



# **County of Inyo Board of Supervisors**

Board of Supervisors Room County Administrative Center 224 North Edwards Independence, California

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#### February 8, 2022 - 8:30 A.M.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Property: APNs 002-056-0600 and 002-056-0602 (102 S. Edwards St., Independence, CA 93526; Agency Negotiators: Leslie Chapman, Meaghan McCamman, and John-Carl Vallejo; Negotiating Parties: LADWP; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- 3. 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 et al, Kern Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-101513-KCT (CEQA).

<u>OPEN SESSION</u> (With the exception of timed items, all open-session items may be considered at any time and in any order during the meeting in the Board's discretion.)

10 A.M. 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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- 5. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW
- 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments may be time-limited)
- 7. **COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

- 8. **Health & Human Services** Request Board:
  - A) Change the Authorized Strength in HHS by adding one Term-Limited Equity and Diversity Coordinator position;
  - B) Approve the Equity and Diversity Coordinator job description:
  - C) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
    - 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator exists in a non-general fund budget as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and
    - 2. where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply;
  - D) Approve the hiring of one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator at Range 72 (\$5,180-\$6,292); and
  - E) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.
- 9. <u>Health & Human Services Fiscal</u> Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
  - A) The availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the Health and Human Services Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller;
  - B) Where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply;
  - C) Approve the hiring of one (1) Office Technician I at Range 55 (\$3,477 \$4,228), Office Technician II at Range 59 (\$3,816 \$4,636) or Office Technician III at Range 63 (\$4,184 \$5,091), dependent upon qualifications; and
  - D) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize Health and Human Services to backfill resulting vacancy.
- 10. <u>Health & Human Services Health/Prevention</u> Request Board:
  - A) Approve the revised Prevention Specialist I-III job description:
  - B) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
    - 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Specialist I-II exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and
    - 2. where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply;
  - C) Approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Specialist I at Range 60 (\$3,908 \$4,747), Prevention Specialist II, Range 63 (\$4,184 \$5,091), or a Prevention Specialist III, Range 66 (\$4,489 \$5,464); and
  - D) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.

- 11. <u>Health & Human Services Health/Prevention</u> Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Program Manager exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Program Manager at Range 80 (\$6,259 \$7,613); and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.
- Public Works Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician I/II/III exists in the General Fund and non-General Fund budgets, 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 is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Office Technician I/II or III at Range 55 to 63 (\$3,477 \$5,091), depending on qualifications.
- 13. Public Works Parks & Recreation Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested positions exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) due to the seasonal nature of the positions it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the positions, so an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply, and C) approve the hiring of three (3) Seasonal Park and Campround Maintenance Helpers at Range PT50 (\$17.85 \$27.71/hr).

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> (Items that are considered routine and are approved in a single motion; approval recommended by the County Administrator)

- 14. <u>County Administrator Personnel</u> Request Board authorize deletion of the Authorized Position Review process from the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies, originally approved by the Board in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and reaffirmed and made permanent in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- 15. <u>County Counsel</u> Request Board approve Amendment No. 4 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services to the County related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related Court actions, to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00, and authorize the Chairperson.
- 16. <u>County Counsel</u> Request Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing contract between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00; and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
- 17. <u>Public Works Road Department</u> Request Board authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$192,655.06, payable to RDO Equipment Company of Riverside, CA for one (1) new John Deere 6105E Tractor with two (2) Alamo Industrial mower attachments.

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#### **DEPARTMENTAL** (To be considered at the Board's convenience)

- 18. <u>Water Department</u> Request Board provide direction to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority special meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021.
- 19. <u>County Counsel</u> Request Board approve the amendment to the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' March 10, 2020 meeting.

<u>TIMED ITEMS</u> (Items will not be considered before scheduled time but may be considered any time after the scheduled time.)

- 20. **11 A.M. <u>Presentation</u> -** Request Board receive a presentation from temporary Death Valley National Park Superintendent James Woolsey and Management Analyst Abby Wines, including an update on the Park and the Stovepipe Wells Environmental Assessment.
- 21. **1 P.M. Planning -** Request Board conduct a Public Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2021-01 (Shade Grown Farms) and deny the appeal.

**COMMENT** (Portion of the Agenda when the Board takes comment from the public and County staff)

22. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Comments may be time-limited)

#### **BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL**

23. <u>California Fish & Game Commission</u> - Agenda for meeting of February 16-17, 2022, via webinar and teleconference.





### Health & Human Services

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: Anna Scott

SUBJECT: Adding an Equity and Diversity Coordinator to the authorized strength and hire the position

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board:

- A) Change the Authorized Strength in HHS by adding one Term-Limited Equity and Diversity Coordinator position;
- B) Approve the Equity and Diversity Coordinator job description;
- C) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
- 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator exists in a non-general fund budget as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and 2. where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled
- through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; D) Approve the hiring of one (1) Equity and Diversity Coordinator at Range 72 (\$5,180-\$6,292); and
- E) If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

This term-limited position is being established to meet the requirements of the California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI), which is being funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities grant. Funding for these activities is covered for the period September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2023. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has allocated \$300,000 to Inyo County, which will be used to fund the Equity and Diversity Coordinator to address COVID-19 and advance health equity for disproportionately impacted racial and ethnic groups, rural populations, those experiencing socioeconomic disparities, and other underserved communities within state and local health jurisdictions.

This allocation will be used to implement one or more of four distinct CDC strategies that collectively build upon current investments, better position California to meet COVID-19 response and recovery needs over the next 24 months, and allow the state to prioritize and target resources to those most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic. The four CDC strategies are:

- 1. Expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources and services to reduce COVID-19 related disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.
- 2. Increase/improve data collection and reporting for populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death to guide the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3. Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved.
- 4. Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved.

Several staff within the Health and Human Services Department have participated in the Department's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) workgroup for the past two years, with the goal of advancing issues of equity and inclusion in the services provided throughout the department. The team has worked together, adding additional time and duties to existing staff in order to advance this important work. While the Diversity and Equity Coordinator will be established under the CERI grant, the successful candidate will also work with the JEDI workgroup to address broader equity initiatives within the Department and County. HHS will continue to assess the availability of ongoing funding with a goal of continuing equity and diversity work beyond the term of the CERI grant. The Department respectfully requests your Board approve the addition of a term-limited Equity and Diversity Coordinator to the authorized strength and approve the hiring of the position.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to authorize the hiring of this term-limited position, which would mean that the HHS Department would not have the capacity to meet the requirements of the CERI grant, nor have a position dedicated to advancing equity within the Department.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Public Health, community healthcare and service providers

#### FINANCING:

Federal funding. This limited term position will be paid 100% from the California Equitable Recovery Initiative grant within the Health budget (045100) in the Salaries and Benefits object codes.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Job Description: Equity and Diversity Coordinator Term-Limited

#### **APPROVALS:**

Anna Scott Created/Initiated - 1/25/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/26/2022
Marilyn Mann Approved - 1/27/2022
Stephanie Tanksley Approved - 1/27/2022
Melissa Best-Baker Approved - 1/27/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 1/27/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 2/3/2022
Marilyn Mann Final Approval - 2/3/2022

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#### AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER (WOMEN, MINORITIES, AND DISABLED ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY)

#### ANNOUNCES AN **OPEN RECRUITMENT** FOR:

### TERM-LIMITED EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COORDINATOR Application Deadline:

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**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services

**LOCATION:** Countywide

SALARY: Range 72 \$5,180-\$6,292

\*\*BENEFITS: CalPERS Retirement System: Existing ("Classic") CalPERS members as of January 1, 2013, (2% at 55) – Inyo County pays employee contribution for current CalPERS members; new CalPERS members hired after January 1, 2013 (2% at 62) will be required to pay employee portion of retirement. Medical Plan – Inyo County pays a portion of employee and dependent monthly premium on PERS medical plans; 100% of employee and dependent monthly premium paid for dental and vision; \$20,000 term life insurance policy on employee. Vacation – 10 days per year during the first three years; 15 days per year after three years; 1 additional day for each year of service after ten years to a maximum of 25 days per year. Sick leave – 15 days per year. Flex (personal days) – 5 days per fiscal year. Paid holidays – 11 per year.

**<u>DEFINITION:</u>** Under supervision of the HHS Program Integrity Quality Assurance Manager or other designated senior leader, leads a comprehensive California Equitable Recovery Initiative program across the Inyo County Health and Human Services Department for the purpose of working with county and regional partners to address health disparities and inequity. This position is responsible for leading complex program development, implementation and evaluation, including policy development and operations for an ever-evolving program area in alignment with California Equitable Recovery Imitative (CERI) Grant and the state Equity Plan. The successful candidate will lead and support culturally responsive policies, systems and environmental change, as well as education within the Department and to the public with a focus on mitigating health disparities within a public health delivery system.

**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:** Evaluates new and existing internal and external departmental organizational and operational policies, procedures, programs, services, and initiatives that support equity and identifies opportunities to maximize efforts and lead policy process review as it relates to equity; coordinate and provide leadership to existing departmental efforts to address equity and diversity; engage and mobilize community members, agencies, leaders, and other partners for community planning, solutions and program design; collaborate with colleagues and community members to identify, develop, implement and evaluate strategic, effective health equity strategies; serve as a connector and resource to staff and/or community partners around equity and diversity

best/promising practices; build and maintain departmental relationships and help influence change and positive behaviors across the organization; play a critical role in advancing the Department's mission of *Strengthening Resilience & Well-Being In Our Community* by fostering a culture of inclusion; evaluate the short- and long-term impact of equity and diversity strategies through effective goal setting, key performance indicators, action plans, surveys, and metrics to assess and track progress over time; create presentations, communications and reports to update on equity and diversity strategies, programs, and initiatives; gather and perform research and analysis on current equity and diversity trends and best practices, benchmarking, needs assessments, focus groups, surveys, etc.; and act as an advisor to leadership and recommend process improvement strategies regarding resource allocation, talent management, and organizational alignment. May supervise other employees and perform other duties, as assigned.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

<u>Training/Experience:</u> Equivalent to graduation from a four-year college or university with major coursework in public health, public policy, public administration, social work, education or a closely related field AND

- a. Two years of experience providing professional-level program or administrative support to management, preferably in a health-care setting directly related to this assignment; OR,
- b. A combination of training, education, and experience that is equivalent to one of the employment standards listed above and that provides the required knowledge and abilities.

Skills in: Facilitation of meetings between various internal and external partners with various levels of understanding of equality and diversity; Coordinating staff or volunteers and delegating tasks and authority; Researching, investigating, evaluating, and creating strategic plans; Prevention strategies; Program planning, implementation, communication and coordination skills; Collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and communicating quantitative and qualitative data; Assessing and prioritizing multiple tasks, projects, and demands; Demonstrated cultural competency and ability to work with diverse groups of people; Demonstration of sound judgement, social competency, adaptability, initiative, enthusiasm and resourcefulness, as well as dedication to duty.

<u>Special requirements:</u> Must possess a valid California driver's license. Must successfully complete a pre-employment background check. Must have physical ability to produce written documentation by hand or computer; sit, stand, walk, twist, and lift and carry up to 30 pounds; climb and descend stairs.

**SELECTION:** Selection procedures will be determined by the number and qualifications of applicants and may include a qualification screening and oral examination.

APPLICATION: Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on XX XX, 2022 (postmarks not accepted). Applications must be received in the Personnel Office, P.O. Box 249, Independence, CA 93526. Must apply on an Inyo County application form. A cover letter and/or resume will be accepted in addition to the application form but will not serve as a substitute for a completed application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. It is not acceptable to complete the application with statements like, "See/Refer to Resume", or "See Attached". Applications may be faxed to meet deadline.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH QUALIFYING DISABILITIES: Inyo County will make

reasonable efforts in the examination process on a case-by-case basis to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have special needs, please contact (760) 878-0377 prior to the examination process.

**CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION STATUS:** Inyo County employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-citizens in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

The County of Inyo has work sites located throughout Inyo County in the Owens Valley (Independence, Bishop, Lone Pine, Big Pine, and Olancha) and the Death Valley area (Death Valley, Shoshone, and Tecopa). Positions are assigned to a work site based upon the needs of the County. Positions may be temporarily or permanently reassigned to another work site as deemed necessary by the Department Head and or/County Administration.





### Health & Human Services - Fiscal

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Melissa Best-Baker

SUBJECT: Authorization to hire a full-time Office Technician I/II/III in the Health and Human Services Fiscal

division

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the Health and Human Services Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Office Technician I at Range 55 (\$3,477 - \$4,228), Office Technician II at Range 59 (\$3,816 - \$4,636) or Office Technician III at Range 63 (\$4,184 - \$5,091), dependent upon qualifications; and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize Health and Human Services to backfill resulting vacancy.

#### **SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

We are asking to fill a budgeted full-time Office Tech I/II/III position in the HHS Fiscal Division, which recently became vacant when an employee resigned. This position is responsible for receiving and processing payables for all HHS divisions, depositing and tracking payments as well as State and Federal revenue, assisting the Administrative Analysts in maintaining more complex tracking for revenues/expenditures, compiling monthly program Account Director Reports, processing daily and monthly assistance payments, entering data into various tracking workbooks, processing employee travel reimbursements and reviewing multiple systems for EBT card and benefit tracking and monitoring. This position also cross-trains within HHS Fiscal to ensure that there is coverage across multiple budgets in case of vacancies. The Department is respectfully requesting permission to hire an Office Tech I/II/III to fill the vacant position.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to approve the filling of this position which could negatively impact the timeliness of

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claims being submitted and could cause delays in payments to vendors due to the shortage of staff in the fiscal division.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Auditor's Office, County Treasury and other County offices

#### FINANCING:

State, Federal, and Health, and Social Services Realignment funds. This position is budgeted 44% in Health (045100), 30% in CMH (045200), 9% in SUD (045315), 5% in Social Services (055800), 5% in Tobacco (640322), 2% in CARES (641221), and 5% in MCAH (641621) in the Salaries and Benefits object codes.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **APPROVALS:**

Melissa Best-Baker Created/Initiated - 1/25/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/26/2022
Melissa Best-Baker Approved - 1/28/2022
Marilyn Mann Approved - 1/30/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 2/3/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 2/3/2022
Marilyn Mann Final Approval - 2/3/2022





### Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Anna Scott

**SUBJECT:** Request to hire one Prevention Specialist I or II in the HHS Public Health and Prevention Division

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board:

- A) Approve the revised Prevention Specialist I-III job description;
- B) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
- 1. the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Specialist I-II exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and 2. where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply;
- C) Approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Specialist I at Range 60 (\$3,908 \$4,747), Prevention Specialist II, Range 63 (\$4,184 \$5,091), or a Prevention Specialist III, Range 66 (\$4,489 \$5,464); and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

The essential duties section of the Prevention Specialist I-III job description has been updated to more accurately reflect the duties required of the position in accordance with various Public Health and Prevention programs and grants. The Department is respectfully requesting your Board's approval of the revised job description.

A Prevention Specialist in the HHS Public Health and Prevention division recently accepted a position with the Probation Department, resulting in a vacancy. This Prevention Specialist is primarily assigned duties in the Youth Services category, including: facilitating youth coalition meetings with high school students throughout the county; providing education to high school and middle school youth on tobacco and substance use prevention topics; promoting positive youth development; engaging youth in community service projects; engaging youth in educating younger peers; leading group discussions with youth regarding the prevention of addiction issues; promoting positive activities for youth; and assisting with developing and promoting tobacco education campaigns and initiatives. The Department is respectfully requesting your Board's authorization to fill this vacancy.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to approve the filling of this position, which would limit our ability to offer SUD/ Tobacco prevention activities throughout the county and would reduce the department's ability to meet the requirements of the Tobacco and SUD Prevention grants.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Local Schools, Probation, and other HHS Divisions

#### FINANCING:

State and Federal funds. This position is currently budgeted 40% SUD (045315) and 60% Tobacco (640322) in the Salary and Benefits object codes. No County General Funds

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Job Description: Prevention Specialist I-III

#### **APPROVALS:**

Anna Scott Created/Initiated - 1/25/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/26/2022
Marilyn Mann Approved - 1/27/2022
Melissa Best-Baker Approved - 1/27/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 1/27/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 1/31/2022
Marilyn Mann Final Approval - 2/3/2022

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#### AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER (WOMEN, MINORITIES, AND DISABLED ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY)

#### ANNOUNCES AN **OPEN RECRUITMENT** FOR:

#### PREVENTION SPECIALIST I, II, or III

Deadline: XXXX

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services

**LOCATION:** Countywide

**SALARY:** Prevention Specialist I Range 60 \$3908 \$4099 \$4305 \$4524 \$4747

Prevention Specialist II Range 63 \$4184 \$4394 \$4622 \$4850 \$5091 Prevention Specialist III Range 66 \$4489 \$4716 \$4959 \$5202 \$5464

(The above monthly salary is paid over 26 pay periods annually)

\*\*BENEFITS: CalPERS Retirement System: Existing ("Classic") CalPERS members as of January 1, 2013, (2% at 55) — Inyo County pays employee contribution for current CalPERS members; New CalPERS members hired after January 1, 2013 (2% at 62) will be required to pay at least 50% of normal cost. Medical Plan — Inyo County pays a portion of employee and dependent monthly premium on PERS medical plans; 100% of employee and dependent monthly premium paid for dental and vision; \$20,000 term life insurance policy on employee. Vacation — 10 days per year during the first three years; 15 days per year after three years; 1 additional day for each year of service after ten years to a maximum of 25 days per year. Sick leave — 15 days per year. Flex (personal days) — 5 days per fiscal year. Paid holidays — 11 per year.

The current vaca	ncv is	primarily	assigned duties in the	program.

**<u>DEFINITION:</u>** Under general supervision from the Health and Human Services Deputy Director of Public Health and Prevention or her designee, the Prevention Specialist plans and implements a wide range of educational services and outreach activities. The Prevention Specialist works, as part of a team that is leading change and empowering healthy communities, ensuring that service delivery is both trauma-informed and respectful of culture.

**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:** Essential duties include, but are not limited to developing and implementing prevention education services and other prevention strategies in a wide range of venues, as well as across multiple disciplines. Prevention Specialists may be primarily assigned one or more of the following activities and will work as part of the team to provide support in all areas:

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program: Provides direct service to women, infants, and children through age five in the (WIC) Program; provides resources and referrals; determines eligibility for WIC services; promotes breastfeeding; provides breastfeeding support and referrals; completes WIC appointments with participants in person, by video call, and over the phone; conducts nutrition risk assessments and nutrition education while navigating the WIC WISE Internet-based system; assists WIC participants with participant-centered education and setting nutrition and health goals for their family; writes care plans with participants; and issues WIC benefits and provides information on WIC foods.

<u>Child Health:</u> Provides health education to low income children and adolescents; provides food preparation demonstrations; promotes healthy dietary habits through participation in community promotions, educational displays and other outlets including social media and other media resources; ensures uninsured and/or under-insured children and families have access to dental care by participating in dental screenings; coordinates with schools and providers to facilitate referrals for services; and provides oral care education and training to children and families.

<u>First 5:</u> Provides direct support to families with children zero to five in topics of child development, literacy, and positive parenting through home visits, parenting classes, and workshops; utilizes evidence-based curriculum to provide parenting supports; provides community presentations and attends community collaborative meetings to connect with providers and resources; implements community-wide literacy programs in partnership with medical clinics and local nonprofits; connects children and families to resources through case management and referrals, including offering developmental screenings for children to connect to early intervention services; and provides coaching and education in early childhood learning environments.

Youth Services: Leads youth coalition meetings with high school students throughout the county; provides education to high school and middle school youth on tobacco and substance use prevention topics; promotes positive youth development; engages youth in community service projects; engages youth in educating younger peers; leads group discussions with youth regarding the prevention of addiction issues; promotes positive activities for youth; and assists with developing and promoting tobacco education campaigns and initiatives.

Outdoor Program: Coordinates Outdoor Program activities for children ages eight and up; leads outings; consults the weather and conditions before each outing; writes up a trip plan before each outing with emergency plan and contacts listed; coordinates with outside vendors providing any outings, such as kayak trips or camps; prepares equipment and staffing for each outing; collaborates with partnering agencies, including but not limited to schools, Behavioral Health, and Probation; receives training on backcountry risk management and first aid; trains other staff on Outdoor Program-related topics; communicates with families and children to invite them on outings and make sure all paperwork is signed; follows up on any risk concerns; and follows up on all referrals.

Mentoring: Recruits and trains adult mentors to match with children and youth in the community and/or schools; conducts outreach to children/youth referred to program and their caregivers to gain permission for participation, to identify areas of interest and need, and to maintain on-going supportive relationships; provides on-going support to mentors and their mentees as needed; works with partnering agencies including, but not limited to schools, Behavioral Health, and Probation to provide outdoor activities for youth with risk factors.

<u>Disaster Preparedness Activities</u>: Assist in the development and implementation of public health disaster preparedness work plans, and provides input into the mid-year and year-end reports; review research articles and synthesize information to assist local hospitals in the development of written hospital emergency plans, and works with the public health staff and partners in the planning of healthcare and community response to public health emergencies; organizes, sets agendas, and convene meetings of the Healthcare Coalition and other collaborative groups; participates in the planning and implementation of table-top drills, functional exercises, and disaster preparedness curiculum; tracks and reports project deliverables and expenditures; and monitors implementation of training and exercise programs.

**The Prevention Specialist II** is distinguished from the entry level I position, as it is a journey level classification demonstrating the training and experience needed to perform job duties with independence and minimal supervision.

**The Prevention Specialist III** is distinguished from the journey level II, as it reflects the training and experience necessary to act in the capacity of a lead worker with the ability to provide guidance and direction in the absence of a supervisor, to facilitate high-level community partner policy and planning meetings, to provide direct training and support to entry level Prevention Specialists, and other lead worker tasks as identified.

#### EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

#### **Education/Experience**:

#### **Prevention Specialist I:**

**Path A:** A Bachelor's degree in Education, Health Education, Human Services-related field, Marketing or other directly related field; OR

**Path B:** An Associate's Degree in Education, Health Education, Human Services, Marketing or other directly related field AND one year of experience providing general education programming.

**Path C:** A high school graduate or equivalent with 2 years of full-time experience in creating (or providing support in the creation) and implementing written and verbal public information/educational programming which targets either specific populations or the community at large. Providing written and verbal public information/educational programming must be identified as a primary role for the position(s) identified by applicant as meeting the experiential requirement.

#### **Prevention Specialist II:**

Path A: One full-time year of experience working in the Prevention Specialist I classification: OR

**Path B:** Must meet the education/experience requirements of a Prevention Specialist I AND have an additional year of full-time experience providing prevention/community education as outlined above in Path C of the Prevention Specialist I classification.

#### **Prevention Specialist III:**

One year of full-time experience working in the Prevention Specialist II classification.

<u>Knowledge of</u>: Child development, the addiction process and the impact of addiction on a person's life functioning and the community they live in; prevention strategies; rapport building techniques; effective youth engagement skills; appropriate support techniques for volunteers working with at-risk youth; effective problem solving and group facilitation skills; appropriate professional interpersonal skills; correct English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation; IBM-compatible computers and software, especially MS Word, Excel, and Publisher; some internet familiarity; use of media as a communication tool.

Ability to: Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; be comfortable dealing with difficult topics under a variety of circumstances, and with a wide range of community members; deliver information to a variety of audiences in a wide range of settings including but not limited to county offices, schools, libraries, community centers, the juvenile center, the jail, and client homes; work as part of a prevention team, including adult and youth volunteers; speak to both large and small groups; interact with at-risk youth; continually seek knowledge of new prevention topics and strategies, integrating this knowledge into classes, presentations, and systems; read and synthesize information; structure the work day and prioritize tasks towards program goals; exercise appropriate independent judgment; use supervision appropriately; keep accurate, clear, and timely records, reports, and evaluations; travel routinely within the county and periodically within the state; work flexible hours including evening and weekends as program needs require. Consistent attendance is an essential function of the position. Must have ability to sit for prolonged periods of time, stand, twist, lift, and carry up to 25 pounds; climb and descend stairs; frequent telephone use.

**Special Requirements:** You may be required to drive a motor vehicle in the course of employment and must possess a valid operator's license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles. Must successfully complete a pre-employment background investigation. Your position may be required to serve as a Disaster Service Worker during a County emergency.

**SELECTION:** Selection procedures will be determined by the number and qualifications of applicants and may include a qualification screening, written examination, and oral interview.

<u>APPLICATION</u>: Applications must be received at the Inyo County Personnel Department, P.O. Box 249, Independence, CA 93526, no later than **5:00 p.m.**, xxxxx. Must apply on Inyo County application form. A cover letter and/or resume will be accepted in addition to the application form but will not serve as a substitute for a completed application. It is not acceptable to complete the application with statements like "See/Refer to Resume" or "See Attached". Incomplete applications will not be processed.

THIS RECRUITMENT MAY ESTABLISH AN ELIGIBILITY LIST WHICH MAY BE USED FOR ONE YEAR IN FILLING VACANCIES WHICH MAY OCCUR IN THIS JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE.

The County of Inyo has work sites located throughout the Owens Valley (Independence, Bishop, Lone Pine, Big Pine, and Olancha) and the Death Valley area (Death Valley, Tecopa, and Shoshone). Positions are assigned to a work site based upon the needs of the County. Positions may be temporarily or permanently reassigned to another work site as deemed necessary by the Department Head and/or County Administration. **All positions are considered Countywide positions**, and employees are expected to report to all Inyo County work locations as needed to complete assigned work.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH QUALIFYING DISABILITIES:** Inyo County will make reasonable efforts in the examination process on a case-by-case basis to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have special needs, please contact (760) 878-0377 prior to the examination process.

**CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION STATUS:** Inyo County employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-citizens in accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. 08/21





### Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Anna Scott

**SUBJECT:** Request to hire one Prevention Program Manager in the HHS Public Health and Prevention Division

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Prevention Program Manager exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Prevention Program Manager at Range 80 (\$6,259 - \$7,613); and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy.

#### **SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Prevention Program Manager in the HHS Public Health and Prevention Division recently accepted a position in another HHS program, resulting in a vacancy. The Prevention Program Manager is responsible for administrative oversight and management of the Inyo County WIC Program, and for providing supervisory oversight to the Tobacco Education, Substance Use Disorders Prevention, and other prevention programs. The position is responsible for ensuring program compliance with planning, service delivery, and reporting for all assigned programs. The Department respectfully requests your Board approve recruiting to fill this vacancy.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to approve the filling of this position, which would limit our ability to provide management oversight of the WIC, Tobacco and SUD prevention programs and to meet the requirements of these grants.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Local Schools, Probation, Healthcare providers, CA Department of Public Health

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#### **FINANCING:**

State and Federal funds. This position is currently budgeted 60% WIC (641921), 30% SUD (045315), and 10% Tobacco (640322) in the Salary and Benefits object codes. No County General Funds

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **APPROVALS:**

Melissa Best-Baker Created/Initiated - 1/25/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/26/2022
Marilyn Mann Approved - 1/27/2022
Melissa Best-Baker Approved - 1/27/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 1/27/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 1/31/2022
Marilyn Mann Final Approval - 2/3/2022





### **Public Works**

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Breanne Nelums

SUBJECT: Authorization to recruit and hire (1) Office Technician I/II or III

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Technician I/II/III exists in the General Fund and non-General Fund budgets, 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 is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Office Techician I/II or III at Range 55 to 63 (\$3,477 - \$5,091), depending on qualifications.

#### **SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

Public Works would like to recruit and hire one (1) Office Technician I/II or III depending on qualifications. This vacancy was created as a result of an internal recruitment to another County Department. This Office Technician is critical to Public Works operations and is spread between multiple budgets and daily tasks. This position is funded with General Fund budgets and non-General Fund budgets and is included in the Authorized Strength for fiscal year 2021/2022.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to authorize the recruitment of this Office Technician, however, that is not recommended as it would have direct impacts on service delivery to the community and other County departments.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Personnel Auditor's Office

#### **FINANCING:**

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This position is funded with multiple budgets within Public Works. This position is included in the 2021/2022 Authorized Strength.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **APPROVALS:**

Breanne Nelums Created/Initiated - 1/19/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/19/2022
Breanne Nelums Approved - 1/19/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 1/24/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 1/24/2022
Michael Errante Final Approval - 1/24/2022





### Public Works - Parks & Recreation

# DEPARTMENTAL - PERSONNEL ACTIONS - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: Teresa Elliott

SUBJECT: Request to Hire Three Seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers for the Parks and

Recreation Dept.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested positions exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) due to the seasonal nature of the positions it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the positions, so an open recruitment is appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply, and C) approve the hiring of three (3) Seasonal Park and Campround Maintenance Helpers at Range PT50 (\$17.85 - \$27.71/hr).

#### **SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

Operation of the County parks and campgrounds requires help from seasonal employees during the summer. The department is requesting that three (3) seasonal employees be hired for the period from April through October to assist regular County staff in maintaining the facilities during our busy summer season. These positions were included in the approved 2021/2022 budget.

Staff recommends filling the seasonal parks and campground maintenance positions through open recruitment.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to authorize filling these positions. However, this is not recommended, as the positions are needed to properly maintain the facilities.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Personnel

#### **FINANCING:**

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Funding for these positions is included in the FY 2021-2022 Parks and Recreation Budget 076998 object code 5012.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **APPROVALS:**

Teresa Elliott Created/Initiated - 1/19/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/19/2022
Breanne Nelums Approved - 1/19/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 1/24/2022
Amy Shepherd Approved - 1/24/2022
Michael Errante Final Approval - 1/24/2022





# County Administrator - Personnel CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: CAO Leslie Chapman

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of the Authorized Position Review Policy

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board authorize deletion of the Authorized Position Review process from the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies, originally approved by the Board in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and reaffirmed and made permanent in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

The Authorized Position Review Policy was put in place several years ago and served the County well during lean and unpredictable budget years. Now, the environment has changed and staff is recommending that your Board approve eliminating the requirement to secure Board approval for every County position that is advertised and hired, regardless of whether it is in the budget or part of the authorized staffing report. Staffing shortages and difficulties attracting qualified candidates have left us short-handed and scrambling to provide responsive services to our constituents. We used to receive over 50 applications for positions such as janitor and park specialist, now we are lucky to receive 5. Many times, we have to re-advertise the positions before we find qualified candidates. This leaves our good, conscientious employees always trying to catch up and they are getting burned out while trying to maintain high standards of service. This is particularly challenging in our Health and Human Services department, where duties have expanded exponentially due to added workloads and stress from the pandemic response. Consequently, we are seeing a high level of turnover, and a need to fill vacancies quickly. Eliminating this policy will expedite the process for authorized and budgeted positions. Any requests for new positions, unbudgeted positions, or changes due to restructuring will still be required to be approved by your Board before recruiting to fill the position.

Currently, under the approved Authorized Position Review policy, departments must bring all hiring requests to the Board for approval. Specifically, the policy states:

"An authorized position review hiring process ... requires Board of Supervisors approval prior to hiring vacant positions, and prohibits department heads from agendizing requests to fill vacant positions unless: (1) the department head first certifies either (a) the availability of Non-General Fund position funding at the time of the request, and the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller concur, or (b) the position is funded by the General Fund; and, (2) the position can be filled through an internal recruitment if requested by the Personnel Director in response to budget reductions."

This process for filling vacancies was first introduced in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, when the County Budget Team introduced and the Board approved a set of Extraordinary Budget Control Policies in response to much uncertainty surrounding the State Budget. The Board reaffirmed the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies annually during the Mid-Year Financial Review until Fiscal Year 2015-2016, when it voted to make the policies, including the Authorized Position Review process, permanent.

The rationale for making the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies permanent was outlined in a staff report from the CAO:

"The County's Extraordinary Budget Control Policies were adopted several years ago, when uncertainty over the State Budget wreaked havoc on the stability of the County Budget year around. Although the State Budget picture has become less clouded the last couple years, the County Budget – out of necessity stemming from the constant reality of glacial General Fund revenue growth – remains lean. And, although titled, 'Extraordinary,' the Budget Control Policies are simply good fiscal practice. For this reason, staff is recommending that the Extraordinary Budget Control Policies last visited by the Board of Supervisors as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Mid-Year Financial Review simply be made permanent as part of the County budget policies."

In more recent years, the CAO polled the Board during Mid-Year as to whether it wanted to keep the Authorized Position Review process in place. As was last explained to the Board in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, if the Board did choose to dispense with the policy, departments would revert to the standard process for filling positions that was in place until FY 2008-2009, in which requests are initiated with, and approved by, the Personnel Office and CAO. The requesting department could still appeal to the Board if the request were rejected at the staff level. Changes to authorized staffing levels and other restricting proposals would still be required to go before the Board.

With the changes in the employment and staffing environment described above, staff respectfully requests your consideration in eliminating the policy.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Clerk of the Board: Personnel

#### FINANCING:

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Budget Control and Responsibility & Extraordinary Budget Controls

#### APPROVALS:

Darcy Ellis Created/Initiated - 2/2/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 2/2/2022
Sue Dishion Approved - 2/3/2022
John Vallejo Approved - 2/3/2022
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 2/3/2022



### **COUNTY OF INYO**

### BUDGET CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY & EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET POLICIES

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that department heads are responsible and accountable to maintain their department expenditure levels within the adopted budget and to collect, in a timely manner, the full amount of revenues budgeted.

### II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE REQUESTED, RECOMMENDED AND ADOPTED BUDGETS

With the exception of traditional General Fund Discretionary Revenues (i.e., sales tax, property tax and other general purpose revenues) all versions of the budget(s) should reflect an appropriation for all expenditures to be incurred and revenues expected to be received during the Fiscal Year.

#### For example:

- General Fund Discretionary Revenues will be budgeted in a separate budget to be known as "General Revenues" and will be the joint responsibility of the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller;
- Grant expenditures and revenues need to be appropriated on an annual basis;
- Revenues directed to a specific program and/or department will be reflected in the receiving program and/or department (i.e., Trial Court Funds in the court budgets, Prop 172 in the Public Safety departments, Health Realignment in Health, etc.);
- All Capital Project Budgets will reflect anticipated expenditures as well as clearly delineate the source(s) and amount(s) of all offsetting revenues;
- The General Fund obligation/contribution to a program and/or department will be reflected as the "Net County Cost" of said program and/or department;



#### III. SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET PLAN

If a department determines it cannot operate within the parameters of the Adopted Budget, the department <u>shall</u> submit a plan to the County Administrator as soon as the department determines a problem exists, outlining corrective actions necessary to bring their budget under control for the balance of the fiscal year.

#### IV. APPROPRIATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

Unanticipated revenue is generally a new source of revenue for a specific purpose not originally included in the budget.

- A. The appropriation of <u>UNANTICIPATED REVENUE</u> during the year will <u>NOT</u> be permitted unless the department has realized its pro rata percentage of estimated revenue, e.g., a department with an estimated revenue of \$100,000 must have received at least \$25,000 by September 30<sup>th</sup> before the Board will consider approval of the request to appropriate unanticipated revenue.
  - Department Heads in processing **FUND TRANSFERS** must specify the date(s) by which the unanticipated revenue will be received and whether it will be in advance of in arrears (after costs have been incurred). If the full amount of unanticipated revenue will lag behind the expenditure of program funds, this must be specified on the fund transfer with a recommendation as to how to deal with the negative cash flow.
- B. Exceptions to IV.A. will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For example, unanticipated revenue for a <u>new program, restricted program</u>, etc. would probably constitute an exception.

#### V. BUDGET CONTROL

A. During the Fiscal Year, the following expenditure accounts will be subject to object code controlled at the object level. This means that changes/transfers from these accounts will require prior approval of the County Administrator.



- 1. Workers Compensation
- 2. Liability Insurance
- 3. Public Liability Insurance
- 4. Motor Poll
- 5. Telephone Internal
- 6. Postage Internal
- 7. Computer Charge Internal
- 8. Any other charges categories (5500)
- B. All other expenditure object codes will be controlled and monitored at the object category level (i.e., 5000 Salaries & Benefits; 5100 Services and Supplies; 5600 Fixed Assets) by the Auditor-Controller.
  - All appropriation changes/transfers between object categories will require prior approval of the County Administrator.
- C. Department's expenditures for <u>grant-funded programs</u> shall not exceed projected grant revenues. Authorization to "increase" appropriations without offsetting revenues must be obtained from the Board of Supervisors.
  - **Note 1**: This policy applies even if a department is within its overall departmental expenditure and revenue budget.
  - **Note 2**: Should expenditures exceed the projected grant revenues, the Auditor-Controller will inform the department of this occurrence so the department can work with the County Administrator to get the appropriate authorization to "increase" appropriations from the Board of Supervisors.
- D. The County Administrator is authorized to approve a new fixed asset or augment an existing fixed asset <u>in an amount not to exceed \$10,000</u>, provided that the total appropriation of the budget unit is not increased.
- E. If an <u>OVER-EXPENDITURE</u> is projected to occur, the department head shall perform one of more of the following steps.
  - 1. Lower the expenditure level to maintain overall expenditures within the budgeted amount at the object level or overall departmental budget.
  - 2. Request an Appropriation Change from another object category within the same budget.



- 3. Request an Appropriation Change from another budget unit within the same department and under the Department Head's control.
- 4. Prepare a memo to the County Administrator, providing adequate justification. Additionally, prepare an Appropriation Change Request Form for an appropriation from Contingencies and an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors approval.
- F. If estimated revenue is projected to be <u>UNDER-ACHIEVED</u>, the Department Head shall perform one or more of the following steps.
  - 1. Lower expenditure levels so Net County Costs are not exceeded.
  - Same as Section V.E.

#### VI. Processing of Over-Expended Accounts

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the <u>Auditor-Controller</u> to not process any payment request when an over-expenditure of object categories of accounts will occur <u>and</u> there has been no increase in appropriations approved either by the County Administrator or the Board of Supervisors as defined under Section IV.B.
- B. It shall be the Department's responsibility to initiate appropriation changes between non-controlled objects to keep them from being over-expended. In the even that an appropriation change is not processed in a timely manner and the object code is over-expended, as long as the total object category is not over-expended, the Auditor-Controller will continue to process any payments and inform the Department of the over-expenditure and request an immediate correction. However, should the Department consistently over-expend object line items, the Auditor-Controller will inform the County Administrator who will take appropriate corrective actions, which may include requesting Board of Supervisors approval to implement budget controls over the department's entire budget.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Purchasing Agent to withhold the processing of any purchase order which would result in over-expenditure of the Fixed Assets Object.
- D. Even if expenditure savings are available, the transfer of funds between major object categories (i.e., Salaries and Services and Supplies) will NOT be authorized if a department's Net County Cost is projected to exceed that originally budgeted and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The department should take corrective action(s) as outlined in Section V.E and/or F.



#### VII. APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENCIES

It will be the Department Head's responsibility to fully justify a request for an appropriation from contingencies and demonstrate an inability to reduce corresponding expenditures and/or increase revenues in other areas of the budget. In addition, the County Administrator, in working with the affected departments, reserves the right to use savings in other areas of the County budget to offset shortfalls before using contingencies.

#### VIII. REPORTS

Department Heads shall submit MID-YEAR and THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS to the County Administrator. These reports will provide a projection of the department's expenditures, revenues and Net County Cost for the fiscal year and include the reasons for over-expenditures and/or under-realization of revenues, along with a corrective action plan by the Department.

It shall be the responsibility of the County Administrator to submit the Mid-Year and Third-Quarter Financial Report to the Board of Supervisors. The Mid-Year Financial Report will usually occur in January and Third-Quarter Financial Report will usually occur in April. Subsequent financial reports may be required based on the overall financial condition of the County and/or as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

#### IX. ACCOUNTABILITY

As provided for in State law, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to hold Department Heads <a href="PERSONALLY LIABLE">PERSONALLY LIABLE</a> for over-spending their budgets and not adhering to the foregoing policy. Department Heads may be required to address the Board of Supervisors and/or the County Administrator on the financial performance of their departments.



#### EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET CONTROL POLICIES

- 1. Department heads are responsible and accountable to maintain their department budgets.
- 2. Departments must promptly prepare and submit billings for reimbursable revenue; doing so as soon as permissible under the terms of the applicable funding agreement or program guidelines.
- 3. Upon being notified, or otherwise learning of a reduction in funding, or a possible reduction in funding that could impact a department's ability to collect the full amount of budgeted revenues, the department head shall immediately notify, in writing, the Board of Supervisors and County Budget Officer.
- 4. Upon being notified of the suspension or elimination of payments, or upon learning of any other known reduction in budgeted revenues, the department head shall immediately prepare appropriate amendments to the affected budget(s) for consideration by the Board of Supervisors within two-weeks of the notice.
- 5. Minimize purchases to maximize end-of-the-year Fund Balance.
- 6. Minimize travel expense to maximize end-of-the-year Fund Balance.
- 7. To enrich cultural and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and to provide assistance to the local tourism industry in attracting visitors to the county, the County will strive to maintain Advertising County Resources programs and contracts to the extent practical when considering other Budget needs and revenue projections, but no recipient of a County grant or contract should assume or count on continued funding beyond the year in which the grant or contract is awarded.
- 8. An *authorized position review* hiring process that requires Board of Supervisors approval prior to hiring vacant positions, and prohibits department heads from agendizing requests to fill vacant positions unless: (1) the department head first certifies either (a) the availability of Non-General Fund position funding at the time of the request, and the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller concur, or (b) the position is funded by the General Fund; and, (2) the position can be filled through an internal recruitment if requested by the Personnel Director in response to budget reductions.
- 9. Department heads responsible for programs that might be proposed for realignment or restructuring by the State, need to evaluate all realignment/restructuring proposals and alert the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator of the proposals, their potential impacts (positive and negative), and any issues specific to Inyo County or small rural counties in general.
- 10. Departments are encouraged to remain cognizant and utilize the principles of Service Redesign to achieve ongoing reductions in expense of increases in revenues.





# County Counsel CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: John Vallejo

**SUBJECT:** Contract Amendment

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board approve Amendment No. 4 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services to the County related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related Court actions, to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00, and authorize the Chairperson.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

As your Board is aware, Mr. James has extensive experience providing Inyo County with water and environmental related legal advice. Mr. James has represented the County on Yucca Mountain related matters since October of 2008. This contract amendment is made to correct an omission in the previous amendment that extended the contract term: namely to expressly provide the annual contract limit of \$25,000.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Decline to approve the Amendment No. 4 with Gregory L. James as recommended, and not provide a contract limit.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

#### **FINANCING:**

Funding is included in the Planning Yucca Mountain Department Budget 620605 Object Code 5265 in the 2021/22 budget.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Greg James Yucca Mountain Contract Amendment 4
- 2. Greg James Yucca Mountain Contract Amendment 3

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#### **APPROVALS:**

Cori Denault Created/Initiated - 1/20/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/20/2022
Cori Denault Approved - 1/20/2022
John Vallejo Approved - 1/20/2022
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 1/20/2022

#### **AMENDMENT NUMBER 4**

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR REPOSITORY

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Gregory L. James of Bishop, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), have entered into an Agreement for the Provision of Independent Contractor Services dated June 5, 2018, on County of Inyo Standard Contract No.123, for the term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement extended the contract term through fiscal year 2021/2022, but did not provide for a specific limit on the amount of compensation available for the term extension.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor do desire and consent to amend such Agreement set forth below:

WHEREAS, such Agreement provides that it may be modified, amended, changed, added to, or subtracted from, by the mutual consent of the parties thereto, if such amendment or change is in written form, and executed with the same formalities as such Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

County and Contractor hereby amend such Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 3.E. <u>Limit upon Amount Payable Under Agreement.</u> The total sum of all payments made by the County to Contractor for services and work performed under this Agreement in each fiscal year during which this Agreement is in effect, including incidental expenses, if any, shall not exceed \$25,000 Dollars, (hereinafter referred to as "contract limit"). County expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by Contractor for services or work performed, including incidental expenses which is in excess of the contract limit.

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The effective date of this Amendment to the Agreement is July 1, 2021.

All the other terms and conditions of the Agreement are unchanged and remain the same.

#### **AMENDMENT NUMBER 4**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND <u>GREGORY L. JAMES</u> FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR REPOSITORY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS THIS DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

COUNTY OF INYO	CONTRACTOR	
Ву:	Ву:	
Dated:	By:Signature	
	Type or Print	
	Dated:	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:		
County Counsel		
APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:		
County Auditor	_	
APPROVED AS TO RISK ASSESSMENT:		
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County Risk Manager	_	

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# In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors

County of Inyo, State of California

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the County Administrative Center in Independence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 an order was duly made and entered as follows:

County Counsel – Greg James Yucca Mountain Contract Amendment 3 Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services to the County related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related Court actions, extending the term of the contract for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

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DATE: June	16, 2021

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this  $15^{th}$  Day of <u>June</u>, <u>2021</u>



CLINT G. QUILTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ву: \_\_\_\_\_





# County Counsel CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** June 15, 2021

FROM: Marshall Rudolph

**SUBJECT:** Contract Extension

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services to the County related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related Court actions, extending the term of the contract for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

As your Board is aware, Mr. James has extensive experience providing Inyo County with water and environmental related legal advice. Mr. James has represented the County on Yucca Mountain related matters since October of 2008. He was instrumental in inserting Inyo County into the licensing process in a professional manner with a good likelihood of success. As it was last year, it is fair to say that the licensing proceeding is in a state in flux if not moribund. However, there is an occasional need for Mr. James advice regarding the program.

Additionally, it will be important to stay abreast of the current litigation regarding withdrawal of the license and rejuvenated license proceedings, and of the regulations and guidance that would be issued by DOE regarding return or use of the funding that has been provided and equipment and evidence obtained as a result of federal funding. The continuity Mr. James provides will be valuable whether the licensing proceedings continue or the program comes to a halt.

The rate in this contract Amendment is the same as in the previous contract. The proposed contract rate is \$185.00/hour for attorney time with an additional \$40.00/hour if Mr. James spends more than 100 hours a month on Yucca Mountain matters and \$50.00/hour for travel time. The proposed amendment extends the contract for one year. The limit upon the amount payable under the contract remains the same \$25,000.00.

Mr. James' activities under this Agreement will continue to be monitored, directed, and supervised by the County Counsel in consultation with the Planning Director and other involved Department Heads, to ensure that the legal services undertaken to be provided by Mr. James are necessary, cost effective, and in accordance with the Board of Supervisors direction. The County Counsel staff attorneys have and will continue to assist Mr. James to the extent possible in order to hold down the expenses incurred under Mr. James' Agreement.

#### BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

# **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

- 1. Decline to approve the Amendment No. 3 with Gregory L. James as recommended, and direct that the office of County Counsel provide the County and its departments with legal services relating to Yucca Mountain proceedings with existing attorney staff.
- 2. Decline to approve Amendment No. 3 with Gregory L. James as recommended, and direct staff to circulate a Request for Qualifications for another attorney or law firm to provide these services.

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

# **FINANCING:**

Funding will be included in the Planning Yucca Mountain Department Budget 620605 Object Code 5265 in the 2021/22 budget.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Planning Greg James Yucca Mountain Legal Services Contract
- 2. Contract Amendment No. 3

# **APPROVALS:**

Cori Denault Created/Initiated - 6/1/2021

Darcy Ellis Approved - 6/3/2021
Cori Denault Approved - 6/3/2021
Marshall Rudolph Approved - 6/3/2021
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 6/3/2021

# **AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR REPOSITORY

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Gregory L. James of Bishop, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), have entered into an Agreement for the Provision of Independent Contractor Services dated June 5, 2018, on County of Inyo Standard Contract No.123, for the term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor do desire and consent to amend such Agreement as set forth below;

WHEREAS, such Agreement provides that it may be modified, amended, changed, added to, or subtracted from, by the mutual consent of the parties thereto, if such amendment or change is in written form, and executed with the same formalities as such Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

County and Contractor hereby amend such Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 2. TERM. is amended to read as follows:

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 unless sooner terminated as provided below.

/// NOTHING FOLLOWS \\\

The effective date of this Amendment to the Agreement is July 1, 2021.

All the other terms and conditions of the Agreement are unchanged and remain the same.

# **AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND <u>GREGORY L. JAMES</u> FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR REPOSITORY

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# County Counsel CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: John Vallejo

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Contract with Gregory L. James

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing contract between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services to include an annual contract limit of \$25,000.00; and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

# **SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

As your Board is aware, Mr. James has represented Inyo County on water/environmental law related matters for decades, as both a County employee and contractor. His expertise on such matters has proved to be invaluable to this and previous County Counsels. This contract amendment is made to correct an omission in the previous amendment to extend the contract term: namely to expressly provide the annual contract limit of \$25,000.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

# **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Decline to approve the Agreement with Gregory L. James as recommended, and provide no contract limit.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

# **FINANCING:**

Funding is included in County Counsel's Budget 010700 Object Code 5265 in the 2021/22 budget in the amount of \$25,000.00.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Greg James Environmental Contract Amendment 3
- 2. Greg James Environmental Contract Amendment 2

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# **APPROVALS:**

Cori Denault Created/Initiated - 1/20/2022

John Vallejo Approved - 1/20/2022
Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/20/2022
Cori Denault Approved - 1/20/2022
John Vallejo Approved - 1/20/2022
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 1/20/2022

## **AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SERVICES REGARDING MATTERS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Gregory L. James of Bishop, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), have entered into an Agreement for the Provision of Independent Contractor Services dated June 5, 2018, on County of Inyo Standard Contract No.123, for the term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement extended the contract term through fiscal year 2021/2022, but did not provide for a specific limit on the amount of compensation available for the term extension.

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/// NOTHING FOLLOWS \\\

The effective date of this Amendment to the Agreement is July 1, 2021.

All the other terms and conditions of the Agreement are unchanged and remain the same.

# **AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SERVICES REGARDING MATTERS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS THIS DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

COUNTY OF INYO

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Type or Print

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO RISK ASSESSMENT:

County Risk Manager

# In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors

County of Inyo, State of California

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the County Administrative Center in Independence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 an order was duly made and entered as follows:

County Counsel – Greg James Environmental Contract Amendment 2 Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 2 between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services, extending the term of the contract for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

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DATE: June 16, 2021

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this  $15^{th}$ Day of June, 2021



CLINT G. QUILTER Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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# County Counsel CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** June 15, 2021

FROM: Marshall Rudolph

**SUBJECT:** Contract Extension

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board approve Amendment No. 2 between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services, extending the term of the contract for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

As your Board is aware, Mr. James has represented Inyo County on water/environmental law related matters for decades, as both a County employee and contractor. His expertise on such matters has proved to be invaluable to this and previous County Counsels. Such expertise would be difficult if not impossible to replace. The proposed contract rate of \$175.00/hour for work directly related to litigation services, \$155.00/hour for other matters, and \$50.00/hour for travel time is below market rate for an attorney with his expertise.

Mr. James has demonstrated the ability to handle numerous assignments in the area of water/environmental law simultaneously, accepting the County's priority for each case or matter, managing his time effectively, and willingly adjusting his schedule to meet unforeseeable work load requirements. His excellent oral and written communication skills and amicable personality have allowed him to gain the trust and confidence of the Board of Supervisors, Department Heads, other County employees, and a variety of parties in various lawsuits. Overall, Mr. James has performed as a highly skilled and competent attorney in the area of Environmental law and his services contribute significantly to the County's ability to successfully represent itself and its officers and employees in environmental law related litigation.

The rate in this contract is the same as in the previous contract. The proposed contract rate of \$175.00/hour for work directly related to litigation services, \$155.00/hour for other matters, and \$50.00/hour for travel time. The limit upon the amount payable under the contract is \$25,000.00. Of course, there is no obligation to incur services up to the contract limit. Compensation under the contract is paid by hour of actual service. Mr. James' activities under his existing contract are, and will continue to be, monitored, directed, and supervised by the County Counsel in consultation with the Planning Director to ensure that the legal services provided by Mr. James are necessary, cost effective, and in accordance with the Board of Supervisors direction. The County Counsel staff attorneys have and will continue to assist Mr. James to the extent possible in order to hold down the expenses incurred under Mr. James' Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

# **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

- 1. Decline to approve the Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Gregory L. James as recommended, and direct that the office of County Counsel provide the County and its departments with legal services relating to environmental matters with existing attorney staff. This option would result in significant delays in completing requests for legal services for all but the most critical matters; and would significantly reduce this office's ability to represent and defend the County and its officers in litigation as well as to direct and manage litigation involving the County that is handled by outside counsel.
- 2. Decline to approve the Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Gregory L. James as recommended and direct staff to circulate a Request for Qualifications for another attorney or law firm to provide these services

# **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

#### FINANCING:

Funding is included in County Counsel's Budget 010700 Object Code 5265 in the 2021/22 budget in the amount of \$25,000.00

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. County Counsel Greg James Environmental Attorney Contract
- 2. Contract Amendment No. 2

## **APPROVALS:**

Cori Denault Created/Initiated - 6/1/2021

Darcy Ellis Approved - 6/3/2021
Cori Denault Approved - 6/3/2021
Marshall Rudolph Approved - 6/3/2021
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 6/3/2021

### **AMENDMENT NUMBER 2**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SERVICES REGARDING MATTERS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Gregory L. James of Bishop, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), have entered into an Agreement for the Provision of Independent Contractor Services dated July 1, 2019 on County of Inyo Standard Contract No.123, for the term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 (extend with Amendment No. 1)

WHEREAS, County and Contractor do desire and consent to amend such Agreement as set forth below;

WHEREAS, such Agreement provides that it may be modified, amended, changed, added to, or subtracted from, by the mutual consent of the parties thereto, if such amendment or change is in written form, and executed with the same formalities as such Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

County and Contractor hereby amend such Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 2. TERM. is amended to read as follows:

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, unless sooner terminated as provided below.

/// NOTHING FOLLOWS \\\

The effective date of this Amendment to the Agreement is July 1, 2021.

All the other terms and conditions of the Agreement are unchanged and remain the same.

# **AMENDMENT NUMBER 2**

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF INYO AND GREGORY L. JAMES FOR THE BROWNING OF THE PROPERTY.

# FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY SERVICES REGARDING MATTERS AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES HERE  15th DAY OF June 20	TO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS THIS
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March 25, 2021

GREGORY JAMES 1839 SHOSHONE DR BISHOP CA 93514

# **Policy Information:**

Policy Number: 72 SBM BC4253



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Sincerely,

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# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 03/25/2021

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# GREG JAMES Attorney at Law

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Facsimile: 760-873-8479 Email: gregjames@earthlink.net

May 10, 2021

Darcy Ellis Assistant Clerk of the Board/ Assistant to the CAO P.O. Drawer N Independence, CA 93526

Subject: Verification of Sole Proprietorship

Dear Darcy:

This will verify that I operate my law office as a sole proprietor. I have no employees, thus, I do not carry workers compensation insurance.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Greg James



# Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club

# **Automobile Insurance Policy Change Confirmation**

05/10/2021

# Named Insured and Mailing Address:

JAMES, GREGORY AND JAMES, CINDY

Policy Number: CAA063308154

Policy Term Dates: 02/18/2021 - 02/18/2022

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: This will confirm the policy change(s) you recently made effective 05/11/2021. You will be receiving a Policy Change Declaration in

the mail shortly.

DRIVER INFORMATION:						Driving Sa	fety Record
Drivers' Names (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Gender	Rated Veh	Year First Licensed	GDD	Chargeable Citations	Chargeable Accidents
James, Gregory	XX-XX-1947	М	01	1962	Y	0	0
James, Cindy	XX-XX-1956	F	03	1970	Υ	0	0

#### **VEHICLE INFORMATION:**

No.	Year	Vehicle	Garage		Annual	Verified		Deduc	tibles	Special	Car Rent.	Primary
		Make/Model	Zip Code	Garaged	Miles	Mileage	Salvage	Comp.	Collision	Equip.	Expense	Driver
1	2014	FORD/EDGE SEL		No	27,521	Yes	No	\$500	\$500		\$45	01
2	2016	WINN/VISA (WINNIEBAGO)		No	7,500	Yes	No	\$500	\$500			01
3	2021	LEXS/RX 450H HYBRID		No	11,451	Yes	No	\$500	\$500		\$45	02

### **VEHICLE PREMIUM INFORMATION:**

Coverages	Limits (\$)	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3
Bodily Injury	500,000/500,000	\$260	\$66	\$173
Property Damage	100,000	\$236	\$49	\$158
Medical Payments	2,000	\$15	\$11	\$15
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Bodily Injury	100,000/300,000	\$54	\$23	\$48
Comprehensive	(See Deductibles)	\$54	\$227	\$119
Collision	(See Deductibles)	\$369	\$274	\$602
Car Rental Expense	(See Above)	\$58		\$51
Uninsured Collision		·		***
Uninsured Deductible Waiver	Yes	Included	Included	Included
12- MONTH VEHICLE PREMIUM:		\$1,046	\$650	\$1,166

# LIMIT OF LIABILITY (IF APPLICABLE)

No.	Year	Vehicle Make/Model	Limit of Liability
2	2016	WINN/VISA (WINNIEBAGO)	\$67,000

# POLICY DISCOUNTS: Please review these carefully as you are warranting that you are entitled to the following discounts.

Good Driver	Good Student	Student Away	Multi - Vehicle	Multi - Policy	Mature Driver	Driving Course	Loyalty	Grp-Deg. Professional	Verified Mileage	=
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CURRENT 12-MONTH POLICY PREMIUM TOTAL: \$2,862 NEW 12-MONTH POLICY PREMIUM TOTAL after Policy Changes: \$2,862

# SUBJECT(S) OF POLICY CHANGE:

THIS IS NOT A BILL

Auto - Add/Change Other Party

This policy change will not increase or

Auto - Eliminate Other Party

decrease your premium.

Auto - Correction



# Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 25001 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92799-5001

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# Public Works - Road Department CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: Shannon Platt

SUBJECT: Road Department request to purchase a John Deere tractor with Alamo Industrial mower

attachments

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$192,655.06, payable to RDO Equipment Company of Riverside, CA for one (1) new John Deere 6105E Tractor with two (2) Alamo Industrial mower attachments.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

The Road Department is continuing its effort to bring its fleet into compliance with EPA and California Air Resource Board (CARB) laws and requirements. Non-compliant and aging equipment in the fleet will continue to become more obsolete as the operable hours and mileage become limited by law. The need for a new tractor for mowing roadway shoulders was identified as part of the continuing effort to replace aging and outdated within the fleet. The John Deere 6105E Tractor with Alamo Industrial mowing attachments will replace a 1976 John Deere tractor with a rotary mower deck. The new tractor will meet all CARB Tier 4 emission laws and requirements.

The Road Department is utilizing Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing program that provides nationally leveraged discount pricing through John Deere (Sourcewell Contract #AI 070821-AGI). RDO Equipment Company has been authorized by John Deere and Alamo Industrial to sell this contract directly. The pricing offered by Sourcewell and RDO Equipment provides the County with a discount of approximately 15% off the list price, which makes the pricing highly competitive against comparable products offered on the market. Pursuant to Inyo County Purchasing Manual Section III(B)(5), the Road Department may purchase this equipment via Sourcewell / RDO Equipment Company without soliciting bids.

The Road Department is recommending your Board authorize the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 6105E tractor, one (1) Alamo Industrial Samuri side boom mower attachment and one (1) Alamo Industrial Eagle 10 rotary mower attachment from RDO Equipment Company, to be delivered to the Road Department shop in Independence. The total expense, including delivery and taxes, is not to exceed \$192,655.06.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:** 

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The Board could choose not to approve this purchase. This is not recommended, as the current Road Department fleet is aging and each year more of it is put under usage restrictions due to CARB regulations. These usage restrictions are having an adverse impact on road operations.

# OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel Auditor's Office

## FINANCING:

The funding for the tractor/mower combination has been approved in the FY 21/22 Road Department Budget, 034600, Object code 5650, Equipment.

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. John Deere Tractor-Mower Quote

# APPROVALS:

Shannon Platt Created/Initiated - 1/14/2022

Darcy Ellis
Approved - 1/18/2022
Sally Faircloth
Approved - 1/20/2022
Breanne Nelums
Approved - 1/20/2022
Shannon Platt
Approved - 1/20/2022
John Vallejo
Approved - 1/20/2022
Amy Shepherd
Approved - 1/24/2022
Michael Errante
Approved - 1/24/2022



# **Investment Proposal (Quote)**

RDO Equipment Co. 20 Iowa Avenue Riverside CA, 92507

Phone: (951) 778-3700 - Fax: (951) 778-3746



Proposal for: INYO COUNTY PO Drawer Q INDEPENDENCE, CA, 93526 INYO Investment Proposal Date:
Pricing Valid Until:
Deal Number:
Customer Account#:
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1/4/2022 2/25/2022 1514567 5501034 Stefanie Miller (951) 778-3700 (951) 778-3746 slmiller@rdoequipment.com

\$178,791.70

# Comments

- \* Sourcewell Al 070821-AGI / Sourcewell ID# 4507
- \* Payment Term Net 30 or sooner

Equipment Information						
Quantity	Serial Number Stock Number	Hours (approx.)	Status / Year / Make / Model Additional Items		Cash Price	
1	TBD TBD	0	New 2021 JOHN DEERE 6105E		\$79,645.96	
			Outside Parts and Labor PDI and Delivery	Item Subtotal:	\$3,105.00 <b>\$82,750.96</b>	
1	TBD TBD	0	New 2021 ALAMO INDUSTRIAL Samuri		\$72,231.84	
1	TBD TBD	0	New 2022 ALAMO INDUSTRIAL EAGLE10		\$23,808.90	

# **Purchase Order Totals**

\$178,791.70 Balance: CA STATE TAX: \$10,727.50 CA COUNTY TAX: \$446.98 CA SPECIAL TAX: \$2,681.88 Sales Tax Total: \$13,856.36 CA Tire Fee: \$7.00 Sub Total: \$192,655.06 Cash with Order: \$0.00 **Balance Due:** \$192,655.06

**Equipment Subtotal:** 

Equipment Options						
Qty	Serial Number	Year / Make / Model	Description			
1	TBD	2021 JOHN DEERE 6105E	32123204 6105E C4, 380/85R24 and 460/85R38 Tires, New Spec			
1	TBD	2021 ALAMO INDUSTRIAL Samuri	04852208 22' Samurai™ Boom Joystick for 4WD Tractors			
			02986213SJ 50" Sever Duty Rotary, Blade Bar, Joystick			
			02982002 FACTORY MOUNTING			
			02996553 18'-22' Mount Kit, C4 6105E/6120E/6135E, Tier 4B			
1	TBD	2022 ALAMO INDUSTRIAL EAGLE10	01052110 10' Eagle™ Flex-Wing			

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# Water Department

# **DEPARTMENTAL - NO ACTION REQUIRED**

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Aaron Steinwand

SUBJECT: Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Meeting – February 10, 2021

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board provide direction to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority special meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

The Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was approved by the OVGA in December 2021 and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on January 26, 2022. Following adoption of the GSP, the Mono County Board of Supervisors notified the OVGA it will withdraw from the OVGA in accordance with procedures contained in the Joint Powers Agreement. No notices were received from other OVGA members. Mono's withdrawal becomes effective on July 1, 2022 at which time the OVGA will no longer have a member with land and water management responsibilities in the Mono County portion of the groundwater basin. The OVGA as presently composed cannot implement management actions contained in the GSP, assess fees, or impose regulatory requirements in Mono County.

It is appropriate for the OVGA to consider whether it desires to amend the GSA boundary (not the groundwater basin boundary). At the February 10 meeting, staff are requesting direction whether to prepare the necessary notifications and OVGA actions to amend the boundary at a future meeting. Several options will be discussed including: do nothing and remain the exclusive GSA for the entire basin, consider the 2021 request of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (TVGMD) to remove the portion of the basin within their district from the GSA, or amend the boundary to coincide with the area where members have jurisdiction, i.e. at the Inyo-Mono county line. In the first two options, the OVGA would remain responsible for areas where it has no jurisdiction. As long as the basin remains low priority, such an arrangement is allowed, but it is not recommended. Amending the GSA boundary to include Inyo County would allow Mono County, TVGMD, or another agency to submit a notice of intent to be a GSA. SGMA allows a basin to be managed by multiple GSA's, but the additional step of developing coordination agreements is required.

As described above, the basin is low priority and aside from annual reporting to DWR, the OVGA is not required to implement any GSP provisions unless the basin is ranked as medium or high priority in the future. At the February meeting, the OVGA will consider whether to implement management actions contained in the GSP. This is a necessary step to develop a 2022-23 OVGA budget that the agency is required to adopt in April. Briefly, the GSP proposed that the OVGA develop two ordinances. The first would register pumping wells and require

reporting of pumping amounts (domestic wells would be exempt). A second ordinance could establish procedures for OVGA review of permit applications for new wells in Inyo County (approval of the well permits would remain with the County). These ordinances are necessary to address data gaps and to maintain an up-to-date database of wells and pumping amounts in the basin. In addition, the GSP included a project to increase the groundwater level monitoring network. Monitoring data in portions of Round Valley and the Owens Valley south of Owens lake are sparse, and this project would attempt to locate cooperating well owners to volunteer their well for monitoring as potentially a more cost effective method to fill data gaps that installing dedicated monitoring wells. The GSP included a project to develop a groundwater model for the Tri-Valley portion of the basin and the OVGA placed that project on the list to be considered for funding by the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group. Development of the groundwater model could precede without Mono County as a member, but the OVGA will discuss whether to continue with that grant request. Finally, the OVGA could direct staff to increase coordination with the Regional Water Management Group for assistance with other grant funding, continue to participate on the Owens Lake Groundwater Stakeholder Development project, and/or initiate monitoring of groundwater dependent ecosystems outside LADWP lands using remote sensing techniques.

The additional action item on the agenda is a request that the OVGA adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 after considering the existing State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that local officials continue to recommend measures that impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

# **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

## **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

N/A

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

City of Bishop, Mono County, Indian Creek-Westridge CSD, Big Pine CSD; Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe

# **FINANCING:**

N/A

## ATTACHMENTS:

1. OVGA 02.10.22 Draft Agenda

## **APPROVALS:**

Aaron Steinwand Created/Initiated - 1/27/2022

Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/27/2022
Aaron Steinwand Approved - 1/27/2022
John Vallejo Approved - 1/27/2022
Amy Shepherd Final Approval - 1/31/2022

# **Owens Valley Groundwater Authority**

# February 10, 2022 2:00 PM

# **Board of Directors Special Meeting Agenda**

All members of the public are encouraged to participate in the discussion of any items on the Agenda. Members of the public will be allowed to speak about each agenda item before the Board of Directors takes action on it. Any member of the public may also make comments during the scheduled "Public Comment" period on this agenda concerning any subject related to the Board of Directors or the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority.

Public Notice: In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact Laura Piper at (760) 878-0001. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the OVGA to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Should you because of a disability require alternative formatting of this agenda, please notify Laura Piper 72 hours prior to the meeting to enable the OVGA to make the agenda available in a reasonable alternative format. (Government Code Section 54954.2).

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Newsom has issued Executive Orders that temporarily suspend certain requirements of the Brown Act. The Bishop City Council Chambers are closed to the public, and the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority will conduct this meeting exclusively online. Directors and staff will participate via videoconference accessible to the public at:

Insert Zoom here

To join by phone, refer to the numbers and webinar ID at the bottom of the agenda. To provide public comment, at the appropriate agenda item during the meeting, press the raise your hand button in the Zoom window. Public comment also may be provided by emailing comments, limited to **250 words or less**, prior to the meeting or before the staff report for the item has ended. Efforts will be made to read your comment, but submittals longer than 250 words may not be read or may be summarized due to time limitations. All comments will be made a part of the record. Please submit a separate email for each item that you wish to comment upon to <a href="mailto:lipiper@inyocounty.us">lipiper@inyocounty.us</a>, and identify in the subject line of the email which agenda item the comment addresses.

**OPEN SESSION** (With the exception of timed items, all open-session items may be considered at any time and in any order during the meeting at the Board's discretion.)

- 1. Pledge of allegiance.
- 2. Public comment.
- 3. Introductions.
- 4. Request that the OVGA adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- 5. Approval of minutes from the January 27, 2021 OVGA Meeting.
- 6. Board Member Reports.
- 7. Update on the Final GSP status and submittal.
- 8. Status of OVGA membership and possible direction to staff regarding adjustment of the OVGA boundary.
- Discussion of OVGA GSP Management Actions and possible direction to staff for inclusion in the 2022-2023 budget.

- 10. Discussion regarding future meeting dates and agenda items.
- 11. Adjourn.

Join the February 10, 2022 OVGA webinar:

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# County Counsel

# **DEPARTMENTAL - ACTION REQUIRED**

MEETING: February 8, 2022

FROM: Darcy Ellis

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to meeting minutes

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board approve the amendment to the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' March 10, 2020 meeting.

## SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

Pursuant to a settlement agreement relating to litigation filed by Mr. Allen Berrey, the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting are being amended and those amendments will become part of the record of the March 10th meeting. The amendments are attached to this agenda item, and constitute additions to the existing minutes your Board previously approved.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

## ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

This action is required pursuant to the settlement agreement reached with Mr. Berrey. Your Board could choose not to amend the March 10, 2020, meeting minutes and continue to defend against Mr. Berrey's litigation.

# OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

### **FINANCING:**

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

Amendment to Minutes 03.10.2020

# **APPROVALS:**

John Vallejo Created/Initiated - 1/24/2022
John Vallejo Approved - 1/24/2022
Darcy Ellis Approved - 1/24/2022
Leslie Chapman Approved - 2/3/2022

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John Vallejo

Final Approval - 2/3/2022

# AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S MARCH 10, 2020, MEETING CONCERNING RENAMING PORTAGEE JOE CAMPGROUND

On March 10, 2020, after having discussed the matter in closed session on December 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved changing the name of the "Portagee Joe Campground" to the "Portuguese Joe Campground." Mr. Berrey played a significant role in the Board of Supervisors' decision to change the name of the campground. To recognize that role, the minutes of the Board's March 10, 2020 meeting concerning its action on that date to change the name of Inyo County's 'Portagee Joe Campground' to 'Portuguese Joe Campground' are amended by adding the following:

- 1) At a community meeting in Lone Pine in February, 2017, Mr. Berrey advised those assembled that he did not consider anyone involved in naming the campground "Portagee Joe" to have acted out of racism, bigotry, or malice; but that, nevertheless, the campground's name should be changed because the word "portagee" is offensive. And, in support of that contention, he read an excerpt from a 2014 essay in the Portuguese American Journal by Professor George Monteiro of Brown University titled, "From Portingale to Portugee," which points out why the use of the word "Portagee" could be considered offensive.
- 2) At that meeting Mr. Berrey also suggested that the campground be re-named 'Portuguese Joe Campground', the reasons for which he elaborated upon in a letter he sent the next day to the editor of, and which was published in, The Inyo Register. The gist of Mr. Berrey's letter was that it was simply much more respectful for the community to now refer to "Portagee Joe" as "Portuguese Joe."
- 3) Later in 2017, and then in 2019, Mr. Berrey also suggested to the Board of Supervisors that it re-name the campground in honor of Wayne Geiger, a U.S. Army soldier from Lone Pine killed in action in Iraq, and that a monument be erected at the campground in remembrance of Jose Pires, aka . "Portagee Joe."
- 4) During the course of his efforts to change the campground's name, and pursuant to the request of then-Assistant County Administrator Chapman that he help her discover "Portagee Joe's" real name, Mr. Berrey looked for and found Jose Pires's (Portuguese Joe's) gravestone at the Mt. Whitney Cemetery in Lone Pine and took photographs of it, one of which he sent to Ms. Chapman and which she later included in the Staff Report she presented to the Board of Supervisors at its March 10, 2020 meeting.

- 5) The July 16, 2017, email from Mr. Berrey to the Board of Supervisors suggesting and explaining his reasons why the campground should be re-named in honor of Wayne Geiger was entered into the record in connection with the Board's March 10, 2020, action re-naming the campground Portuguese Joe Campground.
- 6) The letter Mr. Berrey wrote to the editor of The Inyo Register in 2017 and which he supplied to Board of Supervisors at its March 10, 2020, meeting was entered into the record in connection with the Board's action on that date to re-name the campground "Portuguese Joe Campground."
- 7) Also entered into the record in connection with that action was an email from Mr. Carlos Fonseca to Assistant Board Clerk Darcy Ellis for the Board of Supervisors to consider on March 10, 2020, in deciding whether to change the name of the campground to "Portuguese Joe Campground."
- 8) The Board does understand that Mr. Berrey feels that his contributions to effectuating the name change were not appropriately recognized at the March 10, 2020 meeting. The Board hereby recognizes Mr. Berrey's efforts in having the campground's name changed.





# Board of Supervisors TIMED ITEMS - NO ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: DVNP

SUBJECT: Update on Death Valley National Park and Stovepipe Wells Environmental Assessment

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**11 A.M. - <u>Presentation</u> -** Request Board receive a presentation from temporary Death Valley National Park Superintendent James Woolsey and Management Analyst Abby Wines, including an update on the Park and the Stovepipe Wells Environmental Assessment.

# SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

Mr. James Woolsey is on a temporary assignment as Death Valley's superintendent (until May 10). He's covering for Superintendent Mike Reynolds while he is on a temporary assignment at the National Park Service regional office.

Superintendent Woolsey and Park Management Analyst Abby Wines would like to make a presentation to the Board that includes an update on the Park, as well as information about the Stovepipe Wells Environmental Assessment. The EA is open for public comment, and can be found online at <a href="mailto:parkplanning.nps.gov/StovepipeWellsPlan">parkplanning.nps.gov/StovepipeWellsPlan</a>.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

# **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

N/A

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Death Valley National Park

## **FINANCING:**

N/A

## ATTACHMENTS:

1. Death Valley National Park Presentation - Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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# APPROVALS:

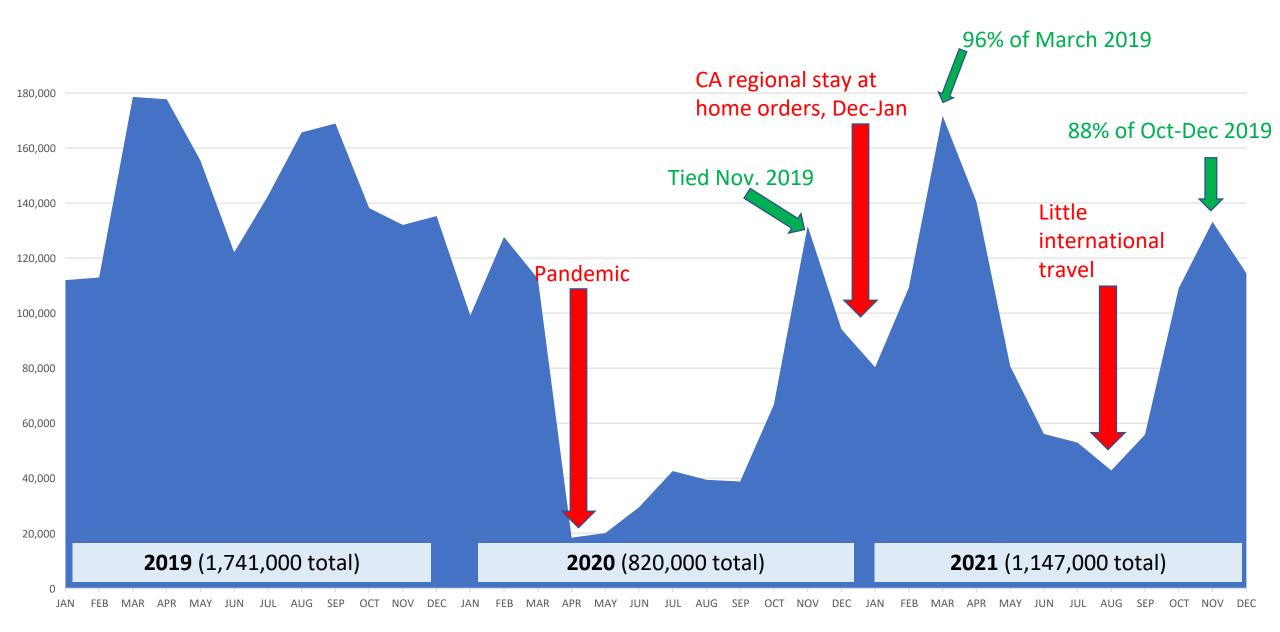
Darcy Ellis Created/Initiated - 2/2/2022
Darcy Ellis Final Approval - 2/2/2022



# Death Valley National Park February 2022 update



# Visitation



## Water & Wastewater



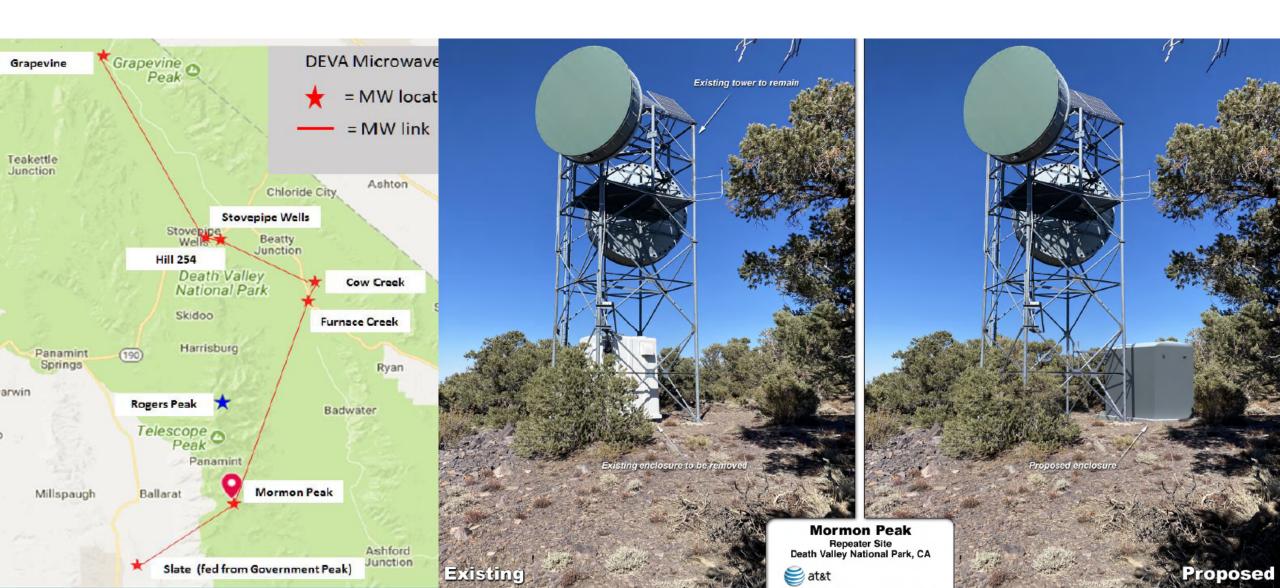


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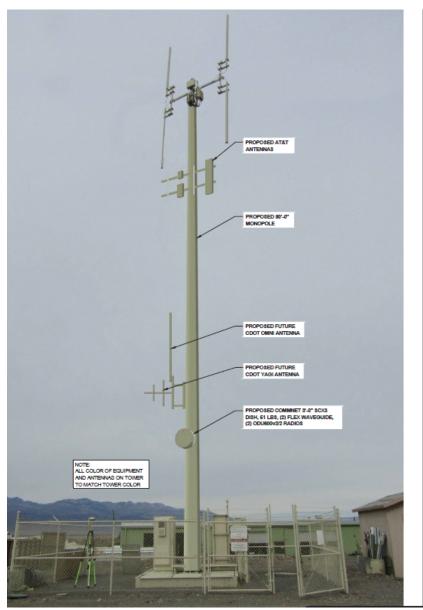


## Telecommunications – Mormon Peak

Coming soon: public comment period



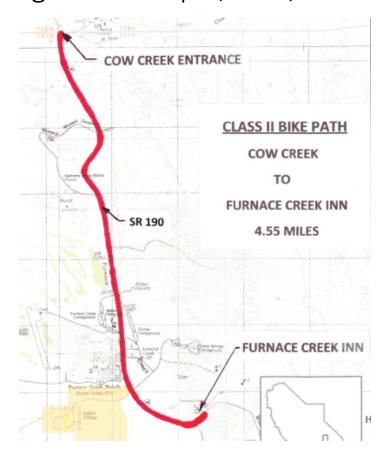
## Telecommunications – Stovepipe Wells Cell Tower





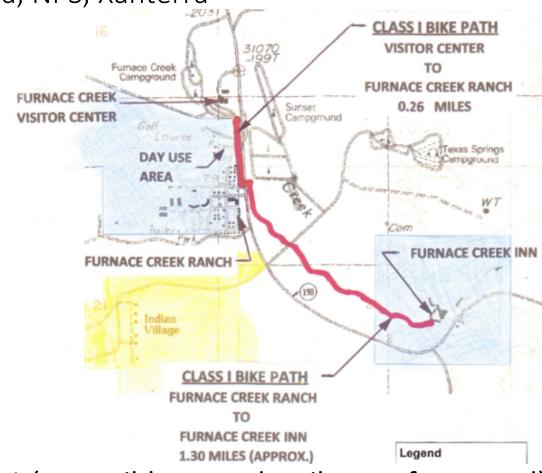
## Bike Path

Design workshop 2/23-2/24: Caltrans, Timbisha, NPS, Xanterra



Class 2 (paved shoulder on CA-190)

Cow Creek to The Inn at Death Valley



Class 1 (accessible, paved trail away from road)

 Furnace Creek Visitor Center to the Inn at Death Valley

## Stovepipe Wells EA

Comment period through 2/28 parkplanning.nps.gov/StovepipeWellsPlan



Fix/replace failing or inadequate facilities

- Water system at Stovepipe & Emigrant
- Wastewater system at Stovepipe & Emigrant
- Rehab Emigrant historic ranger station & restroom
- Replace emergency services building
- Replace Visitor Contact Station
- Harden (maybe pave?) Mosaic Canyon Road

## Stovepipe Wells EA

Comment period through 2/28 parkplanning.nps.gov/StovepipeWellsPlan

### Remove Stovepipe Wells airstrip

- Needs about \$3 million in repairs, redundant with Furnace Creek Airport
- Retain paved helipad
- Consider using former airstrip for night sky viewing





## Stovepipe Wells EA

Comment period through 2/28 parkplanning.nps.gov/StovepipeWellsPlan

### Improve Stovepipe Wells Campground

- Add second restroom
- Add amenities like shade structures and picnic tables
- Reduce campsite density (add separation between sites), and consider expanding to the east in future
- Add more RV hookups





## **County of Inyo**



# Planning Department TIMED ITEMS - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** February 8, 2022

FROM: Cathreen Richards

SUBJECT: Appeal 2021-01/Shade Grown Farms - Revocation of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2019-01

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**1 P.M. - Planning - Request Board conduct a Public Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2021-01 (Shade Grown Farms) and deny the appeal.** 

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

On February 27, 2019, the Planning Commission, upon the recommendation of staff, approved a CUP for the applicant, Lowell Shade, to operate a commercial cannabis cultivation operation at 140 Agate Drive in the community of Stewart Valley. One of the conditions of approval within the CUP (condition #3) required Mr. Shade to comply with the Inyo County Code, which in turn requires compliance with the California Building Code.

In mid-2021, the Building Department and the Planning Department learned that Mr. Shade had done extensive construction on the property without the benefit of a building permit. This construction was sub-standard and posed a danger to health and safety. The Building and Planning Departments worked with Mr. Shade for approximately 5 months to assist him in retroactively obtaining the correct permits and correcting the Building Code violations present on the property. Mr. Shade failed to make meaningful progress during this 5-month period.

Accordingly, on October 27, 2021, the Planning Department held a hearing before the Planning Commission where staff requested that the Planning Commission revoke Mr. Shade's CUP for violation of condition of approval #3. At this hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to revoke Mr. Shade's CUP. Mr. Shade has now appealed that decision to your Board. Attached to this staff report is Mr. Shade's appeal request and supporting documentation, along with a response from the Planning Department.

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

#### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The Board may consider the following alternatives:

- 1. Deny the Appeal and uphold the Planning Commission decision to revoke the CUP.
- 2. Approve the requested appeal and reverse the Planning Commission decision to revoke the CUP. This is not recommended.

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3. Return to staff with direction.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Inyo Mono Agriculture Commission; Inyo County Building and Safety Department

### **FINANCING:**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Appeal Shade Grown Farms LLC 11.04.21
- 2. Staff Report for Shade Grown BOS Appeal

### **APPROVALS:**

Cathreen Richards Grace Chuchla Darcy Ellis Cathreen Richards Created/Initiated - 1/21/2022 Approved - 2/3/2022 Approved - 2/3/2022 Final Approval - 2/3/2022



### **APPEAL TO INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

To:

Inyo County Board of Supervisors

District 1 - Dan Totheroh

District 2 - Jeff Griffiths
District 3 - Rick Pucci

District 4 - Mark Tillemans

District 5 - Matt Kingsley

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CC:

Inyo County Planning Commission

Appellant:

Shade Grown Farms LLC

Lowell Shade

Re:

Appeal of Planning Commission Decision Revoking Permit (CUP) NO. 2019-01

APN 048-540-08

Date:

November 2, 2021

Dear Sirs,

I am respectfully requesting this Board to consider and grant my appeal of the Inyo County Planning Commission's decision revoking the Conditional Use Permit # 2019-01. I have provided a brief background along with additional facts supporting my appeal request.

### **SUMMARY & BACKGROUND**

- Inyo County Planning granted a Conditional Use Permit to Shade Grown Farms LLC ('SF') for
  the purposes of cannabis cultivation on February 27, 2019. Since then, SF has obtained State
  of California licensure to operate its Cannabis cultivation operations. SF's operations were
  also inspected by Bureau of Cannabis Control, California Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Water
  Control Board and Cal Cannabis. At all times, SF was operating under the regulations of these
  agencies.
- Since the grant of the CUP, SF has continuously strived to ensure compliance with County and State regulations. SF has had numerous positive discussions and communications with Inyo County on maintaining compliance.
- In early September, 2021, SF received its first formal notice of non-compliance with the CUP. Despite demonstrating significant progress in compliance issues highlighted by Building & Safety, on October 27, the Planning Commission revoked the CUP and refused to review the continued progress that had been previously acknowledged at the Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021. At the Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021, a County official stated that "Mr. Shade had shown significant progress" and further "[I]f he continues to make progress we can continue again, or actually suspend the violation process." Unfortunately, I was not allowed to present his continued progress to the Planning Commission.

• The CUP revocation was arbitrary and unreasonable. Further, not being allowed sufficient time at the Planning Commission hearing to present the very significant progress towards compliance violated my due process rights. I am respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors to reverse the Planning Commission's CUP revocation and allow more time to fully address all compliance issues.

### **ADDITIONAL FACTS SUPPORTING REVERSAL OF THE REVOCATION**

### 1. Compliance with Building & Safety

Upon the grant of the CUP, I have maintained continuous communication with Building & Safety to ensure compliance with local codes. Due to the pandemic, all activities had slowed down significantly and I worked within the confines of what was possible at the time. Even the County was forced to change the way they conducted their business, so I would have expected that the County would also allow for similar accommodations. My various communications with Inyo Building & Safety are presented in *Exhibit 1*. From the beginning, I faced problems with County staff not being responsive to my multiple queries. I was not given a clear answer on the County's requirements until a year after I reached out to them. Throughout this period, I was given verbal and/or email approval for the work that I had already carried out. Subsequently, Building & Safety informed me that the work performed did not meet state/county requirements. Since then, I have been working tirelessly to meet these requirements and satisfy Building & Safety.

A few representative highlights of these communications are listed below:

- October 8, 2019: Following early communications with Building & Safety and sharing details on the greenhouse structures, Mr. Sparrow stated "Hi Lowell, Yes it appears this exceeds our requirements and will be fine to put up on your property."
- October 31, 2019: Following repeated attempts to get an answer from Building & Safety; "Hello Tyson, I am just trying to verify you've received my three packets. Please let me know if there is anything else you need. I desperately need to finish the construction and am just waiting on the word from you that I can. Thank you"
- February 19, 2020: Following numerous attempts to get feedback on the submitted building permit application: "Hello Tyson, Hope your well. Could you send me the invoice to pay the building permit fees. I still havnt seen how much it is. Ill pay that first thing in the morning so I can get moving forward. Thank you again for all of your help; Sincerely: Lowell Shade"; response received same day from Building & Safety with the requested invoice.
- August 11, 2021: Attempts to meet Building & Safety's requirements: "Hello Tyson, I am still awaiting direction from you on how you would like me to proceed on my power needs and have reached out to Jerry Oser for assistance on the bathroom requirements needed satisfied for environmental health."

- September 16, 2021: Acknowledgement by Building & Safety of my efforts to bring everything into compliance: "Yes Lowell you will be taken off the hearing, with the understanding that you will complete the rest of the work within a reasonable amount of time and call for inspections. I have already told Cathreen that you have done a tremendous job of coming into compliance and should be given another opportunity to create a successful business. Have a great day" [Email from Mr. Sparrow dated September 16, 2021].
- September 28, 2021: Building & Safety requested pictures of the progress at the site (in lieu of an inspection): "Do you have the requested photos of the current status of the underground electrical, pull box and any work done on the ADA bathroom?".
- September 29, 2021: I responded to the above email with the requested pictures and requested approval of the work being done, however, the email bounced back. Building & Safety did not respond to my subsequent attempts to get the property inspected and approved.

Ultimately, the excellent progress that I had made was never reviewed/inspected by Building & Safety, and at the October 27 Planning Commission hearing I was never given a chance to present this progress to the Planning Commission.

### 2. Compliance with Planning Department

In addition to Building & Safety, I had also been in constant communication with the Planning Department to ensure compliance. The Planning Department noted that I have been in compliance with all but the Building & Safety requirements referenced in Section 1 (above). More importantly, at the Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021, Ms. Cathreen Richards (Planning Director) stated

"Mr. Shade has shown <u>significant progress</u> in clearing up his building violations with the Building & Safety Department. They contacted me Monday, September 20, 2021 and stated he had made good progress, so we can continue until October. <u>If he continues to make progress we can continue again, or actually suspend the violation process.</u>"

In fact, since that meeting, I had made even more progress. Had I actually been given a fair chance to present these facts (see Section 4 – Conduct of Planning Commission Hearing), I am confident that the Planning Commission would have abided by its own clear directive above. This directive clearly stated that if I continue to make progress, I would be given more time or even completely exit the violation process. In this case, the CUP revocation contradicted their own stated directive. Pictures of the significant but unreviewed/uninspected progress are set out below in Exhibit 4.

### 3. Compliance with Environmental Health

Around early August 2021, I was informed by Building & Safety that I was not in compliance with County Environmental Health Department ('EHD') regulations and that these EHD violations were very serious and would cause the CUP to be revoked. However, upon directly contacting the EHD

office, I was told among other clarifications "[I]n summary, at least for the Environmental Health portion of your CUP, you comply." [See email from Jerry Oser dated August 6, 2021; Exhibit 2]

I am providing the above information as an example of the mixed/incorrect information I have been given over the past 2 years by the pertinent County officials.

### 4. Conduct of the Planning Commission Hearing on October 27, 2021

At the hearing on October 27, 2021, I was not given a chance to present my progress to date and particularly the progress since the pervious Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021. Had I been given a chance to fully present the status of the various compliance items, I am confident that an extension would have been granted to allow me to bring all items into compliance. Not providing me enough time and shutting me off at this very crucial meeting that determines my livelihood was simply unjust, unfair and ultimately unreasonable, particularly, when the relevant County officials acknowledged both verbally and in writing that I was continuing to make progress on all compliance matters. I have set out pictures that should have been reviewed and considered by County officials in *Exhibit 3*.

### 5. Compliance with County Commercial Permitting Office

My compliance and inspection results are set out in Exhibit 4.

#### Appeal:

Based on the various issues that I have noted above, I believe that the revocation of the CUP did not adequately consider my due process rights and appears to have been abrupt/arbitrary, particularly when I was given positive feedback (as recently as September 22, 2021) from the County that I was in fact making good progress on fixing my compliance issues.

I am simply asking this Board to consider the facts and reverse the CUP revocation by the Planning Commission; and, grant me an additional 120 days to fully and finally address all outstanding compliance issues. I assure this Board that I will comprehensively address every outstanding issue raised by Building & Safety or any other County department. I do believe this would be the more reasonable outcome for both myself and the County instead of allowing this to escalate into unnecessary legal proceedings.

Shade Grown Farms LLC Lowell Shade

## **CORRECTION NOTICE**

### **CITY OF BISHOP**

Building Department City Hall - 377 W. Line St. - 873-8458

DATE: 9/1/1/
LOCATION: 140 AME S.V.
I have this day inspected this structure and these premises and have found the following violations of City Laws governing same:
PER COP: ADA BATHROOM - ENSPECTION PROVERD
All Electrical must meet comprish coop
All USE USP MUST BE INSPECTED
All wife Stay BE PATENTED
USE IN CONDUCT - All Etal
ROMEX TROOP HOUSE MAIN SKALL BE REMOVED
TO AMP JUB POURIA WHOLE SITE?
100 CATCULATION REQUIRED -
peopler plans Tol ADA BATHADOM 1
proper plans for All Ele/ plum / inclusing
All-
MIND FEED, SHAM BE IN CONSULT
1-24 com REQ
You are hereby notified that no more work shall be done upon these premises
until the above violations are corrected. When corrections have been made,
call for inspections.
Inspector:
IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE THIS NOTICE

### Exhibit 1 – Communications with Building & Safety

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Apr 8, 2019, 8:37 AM

Subject: zimmerman greenhouse technical data.pdf To: Tyson Sparrow <<u>tsparrow@inyocounty.us</u>>

Hello and good morning. This is the info that pertains to my greenhouses. Im not sure if this is some of what is needed. I would love to drive up this week and meet with you at your earliest convenience to get some direction in how to proceed so we may continue erecting the greenhouses. I hope to hear your response soon. Thank you again Tyson

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 25, 2019, 2:32 PM

Subject: updated site plan

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us >

Here is the updated site plan showing proper set back and spacing. Please not the greenhouses listed as existing are the ones we are applying for building permits for. I am including the paperwork for the third greenhouse to be built on my lot G for you to review and let me know if those are acceptable for that one.the engineer is currently working on converting my electrical schematic to plan form from pen sketch.if you have any suggestions please email anytime. Thank you

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

### **Location and Code Requirements**

Elevation - 5,800 ft

Ground Snow Load -  $p_g$  =87 lbs per square foot

Wind Speed design (code for area) - 110 mph for 3 seconds

### **Building**

Manufacturer - Zimmerman Welding of Versailles, Missouri

Wall Height - 8'

Building Peak Height - 16'

Building Footprint - 30'x96'

**Building Design** 

19 individual arches spaced on 4' centers, each arch includes a W-truss

Materials: Arches - 2-3/8" dia. 14 gauge galvanized steel, W-truss - 1-3/8" dia. 14 gauge galvanized steel, Knee Braces - 1-5/8" dia. 14 gauge galvanized steel, 3 Purlin runs - 1-3/8" dia. 14 gauge, hip boards - 2x8 boards, base boards - 2x6 boards, end walls - 4x4 and 2x4 boards, covering - 6 mil transparent plastic

See attached drawing for arches layout

#### **Snow Load Calculations**

Flat Roof Snow Load -  $p_f = 0.7*C_e*C_t*I_s*p_g$  - for the existing structure  $p_f = 52.62~lb/ft^2$ 

Exposure Factor -  $C_e = .9$ 

Thermal Factor -  $C_t = 1.2$ 

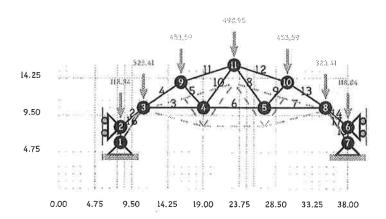
Importance Factor -  $I_s = .8$  (Low risk to human life upon failure)

Sloped Roof Snow Load -  $p_s = \mathcal{C}_s * p_f$  - for the existing structure  $p_s = 42.1 \ lb/ft^2$ 

Cold Roof Slope Factor -  $C_s = .8$ 

Effective Roof Area for 4' section - 120  $ft^2$ 

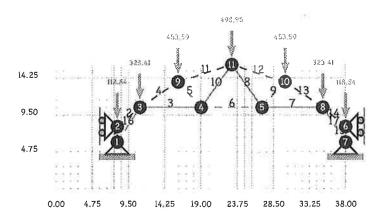
Calculated load for Effective Roof Area for 4' section - 5,052 lbs. - Note in attached calculation file that this load was calculated to show the point loads of an evenly spread layer of snow



### Nodes

Node	X-co.	Y-co.	X-Load	Y-Load	Support	Reaction, Rx	Reaction, Ry	X-translation	Y-translation
No.	(ft)	(ft)	(Ib)	(lb)	Туре	(lb)	(ІЬ)	(ft)	(ft)
1	8.00	6.00			Hinge	721.59	2,525.00	0.00	0.00
2	8.00	8.00		262.00	Roller	1,416.73	(0.00)	0.00	(0.00)
_ 3	11.00	10.50		713.00				(0.00)	(0.00)
4	19.00	10.50						0.00	(0.00)
5	27.00	10.50						(0.00)	(0.00)
6	38.00	8.00		262.00	Roller	(1,416.73)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
7	38.00	6.00			Hinge	(721.59)	2,525.00	(0.00)	0.00
8	35.00	10.50		713.00				0.00	(0.00)
9	16.00	13.75		1,000.00				0.00	(0.00)
10	30.00	13.75		1,000.00				(0.00)	(0.00)
11	23.00	16.00		1,100.00				(0.00)	(0.00)

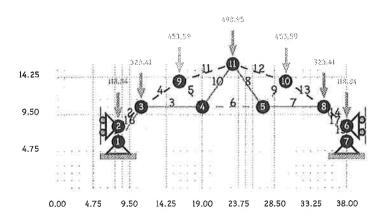
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### Members

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1	1	2	2.00	90.00	(1,442.61)	1	44	25.41	13,967.63	9.68
2	2	3	3.91	39.81	(1,844.17)	1	85	18.24	10,022.58	5.43
3	3	4	8.00	0.00	246.29	2	240	20.48	6,145.20	24.95
4	3	9	5.96	33.02	(2,844.10)	I	130	9.11	5,008.22	1.76
5	4	9	4.42	(47.29)	(227.20)	2	133	8.74	2,620.77	11.53
6	4	5	8.00	0.00	(29.23)	2	240	2.67	801.07	27.40
7	5	8	8.00	0.00	246.29	2	240	20.48	6,145.20	24.95
8	5	11	6.80	(53.97)	206.43	2	204	20.48	6,145.20	29.77
9	5	10	4.42	47.29	(227.20)	2	133	8.74	2,620.77	11.53
10	4	11	6.80	53.97	206.43	2	204	20.48	6,145.20	29.77
11	9	11	7.35	17.82	(2,342.90)	1	161	5.99	3,294.43	1.41
12	10	11	7.35	(17.82)	(2,342.90)	1	161	5.99	3,294.43	1.41
13	8	10	5.96	(33.02)	(2,844.10)	1	130	9.11	5,008.22	1.76
14	6	8	3.91	(39.81)	(1,844.17)	1	85	18.24	10,022.57	5.43
15	6	7	2.00	(90.00)	(1,442.61)	1	44	25.41	13,967.63	9.68
16	1	3	5.41	56.31	(1,300.87)	3	119	10.95	4,150.04	3.19
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### Materials

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Unit Weight:

0.34 lb/f†

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Section Area:

0.55 sq.in.

Moment of Inertia, I: Radius of Gyration, r: 0.36 in<sup>4</sup> 0.55 in

Color Symbol:

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section	# 6

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E: Yield's Strength, Fy: 2.99E+04 ksi 34.14 ksi

Unit Weight:

0.09 lb/ft

Moment of Inertia, I: Radius of Gyration, r:

Section Area:

0.30 sq.in.

0.06 in<sup>4</sup> 0.40 in

Color Symbol:

Elem#	Length(ft)	Total Length(ft)	Total Weight(lb)
3	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
5	1×4.423	4,423	0.398
6	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
7	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
8	1×6.801	108.6	0.612
9	1×4.423	4.423	0.398
10	1x6.801	6.801	0.612
subt	otal Mat#2	46.447	4.180

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### : section #3

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E:

2.99E+04 ksi

Yield's Strength, Fy: Unit Weight:

1.00 lb/ft

50.00 ksi

Length(ft) Total Length(ft) Total Weight(lb) Elem# 16 1×5.408 5.408 5.408 17 1x5.408 5.408 5.408 subtotal Mat#3

Section Area:

0.38 sq.in.

Moment of Inertia, I:

0.11 in<sup>4</sup>

Radius of Gyration, r:

0.55 in

Color Symbol:

#### **Wind Load Calculations**

Building Assumptions - Building is partially enclosed (total area of opening in a wall is up to 50%), Category I building, Low Rise Building (considered rigid for frequency determination)

Design Velocity - V = 105 mph

Wind Directionality Factor -  $K_d = 0.85$ 

Building Exposure Type - C

Surface Roughness Type - C

Topographic Factor -  $K_{tz}=1$ 

Reduction Factor =.96

Velocity Pressure Exposure Coefficient evaluated at height of 16' -  $K_z=2.01$ 

Velocity Pressure Exposure Coefficient evaluated at mean roof height of 12' -  $K_h = .85$ 

Velocity Pressure evaluated at height of 16' -  $q_z = 0.00256 \cdot K_z \cdot K_{tz} \cdot K_d \cdot V^2 = 48.22 \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

Gust Effect Factor - G = .85

Velocity Pressure evaluated at mean roof height of 8' -  $q_h = 0.00256 \cdot K_h \cdot K_{tz} \cdot K_d \cdot V^2 = 20.63 \cdot \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

Internal Pressure  $C_{pi} = \pm .55$ 

Velocity Pressure for Internal Pressure Determination -  $q_i = q_z = 48.22 \, \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

Wall Pressure - Windward Side -  $C_{p ww} = .8$ 

Wall Pressure - Leeward Side -  $C_{p \ lw} = -.5$ 

Side Wall Pressure - Reduction Factor -  $C_{p,sw} = -.7$ 

Roof Pressure - Windward Side -  $C_p=\pm .2$ 

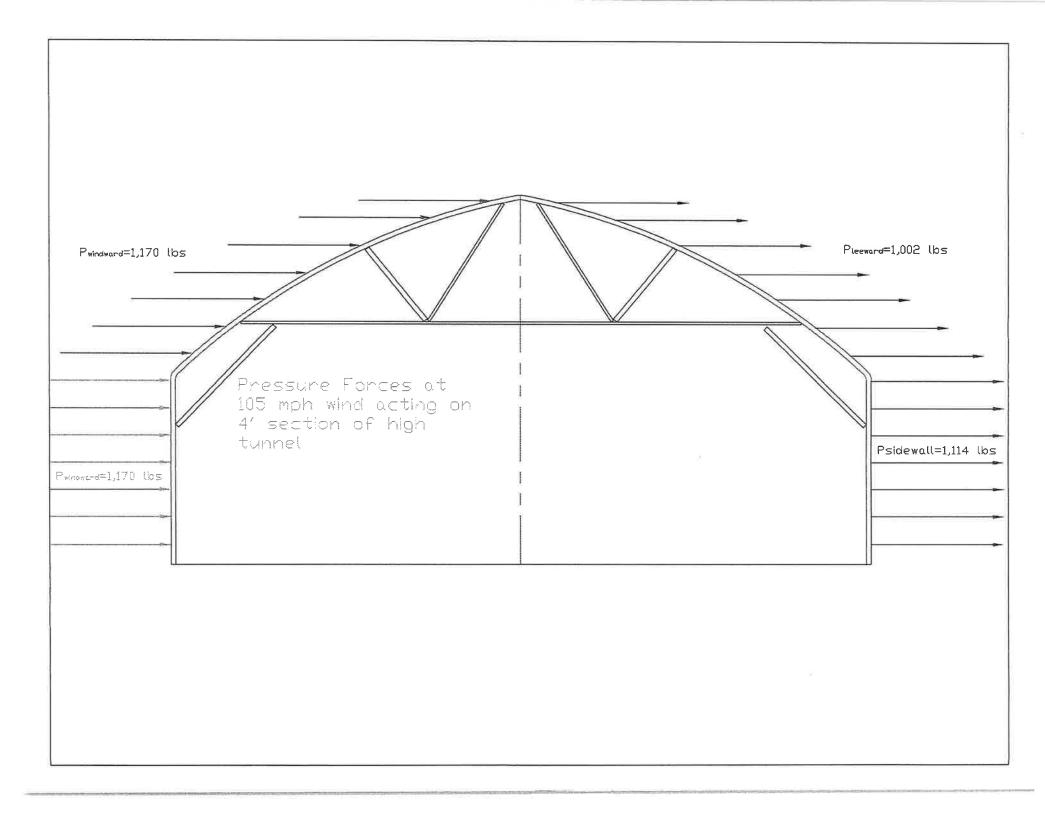
Roof Pressure - Leeward Side -  $C_p = -.6$ 

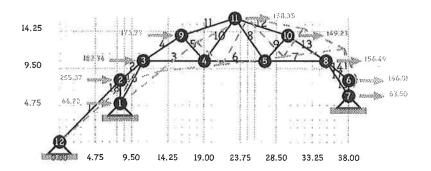
Roof Pressure - Reduction Factor = .8

Pressure Windward Side -  $P_{windward} = q_h \cdot G \cdot C_{pww} - q_i \cdot G \cdot C_{pt} = 36.57 \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

Roof Pressure Leeward Side -  $P_{leeward} = q_h \cdot G \cdot C_{p \, lw} - q_i \cdot G \cdot C_{pi} = -31.31 \, \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

Pressure Sidewall -  $P_{leeward} = q_h \cdot G \cdot C_{psw} - q_i \cdot G \cdot C_{pi} = -34.82 \frac{lb}{ft^2}$ 

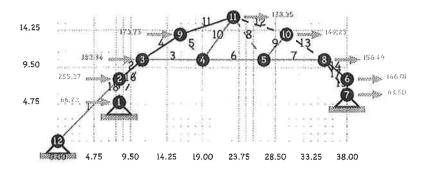




### Nodes

Node	X-co.	Y-co.	X-Load	Y-Load	Support	Reaction, Rx	Reaction, Ry	X-translation	Y-translation
No.	(ft)	(ft)	(1Ь)	(lb)	Туре	(lb)	(ІЬ)	(ft)	(ft)
1	8.00	5.00	146.00		Hinge	1,200.85	3,559.33	0.00	0.00
2	8.00	8.00	563.00					0.03	(0.00)
3	11.00	10.50	402.00					0.05	(0.03)
4	19.00	10.50						0.05	(0.01)
5	27.00	10.50						0.05	0.01
6	38.00	8.00	366.00					0.02	0.00
7	38.00	6.00	140.00		Hinge	(454.21)	166.31	(0.00)	0.00
8	35.00	10.50	345.00					0.05	0.04
9	16.00	13.75	383.00	[6]				0.04	(0.02)
10	30.00	13.75	329.00					0.04	0.02
11	23.00	16.00	305.00					0.04	0.00
12	0.00	0.00			Hinge	(3,725.64)	(3,725.64)	(0.00)	(0.00)

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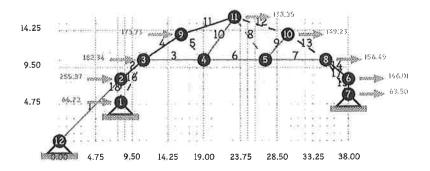


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Elem.	From	To	Length	Angle	Axial Force	Mat#	KL/r	Allow, Stress	Allow. Force	Safety Factor
No.	Node	Node	(ft)	(Degree)	P, (lb)		(<200)	(ksi)	Pa, (1b)	(K = Pa/P)
1	2	12	11.31	45.00	5,268.85	3	26,620	30.00	6,600.00	1.25
2	2	3	3.91	39.81	4,116.83	1	58	30.00	16,488.30	4.01
3	3	4	8.00	0.00	1,157.93	2	240	30.00	9,000.00	7.77
4	3	9	5.96	33.02	305.17	1	88	30.00	16,488.30	54.03
5	4	9	4.42	(47.29)	(217.44)	2	133	8.77	2,632.26	12.11
6	4	5	8.00	0.00	894.25	2	240	30.00	9,000.00	10.06
7	5	8	8.00	0.00	652.66	2	240	30.00	9,000.00	13.79
8	5	- 11	6.80	(53.97)	(181.01)	2	204	3.71	1,113.38	6.15
9	5	10	4.42	47.29	199.22	2	133	30.00	9,000.00	45.18
10	4	11	6.80	53.97	197.56	2	204	30.00	9,000.00	45.56
11	9	11	7.35	17.82	21.37	l l	108	30.00	16,488.30	771.46
12	10	11	7.35	(17.82)	(65.12)	1	108	13.12	7,212.44	110.76
13	8	10	5.96	(33.02)	(305.17)	1	88	17.68	9,715.86	31.84
14	6	8	3.91	(39.81)	476.43	1	58	30.00	16,488.30	34.61
15	6	7	2.00	(90.00)	305.00	1	30	30.00	16,488.30	54.06
16	1	3	6,26	61.39	(2,812.66)	5	137	8.20	3,106.26	1.10
17	7	8	5.41	(56.31)	(566.45)	5	119	11.00	4,168.23	7.36
18	1	2	3.00	90.00	(1,090.11)	1	44	25.33	13,920.44	12.77

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### T12:



### Materials

: section-1

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E: Yield's Strength, Fy:

3.00E+04 ksi 50.00 ksi

Unit Weight:

0.34 lb/ft

Section Area:

0.55 sq.in.

Moment of Inertia, I: Radius of Gyration, r: 0.36 in<sup>4</sup> 0.81 in

Color Symbol:

		-	
Elem#	Length(ft)	Total Length(ft)	Total Weight(lb)
2	1×3.905	3.905	1,328
4	1x5.963	5.963	2.028
11	1x7.353	7.353	2.500
12	1x7.353	7.353	2.500
13	1×5.963	5.963	2.028
14	1×3.905	3.905	1.328
15	1×2.000	2.000	0.680
18	1×3.000	3.000	1.020
sub	total Mat#1	39.443	13.410

### : section #2

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E:

Yield's Strength, Fy:

50.00 ksi

3.00E+04 ksi

Unit Weight:

0.09 lb/ft

Elem#	Length(ft)	Total Length(ft)	Total Weight(lb)
3	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
5	1×4.423	4.423	0.398
6	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
7	1×8.000	8.000	0.720
8	1×6.801	6.801	0.612
9	I×4.423	4.423	0.398
10	1×6.801	6.801	0.612
sub	total Mat#2	46.447	4.180

Section Area:

0.30 sq.in.

Moment of Inertia, I:

0.06 in<sup>4</sup>

Radius of Gyration, r:

0.40 in

Color Symbol:

Notel	Note2	created by:	Calculation Date:
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### T12:

### : section #3

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E:

3.00E+04 ksi 50.00 ksi

Yield's Strength, Fy: Unit Weight:

1.00 lb/ft

Section Area: Moment of Inertia, I:

0.11 sq.in. 1.00 in<sup>4</sup>

Radius of Gyration, r:

0.01 in

Color Symbol:

Elem# Length(ft) Total Length(ft) Total Weight(lb) 22.627 2x11.314 22.627 22.627 subtotal Mat#3 22.627

### : section #4

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E:

3.00E+04 ksi

Yield's Strength, Fy:

50.00 ksi

Unit Weight:

1.00 lb/ft

Length(ft) Total Length(ft) Total Weight(lb) Elem# subtotal Mat#4 0.000 0.000

Section Area:

0.47 sq.in.

Moment of Inertia, I:

0.22 in<sup>4</sup>

Radius of Gyration, r:

0.68 in

Color Symbol:

### : section #5

Material's Type:

Modulus of Elasticity, E:

subtotal Mat#5

3.00E+04 ksi

11.673

Yield's Strength, Fy:

50.00 ksi

Unit Weight:

1.00 lb/ft

11.673

Length(ft) Total Length(ft) Total Weight(lb) Elem# 6.265 16 1x6.265 6.265 17 1x5.408 5.408 5.408

Section Area:

0.38 sq.in.

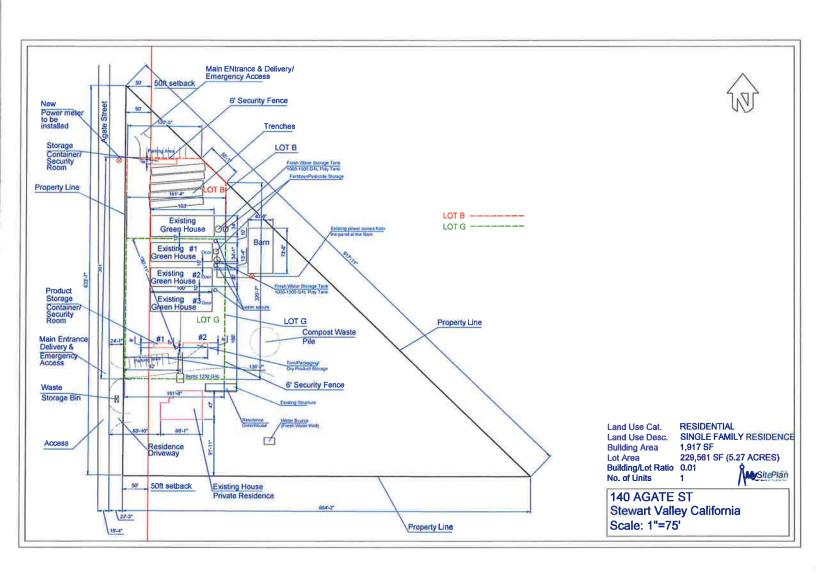
Moment of Inertia, I:

0.11 in<sup>4</sup>

Radius of Gyration, r:

0.55 in

Color Symbol: 1



From: lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com >

Date: Fri, Oct 4, 2019, 11:57 AM Subject: Zimmerman documents

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us>

Hello Tyson,

I just wanted to verify you received the information on the Zimmerman greenhouse? Are those adequate renderings for submittal? I look forward to your quick response so I can reply to the engineer before the weekend. Thanks

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2019, 12:56 PM Subject: RE: building permit

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us >

Hopefully this one goes through. Thanks for the quick response.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 12:34 PM

To: lowell shade

Subject: RE: building permit

Hi Lowell, There was no attachments.

