



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 13, 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 September 13, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, 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 8:41 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.** (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9). *Native American Heritage Commission v. Inyo County Planning Department and Inyo County Board of Supervisors*, Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVPT1557557 (Munro Petition for Writ of Mandate); No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)]. Decision whether to initiate litigation (one case); and No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** [Pursuant to Government Code §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, Senior Deputy County Administrator Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.

OPEN SESSION Chairman Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:07 a.m. with all Board members present. He announced the meeting was being opened and closed today in honor of John K. Smith, the County’s first Administrative Officer. Chairman Griffiths said Smith laid the foundation of what Inyo County stands for. He called Smith a good man who left a deep legacy.

PLEDGE CAO Kevin Carunchio 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chairman Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none. He did announce to all present that this weekend was the Millpond Music Festival and encouraged everyone’s attendance.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS Susanne Rizo of Child Support Services reported the backpack giveaway was a great success. She said they were able to fill 212 backpacks with school supplies for local youth, adding that they greatly appreciated the contributions which exceeded all expectations. Rizo also thanked the Board for approving a proclamation last month declaring August as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson updated the Board on the status of the Juvenile Services Redesign Plan. He said next week, Juvenile Hall would officially transition from a full-time to a special purpose facility. He said the process has been a bit rocky but overall his department is excited. The Keith Bright School will be relocating to Jill Kinmont Boothe School. He said for the first couple of weeks, his staff will be touring local campuses as part of an outreach effort.

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Kammi Foote said her office mailed out vote-by-mail ballots today to military and overseas absentee voters. She noted she is already getting calls from the high schools asking when she will be available to come speak to the students about the election. She said Supervisor Kingsley accompanied her on one of the visits last year and she extended an invitation to the rest of the Board to join her this year.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Sarah Jean Raley, HHS Specialist IV, Health and Human Services; and Lucy A. Vincent, Office Clerk III, Health and Human Services-Behavioral Health.

AG ADVISORY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to reappoint Ron Yribarren to a seat on the Agricultural Resource Advisory Board representing the position of Resource Conservation District Chair or Designee, to a three-year term ending August 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

CPSP GRANTS – FINAL PAYMENTS

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve final Community Project Sponsorship Grant payments of \$2,500 to the Death Valley Chamber of Commerce for website upgrades and \$2,500 for producing and printing the 2016 Death Valley Visitors Guide; and \$2,750 to the Shoshone Museum Foundation for completing the Promotion of Southeast Inyo project. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASING – TONER CARTRIDGE BID AWARD

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) award Bid No. 2016-02 Toner Cartridges for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to Beyond Technology, with the option to renew a second or third year; and B) authorize purchase orders that exceed \$10,000 to be issued to Beyond Technology for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from the Purchasing Revolving Budget in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS CONTRACT WITH DWAYNE'S PHARMACY

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Dwayne's Friendly Pharmacy for provision of pharmaceutical services in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS LEASE AMENDMENT WITH OV AVIATION FOR HANGAR "A"

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) consider amending the existing lease with Owens Valley Aviation, Inc. (Jim and Linda Marchio) for Hangar "A" at the Bishop Airport, continuing all other terms and conditions of the existing lease (including the annual rental fee of \$19,662), but adding the option to extend the term from its current expiration date of June 30, 2019 for another 10 years through June 30, 2029*; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Lease Agreement. **The option will be at Owens Valley Aviation's discretion, provided Owens Valley Aviation notifies the County in writing of its exercise of said option 60 days in advance of the lease termination.* Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS EXHIBIT 9-B LOCAL AGENCY DBE FORM

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the Exhibit 9-B Local Agency DBE Annual Submittal Form for the 2016-2017 Federal Fiscal Year and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER – SOLE SOURCE ONLINE PUBLIC TAX AUCTION PROVIDER

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare Bid4Assets, Inc. a sole-source provider of online public tax auctions; B) approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Bid4Assets, Inc. to provide technical expertise and services to host an online tax-defaulted land auction, in an amount not to exceed \$17,000, for the period of September 16, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and C) authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to execute the contract upon obtaining the appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF THIRD DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Supervisor Pucci thanked Annette Schweitzer for her service on the Planning Commission representing the Third District. Schweitzer's resignation created a vacancy that was heavily advertised, unfortunately there were no takers until Pucci found "two wonderful people" from his District, Todd Vogel and Paula Coombes, who were interested in applying. Pucci recommended appointing Vogel to the seat, only because he was the first of the two to express interest. Pucci thanked Coombes for her interest and encouraged her to remain involved. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to appoint Todd Vogel to the vacant Third District seat on the Inyo County Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

*APPROVAL OF FINAL
2016-2017 BUDGET*

CAO Carunchio recapped last week's Budget Hearings, which began and concluded on September 6 as a timed item during the regular meeting. The Board at that time directed that the Final Budget be brought back for approval on September 13. The Final Budget he now presented included necessary amendments, an errata to correct a job title, and changes directed by the Board on how to spend the unbudgeted Fund Balance: a \$50,000 contribution to the OPEB Trust, a \$55,000 expenditure to match an FAA grant, and placing the rest, \$100,353, in Contingencies. Supervisor Kingsley asked how much the budget originally included for Contingencies and was told \$12,000. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Final Budget as recommended by the County Administrator and as amended, as directed; and approve a resolution titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017." Motion carried unanimously.

*APPROVAL OF
MINUTES*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 9, 2016. Motion carried 4-0, with 1 abstention from Supervisor Kingsley, who was absent on August 9.

*UPDATE FROM DEATH
VALLEY NATIONAL
PARK; DRAFT LETTER
REGARDING DVNP'S
DRAFT FOUNDATION
DOCUMENT CORE
COMPONENTS*

Planning Director Josh Hart introduced DVNP Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Management Assistant Abby Wines, both of whom would be offering a presentation on current park developments, issues, and other relevant topics. Reynolds told the Board that 90 percent of DVNP sits in Inyo County, even though it straddles four counties and two states. Thus, the Park's relationship with Inyo County was very important. He went over some major events of the past year, including National Park Service 100th birthday celebrations and significant flooding last October that damaged Scotty's Castle (\$40 million in damages) and Jubilee Pass (\$3 million). He said there are 43 distinct recovery projects needed at Scotty's Castle, four or five of which are happening right now, and the Park was hoping to re-open the landmark in January so the public could see the restoration work first-hand. On April 27, major windstorms took the roofs off of five historic buildings and in July, right before Independence Day, the Park experienced "The Hot Mess Flood." Reynolds said the flooding itself was relatively routine, causing about \$300,000 in damages, but it came with four power outages – one of which lasted four days in 118 degree temperatures. He said a couple thousand visitors and employees had to be evacuated and the Red Cross assisted in the effort. Reynolds noted that the power outage happened at the same time Inyo County's Office of Emergency Services was dealing with a wildfire near Whitney Portal that required evacuations of its own. He said he was able to speak with the Sheriff over the phone and was grateful for the support. In the end, DVNP didn't need assistance with its evacuations, and Xanterra requested and received aid from Nye County. Even so, Reynolds said in hindsight, he wished he had worked directly with CAO Carunchio and his assistant Kelley Williams, who are the County's Director of Emergency Services and Emergency Management Specialist, respectively. Supervisor Kingsley asked whether the Park couldn't set up cooling stations in a situation like that if it had enough generators. Reynolds said that was DVNP's plan but its equipment made carrying out the plan prohibitive. He said this was one problem that should have been overcome in advance of the power outage. He said the Park subsequently hired an electrician to address the issue. Reynolds noted it is alarming how quickly things become a crisis when it's 118 degrees outside; within a day, he said, pets are dying, kids are sick, and the water is drying up. Reynolds said 1,000 visitors was actually a low number for the Park for July, and noted this past June was the hottest month on record. And while visitors come to experience the intense heat, it wears on staff. He mentioned the Super Bloom this past spring, which brought record numbers of visitors to the Park – something he attributed to the Bloom being shared on social media. He said the Park's resources were completely overwhelmed with the visitation, which was up 95 percent over last year. Reynolds noted that planning for Saline Valley is underway and longtime borrow pit issues may be finally be resolved. Staff retention is becoming an issue, he said, and so DVNP is looking at investing in infrastructure improvements to address the turnover. Abby Wines introduced herself to the Board. She has worked at the Park for 11 years, most of that time at Scotty's Castle until the flooding in October. One of the major issues on the horizon is an Environmental Impact Statement for the Park's Saline Valley project, she said, noting there would be another round of public comment in a few months. She said the Park had been looking at changing its fee structure and the regional office was shocked at how positive the public feedback was. The Park also just started talking to Caltrans about putting in an entrance gate on State Route 190 – a project that would be years off. Campground fees are going up and should generate an extra \$700,000 a year for the Park, Wines said. She said over the next 3.5 years, DVNP has unique permission to retain 100 percent of that funding to use on the Scotty's Castle project. Wines noted that one of the reasons the Park raises its campground fees is to avoid undercutting

