

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 1, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 12:35 p.m., on May 1, 2018, in the lobby of The Oasis at Death Valley (formerly Furnace Creek Inn) in Death Valley National Park, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

Tour of The Oasis at Death Valley The Chairperson convened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. in the lobby of The Oasis at Death Valley, formerly Furnace Creek Inn, with all Board members present, so that the Board and staff could tour improvements being made to the facility as part of Xanterra's major renovation project. The tour included the Mission Gardens and new casitas under construction, and concluded at 1:30 p.m.

Closed Session Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 1:30 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item: No. 1A **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case).

Open Session Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:20 p.m. with all Board members present.

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

Recess/Reconvene Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session so that Board members and staff could travel to Tecopa, and reconvened the meeting at 4:08 p.m. at the Hurlbutt-Rook Community Center in Tecopa with all Board members present.

Public Comment The Chairperson asked for public comment.

Supervisor Kingsley took the opportunity to thank the members of the public and County staff for attending the meeting, and asked that it be adjourned in memory of lifelong Shoshone resident and active community volunteer George Ross.

County Department Reports HHS Director Marilyn Mann announced that May is both Mental Health Awareness Month and CalFresh Awareness Month.

Sheriff Lutze reported on efforts to bring cellphone service to the area and reminded residents of the need to sign up for the Code RED emergency alert service.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson announced that May is also National Drug Court Month and said the next graduation is set for May 9 at the Bishop Courthouse. He also reported that the Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was a success.

Public Works Director Clint Quilter announced a \$180,000 project would be starting at the Shoshone Airport tomorrow.

Presentations

- Susan Sorrells of Shoshone gave a presentation on the positive economic impacts of National Conservation Lands and conservation efforts in general due to the popularity of ecotourism, and distributed a paper she wrote titled, "The Amargosa Basin: A Unique Landscape Worthy of Protection," along with a map.

- Jeff Childers, Associate Field Manager of the Barstow BLM Field Office, discussed recreation-related issues and natural resources in the Shoshone/Tecopa area, including off-road vehicle use at the Dumont Dunes, critical habitat for the Amargosa vole (the most endangered mammal in North America), and fire restrictions.
- Death Valley National Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Chief of Resources Josh Hoines talked about current affairs in the Park, including the June 6 grand re-opening of Dante's View, the \$50 million in repairs to Scotty's Castle, the Saline Valley Warm Springs Plan Environmental Impact Statement, the borrow pits, and wild burro eradication efforts.

*Clerk-Recorder-
Registrar of Voters –
Statement of All
Votes Cast April 10,
2018*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to issue an order accepting the Statement of All Votes Cast at the Special Election held April 10, 2018 and declare elected those offices under their jurisdiction for this election, according to the number of votes for each as shown on the Statement of All Votes Cast. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel –
Modification of EOAA
MOU Benefits
Section*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the modification of Article 8 (Benefits), section 7 of the October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2019 Elected Officials Assistants Association MOU (EOAA), and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel –
LEAA MOU*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the Law Enforcement Administrator's Association (LEAA) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Motor Pool –
Increase Bishop
Automotive Blanket
P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve an increase in the amount of the blanket purchase order with Bishop Automotive Center by \$8,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$43,000. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling & Waste –
ShredPro Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and ShredPro of Mammoth Lakes, CA for document shredding services in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, subject to future budget approval, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – Increase
Office Depot Blanket
P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve an increase in the amount of the existing blanket purchase order with Office Depot by \$5,000 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of office supplies. Motion carried unanimously.

*BOS-Kingsley –
Engaging Southeast
Inyo Residents*

Supervisor Kingsley initiated a discussion on what the County might consider doing, beyond legally mandated noticing requirements, to notify Southeast Inyo residents of issues and potential County actions involving that portion of the County. He asked for community input. Ideas from residents included mailing the agenda to residents; putting news in the fire department's monthly newsletter; creating an email list for the Southeast Inyo community; creating an email or call list for Tecopa-specific issues; sending email notifications about the annual Tecopa meeting with a link to the County website; getting the agenda out to Tecopa earlier than 72 hours since the mail delivery takes longer in Southeast Inyo; and designating an area of the website for location-specific meetings. CAO Carunchio thanked the residents for their ideas and said staff would collect their email addresses to create a group email list for Southeast County issues, and the Board Clerk will email the agenda link to the Community Center and Post Office as well.

*Planning – Review of
WEMO Draft Plan
Amendment
Supplemental EIS*

Assistant Planner Josh Dan provided an overview of the West Mojave Route Network Project and Plan Amendment Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, as well as a review of the County's previous correspondence to the BLM regarding the project. Supervisor Kingsley asked that the BLM do a workshop with the Board before the public comment period ends.

*Planning –
Charleston View &
Tecopa Community
Plans*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided a brief overview of the visioning meetings held earlier this year as part of the effort to develop Community Plans for Charleston View and Tecopa. She said the Charleston View plan will address how the community will develop and grow, as residents are worried about the future of the large amounts of vacant land that surround them. She said residents are interested in infrastructure development and services mostly for roads, fire protection and power; commercial development along the Old Spanish Trail Highway; keeping the large residential lots for homes with large gardens; community gardens; mobile home and RV parks; sustainable development, water use and energy production. Richards said the Tecopa plan is focused on redevelopment, infill and innovative land use, with the community primarily concerned about infrastructure needs, more business opportunities, capitalizing on tourism and keeping the character of Tecopa intact. She said ideas for Tecopa include a true mixed-use commercial/residential zone; sustainable and innovative building methods and energy use; dark skies regulation; cannabis businesses; more resort-type development; and home occupations.

*Public Works/Parks &
Recreation – Tecopa
Sewage Lagoon
Update*

Public Works Director Clint Quilter gave an update on the plan to convert the Tecopa Sewage Lagoon to a septic system. He said a Request for Proposals for the project would be going out next week.

*CAO/Public Works
Director – Regional
Air Service Updates*

CAO Carunchio requested the Board provide direction as to how and when it wants to receive updates on staff's ongoing efforts to work with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and FAA to support robust regional air service for the Eastern Sierra. The Board came to the consensus that it would like to have a joint meeting with the Mammoth Lakes Town Council, which Carunchio said he would work to schedule.

*Personnel – New
Assistant to CAO Job
Description/Hiring
Approval*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to:

- A) approve updated job description for the position of Assistant to the County Administrator; and,
- B) Consistent with the Authorized Position Review Policy, find:
 1. The availability of funding for the requested position comes from the General Fund, as certified by the County Administrator and concurred with by the Auditor-Controller; and,
 2. Where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, and the position could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure greatest number of qualified applicants apply for the position and the position is filled with the best possible candidate; and,
 3. Authorize hiring an Assistant to the County Administrator Range 74 (\$4,923 - \$5,983).

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of April 3, 2018. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci abstaining.

*Correspondence-
Action – Keeler CSD
Elections*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the re-scheduling of Keeler Community Service District Governing Board Elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years in accordance with Elections Code 1303(b) and Senate Bill 415 (2015-2016 Regular Session), and approve the consolidation of the District's Governing Body Elections with the Statewide General Election pursuant to Elections Code 10404. Motion carried unanimously.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending a productive meeting of the RCRC Executive Committee.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending a First 5 board meeting and noted the Eastern Sierra had another great fishing opener.

CAO Carunchio reported that the Los Angeles Mayor's office had responded to the Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding LADWP's decision not to irrigate grazing leases this year. He also thanked Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson for his service to the

County, noting his upcoming retirement, and introduced incoming Assistant County Administrator Ken Walker.

Adjournment

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m., in memory of George Ross, to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant