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AMENDED AGENDA

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

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REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2025
8:30 AM

- 1) **Public Comment on Closed Session Item(s)**
Comments may be time-limited

CLOSED SESSION

- 2) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Khaliq McCracken v. County of Inyo, et al.* Case No.: 1:25-cv-00165-CDB.

- AMENDED
- 3) **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Government Code §54956.9: Claim for damages filed by Kelley Williams.
 - 4) **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Child Support Services Director.
 - 5) **Conference with County's Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6** – Regarding employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA); Inyo County Employees Association (ICEA); Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); IHSS Workers; Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. County

designated representatives – Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, and Assistant County Counsel Grace Weitz.

OPEN SESSION

(With the exception of timed items, which cannot be heard prior to their scheduled time, 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.**
- 6) Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 7) Report on Closed Session as Required by Law**
 - 8) Public Comment**
Comments may be time-limited
 - 9) County Department Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items that are considered routine and are approved in a single motion; approval recommended by the County Administrator)

10) Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of February 11, 2025.

11) Appointments to the First 5 Children and Families Commission

Health & Human Services - First 5 | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:

- A) Appoint Dr. Lindsey Ricci to a new three-year term on the First 5 Commission ending December 5, 2027;
- B) Appoint Darcia Blackdeer-Lent to a new three-year term on the First 5 Commission ending December 5, 2027; and
- C) Appoint Stephanie Tanksley to an unexpired three-year term on the First 5 Commission ending December 5, 2026.

12) Advisory Committee Appointment for County Service Area No. 2 (Bishop Creek Sewer)

Public Works | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

Appoint Steven Leach to the County Service Area No. 2 (Bishop Creek Sewer) Advisory Committee to serve a term ending December 1, 2028.

13) Request for Facility Use Permit for Independence Legion Hall

Public Works | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

Approve the request from the Independence Lions Club for use of the Legion Hall for monthly Bingo games to raise funds to support their community projects, and waive all associated rental fees.

14) Temporary Closure of Tinnemaha Road/Old Highway 395 for Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Demographic Studies

Public Works | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

Approve the temporary closure of Tinnemaha Road (Old Highway 395) approximately 6 miles south of Aberdeen and Hogback Road with detours between U.S. 395 and Black Rock Springs Road from March 14-22, 2025 for the purpose of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's annual Sierra Bighorn Sheep monitoring program.

REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

15) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Financial Review

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg

30 minutes (10 min. Presentation / 20 min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

- A) Accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Financial Report as presented;
- B) Approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report, and represented in Attachments A & B (*4/5ths vote required*); and
- C) Direct staff to continue the emphasis on revenue attainment and expense savings in order to maximize year-end Fund Balances.

16) Eastern Sierra Air Alliance and Commercial Air Service Update

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg, Ashley Helms

40 minutes (20min. Presentation / 20min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Receive presentation from staff regarding current state of airports and commercial air service, then provide direction with respect to finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding/Cost Sharing Agreement and other aspects related to airports and air service as appropriate.

17) Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Tartaglia Engineering for the Rotating Beacon Replacement Project at the Bishop Airport

Public Works | Ashley Helms
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

Ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Tartaglia Engineering of Atascadero, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$205,243, contingent upon approval of the Mid-Year Budget Review, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

18) Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement with Lochner for Airport Engineering Services at the Independence Airport

Public Works | Ashley Helms
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

- A) Approve the letter titled, "Land Lease Status for the Independence Airport and Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport," and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Ratify and approve Amendment No. 5 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Lochner of Chicago, IL, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$714,252, contingent on the approval of the Mid-Year Budget Review, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

19) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 California Children's Services Plan

Health & Human Services - Health/Prevention | Anna Scott
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, California Children's Services (CCS) Treatment (045500) as follows: decrease revenue in State Grants (4498) by \$4,178.00 and decrease appropriation in Professional Services (5265) by \$4,178.00 (*4/5ths vote required*); and
- B) Ratify and approve the CCS Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to ensure the continuation of medical services to eligible children in Inyo County and authorize the Chairperson to sign certification statements.

20) Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Annual Meeting - February 27, 2025

Water Department | Holly Alpert
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting scheduled for February 27, 2025.

21) Approval of Contribution of District 5 Transient Occupancy Tax District Improvement Funds to Death Valley National Park for Community Center Improvements

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

- A) Approve the Donation Agreement between the County of Inyo and Death Valley National Park for the purpose of allocating the Transient Occupancy Tax District Improvement Fund and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign; and
- B) Authorize the payment of \$67,749.00 to Death Valley National Park.

22) Partial Assignment of Rights Granted to California Broadband Corporation to the California Department of Technology

County Administrator | Scott Armstrong
15 minutes (5min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-06, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Partial Assignment of Rights Grant to the California Broadband Corporation to the California Department of Technology," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

LUNCH

- 23)** The Board will recess for lunch and reconvene for the afternoon session.

REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

24) Inyo Council for the Arts - State of the Arts Report

Community Organization/Outside Agency | Sharon Freilich - ICA
20 minutes (10min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Receive the 2024 "State of the Arts" report from the Inyo Council for the Arts.

25) Inyo County Legislative Platform Approval

County Administrator | Meaghan McCamman
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Approve the Inyo County 2025 Federal Legislative Platform.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT & REPORTS

26) Public Comment

Comments may be time-limited

27) Board Member and Staff Reports

Receive updates on recent or upcoming meetings and projects

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL

- 28) California Highway Patrol** - Report submitted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7 (Proposition 65), documenting information regarding the illegal discharge (or threatened illegal discharge) of hazardous waste, which could cause substantial injury to the public health and safety.