UPDATE FROM DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK; DRAFT LETTER REGARDING DVNP'S DRAFT FOUNDATION DOCUMENT CORE COMPONENTS (continued)

private facilities in and around the Park. She then went on to explain the Foundation document, which she said is a fairly new thing all National Parks are required to have. She said it is not a planning document but rather a statement of the Park's values and priorities. She said it is the document the Park should refer to before it starts any kind of planning. She said the document is not subject to an environmental analysis and subsequent public review process, but DVNP does want to get input from its closest partners, like Inyo County. Hart told the Board he had prepared a draft correspondence with that input. He said he basically felt the document was a strong statement about DVNP, its fundamental values and interpretive themes. His letter suggests the document include a statement about how important the Park is to Inyo County, as well as vehicular recreation opportunities, and that it's a driver for the economy. Supervisor Kingsley asked Wines what she thought of the County's suggestions. She said they were very good comments, well thought-out, and she appreciated them quite a bit. She said she was thinking of specific areas where the comments could be incorporated. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine asked whether the document was available for public perusal. Wines said it was. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the Chairperson to sign the correspondence regarding Death Valley National Park's Draft Foundation Document Core Components. Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Griffiths mentioned that there is a lot of interest in Saline Valley among Inyo County residents and thus as much engagement with the County as possible would be appreciated. Supervisor Kingsley suggested the Park could hold meetings in Lone Pine and Bishop.

THANK YOU LETTER TO SENATOR BERRYHILL

CAO Carunchio explained that the County asked Senator Tom Berryhill last year to sponsor legislation to extend the provisions of the Adventure Trails Pilot Project, which resulted in SB 1345, which Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law on August 26, 2016. The legislation extends the project for another three years. Carunchio said he thought it be good form to send Berryhill a thank you letter. Supervisor Kingsley said the legislation and letter reflect an extension of the program in Inyo County only. Other counties were initially included in the bill but were dropped from the legislation. He said Berryhill's staff worked really hard on the bill, which was not without its controversy. He also said Paul Smith of RCRC was tremendously helpful throughout the process. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the letter to Senator Tom Berryhill expressing the Inyo County Board of Supervisors' gratitude for his sponsorship of SB 1345, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Tillemans then commended Supervisor Kingsley for putting in so much time and travel toward the effort, along with County staff, Paul Smith and Senator Berryhill. CAO Carunchio clarified that the agenda erroneously stated SB 1345 would extend to other counties. The mistake was a result of language from an old Agenda Request Form (ARF) being used to develop the ARF for the September 13 meeting. Supervisor Kingsley said the County did reach out to Mono County and let them know they were accidentally mentioned.

INFORMATION SERVICES RECRUITMENT PRESENTATION

Brandon Shults, who will be retiring from the County at the end of June, gave the Board a presentation regarding Information Services and the responsibilities of the IS Director, a position he has held since January 2002. He will be one of three long-time IS employees retiring this year, taking a cumulative 58 years of institutional knowledge with them. In addition, he offered a bleak view of the County's recruitment chances. But he stressed the need for an IS Director to keep the department functioning. He said without a director, he could assure the Board the department would start breaking down. The County's IS Director is expected to be hands-on manager; someone who is aware of countywide technology concerns as well as relevant laws and policies; someone who is well-versed in operating budgets and knows how to interpret and negotiate tech contracts; and someone who can think beyond day-to-day operations to long-term projects like Digital 395 and 21st Century Obsidian. For some IT professionals, he said, it could be a lot of opportunity and a lot of fun. For others, the sheer workload could be terrifying. He said he's done a good job keeping up with the responsibilities since 2002, but he has been asked to do more here in this unique environment than he would have been anywhere else. When he started 14 years ago, he said, the infrastructure was 15 years behind where it should have been, and it was a challenge just getting the County up to speed. He said any lapse in maintaining what the County has now will mean a difficult, time-consuming, and costly struggle to get back on track. He noted that the average IT base salary is \$176,000 nationally. Inyo County currently pays its IS Director \$106,500. California's average base IT salary is \$193,042. He said with such a woefully inadequate salary it's going to be extremely difficult to bring in someone with the experience and qualifications the County needs. And without strong, hands-on management, the IT environment will likely languish, he said.

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SERVICES
RECRUITMENT
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Shults said making matters more difficult is the nature of work at the County, which is “not very exciting” tech-wise since it’s keeping systems up and running. Plus, the position is demanding and expectations are greater than what an IT Director would normally be expected to produce. He asked how someone could be expected to stoke the engines and steer the ship at the same time. Shults then recommended getting a deputy director in there to take some of the burden off, and proposed bumping the salaries up to a slightly more competitive \$110,000 to \$120,000 for the deputy and \$140,000 to \$160,000 for the director. He urged the Board to recruit aggressively and with a sense of urgency. And he recommended hiring a professional recruiter with specific experience in IT and a successful track record in placing senior tech management and aggressively pursuing candidates nationwide. Supervisor Kingsley asked whether the County had anything that could be considered attractive to IT professionals. Shults said the County needed to sell the quality of life here. Supervisor Tillemans commended Shults for doing a great job over the years and for the sobering presentation. CAO Carunchio thanked Shults for conducting what could have been a very awkward presentation and for giving the County a year’s notice. Supervisor Totheroh asked whether the budget took into account these potential added costs. CAO Carunchio said no but noted two positions in IS have been vacant since July and could potentially offer salary savings for the first year. The Supervisors supported the idea of hiring a recruitment firm and taking four positions – an Information Services Director, Deputy Information Services Director, Medical Director/ Corrections, and Deputy County Counsel I – out of the Merit System to make them at-will, contracted positions, which will require approval of an Ordinance at a later date. Staff was directed to move forward as recommended.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Chairman Griffiths recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. with all Board members present.

*DIAZ LAKE LEASE
WITH LADWP*

Assistant CAO Rick Benson explained that the previous lease for Diaz Lake expired a year ago, and the County and LADWP have been in negotiations for a longer-term lease needed by the County in order to obtain grant funding. In the meantime, the County lost out on grant funding to address the quagga mussel issue. LADWP normally puts a five-year term on the Diaz Lake lease but has agreed to a 24-year lease. Benson said LADWP said it could not offer anything longer than 24 years. Chairman Griffiths pointed out they have approved longer leases in the past. Supervisor Pucci said LADWP has a habit of citing the “City Charter” when it doesn’t want to do something. Benson said LADWP also jacked up the lease rate, from \$500 a year to 5 percent of the County’s gross revenue at Diaz Lake, which equals about \$2,500 to \$3,000. Benson said their reasoning was that it was necessary to capture administrative costs for administering the lease. Supervisor Pucci expressed dismay that in another four years, the County will be in the same position needing a renewal as most grants require long-term leases of more than 20 years. He said the County lost the quagga mussel grant because LADWP wouldn’t extend the lease and it was a grant that would have helped protect LADWP’s interests. County Counsel Rudolph said he had a copy of the City Charter in his office and his curiosity was piqued, so he would do some research on what exactly it says about the length of leases. Benson added that, based on the Charter, a lot of provisions were added that were not included in the previous lease, although the County is exempt from a lot of them. The County will not be engaged in slavery, for example. Supervisor Pucci recommended someone from the County attend the Los Angeles City Council meeting when the lease is up for approval because sometimes the Council wants to punish LADWP and votes no on any and all of its requests. Benson noted that staff certainly had concerns about the lease but felt even with further negotiations would not get LADWP to budge. Timing was a factor, he said, because of another grant from Boating and Waterways, which was very adamant that the County would not get funding without a long-term lease. Chairman Griffiths, having just read some of the lease provisions, clarified that the lease doesn’t prohibit the County from engaging in slavery, but rather only requires the County to disclose to LADWP if it is.

