

Employees Association (ICEA); Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); IHSS Workers; Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. County designated representatives – Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; and No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 potential case. Facts and circumstances: Coso Geothermal refusal to pay documentary transfer tax.

- Open Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:58 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Chairperson Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.
- Public comment was made by Lauralynn Hundley.
- County Department Reports* Sheriff Stephanie Rennie gave a brief update on the state of emergency and explained that the Sheriff's Office is currently embedded with the Emergency Operating Center, with Sergeant Nate Derr working with Mono County, CalFire, the Office of Emergency Services, Caltrans, and the National Weather Service out of Reno and Las Vegas, as well as providing support to the Incident Management Team.
- Inyo County Sheriff Public Information Officer Carma Roper, who has been working with the Joint Operating Center (JIC), provided information on various issues being addressed including widespread flooding, road damages and closures, aqueduct breaches, evacuation warnings, and avalanche threats, and provided the public with resources available including the new "Ready Inyo" website.
- Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong gave a short demonstration of a new feature on the FCC website and encouraged members of the public to access it via the broadband link on the County website to verify the accuracy of location of services.
- Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of March 7, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Attorney – Chief Investigator Step E Authorization* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the E Step for newly hired Chief Investigator from Chief Investigator, Range 81SD Step D (\$9,290) to Range 81SD Step E (\$9,751), retroactive to hire date in Chief Investigator position. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Orrill abstaining.
- HHS- Health/Prevention - Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) Participation Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Health and Human Services' participation in the Medi-Cal Inmate Program and authorize the HHS Director to sign the participation agreement effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon approval of future budgets. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Orrill abstaining.
- Public Works – Building & Maintenance Water Supervisor Step E* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the filling of the vacant Building & Maintenance/Water Supervisor at a Step E. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Orrill abstaining.
- Public Works –* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the closure of

<i>T&T Truck & Crane Service Encroachment Permit E22-54 Road Closure</i>	Highland Drive in Bishop, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, for the purpose of Southern California Edison's use of a crane to replace utility poles. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Orrill abstaining.
<i>CAO – Congressional Directed Spending Requests/Approval of Letters of Support</i>	Kristi More, with Inyo County’s federal legislative advocate firm The Ferguson Group, provided a report on federal earmark requests. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve County letters of support to Senator Padilla, Senator Feinstein, and Representative Kiley requesting assistance in securing funding for County priority projects in the 2024 appropriations process. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – U.S. Cycling Events, LLC Whiskey Tango Fondo Event</i>	Public Works John Pinkney introduced the proposed event and Ryan Moore of U.S. Cycling Events, LLC Whiskey Tango Fondo. Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment for this item and comment was given by Lauralyn Hundley. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the use of the Independence Inyo County Courthouse grounds, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, for U.S. Cycling Events, LLC Whiskey Tango Fondo, non-competitive, rules-of-the-road, gravel cycling event festivities. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – State of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update</i>	CAO Greenberg updated the Board on the current status of emergency medical services, with emphasis on the greater Bishop area, and noted that Health and Human Services, Bishop City Council and the Rural Fire District are working together to find short- and long-term solutions. Greenberg said HHS Director Marilyn Mann and Assistant Director Anna Scott worked hard to get a Request for Proposal released last week and the County is seeking parties to provide short-term services and avoid a gap in EMS coverage. Although hopeful that there will not be a gap, Greenberg mentioned that mutual aid support through Southern California could be an option if things are not resolved by April 23, when Symons Ambulance ceases operations. Greenberg said that it could take 18 months to offer the contract in concert with Inland Counties Emergency Management Agency and state regulations. Greenberg said that the long-term goal is to obtain an effective Countywide EMS and is hoping that the awarded interim provider will become the permanent provider later. Public comment was given by Emily Simms.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting for a break at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:56 a.m. with all Board members present.
<i>CAO – Spring Weather Event Response Efforts</i>	CAO Greenberg gave a briefing on the spring weather event timeline. The following County staff members provided the public with updates and additional information: Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres, Sergeant Nate Derr with the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office, Public Works Director Mike Errante, Public Works Deputy Director-Roads Shannon Platt, and HHS Director Marilyn Mann.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services – Avalanche Weather Forecasting Presentation</i>	The Board received a presentation from the County’s contracted avalanche forecaster, Sue Burak.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

Board Member & Staff Reports

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended a virtual California State Association of Counties training, met with the Tribal Assistant Administrator, and toured potential flood areas in his district.

Supervisor Orrill said she heard constituent concerns and attended the virtual California State Association of Counties training.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the Amargosa Summit meeting in Shoshone, the Rural County Representatives of California board meeting, met with Parks Service employees, and spoke with constituents about problems with storms.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending the Bishop City Council meeting.

CAO Greenberg said that he and Representative Kiley met with Public Works Director Mike Errante and Public Works Deputy Director-Airports Ashley Helms at the Bishop airport and had him join a briefing with the Incident Management Team. He also reported meeting with representatives from the Fort Independence tribe.

Supervisor Roeser attended the meetings with Representative Kiley at the airport as well as the Emergency Operations Center, met with local agriculture producers, faith leaders, and constituents at the Kiley Town Hall meeting, a California Advisory Committee meeting, and met with representatives from the Fort Independence tribe.

County Counsel Vallejo said he will be checking with Personnel on road crews' working restrictions during a declared emergency and thanked employees who have been responding to the impacts of the recent storms.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant