

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**May 27, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on May 27, 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 8:33 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 Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: Tecopa Hot Springs Park and Campground. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Meaghan McCamman, Denelle Carrington, Michael Errante, Fred Aubrey. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Tecopa Hot Springs Conservancy. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; No.4 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case; and No. 5 **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 10:07 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

CAO Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2-4 and said that no action was taken in relation to Item Nos. 2 and 3 that is required to be reported. Vallejo further stated that during the deliberations on Item No. 4, the Board voted unanimously to approve the initiation of litigation, details of which will be available once the litigation is filed. He said the Board would reconvene in closed session later in the meeting.

*Presentation*

As part of Women's History Month (March), Landon Whitney, District Director for Senator Alvarado Gill's office, introduced an item to honor Virginia Figueroa as Fourth Senate District "Woman of the Year." Whitney thanked Supervisor Griffiths for nominating Ms. Figueroa and recognized the contributions she has made to her community as a long-time and well-respected educator, parent, school board member, and volunteer.

Figueroa graciously thanked everyone for the recognition, sharing her passion for community involvement, especially when serving children. Supervisor Griffiths presented Figueroa with a California Senate Resolution on behalf of the Senator.

Jean Sprague, elementary school counselor, mentioned that Ms. Figueroa is the sole

bilingual contact for the community crisis line for St. Vincent de Paul. Figueroa's daughter also provided comment and thanked the Board for honoring her mother.

***Public Comment***

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

***County Department Reports***

Chief Information Officer Noam Shendar provided an update on the status of the Managed Security Services agreement with eSentire and Assistant Chief Information Officer Abhilash Itharaju explained the phases of the transition to the new provider.

Museum Director Shawn Lum provided an update and "reveal" presentation for the Eastern Sierra Museum brand redesign.

***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 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

***Clerk of the Board – Keeler Community Service District Board of Directors Appointment***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to appoint Mr. Bailey McRoberts to an unexpired two-year term on the Keeler Community Service District Board of Directors, expiring December 4, 2026, so that the district may achieve a quorum. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO – Modified Agreement with LADWP for Purchase and Sale of Real Property***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the modified Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Escrow Instructions between the County of Inyo and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the modified agreement and take all related necessary actions. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO – Department of Water Resources Application for Lone Pine Water System/Resolution #2025-17***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Approve the \$261,000 Planning Application for Preliminary Engineering of the Lone Pine Water System Replacement from the Department of Water Resources Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and authorize the County Administrator to sign all required documents to submit the application; and
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2025-17, titled, "Designating the County Administrative Officer as Authorized Representative for Purposes of Signing and Filing a Financial Assistance Application with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Planning, Design, and Construction of the Lone Pine Water System Replacement Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Motor Pool Surplus Vehicle Sale***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare one (1) 2008 Ford Expedition (Asset# 8531) as surplus and no longer required for County use; and
- B) Approve the sale of the vehicle to the Olancho-Cartago Volunteer Fire Department for \$1 (one dollar).

Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Risk Management – Heat Illness Prevention Employee Safety Plan Update***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to adopt updates to the Heat Illness Prevention employee safety plan. Motion carried unanimously.

***Planning Department – Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. Contract and Bonanza Peak Solar LLC Contract***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare Helix Environmental Services a sole-source provider of environmental review and processing services;
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Helix Environmental Services for the provision of environmental review and processing services to ensure compliance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the

Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) prepared for the County's Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment (REGPA), for the Bonanza Peak Solar Project, in an amount not to exceed \$55,550.00 for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and

- C) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Bonanza Peak Solar, LLC with the terms and payment provisions specified in the contract for the County to provide environmental review and processing services related to CEQA compliance including the PEIR prepared for the County's REGPA, for the Bonanza Peak Solar Project, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –  
Independence  
Courthouse HVAC  
Project N.O.C. &  
Resolution #2025-18***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-18 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Independence Courthouse HVAC Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –  
Consolidated Slurry  
Seal Project Bid  
Package***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the bid package for the Consolidated Slurry Seal Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the project. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –  
CA Department of  
Transportation  
Agreement/Resolution  
#2025-19***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-19, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Approving, and Authorizing the Board Chair to Execute, the Annual Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program (Agreement No. X25-5948[112]) with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Treasurer-Tax  
Collector –  
Sale by Sealed Bid***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to conduct the sale by sealed bid to the highest bidder for the tax defaulted parcel identified on the attached approval request, and additionally to re-offer said parcel within 90 days at a reduced minimum bid deemed appropriate by the Treasurer-Tax Collector if it remains unsold. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works-Road  
Department –  
Dump Truck Purchase***

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion. Public Works Deputy Director Shannon Platt addressed questions from Supervisor Marcellin, confirming that the quoted prices for the awarded bid remain locked-in at this time.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize a purchase order in an amount of \$433,949.52, payable to Bakersfield Truck Center of Bakersfield, CA for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Freightliner Dump Trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

***Planning Department –  
Precision Civil  
Engineering  
Presentation***

The Board received an update and presentation from Jenna Chilingierian, Senior Planner with Precision Civil Engineering, on the Residential Infill Project in Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine. Chilingierian said work was done to identify suitable land for development within the three communities and following two rounds of community workshops, staff will now analyze the collected information, explore potential options, and prepare modifications to zoning and the General Plan to promote infill housing opportunities to bring back to Board at a later date.

Planning Director Cathreen Richards and Senior Planner Danielle Visuano answered Board questions, with Visuano providing a handout.

***CAO –  
Fiscal Year 2024-2025  
Third Quarter Financial  
Review***

CAO Greenberg provided a presentation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report, thanked the Budget Team for their hard work, and answered Board questions. Additional information was provided by Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Accept the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter 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);
- C) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to make any additional year-end adjustments as may be necessary within each fund (4/5ths vote required);
- D) Approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Calendar (Attachment C) in regard to the proposed dates for the Budget Hearings and adoption of the Final Budget;
- E) Direct the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to prepare a modified rollover budget for the start of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and present it for approval on June 10, 2025; and
- F) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to transfer up to \$700,000, or an amount deemed appropriate based on year-end balances, from General Fund Contingencies to General Reserves before June 30, 2025, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget accordingly, if necessary (4/5ths vote required).

Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works-  
Recycling & Waste  
Management –  
Geo-Logic Contract  
Amendment No. 1***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Geo-Logic Associates of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$150,000, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***HHS-EMCC –  
Member-At-Large  
Appointment***

After thorough discussion, the majority of the Board agreed that Mr. Joseph McDonald would be the best candidate for the vacant At-Large Emergency Medical Care Committee position because he would provide representation for the South County.

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to appoint Mr. Joseph McDonald to an at-large position with the EMCC for a two-year term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried 4-1 with Supervisor Griffiths voting against.

***Public Comment***

Chairperson Marcellin announced that May 30<sup>th</sup> is Global Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day.

National MS Society Ambassador Mel Livermont shared insights on the chronic autoimmune disease affecting 2.9 million people worldwide and expressed gratitude to Supervisor Wadelton for the opportunity to speak.

Supervisor Wadelton presented Ms. Livermont with a framed recognition which acknowledges the global campaign and its mission to unite individuals and organizations in sharing stories, advocating for improved care, and advancing research efforts.

***Board Member & Staff  
Reports***

CAO Greenberg acknowledged National Emergency Medical Services Week, extending his heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated first responders and volunteers who serve the community. Greenberg reported he attended Mule Days, dined with Assemblyman Tangipa, conducted interviews for the vacant Emergency Manager position, met with representatives from the Judicial Council of California, and participated in various committee and council meetings including: the Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee, the Regional Oversight Committee for Child Support Services, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance. Greenberg said he will host a "Coffee with the CAO" gathering in Independence tomorrow.

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Superior Court recently authorized the appointed County Financial Investigation Officer to assess a defendant's ability to pay for legal representation in a criminal case.

Supervisor Griffiths said he hosted a wedding in his backyard, attended an adult prom at the Eastside Student Center, the Standing Committee Meeting, and a Memorial Day ceremony and spent time with Assemblyman Tangipa. Griffiths said he will travel to Sacramento for a media event which addresses Governor Newsom's views on counties and homelessness.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Standing Committee meeting, a Local Transportation Commission meeting, and Mule Days, where he met with Assemblyman Tangipa.

Supervisor Orrill said she met with Assemblyman Tangipa and Business Resource Center Director Meryl Picard, attended a Memorial Service at Bishop Cemetery, and an Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee meeting. Orrill announced that the Inyo County Mental Health Services Act Plan is open for public comment until June 19.

Supervisor Wadelton said he attended a public meeting at the Consolidated Office Building in Bishop to discuss the Mental Health Plan. He also participated in an Inyo Associates event in Big Pine, attended a Firewise meeting, a Mount Whitney Golf Course meeting, and the Mule Days celebration, where he had breakfast with Assemblyman Tangipa. Wadelton highlighted the start of the Clerk-Recorder Office rehabilitation project and announced tomorrow's Mental Health Awareness Walk and BBQ at Bishop City Park.

Supervisor Roeser said that she had breakfast with Assemblyman Tangipa, met with constituents, attended a Buttermilk Partners meeting, and participated in an "Animals in Disaster" workshop with CalVet. She also attended the LTC meeting, the Child Support Services Oversight Meeting, Mule Days, and the Big Pine Memorial Service Ceremony.

***Recess/Reconvene***

The Chairperson recessed the meeting to return to closed session at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:45 p.m. with all Board members present.

***Report on Closed Session***

County Counsel Vallejo said the Board met in closed session, took reports from staff, and took no action that is required to be reported.


***Adjournment***

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 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