*DIAZ LAKE LEASE
WITH LADWP
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CAO Carunchio said he was appreciative of the LADWP's efforts to expedite the lease renewal and grateful to have a long-term lease. However, he wasn't fond of the "profit sharing" aspect of the lease – especially when there's no concessionaire at the lake. He said the County is not-for-profit and a fellow government agency trying to provide a public service. He said he believed anything more than \$1 for the lease was inappropriate. Supervisor Pucci suggested bringing up the lease issue as a larger topic in the future. Supervisor Tillemans cited an occasion where LADWP granted someone a lifetime lease, saying he thought there was a lot more discretion available that wasn't being used. He also said the significant increase in the lease rate was worrisome, as it could be an indicator of things to come with the County's other LADWP leases. Supervisor Totheroh said he concurred with the idea that the County has to take what it can get, but disagreed that the County also had to say thank you. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a lease with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power allowing for continued operation of Diaz Lake by the County, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS FOSTER FAMILY
AGENCY*

HHS Director Jean Turner came before the Board asking it to support the Department's plan to apply to the California Department of Social Services to become a Foster Family Agency as part of California's Continuum of Care Reform. She explained that it is critical for Inyo County to expand its bed capacity as part of the reform effort, but the State has been very slow in making any funding available to help counties do that. It was recommended the County become a Foster Family Agency so that it draw administrative dollars down. She said the funding would be based on the number of kids in placement, which she estimated at 15 kids a month. She said the number has never dipped below 15 but it's always a wildcard. Turner said the County can drop its Foster Family Agency status if it proves not to be worth the effort. She also noted that on January 1, the rate structure for how foster families will be paid is changing. Right now it is based on the age of the kids; in January, it will be based on the level of need of the child, according to a statewide assessment tool. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to support the HHS' plan to apply to the California Department of Social Services to become a Foster Family Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

*PLANNING –
DIRECTION ON INF
NOTICE OF
MAMMOTH BASE
LAND EXCHANGE*

Planning Director Josh Hart asked the Board for direction regarding the Inyo National Forest's Notice of Mammoth Base Land Exchange. Hart explained that for many years a land exchanged has been proposed at Mammoth Mountain's main lodge and the proposal has undergone many changes since the County last looked at it in 2011. He said it now includes an area in Pine Creek Canyon and an area in the City of Bishop. Hart said the Forest Service is going through the National Environmental Protection Act process right now so there will be additional opportunities for comment. The County did comment in 2011 and expressed great concern, particularly with regard to the loss of property tax when there is so little land in private hands as it is. Supervisor Totheroh asked if the InterAgency Visitor Center wasn't one of the proposed properties. Hart said it was at one point but has since been removed from the proposal. Chairperson Griffiths pointed out that it was removed because LADWP wanted the Lone Pine Community Service District to provide the domestic drinking water. Supervisor Totheroh said the County should consider that the land trade will free up time for Forest Service workers to devote to permit processing. Supervisors Griffith and Kingsley both said the County's comments should reflect the fact that, overall, Inyo County supports the idea of land exchanges for the best use of public land, but the loss of property tax is a negative impact to the County and therefore inconsistent with its General Plan. They noted there is so little private land to begin with. Chairperson Griffiths also said the County should get its comments in early and often. Supervisor Kingsley said it's unfortunate that to help Mono County benefit, Inyo County has to take a loss in revenue. Supervisor Totheroh suggested changing the wording from "don't support" loss of property tax to have "concerns about." But Supervisor Kingsley said he "doesn't support" loss of revenue. Hart said he would be back next week with a draft comment letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Wilson of Lone Pine handed out literature to the Board related to the harmful health effects of blue light in LEDs and the value of Inyo County's night sky. He said with the really bright lights popping up around the State, he wanted to remind the Board about the importance of protecting Inyo County's night skies, especially with the threat of smoke from wildfire obscuring views. Supervisor Totheroh said he has looked into the local lighting issue and suggested a future workshop to discuss the various options.

**BOARD MEMBERS
AND STAFF REPORTS**

County Counsel Rudolph reported he was going to a county counsel conference in Tahoe, tomorrow through Friday.

Supervisor Pucci said he would have to leave next week's Board meeting by noon.

Supervisor Kingsley said he, Planning Director Hart, and CAO Carunchio received a briefing from Xanterra last week on its upcoming hotel project. He said a meeting was planned in a couple of weeks to further discuss how the company would go about implementing its plan.

CAO Carunchio said that on the basis of the Xanterra meeting, he believes the County will probably take a \$1 million hit in bed tax revenue over 12 months during construction. Even though both properties will be kept open, Xanterra anticipates decreased visitation and may use some of its rooms for workforce housing.

Chairperson Griffiths said at last night's City Council meeting, the Council passed a very nice resolution remembering Officer Mike Mairs, who recently died of cancer. He said there was also a nice retirement celebration for Gary Schley and the announcement that Bishop's two new public restrooms were open: one at Talmadge Park and the other in the back of the City Park by the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m., with the Board scheduled to meet next on Tuesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

by _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant