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AGENDA

Board of Supervisors Room - County Administrative Center

224 North Edwards, Independence, California

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REGULAR MEETING

January 20, 2026

8:30 A.M.

1) Public Comment on Closed Session Item(s)

Comments will be accepted at this time related strictly to items on the Closed Session portion of the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

2) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: Environmental Health Director.

3) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: Public Works Director.

4) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: County Administrator.

5) Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: County Administrator.

6) 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 – Interim 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.**
- 7) Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 8) Report on Closed Session as Required by Law**
 - 9) Public Comment**
Comments will be accepted at this time related to subjects not included on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Per the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from responding to or taking action on items not included on the agenda.
 - 10) Board Member Reports**
Supervisors will provide reports related to recent and upcoming events and meetings, as well as any projects or issues of interest.
 - 11) County Department Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

12) Contract for Audit Service

Auditor-Controller | Amy Shepherd

Recommended Action:

- A) Declare Price Paige and Company Certified Public Accountants LLP of Clovis, CA, a sole-source provider of Auditing services; and
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Price Paige and Company Public Accountants LLP of Clovis, Ca for the provision of Auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$480,767.00 for the period of the term of the contract, February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, with a two one year options to extend through December 31, 2030, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

13) Approval of Minutes from the Regular January 6 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes from the regular January 6 Board of Supervisors meeting.

14) Reappointments to Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:

- A) Reappoint Ms. Gaye Mueller, Mr. Warren Allsup, and Mr. Jared Smith to unexpired regular-member four-year terms on the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission, ending October 6, 2029; and
- B) Reappoint Mr. Nick Lara to an unexpired alternate-member four-year term ending October 6, 2027.

15) Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Memorandum of Understanding for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Funds

Health & Human Services - Fiscal | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Inyo, County of Mono, and the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care to reaffirm the responsibilities of each party as they relate to the Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan incorporated into applications for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding for the period of March 26, 2024 to April 1, 2030, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

16) Amendment No. 2 to Mental Health Student Services Act Contract

Health & Human Services | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment No. 2 of the standard agreement between the County of Inyo and Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, recognizing that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOC) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSAOC) and the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA), and extending the term end date from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign.

17) Request to Reserve Portuguese Joe Campground

Public Works - Parks & Recreation | Michael Errante

Recommended Action:

Approve request from Allan Johnson to reserve all campsites at Portuguese Joe Campground from Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11, 2026.

18) Inyo County Water Commission Appointment

Water Department | Holly Alpert

Recommended Action:

Consider the Letter of Interest received for re-appointment to the Inyo County Water Commission and reappoint Mr. Randy Keller to a four-year term ending December 31, 2029.

REGULAR AGENDA

19) Film Commissioner Quarterly Report

County Administrator - Advertising County Resources | Jesse Steele
15 minutes (10min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Hear an update from Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele.

20) Workshop on Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

Water Department | Holly Alpert
30 minutes (10 min. Presentation / 20 min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Receive an informational presentation on the draft Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan and provide input; provide an opportunity for public comment.

21) Amended Legislative Platform and Letter Opposing Reductions in FEMA Reimbursement Rates

County Administrator | Meaghan McCamman
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Approve a letter opposing any decreases in FEMA's Schedule of Equipment Rates, an amendment to the Legislative Platform, and a one-sheet on the issue.

22) Letter of Support for Death Valley National Park Land Acquisition Opportunities

Board of Supervisors | Will Wadelton
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve a letter of support for Death Valley National Park's efforts to acquire approximately 3,209 acres of land from Rio Tinto to preserve public access for recreational opportunities.

23) Update and Possible Action Regarding Request for Proposals (RFP) to Establish an Exclusive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operating Area (EOA) for the Greater Bishop Area

Health & Human Services - EMCC | Anna Scott, John Vallejo
15 minutes (5min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Receive a presentation on the status of the County's Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish an Exclusive Emergency Medical Services Operating Area 1 contract for the provision of EMS services in the Bishop area. Provide direction to staff regarding the potential reissuance of the RFP in order to better advertise the RFP and encourage more market participants to submit competitive bids.

24) Approval of CALFIRE Grants for Landfill Vouchers and Vegetation Management at Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds

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

Recommended Action:

Approve two grant agreements between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), effective through February 15, 2029, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements and any related documents: (1) fuel reduction projects in County parks and campgrounds, in an amount not to exceed \$202,976; and (2) green waste landfill voucher programs, in an amount not to exceed \$119,005.60.

25) Request to Waive Bidding Requirement in Purchasing Policy

Public Works - Road Department | Michael Errante
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

- A) Waive the Purchasing Policy requirement to obtain three bids and choose a vendor before seeking Board approval for the purchase of a used Pneumatic Tire Asphalt Roller; and
- B) Authorize the purchase of a used Asphalt Roller from Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV for an amount not to exceed \$145,462.50.

26) Approval of Hiring a Lateral Sheriff's Deputy at Step F (\$9,129.55), Retroactive to Date of Hire, January 15, 2026

Sheriff | Stephanie Rennie
5 minutes

Recommended Action:

Authorize the hiring of one (1) Lateral Sheriff's Deputy, Grade D-SD (\$7,028.53 - \$9,129.55), at Step F (\$9,129.55), retroactive to the date of hire, January 15, 2026.

27) Contract with Travis Satterlund — Tobacco Evaluator

Health & Human Services | Anna Scott
10 minutes (5min. Presentation / 5min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and TDS Research Group/Travis Satterlund, and declare TDS Research a sole source provider, for the provision of external evaluation of the Inyo County Tobacco Education program in an amount not to exceed \$19,200.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and authorize the HHS Director to sign.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

28) Public Comment

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