistant program manager with Michael Baker International, who gave a brief presentation on the definition and purpose of hazard mitigation, which is basically to establish strategies to prevent future disasters and/or minimize their impacts by making investments up front. The plan identifies the different hazards faced in Inyo County and their severity, such as dam failure, disease/pest management, drought, flood, geologic hazards, seismic hazards, severe weather, and wildfire. Reed said the plan provides a comprehensive set of policies, projects, and actions to reduce risk from natural hazards and gives direction on how to implement those policies and monitor success of those policies over time. He noted the draft plan was supported by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team, which included staff from various County and City departments and CalFire, Caltrans, CHP, CalOES, Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey and tactical training and active response resources. At the beginning of the process, tribes and special districts were invited to participate but declined. He said the GIS data set compiled for the City/County plan can be used by other entities in development of their own plans. Benefits of the mitigation plan include provision of a coordinated approach to reducing disaster impacts, the plan allows the City/County to make smart, informed decisions about infrastructure investments over time, makes federal funding available, and consolidates multiple hazard planning efforts into a single volume. He said the plan was really developed by the Mitigation Team; the consultants provided the framework required by FEMA. He said the draft is the outcome of six months' of work by the Team. After the public comment period is over, the consultants will send the plan to FEMA and CalOES for certification. He said the intent is to adopt the plan by the end of this year or early next year. Reed then provided information about how to sign up for email notifications, download the draft plan, or make electronic comments.

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DRAFT MULTI-
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Supervisor Kingsley asked why the National Park Service, L.A. Department of Water and Power, and Bureau of Land Management were not part of the Mitigation Team when a lot of local disasters take place in their jurisdictions. Fortney said they were invited to the table and participated in preliminary discussions but dropped out over time. She said she assumes most federal agencies have their own disaster plans. She said Southern California Edison was also invited and that the Team made efforts to get information on local dams from the utilities. Supervisor Kingsley noted that the dam with the highest probability for impacting Inyo County is located in Mono County (Crowley Lake). Fortney said they did take into account threats in Mono County, including volcanoes. CAO Carunchio said it was a fairly interesting process and different agencies had different views on which disasters posed bigger threats. Chairman Griffiths asked how the plan gets updated. Reed said one of the mandates is that implementation is monitored over time, so the consultants included a Hazard Mitigation Implementation Handbook with a series of tables with spaces where City/County staff can update the plan, so that in five years when an update is required, the information is already there. Reed said they also recommend the Mitigation Team continue to meet after the plan is adopted to continue coordination and be able to go after grants that will pay for upkeep of the plan over time.

**BOARD
CLERK/REQUEST TO
FORM SFID WITH
KERN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Deanna Campbell, director of Eastern Sierra Community College Center in Bishop, which is part of Cerro Coso Community College and the Kern Community College District (KCCD), came before the Board to ask for its approval of what would have been numbered Resolution 2016--27, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo to Make Applicable to the Kern Community College District the Provisions of the Education Code of the State of California Permitting Formation of School Facilities Improvement Districts." Campbell explained that the SFID would include Kern and Inyo counties and parts of San Bernardino and Tulare counties. She said dollars raised in a particular county would first go to projects in that county but anything above and beyond would be distributed elsewhere in the SFID. The Cerro Coso College campus in Bishop receives funding from the KCCD. Tom Burke, chief financial officer for KCCD, explained that a School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) is recognition of a geographic area for taxing purposes, meaning the jurisdictions who join the SFID can be taxed for bond issuance purposes. The KCCD plans to put a bond issue on the November 8 General Election ballot that, if passed, would provide the KCCD approximately \$527 million over the life of the 25- to 30-year program. Burke explained this would pencil out to a tax assessment of \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed value for Inyo County property owners. Campbell said the bond issue was an opportunity for the Bishop campus, at 13 years old, to benefit financially. Burke estimated the Bishop campus could receive as much as \$24 million of the bond. Supervisor Kingsley pointed out that his district in particular includes areas not served by Cerro Coso where the population is primarily retired, childless, and/or elderly residents. He said a bond measure to support the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District failed because it would have meant an extra \$6 in taxes for the residents there, who are on fixed incomes. He said it didn't feel right saddling those constituents with an even larger tax increase for something that didn't affect them. He explained that it wouldn't matter how all of Inyo County voted on November 8 considering the populations of the other counties in the SFID. Supervisor Kingsley asked whether the SFID could include carve-outs to make Inyo County or parts of Inyo County exempt from the tax assessment. Burke said there was basically no time to get such an arrangement in place, as all paperwork related to the bond issue had to be in by Aug. 12. Supervisor Pucci said the time factor bothered him and he didn't like that the process had to be rushed. He said he also didn't like sticking Inyo County residents with taxes for projects in other counties, and would be more supportive of a carve-out. Supervisor Totheroh asked about the consequences of not passing the resolution. Burke said the bond would be reduced to \$503 million and none of it could be allocated for projects at the Cerro Coso campus in Bishop. The soonest another bond measure could be brought before voters is 2019, and Inyo County would have to establish a SFID. Supervisor Tillemans asked why the KCCD was selecting the maximum allowable tax assessment, considering voters' feelings about taxes. Burke said their consultants conducted a poll that actually indicated voters in Kern County were more supportive of the higher assessment because they feel supporting community colleges is a priority. All of the supervisors acknowledged their full support of Cerro Coso and explained their concern had more to do with the timeline and equity.

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CAO Carunchio suggested the numbers being shared by the KCCD might not add up for Inyo County anyway. Looking at the promise of \$24 million on the assessment for a 30-year term, Carunchio said he didn't believe there were even enough parcels in Inyo County and not enough valued that high to raise that much money. Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie said there are 21,000 taxable parcels in Inyo County at most, on the secured and unsecured rolls. Carunchio said it would be helpful to see how much the bond would actually generate and what residents could expect to see on their property tax bills. Chairman Griffiths said, ultimately, he didn't like making a decision from an uninformed and rushed place, and while Inyo County could very well be passing up a good opportunity, he didn't think the Board had enough information at this time to make a good decision. The rest of the Board concurred, with Supervisor Tillemans noting that if the County took its time to develop and promote a bond issue in the future to fund projects at Cerro Coso in Bishop, he was confident it would be supported by the public.

**AG COMMISSIONER
/MOSQUITO
ABATEMENT HEARING
& RESOLUTION**

Chairman Griffiths opened a public hearing for the proposed continuance of the assessments for the "Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Assessment" and the "Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment" in order to receive any public input on the proposed continuation of the assessments, the proposed assessment budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and the services and programs, the assessments fund, and any other issues related to the assessments. Ag Commissioner Nate Reade explained that the Ag Department basically wants to continue two tax assessments that allow the Mosquito Abatement Program to conduct important work within Inyo County's districts. He said they are asking for an increase of the Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment that's equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index. Reade said the increase would be 46 cents per single-family dwelling, equal to a 2.03 percent increase. Chris Coulter of SCI Consulting, Inc. told the Board that both assessments were approved by voters; the Abatement Program Assessment taking effect in 1998 and the Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment taking effect in 2005. The first assessment brings in approximately \$209,000 a year while the second brings in approximately \$204,000. Single-family dwellings are currently assessed \$20.80 a year in property tax for Mosquito Abatement. He said with this year's increase, residents will pay \$23.75 for Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention. Coulter noted that last year's increase in the CPI amounted to 17 cents. Reade mentioned that there are carve-outs on the tax levy so that residents who don't receive these services do not have to pay the taxes. With no questions or comments from the public, Chairman Griffiths closed the public hearing at 12:04 p.m. Supervisor Kingsley motioned and Supervisor Pucci seconded to adopt what became numbered Resolution 2016-27, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo Administering the Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program Assessment (Assessment No. 1) and the Mosquito Control and Disease Prevention Assessment (Assessment No. 2)." Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER DEPT./JPA
AGREEMENT FOR
INDIAN WELLS
VALLEY
GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY**

Water Department Director Bob Harrington explained that for the past several months, County Counsel, Supervisor Kingsley, and the Water Department have been working with entities in Indian Wells Valley to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) that will create a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin in order to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The result of those meetings is a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) that will lead to the GSA and GSP. The general membership, if everyone signs on, will include the Indian Wells Valley Water District, Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, and the City of Ridgecrest. Harrington said the BLM and Naval Air Weapons Station at China Lake were participating as associate non-voting members. Harrington noted that in Indian Wells Valley, there are uneven interests among the water users and Inyo County has relatively small population, relatively small private property, and relatively small business interests compared to the Kern County portion of the basin. He said those disparate interests are reflected in the voting structure of the JPA. But Inyo County did bring some main concerns to the table when negotiating: no groundwater transfers from Inyo to Indian Wells as a means of recharging groundwater; and the various interests in the basin who created the groundwater problems should be the ones paying for the planning that will address the problems. Essentially, after an initial \$15,000 buy-in, the County sought a provision in the agreement that future funding would be set on a fair, proportional basis. He said future financing could come from grants or assessments. Harrington mentioned a letter sent to the County yesterday by a law firm representing Meadowbrook Farms, one of the major agricultural interests in the basin, basically seeking a provision in the JPA for a GSP committee that would

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include additional members representing broader interests. Harrington said he is not opposed to an expanded committee down the road, but said it's the feeling of the three counties, Ridgecrest, and the Water District that they need to get a JPA formed first so it can form a GSA which would then form the committees to do the GSP planning. He noted there's been a concern among some interests that these enterprises were being conducted behind closed doors by the JPA entities. But he said once a JPA is formed it will be subject to open meeting laws and future formation of committees will be done in the daylight of the Brown Act. Thus, he said he doesn't think Meadowbrook's recommendation is appropriate at this time although it is a good idea in principle. Harrington went on to note the rest of the membership was supposed to bring the JPA to their respective Boards in July for approval. At last update, Harrington said he heard the Indian Wells Valley Water District approved the JPA by a 3-2 vote last night and San Bernardino County approved the JPA about an hour ago unanimously on Consent Calendar. Harrington noted that, if approved, among the JPA's next steps will be developing a plan and budget for creating the GSP and putting together advisory committees to assist in the development of the GSP. Harrington said he thinks the advisory committee is a good idea and believes that's the general consensus of the JPA group. Supervisor Kingsley said he's been glad to have Harrington and County Counsel alongside him in this process and he believes the County was successfully able to protect its interests in the Agreement even though the language was changing almost daily. He acknowledged concerns from Kern County residents that the JPA is not inclusive enough of the various interests in the Indian Wells Groundwater Basin, but said he believes his role as a member of the JPA board will be to ensure all interests are taken into account and that the committees being formed are representative of all water users. He said he felt strongly that the other agencies in the JPA have that same goal. Chairman Griffiths then began calling on audience members who turned in cards to speak. Peter Brown, a member of the Indian Wells Valley Water District Board, said the JPA is a dynamic document that went through many changes because the entities' attorneys wanted different things. He noted that Inyo County got exactly what it asked for. He called the JPA a compromise of all five agencies as well as a living document and a good starting place. He said he personally wanted a general document from the very beginning that could be added to as needs and wants present themselves. He said overall the experience was a good one over the past 13 months. Brown thanked Inyo County for its participation, and reiterated Harrington's earlier statements that the JPA is only the first step in allowing the parties to hold meetings under the Brown Act. Donna Thomas, a representative of the Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District, spoke next to protest the lack of inclusion of various Indian Wells Valley interests in the JPA as well as efforts to exclude the RCD's participation. She said the only outreach conducted was the opening of public comment periods at the end of meetings. Thomas further noted that the Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District did its due diligence in trying to join the process in March 2014 as a "local public agency," but was told in April 2016 by the Kern County CAO that the RCD was not an eligible local public agency. She said the RCD knows of other RCDs participating in GSAs around the state so it contacted the State Water Resources Control Board in May for a second opinion and received a letter June 22 confirming that they were in fact eligible. Anita Emsund, owner of Meadowbrook Farms, told the Board she has been trying "everything" to get a seat at the GSA table for a very long time, as an entity that pumps more water than the City of Ridgecrest. She said Inyo County will be forming a GSA for its own water basin in the north and she'll be curious to see how it will include its farmers and private citizens who pump considerable amounts of water. She said she feels like nobody's done their due diligence or their homework to ensure meaningful participation, which is all she wants. Emsund also questioned why the process was being rushed when it wasn't "due" until June 2017. Emsund said Inyo County moving forward on this is wrong, and added that Inyo County cannot adequately represent the water interests of the Indian Wells Valley basin because Inyo is wearing two hats: taking care of its job here in the Owens Valley and then all of a sudden being a water czar. She stressed that farmers don't even want a vote – just a seat at the table – and meanwhile Inyo County has "already worked around the corner" and made sure provisions were written into the document to protect its interests when the County should have just been forming a JPA. Emsund said the farmers keep hearing that they'll be included but said that's hard to believe without a written guarantee. Elaine Mead, former Inyo County resident who has been farming in the Indian Wells Valley since the 1970s, told the Board that when Inyo County joins the JPA, whoever it selects as its representative will sit on the board as an independent voice, meaning that person will not have to come back to the Board of Supervisors for prior approval of any actions he or she may take as part of the GSA. Thus, the Supervisors are giving that representative a lot of power. Mead said Kingsley may be a great supervisor for Southern Inyo but whether that makes him a great GSA rep for Indian Wells Valley is another question. She said the same holds true for her Kern County Supervisor.

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**WATER DEPT./JPA
AGREEMENT FOR
INDIAN WELLS
VALLEY
GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY**

Mead said nobody knows the true nature of the water situation in the valley, including how much there is and what the quality is. She thinks rushing into the JPA without including all affected parties is a mistake. She said you can't isolate the private well owners and farming interests just because they aren't "eligible agencies," especially when they have more invested than the City of Ridgecrest does and are in a better financial situation than the City and Kern County. She said they have to be included from the beginning, which is all they've asked for. Brent McManigal, with the firm Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, PC representing Meadowbrook Farms, said he is back after an initial January visit and unfortunately they have the same request on behalf of Meadowbrook Farms: that Inyo County not approve the JPA in its current form and that the JPA provide a clear path for Meadowbrook and other pumpers to participate in a meaningful manner in the SGMA process. He noted Section 7.4 of the JPA only mentions that an advisory board will be set up by the GSA and that advisory board can be dissolved at any time. He said they believe specific language can easily be tailored to provide assurances of meaningful participation. He said this language is not new and they have been promoting this since the very beginning when they were told by Kern County that there was no way a private entity would be included as a GSA member. Bottom line is they want to see a guarantee in writing that pumpers will be included on the GSP development committees. Supervisor Kingsley said he appreciates the engagement the Kern County residents have brought and respects their positions. He said he feels he can represent agricultural interests, since it's one of the things he does as an Inyo County Supervisor, and he also spends lot of his time on water issues. He said he'll be in a spot where he can advocate for Indian Wells Valley users and he trusts that there can be real participation moving forward. Chairman Griffiths said Inyo County has such a tiny portion of the Indian Wells basin, with such a small population, and his main goal as a Board member would be sending Supervisor Kingsley down to represent his constituents' interests. And while he sympathized with the Kern County residents, he said their concerns were best dealt with by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tillemans asked what would happen if Kern County decided to add the language requested by Meadowbrooks' attorneys. County Counsel Rudolph said the reality is the JPA is a contract, so everyone has to agree to the same language or there is no agreement. He added that having been on numerous calls, he could say this issue has been discussed and vetted extensively and Inyo County representatives deferred to Kern County on the issue because it is their constituents who are affected. Chairman Griffiths said that, as one Board member, if Kern County voted to change the JPA as requested, he'd be willing it to approve it with those changes, but not unilaterally. County Counsel said he'd be very surprised if Kern County voted to change the language. Dr. Harrington added that he recommended the \$15,000 buy-in come from the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Water Department Budget under "payments to other governmental agencies." Motioned by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that will form the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority for the purpose of forming a groundwater sustainability agency in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, and direct the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS/RECONVENE Chairman Griffiths recessed the meeting at 1:03 p.m. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 2 p.m. with all Board members present.

**CAO COMMUNITY
PROJECT
SPONSORSHIP
GRANT PROGRAM
PRESENTATION**

As a result of a request made by the Board in January, CAO Carunchio presented information regarding grant application evaluation criteria and some potential program alternatives for the nine-year-old Community Project Sponsorship Program (CPSP), and asked to receive direction from the Board on what changes if any it wanted to see with the program. The grants are funded through the Advertising County Resources (ACR) budget in the County General Plan, and were created to replace block grants given to local chambers of commerce to pay for events and promotions – what CAO Carunchio called a geographic disbursement of ACR money. According to guidelines last visited by the Board in 2012, the CPSP was developed to "provide a means to consider making a financial contribution [assumed to be one-time] for specific events or projects undertaken by non-profit organizations in Inyo County communities that 'enhance in-county or out-of-county visitation to the community, or otherwise provide for the cultural or recreational enrichment of the citizens of Inyo County.'" Carunchio went over the history of the program and use of funding, including the \$10,000 cap on grant awards. He explained the CPSP has greatly expanded the number of types of community groups able to apply for ACR grant funding. Carunchio said there is a lot to celebrate about the program, especially given that since 2007, 164 grants totaling almost \$1 million in General Fund money have been awarded to 58 distinct projects, many of which were new and innovative and some that have become "tried and true" annual promotions in Inyo County. The County currently budgets \$95,000 for the CPSP, down from \$100,000 a couple years ago. Carunchio said it is

really amazing to see how far a limited amount of money can go when you're working with creative, resourceful non-profits in the community. He also presented a comprehensive chart to objectively show where the CPSP grant money has been going for the past nine years – including a list of the Top 9 most consistent grant awards based on an average of their annual scores – as well as a copy of a scoring sheet to show the current criteria used by the Grants Evaluation Committee in analyzing the CPSP applications. Carunchio noted that a discussion of the criteria would follow later, but his initial thought was that the process is admittedly and inherently subjective, with the “human factor” and wide range of projects compounding the difficulty involved in scoring apples against oranges. He said the Board also had the opportunity to make the criteria as permissive or restrictive as it wished. For example, the Board could eliminate or minimize a lot of subjectivity by seeking proposals for specific projects, but then it would lose that incredible creativity it values from the community when creating events and promotions. Among Carunchio's formal options for consideration were: I. Modify, add, and/or delete criteria (and/or associated weighting) used for evaluating requests; II. Authorize staff to reject applications not consistent with stated purpose of CPSP; III. Provide “line-item awards” to perennial projects (those historically funded each year) to guarantee funding and reduce the amount of CPSP money available for competitive awards; IV. Create a Fishing Promotion separate from the rest of the CPSP funding; V. Any combination of the above; VI. No changes; or VII. Other. With regard to Option III, the line item totals would range from \$30,253 (to fund the four projects that have been awarded nine out of nine years) to \$44,903 (to also include the three that have been awarded eight out of nine years), to \$57,932 (to include the remaining two projects funded seven of nine years) leaving anywhere from \$64,747 to \$36,068 left over for the new, creative, competitive projects. Carunchio explained that in conjunction with or in addition to the line-item option could be a Fishing Promotion Component. The idea was borne of Carunchio watching so many fishing-related projects get funded year after year, and knowing how the Board and community as a whole recognize the importance of fishing to tourism and the economy. He proposed that Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine would each receive \$7,500 to put on a derby – an amount higher than some communities ask for and lower than others request. He said Big Pine doesn't hold a fishing derby but that doesn't mean it can't, and if no group in Big Pine steps forward by the deadline, any other group in the county could then apply to stage the derby on Big Pine's behalf. The component would also include \$2,500 for the Trout Opener Press Reception and \$2,500 for in-house promotion. Carunchio said if the Board wanted to extend the line-item funding to non-derby projects that have been getting CPSP funding for eight or seven of nine years and include the Fishing Promotion Component, the pool of current funding would be reduced from \$95,000 to between \$36,500 and \$23,500. He said this was still a good chunk of money when looking at how much was usually awarded to other, smaller projects. He then ran through the criteria on the scoring sheet used by the Grants Evaluation Committee and the maximum points given for each: Objective – 10 points; Community Support – 15; Likelihood of Success – 10; Scope of Benefit – 10; Overall Merit – 15; Measurable Outcomes – 5; Leveraging of Resources – 10; Regional Context – 5; Sustainability – 5; Other County Support – 5; Clarity – 10. During discussions, Supervisor Totheroh suggested there should be increased weighting in criteria for whether an event happens in the off-season. He said it does no good to attract additional visitors to the area when all the motels and campgrounds are full. Carunchio said perhaps that's something to consider for the “Scope of Benefit” category. During public comment, Julie Faber, past president of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, thanked the Board for having the CPSP as it helps promote tourism and make needed projects and programs a reality. She said the option that seemed to make the most sense was making the tried-and-true projects line items in the budget. She said the Chamber finds itself competing for funding for major events like Blake Jones Trout Derby and the California High School Rodeo Association Finals against new, more innovative programs. She said the County should also make more money for fishing available since fishing is huge for the economy. Faber said the Chamber has discovered that spending more on fishing related programs and events does make a difference in terms of drawing in visitors. As far as the criteria, she said it would be helpful to see how your grant application scored afterward so you know how your project played and what you can do to improve your application next time. Faber noted the existing score sheet includes the question “What will happen if you don't receive grant funding” as a yes or no question. She said it should be included not on the score sheet but at the very beginning of the grant application and should instead be worded to ask whether there is a minimum amount the project or event can be completed for. Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce Board Chair David Blacker said the CPSP is an amazing program and there are definitely arguments to be made for moving some of the grant awardees to line-item status, such as the Inyo County Visitors Guide. Doing so would give the Chamber the stability to negotiate for longer-term contracts with the publishers and printers, to lower the cost of

advertising, and to know how many to print. Supervisor Kingsley said the CPSP normally funds both the Inyo County Visitors Guide and Death Valley Visitors Guide. He said while he likes highlighting both places and doesn't want to lose that extensive coverage, he still wondered whether there was a way to combine them into one publication. Blacker explained that it's possible but the guides market two very distinct locations. Death Valley is the #1 tourist destination in the county and Mt. Whitney is the second. The Inyo County Guide includes information on Death Valley but it is primarily about the Owens Valley, and it would feel like a non-sequitur to put stuff about fishing in the DV Guide. Mike Prather said his group was able to get a CPSP two years in a row for the fledgling Owens Valley Birding Festival. He said Supervisor Kingsley made a comment in January that resonated with him and that was not to confine the funding to too many of the tried and true projects and stifle creativity in the process. He said he sees a churning world, and worries about anything that cements things or shrinks them. Prather noted that Death Valley National Park has its own marketing efforts that outpace Inyo County's and he supports the idea of combining the two publications. He also agreed that fishing is valuable but would like to see the opportunity for newer events like foot races and birding festivals. Bishop Chamber Executive Director Tawni Thomson likewise said the CPSP was awesome. However, she said she'd like to see the program restored to a single funding cycle. Supervisor Pucci expressed his support for making the traditionally funded programs and events line items in the budget so they don't have to compete with other events every year. Supervisor Totheroh said he liked the idea of a panel assessing creative projects and wanted to keep an element of that and also suggested the tried-and-true projects are initially line-item funded for five years and then reassessed. Chairman Griffiths said he liked the idea of four fishing derbies but noted since there isn't one in Big Pine right now, it gives the County some money to play with. He said the remaining three communities' derbies are in the top three historically funded projects list anyway. That would leave about \$40,000 for the new, innovative projects to compete for. He said he does think the criteria is confusing where it asks whether the grant will be the only funding source. He said he thinks the language should say something like, "What is the minimum amount this project would need to move forward?" Supervisor Pucci agreed about the need for new language but noted that people are competitive and will likely not lowball themselves if they can help it. Thomson suggested maybe asking instead, "Is this project scalable?" CAO Carunchio clarified his earlier statements regarding the derbies, saying that he meant for the County to still make the funding available for a derby in Big Pine, and give a Big Pine group first dibs at holding a derby for their town. After that, any other eligible group could hold the Big Pine derby. Suzi Dennett, executive director of the Death Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the CPSP has been a godsend to her community, which has received funding for projects both countywide and very localized. She proposed splitting the pot five ways, per district, and letting the respective Supervisors form committees of people to decide how to spend the ACR dollars. She said that way, communities who don't have fishing opportunities can still benefit. She said her Chamber has a small membership and the area is still adjusting to the shift from mining to tourism. She also said the County might not have to fund the DV Visitors Guide anymore. Supervisor Kingsley said he liked the idea of funding the derbies at a set amount and doing some promotion. He said he thinks the Inyo County Visitors Guide is a quality publication and should be funded, and so should the Wild Wild West Marathon, Laws Benefit Concert and Images of Inyo County Photo Contest. Supervisor Tillemans noted that the CPSP money is available because of the closure of the Big Pine and Independence chambers, which turned out to be a good thing for the county. He said he'd still like to see money made available to those communities to put on events or create programs and believes if residents knew funding was available, they would be encouraged to be creative and apply for a grant. He suggested giving each district \$5,000 and if no groups used it, it could go somewhere else. Supervisor Totheroh asked whether that furthered the goal of the CPSP and Prather said it would be the same as giving out block grants again. Chairman Griffiths noted his goal is to promote the county on a regional basis. The Board eventually came to consensus on the following direction for staff: Take the top 9 or 10 events or projects and the three existing derbies and fund them through a more set-aside basis – a combination of line-item funding and a Fishing Promotion Component – while leaving approximately \$40,000 left for new, innovative, competitive projects; add the wording in to the criteria about whether the project is scalable or can be done for 75% or less of the requested grant; and restore the CPSP to one grant cycle. Supervisor Tillemans asked that money also be earmarked for a Big Pine derby and if nobody steps up to hold such an event, then the money can go back into the pool of competitive funds.

RECESS/RECONVENE Chairman Griffiths recessed the meeting for a short break at 3:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:06 p.m. with all Board members present.

**CAO/LIBRARY
AUTOMATION
CONTRACT WITH
BACKSTAGE LIBRARY
WORKS**

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson explained that automation of the library has been talked about for many years but more recently there have been several discussions and some fine-tuning and he thinks the County has arrived at the final stage with a good, viable plan. Staff has been in contact with a firm that came up with a proposal to facilitate the automation of the library for about \$23,000 with the caveat it could go higher depending on error rate. Benson said staff will prepare the shelflist and then provide that data to Backstage Library Works which will add it to a database and convert it to machine-readable cataloging records that go into the computer system. Benson said the Library would be funding a librarian position on a temporary basis to help with the project. He said the Library aims to have the system automated by Jan. 1 but to play it safe has set the deadline at Feb. 1 in its official plan. Automation will mean all the volumes will be in a computerized database, accessible by the public, where descriptions of all the volumes will also be available. Users will be able to check out volumes by scanning their library cards. Benson said at the last meeting of the non-profit Friends of the Bishop Library, the group generously offered to fund the contract with Backstage for the County as long as the Board is willing to fund the temporary Librarian I FTE position. The Friends are also willing to buy any ancillary equipment that might be needed, such as an extra scanner. Work will require the closure of library branches up to two days a month. Librarian Nancy Masters noted that she has had volunteer and staff members working on the shelflist to get ahead of the game. CAO Carunchio told the Board if it approved the Library's request, the money for the temporary position will be included in the final budget. Motioned by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) Approve the revised plan to automate the library; and B) Authorize the Assistant County Administrator to sign a sole-source contract, contingent upon obtaining all necessary signatures, with Backstage Library Works in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for retrospective conversion of the library's shelflist cards into machine readable cataloging (MARC) records. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLERK OF THE
BOARD APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairman Griffiths pointed out that while the agenda only listed the minutes of June 14, 2016 being up for approval, the Supervisors' agenda packets also included the minutes for the June 21 meeting. The Assistant Clerk of the Board noted this was an error and she would place the June 21, 2016 minutes on the next meeting agenda for approval. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE –
ACTION –
CONSOLIDATION OF
CITY AND STATEWIDE
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 8, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE –
ACTION –
CONSOLIDATION OF
NIHD AND STATEWIDE
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to consolidate the Healthcare District Election of Directors with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 8, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE –
ACTION – CLOSURE
OF MILLPOND FOR
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the closure of Millpond Recreation Area to the public from Friday, September 16 at 6 a.m. through Sunday, September 18, 2016 at midnight, so that ICA can hold the 25th Annual Millpond Music Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE –
ACTION – FISH AND
WILDLIFE
COMMISSION LETTER**

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to send recommended letter to the California Fish and Game Commission, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Governor requesting improved fish stocking activities in the Eastern Sierra. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none.

**BOARD MEMBER AND
STAFF REPORTS**

Supervisor Totheroh said he had a discussion at the end of last week with the Forest Supervisor and Acting District Ranger regarding the issuance of film permits. He said it was very constructive and he has talked with the CAO about the County's next steps in hopefully resolving the red tape issue.

CAO Carunchio said regarding the Juvenile Services MOU being developed around the court

school with the school district and Superintendent of Schools, both Dr. Terry McAteer and Bishop School Superintendent Barry Simpson have weighed in on the outline he wrote. Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson and Health and Human Services Director Jean Turner subsequently buffed that out and the document will probably be coming back to the Board in early August. With regard to the afterschool component, Carunchio said he is exchanging emails with McAteer working on the level of specificity appropriate for a contract, but that is secondary to the MOU.

Supervisor Kingsley said he had a meeting with the Lone Pine and Death Valley school superintendents regarding the Juvenile Services matter and it was enlightening to hear their points of view and concerns.

RECESS/RECONVENE Chairman Griffiths recessed the meeting at 4:24 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue unfinished business. He reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:45 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. with the Board scheduled to meet next at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the County Administrative Center in Independence.