

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**February 14, 2017**

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 February 14, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Mark Tillemans, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Matt Kingsley.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment. Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Kammi Foote said she wanted to make a general comment on the relationship between elected officials and their assistants. She said the relationship is based on trust and loyalty so that the elected official is confident in the assistant's ability to serve in his or her absence. She said that making those assistants at-will employees shifts their loyalty to Administration, which she said is not in the best interest of the County or in elected officials' ability to serve.

***CLOSED SESSION***

Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 8:35 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **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); IHSS Workers; 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, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo; and No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** – Title: Director of Health and Human Services.

***OPEN SESSION***

Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:05 a.m. with all Board members present.

***PLEDGE***

Supervisor Totheroh 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 recess to closed session later in the meeting to continue discussions.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment. Captain Tim Noyes of the Bishop CHP Office reported on the CHP's efforts in relation to road closures as a result of the recent bad weather. He said his department has been working closely with Caltrans, their major issue being high winds from Lone Pine to the Kern County line. He said they try to keep the busy highway open but closures are necessary when conditions are causing damage to vehicles from flying debris and overturning big rigs. He said the closures are being manned because motorists have been ignoring them. Noyes also reported that the CHP is hiring for five dispatcher openings. Prospective candidates will have to pass a test, registration for which closes February 16. The tests will be given sometime in March at the Bishop CHP office. He encouraged anyone interest to contact the dispatch supervisor in Bishop for more information about the qualifications for the job. Supervisor Kingsley told Noyes there is a piece of property in Olancho causing dust to blow across the highway during windy conditions and making a hazard for motorists. He said he would like to work with the CHP and Caltrans on a remedy. Noyes said he'd be happy to look into the matter.

***COUNTY DEPARTMENT***

HHS Director Jean Turner said she wanted the Board to keep the latest budget calculations out of Sacramento on its radar as they carry huge financial implications for Inyo County.

## REPORTS

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson said the County's online campground reservation system has gone live and Parks and Rec was surprised to receive \$2,000 worth of reservations in the first 10 days. He called the system "no muss, no fuss," with Reserve America collecting the money and sending it to Inyo County. He did note, however, that getting to this point required a lot of work from County staff behind-the-scenes. Supervisor Griffiths asked whether campers can still pay in person at the campgrounds and was told there are a number of spots still available for walk-ins.

Environmental Health Director Marvin Moskowitz gave a brief update on the development of a Local Area Management Plan a Local Area Management Plan in the hopes of limiting the impacts of the more stringent Onsite Wastewater Management Treatment Policy adopted by that state that requires counties to now require operation and maintenance permits for all septic tanks being constructed, and monitor and inspect those tanks as well. He said he has drafted an ordinance now under review by County Counsel which they hope to have in effect by May 18, 2018. He said he hoped to schedule a number of public workshops at upcoming Board meetings to notify affected neighborhoods. Chairperson Tillemans asked that Moskowitz follow up in an email to the supervisors with a list of the exact areas to be impacted.

## INTRODUCTIONS

District Attorney Tom Hardy introduced to the Board David A. Christensen, Deputy District Attorney; Environmental Health Director Marvin Moskowitz introduced Cathy Cannon, Lab Tech I, Environmental Health; and Assistant HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced Alyson Beaumont, HHS Specialist, HHS Adult Protective Services; and Katie Hawkins, Social Worker III, HHS Child Protective Services.

## CLERK OF THE BOARD – UPDATE OF COUNTY APPOINTMENT POLICY

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve updating the Inyo County Administrative Manual's Appointment Policy for Boards, Committees, and Commissions to include the requirement that alternates also be separately notified in writing of existing or upcoming vacancies. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC WORKS – BUTCHER LANE EASEMENT

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to accept the easement for a portion of Butcher Lane in Big Pine. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC WORKS – CALTRANS GRANT RESOLUTION

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a resolution titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Authorizing Submittal of An Application, Acceptance of An Allocation of Funds, and Execution of A Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for An Acquisition and Development Grant." Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC WORKS – SNOW SURVEY ASSOCIATES P.O.

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to declare Snow Survey Associates a sole-source provider for Avalanche Monitoring in Inyo County for the snow season of 2016-2017 and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

## SHERIFF – OHV GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a resolution titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application." Motion carried unanimously.

## RECYCLING & WASTE MANAGEMENT – CONCRETE CRUSHING CONTRACT

Supervisor Griffiths asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. He asked whether the contract covered one year's worth of material and CAO Carunchio said he believed it was three years' worth and this is Inyo County's first time crushing the concrete in a decade, if not it's "maiden voyage." After additional discussion about the requirement to segregate concrete at the landfills, it was moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Talon Services for crushing concrete at the Bishop-Sunland Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$106,539 for the period of February 28, 2017 through June 30, 2017; and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract subject to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC WORKS – SIERRA

Public Works Director Clint Quilter told the Board that, as they saw during his presentation last week, the County has a pretty substantial rockfall on Whitney Portal Road. The Department

*GEOTECHNICAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT*

must take advantage of any breaks in the weather and when Caltrans blasting crews are available to work on the road, and needs a geotechnical engineer's advice on how to safely approach the unstable situation beforehand. He said Public Works did try to use other local agencies' geotechnical engineers but they were unavailable. He said that based on past RFPs put out by the County, he knows that Sierra Geotechnical Services is well qualified. Quilter added that once crews can see the road, Sierra Geotechnical will help Public Works identify what it needs to do to repair it. Chairperson Tillemans said the Board appreciates the Department's quick response and attention to safety. Supervisor Griffiths asked whether the expense is reimbursable if the Governor declares an emergency. Quilter said the emergency has already been declared and the County does expect to get reimbursed during this initial phase. Supervisor Totheroh asked who was doing the drilling. Quilter said various members of the team working on the road are qualified to drill. Supervisor Kingsley said he believed the efforts the County is making to clear the road are being well received in Lone Pine. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve the emergency contract for geotechnical services with Sierra Geotechnical Services, for an amount not to exceed \$33,848, to address immediate safety and slope stability issues on Whitney Portal Road and associated proclamation of the "Rocky Road Emergency;" and B) amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 County Budget as follows: increase appropriation in Road Department (Budget 034600) Professional & Special Services (Object Code 5265) by \$33,848 (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*PUBLIC WORKS –  
EXCAVATOR RENTAL*

Public Works Director Clint Quilter said the Department needed to rent a 336F Hydraulic Excavator as part of the effort to clear Whitney Portal Road because the rocks are much larger than existing equipment can handle. He added that the various regulatory agencies have been very helpful and agreed to let the County roll the rocks over the side of the mountain instead of hauling them away. The County will have to spread them out over a half-mile stretch and this excavator will help crews do that. He said the excavator also has a larger reach that can help with scaling efforts. Supervisor Kingsley thanked Quilter for his efforts. Quilter noted that people will be posted at either end of the trail to make sure nobody is using it while blasting takes place. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) approve an emergency two (2) month rental agreement with Quinn Cat, for the rental of a 336F Hydraulic Excavator, for an amount not to exceed \$39,910.34, to begin the rock and debris removal on Whitney Portal Road and associated proclamation of the "Rock Road Emergency;" and B) amend the Road Department (Budget 034600) by increasing expense in Rent & Leases – Equipment (Object Code 5281) by \$39,911 (4/5<sup>th</sup> vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*PRESENTATION –  
HHS FOSTER CARE  
PROGRAM*

HHS Director Jean Turner, in introducing a presentation reviewing the current state of the Inyo County Foster Care Program, reminded the Board that during budget hearings the board authorized a new supervisor position to help HHS implement the State's Continuum of Care Reform. Holly DeVincent was selected to fill that role. Turner also noted that in the fall of 2016, the Board gave HHS its blessing to take steps to become a Foster Family Agency so that it could draw down additional administrative dollars from the State to build a more robust local caregiver system. Turner said it has been a very arduous process working with the State – taking much longer than anticipated – but a third party has stepped in to encourage engagement at the State level. DeVincent talked about the Resource Family approval process, which is under way as of January and the training curriculum for which has been identified. She said Child Welfare currently has 16 minors in out-of-home placement, nine with relatives and seven with foster families. Of those 16, DeVincent said four are in the process of being adopted – three by family members. She said there are currently three families going through the Resource Family approval process, two of whom indicated they are willing to take in youth from the Probation system. It is anticipated this week that four more families will begin the approval process, which takes about 90 days. She said eight homes from the old system will need to be converted to Resource Family status by the end of this year, and another eight by January 1, 2019. Seven of the current homes licensed under the old system have also indicated a willingness to care for youth on probation, she said. DeVincent also discussed the various trainings to be held and the different evaluation tools that HHS will be using with the Resource Families. Supervisor Griffiths asked for clarification on the new system. She explained that in 2016, three different approval processes were combined into one that now allows families to care for both relatives and non-related youth if they choose, and to select the level of permanency of care they wish to provide. Chairperson Tillemans asked if foster care providers are finding the new process daunting or a deterrent. She said HHS has been meeting with foster families and relatives on a monthly basis and they have been very open to the process

and turning in their paperwork and applications to move forward. CAO Carunchio said he thought the presentation included good news for the Board to consider prior to the completion of Inyo County's Juvenile Services Redesign.

*PLANNING – ONLINE  
MAP OF TREATED  
SEKI WATERS*

Planner Tom Schaniel presented the Board with an online map of the specific waters being chemically treated in Sequoia and Kings National Park as part of the National Park Service's High Elevation Aquatic Species Plan, the Record of Decision for which was published on August 23, 2016. The Board received a presentation on the plan August 25 and directed staff at that time to develop an interactive map of the treated lakes. After some questions and preliminary examination of the map, Supervisor Griffiths suggested each supervisor consult the maps on their own computers and contact the Planning Department if they had any questions. The rest of the Board concurred.

*ADVERTISING  
COUNTY RESOURCES  
– CPSP GRANTS*

Museum Services Director Jon Klusmire explained that this is the first year the County has issued Community Project Sponsorship Grants since revamping the program last fall. At that time, the Board voted to set aside \$35,000 for fishing programs/projects and \$39,016 for legacy line-item events, leaving \$20,984 for competing grants. The Board also decided to change the program to coincide with the calendar year rather than fiscal year. Klusmire said a lot of the events funded with the competitive grants this year take place in the summer and couldn't apply for funding before. He noted that the grants were advertised and the County received 12 applications totaling \$57,785 in requests – creating a bit of a challenge for the three-person volunteer evaluation panel to evaluate and ultimately make funding recommendations. He said the 10 events and projects recommended for \$20,984 in funding include the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Owens Valley Bird Fest, Death Valley 49er Encampment entertainment, Carson & Colorado Larry Pecham House celebration, the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce's Music in the Courtyard, the Eastern Sierra Music Festival, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce's Vintage Film Festival and FAM Tours, an Amargosa Conservancy Visitor Guide, the Museum of Western Film History movie site tour program, and Lone Pine Film Festival bus funding. Mike Prather of the Owens Valley Bird Festival thanked the County for its support once again, since funding for the event has fluctuated. He said they added some events to the lineup, all taking place April 28-30. Bishop Chamber Director Tawni Thomson echoed Prather's gratitude. She said the changes made to the CPSP have allowed the Chamber to fund projects that it normally couldn't at certain times of the year. She provided additional information on the Film Fest, which is a collection of newly digitized rare and vintage films and photos of the local area, and the FAM Tours, which help familiarize front-line hospitality staff with their own backyards. Supervisor Kingsley thanked the evaluation panel for their time and the grant applications for their flexibility. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve 10 Community Project Sponsorship Program Grant awards for 2017 recommended by the Community Project Sponsorship Program Grant Review Panel, and in the amounts recommended by the Panel (Attachment A) in the total amount of \$20,984; and B) authorize the County Administrator to sign the contracts with the 2017 Community Project Sponsorship Program applicants, in the amounts approved by the Board, contingent upon appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*PLANNING –  
CANNABIS  
REGULATION  
MEETINGS PREVIEW*

CAO Carunchio introduced the commercial cannabis presentation by notifying the Board that key department heads and staff have been attempting to meet weekly to discuss issues surrounding how the County might address the legalization of personal cannabis use and cultivation via Prop 64 and the taxation of commercial cannabis operations allowed under other State laws. He said the Planning Department is planning a series of community-specific meetings and while anyone is welcome to attend any meeting they choose, he said it would be most effective for County staff trying to gauge varying sentiment if residents attended the meetings closest to their own neighborhoods. He reminded the Board that State law does not allow the County to prohibit personal cultivation, which is a separate conversation that will be important for the County's various communities to have. Interim Planning Director Cathreen Richards began her PowerPoint presentation as a preview of the commercial cannabis presentations that will start March 6 in Big Pine and end April 5 in Tecopa. Richards provided a brief overview of the legislation that brought the County where it is today, including three separate ballot measures the County placed before voters in November: one asking whether residents would support the County regulating commercial cannabis operations for medical use, one asking whether residents would support the County regulating commercial cannabis operations for recreational use, and one asking if the County should impose a 5% gross receipts tax on commercial cannabis operations. All three, along with Prop 64, were passed by

Inyo County voters. Richards said the election results show of majority of Inyo County voters support some form of commercial cannabis business in the county and an even greater majority of voters support taxing those businesses. She explained the meetings are being held so that, with public and stakeholder input, the County can develop regulations for the types of cannabis businesses allowed to operate in Inyo, the locations where those businesses may operate, how and when they may operate, and possible – but reasonable – regulation of personal cultivation. Richards went over the regulations included in Prop 64, and used a map of the community of Big Pine to show how those regulations would translate on the ground. She also discussed what Inyo County can legally regulate and what it can't, based on State law. For example, the County cannot ban indoor personal cultivation, but can place reasonable restrictions on it, such as where in the home it can occur. Supervisor Kingsley asked whether landlords have the ability to prohibit tenants from growing in their units, and Richards said they could. Richards went over the County's options for addressing outdoor cultivation, which Supervisor Griffiths summarized as banning it outright, regulating it, or doing nothing, in which case regulations default to the minimum State standards. Chairperson Tillemans asked about cultivation of medicinal plants and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo noted that was addressed under a different law and while the County could also regulate that land use, it was really a separate discussion. Chairperson Tillemans said he has been asked about it, so he wants to know how to respond. Vallejo said he can reassure his constituents it can be discussed at another time. Richards moved on to commercial cannabis businesses – cultivation, manufacturing, testing, distribution, retail sales, microbusinesses – and the various land use approaches to dealing with those, including prohibitions (which were rejected by voters), overlay districts, permitted uses in specific zones, conditional uses in specific zones, and existing zones. She then reviewed the types of State licenses required for the different types of cannabis businesses, such as the Type 1 "specialty" businesses with less than 5,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor grow area. Type 2 "small" businesses are considered to have 5,001-10,000 square feet of grow area. Using the same map of Big Pine, she showed where some of these businesses could potentially be located based on existing regulations in the State law. Supervisor Kingsley asked whether the State law dictates how far from an alcohol establishment a cannabis business can be located. Richards said she didn't think so, only that they couldn't be located in the same space. After further discussion about retail sales, Richards concluded her presentation to praise from Supervisor Griffiths for a job well done. She said it took a village to put the presentation together and CAO Carunchio said the maps in particular will be valuable at the upcoming meetings. Chairperson Tillemans opened the floor to public comment. Reggie Cook, of Southern Inyo County, talked about how different seeds have different grow needs and yields. He said he runs a small collective outside of Lone Pine and the biggest problem to establishing a "small" 5,001-10,000 square-foot cultivation area would be the need to employ 20-30 professional trimmers. He said another problem in the industry is the high levels of herbicides and pesticides in indoor and outdoor cannabis, and the mold and mildew in cannabis from Northern California. He said Inyo County has an advantage climate-wise with the latter problem but recommends the County require cannabis be grown organically. He also presented the County with a list of questions regarding "marijuana licensing" in Inyo County. Supervisor Kingsley said the questions are exactly what the County is working through right now and isn't ready to answer. He added that the issue of pesticides and mold and mildew is one reason he is in favor of a legalized, regulated system. Cook said he and his colleagues are in favor of a legal system because they want clean product. He also distributed to the Board a handout regarding concerns about banking regulations. He said cash-only businesses that aren't allowed to work through the normal financial channels are attractive to the criminal element. Supervisor Griffiths pointed out and Ag Commissioner Nate Reade confirmed that "certified organic" is a USDA trademark and the federal government will not extend it to cannabis, however Reade said the State is looking into its own organic certification, which the local Ag Department would give out. John Miller, owner of property in Olancho, said it would be helpful to have the County's cannabis consultants at the upcoming meetings to take questions from individual growers. He said he's not sure if the County will be taking up the responsibility of testing, but said it can be profitable for the County if it does. He also said, as a former law enforcement official, that delivery is a major issue. He said the County may want to consider requiring growers to bring their product to a central facility where sales are done in the open and the County can be assured it is getting its full tax share. He added that he appreciated the thoughtful way the County is approaching the cannabis issue and is probably doing it the best of any County he has seen so far. Supervisor Kingsley said the idea of a testing facility in Inyo County is interesting. CAO Carunchio said that the consultant would not be at the meetings as the expense would be too costly for the County. Vallejo noted that the taxation issue is important but it is a separate policy decision and the County can set regulations to verify gross receipts. He added that Prop 64 includes provisions

for “track and trace.” Supervisor Griffiths noted that both CSAC and RCRC are recommending counties develop their own “track and trace” systems as the State’s is nowhere near adequate. Supervisor Kingsley said the County has discussed a possible registry that, while not part of the current process, is still an important consideration. Richards said she thinks once the County is able to fully gauge the regulatory issues at hand, it can move on the other issues.

**RECYCLING & WASTE  
MANAGEMENT –  
DELAY OF BISHOP  
GATE FEES TO APRIL  
1, 2017**

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson provided some background on the County’s recent move to change the rates at the Bishop Sunland Landfill to a more equitable structure, resulting in an increase to commercial haulers of \$50 a ton. As the County works with the haulers on a franchise agreement, the increase is one of many factors that have to be considered. He said the increase will result in the haulers having to increase what they charge to their customers, and both haulers have a different opinion on what the floor rate should be. Benson said before that floor rate is changed, he wants to be able to give the public plenty of notice so it does not appear to come out of the blue. He said delaying the implementation of the new gate fees will mean forgoing some additional revenue at the landfill, but it’s important the County does it right. CAO Carunchio noted the County is at a pivotal stage in terms of solid waste management. The franchise agreement has been a long time coming. He said it is currently at 90 pages and will be in place for about 10 years, so the Board shouldn’t be surprised if there is another request in the future for another 30-day extension. He said it’s important the franchise agreement is something that nobody regrets in 2-3 years. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tothoroh to delay implementation of the weight-based gate fees at Bishop Landfill to April 1, 2017 in order to provide full notice to the public regarding subsequent rate changes by haulers. Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO-DISASTER  
SERVICES-SHERIFF-IS  
– ESRI LICENSE  
RENEWAL**

CAO Carunchio explained that the license with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) drives the entire County GIS System, which is a cornerstone of the County’s Homeland Security Grant. He said ESRI really is the only name in the game as far as providers of this type of software. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Homeland Security Grant (Budget 623716) by increasing estimated revenue in State Grants (Object Code 4498) by \$93,947 and increase appropriations in Professional Services (Object Code 5265) by \$93,947 (4/5<sup>ths</sup> vote required); B) declare Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) a sole-source provider of GSI software; C) approve the purchase of a three-year ESRI Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) in an amount not to exceed \$81,000; and D) authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County of Inyo to enter into the three-year ELA with ESRI beginning March 14, 2017 (when the current lease expires), contingent upon the adoption of future budgets.

**COUNTY COUNSEL-  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF  
THE BOARD –  
RESEARCH RE:  
COMMISSION  
ALTERNATES**

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph provided background on the results of research into County Committees and Boards undertaken by himself and the Assistant Clerk of the Board: basically, direction from the supervisors on January 17, 2017 to research the possibility of adding a Board of Supervisors alternate to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Children and Families (First 5) Commission, Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center Board of Directors, and the Inyo Council for the Arts Board of Directors. Chairperson Tillemans had proposed adding the alternate members to four of the five commissions during the annual Board Appointments and Supervisor Kingsley requested that an alternate also be added to the Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center Board. Rudolph told the Board that the Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center Board President gave explicit permission for the Board of Supervisors to appoint an alternate representative and the Inyo Council for the Arts Board formally voted to allow the Board of Supervisors to do the same. He noted, however, that none of the other commissions make mention of Board of Supervisors alternates in their bylaws. Rudolph explained these bylaws, or the ordinances that established the commissions, would have to be amended to accommodate the alternate representatives. After some additional discussion and clarification, the Board directed staff to prepare an agenda item for the next meeting that would allow the Board to appoint alternates to the ICA and Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center boards of directors, and introduce the idea to the other commissions about possibly amending their bylaws and return with their feedback at some point.

**CORRESPONDENCE –  
ACTION – FISH &  
GAME FUNDING  
REQUEST**

CAO Carunchio noted that the funding request from the Inyo Fish and Game Commission to reimburse the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for money it spent producing the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide and Map would normally be presented as a Correspondence item with little discussion. However, when the Commission sought Assistant

County Counsel's opinion on the matter, he said he didn't think it was a legal expenditure. The Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide and Map was then modified and Assistant County Counsel indicated that it could be an appropriate expenditure of Fish and Wildlife propagation fund money if the local Commission received permission from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to section Section 13303(m) of the Fish and Game Code. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission to reimburse the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$1,650.72 for its costs associated with the new Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide and Map, contingent upon receiving approval from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Supervisor Pucci then asked Bishop Chamber Executive Director Tawni Thomson to discuss some of the issues regarding the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide and Map, including the map incorrectly citing open areas as closed and vice versa. Thomson said the issues have been resolved and noted the Bishop Chamber came on board late in the process. She said the project was originally a Mono County project that evolved into a "marketing piece" that did not include any fisheries south of Big Pine – something Thomson changed when she got involved so that all of Inyo was included. She said Fish and Wildlife was involved in helping to proof the guide but errors nevertheless made it to print. Another issue was the fact the title "Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide" already belonged to an existing, decades' old publication. She said nothing will be distributed that has incorrect information. Thomson called it a good, educational piece with a strong, conservation message that will be helpful to the region. Chairperson Tillemans called for a vote on the motion and second on the floor. Motion carried unanimously.

*RECESS FOR LUNCH* Chairperson Tillemans recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:32 p.m. with all Board members present.

*BOARD OF EQUALIZATION* The Board of Supervisors recessed at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened as the Board of Equalization (separate minutes to be approved by the Board of Equalization at its next meeting). Chairperson Tillemans adjourned the BOE meeting at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened the meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

*PUBLIC COMMENT* Earl Wilson of Lone Pine informed the Board that Lone Pine lost its namesake, a long-needle pine, to a strong south wind last week. He said he was told the tree dates back to the 1960s and would normally have a life expectancy of at least 75 to 100 years. He said the cause was probably drought-related weakening of the root system.

Supervisor Pucci announced that Dr. Carl Lind of Bishop passed away Sunday and asked that the meeting be closed in his honor.

*BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS* Supervisor Griffiths noted that LADWP has suddenly agreed to the Sebu to School Bike Path that Supervisor Pucci started work on in the early 2000s when he was Administrator for the City of Bishop. He added that the City has held some town halls to discuss economic development, with another scheduled for March 1. He said he went to the Foundation for Excellence dinner and the Inyo-Los Angeles Technical Group meeting, where some passionate feelings were being expressed. He said on a more personal note, the Rotary Club will be holding an international dinner fundraiser on March 4 to support its cultural exchange program and he is selling tickets. He also mentioned that at the Technical Group meeting, staff released a list of mitigation projects and their status as reported by both Los Angeles and Inyo County. He noted that regarding the release of City-owned lands, Los Angeles says it is "complete" and Inyo County says it has not been implemented. Griffiths said he would be going to Sacramento for a CSAC meeting tomorrow.

Supervisor Kingsley said he was pleasantly surprised at how many people attended his public meeting in Lone Pine last week. He said he felt they addressed the issues they needed to and thanked CAO Carunchio for helping him to present some of the topics.

Supervisor Totheroh mentioned the significant flooding that had taken place in Mustang Mesa, which he said can happen when two inches of snow and rain fall and there's no soil depth. He said fortunately, the damage was not that extensive at the homes where water did get inside.

Chairperson Tillemans said he attended his first Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting and noted it's a big group. He said ESAAA will be re-evaluating programs and there might be workshop for the Board in the next couple of months. He said a neighborhood

watch program was discussed at the Big Pine Civic Club meeting last night because of a recent rash of burglaries. He said Big Pine essentially has a neighborhood watch program, just not a formal one, where neighbors automatically look after each other's property and homes. He mentioned the establishment of a Big Pine 411 Facebook page and an upcoming Child Support Services meeting.

CAO Carunchio said he wanted to recognize the efforts and great job done by the Road Department in response to the Mustang Mesa flooding, which helped to limit the flooding and overall damage. He said the County did put out a press release on Friday letting residents know about the incoming storm and availability of sand bags but thinks overall the County dodged a bullet. He said the County tries to emphasize in the press releases that fire departments have sand bags that will be given out at the discretion of the fire chiefs, who are aware of where the specific needs are in their communities.

*CLOSED SESSION* Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 3:59 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except for himself to continue discussions from earlier.

*OPEN SESSION* Vice Chairperson Totheroh reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:20 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Tillemans.

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

*ADJOURNMENT* Vice Chairperson Totheroh recessed the meeting at 4:21 p.m. in memory of Dr. Carl Lind, to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Darcy Ellis, Assistant*