TYSON SPARROW

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** 

(760)878-8263 CELL

### (760)873-3180 OFFICE

### TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US

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From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 12:17 PM

To: Tyson Sparrow

Subject: RE: building permit

Hello Tyson,

Here are the materials and structural files that came with the first two greenhouses . could you please review and advise on their acceptability. If these are acceptable I will have the electrical drawn up and have all the copies made to hand deliver to you. Thank you

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:20 AM

To: lowell shade

Subject: RE: building permit

Hi Lowell,

Yes it appears this exceeds our requirements and will be fine to put up on your property.

TYSON SPARROW

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** 

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(760)873-3180 OFFICE



### **Light deprivation Greenhouse Offer**

Offer No.:	YDW-20190305-158	Date:	March 5th, 2019
Client Name:	Lowell shade	Destination:	America

### **Project Overview**

Name: Polycarbonate sheet greenhouse

Table 1 greenhouse size

Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Span (m)	Section (m)	Span No.	Section No.	Quantity
270	9	1	1	30	2 sets

### 1. Foundation

Considering the factors such as heat insulation, economy and aesthetics of the greenhouse, according to the requirements of soil endurance, groundwater level and design load, avoid uneven settlement of the greenhouse, prevent column distortion and shear deformation, we suggest concrete around the greenhouse.

### 2. Structure Description

### (1)Performance index

Table 2 - greenhouse design load

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Dead load	0.45KN/m <sup>2</sup>	maximum rainfall	≥140mm/h		
Wind load	2.0KN/m <sup>2</sup> Seismic rating D		Fortification intensity of 8		
		Exposure C	degrees		
Snow load	0.35KN/m <sup>2</sup>	Hanging load	≥15kg/ m²		

### (2)Framework

Table3- greenhouse structure specification

Item	Specification	Remark
Roof arch	Round pipe $\Phi$ 50*2.0mm	Material: hot galvanized steel
		structure
Longitude pipe	Round pipe 425*2.0mm	Material: hot galvanized steel
		structure
Column	Square tube 50x50x2.0mm	Material: hot galvanized steel
		structure
Beam	Square tube 50x50x2.0mm	Material: hot galvanized steel
		structure

All steel components are industrialized production and assembled on site. The main columns are installed on the embedded bolts of foundation. In addition to a small number of fittings, the bolts and rivets are used for connection of other superstructure components.



### 3.Covering material

### (1)Covering

The roof and sides covering material are 0.15mm thickness poly film which light transmittance is more than 92%.



### **4.Natural ventulation side windows**

For greenhouse natural ventilation, we design the windows on the sides of greenhouse. The side widows are worked by the rolling machine

Maximum window width: 1m

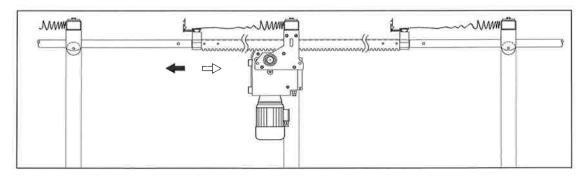


### 5.Light deprivation system

Light deprivation system can improve the ecological environment in the greenhsue by adjusting the illumination.

In summer, sunshade net can stop part of sunlight according to different shading rates, and diffuse the sunlight into the room, evenly illuminate the crop to protect the crop from glare, and reduce the greenhosue temperature by 3-5°C.

The 99% shading rade net can stop the light into the greenhouse, and make inside of greenhouse dark environment.



Light deprivation system consists of sun shade net, transmission mechanismand power unit, system support accessories and other fixing accessories. This system use A type rack and pinion curtain system.

LA-12type 99% shade net, it can significantly reduce the indoor air temperature. Width of sun shade is 4.3m, It can stop 99% sunshine.

The sun shade net is located between the supporting curtain line and the pressing curtain line

when it is installed. The support curtain line bears the weight of all the suashade .The pressing curtain line prevents the curtain from being blown up by wind or overlapping too high when the curtain is closed.

Table 9- Inner shading composition

No.	Name	function	specification	Note
1	Gear motor	Set in the center of each system, and close to the greenhouse column	DWHF-40	
2	shaft coupling	Used with gear motor and drive shaft connection		
3	Motor mounting bracket	Motor and structure fixed connection		
4	push rod	Pull the curtain	Ф32	
5	Joining clips for the lead-screw of putting	Used with push-rod connection		
6	Curtain wire for support and pressing	Used with push-rod connection	Φ2	
7	Driving side profile	Drive side, aluminum alloy material		-
8	Sun shade net	Black 99% shading net	LA-12	Shading rate 99%

### Table 10- Sunshade technical date

material	Shading rate (%)	width (m)	colour	Service life(year)
LA-12	99	4.3	black	5

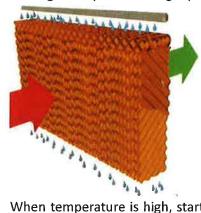
### Tabel 11-Inner shading technical date

Running speed (m/min)	0.36
One-way running time (min)	10.8

### 6.Cooling system

#### (1) operating principle

The cooling system uses the principle of water evaporation and cooling to achive the purpose of cooling. The system use high quality wet curtain, water pump and fan.



The wet curtain is made from special paper with honeycomb structure. It adopts new generation polymers ans space crosslink technology for high water absorption, high water proof, midew-resistance and long service life. The special wet curtain can ensure that the water evenly drenched the entire cooling curtain wall. When air penetrates wet curtain, it exchanges heat with the moisture of the moist medium to achieve the humidification and cooling of the air.

The fan is installed on teh opposite side of the wet curtain.

When temperature is high, start the fan and force the air out of the greenhouse, causeing the negative pressure; at the same time, the water pump hits water on the wet curtain wall. When the outdoor air is sucked into the room by pressure, it passes through the wet curtain, then causing the water to evaporate and cool down. The cold air flows through the greenhouse, ansorbs the heat in theroom, and is discharged by the fan, thereby achieving the purpose of cooling.





### (2) basic configuration

Wet curtain: height 1.5m, Thickness 15cm, incluiding the hot galvanized steel frame. In good maintence, the service life is 8 to 10 years.

Water pump: power 1.1kw/set

Fan: outer size 1380x1380x445mm; air volume 40000m<sup>3</sup>/h; power 1.1kw/set

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### 7. Control system

The voltage is 240V, 60HZ

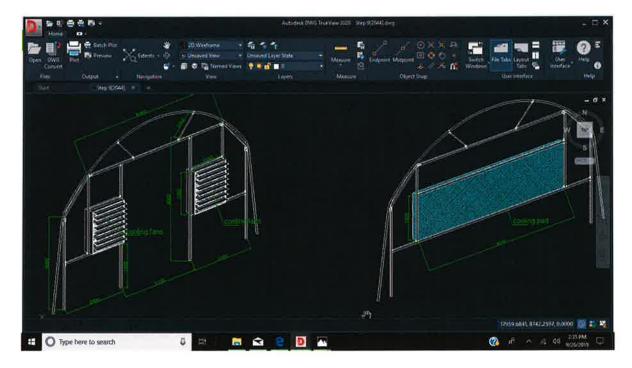
The control cabinet is GB standard product. Indoor wiring uses PVC transmission line. The wire uses RVV plastic sheathed wire.

Control cabinet will control Light deprivation system, cooling system, etc

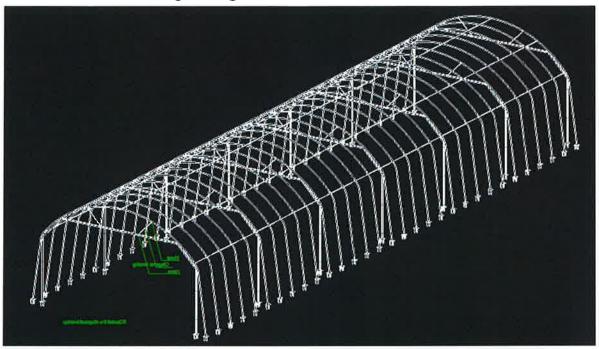
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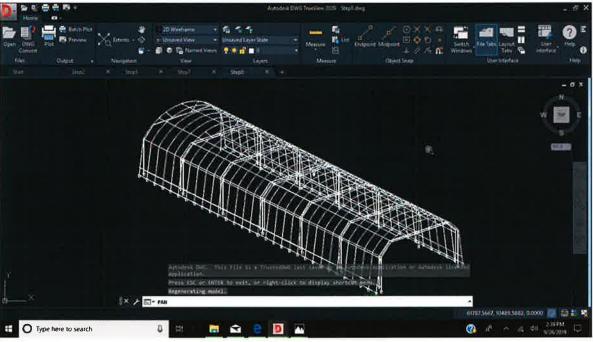




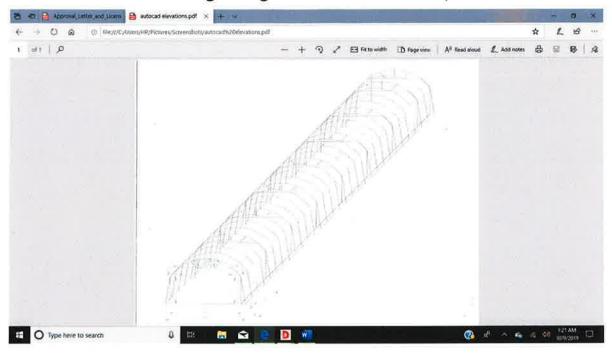


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## TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US

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From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:30 PM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow **Subject:** building permit

Hello Tyson,

I wanted to check and see if this is an acceptable form of plans to submit for building permits . this is our third greenhouse to be constructed. Its slightly different than the first two as it has no power in this greenhouse. All water will be supplied by the closest greenhouse with fertigation system. The plans for the first two are being done now by an engineer in Pahrump and should be ready shortly. I look forward to hearing your thoughts. thanks

#### Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem < mailer-daemon@googlemail.com >

Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2019, 3:18 PM

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

To: <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>



### Message too large

Your message couldn't be delivered to **tsparrow@inyocounty.us** because it exceeds the size limit. Try reducing the message size and resending.

The response from the remote server was:

552 5.3.4 Message size exceeds fixed maximum message size

----- Forwarded message -----

From: lowell shade <<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>>

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us >

Cc: Bcc:

Date: Wed, 9 Oct 2019 15:08:56 -0700

Subject: Light deprivation greenhouse[3205] with elevations.zip

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2019, 5:01 PM

Subject: have any successfully came through
To: Tyson Sparrow <<u>tsparrow@inyocounty.us</u>>

Ive sent several and for some reason im getting undeliverable messages.but a couple are showing in my sent folder. Have you received any attachments

#### Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2019, 9:53 AM

Subject: Order 5167-Shade-140 Agate St-Layout1final shadegrown site plan with APN#and well

coordinates.pdf — Page 1

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us>

#### Good morning,

That is great news! thanks for your patience with me I really appreciate it. Here is the site plan showing proper set backs and distances between buildings. While working with the states environmental scientist this week I have elected to remove the compost pile from the site plan as it was outside the premises boundaries. Should I make three packets of the Zimmerman file and three packets of the light deprivation greenhouse file to bring up to you? Do any documents need to be enlarged to scroll size for you? What is my next step to get things rolling as soon as possible? We have been approved by California dept. of food and agriculture for our cultivation license so as soon as I am constructed we are ready to finally get growing..... thanks again for all of you time and help Tyson! My family thanks you

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 17, 2019, 11:28 AM

Subject: Address

To: < tsparrow@inyocounty.us >

#### Good morning Tyson,

I have three packets containing the wet copies of both greenhouses info together and ready to send to you. What address should I send them to? thank you again for all of your time and help

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 23, 2019, 8:06 AM

Subject: RE:packet

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@invocounty.us >

Hello Tyson,

I had sent you the packet containing three sets of the plans including an enlarged site plan. Im trying to confirm you've received them. If there is anything else I need to provide you to complete the permitting process please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you

Sincerely; Lowell Shade

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 3:14 PM

To: <u>lowell shade</u> Subject: RE: Address

377 W Line St Bishop Ca 93514

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2019, 11:30 AM

Subject: building permits

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us>

Hello Tyson,

I am just trying to verify you've received my three packets. Please let me know if there is anything else you need. I desperately need to finish the construction and am just waiting on the word from you that I can. Thank you

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Cindy Truelsen < ctruelsen@inyocounty.us >

Date: Wed, Feb 19, 2020, 4:08 PM

Subject: FW: 140 Agate St. Stewart Valley, CA Permit# 2019-086 To: <a href="mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com">shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</a>

Cc: Tyson Sparrow <tsparrow@inyocounty.us>, James Feeney <ifeeney@inyocounty.us>

Hi Lowell,

Please see the attached building permit application. The total amount due is \$786.54 as outlined on the first page.

Please mail the check made payable to Building & Safety along with the signed pages (Highlighted areas) to:

Inyo County Building & Safety

377 West Line Street

Bishop, CA 93514

Feel free to call our office with any questions.

Thank you,

Cindy M. Truelsen

Inyo County Dept. of Public Works

Building & Safety

ctruelsen@inyocounty.us

Bishop 760-873-7857

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 3:24 PM

To: Cindy Truelsen

**Subject:** FW: building permit fees

From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 3:21 PM

To: Tyson Sparrow

Subject: building permit fees

Hello Tyson,

Hope your well. Could you send me the invoice to pay the building permit fees. I still havnt seen how much it is. Ill pay that first thing in the morning so I can get moving forward. Thank you again for all of your help

Sincerely: Lowell Shade

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Sincerely: Lowell Shade

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From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 9, 2021, 7:50 PM

Subject: Temp power

To: Tyson Sparrow <<u>tsparrow@inyocounty.us</u>> Cc: MATTHEW Kingsley <<u>mattk5th@gmail.com</u>>



# **Building Permit Application**



Inyo County
377 West Line Street, Bishop, California 93514
760-873-7857 ctruelsen@inyocounty.us www.inyocounty.us

Project Address:	140 Agate St. Stewart Valley, CA	APN	: 048-540-08	
Contractor:	Owner Builder	Prop Owner:	Lowell Shade	- E
Address':		Address	: 50 Emery St. #421	
			: Pahrump, NV 89048	
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Architect:				
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Value of work: _ Applicant understands construction be suspent anowledge and agrees	3 Greenhouses \$10,000.00  that this permit expires and becomes null and valued or abandoned for a period of 180 days. Ap to comply with all County/City and state laws recon the project property for inspection purposes.	oid should work not be co plicant certifies that the ir lating to building construc	nformation provided herein is	s correct to the best of their
Applicant name: L				
Signature:			FICE USE ONLY	
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	Plan Check		Approved By:	TS
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A ROLL	Mobile Home	\$		Cal Fire:	N	
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200	SMIP	\$	2.80	Totall \$		786.54
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permit: 2019-086

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I hereby affirm under penalty	of perjury tha I am exempt from the	Contractor's Licen	se Law for the following reason:
☐ I, as owner of the property,	or my employees with wages as the	ir sole compensatio	n, will do the work, and the structure is
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WATER-CONSERVING PLUMBING FIXTURES: I understand the state requirements for water-conserving plumbing fixtures, California Civil Code 1101.1 through 1101.8.

Applicant's signature:

Tyson, ive included my last correspondence with sce. you can clearly see the dates they provided me and that the covid pandemic didn't allow for the completion of on my timeline of service that was provided by Southern California Edison. I fell into the cracks and my physical location has caused diffculty for them to provide a timely work order scheduling. The managers have been replaced with new employees and I have not been able to contact the correct person as of yet. Im requesting temporary power and as you have stated you yourself as the only person that can request that from Edison directly, I am asking that you please request my temporary power service immediately so that I avoid being in violation of my permits requirements any longer than it has already been. I am eager to bring my situation into compliance and anxiously await your assistance in resolving my power issues and all other areas you have verbally notified me that may be of issue. I apogee if my last email Friday sounded snarky! That was not my intent. I know you have rules that keep our community safe and your advise and counsel are priceless to me! I only want to make you happy my friend and apologize if I have failed to do so. I hope to be given the opportunity to correct my issues and complete my project and be off your desk and out of your hair...Thank you sincerely Lowell Shade

8/6/21 2:47 pm

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 11, 2021, 9:25 AM

Subject: Re: Temp power

To: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us > Cc: MATTHEW Kingsley < mattk5th@gmail.com >

#### Hello tyson,

I am still awaiting direction from you on how you would like me to proceed on my power needs and have reached out to Jerry Oser for assistance on the bathroom requirements needed satisfied for environmental health. I apologize again for my ignorance to the codes and have been reading all I can and can't seem to find where a foundationed non movable restroom is required. If you are able to could you please send me the codes on the commercial code standards your stating I need to meet. I can't even find the codes stating no direct burial and or what conduit is required for the underground burial of my electrical lines for my underground electrical to my pedestals. I thank you o ce again for your time and assistance in this matter.

From: lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com >

Date: Tue, Aug 17, 2021, 2:49 PM Subject: Re: [Contact Information] CUP

To: Tyson Sparrow < <a href="mailto:tsparrow@inyocounty.us">tsparrow@inyocounty.us</a>>

That will be fine. I apologize my emails came through in a different order than Days they were sent. I just got this email. I appreciate your quick responding and look forward to seeing James tomorrow. I'm

sure all the Confusion is on my interpretations and lack of clarity on the codes and zoning how it changes and what it applies to where I'm concerned. I thank you again for your assistance. I do wish it was easier to find the actual county codes on if I am a type u building or an agricultural type or a special construction building? Is that up to you or does the commercial special use make it a certain type? Either wayits just to be able to do right by you. So if James tells me what I'm deficient in and what it takes to correct it we will get it done.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2021, 7:36 AM Tyson Sparrow <a href="mailto:sparrow@inyocounty.us">tsparrow@inyocounty.us</a> wrote:

Good morning Lowell,

The CUP changes the use of the property from residential to commercial. This is a commercial grow, not a residential house. All construction shall comply with commercial building standards.

If you are to read the section 3112 of the code on greenhouses Shall comply with California Fire Code, Structural requirements and all other provisions of the code that is applicable to the project. Membrane structure shall be made of fire resistive construction according the California Fire Code. All of Inyo country is WUIBS except for down town Bishop because that is a LRA. Stewart Valley is moderate fire hazard according to calfire and is subjected to WUIBS.

Section 3113 Relocatable buildings "Shall comply with applicable provisions of this code" Your building does not meet code.

There are no code amendments for the construction of buildings, we simply go by California Building Code. We can assist you by giving you a list of corrections and then doing an inspection or more to verify that you have come into compliance.

I can have James come by on Wednesday this week to perform the correction list to get you back on track if you wish.

Tyson Sparrow Senior Building Inspector (760)878-8263 Cell (760)873-3180 Office tsparrow@inyocounty.us

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From: shadegrownfarms@gmail.com[mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:51 AM

To: Tyson Sparrow

Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

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I apologize for missing this email. My main confusion was that I thought I was an owner builder. I still cannot find any code for an owner builder of a commercial use building needing to meet any other standards than the residential codes the property is zoned for unless my property was zoned as commercial. I have reached out to CSLB for direction as to not bother you more than needed. They directed me to section 312 group u buildings and structures . and section 3101-3102 special construction title 24 part 2 volumes 1 and 2. They refer to membrane structures. Unfortunately Inyo county has not taken the time to create building codes that address greenhouses specifically. The only code that speaks to greenhouses. Section 3101.1 clearly speaks to the allowance of relocatable buildings that you have stated have never been allowed and Section 3102 clearly speaks to the construction of membrane covered frame structures. This is all new to me Tyson . im not trying to be an asshole but at the same time I cannot afford to allow unneeded extra requests and personal preferences to derail my project. I do see where I was an idiot in the way I was requesting information and guidelines from you. this is an every day thing to you so when you said to me to call when I was done for inspection I ignorantly took that as to call when I was done. I see now on the inspection record sheet that I should have been requesting information and demanding inspections all along the way. I want to do what is needed and quietly finish my project. I think if you give me 7 days from tomorrow to meet with an electrician and a general contractor to advise me on what is needed to meet your expectations or if you send me the code requirements in writing so I can ensure that we are doing what your asking of us, that we can make great progress before your visit to give the correction list you mentioned. If needed ill completely remove the office structure from the property and start over at foundation footers and the proper inspections along the way for the restroom and I wont even do an office. I don't believe we are held to WUI standards as we are classified as a type U non flammable structure located in a white zone as indicated on the state of California fire hazard severity zone map. Cal fire has no approval system for any fire suppression plans so your 5 year old checklist has an invalid demand listed, and in state and county building codes nowhere have I been able to find the code that takes me from my rr5 to a commercial standard. The CLSB was very interested in building and safetys views of the codes with the wording of my building permit and my application packet including my in color site plan and my cdfw/water control board/state compliance report of no violations at their inspection and have asked for me to send all my paperwork to them to sort out this grievance. I do not wish to go that route at all! I was granted a building permit to add bolt together bracing to complete 3 existing membrane covered frame structures. I am simply trying to understand the codes you are claiming I have to follow and despite your denial of the new expectations being different from what you approved at the time of my building permit application and verbally told me on site while being recorded on my state required camera system I do need and want for us to work together. you said you are a public servant and want to help me get to the finish line. If that is a true statement at all then I am sure with your knowledge of building and safety codes that if you actually give me the necessary information I need to succeed with the codes you are holding me to i can do the correct thing to make you happy and we will reach the

finish line. Any possibility of working together to create building code amendments for greenhouse construction to make your job easier in the future dealing with us ignorant farmers trying to create a successful agricultural addition to the county so I can pay my taxes and you can keep getting those salary increases? La county has a nice set of building guidelines for greenhouses. worth a read maybe? I truly look forward to your responses and your visit. I am requesting that we meet on property on August 23,2021.i will try to have my ducks in a row for you and will have made significant changes to my current deficiencies by then.. hope you stay safe and healthy. This pandemic is ridiculous. 4 people in Stewart valley are currently recovering from the delta variant. Praying I don't get it again. Thank you again Tyson

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Cathreen Richards; lowell shade
Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

#### Lowell,/bj

I have told you before, any time you touch plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural you need a permit. The bathroom constructed did not meet ADA standards nor California Building code. You installation of plumbing and electrical is not to code. The structure is not built to California building standards that the state sets, not myself. The construction done at Shade Grown Farms does not meet California code. We can meet onsite and I will write an entire correction notice so you have it in writing.

The other issue is you have not called for the proper inspections as required by state law. We have not done any underground, roughs, structural, plumbing, electrical inspections along the way. Last time you called for an inspection I ask what it was for and you told me you didn't know. I sent James out to take a look and what he saw was completely out of compliance. This is not one tiny aspect of the CUP but a huge critical part that is crucial to maintaining a legal operation. All of these things are set by the state, compliance is not voluntary but mandatory.

We want nothing more than for you to be successful, our goal as public servants is to get you to the finish line. If there is any way to get this train back on track I'm all for it.

Tyson Sparrow
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tsparrow@inyocounty.us

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From: Cathreen Richards

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:03 AM

To: lowell shade

Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

Hi Lowell,

It's not me you need to convince. I'll recommend – again, that you work with the Building and Safety Department.

#### Cathreen

From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:50 PM

To: Cathreen Richards

Subject: Re: [Contact Information] CUP

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Hello Cathreen, glad to hear from you. Yes I understood the requirements and have had all areas but the public restroom satisfied. We had originally discussed the use of an off the ground set portable/movable building to create the bathroom structure to include the office. I had discussed that with tyson and was under the impression that that was an approved route to fill the bathroom needs. After a visit from James feeney I was informed that that type of structure was not allowable. The bathroom measurements met all ADA requirements but building and safety stated it needed to be on a foundation not on piers above ground. So I'm willing to immediately do whatever the simplest way of meeting that last requirement is. I have asked if I need a building permit to pour a 10ftx10ft square 4" thick foundation and construct a non powered water only bathroom structure. No response. It's tyson so I'll probably have to drive to bishop to actually get a response. I pray we don't need to suspend or revoke anything as I have met all but one requirement. I have had multiple state inspections and had to supply them with the cup requirements and several of their own requirements including my state of california pesticide attestations, waste management plans, and regular updating of my site plan as parts of the project are built. If there is an item you need from me please feel free to contact me and ask for any needed documentation you feel would help me be in full compliance. I will forward you my enviromental health response se from Jerry oser. I don't want to be at risk for any negative actions. I am desperately trying to compete this project to full capacity as soon as possible.the main set backs have been the pandemic and resulting loxkdowns and supply chain disruptions. That have all led to an extremely tightened budget for me and any prospective customers in the California market. Time is the only cure for the last year and a half of the craziest most societal damaging unknowns that the government had kept us in. I pray you can help me to gain the needed time for society to start its

recovery.and then we get hit with the Delta variant. Now we're thrown back into a deeper unknown of what the coming year will hold. I am here to do what you asked and I agreed to do in the beginning and I truly apologize that it has taken this long to get to a point where we can see the finish line of construction and the starting line for a successful operation. I thank you for your time and help with this matter which is truly the most important part of my life. Again ease contact me if you have any questions or need any documentation. Thank you and have a great day

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021, 11:40 AM Cathreen Richards < <a href="mailto:crichards@inyocounty.us">crichards@inyocounty.us</a>> wrote: Lowell,

I am sorry you are having so many issues getting your cannabis cultivation business up a running. You are, however, in eminent danger of having your CUP revoked, or at the very least suspended. As part of your agreement in getting the CUP, you were conditioned with, and you and I discussed in length:

The applicant shall provide adequate water and septic systems, public restrooms, and a plan for pesticide and fertilizer use, storage and removal to the satisfaction of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department prior to any Building Permits being granted. Failure to provide shall also cause revocation of CUP 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms.

The applicant/developer shall conform to all applicable provisions of Inyo County Code and State regulations. If the use provided by this conditional use permit is not established within one year of the approval date it will become void.

To my knowledge, you have not satisfied any of these conditions. Just to be clear, the Building and Safety and Health and Safety codes are part of the Inyo County and State codes you shall conform with (see above). What you have attached to this email also does not cover it. I would suggest that you get in line with the County Building and Safety Department as well as the County Environmental Health Department to meet your obligations under the CUP. I would also suggest you cease all cannabis cultivation activities until you do so.

I am currently waiting on more information from these departments as well as the Agriculture Commission to see how we will be proceeding. If you really do not want to have your CUP revoked you <u>absolutely must meet</u> the conditions of approval of the CUP and as of right now you are not.

Thank you, Cathreen Richards

From: web.noreply

**Sent:** Friday, August 6, 2021 11:40 AM

To: InvoPlanning

Subject: [Contact Information] CUP

lowell shade sr (not verified) (<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <a href="https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information">https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information</a>.

The sender's name lowell shade sr
The sender's email shadegrownfarms@gmail.com

Subject

**CUP** 

Comment or Question

hello, i hope this find everyone well.

i met yesterday with building and safety. i was told that i am at risk of losing my conditional use permit. i pray there is a path back to compliance as i was notified yesterday for the first time that i was not in compliance. i have worked so very hard to get to the point we are today and want to do whatever is necessary to get my project compliant and completed, this last year has been an incredibly difficult year with family members and friends passing due to covid and the supply chains for all things being almost halted. i beg for your compassion and understanding of the situation and look to you for guidance on how to correctly proceed and satisfy all areas of my application to bring my project to a satisfactory state to be completed as rapidly as possible. i would pray that any mistakes or misunderstandings in the very difficult to navigate building and safety requirements that have been made would not be punished by revoking my cup thus causing a chain reaction of licensing revocations. i beg you to allow me a chance to remedy the building deficiencies that i have been made aware of yesterday before revoking anything, i believe you and i want the same things and that is for a safe construction of a project that will allow solid tax revenues to be paid to the county for many years to come. as with the counties planning phase of the cannabis businesses this has all been a very taxing and learn as we go situation. i know that with the proper open lines of communication and the cooperation of the oversight depts. we can and will successfully reach our goals. I have had several state inspections from several different departments and each inspection has led me closer to complete compliance of the operations, but the lack of county contact from building and safety through the covid pandemic has evidently left me confused and on the wrong path to compliance. neither of which im happy or intentionally doing. i want to have you happy about my project and a gold star by my name not this current state of being at risk of having to start over from scratch as Tyson has stated may be coming. please once again i am asking for your guidance and only want to make you happy with my actions and definitely do not want to lose my licensing, i am not asking for any special treatment or rules to be broken, only your understanding and the time to fix what needs to be fixed and complete what needs completed correctly. I beg you to please allow me an extension of 90 days in time to complete all necessary cup requirements. i look forward to your quick response and thank you for you time and help with this very important matter. any questions please email me or call 775-764-7560 text messages work best

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signed pesticide attestation.pdf (872.82 KB)
cdfa inspection june 2021.pdf (23.33 MB)
submittable final site plan 2021.pdf (989.14 KB)
water control notice of applicability.pdf (843.27 KB)

From: lowell shade <<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Tue, Sep 14, 2021, 8:07 AM Subject: Edison hand hole box

To: James Feeney <<u>ifeeney@inyocounty.us</u>>
Cc: Cathreen Richards <<u>crichards@inyocounty.us</u>>

I met with the Edison engineer for my area last week. I drove to old castle precast in corona ca yesterday and picked up the required hand hole box. I will be installing this today to have my project ready to receive power. Once installed I need to send the engineer pics and she will schedule the hot mandrel pull appointment. I am working on the restroom plans and will submit for that permit as soon as possible. Have you had a chance to contact Cathreen Richards regarding my satisfactory progress with building and safety to have my sept 22 board meeting to revoke my conditional use permit cancelled. I believe if given an extension for the time we were ordered by the county to stay at home that we will be able to complete the cup requirements and get this thing finished up. Thank you again for your time and patience.

Sent from my iPad

From: Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us >

Date: Thu, Sep 16, 2021, 11:30 AM

Subject: RE: Board meeting

To: lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com >

Yes Lowell you will be taken off the hearing, with the understanding that you will complete the rest of the work within a reasonable amount of time and call for inspections. I have already told Cathreen that you have done a tremendous job of coming into compliance and should be given another opportunity to create a successful business. Have a great day

TYSON SPARROW

SENIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

(760)878-8263 CELL

(760)873-3180 OFFICE

TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US

From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:05 AM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow **Subject:** Board meeting

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#### Good morning,

I have not received any thing from cathreen or building and safety in regards to canceling my appearance at the board meeting on the 22nd. Do you have an update for me?thanks

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2021, 11:55 AM

Subject: Re: Status

To: James Feeney < ifeeney@inyocounty.us >

Hello,

I can take pics of the trench and send them to you in the morning.was focusing on the electrical and researching plans for the bathroom. I wanted to show you an example and get your opinion on it and what changes to it would need to be made to make it acceptable. There has been a shortage of trucks to be able to move the non compliant office as of yet. As soon as I can secure the truck to move the office I can do the forms and foundation portion after I have the plans submitted of course. I have the handpole box at the trench but am still waiting on Edison to co firm the end location ,either at the transformer as laid out and cut already or if it's 10 ft to the north of the transformer at the current secondary power handpole Box. So I haven't been able to set the box. Not sure what time you'll be in this area but if needed we can check the boxes on the actual permit and inspect my sand layer and I can get filling that trench in.

On Tue, Sep 28, 2021, 3:38 PM James Feeney < ifeeney@inyocounty.us > wrote:

Good day,

Do you have the requested photos of the current status of the underground electrical, pull box and any work done on the ADA bathroom?

What is the status of your T-24?

Do you have construction plans for the bathroom?

The postponement of your CUP hearing remains based on the compliance to requirements set forth.

#### Thanks Lowell,

From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2021, 12:09 AM

Subject: Fwd: Drawing.pdf

To: James Feeney < ifeeney@inyocounty.us >

Here's one title 24 set and I'll send the other directly. The 8x12 shed plans are an example of what I'd like to build with matching materials to my title 24 pages and to commercial 2x6 standards. Wanted your opinion on its acceptability and simplicity.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: county.us
Date: Thu, Sep 30, 2021, 4:43 PM

Subject: Undeliverable: Re: Trench pictures of 1 ft of sand covering the conduit to entrance panels.

To: <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

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James Feeney (ifeeney@invocounty.us)

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From: lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2021, 12:18 AM Subject: 21-09114 report.pdf

To: James Feeney <ifeeney@invocountv.us>

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Name or	Complete Luminaire Description	Modular (Trook) Finture	Small Aperture & Color Change <sup>1</sup>	Watts per Iuminaire²	How Wattage is determined	Total number	Exempt per	Design Watts	Field In	spector
Item Tag		*	& Color Change	iuminaire-		luminaires	§140.6(a)3		Pass	Fail
а	100wLED Cobb Light-15 Fix per each			100	Mfr. Spec <sup>2</sup>	45	<b>V</b>			
b	One 32w LED Recessed Can			32	Mfr. Spec <sup>2</sup>	1		32		
					Total Designed W	atts UNCONDIT	IONED SPACES:	32		

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G. MODULAR LIGHT									(?)
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Area Level Controls									
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Greenhouse#2	All Other Space Types	Manual ON/ OFF	Bi-level Switch	Auto Timeswitch	NA	NA			
Greenhouse#3	All Other Space Types	Manual ON/ OFF	Bi-level Switch	Auto Timeswitch	NA	NA			
Restroom	Restroom	Manual ON/ OFF	Dimmer	Occ. Sensor	NA	NA			
*NOTES: Controls with	a * require a note in the space below e	explaining how co	ompliance is achiev	ed.		1	.3		
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FOOTNOTE: Design Watts for small aperture and color changing luminaires which qualify per §140.6(a)4B is adjusted to be 75% of their rated wattage. Table F automatically makes this adjustment, the permit applicant should enter full rated wattage in column 05.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Authority Having Jurisdiction may ask for Luminaire cut sheets to confirm wattage used for compliance per <u>§130.0(c)</u> Wattage used must be the maximum rated for the luminaire, not the lamp.

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Greenhouse#2	All Other Space Types	0,4	3,000	1,200				
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DOCUMENTATION AUTHOR'S I	DECLARATION STATEMENT		2
I certify that this Certificate of Com	pliance documentation is accurate and com	plete	
Documentation Author Name:	Jam Hezar	Documentation Author Signature:	
Company:	Alliance 24 Title	Signature Date:	8-10-2021
Address:	325 Berry Street	CEA/ HERS Certification Identification (if	applicable):
City/State/Zip:	San Francisco CA 94158	Phone:	15-422-9925
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I certify the following under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California:

- 1. The information provided on this Certificate of Compliance is true and correct.
- 2. I am eligible under Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code to accept responsibility for the building design or system design identified on this Certificate of Compliance (responsible designer)
- 3. The energy features and performance specifications, materials, components, and manufactured devices for the building design or system design identified on this Certificate of Compliance conform to the requirements of Title 24, Part 1 and Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations.
- 4. The building design features or system design features identified on this Certificate of Compliance are consistent with the information provided on other applicable compliance documents, worksheets, calculations, plans and specifications submitted to the enforcement agency for approval with this building permit application.
- 5. I will ensure that a completed signed copy of this Certificate of Compliance shall be made available with the building permit(s) issued for the building, and made available to the enforcement agency for all applicable inspections. I understand that a completed signed copy of this Certificate of Compliance is required to be included with the documentation the builder provides to the building owner at occupancy.

Responsible Designer Name:	Lowell Shade	Responsible Designer Signature:
Company:		Date Signed:
Address:	140 Agate Street	License:
City/State/Zip:	Stewart Valley , CA	Phone: 775-764-7560

#### **Exhibit 2 – Communications with Planning**

From: Jerry Oser < joser@inyocounty.us >

Date: Fri, Aug 6, 2021, 1:20 PM

Subject: CUP

To: shadegrownfarms@gmail.com <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>

Lowell,

If you keep your employee count below 25, we won't consider you a public water system subject to permit.

We sorted out the septic issue servicing the public restrooms. In short, there was ample capacity to handle the extra flows.

That leaves pesticides. As long as you are on the up-and-up with the AG Commissioner, we are okay with what you are doing.

In summary, at least for the Environmental Health portion of your CUP, you comply.

Best,

JERRY OSER, REHS

**Inyo County** 

Director of Environmental Health

Office: (760)873-7866

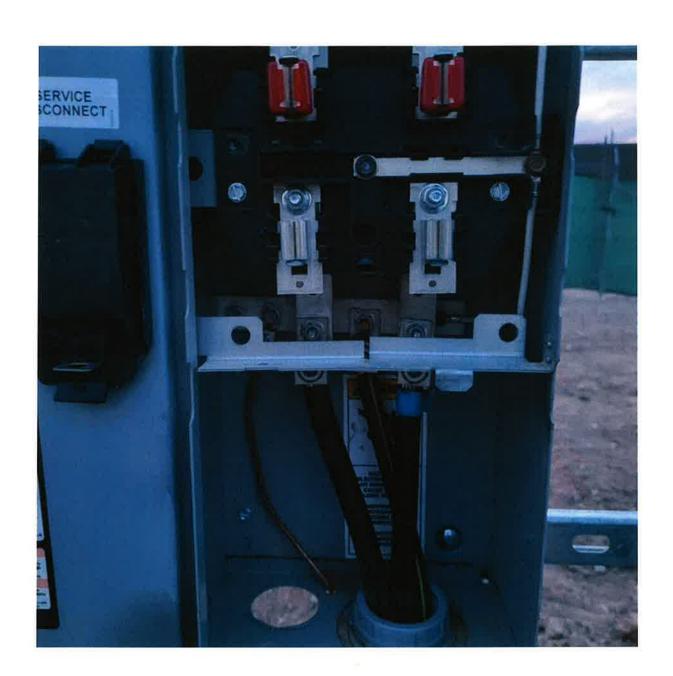
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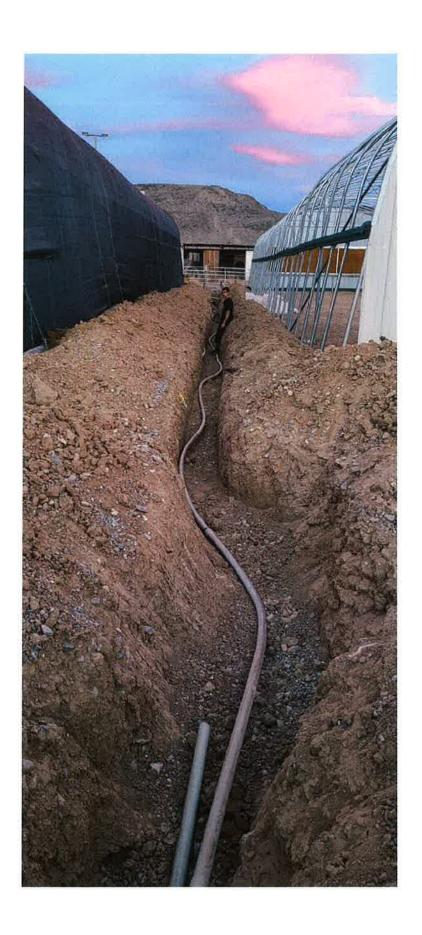
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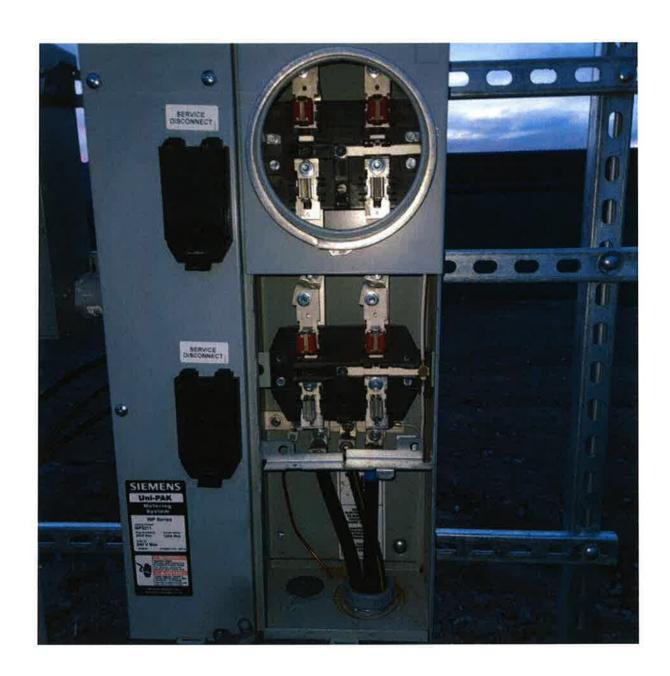
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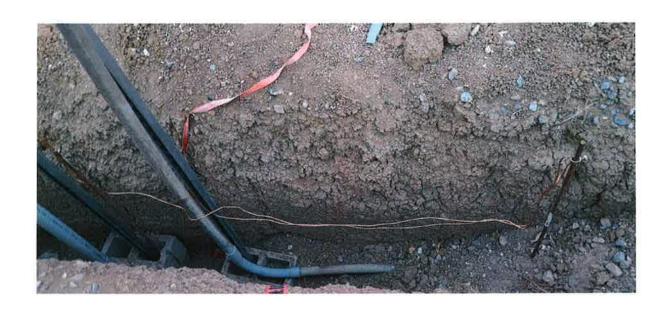




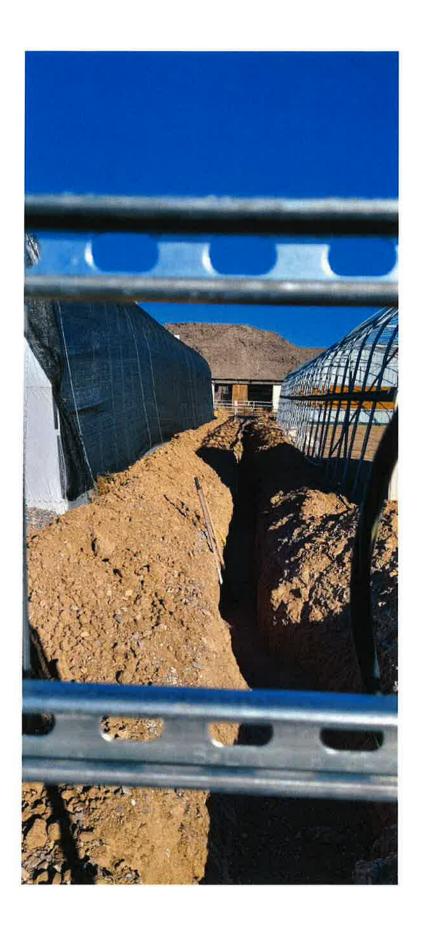


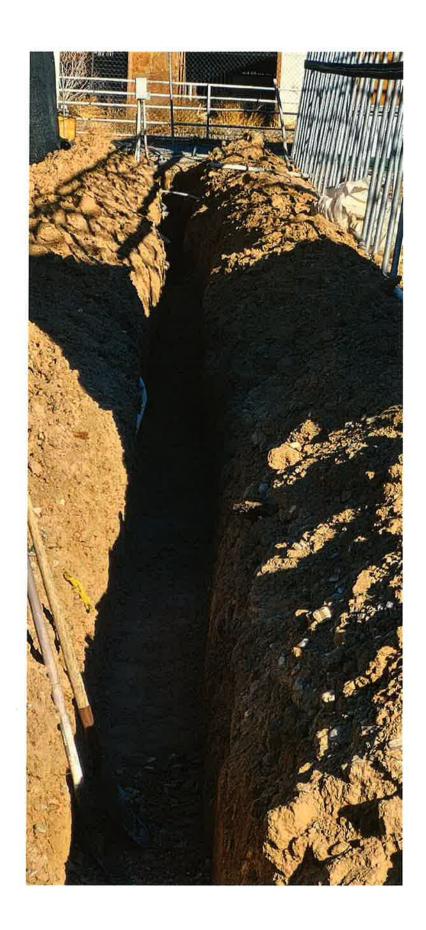












## EXHIBIT 4 – COUNTY COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMITTING OFFICE COMPLIANCE



## COUNTY OF INYO

## COUNTY COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMITTING OFFICE

207 WEST SOUTH STREET BISHOP, CA 93514 760.873.7860

## **COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS INSPECTION FORM**

Bu	sines	s N	ame	Contact	Name			Phone Number		
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Ad	Addess or Coordinates of Location Inspected				DL	DE	CC SI-HADE	(775) 764-7560 Zip Code		
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X			5. Cannabis waste practices consistent with application	X			15. Are security features of	consistent with application info?		
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<sup>1</sup> If the business uses pesticides, conduct the appropriate pesticide inspection (Form PR-ENF-102, 103, 104, or 109)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>If the business is required to have a licensed weighmaster, conduct a weighmaster audit inspection

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## Response of the Inyo County Planning Department to Appeal No. 2021/01 (Shade Grown Farms)

### I. Factual Background and Overview

On February 27, 2019, the Planning Commission, upon the recommendation of staff, approved CUP No. 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms ("the CUP") for Lowell Shade to operate a commercial cannabis cultivation operation at 140 Agate Drive in the community of Stewart Valley (APN: 048-540-08) ("the Property"). The project proposal included growing cannabis plants of a variety of strains as well as processing the mature plants, which entails drying, curing, trimming, and packaging at the project site.

This CUP was approved with several conditions of approval, including:

- 1. The applicant shall provide adequate water and septic systems, public restrooms, and a plan for pesticide and fertilizer use, storage and removal to the satisfaction of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department prior to any Building Permits being granted. Failure to provide shall also cause revocation of CUP 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms.
- 2. Hold Harmless. The applicant/developer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Inyo County agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul an approval of the county, its advisory agencies, its appeals board, or legislative body concerning Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms. The County reserves the right to prepare its own defense.
- 3. Compliance with County Code. The applicant/developer shall conform to all applicable provisions of Inyo County Code and State regulations.

Relevant here, condition #3 requires compliance with the California Building Code ("CBC") because Title 14 of the Inyo County Code incorporates the CBC in full and mandates compliance with the California Building Code for all construction occurring in Inyo County.

Starting before the CUP was issued and continuing thereafter, the Planning Department explained to Mr. Shade that he needed to obtain permits from both the Department of Building and Safety and the Environmental Health Department, per conditions 1 and 3 of the CUP. Indeed, the day after the CUP was issued, Nathan Lund, Mr. Shade's business partner, emailed Cathreen Richards, Planning Director, with a variety of site plans for construction on the Property. Ms. Richards responded to the email with a reminder that no construction could occur on the property until Mr. Shade obtained a building permit and met all environmental health requirements. Ms. Richards further reminded Mr. Lund that the failure to abide by these rules could result in the revocation of the CUP. See Exhibit 1.

On December 11, 2019, Mr. Shade obtained a building permit for the installation of three greenhouses with steel frames and a plastic cover. The permit said nothing about any other work, such as electrical, plumbing, or the construction of any buildings other than greenhouses. See Exhibit 2. After obtaining this permit, Mr. Shade never requested any inspections on the greenhouses, and the permit expired due to lack of progress (per Title 14 of the Inyo County Code, any building permit that sees no progress for over 180 days automatically expires and must be renewed for construction to continue).

In May and June 2020, Mr. Shade reached out to the Building Department to inquire about installing a solar system and a septic system on the Property. Senior Building Inspector Tyson Sparrow discussed the permitting requirements for these systems with Mr. Shade. *See* Exhibit 3. However, Mr. Shade never followed through with the permitting for these installations but soon thereafter emailed the Building Department and informed them that he had installed various water and electrical lines on the Property. This came as a surprise to Mr. Sparrow, given that Mr. Shade had neither applied for nor obtained a permit to perform this work. Mr. Sparrow advised Mr. Shade that he must immediately cease construction on the Property until he obtained a building permit. *See* Exhibit 4.

On July 13, 2021, James Feeney, Building Inspector, went to inspect the Property. Mr. Feeney's inspection revealed that Mr. Shade had erected a variety of structures, such as an office and bathrooms, and had installed commercial-level electrical, plumbing, and a solar system without the benefit of a permit or any inspections. In other words, Mr. Shade had essentially built his entire commercial cannabis operation with no building permits whatsoever. Furthermore, Mr. Feeney's inspection of the work revealed that it was unsafe and noncompliant with the CBC. Particularly concerning to Mr. Feeney was the electrical work, which was installed in a manner that posed a fire hazard. Mr. Feeney sent an email to Ms. Richards listing the violations and summed up the situation with four simple words: "it is a mess." See Exhibit 5.

Following Mr. Feeney's inspection, Mr. Shade attempted to apply for a building permit to fix some of the CBC violations and to retroactively permit his unpermitted work. However, the application Mr. Shade submitted was deficient in many aspects. It lacked plumbing plans, electrical plans, HVAC plans, fire sprinkler plans, and foundation plans. Mr. Feeney informed Mr. Shade of these deficiencies on July 21 and explained to Mr. Shade that "nothing you provided will start the process [of obtaining a building permit]." *See* Exhibit 6. Mr. Shade did not follow up on this permit application or otherwise correct the deficiencies that Mr. Feeney outlined.

On August 9, 2021, Ms. Richards emailed Mr. Shade to let him know that he needed to bring his operation into compliance with the CBC and modify his construction to the satisfaction of the Building Department or he risked the revocation of his CUP. See Exhibit 7. On August 10, 2021, Mr. Sparrow also emailed Mr. Shade, stating "as I have told you before, any time you touch plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural, you need a permit." Mr. Sparrow further instructed Mr. Shade to schedule a meeting with him onsite so that the Building Department could provide Mr. Shade with a specific, detailed list of violations to remedy. Mr. Sparrow concluded by reminding Mr. Shade that "We want nothing more than for you to be successful, our goal as public servants is to get you to the finish line. If there is any way to get this train back on track I'm all for it." See Exhibit 8.

On August 11, 2021, Ms. Richards informed Mr. Shade that a hearing on the revocation of the CUP would occur before the Planning Commission on September 22, 2021. Ms. Richards also reminded Mr. Shade that the Planning Department would cancel the hearing and drop the revocation proceedings if Mr. Shade showed progress in addressing the CBC violations that Mr. Feeney identified. To his credit, after Ms. Richards' and Mr. Sparrow's emails and the receipt of a hearing notice, Mr. Shade quickly began asking questions about bringing his operation into compliance. However, as Mr. Shade began to ask questions, it became apparent that Mr. Shade had done no research into the CBC, lacked even the vaguest idea about how to ensure

compliance with the CBC, and had planned his entire operation without any consideration of whether his plans would meet the standards found in the CBC.

For instance, on August 17, 2021, Mr. Shade emailed Ms. Richards to ask why the Building Department was requiring the structures on the Property to meet commercial building code standards when the Property was zoned as residential. Ms. Richards explained to him that this occurs because the structures will be used for commercial operations (a cannabis cultivation and processing business), even though the zoning is residential. She further reminded Mr. Shade that this disconnect between the zoning and the use of the property is the exact reason why he had to apply for a CUP and that this issue of a commercial use on residential zoning was explained to him back in early 2019 during the CUP application process. See Exhibit 9.

Similarly, on August 17, 2021, Mr. Shade sent Mr. Sparrow an email which included the following reasons for his noncompliance with the Building Code: 1) he was unaware that he was required to call for periodic inspections during the construction process; 2) he believed that there were no rules regulating greenhouses in Inyo County because the Inyo County Code does not have a special section on greenhouses; and 3) he was not aware that moveable buildings are still required to meet building code standards. In response to this, Mr. Sparrow explained to Mr. Shade that there is a reminder written directly on the inspection card provided with every building permit to call for periodic inspections; that the CBC, which is operative in Inyo County via Title 14, includes a section on greenhouses; and that a review of the CBC would reveal requirements regarding moveable buildings. *See* Exhibit 10. Mr. Sparrow also reiterated to Mr. Shade that the first step toward bringing himself into compliance with the CBC would be to schedule an inspection with the Building Department so that a building official could provide him with a list of all violations that needed to be remedied.

As the operator of a complex business within a highly regulated industry, these were not issues that Mr. Shade should justifiably be confused about. Perhaps a homeowner attempting a DIY bathroom remodel could be confused about the need for periodic inspections or the fact that one must consult both the CBC and the Inyo County Code to learn about relevant building standards. But the operator of multi-acre commercial cannabis cultivation business who had 2.5 years to familiarize himself with the relevant rules and regulations cannot reasonably claim ignorance about these basic issues. Moreover, given that Mr. Shade repeatedly began the permitting process with the Building Department but then abandoned the process when informed that his plans were not up to code, it would appear that Mr. Shade knew exactly what he needed to do to be compliant with the CBC. Mr. Shade simply chose not to comply because building compliant structures that meet basic life safety standards is more expensive than building unsafe, noncompliant ones.

Also problematic was the fact that, despite Mr. Shade's claims of ignorance when it comes to building standards, Mr. Shade seemed to have no lack of knowledge when it comes to cannabis cultivation and processing. Indeed, throughout this entire enforcement proceeding, Mr. Shade was (and still is) operating and profiting from his commercial cannabis business, even though he has yet to come into compliance with the conditions of approval of the CUP. A CUP grants privileges, but those privileges come with conditions. A permitee should not be permitted to enjoy the privileges of a CUP unless they also comply with the necessary conditions.

Despite all of these concerns, the Planning Department decided to give Mr. Shade one final chance, and on September 21, 2021, Ms. Richards informed Mr. Shade that the Planning Department would agree to delay the hearing one month to give Mr. Shade some additional time to bring the Property into compliance. This decision was based on the fact that Mr. Shade sent some pictures to the Building Departing in mid-September 2021 that seemed to show that he was undertaking work on his electrical system and hooking his property up to the So Cal Edison ("SEC") power grid. This was exciting news because the poorly installed electrical on the Property was the Building Department's major safety concern. However, the Building Department remained concerned because Mr. Shade had still not obtained any building permits for the work he was doing, nor had he taken Mr. Sparrow up on his offer to come to the Property to create a specific list of violations. Nevertheless, the new hearing date was set for October 27, 2021.

Unfortunately, the hint of progress that the Planning Department and the Building Department saw in mid-September did not last. In early October 2021, Mr. Shade informed the Building Department that he was abandoning his plan to remedy the unsafe electrical system by hooking it up to the SCE power grid because his neighbor would not allow him to trench electrical lines across the neighbor's half of the road. *See* Exhibit 11. However, this statement made no sense because SCE has a utility easement to run electrical lines to all properties that it serves. In other words, Mr. Shade does not need his neighbor's permission to run power to the Property. The Building Department attempted to inform Mr. Shade of this fact, but Mr. Shade indicated that he was formulating a new plan to utilize primarily solar power, which would set him back to square one of the planning process.

### II. The Planning Commission Hearing

On October 27, 2021, the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on the revocation of Mr. Shade's CUP. Ms. Richards and Mr. Feeney provided testimony on behalf of the Planning Department. Mr. Shade provided testimony on his own behalf. The evidence presented by at the hearing established the following:

- Mr. Shade never obtained any inspections on his greenhouses.
- Mr. Shade built bathrooms and offices and installed electrical, solar, and plumbing without a permit. None of this work met the requirements of the CBC. The violations of the CBC on the Property pose a threat to health and safety. The electrical is particularly concerning because it was installed incorrectly and poses a fire hazard.
- The Building Department and Planning Department have tried repeatedly to help Mr. Shade. They have provided him with booklets and information about construction and electrical, they have offered numerous site visits (which Mr. Shade has not taken them up on), and they have tried to instruct Mr. Shade on how to complete various tasks.
- As of the hearing, it had been 640 days since Mr. Shade received his CUP and he has not managed to come into compliance with the CBC.
- In contrast to his inability to comply with the CBC and building permit requirements, Mr. Shade has had no problem getting his cannabis business up and running. Mr. Shade has been growing and selling cannabis throughout the entire enforcement process.

Based on the evidence presented, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to revoke the CUP. When voting on this revocation, the commissioners extensively debated the impact of COVID-19 on Mr. Shade's ability to comply with the CBC, which Mr. Shade cited numerous times throughout the hearing as the reason for his noncompliance. However, Commissioners discussed this timeline and found Mr. Shade's argument unpersuasive, given that he obtained his CUP a full year before COVID had any impact on California and therefore should have had ample time to plan and begin construction before COVID hit.

### III. Mr. Shade's Arguments on Appeal

On November 2, 2021, Mr. Shade submitted an appeal of the Planning Commission's October 27 decision to revoke the CUP. Mr. Shade raised various arguments in his appeal. Many of these arguments misstate the facts. Below, the Planning Department has provided responses to selected statements within Mr. Shade's appeal to correct his misstatements:

<u>Page 1:</u> Since the grant of the CUP, SF has continuously strived to ensure compliance with County and State regulations. SF has had numerous positive discussions and communications with Inyo County on maintaining compliance.

Planning Department Response: Mr. Shade has not consistently tried to comply with County regulations, as evidenced by his ongoing failure to obtain building permits and comply with the CBC. While the Planning Department agrees that Mr. Shade has had positive communications with County staff, these positive communications have not resulted in actual action on Mr. Shade's part. To this day, he remains noncompliant with the CBC.

<u>Page 1:</u> In early September 2021, SF received its first formal notice of non-compliance with the CUP.

<u>Planning Department Response:</u> This is incorrect. As explained above, Mr. Shade was told in May 2021 to stop work given his lack of a building permit. Additionally, beginning the day after the grant of his CUP, Mr. Shade was informed of the need to obtain building permits for any work done on the Property.

<u>Page 1:</u> Despite demonstrating significant progress in compliance issues highlighted by Building & Safety, on October 27th, the Planning Commission revoked the CUP and refused to review the continued progress that had been previously acknowledged at the Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021. At the Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021, a County official stated that "Mr. Shade had shown significant progress" and further "If he continues to make progress we can continue again, or actually suspend the violation process." Unfortunately, I was not allowed to present his continued progress to the Planning Commission.

<u>Planning Department Response:</u> Mr. Shade did not "demonstrat[e] significant progress" prior to the October 27 hearing. Rather, Mr. Shade made some very minor progress in relation to the electrical violations present on the Property, which caused staff to believe that Mr. Shade might be on the right track. Unfortunately, this progress was short-lived, as Mr. Shade ceased work on his electrical system, purportedly because of the easement issues outlined above (which staff determined to be invalid). With regards to Mr. Shade's ability to present his progress to the Planning Commission, Mr. Shade

was given ample opportunity to testify and present evidence to the Planning Commission, and Commissioners asked numerous questions of Mr. Shade.

<u>Page 2:</u> The CUP revocation was arbitrary and unreasonable. Further, not being allowed sufficient time at the Planning Commission hearing to present the very significant progress towards compliance violated my due process rights. I am respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors to reverse the Planning Commission's CUP revocation and allow more time to fully address all compliance issues.

<u>Planning Department Response:</u> The Planning Commission's decision was not arbitrary or unreasonable. The Planning Commission heard evidence that Mr. Shade has had almost three years to bring his operation into compliance with the CBC, but rather than obtaining necessary permits and complying with the CBC, Mr. Shade chose to do all of his construction without the benefit of permits. The hearing on the revocation lasted approximately 2 hours, with Mr. Shade being allotted ample time to speak. Commissioners also asked numerous questions of Mr. Shade.

<u>Page 3:</u> Ultimately, the excellent progress that I had made was never reviewed/inspected by Building & Safety, and at the October 27 Planning Commission hearing, I was never given a chance to present this progress to the Planning Commission.

Planning Department Response: Mr. Shade did not make "excellent progress" prior to the October 27 hearing. While it is true that Mr. Shade started to bring his faulty electrical system into compliance, this work represented only a tiny fraction of the work that Mr. Shade needed to do to remedy the CBC violations. Additionally, Mr. Shade's progress on the electrical system did not last. As outlined above, in early October 2021, any progress that Mr. Shade was making on his electrical system ceased due to Mr. Shade's incorrect belief that he could not hook his property up to the SCE power grid without his neighbor's approval. While the Building Department told Mr. Shade to talk to SCE about the existence of an easement, Mr. Shade instead changed his plans and decided to go with a solar system. In short, there was nothing to inspect prior to the October 27 hearing because Mr. Shade had made such minimal progress.

<u>Page 4:</u> At the hearing on October 27, 2021, I was not given a chance to present my progress to date...Not providing me enough time and shutting me off at this very crucial meeting that determines my livelihood was imply unjust, unfair, and ultimately unreasonable...I have set out pictures that should have been reviewed and considered by County officials in Exhibit 3.

Planning Department Response: Mr. Shade was given ample time to present his case at the Planning Commission hearing. He was never "shut[] off" by the Planning Commission. With respect to the pictures that Mr. Shade attached as Exhibit 3 to his appeal, Mr. Shade never attempted to present these pictures to the Planning Commission before or during the appeal. Additionally, these pictures have been reviewed by Tyson Sparrow, who has stated that these pictures do not change the Building Department's recommendation.

### IV. Conclusion and Recommendation

After being granted a CUP in February 2019, Mr. Shade constructed a complex, multi-acre commercial cannabis operation with no permitting, oversight, or approval from the Inyo County Building Department. In fact, none of the work that Mr. Shade has done since February 2019 has been properly permitted or inspected. Unsurprisingly, Mr. Shade's complete disregard for the permitting process has caused his property to be rife with dangerous CBC violations.

Staff has gone above and beyond to assist Mr. Shade with the process and bring him into compliance. However, there is only so much that staff can do. The questions that Mr. Shade has posed to staff throughout the process have revealed that Mr. Shade is frighteningly uneducated about the construction process and apparently unwilling to obtain the assistance of someone who does understand the process, such as a licensed contractor. Similarly, whenever staff explained to Mr. Shade why his building permit applications were insufficient, Mr. Shade's response seemed to be to abandon the permitting process and do the work without a permit, rather than to work with staff to ensure that his proposed construction met all requirements of the CBC and the CUP.

Mr. Shade's decisions have caused him to be in violation of the conditions of approval of his CUP, and the Planning Commission correctly voted to revoke Mr. Shade's CUP. The Planning Department urges the Board of Supervisors to uphold this decision by the Planning Commission. The Planning Department fully understands the implications of this CUP revocation on Mr. Shade's cannabis business. That said, Mr. Shade has been non-compliant with the Conditions of Approval set forth for the CUP for almost 3 years. He was given ample time to correct this noncompliance but failed to do so. Mr. Shade should not be permitted to continue to enjoy the benefits of his CUP if he refuses to also comply with the conditions of approval.

From: Cathreen Richards

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:43 PM

**To:** Red Dragon; lowell shade **Cc:** Tyson Sparrow; Kathe Barton

Subject: RE: Site Plan LotB licensed tenant Addition requested for CUP clarafication on. 140 Agate Stewart Valley, CA

Nathan,

Now that I can read this site plan, I see that it is the same as what Lowell provided with the Conditional Use Permit application and everything will be alright with regard to the Conditional Permit approval.

### Moving forward:

You will need to work on your site plans to ensure that you are meeting the setback requirements of the zoning district. This property is in the Rural Residential Zone. The setback requirements are 50' front yard, 30' rear yard and 20' side yards. Your green houses are required to meet these setbacks. Storage and other accessory structures can be 5' from the side a rear lot lines, but still have to be 50' from the front. You are also required to have 10' between each structure on the property. When I discussed this with Lowell we identified the side of the parcel facing Agate as the front.

You need to submit applications for building permits for everything you have built and are proposing to build on the property to the Building and Safety Department to get your building permits. When you submit for the building permits please include a clear/readable site plan that includes the distances from each structure, existing and proposed, to the parcel lot lines and the distances between each structure, existing and proposed. You will also need to work with Lowell and the Environmental Health Department to satisfy their requirements for the water and septic systems, a public restroom, and a plan for the use, storage, handling and disposal of all and any pesticides and fertilizers. If you and/or Lowell do not meet these requirements the

Conditional Use Permit will be revoked and you will not be able to get your building permits and it could affect the status of your cannabis business license.

Thank you for your quick response to my request for your site plan. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me, or Tyson Sparrow for building questions, or Kathe Barton for Environmental Health Department questions. They are ccd on this email for your convenience.

Thank you,

Cathreen Richards, Planning Director Inyo County Planning Department PO Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526

Phone: 760-878-0447

Email: crichards@inyocounty.us

From: Red Dragon [mailto:reddragoncalifornia@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 12:54 PM

**To:** Cathreen Richards

Subject: Site Plan LotB licensed tenant Addition requested for CUP clarafication on. 140 Agate Stewart Valley,CA

#### Kathreen Richards

Hello and TY for your phone call earlier today. I apolagize about the delay on getting you some much needed information. I'm glad to be in direct contact with you and your department.

We understand the confusion. Unfortunately as tenants on the property, we only have so much control of these situations in regards to property ownership and information regarding property owner due diligence. That being said.

Moving forward.

Below RDB Cultivation llc has attached the previously re-drawn outlined in RED LotB site plans provided during the county application process. The BLUE site plans attached were originals provided by Lowell Shade/Shadegrownfarms llc) submitted through the agricultural department for county license approval for LotG. The site plans are almost identical but,have the inclusion of 2 future additional 100ft by 36ft wide greenhouses included. Upon the request of the planning department, RDB Cultivation llc is sending copies of the original site plan provided by landlord/and LotB site plan specifics for additional planning department review. We hope what's provided will suffice to move forward with no issues and apolagies for the confusion. We as tenants will be much more diligent in our communications with land owner and ALL permits regarding ANY additions added by

LotB(RDB Cultivation Ilc. License# 5g-002) located at 140 Agate rd. Stewart Valley,CA 92384 will be in compliance with ALL local county and state ordinances. We appreciate your patience with the growth of a brand new industry and look forward to being contributing partners to the community of inyo county,CA. Respectfully,

RDB Cultivation llc.

Nathan & Haeli Lund

PS.

Below we have attached an original copy of the site plans provides by Lowell Shade in all BLUE.

Also attached is our greenhouse additions and outside security lighting layout for site plan LotB and additions turned into the Agricultural department for county license approval.Lot B is outlined in RED.

RDB Cultivation llc Lot B is separately county licensed on the same parcell of land as Shadegrownfarms llc located at 140 Agate rd ,Stewart Valley,CA 92384.

10 feet away.



## **Building Permit Application**

## **Inyo County**



377 West Line Street, Bishop, California 93514 760-873-7857 ctruelsen@inyocounty.us www.inyocounty.us

Project Address: 140 Agate St. Stewart Valley, CA	APN:	048-540-08	
Contractor: Owner Builder	Prop Owner:	Lowell Shade	
Address :	Address:	50 Emery St. #421	
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:	Pahrump, NV 8904	8
Phone # :	Phone #:	775-764-8055	
License #:	Bus. Name:		
Architect :			
Address :			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone # :			
Fax # :			
License # :			
Project Coordinator / Contact Person (if differ			
Name: Cannabis Cultivation	Phone # :	,	
Project Description (be specific): Construction of 3 greenhouses for cannabis cultivation. The galvanized steel framing covered with a poly cover.			
Short Desc: 3 Greenhouses Value of work: \$10,000.00			
Applicant understands that this permit expires and becomes null and void construction be suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days. Applic knowledge and agrees to comply with all County/City and state laws relation.	cant certifies that the inf	ormation provided herein	is correct to the best of their
Applicant name: Lowell Shade		_	
Signature:	IS LINE - FOR OFF	FICE USE ONLY	
Permit Cost Summary		Permit # :	2019-086
Ruilding Permit	\$ 243.77	Date:	12/11/2019

Permit Cost Sumr	nary		Permit #:	2019-086	
Building Permit	\$	243.77	Date:	12/11/2019	
Plan Check	\$	121.89	Approved By:	TS	
Plumbing Permit	\$	133.90	Planning:	Y Received	
Mechanical Permit	\$	211.59	Con Type:	V	
Electrical Permit	\$	69.59	Occ Grp:	В	
Other	\$	-	Total SQ FT:		
Relocation	\$	-	Zoning:	RR 5.0 MH	
Demolition	\$	-	WM Form:	N	
Jacuzzi	\$	-	Plan Check:	Y	
Storage Container	\$	-	Health Dept:	N	
Continuing Education	\$	2.00	School Fees:	N	
Mobile Home	\$	-	Cal Fire:	N	
Grading	\$	-	Sewer Dist:	N	
Solar	\$	-			
SMIP	\$	2.80	Total	\$	786.54
Building Standards Revolving Fun	\$	1.00	Receipt #:		592768

From: Tyson Sparrow

**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:47 AM

**To:** lowell shade **Subject:** RE: solar.

#### Good morning Lowell,

Solar is reviewed by the planning department for setbacks, I would give Cathreen or Steve a call in planning for the developmental standards. The solar would need to be a separate permit and fees. Berta is having a tough time understanding the process, we are trying to get her on the phone with a translator so we can get her project on track. Unfortunately my Spanish is just so so, I really need to become more proficient at speaking Spanish.

Tyson Sparrow
Building Inspector
(760)878-8263 Cell
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TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US



From: lowell shade [mailto:lowellshade702@outlook.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:02 PM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow **Subject:** solar.

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Hello Tyson,

Hope this finds you well. I am wanting to install a 5kw 15 panel solar system to assist in powering my greenhouses. They will be ground mounted on stands holding 3 panels each at the northmost point of the property is there a setback requirement for ground mounted solar panels? If so Are my setback requirements 50 ft. from the front and 30 from the back. What will I need to change to make this addition to my building permit. I was also wanting to inquire on the neighbor, Bertas septic permit application and see if they were ready for me to dig their leach field according to their

submitted design plan. I look forward to hearing back and talking about what our next step is with having you inspect work being done and when these inspections need to be done. I appreciate your time and help.

Lowell Shade

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Tyson Sparrow

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 12:12 PM

**To:** 'lowell shade' **Cc:** James Feeney

Subject: RE: Inspection request

### Lowell,

We do not have a permit for the Charleston view project. We have not received any plans, structural, plumbing, electrical. Please stop all work until a permit has been issued for this project.

Tyson Sparrow Senior Building Inspector (760)878-8263 Cell (760)873-3180 Office TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US



**From:** lowell shade [mailto:lowellshade702@outlook.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 11:51 AM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow

**Subject:** RE: Inspection request

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Hello Tyson. I have sent messages to Kathy Barton to be sure I am doing all she needs done. And wanted to touch base i had a state cal cannabis inspection last Thursday. It went well. No issues just need to supply them with an updated site plan. I wanted to send you a few pics to see if your able to give the go ahead to fill the trench in. This is on the Charleston view inyo cannabis village site. The pics are of the power and water line trench. I dug 3 ft deep. Level sandy bottom. Placed the water lines and will backfill 12 inches and lay the direct burial wire for the well pump. These are the supply lines for the construction trailer for water feom the well and

from the office panel to the well pump. Look forward to your reply. Same way I did my trenches but I went 4 ft deep at shadegrown farms. Thanks tyson. Hope to talk soon

On May 20, 2021 1:58 PM, lowell shade <lowellshade 702@outlook.com> wrote: Thank you tyson,

Alot of the underground water lines and electrical was existing for the 30 ft light poles. And the farm pasture irrigation lines. I just found the existing lines and put upright spickets in instead of the sprinkler heads that were originally there. The new trench for the new 200 amp meters is what will be newly added. I've had my direct burial feed line in the trench for a year now waiting on Mr Lund to obtain his wiring and meter boxes. I originally trenched 48"-54" deep and a smooth sand/decomposed granite bottom. Laid the direct burial and covered with a foot of sand and been waiting for the additional line for rdb cultivation and was then gonna backfill. Over the year there have been a few wall cave in in the trench making it now uneven and not level for line placement. Should I level the trench up for his line or will I need to completely re dig the trench and place both lines together? Or is it OK to place it in the trench with the foot difference of the sand topper over my wire? Sorry for the confusion. Also I can take pictures of the stages and send those to you for approval before I proceed to backfill? Thanks again

On May 19, 2021 1:03 PM, Tyson Sparrow <tsparrow@inyocounty.us> wrote:

Hi Lowell,

I wasn't heated at all, I just relayed that we have not done any inspections on the property and that there are items that are on the CUP from Environmental Health that have not been accomplished. This has resulted in the review of the CUP and possible revocation because of noncompliance. We just need to get things on track with all departments and do the proper inspections as required by California code prior to proceeding any further. I also recommend you get into contact with Kathy Barton of EH and see what you need to do to satisfy them. As far as electrical inspection we are supposed to look at all trenching, wire and installation, prior, during and after, same with plumbing. So basically we are backwards from the process and need to get this going in the right direction. I want you guys to be successful and do well.

## **TYSON SPARROW**

SENIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

(760)878-8263 CELL

(760)873-3180 OFFICE

## TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US



**From:** lowell shade [mailto:lowellshade702@outlook.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 12:47 PM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow

**Subject:** Inspection request

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### Hello,

I want to touch base with you. I had heard from nate Lund that you were rather heated with me. I do apologize for any delays. I'm only waiting on rdb ctivation to buy their direct burial wire so it can be added to the trench and filled so we can have a complete inspection. I jave also hit several financial delays in which I've had to take hourly piece work to earn supply monies for my project. Had a bad round of testing that we thought was a soil co tamination issue but now have identified it ad a contaminated water issue. Glad its water as that's an easier fix than soil.lol... ilook forward to speaking to you soon so we can lock in a day to come out and see us. Please feel free to text message me at 775-764-7560. Thank you Tyson

From: James Feeney

**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 8:29 AM **To:** Cathreen Richards; Tyson Sparrow

Cc: Jerry Oser

Subject: 140 Agate st Stewart Valley Lowell Shade CUP

Good morning!

My inspection on 7/13/21 at Lowell Shades 140 Agate St Stewart Valley reviled multiple failed inspections and several code violations.

Ranging from electrical / plumbing / framing / solar. As well as non-compliance with Environmental Health requirements

There were many rows of pot plants being grown outside as well.

It is a mess.

This was the first scheduled inspection since the permit was issued on 1/28/20.

I believe they are out of compliance with the CUP and the building permit.

Please advise.

James Feeney Building Inspector Inyo County 760-937-4965

Jfeeney@inyocounty.us



**From:** James Feeney

**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 4:59 PM

**To:** lowell shade

Cc: delightshotspringsresort@gmail.com; Tyson Sparrow

Subject: RE: Old Spanish Hwy / McNeal

Things seem to going a bit off the rails here.

You submitted an application for Steve McNeal that stated "12,000 square foot building with concrete floor"

Then I was handed a set of plans.

These plans included unstamped, non-engineered specs for a steel building.

No T-24 pages
No plumbing page
An unusable electrical page.
No topo.
No fire suppression plan

And etc

Now you are referencing the Bertha Gonzalez permit.

You are not listed on this permit.

I will strongly advise you to not cut any foundations or start any further projects until you get this straightened out. You must be a licensed contractor or the "owner builder" to install the mobile home.

Lets focus on the McNeal permit application.

Nothing you have provided will work.

Please provide a complete submittal with all required documents.

James

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 3:14 PM

**To:** James Feeney

Subject: Re: Old Spanish Hwy / McNeal

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I was reading their permit as I hit send. I see their description says install mobile home and containers. So I'm assuming those are included...lol... I'll have him start digging his footer and at what point of that would you like to come inspect? Before we place blocks in the trench? After we fill all blocks and block cells with concrete? Before we attach the hurricane straps to frame of the mobile or after its completed? Thanks again James.

On Thu, Jul 22, 2021, 2:47 PM lowell shade < shadegrownfarms@gmail.com > wrote:

Good afternoon James,

Hope your day is going well. I have a question on permit #2020-399. The owner is asking if the foundation for the mobile is part of the permit and also if the conex containers were included in the permit. I'll have them start on the solar plan to get their solar system up and running and in the order your needing everything in.i havnt been able to find an expedited solar application to start on for myself and them. He will be doing my solar electrical install at shadegrown farms as he's a union electrician so I'll have him draw all the technical info for everything for both. I'll include his sketch for the foundation. Thank you for all your patience and help James!

On Thu, Jul 22, 2021, 9:25 AM lowell shade <<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Site plan

On Thu, Jul 22, 2021, 9:19 AM lowell shade < <a href="mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com">shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

Here is the site plan . I'm confused by your comments as It contains everything you say it needs. All measurements including setbacks, street names, well location, there are no existing buildings, title block including land use ,address, apn#, and scale.. the site plan also includes a second premises not associated with the premises I am applying for the Second premises will have a separate application but will be using the same site plan and their own supporting documents. Please advise if the site plan is sufficient or if you are needing me to recreate it? Thank you.

On Wed, Jul 21, 2021, 3:30 PM James Feeney < <u>ifeeney@inyocounty.us</u>> wrote:

Lowell,

I was able to open the plans you gave me today on behalf of Steve McNeal.

Those are spec sheets for the metal building. I cannot do anything with them.

A proper submittal should include:

A site plan showing distances, street, existing structures and property lines.

A Topo drawing

Foundation plan
Elevations
Title block
Title 24 pages
Full electrical plans. Commercial requires plans drawn by a licensed electrician.
Full plumbing plans
Heating and air pages
Fire sprinkler plans
3 sets must be provided
Nothing you provided will start the process, I'm sorry.
Please provide the above items with an application.
Regards,

James Feeney

**Building Inspector** 

Inyo County

760-937-4965

Jfeeney@inyocounty.us

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## Exhibit 7

From: Cathreen Richards

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 1:08 PM

To: lowell shade

**Subject:** RE: [Contact Information] CUP

You need to have the Departments, as stated in your conditions, give you written confirmation that you are meeting the codes, as stated in your conditions.

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 12:33 PM

To: Cathreen Richards

Subject: Re: [Contact Information] CUP

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Sorry I had forgot to directly ask you what form of proof of compliance you are seeking? I have a pest .management plan. A signed pesticide attestation. I have a pesticide applicator license through the county, I have a filed waste management plan including a year of dumpster rental for pahrump valley disposal Co. That hauls all of my trash except any hazardous containers that we personally haul to the landfill and will obtain a receipt for dumping when we actually have any hazardous items to dispose of. I look to you for direction and look forward to your responses. Thank you again

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021, 11:40 AM Cathreen Richards < crichards@inyocounty.us > wrote:

Lowell,

I am sorry you are having so many issues getting your cannabis cultivation business up a running. You are, however, in eminent danger of having your CUP revoked, or at the very least suspended. As part of your agreement in getting the CUP, you were conditioned with, and you and I discussed in length:

The applicant shall provide adequate water and septic systems, public restrooms, and a plan for pesticide and fertilizer use, storage and removal to the satisfaction of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department prior to any Building Permits being granted. Failure to provide shall also cause revocation of CUP 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms.

The applicant/developer <u>shall conform to all applicable provisions of Inyo County Code</u> <u>and State regulations</u>. If the use provided by this conditional use permit is not established within one year of the approval date it will become void.

To my knowledge, you have not satisfied any of these conditions. Just to be clear, the Building and Safety and Health and Safety codes are part of the Inyo County and State codes you shall conform with (see above). What you have attached to this email also does not cover it. I would suggest that you get in line with the County Building and Safety Department as well as the County Environmental Health Department to meet your obligations under the CUP. I would also suggest you cease all cannabis cultivation activities until you do so.

I am currently waiting on more information from these departments as well as the Agriculture Commission to see how we will be proceeding. If you really do not want to have your CUP revoked you <u>absolutely must meet</u> the conditions of approval of the CUP and as of right now you are not.

Thank you,

Cathreen Richards

From: web.noreply

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 11:40 AM

To: InyoPlanning

Subject: [Contact Information] CUP

lowell shade sr (not verified) (<a href="mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com">shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</a>) sent a message using the contact form at <a href="https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information">https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information</a>.

The sender's name

lowell shade sr

The sender's email

shadegrownfarms@gmail.com

Subject

CUP

#### Comment or Question

hello, i hope this find everyone well.

i met yesterday with building and safety. i was told that i am at risk of losing my conditional use permit.

i pray there is a path back to compliance as i was notified vesterday for the first time that i was not in compliance, i have worked so very hard to get to the point we are today and want to do whatever is necessary to get my project compliant and completed, this last year has been an incredibly difficult year with family members and friends passing due to covid and the supply chains for all things being almost halted. i beg for your compassion and understanding of the situation and look to you for guidance on how to correctly proceed and satisfy all areas of my application to bring my project to a satisfactory state to be completed as rapidly as possible. i would pray that any mistakes or misunderstandings in the very difficult to navigate building and safety requirements that have been made would not be punished by revoking my cup thus causing a chain reaction of licensing revocations. i beg you to allow me a chance to remedy the building deficiencies that i have been made aware of yesterday before revoking anything. i believe you and i want the same things and that is for a safe construction of a project that will allow solid tax revenues to be paid to the county for many years to come. as with the counties planning phase of the cannabis businesses this has all been a very taxing and learn as we go situation. i know that with the proper open lines of communication and the cooperation of the oversight depts, we can and will successfully reach our goals, i have had several state inspections from several different departments and each inspection has led me closer to complete compliance of the operations, but the lack of county contact from building and safety through the covid pandemic has evidently left me confused and on the wrong path to compliance, neither of which im happy or intentionally doing, i want to have you happy about my project and a gold star by my name not this current state of being at risk of having to start over from scratch as Tyson has stated may be coming, please once again i am asking for your guidance and only want to make you happy with my actions and definitely do not want to lose my licensing, i am not asking for any special treatment or rules to be broken, only your understanding and the time to fix what needs to be fixed and complete what needs completed correctly. I beg you to please allow me an extension of 90 days in time to complete all necessary cup requirements, i look forward to your quick response and thank you for you time and help with this very important matter. any questions please email me or call 775-764-7560 text messages work best

Contact ID

contact-101

Files

signed pesticide attestation.pdf (872.82 KB)

cdfa inspection june 2021.pdf (23.33 MB)

submittable final site plan 2021.pdf (989.14 KB)

water control notice of applicability.pdf (843.27 KB)

## Exhibit 8

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 2:50 PM

To: Tyson Sparrow

Subject: Re: [Contact Information] CUP

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That will be fine. I apologize my emails came through in a different order than Days they were sent. I just got this email. I appreciate your quick responding and look forward to seeing James tomorrow. I'm sure all the Confusion is on my interpretations and lack of clarity on the codes and zoning how it changes and what it applies to where I'm concerned. I thank you again for your assistance. I do wish it was easier to find the actual county codes on if I am a type u building or an agricultural type or a special construction building? Is that up to you or does the commercial special use make it a certain type? Either wayits just to be able to do right by you. So if James tells me what I'm deficient in and what it takes to correct it we will get it done.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2021, 7:36 AM Tyson Sparrow < tsparrow@inyocounty.us > wrote:

#### Good morning Lowell,

The CUP changes the use of the property from residential to commercial. This is a commercial grow, not a residential house. All construction shall comply with commercial building standards.

If you are to read the section 3112 of the code on greenhouses Shall comply with California Fire Code, Structural requirements and all other provisions of the code that is applicable to the project. Membrane structure shall be made of fire resistive construction according the California Fire Code. All of Inyo country is WUIBS except for down town Bishop because that is a LRA. Stewart Valley is moderate fire hazard according to calfire and is subjected to WUIBS.

Section 3113 Relocatable buildings "Shall comply with applicable provisions of this code" Your building does not meet code.

There are no code amendments for the construction of buildings, we simply go by California Building Code. We can assist you by giving you a list of corrections and then doing an inspection or more to verify that you have come into compliance.

I can have James come by on Wednesday this week to perform the correction list to get you back on track if you wish.

#### **TYSON SPARROW**

SENIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

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#### TSPARROW@INYOCOUNTY.US



**From:** shadegrownfarms@gmail.com [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:51 AM

To: Tyson Sparrow

Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

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#### Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Tyson Sparrow

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:28 AM

To: Cathreen Richards; lowell shade
Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

#### Lowell,/bi

I have told you before, any time you touch plumbing, electrical, mechanical, structural you need a permit. The bathroom constructed did not meet ADA standards nor California Building code. You installation of plumbing and electrical is not to code. The structure is not built to California building standards that the state sets, not myself. The construction done at Shade Grown Farms does not meet California code. We can meet onsite and I will write an entire correction notice so you have it in writing.

The other issue is you have not called for the proper inspections as required by state law. We have not done any underground, roughs, structural, plumbing, electrical inspections along the way. Last time you called for an inspection I ask what it was for and you told me you didn't know. I sent James out to take a look and what he saw was completely out of compliance. This is not one tiny aspect of the CUP but a huge critical part that is crucial to maintaining a legal operation. All of these things are set by the state, compliance is not voluntary but mandatory.

We want nothing more than for you to be successful, our goal as public servants is to get you to the finish line. If there is any way to get this train back on track I'm all for it.

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From: Cathreen Richards

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:03 AM

To: lowell shade

Subject: RE: [Contact Information] CUP

Hi Lowell,

It's not me you need to convince. I'll recommend - again, that you work with the Building and Safety Department.

Cathreen

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:50 PM

To: Cathreen Richards

Subject: Re: [Contact Information] CUP

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Hello Cathreen, glad to hear from you. Yes I understood the requirements and have had all areas but the public restroom satisfied. We had originally discussed the use of an off the ground set portable/movable building to create the bathroom structure to include the office. I had discussed that with tyson and was under the impression that that was an approved route to fill the bathroom needs. After a visit from James feeney I was informed that that type of structure was not allowable. The bathroom measurements met all ADA requirements but building and safety stated it needed to be on a foundation not on piers above ground. So I'm willing to immediately do whatever the simplest way of meeting that last requirement is. I have asked if I need a building permit to pour a 10ftx10ft square 4" thick foundation and construct a non powered water only bathroom structure. No response. It's tyson so I'll probably have to drive to bishop to actually get a response. I pray we don't need to suspend or revoke anything as I have met all but one requirement. I have had multiple state inspections and had to supply them with the cup requirements and several of their own requirements including my state of california pesticide attestations, waste management plans, and regular updating of my site plan as parts of the project are built. If there is an item you need from me please feel free to contact me and ask for any needed documentation you feel would help me be in full compliance. I will forward you my environmental health response se from Jerry oser. I don't want to be at risk for any negative actions. I am desperately trying to compete this project to full capacity as soon as possible.the main set backs have been the pandemic and resulting loxkdowns and supply chain disruptions. That have all led to an extremely tightened budget for me and any prospective customers in the California market. Time is the only cure for the last year and a half of the craziest most societal damaging unknowns that the government had kept us in. I pray you can help me to gain the needed time for society to start its recovery.and then we get hit with the Delta variant. Now we're thrown back into a deeper unknown of what the coming year will hold. I am here to do what you asked and I agreed to do in the beginning and I truly apologize that it has taken this long to get to a point where we can see the finish line of construction and the starting line for a successful operation. I thank you for your time and help with this matter which is truly the most important part of my life. Again ease contact me if you have any questions or need any documentation. Thank you and have a great day

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021, 11:40 AM Cathreen Richards < crichards@inyocounty.us > wrote:

Lowell,

I am sorry you are having so many issues getting your cannabis cultivation business up a running. You are, however, in eminent danger of having your CUP revoked, or at the very least suspended. As part of your agreement in getting the CUP, you were conditioned with, and you and I discussed in length:

The applicant shall provide adequate water and septic systems, public restrooms, and a plan for pesticide and fertilizer use, storage and removal to the satisfaction of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department prior to any Building Permits being granted. Failure to provide shall also cause revocation of CUP 2019-01/Shade Grown Farms.

The applicant/developer <u>shall conform to all applicable provisions of Inyo County Code</u> <u>and State regulations</u>. If the use provided by this conditional use permit is not established within one year of the approval date it will become void.

To my knowledge, you have not satisfied any of these conditions. Just to be clear, the Building and Safety and Health and Safety codes are part of the Inyo County and State codes you shall conform with (see above). What you have attached to this email also does not cover it. I would suggest that you get in line with the County Building and Safety Department as well as the County Environmental Health Department to meet your obligations under the CUP. I would also suggest you cease all cannabis cultivation activities until you do so.

I am currently waiting on more information from these departments as well as the Agriculture Commission to see how we will be proceeding. If you really do not want to have your CUP revoked you <u>absolutely must meet</u> the conditions of approval of the CUP and as of right now you are not.

Thank you,

Cathreen Richards

From: web.noreply

Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 11:40 AM

**To:** InyoPlanning

Subject: [Contact Information] CUP

lowell shade sr (not verified) (<a href="mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com">shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</a>) sent a message using the contact form at <a href="https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information">https://www.inyocounty.us/contact-information</a>.

The sender's name

lowell shade sr

The sender's email

shadegrownfarms@gmail.com

Subject

CUP

Comment or Question

hello, i hope this find everyone well.

i met yesterday with building and safety, i was told that i am at risk of losing my conditional use permit. i pray there is a path back to compliance as i was notified vesterday for the first time that i was not in compliance, i have worked so very hard to get to the point we are today and want to do whatever is necessary to get my project compliant and completed, this last year has been an incredibly difficult year with family members and friends passing due to covid and the supply chains for all things being almost halted. i beg for your compassion and understanding of the situation and look to you for guidance on how to correctly proceed and satisfy all areas of my application to bring my project to a satisfactory state to be completed as rapidly as possible. i would pray that any mistakes or misunderstandings in the very difficult to navigate building and safety requirements that have been made would not be punished by revoking my cup thus causing a chain reaction of licensing revocations. i beg you to allow me a chance to remedy the building deficiencies that i have been made aware of yesterday before revoking anything, i believe you and i want the same things and that is for a safe construction of a project that will allow solid tax revenues to be paid to the county for many years to come. as with the counties planning phase of the cannabis businesses this has all been a very taxing and learn as we go situation. i know that with the proper open lines of communication and the cooperation of the oversight depts. we can and will successfully reach our goals. i have had several state inspections from several different departments and each inspection has led me closer to complete compliance of the operations, but the lack of county contact from building and safety through the covid pandemic has evidently left me confused and on the wrong path to compliance, neither of which im happy or intentionally doing, i want to have you happy about my project and a gold star by my name not this current state of being at risk of having to start over from scratch as Tyson has stated may be coming, please once again i am asking for your guidance and only want to make you happy with my actions and definitely do not want to lose my licensing, i am not asking for any special treatment or rules to be broken, only your understanding and the time to fix what needs to be fixed and complete what needs completed correctly. I beg you to please allow me an extension of 90 days in time to complete all

necessary cup requirements. i look forward to your quick response and thank you for you time and help with this very important matter.

Contact ID

contact-101

Files

signed pesticide attestation.pdf (872.82 KB)

any questions please email me or call 775-764-7560 text messages work best

cdfa inspection june 2021.pdf (23.33 MB)

submittable final site plan 2021.pdf (989.14 KB)

water control notice of applicability.pdf (843.27 KB)

## Exhibit 9

From: Cathreen Richards

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 3:07 PM

To:lowell shadeSubject:RE: Zoning

Hi Lowell,

The CUP does not change your zoning to commercial. It allows for an otherwise commercial use to happen on your residentially zoned property. This is because commercial cannabis cultivation is allow as a conditional use on the zoning that applies to your property, which is Rural Residential. Since the use established by that CUP - is a commercial use, you are now required to meet the other code requirements for that commercial use as allowed by the CUP.

I hope that clears that up for you, Cathreen

From: lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:23 AM

**To:** Cathreen Richards **Subject:** Zoning

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#### Hello Cathreen,

I see you were ccd on this email. Maybe you can shed some light for me. How does my cup change my zoning and land use to commercial? If that's the case every time a CUP for commercial cannabis is given it would automatically not allow for certain uses like outdoor 1 acre grows as they are not allowed on commercial zoned property. I would not be able to have my house and reside on a commercialy zoned property. My property allowed for my uses as it was and is a rural residential property more than 5 acres. It doesn't seem like the CUP changes the zoning, but changes the use of my residential property to allow for certain commercial uses as listed In The CUP. I can't find d anywhere where the CUP states it changes the zoning. I'm so confused and frustrated and dont know what to do? I'm so sorry for bothering you again with my ignorance but I never get my questions answered by Tyson. As you can see from His email you were included in on. I only want to do what is right and required and none of what he's saying seems logical or get explained In Writing or in codes.hope you have a great day

## Exhibit 10

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:shadegrownfarms@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:09 AM

**To:** Tyson Sparrow **Subject:** Re: CUP

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Thank you Tyson for your responses. I do understand I failed to correctly call for inspections and thank you so very much for your patience and understanding with my ignorance to this process. I did not want to continue dialog with them as I do not have a grievance with my counties building and safety. I was just trying to have the state explain to me like a retarded Second grader and as simply as possible how to navigate the building codes. They were helpful in that they pointed me to areas of code that allowed for a bond to be put in place if you would like that removes any county responsibilities for inspections and timeliness that would allow me to continue to operate while working together to get the needed work completed to code. Once again I apologize for my ignorance on the 180 day time frame for voiding my permit. There has never been a period of time that work has not been being performed. I was just doing the wrong work...lol... I understand that now! My frustration is I cannot find the more restrictive county codes you speak of to guide me.that is why I have persistently asked you for these codes that would show me what to do correctly. I only want to do what is needed and to satisfy you with my project. I'm afraid my continued asking is only upsetting you and taking more of your valuable time in the process. Like I said if the office won't pass codes I will gladly remove it and have a proper foundationed restroom constructed by a Contractor. I defi Italy would not have spent the last year building things myself if I had been told in the beginning I needed a COntractor to be doing all the work. That alone has cost me tens of thousands of dollars and wasted the year on my permits. Not good for anyone! Still confused on how you are changing my zoning from rural residential more than 5 acres to a commercial property? The state said that changes nothing. As I could be operating a business out of my home and that doesn't magically give me a commercial zone change. I was never directed to planning to be changed to a commercialy zoned parcel. If as you say it changed me to a commercial property I would not be able to conduct my state licensed business on that property at all? The land use of my property was not commercial or I would have been able to be licensed as a microbusiness. Not the case! I was rural residential more than 5 acres and thats what my zoning must be to allow my cultivation license. This has adversely affected the entire scope of my project and isn't OK Tyson. I ask you for clarity and help to proceed correctly as I have from the beginning because you are the professional. The one with the answers to all of my questions. I am simply the owner builder, on my own rural residential zoned land that was given a building permit as an owner builder to complete my greenhouses. Until after James visited I had never been told I was a commercial property and needed to have contractors doing all the work. I pray you can see where my frustration lies in this situation. You can continue to beat me up like a retarded Second grader with his hands tied behind his back over building code if that's what you like doing because that's easy. Or you can help by showing me the codes and rules that have made me a commercially zoned property and no longer an owner builder. I don't want to get anyone in any trouble for anything that has happened up to today. I only want to successfully complete my project so I can

support my family. I lost my wife in November last year and that has had my life upside down by itself. Now this and I'm feeling kicked in the balls by life and being backed into a corner. If ever licensee that gets licensed automatically turns their land uses and zoning to commercial as you are stating then there will never be a successful cultivation in your county because you are changing the allowable activities allowed by changing the zoning.you are in effect creating a catch 22 scenario. Please Tyson, I beg you to show me the code or law that does that. I want success and need you to achieve that. You respond to my request for this information with statements of not being the one making the rules and never show me the codes/rules you say govern your needs as an inspector. I dont want to acuse you of anything my friend. I want your help as a person, as a friend, and as a respected part of our counties Infrastructure. I have a 1 acre outdoor cultivation license on that property Tyson and if as you are stating I am completely commercialy zoned because my cup is for a commercial cannabis license that would automatically not allow the outdoor commercial cultivation of anything. So I'm sure that cannot be the truth or no one will ever be allowed to grow successfully just because you change the zoning to commercial from Rural residential. We're still quarantined for covid for 8 more days. Two more people have tested positive. I would once again. Like to schedule a visit by yourself to come walk and talk with me on-site next week to get me back on track. I am requesting the answers to my questions from you so I don't have to get them from Kingsley and the county attorney. I do need the answers to the way you say the cup changes my zoning so I don't continue to waste my time and yours.thanks again Tyson

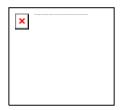
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## Exhibit 11

Forwarded message From: lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com> Date: Mon, Oct 25, 2021, 8:44 PM Subject: Re: Status To: James Feeney &lt;<u>ifeeney@inyocounty.us</u>&gt;</shadegrownfarms@gmail.com>
Hope you had a good weekend here is my last open trench with a Flat sand bottom. I'm adding 2gauge wire in 1 1/2 conduit from distribution sub panel to the individual greenhouse sub panel. I'll send pictures after conduit is in the trench and wait for your approval to fill it back in.hope to talk soon.
On Thu, Oct 21, 2021, 5:07 PM lowell shade < <u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u> > wrote:
Ok that's what I thought.i just wanted to make sure. Edison asked me to I quite with the county on the easement as it's how they would have to research it is through the county. I've reached out to cathreen Richard's about the easement locations and allowed uses of the easement. The map shows a 60 ft street easement but doesn't specify utility as an allowed use. I'm diligently working on it and will keep you posted. Is there any goal of work completed to satisfy building and safety to planning for another 30 days on the board meeting? Thank you for your time.
On Thu, Oct 21, 2021, 4:45 PM James Feeney < <u>ifeeney@inyocounty.us</u> > wrote:
Hi Lowell,
To keep it simple. There is no way to make the office/bathroom meet code. That building was never designed to be on a foundation. For example, how would you purpose to create a sill plate with hold downs? Is it WUI rated? All water, sewer, electrical must be entrenched and protected. Lighting controls, ADA ramp etc.
You will need to contact SCE about the easement.
James

**From:** lowell shade [mailto:<u>shadegrownfarms@gmail.com</u>]

Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:32 PM

**To:** James Feeney **Subject:** Re: Status

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Hello James, hope your well. I'm having g trouble getting the neighbor loius merlot to sign the easement waiver for Edison. To allow me to trench under the street. Do you know if there is a utility easement on the street that would allow me to dig to the transformer? Merlot wants 20k to allow me to dig the trench under his half of the street or he won't sign the Edison forms. Done by end of tomorrow on-site for all underground and on to the office. I'm having difficulty having someone remove that old one to begin the new one. I'm trying to weigh the cost of making a foundation for that office and removing the interior drywall and adding the commercial code items needed for occupancy of the existing structure. Was it simply the foundation and electrical conduit that was needed to make that building usable, oh and the bathroom door needed to swing out, not in. Thanks for your help.hope to hear back from you soon.

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021, 11:55 AM lowell shade <shadegrownfarms@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I can take pics of the trench and send them to you in the morning.was focusing on the electrical and researching plans for the bathroom. I wanted to show you an example and get your opinion on it and what changes to it would need to be made to make it acceptable. There has been a shortage of trucks to be able to move the non compliant office as of yet. As soon as I can secure the truck to move the office I can do the forms and foundation portion after I have the plans submitted of course. I have the handpole box at the trench but am still waiting on Edison to co firm the end location ,either at the transformer as laid out and cut already or if it's 10 ft to the north of the transformer at the current secondary power handpole Box. So I haven't been able to set the box. Not sure what time you'll be in this area but if needed we can check the boxes on the actual permit and inspect my sand layer and I can get filling that trench in.

On Tue, Sep 28, 2021, 3:38 PM James Feeney < ifeeney@inyocounty.us > wrote:

Good day,

Do you have the requested photos of the current status of the underground electrical, pull box and any work done on the ADA bathroom?

What is the status of your T-24?

	Do you have construction plans for the bathroom?		
	The postponement of your CUP hearing remains based on the compliance to requirements set forth.		
	Thanks Lowell,		



Amy Shepherd

### **County of Inyo**



# Board of Supervisors COMMENT -

COMMENT -				
MEETING: February 8, 2022				
FROM:				
SUBJECT:				
RECOMMENDED ACTION: PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments may be time-limited)				
SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:				
BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:				
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:				
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:				
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#### MEETING AGENDA February 16-17, 2022

#### **Webinar and Teleconference**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-1-22 and California Government Code Section 11133, the California Fish and Game Commission is conducting this meeting by webinar and teleconference. Commission members will participate remotely. The public may provide public comment during the public comment periods and otherwise observe remotely, consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

The meeting will be live streamed; visit www.fgc.ca.gov the day of the meeting to watch or listen. To provide public comment during the meeting, please join via Zoom Webinar or by telephone; <u>click here for instructions on how to join.</u>

Note: See important meeting deadlines and procedures, including written public comment deadlines, starting on page 11. Unless otherwise indicated, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is identified as Department.

**DAY 1 – February 16, 2022, 9:00 AM** 

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

1. Consider approving agenda and order of items

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### 2. General public comment for items not on the agenda

Receive public comment regarding topics within the Commission's authority that are not included on the agenda.

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#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Note: Items on the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. After public comment, the Commission will consider approving items on the consent calendar in a single vote without discussion. The presiding commissioner may choose to remove any item from the consent calendar and allow a separate discussion and potential action on that item in response to a request by a Commission member, staff, or an interested person.

#### 3. Mechanical kelp harvest plan

Receive updated, proposed, 2022-2026 kelp harvest plan from Sustainable Ocean Harvest, LLC for administrative kelp beds 29, 30, 31, 32, 114 and 117 in southern California.

(Pursuant to Section 165.5, Title 14 CCR)

Potential action will be scheduled for a future meeting after receiving the Department's recommendation.

#### 4. Pending aquaculture lease amendment request

Receive Department recommendation concerning request from Tomales Bay Oyster Company to add new species and methods for State Water Bottom Lease M-430-05. (Pursuant to Section 15400, Fish and Game Code)

Potential action is expected to be scheduled for the April 20-21, 2022 meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### 5. Commission executive director and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

- (A) Commission executive director's report
- (B) Department director's and Law Enforcement Division reports

#### 6. Justice, equity, diversity and inclusion

Receive and discuss an update on developing the justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) plan. Consider adopting a JEDI policy and definitions.

#### 7. Recreational clam, sand crab, and shrimp gear

- (A) Discuss and consider adopting a 90-day extension of emergency regulations to prohibit use of hydraulic pump gear for recreational take of clams, including clarifying amendments to apply the gear restriction to sand crab and shrimp. (Amend sections 29.20 and 29.80, Title 14, CCR)
- (B) Discuss implementing certificate of compliance to make permanent the emergency regulations prohibiting use of hydraulic pump gear for recreational take of clams, sand crab and shrimp.

  (Amend sections 29.05, 29.20 and 29.80, Title 14, CCR)

#### 8. Commercial kelp and other aquatic plants

Discuss and consider adopting regulations for commercial harvest of kelp and other aquatic plants.

(Amend sections 165 and 165.5 and add Section 705.1, Title 14, CCR)

#### 9. Recreational California grunion

Consider adopting proposed amendments to regulations for grunion limit and season changes.

(Amend subsection 27.60(b) and Section 28.00, Title 14, CCR)

#### 10. Pink (ocean) shrimp fishery management plan implementing regulations

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to adopt new and amend existing prawn or shrimp commercial trawling regulations that implement the *Pink* (*Ocean*) *Shrimp*, Pandalus jordani, *Fishery Management Plan*.

(Add sections 56.00 and 56.01 and amend sections 120, 120.1 and 705, Title 14, CCR)

#### 11. Regulation change petitions and non-regulatory requests (marine)

#### (A) New petitions

Receive new petitions for regulation change. (Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)

#### (B) Previously received petitions

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Any petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration. (Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)

I. Petition 2021-025: Request to authorize culling of red and purple sea urchin by kelp restoration specialists in Edward F. Ricketts, Pacific Grove Marine Gardens, and Carmel Bay state marine conservation areas.

#### (C) Previously received non-regulatory requests

Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.

#### 12. Committee and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

#### (A) Marine Resources Committee

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting on March 24, 2022.

#### (B) Department Marine Region

- I. Marine protected area statewide long-term monitoring project reports received in support of the decadal management review.
- II. International Pacific Halibut Commission meeting outcomes and next steps in Pacific Fishery Management Council process for Pacific halibut federal regulations.

#### 13. Licensing and permitting decisions to rely upon as precedent

Receive and discuss a list of past Commission licensing and permitting decisions for future potential designation by the Commission as precedent. (Pursuant to Section 11425.60, Government Code)

#### 14. Election of Commission president and vice president

The commissioners annually elect one of their number as president and one as vice president, by a concurrent vote of at least three commissioners. (Pursuant to Section 102, Fish and Game Code)

#### 15. Committee assignments

The Commission forms three committees from its membership, consisting of at least one commissioner: Marine Resources Committee, Wildlife Resources Committee and Tribal Committee.

(Pursuant to sections 105, 106 and 106.5, Fish and Game Code)

#### DAY 2 - February 17, 2022, 8:30 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### 16. General public comment for items not on the agenda

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#### 17. Temblor legless lizard

Consider approving the Department's request for a 30-day extension to review the petition to list Temblor legless lizard (*Anniella alexanderae*) as a threatened or endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). (Pursuant to Section 2073.5, Fish and Game Code)

#### 18. Desert pupfish

Receive the Department's five-year status review report to determine whether the conditions that led to the original listing of desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) as endangered under CESA are still present.

(Pursuant to Section 2077, Fish and Game Code)

Presentations, discussion, and potential action are expected to be scheduled for April 20-21, 2022.

#### DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### 19. San Bernardino kangaroo rat

Consider the petition, Department's status review report, and comments received to determine whether listing San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) as endangered under CESA is warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2075 and 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)

#### 20. Southern California steelhead

Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report and comments received to determine whether listing southern California steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss) as endangered under CESA may be warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, Fish and Game Code)

If the Commission determines that listing may be warranted the Department will undertake a one-year status review before the Commission can make a final decision on listing, and southern California steelhead will become a candidate species pursuant to Section 2074.2, Fish and Game Code.

#### 21. Northern California summer steelhead

Consider ratifying findings for the decision to list northern California summer steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus) as endangered under CESA.

(Pursuant to Section 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)

#### 22. Lime Ridge eriastrum

Consider and potentially act on the petition, Department's evaluation report, and comments received to determine whether listing Lime Ridge eriastrum (*Eriastrum ertterae*) as endangered under CESA may be warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2074 and 2074.2, Fish and Game Code)

Findings will be adopted at a future meeting.

#### 23. Shasta snow-wreath

Consider the petition, Department's status review report, and comments received to determine whether listing Shasta snow-wreath (*Neviusia cliftonii*) as endangered under CESA is warranted.

(Pursuant to sections 2075 and 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)

Findings will be adopted at a future meeting.

#### 24. Game fish contests

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend game fish contest regulations.

(Amend Section 230, Title 14, CCR)

Staff will recommend that this item be continued to the April 20-21, 2022 meeting.

#### 25. Central Valley sport fishing

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend central valley sport fishing regulations.

(Amend subsections 7.40(b)(4), (43), (66) and (80), Title 14, CCR)

#### 26. Klamath River Basin sport fishing

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend Klamath River Basin sport fishing regulations.

(Amend subsection 7.40(b)(50), Title 14, CCR)

#### 27. Waterfowl hunting

Discuss proposed amendments to waterfowl hunting regulations.

(Amend Section 502, Title 14, CCR)

#### 28. Big game preference points reinstatement and tag refunds

Consider adopting proposed amendments to big game regulations to include preference points reinstatement and tag refunds due to public land closures for 2021-2022 hunting seasons.

(Amend Section 708.14, Title 14, CCR)

### 29. Regulation change petitions and non-regulatory requests (wildlife and inland fisheries)

#### (A) New petitions

Receive new petitions for regulation change.

(Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)

Consideration of whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review is expected to be scheduled for the April 20-21, 2022 meeting,

#### (B) Previously received petitions

Consider whether to grant, deny, or refer for additional review, petitions for regulation change received at previous meetings. Any petitions granted today will be added to the Commission's rulemaking calendar for development and future consideration.

(Pursuant to Section 662, Title 14, CCR)

- I. Petition 2021-024: Request to allow retention of some western Joshua trees after disturbance, in consultation with a certified arborist
- II. Petition 2021-026: Request to separate Ballona Channel regulations from Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve regulations
- III. Petition 2021-027: Request to eliminate open hunting season for black bear until the Department's bear management plan is updated with three specific components
- IV. Petition 2021-028: Request to add spearfishing as an allowable method of take for American shad

#### (C) Previously received non-regulatory requests

Consider and potentially act on requests for non-regulatory action received from members of the public at previous meetings.

#### 30. Committee and Department reports

Receive updates on items of note since the previous Commission meeting.

#### (A) Wildlife Resources Committee

Receive summary and consider approving recommendations from the January 13, 2022 committee meeting. Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing.

### (B) Department Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division

- I. Annual report regarding Camp Roberts, Camp Pendleton, and Fort Hunter Liggett deer and elk hunts.
   (Pursuant to Section 640, Title 14, CCR)
- II. Report on necropsies on mountain lions taken under 2021 depredation permits.

(Pursuant to Section 4807, Fish and Game Code)

#### (C) Tribal Committee

Discuss referred topics and consider revisions to topics and timing. Consider approving draft agenda topics for the next committee meeting on April 19, 2022.

#### 31. Commission administrative items

- (A) Legislation and other agency regulations
- (B) Rulemaking timetable updates
- (C) Next meeting April 20-21, 2022
- (D) New business

Adjourn

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(Not Open to Public)

At a convenient time during the regular agenda of the meeting listed above, the Commission will recess from the public portion of the agenda and conduct a closed session on the agenda items below. The Commission is authorized to discuss these matters in a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1), (c)(3), and (e)(1), and Fish and Game Code Section 309. After closed session, the Commission will reconvene in public session, which may include announcements about actions taken during closed session.

- (A) Pending litigation to which the Commission is a Party
  - I. Almond Alliance of California et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (bumble bees California Endangered Species Act determination)
  - II. The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Fish and Game Commission (Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve petition for regulation change)
  - III. California Construction and Industrial Materials Association et al. v. California Fish and Game Commission (western Joshua tree California Endangered Species Act determination)
  - IV. Albert Thomas Paulek v. California Fish and Game Commission (CEQA determination regarding Section 749.10, Title 14, CCR authorizing take of western Joshua tree under 2084)
  - V. Albert Thomas Paulek v. California Fish and Game Commission (CEQA determination regarding Sections 749.11 and 749.12, Title 14, CCR authorizing take of western Joshua tree under section 2084)
  - VI. Fall River Conservancy and California Trout v. California Fish and Game Commission and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CEQA determination regarding amendments to inland trout regulations)
- (B) Possible litigation involving the Commission
- (C) Staffing
- (D) Deliberation and action on license and permit items

### California Fish and Game Commission 2022 Meeting Schedule

Note: As meeting dates and locations can change, please visit <u>www.fgc.ca.gov</u> for the most current list of meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Commission Meeting	Committee Meeting
March 24		Marine Resources Webinar/teleconference
April 19		Tribal Monterey /Santa Cruz area
April 20-21	Monterey/Santa Cruz area	
May 19	Redding (teleconference)	
May 19		Wildlife Resources Redding
June 15-16	Los Angeles/Orange County	
July 14		Marine Resources San Diego area
August 16		<b>Tribal</b> Fortuna
August 17-18	Fortuna	
September 15		Wildlife Resources Los Angeles/Inland Empire
October 12-13	Truckee	
November 17		Marine Resources Monterey area
December 13		Tribal San Diego area
December 14-15	San Diego area	

#### **Other Meetings of Interest**

#### **Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

September 18-21, 2022 – Fort Worth, TX

#### **Pacific Fishery Management Council**

- March 8-14, 2022 San Jose, CA
- April 6-13, 2022 Seattle, WA
- June 7-14, 2022 Vancouver, WA
- September 7-14, 2022 Boise, ID
- November 2-8, 2022 Orange County, CA

#### **Pacific Flyway Council**

- March 15, 2022 Spokane, WA
- August 26, 2022 Juneau, AK

#### Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

July 10-15, 2022 – Oklahoma City, OK

#### Wildlife Conservation Board

- February 24, 2022 Teleconference/webinar
- May 26, 2022 Location TBD
- August 25, 2022 Location TBD
- November 17, 2022 (subject to change) Location TBD

#### **Important Commission Meeting Procedures Information**

#### Welcome to a Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission

This year marks the 152nd year of operation of the Commission in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our goal is the preservation of our heritage and conservation of our natural resources through informed decision making; Commission meetings are vital in achieving that goal and we provide this information to be as effective and efficient toward that end. Welcome, and please let us know if you have any questions.

#### Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other Commission activities are invited to contact the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office at EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility and requests for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Requests for real-time captioners should be submitted at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but is no longer needed, please contact the EEO Office immediately.

#### **Stay Informed**

To receive meeting agendas and regulatory notices about those subjects of interest to you, visit the Commission's website, www.fgc.ca.gov, to sign up on our electronic mailing lists.

#### **Submitting Written Comments**

The public is encouraged to comment on any agenda item. Submit written comments by one of the following methods: E-mail to <a href="mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov">fgc@fgc.ca.gov</a>; mail to California Fish and Game Commission, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090; deliver to California Fish and Game Commission, 715 P Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (you must call at least one business day in advance to arrange delivery). Materials provided to the Commission may be made available to the general public.

#### **Comment Deadlines**

The *Comment Deadline* for this meeting is **5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2022**. Written comments received at the Commission office by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The **Supplemental Comment Deadline** for this meeting is **noon on February 11, 2022**. Comments received by this deadline will be made available to Commissioners at the meeting.

#### **Petitions for Regulation Change**

Any person requesting that the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation must complete and submit form FGC 1, *Petition to the California Fish and Game Commission for Regulation Change* (as required by Section 662, Title 14, CCR), available at <a href="https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change">https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change</a>. To be received by the Commission at this meeting, petition forms must have been delivered by the *Supplemental Comment Deadline*. Petitions received at this meeting will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting, unless the petition is rejected under staff review pursuant to subsection 662(b), Title 14, CCR.

#### **Non-Regulatory Requests**

All non-regulatory requests will follow a two-meeting cycle to ensure proper review and thorough consideration of each item. All requests submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** (or heard during general public comment at the meeting) will be scheduled for receipt at this meeting and scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled business meeting.

#### Speaking at the Meeting

To speak on an agenda item, please "raise" your hand either through the Zoom function or by pressing \*9 once on your phone when prompted at the beginning of the agenda item.

- 1. Speakers will be called one at a time; please pay attention to when your name is called.
- 2. When addressing the Commission, give your name and the name of any organization you represent, and provide your comments on the item under consideration.
- 3. If there are several speakers with the same concerns, please appoint a spokesperson and avoid repetitive testimony.
- 4. The presiding commissioner will allot between one and three minutes per speaker per agenda item, subject to the following exceptions:
  - a. Individuals may receive advance approval for additional time to speak if requests for additional time to speak are received by email or delivery to the Commission office by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline**. The president or designee will approve or deny the request no later than 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the meeting.
  - b. An individual requiring an interpreter is entitled to at least twice the allotted time pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7(c).
  - c. An individual may receive additional time to speak to an agenda item at the request of any commissioner.

#### Visual Presentations/Materials

All electronic presentations must be submitted by the **Supplemental Comment Deadline** and approved by the Commission executive director before the meeting.

- 1. Electronic presentations must be provided by email to fgc@fgc.ca.gov.
- 2. All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible.