

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 9, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 10:01 a.m., on October 9, 2024, at the St. Therese Mission Catholic Church Orange Room in Charleston View, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Scott Marcellin, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg and Office Technician Hayley Carter. Absent: Supervisor Jeff Griffiths and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions Chairperson Kingsley thanked the Board for meeting in Charleston View and had fellow Supervisors, the CAO, and the following staff in attendance introduce themselves: Office Technician Hayley Carter, Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie, Planning Associate Cynthia Draper, Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton, Planning Director Cathreen Richards, Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser, Technical Building Official Tyson Sparrow, Sheriff's Community Relations Liaison Lindsay Stine, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres, Assistant Sheriff Tim Bachman, Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington, Assistant Director for Health & Human Services Gina Ellis, and Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong. Kingsley also introduced District 5 candidates Dan Berry and Will Wadelton.

Public Comment The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Stephen McNeal, Charleston View resident "Mike," Jim Copeland, Spencer McNeal, and several other unidentified attendees.

County Department Reports Sheriff's Office Community Relations Liaison Lindsay Stine introduced herself, explained her role within the Sheriff's Department, and provided information on community events.

Assistant Director for Health & Human Services Gina Ellis provided information on Public Health flu clinics in the Charleston View area.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres provided information on reporting property damages in the event of a natural disaster and announced an upcoming photo contest. Torres said she is looking for outreach opportunities in the Charleston View area, asked for public input, and provided contact information.

Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton provided elections updates and information on ballot drop-off locations.

CAO-Emergency Services – Genasys Emergency Management System Workshop Emergency Services Manager Torres and Assistant Sheriff Bachman provided information and answered questions on the Genasys Emergency Management System EVAC and ALERT Platforms.

Planning Department – Bonanza Peak Solar Project The Board received a presentation from Director of Permitting for the Bonanza Peak Project Stephanie Lauer on a proposed 500MW solar photovoltaic energy generation project in the Charleston View area.

Chairperson Kingsley asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment and

discussion ensued with several unnamed attendees voicing a range of questions and concerns related to the project.

Planning Director Cathreen Richards reminded attendees that there will be additional opportunities for public input at community meetings, as this is a requirement of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval process.

*CAO –
Update on Tecopa and
Charleston View
Proposed Fire Stations*

CAO Greenberg reported on the status of proposed fire stations for the communities of Tecopa and Charleston View and noted the County's recent acquisition of parcels for those projects. Greenberg said that the County team, which consists of employees from multiple departments including Planning, Environmental Health, Building & Safety, Public Works, and Administration, are currently working with the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District (SIFPD) on a preliminary plan to identify the needs of the fire department and said that the objective is to break ground for both stations within the next year.

Chairperson Kingsley asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to provide comment and comment was received from Spencer McNeal, Stephen McNeal, and several unidentified attendees.

Some of the discussion between staff and residents indicated concern regarding the type of structure to be built and whether members of the SIFPD will ultimately have a say in the initial planning process. CAO Greenberg explained that the County is taking the lead on the project in order to provide the required matching funds, which it would do by contributing in-kind services and said this will ensure that the full dollar amount of the grant award can be put directly to construction costs, rather than to fund the required match.

Board members emphasized their support of CAO Greenberg's approach and for time and effort spent securing funding for the project.

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Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by:


Darcy Ellis Assistant