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AGENDA

Board of Supervisors Room - County Administrative Center

224 North Edwards, Independence, California

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REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2025

8:30 AM

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

CLOSED SESSION

- 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.

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.**
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 4) Report on Closed Session as Required by Law**
 - 5) Introductions** - The following new employees will be introduced to the Board:
 - **District Attorney** - Senior Deputy District Attorney Brad Braaten
 - **Public Works** - Building and Maintenance Worker Michael DeHaven
 - **Sheriff's Office** - Cook Rebecca Avila and Correctional Officer Julio Gonzalez
 - 6) Public Comment**
Comments may be time-limited
 - 7) County Department Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 8) Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting**
Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:
Approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting of July 8, 2025.
- 9) Appointments to Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)**
Health & Human Services - EMCC | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:
Approve the following appointments to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC): Michael Metcalf to represent Olancha-Cartago Fire Department for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2025; and Rob DeForrest to represent Southern Inyo Hospital District for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.
- 10) Request to Reserve Independence Creek Campground**
Public Works | Jorge Briceno

Recommended Action:
Approve a request from Mr. David Barasch to reserve all campsites at Independence Creek Campground, from September 5, 2025 through September 7, 2025.

11) Award of Contract for Consolidated Slurry Seal Projects

Public Works | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

- A) Award the contract for the Consolidated Slurry Seal Projects to American Asphalt South, Inc. of Riverside, CA as the successful bidder;
- B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and American Asphalt South, Inc. of Riverside, CA in the amount of \$971,471.65, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- C) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other project contract documents, including contract change orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws.

12) Appointments to County Service Area No. 2 Advisory Committee

Public Works | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

Consider two Letters of Interest received for two vacancies on the County Service Area No. 2 Advisory Committee, and appoint the two individuals - Mr. Scott McKenzie and Mr. David Tanksley - to four-year terms ending July 22, 2029.

13) Appointment to Inyo County Water Commission

Water Department | Holly Alpert

Recommended Action:

Consider the Letter of Interest received for appointment to the Water Commission from Mr. Matt Kingsley and appoint him to an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2027.

REGULAR AGENDA

14) Memorandum of Understanding with Kern County for Adoption Services

Health & Human Services - Social Services | Morningstar Willis-Wagoner
2 minutes

Recommended Action:

Ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kern County for provision of Adoptions Services for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the MOU.

15) Contract with North American Mental Health Services for Provision of Mental Health Services via Tele-Psychiatry

Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health | Anna Scott
2 minutes

Recommended Action:

- A) Declare North American Mental Health Services of Redding, California a sole-source provider of mental health tele-psychiatry services;

- B) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and North American Mental Health Services of Redding, CA for the provision of mental health tele-psychiatry services in an amount not to exceed \$190,800 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement.

16) Presentation on Proposed Independence Memorial Park Honoring Major General John Singlaub and Captain James Birchim

Board of Supervisors | Don Bright, Independence Civic Club Singlaub Committee and Rick Estes, Special Operations Association
20 minutes (10min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

- A) Receive a presentation from an interested citizen group regarding the concept of converting the undeveloped southwest corner of the Inyo County Courthouse campus to a proposed Independence Memorial Park honoring military Veterans including Major General John Singlaub and Captain James Birchim; and
- B) Provide direction and feedback as appropriate.

17) Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Areas of Unincorporated Inyo County

County Administrator - Emergency Services | Kristen Pfeiler
15 minutes (5min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Waive further reading of a proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ)," and schedule enactment for August 5, 2025 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 224 N. Edwards St., Independence.

18) Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Lower Owens River Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule

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

Recommended Action:

Adopt the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Lower Owens River Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule.

19) Selection of a Vice Chair for the Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors | Nate Greenberg
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Appoint Supervisor Orrill to serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the remainder of calendar year 2025, and direct and approve any other changes as appropriate.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT & REPORTS

20) Public Comment

Comments may be time-limited

21) Board Member and Staff Reports

Receive updates on recent or upcoming meetings and projects