

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

April 18, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 11:02 a.m., on April 18, 2023, at the Furnace Creek Visitors Center Auditorium, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

Workshop

The Board held a workshop in which program and project updates were heard, as well as information on visitor numbers and revenue from the following:

- DVNP Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Management Analyst Abby Wines;
- Rick During, General Manager of the Oasis at Death Valley;
- Henry Golas of the Death Valley Conservancy;
- Fred Conboy, President of Amargosa Opera House, Inc.;
- Matthew Paruolo, Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison; and
- Mandi Campbell, representative of the Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:34 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:34 p.m. in the Hurlbut-Rook Community Center in Tecopa, CA, with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.

Supervisor Kingsley welcomed attendees and introduced newly-elected Supervisors Orrill and Marcellin to Tecopa residents and staff.

Additional public comment was made by Cynthia Kienitz and Jon Zellhoefer.

County Department Reports

The following Tecopa-area employees were introduced to the Board: Road Maintenance Supervisor Shane Rily and Road Maintenance Worker Zach Green; Sheriff Deputies Ryan Reuther and Timothy Plunkett; and HHS Social Services Aide Shelley Scott and HHS Operations Manager Rose Colon.

Child Support Director Amy Weurdig noted her office is recruiting for a Case Worker position in the Bishop area and distributed information about the upcoming Regional Oversight Committee meeting.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of April 4, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – MGE Engineering, Inc. Contract Amendment No. 4

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Amendment No. 4 to the contract between the County of Inyo and MGE Engineering Inc of Sacramento, CA, extending the term end date from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2023, contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – 2022 Maintained Mileage

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Approve Resolution No. 2023-10, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Annual Certification of the 2022 Maintained Mileage Log," and authorize the

*Certification/Reso
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Chairperson to sign; and B) Aauthorize the Department of Public Works to file the resolution with the District 9 Office of the State of California Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
TerraVerde Energy,
LLC Contract
Amendment No. 1*

Chairperson Roeser asked that this agenda item be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to Departmental for discussion. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

A) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and TerraVerde Energy, LLC of San Francisco, CA to:

1. Delete Section 3 (b) i which reads as follows, "actual vs expected avoided electric utility costs;" and

2. Delete Section 3 (b) iii which reads as follows, "actual vs expected savings;" and

B) Authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Marcellin abstaining.

*Presentations &
Updates –*

The following individuals addressed the Board on items of interest to Southeast County and the County as a whole:

- Matthew Paruolo, Southern California Edison Government Relations Manager;
- Robin Flinchum, Board Chairperson, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District;
- Mason Voel, Executive Director of the Amargosa Conservancy;
- Susan Sorrells, representing the campaign to create the Amargosa Basin National Monument;
- Paul Barnes of Tecopa Hot Springs Conservancy, the concessionaire of Tecopa Hot Springs Campground; and
- Marc Stamer, Barstow BLM Field Manager.

Public comment was given, and questions asked by several southeast county constituents.

*Public Works –
Roads, Sewer Pond,
and Future Projects
Updates*

Public Works Director Mike Errante introduced Assistant Director John Pinkney and Senior Civil Engineer Greg Waters.

Pinkney provided updates on the recently awarded FLAP grant and shared information about a community survey available for future potential road projects; and Waters gave a status report on the sewer lagoon project, noting that the department is still working to obtain the required permitting.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was made by HHS Director Marilyn Mann who thanked the Road Department for assisting with recent repairs and reminded Tecopa-area attendees that HHS holds quarterly meetings at the Community Center.

*Board Member & Staff
Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said that he spent the last five days in Southeast Inyo County and would be going home with good ideas. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Supervisor Orrill thanked the community of Tecopa for its hospitality.

Supervisor Roeser thanked the community and voiced general appreciation.

Supervisor Marcellin thanked staff for hosting the meeting.

Supervisor Griffiths thanked constituents of the southeastern part of the County, noting his love for the Tecopa area.

CAO Greenberg said that it is a pleasure to be in Tecopa and that he will continue to listen to the needs and wants of the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, 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

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