

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

November 4, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 2:33 p.m., on November 4, 2025, in the Tecopa Community Center, Tecopa, CA, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: Interim County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Wadelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Employee Service Milestones* The Board of Supervisors recognized Rose Colon, Tecopa Operations Manager for Health and Human Services, for reaching 10 years of service to the County during the third quarter of 2025.
- Public Comment I* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Patrick Donnelly.
- County Department Reports* Public Works Transportation Planner Justine Kokx shared updates on the Connecting Tecopa Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Corridor Project and upcoming work planned for Old Spanish Trail and Stateline Road.
- Public Works Director Mike Errante reported on projects in the southeast county including Tecopa Library/Community Center improvements, sewage pond repairs, and upcoming cooling center generator upgrades.
- Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott said that CalFresh recipients whose benefits were delayed should expect a partial payment for the month of November with full delivery expected in December, assuming the federal shutdown ends.
- Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of October 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board of Supervisors – Inyo Council for the Arts Designation/ Reso. # 2025-43* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-43, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Designating Inyo Council for the Arts as a California State Arts Council Partner to Inyo County," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Works – Water Meter Purchase* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$543,933.61 payable to Core & Main LP of Lancaster, CA for the purchase of Kamstrup Water Meters, subject to County Counsel and Auditor review and approval as to form. Motion carried unanimously.
- Update – Amargosa Conservancy* To accommodate a scheduling conflict, Chairperson Marcellin took the Amargosa Conservancy's workshop report early, allowing Executive Director Mason Voehl to speak on current issues and projects.
- Planning Department – Bonanza Peak Solar Project* Planning Department Associate Planner Cynthia Draper introduced members of the Bonanza Peak Solar Project: Lead Developer Larry Greene, Engineer Steve Pochmara, Senior Director of Permitting Stephanie Lauer and Helix Environmental Planning Consultant Robert Edgerton. Lauer and Greene provided information and updates on the project and answered questions.

*CAO –
Tecopa Hot Springs
Concessionaire
Introduction*

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a summary of the search and selection process for a new concessionaire and formally introduced the Board to Lance and Vanessa Hamrick of Flippin-Hamrick, LLC, the newly appointed concessionaire for Tecopa Campground and Hot Springs.

*CAO –
Tecopa Hot Springs
Updated Fee Schedule*

Lance Hamrick outlined some of the challenges his team has run into, provided contact information, thanked community members for their support, and responded to several questions from the public, who had concerns about the increase in rates and the impact on low-income residents. Members of the audience also wanted to know about the projected opening date, hours, and planned repairs. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Hamrick for assuming the responsibility and extended best wishes for success in the role.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve new rates as requested by and to be charged by Flippin-Hamrick, LLC for use of the Tecopa Hot Springs Campground & Pools. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop

Chairperson Marcellin continued the Southeast Inyo Workshop and received updates from the following individuals and organizations:

- Death Valley National Park – a written report was presented by Supervisor Wadelton on behalf of Acting Deputy Superintendent Abby Wines, who was unable to attend due to the current federal government shutdown,
- Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Chief Bill Lutz and District Board Member Robin Flinchum, and
- Center for Biological Diversity Great Basin Director Patrick Donnelly.

Chairperson Marcellin asked if there were any other interested parties who would like to provide updates, and Death Valley School District Superintendent Jim Copeland also gave a report.

*Board of Supervisors –
Friends of the
Amargosa Basin
National Monument/
Reso. #2025-44*

Executive Director of Friends of the Amargosa Basin Cameron Mayer shared updates on efforts made to secure federal recognition of the Amargosa Basin as a designated National Monument.

Public comment was received from several members of the community including Robin Flinchum, Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Council member George Gholson, Billy Eichenbaum, and Friends Board member Toni Kizzia, all of whom spoke in favor of the monument designation – as did Friends Board member Matt Kingsley. Additionally, Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel read a comment into record from Cynthia Kienitz, who expressed concerns about impacts on her business.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-44, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, in Support of the Establishment of the Proposed Amargosa Basin National Monument," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment II

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

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 7, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *DENELLE CARRINGTON*
Interim Clerk of the Board

by: 
Darcy Israel, Assistant