

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**March 20, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on March 20, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Matt Kingsley. Absent: Mark Tillemans.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:39 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – County of Inyo v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**, Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVCV 18-61899; No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – County of Inyo v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**, Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVCV 18-62064 (Eminent Domain – Independence); Case No. SICVCV 18-62065 (Eminent Domain – Lone Pine); and Case No. 18-62067 (Eminent Domain – Bishop); No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – Los Angeles Department of Water and Power v. County of Inyo**, Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVCV 18-62052; No. 5 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case); No. 6 **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.
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:04 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans.
- Pledge* The Assistant Clerk of the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report On Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported but the Board would be returning to closed session to continue discussions at some point.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Clerk-Recorder Kammi Foote distributed to the Board copies of a press release she prepared on Measure J and the upcoming special election for the Southern Inyo Hospital District, about which there seems to be a lot of misinformation being spread. She also provided the Board with additional information on voter registration.

Water Director Dr. Bob Harrington provided the Board with copies of the Los Angeles

Department of Water and Power's weekly precipitation conditions report, which shows the snowpack is 49% of normal with valley floor rainfall numbers even worse. He said the March storms helped but the report is overall unfavorable.

Public Works Director Clint Quilter reported that FEMA is asking for comments on its Bishop Creek Flood Hazard Restudy Project, which was launched in 2016 and which the County did not want to see undertaken. He said a letter for Board approval would be forthcoming. He also reported on the Draft Airport Certification Manual and a planned meeting with the FAA on Friday to update officials on positive developments since the January meeting.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson reported that several bills were discussed at the annual legislative meeting of the Chief Probation Officers of California and he'd be happy to bring back a report on any of them if the Board wished.

Supervisor Kingsley reported on the progress of the flower bulbs planted at the courthouse in the fall by Board members and staff and which are now starting to bloom.

*Advertising County Resources – Presentation – Inyo County State Fair Exhibit*

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson offered some background and history on Inyo County's State Fair exhibit, noting that Laura Smith took over leadership of the project three years ago when Rich and Kathy White retired. He complimented her work and said coordinating the volunteers, working with the booth designers, and arranging for the exhibit materials is not an easy undertaking. Smith acknowledged it is a lot of work and said she appreciated the Board's funding support of such a worthwhile event. She showed the Board some photos of last year's exhibit, where volunteers greeted 300-500 visitors a day and handed out 200-300 brochures and guides about Inyo County and its events and activities, and which won the Silver Award. Smith said not too many awards are given out at the State Fair anymore, as evidenced by the fact only two counties received gold awards. She discussed plans for this year, revolving around the theme "California – Create, Inspire and Innovate." Supervisor Griffiths thanked Smith and her husband for taking on leadership of the exhibit. Supervisor Kingsley noted that the County's exhibit, when constructed by the Whites, used to be put on display at the Tri-County Fair and wondered if that could happen this year. Smith said she is in talks to at least set up a similar display at the local fairgrounds.

*Item Pulled*

The Chairperson announced the following, Item No. 15, was being pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of staff and would be resubmitted on a future agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

*Request Board: A) adopt the plans and specifications for the Whitney Portal Road and Horseshoe Meadow Road Permanent Restoration Repair Project; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the project.*

*CoCounsel – ESTA Agreement Amendment 1*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for legal services with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Parks & Rec – Wright's Rainbow Sole-Source & P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare Wright's Rainbows of Thatcher, ID a sole-source provider of rainbow trout for supplemental fish stocking; and B) authorize a purchase order to Wright's Rainbows of Thatcher, ID in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of rainbow trout. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*HHS-Fiscal – Varidesk Sole-Source & P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare Varidesk LLC a sole-source provider of ergonomic office furniture; and B) approve a blanket purchase order to Varidesk LLC in the amount of \$18,871.35 in multiple HHS budgets for the purchase of 37 ergonomic desks and 19 anti-fatigue mats. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*PW – Shoshone Airport Project*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) award the bid for the Shoshone Airport – Crack Repairs, Slurry Seal, Markings Project to American Asphalt South, Inc. of Fontana, CA in the amount of \$83,128.80; B) approve the construction contract with American

*American Asphalt Bid Award* Asphalt South, Inc. in the amount of \$83,128.80 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and C) authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other Project Contract documents, including Contract Change Orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*PW – City of Bishop MOU Amendment 1* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Bishop for Building Permitting and Inspection, to Provide Technical Review of Final Parcel Maps and Final Subdivision Maps; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*PW – Fillmore Office Space Lease Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve the Standard Lease Agreement between Timothy Fillmore and Allison Fillmore and the County of Inyo for office space at 568-A W. Line Street, Bishop, CA for the initial period of April 1, 2018, through March 31, 2021, with two (2) one-year options, in the initial lease amount of \$1,515.40 per month for the first three years, with a maximum allowable increase of 2% for each subsequent option year, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign the Lease contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*PW – CSA No. 2 Committee Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to appoint David Tanksley and Scott McKenzie to the County Service Area No. 2 (Bishop Creek Sewer) Advisory Committee, each to unexpired four-year terms ending April 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Sheriff/CAO-Emergency Services – CalOES & Sheriff Microwave Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the State of California Standard Agreement No. 6133R-2017 between the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the County of Inyo Sheriff's Department for the utilization of one microwave link circuit between the Independence Caltrans yard and the Rogers Peak radio repeater site, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the period of March 20, 2018 through December 31, 2020 with a one-year extension option, contingent upon the approval of future budgets, and authorize the Sheriff (or his designee) to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Planning – DRECP Scoping Notice Comment Letter* Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided a recap of the discussion and Board direction from the February 27 agenda item regarding the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and Federal Register initiating a scoping process for possible amendments to the DRECP, based on Executive Order by the President, requesting comments about land use designations that might impact the ability to develop renewable energy resources or affect multiple use. A draft comment letter was presented for approval.

Chairperson Totheroh opened the floor to public comment. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the DRECP being "reopened" to amendments and voiced disappointment in the draft comment letter not reflecting what they thought Board consensus was at the February 27 meeting: Darla Heil of Bishop, Friends of the Inyo Executive Director Wendy Schneider, Amargosa Conservancy Executive Director Tanya Henderson, Harold McDonald, and Sierra Club Eastern Sierra Organizer Fran Hunt. The above-named advocated for removal of a bulleted list of perceived shortcomings with the plan, which they said dilutes the overall message and/or sends mixed messages, and for a shorter, clearer, more concise letter overall that emphatically states Inyo County's opposition to the DRECP being re-opened.

David Aaron Smith of Tecopa suggested a rewrite that spoke to the possible motives of the current Administration. Carl Dennett of Tecopa thanked the County for taking fast action in response to his concerns on February 27 about dangers from mining traffic on Inyo roads, and Suzi Dennett told the Board that while Inyo County's miners are responsible, that might not be the case in other counties affected by the DRECP. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine noted that the Board had everyone's previous comments and complaints on file, and said he did like the idea of an advisory group with Inyo County members, as well as reinvestigating the Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) at Manzanar and correcting mapping errors. Jennifer Roeser said she has been watching the meetings via the online streaming service and finds the draft letter well-written and on target. She said she takes exception to the comment that the DRECP

has not yet been implemented, since she has already had permit applications for pack stock trips rejected by the Park Service as a result.

Board discussion ensued. Chairperson Totheroh asked how possible amendments would affect the County's Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment (REGPA). CAO Carunchio pointed out the draft letter makes it clear that the BLM should not expect the County to revisit the plan. Chairperson Totheroh said he did not believe the draft letter reflected the consensus reached by at least four Board members in giving staff direction at the February 27 meeting, which was that the letter should not include a laundry list of complaints about the DRECP. Supervisor Griffiths said he recalled the discussion concluding differently, with the Board agreeing it needed to convey the following: the DRECP was a lengthy process that included a lot of public input; Inyo County was generally satisfied with the outcome in terms of cohesion with the REGPA, but was disappointed and taken by surprise by 11<sup>th</sup> hour additions that materialized outside of the public process; and that the County does not want the REGPA reopened but wants to see the 11<sup>th</sup> hour issues addressed during the implementation process, and if any changes are made Inyo County wants a seat at the table.

Supervisor Kingsley said politics from the former and current Administration have been involved but Inyo County has held true to its positions. He said the plan was approved in 2016 and no renewable energy projects are being built and that needs to be addressed. He said the letter guarantees to the public that the County will not change its REGPA. He said it would be dishonest not to point out the deficiencies of the DRECP, and said the letter also highlights good things about the plan and thanks the BLM for its rescission of the mining withdrawal. He said he considered the letter a chance to look at both the DRECP and renewable energy.

Supervisor Pucci said he still doesn't think the DRECP should be reopened for a lot of reasons, mostly because so many people worked so hard on it. He said he supported the draft letter with one exception: asking for ACECs to be "rescinded or evaluated." He said rescinding is not his position, as he agrees with Griffiths agreed the word "rescinded" could be removed. Supervisor Kingsley said that unless the ACECs are rescinded entirely and then evaluated, they will remain ACECs forever, citing Wilderness Study Areas as an example. Supervisor Totheroh still questioned whether the letter in its entirety would send the message Inyo County wanted to send. Supervisor Griffiths said that, based on the reaction the Inyo County delegation received from the Administration during its recent D.C. visit, Inyo's position that the DRECP should not be reopened is well known in addition to being made clear in the letter. Supervisor Totheroh said at least one of the bullet point items – requesting a socioeconomic study – contradicted the County's position that changes to the plan could be done through the implementation phase. He suggested at least removing that bullet point. Supervisor Griffiths said the point needs to be made over and over that plans involving Inyo County need to include socioeconomic studies. Supervisor Kingsley continued to advocate for the word "rescind." Supervisor Pucci said including the word rescind implies all of the ACECs are bad, while Supervisor Kingsley said removing it implies all of the ACECs are good. The Board also discussed reorganizing sentences in the third paragraph to strengthen certain points. The Board reached consensus on the contents of the draft letter after additional discussion, except for whether to include the word "rescind." It was moved by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the draft letter with the third paragraph reorganized and "rescind" included. Motion died for lack of a second. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the letter with the third paragraph reorganized and "rescind" removed, and authorize its transmittal to the BLM with the Chairperson's signature. Motion carried 3-1, with Supervisor Kingsley opposing and Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Recess/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 11:48 a.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 12 p.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans, who was absent.

*CAO/CoCounsel/  
Planning/PW/Ag  
Commissioner –  
Enact Ordinance  
1226 (Repeal  
Cannabis  
Moratorium)/  
Reso # 2018-15*

Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo explained that with Inyo County ready to move forward with implementing its commercial cannabis regulations, it needs to repeal a moratorium on commercial cannabis activity to avoid having conflicting laws on the books. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to enact an ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Repealing Interim Ordinance No. 1216 Prohibiting Commercial Medical and Recreational Marijuana Activities, Including Commercial Cultivation, Distribution, Storage, Manufacturing, Processing, Provision or Sale of Cannabis Products in the Unincorporated Area of Inyo County; Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

Ag Commissioner Nate Reade presented a resolution establishing commercial cannabis business license application fees. He said in developing the fee schedule, he consulted with other departments on their anticipated workloads and concluded processing these applications will cost the County well in excess of what it can recover through normal fees. He said he collected extensive data to back up the fee proposals. Supervisor Griffiths wondered why the application fees were being presented independent of other fees the County may be charging, and expressed concern about pricing the industry out of business with fees, thus encouraging blackmarket activity. CAO Carunchio said the application fee schedule is being brought forth for approval in order to facilitate the start of the 60-day application period. He said annual license fees have not been finalized but the inspection fees will probably end up at less than \$10,000, depending on the facility. Reade said that figure is competitive, and the County will only be recovering its costs for services rendered. He said he thinks the more prohibitive cost faced by operators will be state license fees. Supervisor Kingsley said he trusted the fees would not be set above what is necessary to recover costs. CAO Carunchio said anyone concerned about the annual license inspection fee in Inyo County probably doesn't have the capital to get into the cannabis business anyway. He added that some of the fees will be determined by policy decisions of the Board, such as the number of inspections required per year. He complimented Reade for the amount of detail in his fee study. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 12:15 p.m. Jacob Wagner of PALS Collective in Bishop said it would be helpful for industry folks to know their total costs up front, but at the same time, it won't change things for those who are truly invested. He also wanted the County to know it will probably be receiving thousands of applications once the application period starts, from both good and bad applicants. He expressed his appreciation to staff for their hard work. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 12:17 p.m. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a resolution titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Establishing Commercial Cannabis Business License Application Fees." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Planning – Enact  
Ordinance 1227  
(Additions to Service  
Fee & Cost  
Schedule)*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards presented a proposed ordinance that amends County Code to include Hosted Short-Term Rental applications and Non-Hosted Short-Term Rental applications on the Planning Department service fee schedule, noting that staff will soon be processing applications for both and will want to recoup associated costs. Supervisor Pucci noted and Richards confirmed that if anyone fails to pay the fee, it will be dealt with as a permit violation, rather than a zoning violation, and in a swift manner. Supervisor Griffiths asked why the proposed fee is higher than the one charged by the City of Bishop. Richards explained that the County's regulations require notification of all property owners within 300 feet and allow for numerous conditions to be placed on permits, all of which must be reviewed and monitored by staff. She noted that the fee is a deposit, so the applicant could receive a refund if less work is required by staff. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 12:24 p.m. and, with no-one present to comment, closed the public hearing at 12:24 p.m. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to enact an ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adding Subsections 3.60.020(A)(20) and 3.60.020(A)(21) to the Inyo County Code Pertaining to the Planning Department Service Fee and Cost Schedule," and enact said ordinance. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Recess for  
Lunch/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Tillemans, who was absent.

*Probation – Legal  
Secretary I-II*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Legal Secretary I/II position comes exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Chief Probation Officer and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Legal Secretary I at Range 56 (\$3,227 - \$3,916) or Legal Secretary II at Range 60 (\$3,541 - \$4,301), depending on qualifications, and authorize up to the E Step for qualified applicants. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Public Works –  
Seasonal Building  
and Grounds Worker*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Seasonal Building and Grounds Worker position exists in the Building and Maintenance Budget, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Seasonal Building and Grounds Worker at Range 50PT (\$15.05 - \$18.27/hr.), contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Sheriff – Food Cook*

Sheriff Lutze requested permission to backfill a vacancy resulting from a retirement. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Food Cook position exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Food Cook at Range 51 (\$2,871 - \$3,482) and authorize up to the E Step, depending on qualifications. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*HHS/CSS – CA Merit  
System Test Rental  
and Use Agreement*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann and Child Support Services Director Susanne Rizo jointly presented an agreement regarding Merit System Services. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the Test Rental and Use Agreement Exclusively for California Merit System Services and Program Participants and authorize the County Administrator, HHS Director and Regional Child Support Services Director to negotiate the agreement. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*HHS-Fiscal –  
Administrative  
Analyst I-II*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann requested permission to backfill a vacancy resulting from a transfer to another department. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Administrative Analyst I/II position exists in non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, an internal recruitment would be appropriate through the State Merit System; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Administrative Analyst I at Range 68 (\$4,272 - \$5,190) or Administrative Analyst II (\$4,479 - \$5,448), depending on qualifications; and D) if an internal HHS candidate is hired into the position, authorize HHS to backfill the resulting vacancy. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*County  
Counsel/Water Dept.  
– Greg James  
Contract  
Amendment 1*

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph explained that the current contract with Greg James for legal services provided to County Counsel and the Water Department needs some modest adjustments, specifically related to his work on litigation. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between Gregory L. James, Esq. and the County of Inyo for water/environmental attorney services regarding the Water Department, amending such agreement to increase the contract limit and to adjust the contractor's hourly rate for work directly related to litigation, contingent upon adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Personnel –  
Assistant CAO &  
Personal Services  
Contract*

CAO Carunchio explained that the current Assistant County Administrator, Rick Benson, announced his retirement last year and has been kind enough to stay on until April 13 to allow for the filling of other division manager positions. He noted the Board previously authorized staff to contract with The Prothman Company which performed a nationwide search that yielded 10 candidates, five of whom were invited to Inyo County for interviews and an extensive written exercise. CAO Carunchio said the Assistant CAO position was subsequently offered to Kenneth Walker of Washington State, who demonstrated creativity, strong interpersonal and management skills, and a strong desire to work for Inyo County. He said if the Board approves the contract with Mr. Walker, he will be joining the County on May 3. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
  1. the funding for one (1) Assistant County Administrator position comes from the General Fund and, possibly, certain Non-General Fund departments depending on job responsibilities and associated budget allocations, as certified by the County Administrator and concurred with by the Auditor-Controller;
  2. the vacancy could possibly be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, however, your Board previously authorized an open recruitment to ensure the position is filled with the best qualified candidate; and,
  3. approve the hiring of an Assistant County Administrator position, Range 96 (\$8,386 - \$10,198), Step C (\$9,246 per month).

And

- B) Designate and authorize the County Administrator to sign a personal services contract with Kenneth Walker for the Assistant County Administrator position, Range 96 (\$8,386 - \$10,198), Step C (\$9,246 per month).

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of February 13, 2018 and February 20, 2018. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with 1 abstention from Supervisor Kingsley and with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Public Comment*

Paul Huette of Big Pine questioned why the County was purchasing 4,000 lbs. of trout for \$20,000 from an out-of-state vendor rather than procuring the trout from the Fish Springs Hatchery in Big Pine, which provides fish to Mono County. He said the hatchery severely impacts the groundwater table in the Big Pine area, particularly on the Reservation. He said it doesn't make sense for Big Pine to suffer from the impacts of providing trout to another county. He also said maybe next year the County can work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife on planting trout where it's most beneficial.

Earl Wilson of Big Pine commended the Board on its actions today in getting a letter out to the BLM regarding the DRECP.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended an RCRC Board meeting last week and will see that his fellow Supervisors receive copies of the Executive Summary.

Supervisor Griffiths reported on the CSAC task force on homelessness and its recently released report, and noted homelessness will be the focus of the regional CSAC meeting in Riverside next week. He reported attending the Technical Group meeting, an Inyo Council for the Arts Board meeting, an Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting in Mammoth, a City-County Liaison meeting, and a Laws Museum Board meeting.

CAO Carunchio provided additional background regarding the County's trout purchase, explaining that the County augments the DFW's stocking of eligible waters to enhance the visitor experience but was unable to purchase from its usual vendor this year. He complimented Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson for finding another vendor, which the local DFW was able to certify. He added he has reached out to State Director Chuck Bonham regarding public-public-private partnerships in the future, such as purchasing trout through local hatcheries and/or making deliveries with local trucks, because purchasing locally is something the County is interested in.

Chairperson Totheroh said he attended two recent Technical Group meetings and would be attending the Local Transportation Committee meeting tomorrow with Supervisor Pucci.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 2:03 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

*Open Session*

Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:41 p.m. with all Board members present. No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in 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*