

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

### May 6, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 2:03 p.m., on May 6, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel. Absent: Jennifer Roeser.

- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Wadelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
- County Department Reports* Public Works Director Mike Errante announced the receipt of grant funding to help fund road projects in the area, including on Emigrant Pass.
- Transportation Planner Justine Kokx provided an update on the Active Transportation Grant Program, Tecopa Community Connectivity Project, which is scheduled to begin in July and said she is actively working to apply for additional federal grants.
- Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser reported he will be bringing forward an agenda item in June for the Board to consider approving Micro-Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations. He also reported on the hantavirus threat and offered his office's services to anyone in need of help with preventative measures.
- Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of April 29, 2025. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Roeser absent.
- Health & Human Services – California Department of Public Health/WIC Contract Amendment* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Amendment A02 to Contract No. 22-10253 between the County of Inyo Department of Health and Human Services and the California Department of Public Health for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), revising Exhibits A through D for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, increasing the contract by \$10,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,352,437.00, and shifting funds in fiscal year 3 to accommodate anticipated expenses; and authorize the HHS Director to sign the amendment. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Roeser absent.
- Health & Human Services – Foster Care Health Care Program* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the Letter of Allocation from the California Department of Health Care Services Children's Medical Services Branch for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care, in the total amount of \$332,803, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Certification Statement. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Roeser absent.
- Treasurer-Tax Collector – Amargosa Land Trust Property Sale Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve an agreement sale to the Amargosa Land Trust DBA Amargosa Conservancy-a non-profit corporation of Assessment Number 0463601900 for a minimum of \$6,675.00, subject to the accrual of additional penalties, interest, and costs prior to the agreement becoming effective. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Roeser absent.

## *Workshop*

The Board held a workshop on topics of interest in Southeast Inyo, as well as information on project updates from the following individuals and organizations:

- Death Valley National Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Management Analyst Abby Wines
- Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Fire Chief Bill Lutze and Board member Robin Flinchum
- Amargosa Conservancy Program Director Mason Voehl
- Friends of the Amargosa Basin Interim Deputy Director Scott Williams

## *Board of Supervisors – “Carrier of Last Resort” Update*

Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on Assembly Bill 470, pertaining to landline telephone services provided by “Carriers of Last Resort.” Griffiths encouraged Inyo residents who are potentially affected by the proposed discontinuation of services to reach out to Representative Kevin Kiley’s office with their concerns.

## *Public Comment*

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

## *Board Member & Staff Reports*

Supervisor Wadelton reported on recent visits to Southeast Inyo communities and said he planned to visit every couple of weeks, when possible, to meet with constituents.

Supervisor Orrill thanked Tecopa residents and Community Center staff for their warm welcome.

Supervisor Marcellin said it is always a pleasure visiting this part of the County and mentioned previous time spent residing in the area.

Supervisor Griffiths provided information on the Department of Interior’s “Freedom Cities” proposal.

CAO Greenberg said it is a pleasure to meet and work with Tecopa community members on a variety of projects including fire and telecommunications services and invited them to reach out to the County if they have any issues.

County Counsel Vallejo said it is good to see everyone.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel said the video recording of today’s meeting will be available on the County website tomorrow and mentioned there is an email sign-up sheet located at the front of the room for those not already signed up to receive future Board Meeting notifications and agendas.


## *Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *NATE GREENBERG*  
*Clerk of the Board*

by:   
*Darcy Israel, Assistant*