

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**AMENDED BY BOARD ORDER JUNE 24, 2025**

**May 13, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on May 13, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

***Closed Session  
Public Comment***

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.

***Closed Session***

Chairperson Marcellin recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **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 Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Sierra Club and OVC v. LADWP et. al.* Case No.: S1CVCV01-29768; and No. 4 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Counsel.

***Open Session***

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:03 a.m. with all Board members present.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

County Counsel Vallejo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Report on Closed Session***

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 2 and said that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would reconvene later in the meeting to discuss Item Nos. 3 and 4.

***Public Comment***

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Loralyn Hundley and Courtnee Johansen and her first-grade students from Big Pine Elementary School.

***County Department Reports***

Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month and noted that anyone seeking support in the event of a mental health crisis can call 988. She also announced the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Walk and BBQ at Bishop City Park on May 28.

***Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of May 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Personnel – ICLEAA Side Letter***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the side letter between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Law Enforcement Administrators Association. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>CAO-Personnel – ICDSA Side Letter</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the side letter between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Deputy Sheriffs Association. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Public Defender – Therese Hankel Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Therese Hankel for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$575,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Motor Pool – Surplus Vehicle Auction</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Exhibit A as surplus;</li> <li>B) Authorize Motor Pool to offer the vehicles and equipment for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and</li> <li>C) Authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another auctioneer for the removal and sale of any vehicles remaining unsold after the Public Surplus process.</li> </ul> Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – ESCoC/Eastern Sierra Community Housing Agreement Amendment No. 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care and Eastern Sierra Community Housing of Mammoth Lakes, California, increasing the contract amount from \$379,583 to an amount not to exceed \$1,068,776.37 for the term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Whitney Portal Road N.O.C./Resolution No. 2025-14</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-14, titled, "A Resolution Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Whitney Portal Road Emergency Culvert Repair Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the road closure of Cerro Gordo Road east of Highway 136 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on May 24, 2025, to accommodate a foot race hosted by Silver Pineapple LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Big Pine School Donation for Mendenhall Park</i>	Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman introduced an item to accept a donation of playground and park equipment from Big Pine Unified School District for Mendenhall Park. She also reported on the County's plans for improvements at Mendenhall Park. Board members thanked McCamman and County staff as well as Big Pine teacher Courtnee Johansen and her students, some of whom were in attendance, for working to make Mendenhall Park a fun, safe, and beautiful place to visit.  Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton, pursuant to Inyo County Code Section 6.26.020, accept a donation of paint, dog waste systems, and a dome climber from the Big Pine Unified School District on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Water Department – Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee Meeting</i>	Water Department Director Dr. Holly Alpert provided an overview and requested Board direction in advance of the Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting scheduled for May 19, 2025, in Inyo County.  Board members showed appreciation for the attention given to landscape health by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and requested continued diligence concerning weed abatement and fire fuels reduction projects.  Chairperson Marcellin asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment and comment was received from Sally Manning and Lauren Kelly.

**CAO-ESCOG –  
Semi-Annual Update,  
Resolution #2025-15,  
and PMO Services  
Agreement**

Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Executive Director Elaine Kabala gave a semi-annual update on ESCOG, its successes over the last five years, a report on the Strategic Planning Retreat, and a review of 2025-2026 project priorities. Kabala answered Board member questions.

In order to ensure transparency to the Board and public, County Counsel Vallejo noted that a few non-substantive, clerical revisions were made to language and formatting on the ESCOG agreement after publication of the agenda.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-15 of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to Extend a Program of Work to be Known as the “ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund Pilot Program;” and
- B) Approve the Agreement Between County of Inyo and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments for the Provision of Project Management, GIS, and Grant Administration Services and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all other signatures being obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO-Personnel –  
Assistant D.A./David  
Christensen Contract/  
Resolution #2025-16**

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and David Christensen for the provision of personal services as the Assistant District Attorney at Grade 28, Step B, \$13,688.89 per month effective May 22, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign;
- B) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly; and
- C) Rescind Resolution No. 2025-08 and approve Resolution No. 2025-16 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Certain Salary and/or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Management Employees Employed in the Several Offices or Institutions of the County of Inyo, Which Shall Supersede Any Prior Resolutions Pertaining to That Subject to the Extent They Are Inconsistent," effective May 22, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO-Personnel –  
Salary & Benefit  
Adjustments for  
Elected Officials/  
Ordinance 1317**

The Board was presented with Ordinance 1317 for approval on its second reading before the Board, following lengthy discussion during the first reading on April 29. Public comment was provided by Trevor Warner.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve Ordinance 1317 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Sub-sections 2.88.040(A) 2.88.040(B) 2.88.040(C) and 2.88.040(G), and Repealing Sub-section 2.88.040(H) of the Inyo County Code Regarding Certain Elected Official Salaries," effective June 5, 2025; and
- B) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO-Personnel –  
Benefit Update for  
Board of Supervisors/  
Ordinance 1318**

The Board was presented with Ordinance 1318 for approval on its second reading before the Board, following lengthy discussion during the first reading on April 29.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Ordinance 1318 titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, State of California Amending Section 2.04.040(H) of the Inyo County Code to Provide for a Change in Benefits for Members of the Board of Supervisors." Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

***Board Member & Staff  
Reports***

Supervisor Roeser said she attended a Big Pine Town Hall Meeting.

Supervisor Wadelton said he attended the Board meeting in Tecopa, then made stops on the way back through his district to meet with constituents.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the Board meeting in Tecopa, announced the upcoming annual Bishop Mule Days Celebration, and encouraged anyone planning to attend to consider volunteering at the event.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a celebration of life in Olancha, the Board meeting in Tecopa, and a Bishop City Council meeting and said he will attend meetings for the Inyo Health in Action, and the City-County Liaison Committee.

CAO Greenberg said he attended an Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance meeting and the Tecopa Board meeting, will attend the City-County Liaison meeting and an area managers meeting for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and announced the second course for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Leadership Academy.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Tecopa Board meeting and has been attending an online class with CSAC. Marcellin said he has upcoming meetings for the Local Agency Formation Commission and the City-County Liaison Committee and looks forward to attending the annual Bishop Mule Days Celebration.

***Recess/Reconvene***

The Chairperson recessed the meeting to return to closed session at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:50 p.m. with all Board members present.

***Report on Closed  
Session***

No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

***Adjournment***

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG  
Clerk of the Board*

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Darcy Israel, Assistant*