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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

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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 (MHSOAC) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) 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

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.

<div> <div>Today</div> <div><</div> <div>></div> <div>January - February 2026</div> </div> <div> <div>Month</div> <div>▼</div> </div>						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<div>Jan 5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Board Meeting</div> <div>9:00am Mono County Board of Supervisors; Mono Courthouse, Bridgeport</div> <div>4:00pm SIH Finance Committee Meeting; SIH Conference Room</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>5:30pm Bishop Paiute Tribal Council Meeting</div>	<div>9</div> <div>9:00am Shoshone Habitat Restoration Project; Shoshone</div>	<div>10</div> <div>8:00am Sage to Summit Winter Race Series</div> <div>9:00am Shoshone Habitat Restoration Project; Shoshone</div> <div>10:00am BLM Ranger Program - Nature Walk; Alabama Hills</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>12</div> <div>2:00pm Agenda Review</div> <div>5:00pm Cutoff to Get on Feb. 3 Agenda</div> <div>6:00pm Bishop City Council Meeting; City Hall</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Publishing Jan. 20 Agenda</div> <div>4:30pm SIH Board of Directors Meeting; SIH Conference Room</div> <div>6:00pm City of Bishop Planning Commission; City Hall</div> <div>6:30pm Big Pine Civic Club Meeting; B...</div>	<div>14</div> <div>10:00am Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Board; Ridgecrest</div> <div>2:30pm Behavioral Health Advisory Board; Bishop</div>	<div>15</div> <div>2:30pm Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting</div> <div>6:00pm SIFPD Board Meeting; Community Center</div>	<div>16</div> <div>12:00pm Special Meeting</div>	<div>17</div> <div>11:00am BLM Ranger Program - Ranger Pop-Up Table; Alabama Hills</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:30am BLM Ranger Program - Origin & Geology of Alabama Hills</div>
<div>19</div> <div>HOLIDAY</div> <div>2:00pm Agenda Review</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Board Meeting</div> <div>9:00am Mono County Board of Supervisors; Mono Lake Room, Mono County Civic Center</div> <div>1:30pm Child Care Planning Council Meeting; ICOE</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:00am RCRC Board Meeting</div> <div>5:00pm NIH Board of Directors Meeting; Birch Street Annex</div> <div>5:00pm RCRC Rural Leadership Awards Reception</div>	<div>22</div> <div>CSAC Executive Committee Meeting; Sacramento</div> <div>Deadline to Complete Feb. 3 Agenda Items</div> <div>3:00pm Farm to Table Market; Bishop United Methodist Church</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10:00am Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board Meeting; TBD</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>2:00pm Agenda Review</div> <div>5:00pm Cutoff to Get on Feb. 17 Agenda</div> <div>5:30pm Inyo Associates Death Valley Dinner (+ Scotty's Castle Tour); Stove...</div> <div>6:00pm Bishop City Council Meeting; ...</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Publishing Feb. 3 Agenda</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:00am SIAAC Meeting; Lone Pine Airport Terminal</div> <div>6:00pm City of Bishop Parks & Rec Meeting; City Hall</div>	<div>29</div> <div>3:00pm Farm to Table Market; Bishop United Methodist Church</div> <div>5:00pm First 5 Commission Meeting; COB</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>10:00am Seed Swap & Seed Starting Workshop; Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center</div> <div>11:00am BLM Ranger Program - Ranger Pop-Up Table</div>	<div>Feb 1</div>
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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-6

Contract for Audit Service Auditor-Controller ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Amy Shepherd, Auditor/Controller

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Amy Shepherd, Auditor/Controller

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

California Government Code Sections 25250, 25253, and 27134 address the audit requirements for the County. Section 25250 states that the Board of Supervisors shall audit, or cause to be audited, the financial records of the County. It also allows the Board to employ the services of an independent certified public accountant to perform an examination of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Section 25253 requires the publication of the financial report, and section 27134 requires an audit of the Treasury. Additionally, audits are required for all Federal funds (OMB Circular 133).

The request to sole-source the audit services engagement to Price, Paige & Company (PPC) is in the best interest of the County. PPC has served as the County's independent audit firm for the past five years and has developed highly specialized knowledge of the County's operations, financial systems, internal controls, and compliance requirements.

Through this long-standing engagement, PPC has made a substantial investment in understanding the County's processes and financial reporting environment. Transitioning to a new audit firm would require duplicating this institutional knowledge, resulting in additional costs, increased staff time, and potential delays in completing required audits and financial reports. Retaining PPC ensures continuity, minimizes disruption, and allows the County to benefit from the firm's prior experience and efficiencies gained through its familiarity with County operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	General Fund / Auditor-Controller	Budget Unit	010400
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5265
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	Yes

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Price Paige & Company brings over five years of highly specialized experience that is directly relevant to the County's operational needs as our contracted independent audit firm. Their longstanding engagement has allowed them to develop a deep understanding of the County's internal processes, financial systems, and compliance expectations. This level of familiarity enables them to deliver services with a degree of precision and efficiency that would be difficult to replicate. Their expertise has consistently contributed to the County's ability to meet regulatory standards and maintain operational integrity, making them a vital partner in our ongoing efforts. Additionally, the firm has already invested significant time and resources in learning the County's operations. Replacing them would require duplicating that investment—resulting in added costs and delays. Retaining Price Paige & Company ensures continuity and avoids unnecessary disruption.

Current Fiscal Year Impact
Up to \$140,053 for the period between Feb 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
Up to \$340,714 for the period between July 1, 2026 and December 2027
Additional Information

A portion of this contract will be recouped through the State-approved Cost Plan.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board does have other options under the government code, but given Price Paige and Company's reputation and experience, they are not recommended.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Not Applicable

APPROVALS:

Amy Shepherd	Created/Initiated - 01/05/2026
Darcy Israel	Approved - 01/06/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/06/2026
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/12/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/12/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Audit and Consulting Contract
2. Sole Source Form

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND Price Paige and Company Certified Public Accountants LLP
FOR THE PROVISION OF Inyo County Audit and Consulting

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") may have the need for the services of Price Paige and Company Certified Public Accountants LLP (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"). In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

1.1. Work to be Performed

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, upon its request, those services and work set forth in herein. Requests by the County to the Contractor to perform under this Agreement will be made by Amy Shepherd, whose title is: Auditor-Controller. Requests to the Contractor for work or services to be performed under this Agreement will be based upon the County's need for such services. The County makes no guarantee that any minimum amount of services or work will be requested of the Contractor. County by this Agreement incurs no obligation or requirement to request from Contractor the performance of any services or work at all, even if County should have need for such services or work during the term of this Agreement.

Services and work provided by the Contractor at the County's request under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with the requirements and standards established by applicable federal, state, and County laws, ordinances, regulations, and resolutions.

1.2. Tasks and Deliverables

Contractor shall perform annual financial and compliance audits for the County of Inyo for fiscal years 2025 through 2029. All services must be completed in accordance with generally accepting auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the standards for fiscal audits set forth in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's *Government Auditing Standards (2011 Revision)*, the provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1996 (with amendments) and the audit requirements of Title 2 *United States Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

The audits should also include agreed-upon auditing procedures pertaining to the County's GAAN limit (Article XIIB annual review of appropriations limit calculations) and render a letter annually to the County regarding compliance.

Additionally, the Contractor shall perform agreed-upon auditing procedures pertaining to the County's Treasury Oversight Committee compliance with Government Code Article 6, Sections 27130-27137 and render a letter annually to the Oversight Committee regarding compliance.

A. Annual Financial Audit

Contractor must audit the County's basic financial statements and issue an independent auditor's report. The audit must include all governmental and proprietary funds, fiduciary activities, and component units, as applicable.

B. Single Audit (Federal Compliance Audit)

Contractor must conduct a Single Audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance for all federal funds expended by the County. This includes preparation and submission of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), testing of internal controls, and compliance with applicable federal program requirements.

C. Treasury Audit

Contractor must audit the County Treasury in accordance with California Government Code Section 27134. This includes verification of cash and investment balances, compliance with the County's investment policy, and reconciliation of Treasurer's records to the County's general ledger.

D. GASB Compliance and Implementation Support

Contractor must evaluate and report on the County's implementation and compliance with applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, including but not limited to:

- GASB 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions
- GASB 84 – Fiduciary Activities
- GASB 87 – Leases
- GASB 96 – Subscription-Based IT Arrangements

Contractor must provide technical guidance and documentation support for the implementation of new GASB standards as they become effective.

E. Management Letter

Contractor must prepare a management letter identifying any material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or other findings, along with recommendations for corrective action.

F. Presentation of Results

Contractor must deliver draft audit reports to the Auditor-Controller's Office by **November 15** of each audit year and submit final reports no later than **December 31**.

Contractor must present findings to the Board of Supervisors or other County officials upon request. Reports must be provided in both electronic and hard copy formats.

G. Coordination and Access

Contractor must coordinate with the Inyo County Auditor-Controller's Office to schedule fieldwork, request documentation, and conduct interviews. The County will provide reasonable workspace and access to financial systems and records.

H. Insurance and Risk Compliance

Contractor must maintain insurance coverage in accordance with County requirements, including general liability, professional liability, workers' compensation, and cyber liability coverage. Proof of current coverage must be submitted prior to contract execution and annually thereafter.

I. Working Paper Retention and Access

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of five (5) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the County of Inyo of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available upon request to the following parties or designees:

- County of Inyo
- Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- Parties designated by the federal or state governments or by the County of Inyo as part of an audit quality review process
- Auditors of entities of which the County of Inyo is a sub-recipient of grant funds

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

2. TERM

The initial term of this Agreement shall be from Sunday, February 1, 2026 to Sunday, December 31, 2028 unless sooner terminated as provided below. In addition, County shall have two options to extend the Agreement for additional one-year periods as follows:

- a. From February 1, 2029 through December 31, 2029
- b. From January 1, 2030 through December 31, 2030

County may exercise such options by giving written notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the Agreement, or an extension thereof.

The notice shall specify the period of the options being exercised. The option to extend shall be upon the same terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement.

3. CONSIDERATION

3.1. Payment Terms

- A. Compensation. County shall pay to Contractor in accordance with the **Schedule of Fees** set forth in herein for the services and work described in the **Scope of Work** which are performed by Contractor at the County's request.
- B. No additional consideration. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, Contractor shall not be entitled to, nor receive, from County, any additional consideration, compensation, salary, or other type of remuneration for services rendered under this Agreement. Specifically, Contractor shall not be entitled, by virtue of this Agreement, to consideration in the form of overtime, health insurance benefits, retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, sick leave, vacation time, paid holidays, or other paid leaves of absence of any type or kind whatsoever.
- C. Limit upon amount payable under Agreement. The total sum of all payments made by the County to Contractor for services and work performed under this Agreement shall not exceed \$480,767.00 (hereinafter referred to as "contract limit"). County expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by Contractor for services or work performed which is in excess of the contract limit.
- D. Federal and State taxes.
 - i. Except as provided in subparagraph (2) below, County will not withhold any federal or state income taxes or social security from any payments made by County to Contractor under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - ii. County will withhold California State income taxes from payments made under this Agreement to non-California resident independent contractors when it is anticipated that total annual payments to Contractor under this Agreement will exceed one thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$1,499.00).
 - iii. Except as set forth above, County has no obligation to withhold any taxes or payments from sums paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement. Payment of all taxes and other assessments on such sums is the sole responsibility of Contractor. County has no responsibility or liability for payment of Contractor's taxes or assessments.
 - iv. The total amounts paid by County to Contractor, and taxes withheld from payments to non-California residents, if any, will be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service and the California State Franchise Tax Board. To

facilitate this reporting, Contractor shall complete and submit to the County an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 upon executing this Agreement.

3.2. Schedule of Fees

				(Optional)	(Optional)
County Audit Services	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Audit	\$ 75,000	\$75,000	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$ 81,120
Single Audit*	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,800	\$20,800	\$21,632
County Financial Statements Preparation	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,816
Treasury Oversight Committee (TOC)	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,368	\$4,368	\$4,543
GANN	\$650	\$650	\$676	\$676	\$703
Out-of-Pocket Expenses	\$3,245	\$3,245	\$3,375	\$3,375	\$3,375
Total	\$113,095	\$113,095	\$117,619	\$117,619	\$122,189

* The fee estimate for the single audit is for three major programs. If there are additional major programs, there will be an additional fee of \$7,500 for each program.

				(Optional)	(Optional)
Consulting Services	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
GASB 68 - Net Pension Liability	\$1,958	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,600
GASB 84 - Fiduciary Funds	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,360	\$9,360
GASB 87 - Leases	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,480	\$12,480
GASB 96 - SBITAs	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,360	\$9,360
Total	\$26,958	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$33,800	\$33,800

4. WORK SCHEDULE

Contractor's obligation is to perform, in a timely manner, those services and work identified in the **Scope of Work** which are requested by the County. It is understood by Contractor that the

performance of these services and work will require a varied schedule. Contractor will arrange his/her own schedule but will coordinate with County to ensure that all services and work requested by County under this Agreement will be performed within the time frame set forth by County.

5. REQUIRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS

- A. Any licenses, certificates, or permits required by the federal, state, county, or municipal governments for contractor to provide the services and work described in the **Scope of Work** must be procured by Contractor and be valid at the time Contractor enters into this Agreement or as otherwise may be required. Further, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor must maintain such licenses, certificates, and permits in full force and effect at no expense to the County. Contractor will provide County, upon execution of this Agreement, with evidence of current and valid licenses, certificates and permits which are required to perform the services identified in the **Scope of Work**. Where there is a dispute between Contractor and County as to what licenses, certificates, and permits are required to perform the services identified in the **Scope of Work**, County reserves the right to make such determinations for purposes of this Agreement.
- B. Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration available at: <http://www.sam.gov>.

6. OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ET CETERA

Contractor shall provide such office space, supplies, equipment, vehicles, reference materials, and utility connections as are necessary for Contractor to provide the services identified in the **Scope of Work**. County is not obligated to reimburse or pay Contractor for any expense or cost incurred by Contractor in procuring or maintaining such items.

7. COUNTY PROPERTY

- A. Personal Property of County. Any personal property provided to Contractor by County pursuant to this Agreement are the sole and exclusive property of County. Contractor will use reasonable care to protect, safeguard and maintain such items while they are in Contractor's possession. Contractor will be financially responsible for any loss or damage to such items.
- B. Products of Contractor's Work and Services. Any and all compositions, publications, plans, designs, specifications, blueprints, maps, formulas, processes, photographs, slides, video tapes, computer programs, computer disks, computer tapes, memory chips,

soundtracks, audio recordings, films, audio-visual presentations, exhibits, reports, studies, works of art, inventions, patents, trademarks, copyrights, or intellectual properties of any kind which are created, produced, assembled, compiled by, or are the result, product, or manifestation of Contractor's services or work under this Agreement are, and at the termination of this Agreement remain, the sole and exclusive property of the County. At the termination of the Agreement, Contractor will convey possession and title to all such properties to County.

8. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

8.1. Commercial General Liability (CGL)

Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

8.2. Automobile Liability

Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, covering hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

8.3. Workers' Compensation

Insurance as required by the State of California, with **Statutory Limits**, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease. *(Provision may be waived if Contractor provides written declaration of the following: (a) Contractor has no employees and agrees to obtain workers' compensation insurance and notify Inyo County if any employee is hired, (b) Contractor agrees to verify proof of coverage for any subcontractor, and (c) Contractor agrees to hold Inyo County harmless and defend Inyo County in the case of claims arising for failure to provide benefits.)*

8.4. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)

Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.

8.5. Cyber Liability

insurance, with limits not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations undertaken by Vendor in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, infringement on intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, and alteration of electronic information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs, regulatory fines and penalties, and credit monitoring expenses.

8.6. Contractor Broader Coverage

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, Inyo County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to Inyo County.

8.7. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status: Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of **both** CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; **and** CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this contract, the **Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory** and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to Inyo County.

Umbrella or Excess Policy: The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to Inyo County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against Inyo County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. The contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not Inyo County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Self-Insured Retentions: Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by Inyo County. Inyo County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Inyo County. The CGL and Professional Liability policies must provide that defense costs, including ALAE, will satisfy the SIR or deductible.

Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to Inyo County.

Claims Made Policies: If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

- A. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
- B. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
- C. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish Inyo County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. **All certificates and endorsements and copies of all Declarations and Endorsements pages are to be received and approved by Inyo County before work commences.** However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. Inyo County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Special Risks or Circumstances: Inyo County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

9. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR

All acts of Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees, relating to the performance of this Agreement, shall be performed as independent contractors, and not as agents, officers, or employees of County. Contractor, by virtue of this Agreement, has no authority to bind or incur any obligation on behalf of County. Except as expressly provided in the **Scope of Work**, Contractor has no authority to exercise any rights or power vested in the County. No agent, officer, or employee of the Contractor is to be considered an employee of the County. It is understood by both Contractor and County that this Agreement shall not under any circumstances be construed or considered to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture. As an independent contractor:

- A. Contractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work and services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible to County only for the requirements and results specified in this Agreement, and except as expressly provided in this Agreement, shall not be subjected to County's control with respect to the physical action or activities of Contractor in fulfillment of this Agreement.
- C. Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees are, and at all times during the term of this Agreement shall, represent and conduct themselves as independent contractors, and not as employees of County.

10. DEFENSE AND INDEMNITY

Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the agreement, except such loss or damages which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

11. RECORDS AND AUDIT

- A. Records. Contractor shall prepare and maintain all records required by the various provisions of this Agreement and any applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations. Contractor shall maintain these records for a minimum of four (4) years from the termination or completion of this Agreement.
- B. Inspections and Audits. Any authorized representative of County shall have access to any records including, but not limited to, financial records of Contractor, which County determines to be pertinent to this Agreement, for the purposes of making an audit, evaluation, or examination during the period such records are to be maintained by Contractor. Further, County has the right to audit, inspect, or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

12. NONDISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees shall not unlawfully discriminate in violation of any federal, state, or local law, against any employee, or applicant for employment, or person receiving services under this Agreement, because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex. Contractor and its agents, officers, and employees shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder in the California Code of Regulations. Contractor shall also abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Act.

13. CANCELLATION

This Agreement may be canceled by County without cause, and at will, for any reason by giving to Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel. Contractor may cancel this Agreement without cause, and at will, for any reason whatsoever by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel to County.

14. ASSIGNMENT

This is an agreement for the services of Contractor. County has relied upon the skills, experience, and training of Contractor as an inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any part of this Agreement without the written consent of County. Further, Contractor shall not assign any monies due or to become due under this Agreement without the written consent of County.

15. DEFAULT

If the Contractor abandons the work, fails to proceed with the work and services requested by County in a timely manner, or fails in any way as required to conduct the work and services as required by County, County may declare the Contractor in default and terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice to Contractor. Upon such termination by default, County will pay to Contractor all amounts owing for services and work satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.

16. WAIVER OF DEFAULT

Waiver of any default by either party to this Agreement shall not be deemed to be waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless this Agreement is modified as provided in paragraph twenty-two (22) below.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor further agrees to comply with the various provisions of the federal, state, and county laws, regulations, and ordinances providing that information and records kept, maintained, or accessible by Contractor in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, shall be privileged, restricted, or confidential. Contractor agrees to keep confidential all such information and records. Disclosure of such confidential, privileged, or protected information shall be made by Contractor only with the express written consent of the County. Any disclosure of confidential information by Contractor without the County's written consent is solely and exclusively the legal responsibility of Contractor in all respects.

Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, names of persons receiving public social services are confidential and are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations Section 205.50, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and Sections 10850 and 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. For the purpose of this Agreement, all information, records, and data elements pertaining to beneficiaries shall be protected by the provider from unauthorized disclosure.

18. CONFLICTS

Contractor agrees that it has no interest, and shall not acquire any direct or indirect interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

19. POST AGREEMENT COVENANT

Contractor agrees not to use any confidential, protected, or privileged information which is gained from the County in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, for any personal benefit, gain, or enhancement. Further, Contractor agrees for a period of two years after the termination of this Agreement not to seek or accept any employment with any entity which, during the term of this Agreement, has had an adverse or conflicting interest with the County or who has been an adverse party in litigation with the County, and concerning such, Contractor by virtue of this Agreement has gained access to the County's confidential, privileged, protected, or proprietary information.

20. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Agreement shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

21. FUNDING LIMITATION

The ability of County to enter this Agreement is based upon available funding from various sources. In the event that such funding fails, is reduced, or is modified, from one or more sources,

County has the option to cancel, reduce, or modify this Agreement, or any of its terms within ten (10) days of its notifying Contractor of the cancellation, reduction, or modification of available funding. Any reduction or modification of this Agreement made pursuant to this provision must comply with the requirements of paragraph twenty-two (22) (Amendment).

22. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be modified by the mutual consent of the parties, if such amendment or change is in written form and executed with the same formalities as this Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

23. NOTICE

Any notice regarding this Agreement shall be in writing and may be personally served, or sent by prepaid first-class mail to, the respective parties as follows:

County of Inyo:

Auditor
PO Drawer R Independence CA, 93526

Contractor:

Price Paige and Company Certified Public Accountants LLP
570 N Magnolia Ave Suite 100, Clovis, CA 93611

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements otherwise between the parties not embodied herein or incorporated herein by reference, shall be of any force or effect. Further, no term or provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, unless the same be in writing executed by the parties hereto.

For Inyo County

SIGNATURE

John Vallejo

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

County Counsel

TITLE

SIGNATURE

Aaron Holmberg

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Risk Manager

TITLE

SIGNATURE

on behalf of Amy Shepherd

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Auditor-Controller

TITLE

For Contractor

SIGNATURE

Fausto Hinojosa

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Contractor

TITLE

SIGNATURE

Keri Oney

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Personnel Director

TITLE

SIGNATURE

Board Chairperson

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Board Chairperson

TITLE



County of Inyo

Sole Source Authorization Form

Vendor Price Paige & Company

Date: 11/20/2025

A sole source procurement may be justified in the following situations: Section II.D.1 (located on page 6)

Sole source procurements are the exception, not the norm. They are to be used sparingly and shall not be used in lieu of any competitive process simply because the department failed to allot sufficient time to engage in the competitive process or because the department finds the competitive process to be onerous.

Select one of the following:

The capability of the proposed contractor is critical to the specific effort and makes the contractor clearly unique compared to other contractors in the general field.



The proposed contractor has prior experience of a highly specialized nature that is vital to the proposed effort.

The proposed contractor has facilities, staffing, or equipment that are specialized and vital to the services being requested.



The proposed contractor has a substantial investment that would have to be duplicated at the County's expense by another contractor entering the field.

A critical proposed schedule for the service and/or product that only one proposed contractor can meet.

A lack of competition because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, and/or location.

Amount	Required Action
Less than or equal to \$5,000	Compliance with the competitive process is not required, but price shopping is encouraged.
\$5,001 to \$10,000	Three informal bids (e.g. printouts from websites showing prices or quotes solicited from vendors) must be obtained.
	Informal bids received
\$10,001 to \$25,000	Three informal bids (e.g. printouts from websites showing prices or quotes solicited from vendors) must be obtained.
	Informal bids received
\$25,001 to \$75,000	A formal RFP or RFQ must be prepared and publicized, with sealed submissions opened on a predetermined date.
	RFP/RFQ Received by Board Clerk on _____
Over \$75,000	A formal RFP or RFQ must be prepared and publicized, with sealed submissions opened on a predetermined date.
	Board Approval Required

County of Inyo

Sole Source Authorization Form

Sole Source Justification:

Amy Shepard (Nov 20, 2025 13:08:59 PST)

Department Head Signature

Sole Source Approval

Christian E. Milovich

Purchasing Agent Signature

Denelle Carrington

Denelle Carrington (Nov 24, 2025 12:09:08 PST)

County Counsel Signature

Armand Pigeon on behalf of Amy Shepard

Armand Pigeon on behalf of Amy Shepard (Nov 24, 2025 12:58:10 PST)

Auditor-Controller Signature



INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TRINA ORRILL • JEFF GRIFFITHS • SCOTT MARCELLIN • JENNIFER ROESER • WILL WADELTON

DENELLE CARRINGTON
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DARCY ISRAEL
ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-17

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

Clerk of the Board

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Clerk of the Board

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Assistant Clerk of the Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Board is required to keep minutes of its proceedings. Once the Board has approved the minutes as requested, the minutes will be made available to the public via the County's webpage, www.inyocounty.us.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this agenda item.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board may request changes or edits, or decline to approve but the latter option is not recommended.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Not Applicable

APPROVALS:

Hayley Carter
Darcy Israel

Created/Initiated - 01/09/2026
Final Approval - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft January 6, 2026 Minutes

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

January 6, 2026

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 January 6, 2026, 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: Interim County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

Public Comment I

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 – Acting Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich; No. 3 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Matthew Blankers v. County of Inyo et. Al*; No. 5 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works Director; and No. 6 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Sierra Club, a California Non-Profit Corporation; Friends of the Inyo, a California Non-Profit Corporation; Owens Valley Indian Water Commission, a Tribal Consortium v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Board of Commissioners, DOES 1 through 20* (Case No. 25PT73099).

Open Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:12 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met in closed session under Item Nos. 2 through 6 and will reconvene in closed session later in the meeting. Regarding Item No. 4, the existing litigation of *Blankers v. County of Inyo*, Vallejo stated that the County has been authorized to defend itself and, if deemed appropriate, to file a cross-complaint at a future time. In addition, under Item No. 6 concerning the existing litigation of *Sierra Club v. LADWP*, Vallejo reported that the County has been granted authority to participate in the lawsuit as an interested party.

Election of Officers

Chairperson Marcellin turned the meeting over to the Assistant Clerk of the Board for the election of officers.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to elect Supervisor Orrill the Chairperson for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to elect Supervisor

Griffiths the Vice Chairperson for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment II

The Assistant Clerk of the Board introduced the public comment period for items not calendared on the agenda and reminded attendees that, per the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from responding to or taking action on items not included on the agenda.

Public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

Supervisor Roeser announced the unexpected passing of Congressman Doug LaMalfa, describing him as “a steadfast, strong voice for rural California,” and extended heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

County Department Reports

HHS Director Anna Scott announced the release of the Requests for Proposal for Emergency Medical Services in Operating Area 1. She noted that proposals will be accepted until February 18 and reminded interested parties that they must register through the OpenGov portal and attend a mandatory bidders’ conference tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Probation Chief Jeff Thomson reminded attendees that a Drug Court graduation will take place tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Bishop Courthouse.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the Regular December 4 and Special December 22 Board of Supervisors meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Independence Cemetery District Board Reappointment

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to reappoint Mr. Richard Baker to the Independence Cemetery District Board of Trustees, to a four-year term ending January 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Inyo Mono VSO – Annual Compliance Forms

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the Chairperson to sign the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-ESAAA – Advisory Council Appointments

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Reappoint Ms. Rebecca Manross to a two-year term on the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, ending December 31, 2027; and
- B) Appoint Ms. Sally Clausen to a two-year term on the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, ending December 31, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

HHS- Behavioral Health – CalMHSA Remote Supervision Agreement Amendment No. 3

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) a sole-source provider of remote supervision services; and
- B) Approve Amendment No. 3 to the participation agreement between the County of Inyo and CalMHSA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$129,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Department – Commission Reappointments

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to reappoint Howard Lehwald and Todd Vogel to four-year terms on the Planning Commission ending January 4, 2030, representing the First and Third Supervisorial Districts, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Airports – Runway 12-30 Safety Area Improvement Project/Resolution No. 2026-01 and N.O.C.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2026-01, 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 Runway 12-30 Safety Area Improvement Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Works-Roads – CRAFCO Purchase Order</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$96,078.74, payable to CRAFCO of Chandler, AZ, for a 6-month Rental - Supershot 125D Kettle and 90,000 pounds of RoadSaver Low Tack Sealant. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Office of Traffic Safety FY 26-27 Grant</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the submission of the Office of Traffic Safety FY 2026-2027 grant program application. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – 2026 Statement of Investment Policy</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the 2026 Statement of Investment Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – Resolution No. 2026- 02/Investment Authority Delegation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2026-02, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo Delegating to the Inyo County Treasurer its Investment Authority Pursuant to Section 53607 of the Government Code," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Bishop Building Maintenance Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Bishop Building Maintenance of Bishop, CA for the provision of Floor Cleaning Services in an amount not to exceed \$203,673.83 for the period of three-and-a-half years, January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – DIS Workforce Development Grant</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the grant agreement between Inyo County and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STD CB) for the provision of disease intervention specialty services in an amount not to exceed \$461,160.00 between July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Crisis Care Mobile Unit Vehicle/DHCS Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) for the use of DHCS property and vehicles purchased with Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2031, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement and the Contractor Certification Clauses. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Social Services – Seneca Family of Agencies/Payment of Prior-Year Invoices</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize payment to Seneca Family of Agencies of Oakland, CA for prior-year invoices in the amount of \$34,000.68 for Wraparound Aftercare Services. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk-Recorder – 2025 Legislation Review</i>	Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton delivered an overview of several State Assembly and Senate Bills passed in 2025, which affect Recorder, Clerk, or Elections functions in Inyo County.
<i>BoS – SB 694 Letter of Support</i>	<p>Inyo Mono Veterans Service Officer Gordon Greene briefed the Board on Senate Bill 694, a bill designed to ensure veterans and their surviving spouses are not charged for services they are legally entitled to receive cost-free and prevent the misuse of veteran data.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve a letter of support for Senate Bill 694, the Veteran Benefits Protection Act and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

***BoS –
Legislative Policy
Discussion***

Supervisor Roeser introduced the item and explained the need for enhanced advocacy for federal reimbursement of costs incurred by rural fire departments during natural disasters. The Board subsequently discussed updating Inyo County's Legislative Platform to oppose reductions in FEMA reimbursement rates and to support rates that accurately reflect the full costs of equipment ownership, operation, and maintenance.

Chairperson Orrill opened the floor for discussion, and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd stepped forward to express the importance of requesting more timely reimbursements and noted that delays force rural fire departments to float costs associated with volunteer stipends and/or postpone critical safety equipment purchases and repairs.

Following the discussion, the Board directed staff to draft an advocacy letter for consideration on January 20 and to prepare a proposed amendment to the Legislative Platform for the Board's review as soon as possible.

***County Counsel –
Brown Act Review***

County Counsel Vallejo provided a presentation on the Brown Act and highlighted recent updates to that law created by Senate Bill 707.

***Assessor –
Homeowner Property
Tax Exemption
Presentation***

Assessor Dave Stottlemire presented a review of the California Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption and noted a significant decade-long decline in filings in Inyo County, due to a drop in home ownership due to rising mortgage rates, affordability challenges, stricter buyer qualifications, population decline, cultural and generational shifts, and foreclosures.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Orrill recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for a break at 12:39 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:14 p.m. with all Board members present.

***Environmental Health –
MEHKO Workshop***

At the direction of the Board, Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser provided a second-round presentation on the Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) program, this time providing information gathered on statewide MEHKO ordinances. Oser concluded by noting that he does not recommend implementing the program at this time.

Chairperson Orrill asked if there was anyone wishing to provide comment and public comment was received from Lauren Wolfer on behalf of Cook Alliance and Environmental Health Operations Technician Jennifer Mills. Additionally, Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel noted for the record, that two email comments were received: one in opposition to MEHKOs from the Eastern Sierra Community Service District and one in support of MEHKOs from the Cook Alliance.

Board members provided input on program participation with Supervisors Wadelton and Griffiths in favor and Supervisors Marcellin, Roeser, and Orrill opposing. With the majority of the Board opposed, the decision was made to halt any further action on MEHKOs at this time.

***CAO –
2026 Board of
Supervisors Committee
Assignments***

Public Comment was received from Mel Joseph.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the 2026 Board of Supervisors committee assignments with the following changes as discussed: 1) Add Supervisor Roeser as the alternate to the Local Transportation Commission (LTC); 2) Update the Inyo Fish & Wildlife Commission appointment to replace Supervisor Marcellin with Supervisor Roeser; and 3) Add Supervisor Roeser as Member and Supervisor Marcellin as Alternate for the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment III

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

***Board Member & Staff
Reports***

Supervisor Roeser said she attended an Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) meeting with Supervisor Wadelton, as well as meetings of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the Buttermilk Working Group and also went to the Public Works Christmas Barbeque with Supervisor Marcellin.

Supervisor Wadelton said he participated in several holiday events in Lone Pine, including a toy drive and a gathering at Spainhower Park, along with the Christmas Eve celebration in Independence. He also recognized Caltrans and the Inyo Road Department for their efforts to keep Highways 395 and 190 open and safe during the recent winter storms and noted his attendance at the EMCC meeting.

Supervisor Marcellin thanked Bishop Fire for responding to a structure fire on Wildrose Lane and the Sheriff's Office for subsequently apprehending a resident at the location for suspected illegal activity. He also expressed appreciation to the Road Department and Eastern Sierra Regional Airport staff for hard work done to maintain smooth operations during the winter storms.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) meeting and a ribbon cutting ceremony for "Jasmin's Closet," then spent the holidays in Saline Valley.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Orrill recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to return to Closed Session at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:09 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 4:09 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-19

Reappointments to Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission Clerk of the Board ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Clerk of the Board

ITEM PRESENTED BY

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Four members' terms on the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission expired in October. Per Board policy, the vacancies were advertised and requests for reappointment were received from Mr. Warren Allsup, Mr. Jared Smith, Ms. Gaye Mueller, and Mr. Nick Lara (alternate). Mr. Lara's term will expire October 6, 2027 and the other three will expire on October 6, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Decline to make any or all of the requested reappointments; this is not recommended as the individuals are experienced commission members and declining to reappoint them will create quorum challenges.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Protection
High Quality Services | Improved Access to Government

APPROVALS:

Darcy Israel
Darcy Israel
John Vallejo

Created/Initiated - 01/12/2026
Approved - 01/12/2026
Approved - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notices of Vacancy
2. Nick Lara Reappointment Request
3. Warren Allsup Reappointment Request
4. Jared Smith Reappointment Request
5. Gaye Mueller Reappointment Request

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF INYO

I am a citizen of the United States
and a resident of the County aforesaid.
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County of Inyo

The Inyo Register has been adjudged a
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**December 11th,
In the year of 2025**

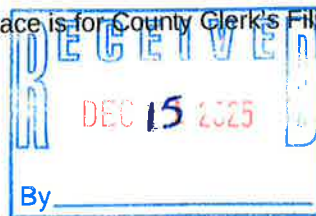
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury
that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Bishop, California, on this
11th Day of December, 2025



Signature

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Proof of Publication of Public Notice

**NOTICE OF VACANCY
INYO COUNTY FISH AND
WILDLIFE COMMISSION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**
that the Inyo County Board of
Supervisors is accepting letters
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pired regular-member four-year
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rael@inyocounty.us. In order
for your request for appoint-
ment to be considered, applica-
tions must be returned on or
before Monday, December 22,
2025 at 5:00 p.m. Postmarks
are not accepted.
For more information, contact
the Clerk of the Board's Office
at (760) 878-0373.
(IR 12.11, 2025 #22428)

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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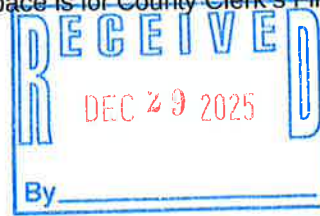
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22nd Day of December, 2025



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before **Wednesday, January 7
at 5:00 p.m.** Postmarks are not
accepted.

For more information, contact
the Clerk of the Board's Office
at (760) 878-0373. (IR 12.20,
2025 #22435)

Nick Lara
425 Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

December 7, 2025

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Gentlemen:

Please accept my request for reappointment to the Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission as the Alternate. As the Alternate on the Commission, I am looking forward to continuing to make recommendations, as needed, to the Board of Supervisors on the use of Fish and Game Fine funds that have and will preserve and protect the wildlife resources of the County for the benefit of our residents and visitors alike.

I would like to continue to serve and respectfully request re-appointment to complete the unexpired four-year term ending October 6, 2027. Your consideration of my request is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nick Lara

Nick Lara

Warren Alsup
2221 Longview
Bishop CA 93514

December 7, 2025

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Gentlemen:

Please accept my request for reappointment to the Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission. As an active member serving on the Commission I am looking forward to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the use of Fish and Game Fine funds that have and will preserve and protect the wildlife resources of the County for the benefit of our residents and visitors alike.

I would like to continue to serve and respectfully request appointment to complete the unexpired four-year term ending October 6, 2029. Your consideration of my request is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Warren Allsup

Warren Allsup

Jared Smith
25 Idaho
Bishop, CA 93514

January 9, 2026

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Gentlemen:

Please accept my request for reappointment to the Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission. As a current member of the Commission I have had the pleasure of making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the use of Fish and Game Fine funds that have and will preserve and protect the wildlife resources of the County for the benefit of our residents and visitors alike.

I would like to continue to serve and respectfully request appointment to complete another four-year term. Your consideration of my request is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

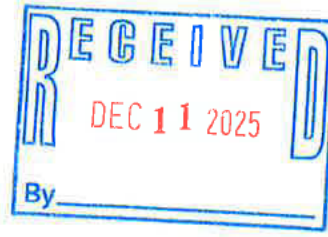
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Gaye Mueller



Bishop, CA 93514



December 7, 2025

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Board of Supervisors:

Please accept my request for reappointment to the Inyo Fish and Wildlife Commission. As an active member on the Commission I am looking forward to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the use of Fish and Game Fine funds that have and will preserve and protect the wildlife resources of the County for the benefit of our residents and visitors alike.

I have been on the Mono County Commission from 2009 to it's disbursement in 2021. During that time, since I live in Inyo County, I have also been the liaison with the Inyo County Commission.

I would like to continue to serve and respectfully request appointment to complete the unexpired four-year term ending October 6, 2029. Your consideration of my request is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gaye Mueller".

Gaye Mueller



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-891

Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Memorandum of Understanding for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Funds Health & Human Services - Fiscal ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) department was designated as the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care (ESCoC) in 2023. As the collaborative applicant, HHS is responsible for preparing, submitting, allocating, and reporting on state and federal grants that address homelessness on behalf of the ESCoC. The ESCoC has successfully applied for several rounds of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding awarded by the State of California. However, when HHAP Round 5 funding was announced, the state required participating agencies to enter into a memorandum of Understanding affirming each agency's responsibilities under a regionally coordinated Homeless Action Plan. The first MOU developed to meet this funding requirement was approved by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors in 2024. Since then, additional rounds of HHAP funding have been announced and the formerly adopted MOU required revision.

In order to apply for the sixth round of HHAP funding, the County of Inyo, County of Mono, and the ESCoC must enter into this MOU to outline the responsibilities of each entity related to the Homeless Action Plan. This MOU supersedes the MOU that was signed in 2024 and extends the term of the agreement to 2030. This MOU update simply changes the designated State Department that oversees the funding and extends the term to allow the CoC to apply for additional rounds of HHAP funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no funding specifically related to this MOU. However, Inyo County, as the designated Collaborative Applicant for the Eastern Sierra CoC, retains 7% of each HHAP allocation to cover administrative costs.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board could chose to not approve this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which would prevent the MOU parties from successfully applying to receive HHAP funding on behalf of the Inyo, Mono, and Alpine County region. This is not recommended as doing so would adversely impact homeless housing services provided regionally.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Mono County HHS and Behavioral Health, Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Improve Housing Opportunities

Thriving Communities | Enhanced Health, Social, & Senior Services

APPROVALS:

Anna Scott	Created/Initiated - 12/23/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/29/2025
Melissa Best-Baker	Approved - 12/29/2025
Anna Scott	Approved - 01/05/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/09/2026
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/12/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/12/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Memorandum of Understanding

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG
EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE,
THE COUNTY OF INYO, AND THE COUNTY
OF MONO
FOR THE PROVISION OF COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT AND LEAD AGENCY
SERVICES FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM
(HHAP) GRANT FUNDS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the County of Inyo, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "Inyo", the County of Mono, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "Mono", and the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, Continuum of Care CA-530, hereinafter referred to as "CoC" or "ESCoC" individually, "Party" and/or collectively "Parties", for the purpose of designating the Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency positions for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant funding, and commitment to uphold, participate in, and comply with actions, roles, and responsibilities of each collaborative applicant in the region as described in the HHAP Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan, "Homeless Action Plan."

I. Purpose, Definitions and Background

The purpose of this MOU is to designate the positions of Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency for HHAP grant funding and for the Parties to commit to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities for implementation of the Homeless Action Plan.

The HHAP Program funding, administered through the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD"), is intended to support local jurisdictions in their unified regional responses to reduce and end homelessness.

"Collaborative Applicant" is defined to mean an eligible applicant that has been designated by the Parties to apply for HHAP grant funding on behalf of the Parties.

The Lead Agency is defined to mean the Party who shall take all required steps to comply with the terms of the HHAP grants.

II. Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency Designation

Inyo County is hereby designated as the Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency on behalf of the ESCoC for the purpose of application submission for HHAP grants. Inyo shall perform all administrative and fiscal tasks related to such grants.

III. Duration

Except as provided in Section VI (Termination), the duration of this MOU shall be from March 26, 2024, through April 1, 2030.

By execution of this MOU, the Parties agree that the responsibilities and agreements outlined in this MOU shall be effective March 26, 2024, and related activities conducted prior to the execution of the agreement shall be in compliance with all language stated in this MOU.

IV. Specific Responsibilities of the Parties

a. Joint Counties and CoC/ESCoC

- i. The Parties commit to uphold, participate in, and comply with actions, roles, and responsibilities of Inyo, Mono, and the ESCoC as described in the HHAP Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan, “Homeless Action Plan” including as follows:
 1. Commitments to the roles and responsibilities as they pertain to outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available public land, the development of interim and permanent housing options, and coordinating, connecting, and delivering services to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, within the region per Section 2.1 of the Homeless Action Plan.
 2. Commitments to Key Actions to improve the system performance measures per Section 2.2 of the Homeless Action Plan.
 3. Commitments to Key Actions to ensure racial and gender equity in service delivery, housing placements, housing retention, and any other means to affirm equitable access to housing and services for racial and ethnic groups overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness per Section 2.3 of the Homeless Action Plan.
 4. Commitments to actions to reduce homelessness among individuals exiting institutional settings, including but not limited to jails, prisons, hospitals, and any other institutions such as foster care, behavioral health facilities, etc. as applicable in the region per Section 2.4 of the Homeless Action Plan.
 5. Commitments to roles for the utilization of local, state, and federal funding programs to end homelessness per Section 2.5 of the Homeless Action Plan.
 6. Commitments to the roles and responsibilities to connect individuals to wrap-around services from all eligible federal, state, and local benefit programs per Section 2.6 of the Homeless Action Plan.

b. ESCoC/CoC

- i. Designate Inyo as the Collaborative Applicant to jointly submit a single application for HHAP funds on behalf of Inyo and Mono and the CoC.
- ii. Coordinate with Inyo and Mono to develop a collaborative process for the development of a joint HHAP request for proposals (RFP) and ensure compliance with grant criteria.
- iii. Include Alpine County in the coordination of funding.
- iv. Participate in continuous quality improvement meetings with Inyo and Mono to review performance metrics towards Homeless Action Plan goals and metrics.

- v. Facilitate meetings as a function of the CoC with Inyo and Mono and contractors to discuss contracts and projects and their relevance to the Homeless Action Plan.

c. Inyo County

- i. As Collaborative Applicant and fiscal and administrative entity, Inyo shall:
 - 1. Receive grant funds directly from the administering state agency.
 - 2. Coordinate with Mono and CoC to develop a collaborative process for the development of joint HHAP request for proposals (RFP) and ensure compliance with grant criteria.
 - 3. Build strategic partnerships and cultivate new service partnerships within the community.
 - 4. Include Alpine County in the coordination of funding.
 - 5. Review and adhere to state guidance related to data reporting requirements and processes published by the administering state agency for HHAP funds, including:
 - o HHAP Annual report guide
 - o HHAP Annual report checklist
 - o HHAP Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs)
 - o Health and Safety Code Section 50222, subdivision (a)
 - o Coding Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) Grants as funding Sources in HMIS
 - o Submit HHAP final report no later than April 1, 2030.
 - 6. Enter into formal contracts with providers for projects that are in alignment with the Homeless Action Plan goals and HHAP metrics and conduct all contract administration with providers.
 - 7. Work with providers to establish data collection and reporting measures as required by HHAP.
 - 8. Measure and monitor performance of CoC funded projects as related to the Homeless Action Plan goals and performance metrics. This includes developing strategic goals to end homelessness, collecting and disseminating data to measure performance toward those goals, and continuously evaluating and improving performance.

d. Mono County

- 1. Coordinate with Inyo and CoC to develop a collaborative process for the development of joint HHAP request for proposals (RFP) and ensure compliance with grant criteria.
- 2. Build strategic partnerships and cultivate new service partnerships within the community.
- 3. Include Alpine County in the coordination of funding.

V. Amendments

This MOU may be amended upon agreement among the Parties. Any additional responsibilities

delegated to the Lead Agency through such amendment(s) shall be consistent with the CoC Governance Charter.

VI. Indemnification

Each party shall defend, indemnify and hold the other party, its officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense including reasonable attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this Agreement but only in proportion to and to the extent that such liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its officers, agents, or employees.

VII. Termination

Any Party may terminate this MOU at a date prior to the termination date specified in this MOU by giving 60 days written notice to the other Parties. If the funds relied upon to undertake activities described in this MOU are withdrawn or reduced, or if additional conditions are placed on such funding, any Party may terminate this MOU within 30 days by providing written notice to the other Parties. The termination shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of termination.

VIII. Notice

The Parties shall provide notice pursuant to this MOU to the other Parties in writing at the following addresses:

Inyo County

Attention: Anna Scott
Director, Inyo County Health and Human Services
1360 N. Main St., Ste 201
Bishop, CA 93514
HHS-Admin@inyocounty.us

Mono County

Attention: Amanda Greenberg
Mono County Behavioral Health Department
1290 Tavern Road
P.O. Box 2610
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
agreenberg@mono.ca.gov

Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care

Attention: Anna Scott
Director, Inyo County Health and Human Services
1360 N. Main St., Ste 201
Bishop, CA 93514

HHS-Admin@inyocounty.us

This MOU is agreed and executed by the Parties as indicated below:

Inyo County

Signature:

Title:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christian E. Milovich

Christian E. Milovich (Dec 22, 2025 13:46:23 PST)

Inyo County Counsel

Mono County

Sandra Moberly

Sandra Moberly, CAO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

Mono County Counsel

APPROVED BY MONO COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT

Anna M. Scott

Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care

Anna Scott/ Director, Inyo County Health and Human Services

Signature:

Email:



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ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-1

Amendment No. 2 to Mental Health Student Services Act Contract Health & Human Services ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Melissa Best-Baker, Deputy Director - Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director

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 (MHSOAC) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) 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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

In February 2022, the Board approved the agreement with the MHSOAC to accept \$2,499,444.00 for mental health student services. These services will be provided by the Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE) at each school site and purchase a community counseling site in Bishop. The monies are required to pass through Inyo County Health and Human Services (HHS). ICOE has purchased a location; is doing renovations; and hired additional staff.

This second amendment to the original agreement is required in order to recognize that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) and Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) has been renamed to Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) effective January 1, 2025. All references to MHSOAC and MHSSA used in this agreement shall be read to mean BHSOAC and BHSSA and extending the term end date from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2027. These funds will continue to be redirected to Inyo County Office of Education.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	Grant Funded (BHSOAC)	Budget Unit	045200
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5265
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	N/A

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact
Up to \$1,791,314 for the period between 7/1/2025 and 6/30/27
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
Up to \$1,791,314 for the period between 7/1/2025 and 6/30/27
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, it will not allow the Inyo County Office of Education additional time to spend the remaining monies.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Inyo County Office of Education

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Enhanced Health, Social, & Senior Services

APPROVALS:

Melissa Best-Baker	Created/Initiated - 01/05/2026
Darcy Israel	Approved - 01/05/2026
Gina Ellis	Approved - 01/05/2026
Anna Scott	Approved - 01/05/2026
Melissa Best-Baker	Approved - 01/06/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/09/2026
Christian Milovich	Approved - 01/13/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/13/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/13/2026

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mental Health Student Services Act Contract Amendment No. 2
2. ICOE Contract

STANDARD AGREEMENT - AMENDMENT

STD 213A (Rev. 4/2020)

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AGREEMENT NUMBER	AMENDMENT NUMBER	Purchasing Authority Number
21MHSOAC050	A.2	

1. This Agreement is entered into between the Contracting Agency and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME
Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

CONTRACTOR NAME
Inyo County Health & Human Services Behavioral Health

2. The term of this Agreement is:

START DATE
2/24/2022

THROUGH END DATE
12/31/2027

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement after this Amendment is:
\$2,499,444.00 (Two million four hundred ninety nine thousand four hundred forty four dollars and no cents.)

4. The parties mutually agree to this amendment as follows. All actions noted below are by this reference made a part of the Agreement and incorporated herein:

Amendment 2 does the following:
-Extends the contract end date from 6/30/26 to 12/31/27

-The parties recognize that the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has been renamed the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (BHSOAC) and Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) has been renamed to Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) effective January 1, 2025. All references to MHSOAC and MHSSA used in this agreement shall be read to mean BHSOAC and BHSSA.

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO.

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR NAME (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)
Inyo County Health & Human Services Behavioral Health

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS ADDRESS 1360 North Main Street, Suite 201	CITY Bishop	STATE CA	ZIP 93514
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Anna Scott	TITLE Director,Health & Human Services		
CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED		

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AGREEMENT NUMBER 21MHSOAC050	AMENDMENT NUMBER A.2	Purchasing Authority Number
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission			
CONTRACTING AGENCY ADDRESS 1812 9th Street	CITY Sacramento	STATE CA	ZIP 95811
PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Brenda Grealish	TITLE Executive Director		
CONTRACTING AGENCY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED		
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES APPROVAL	EXEMPTION (If Applicable) WIC 5897 (f)		

In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors

County of Inyo, State of California

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the County Administrative Center in Independence on the 8th day of March 2022 an order was duly made and entered as follows:

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Office of Education
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education of Bishop, CA for the provision of Mental Health Student Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,361,256.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this 8th
Day of March, 2022



LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Leslie L. Chapman

By: _____

Routing
CC Purchasing Personnel Auditor CAO Other: HHS DATE: March 22, 2022



County of Inyo



Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health

CONSENT - ACTION REQUIRED

MEETING: March 8, 2022

FROM: Melissa Best-Baker

SUBJECT: Contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of Mental Health Student Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request Board ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education of Bishop, CA for the provision of Mental Health Student Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,361,256.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

The Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (Commission) Strategic Plan includes the priorities and objectives for the years 2020-2023. One of these objectives is to "promote school mental health as a prime opportunity to reach and serve at-risk children, families and neighborhoods." This objective will be accomplished through the implementation of the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) as the Commission will have the opportunity to work with grantees who can share lessons learned and identify areas for improvement through assessing the statewide implementation. Health and Human Services collaborated with the Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE) to develop a plan and budget for these funds and submitted a joint application. HHS recently received notice that the County and ICOE have been awarded the grant. ICOE will work in collaboration with Inyo County HHS and our six Local Education Agencies (inclusive of our 19 area schools) to provide mental health support services directly to each school site and will be looking to expand those further into our community with a community counseling store-front. School-based mental health services will remain our primary focus. HHS, as a pass-through agency, will keep 6% of these funds in the county budget to cover the costs of contract administration, reporting and monitoring.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The grant award would revert to the State should the contract not be approved.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Inyo County Office of Education, Bishop Unified School District, Big Pine Unified School District, Owens Valley Unified School District, Lone Pine Unified School District, Death Valley Unified School District, and Round Valley

Unified School District

FINANCING:

State funds. This contract will be paid out Community Mental Health (045200) from object code Professional Services (5265).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inyo County Office of Education Contract

APPROVALS:

Melissa Best-Baker	Created/Initiated - 2/10/2022
Darcy Ellis	Approved - 2/10/2022
Melissa Best-Baker	Approved - 2/24/2022
Marilyn Mann	Approved - 2/28/2022
John Vallejo	Approved - 2/28/2022
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 3/1/2022
Marilyn Mann	Final Approval - 3/1/2022

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO

AND Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE)
FOR THE PROVISION OF Mental Health Student **SERVICES**

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") may have the need for the Mental Health Student services of ICOE of Bishop, California (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, terms, and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS**1. SCOPE OF WORK.**

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, upon its request, those services and work set forth in Attachment A, attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein. Requests by the County to the Contractor to perform under this Agreement will be made by Marilyn Mann, whose title is: Director. Requests to the Contractor for work or services to be performed under this Agreement will be based upon the County's need for such services. The County makes no guarantee or warranty, of any nature, that any minimum level or amount of services or work will be requested of the Contractor by the County under this Agreement. County by this Agreement incurs no obligation or requirement to request from Contractor the performance of any services or work at all, even if County should have some need for such services or work during the term of this Agreement.

Services and work provided by the Contractor at the County's request under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with the requirements and standards established by applicable federal, state, and County laws, ordinances, regulations, and resolutions. Such laws, ordinances, regulations, and resolutions include, but are not limited to, those which are referred to in this Agreement.

2. TERM.

The term of this Agreement shall be from March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026 unless sooner terminated as provided below.

3. CONSIDERATION.

A. Compensation. County shall pay to Contractor in accordance with the Schedule of Fees (set forth as Attachment B) for the services and work described in Attachment A which are performed by Contractor at the County's request.

B. Travel and per diem. Contractor will not be paid or reimbursed for travel expenses or per diem which Contractor incurs in providing services and work requested by County under this Agreement.

C. No additional consideration. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, Contractor shall not be entitled to, nor receive, from County, any additional consideration, compensation, salary, wages, or other type of remuneration for services rendered under this Agreement. Specifically, Contractor shall not be entitled, by virtue of this Agreement, to consideration in the form of overtime, health insurance benefits, retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, sick leave, vacation time, paid holidays, or other paid leaves of absence of any type or kind whatsoever.

D. Limit upon amount payable under Agreement. The total sum of all payments made by the County to Contractor for services and work performed under this Agreement shall not exceed Two million, three hundred and sixty-one thousand and two hundred and fifty-six Dollars

(\$2,361,256.00-----) (hereinafter referred to as "contract limit"). County expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by Contractor for services or work performed which is in excess of the contract limit.

E. Billing and payment. Contractor shall submit to the County, once a month, an itemized statement of all services and work described in Attachment A, which were done at the County's request. This statement will be submitted to the County not later than the fifth (5th) day of the month. The statement to be submitted will cover the period from the first (1st) day of the preceding month through and including the last day of the preceding month. This statement will identify the date on which the services and work were performed and describe the nature of the services and work which were performed on each day. Upon timely receipt of the statement by the fifth (5th) day of the month, County shall make payment to Contractor on the last day of the month.

F. Federal and State taxes.

(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2) below, County will not withhold any federal or state income taxes or social security from any payments made by County to Contractor under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(2) County will withhold California State income taxes from payments made under this Agreement to non-California resident independent contractors when it is anticipated that total annual payments to Contractor under this Agreement will exceed one thousand four hundred ninety nine dollars (\$1,499.00).

(3) Except as set forth above, County has no obligation to withhold any taxes or payments from sums paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement. Payment of all taxes and other assessments on such sums is the sole responsibility of Contractor. County has no responsibility or liability for payment of Contractor's taxes or assessments.

(4) The total amounts paid by County to Contractor, and taxes withheld from payments to non-California residents, if any, will be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service and the California State Franchise Tax Board. To facilitate this reporting, Contractor shall complete and submit to the County an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 upon executing this Agreement.

4. WORK SCHEDULE.

Contractor's obligation is to perform, in a timely manner, those services and work identified in Attachment A which are requested by the County. It is understood by Contractor that the performance of these services and work will require a varied schedule. Contractor will arrange his/her own schedule, but will coordinate with County to ensure that all services and work requested by County under this Agreement will be performed within the time frame set forth by County.

5. REQUIRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS.

A. Any licenses, certificates, or permits required by the federal, state, county, municipal governments, for contractor to provide the services and work described in Attachment A must be procured by Contractor and be valid at the time Contractor enters into this Agreement or as otherwise may be required. Further, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor must maintain such licenses, certificates, and permits in full force and effect. Licenses, certificates, and permits may include, but are not limited to, driver's licenses, professional licenses or certificates, and business licenses. Such licenses, certificates, and permits will be procured and maintained in force by Contractor at no expense to the County. Contractor will provide County, upon execution of this Agreement, with evidence of current and valid licenses, certificates and permits which are required to perform the services identified in Attachment A. Where there is a dispute between Contractor and County as to what licenses, certificates, and permits are required to perform the services identified in Attachment A, County reserves the right to make such determinations for purposes of this Agreement.

B. Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration available at: <http://www.sam.gov>.

6. OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ET CETERA.

Contractor shall provide such office space, supplies, equipment, vehicles, reference materials, and telephone service as is necessary for Contractor to provide the services identified in Attachment A to this Agreement. County is not obligated to reimburse or pay Contractor, for any expense or cost incurred by Contractor in procuring or maintaining such items. Responsibility for the costs and expenses incurred by Contractor in providing and maintaining such items is the sole responsibility and obligation of Contractor.

7. COUNTY PROPERTY.

A. Personal Property of County. Any personal property such as, but not limited to, protective or safety devices, badges, identification cards, keys, etc. provided to Contractor by County pursuant to this Agreement are, and at the termination of this Agreement remain, the sole and exclusive property of County. Contractor will use reasonable care to protect, safeguard and maintain such items while they are in Contractor's possession. Contractor will be financially responsible for any loss or damage to such items, partial or total, which is the result of Contractor's negligence.

B. Products of Contractor's Work and Services. Any and all compositions, publications, plans, designs, specifications, blueprints, maps, formulas, processes, photographs, slides, video tapes, computer programs, computer disks, computer tapes, memory chips, soundtracks, audio recordings, films, audio-visual presentations, exhibits, reports, studies, works of art, inventions, patents, trademarks, copyrights, or intellectual properties of any kind which are created, produced, assembled, compiled by, or are the result, product, or manifestation of, Contractor's services or work under this Agreement are, and at the termination of this Agreement remain, the sole and exclusive property of the County. At the termination of the Agreement, Contractor will convey possession and title to all such properties to County.

8. INSURANCE.

For the duration of this Agreement Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance of the scope and amount specified in Attachment C and with the provisions specified in that attachment.

9. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR.

All acts of Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees, relating to the performance of this Agreement, shall be performed as independent contractors, and not as agents, officers, or employees of County. Contractor, by virtue of this Agreement, has no authority to bind or incur any obligation on behalf of County. Except as expressly provided in Attachment A, Contractor has no authority or responsibility to exercise any rights or power vested in the County. No agent, officer, or employee of the Contractor is to be considered an employee of County. It is understood by both Contractor and County that this Agreement shall not under any circumstances be construed or considered to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture. As an independent contractor:

A. Contractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work and services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement.

B. Contractor shall be responsible to County only for the requirements and results specified in this Agreement, and except as expressly provided in this Agreement, shall not be subjected to County's control with respect to the physical action or activities of Contractor in fulfillment of this Agreement.

C. Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees are, and at all times during the term of this Agreement shall, represent and conduct themselves as independent contractors, and not as employees of County.

10. DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the agreement, except such loss or damages which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

11. RECORDS AND AUDIT.

A. Records. Contractor shall prepare and maintain all records required by the various provisions of this Agreement, federal, state, county, municipal, ordinances, regulations, and directions. Contractor shall maintain these records for a minimum of four (4) years from the termination or completion of this Agreement. Contractor may fulfill its obligation to maintain records as required by this paragraph by substitute photographs, microphotographs, or other authentic reproduction of such records.

B. Inspections and Audits. Any authorized representative of County shall have access to any books, documents, papers, records, including, but not limited to, financial records of Contractor, which County determines to be pertinent to this Agreement, for the purposes of making audit, evaluation, examination, excerpts, and transcripts during the period such records are to be maintained by Contractor. Further, County has the right, at all reasonable times, to audit, inspect, or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

12. NONDISCRIMINATION.

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees shall not unlawfully discriminate in violation of any federal, state, or local law, against any employee, or applicant for employment, or person receiving services under this Agreement, because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex. Contractor and its agents, officers, and employees shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder in the California Code of Regulations. Contractor shall also abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said act.

13. CANCELLATION.

This Agreement may be canceled by County without cause, and at will, for any reason by giving to Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel. Contractor may cancel this Agreement without cause, and at will, for any reason whatsoever by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel to County.

14. ASSIGNMENT.

This is an agreement for the services of Contractor. County has relied upon the skills, knowledge, experience, and training of Contractor as an inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor shall not assign or subcontract this Agreement, or any part of it, without the express written consent of County. Further, Contractor shall not assign any monies due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County.

15. DEFAULT.

If the Contractor abandons the work, or fails to proceed with the work and services requested by County in a timely manner, or fails in any way as required to conduct the work and services as required by County, County may declare the Contractor in default and terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice to Contractor. Upon such termination by default, County will pay to Contractor all amounts owing to Contractor for services and work satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.

16. WAIVER OF DEFAULT.

Waiver of any default by either party to this Agreement shall not be deemed to be waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach, and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless this Agreement is modified as provided in paragraph twenty-two (22) below.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY.

Contractor further agrees to comply with the various provisions of the federal, state, and county laws, regulations, and ordinances providing that information and records kept, maintained, or accessible by Contractor in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, shall be privileged, restricted, or confidential. Contractor agrees to keep confidential all such information and records. Disclosure of such confidential, privileged, or protected information shall be made by Contractor only with the express written consent of the County. Any disclosure of confidential information by Contractor without the County's written consent is solely and exclusively the legal responsibility of Contractor in all respects.

Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, names of persons receiving public social services are confidential and are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations Section 205.50, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and Sections 10850 and 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. For the purpose of this Agreement, all information, records, and data elements pertaining to beneficiaries shall be protected by the provider from unauthorized disclosure.

18. CONFLICTS.

Contractor agrees that it has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

19. POST AGREEMENT COVENANT.

Contractor agrees not to use any confidential, protected, or privileged information which is gained from the County in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, for any personal benefit, gain, or enhancement. Further, Contractor agrees for a period of two years after the termination of this Agreement, not to seek or accept any employment with any entity, association, corporation, or person who, during the term of this Agreement, has had an adverse or conflicting interest with the County, or who has been an adverse party in litigation with the County, and concerning such, Contractor by virtue of this Agreement has gained access to the County's confidential, privileged, protected, or proprietary information.

20. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if it is found in contravention of any federal, state, or county statute, ordinance, or regulation, the remaining provisions of this Agreement, or the application thereof, shall not be invalidated thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

21. FUNDING LIMITATION.

The ability of County to enter this Agreement is based upon available funding from various sources. In the event that such funding fails, is reduced, or is modified, from one or more sources, County has the option to cancel, reduce, or modify this Agreement, or any of its terms within ten (10) days of its notifying Contractor of the cancellation, reduction, or modification of available funding. Any reduction or modification of this Agreement made pursuant to this provision must comply with the requirements of paragraph twenty-two (22) (Amendment).

22. AMENDMENT.

This Agreement may be modified, amended, changed, added to, or subtracted from, by the mutual consent of the parties hereto, if such amendment or change is in written form and executed with the same formalities as this Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

23. NOTICE.

Any notice, communication, amendments, additions, or deletions to this Agreement, including change of address of either party during the terms of this Agreement, which Contractor or County shall be required, or may desire, to make, shall be in writing and may be personally served, or sent by prepaid first class mail to, the respective parties as follows:

County of Inyo	
<u>Health & Human Services</u>	Department
<u>1360 North Main Street, Suite 201</u>	Address
<u>Bishop, CA</u>	City and State

Contractor:	
<u>ICOE</u>	Name
<u>166 Grandview Drive</u>	Address
<u>Bishop, CA</u>	City and State

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements otherwise between the parties not embodied herein or incorporated herein by reference, shall be of any force or effect. Further, no term or provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, unless the same be in writing executed by the parties hereto.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND ICOE
FOR THE PROVISION OF Mental Health Student SERVICES**

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE SET THEIR HANDS AND SEALS
THIS 8th DAY OF March, 2022.

COUNTY OF INYO

By: 
Signature

Dan Totheroh

Print or Type Name

Dated: 03/08/2022

CONTRACTOR

DocuSigned by:
By: 
Signature

Barry D. Simpson

Print or Type Name

Dated: 2/23/2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

County Counsel




APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:


County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:


Personnel Services

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:


County Risk Manager

ATTACHMENT A

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND ICOE
FOR THE PROVISION OF Mental Health Student SERVICES**

TERM:

FROM: 3/1/2022 **TO:** 6/30/2026

SCOPE OF WORK:

Inyo County Office of Education North Star Counseling Center (NSCC) currently provides mental health services to each of our six school districts in Inyo County. With being a small, sparse, and rural county by population, our school districts rely on establishing consortiums and shared resources to provide services to students and families. NSCC currently employs three full-time mental health therapists to support the need across six school districts. When looking at further outreach and development, Inyo County Office of Education will be:

1. Recruit and retain an additional full-time mental health counselor, including the option for a contract with telehealth for counseling and psychiatry.
2. Establish a community counseling center in the center of our largest city (Bishop) in Inyo County. All counselors will be based out of this location but will be on campuses for the majority of the school days.
3. Recruit and retain a clerical staff member to assist in the day-to-day operations of a counseling center
4. Recruit and retain a liaison/social worker/case manager (bilingual preferred) to assist at risk youth and families with connecting with resources other than or in addition to mental health therapy services, outreach, and navigating systems.
5. Assign/promote a mental health therapist to act as the lead clinician/supervisor of the counseling center.
6. Counselors/staff will provide (or secure from another agency) continuing professional development for our school sites in the areas of mental health wellness, suicide prevention, social emotional learning, and equity-based learning.
7. At least one time each school year, NSCC will provide a full day county-wide staff development opportunity for teachers. NSCC will host additional parent/community events throughout the course of the year.
8. Purchase office furniture and equipment for the new counseling facility, outreach materials, ads, create brochures, etc. for our schools and larger community.

Reporting requirements on pages 8a and 8b

Reporting Requirements

Data Reporting

1. Program Data. ICOE shall report the following data quarterly following the dates listed in Table 1: Reporting Dates. Data shall be reported in a form and manner to be provided by the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (Commission). Data elements shall include at least the following:

a) Number of students screened and not referred to services

1. Number of students on the Free and Reduced-Meal Program
2. Grade/Number in each grade
3. Age/Number in each age group
4. Primary Language/number in each primary language
5. Ethnicity/number in each ethnicity
6. Number of students suspended/expelled
7. Number of students who dropped out
8. Number of students with IEP/504
9. Number of students in foster care
10. Number of students that have been in juvenile hall

b) Number of students screened and referred to services

1. Number of students on the Free and Reduced-Meal Program
2. Grade/Number in each grade
3. Age/Number in each age group
4. Primary Language/number in each primary language
5. Ethnicity/number in each ethnicity
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c) Number of trainings provided to teachers, administrators, and parents

d) Number of school mental health partnership coordination activities with other interested parties

Performance Reporting

1. Monthly. Check-Ins with the Commission staff to discuss performance and attempt to resolve any issues that may arise in collaboration with County.

2. Quarterly. Meetings with the Commission staff in collaboration with County, which may include collaboration meetings with other counties. In conjunction with these meetings, Contractor will submit the following information in a form and manner to be provided by the Commission. This information is due on a quarterly basis as shown in Table 1: Reporting Dates to the County

- a. Staff Hired and count
- b. Contractors hired and count
- c. Goods purchased
- d. Capital purchases
- e. Other pertinent information (e.g., follow-up from Monthly check-ins)

3. Annual. Contractor in collaboration with County shall report all expenditure information in an Annual Fiscal Report within 30 days of the end of each Grant Year to the County, in a form and manner to be provided by the Commission

4. **Program Development Reporting.** Contractor in collaboration with County shall report on Program Development by submitting the Plans listed below, in a form and manner to be provided by the Commission. All Plans must be approved by the Commission before moving to the Program Operations phase. Plans can be submitted and approved on a flow basis and need not be sequential.

- a. Project Plan
- b. Implementation Plan
- c. Communication Plan
- d. Refined Budget Plan (line-item detail of proposed costs)

Expenditure Reporting

Program Expenditures. Contractor shall submit total program expenditures (with supporting documentation) on a quarterly basis within 30 days of the end of the quarter.

Table 1: Reporting Dates

Reporting Period	Due to County
March 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022	June 30, 2022
June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022	December 30, 2022
December 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023	March 31, 2023
March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023	June 30, 2023
June 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023	September 30, 2023
September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023	December 30, 2023
December 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024	March 31, 2024
March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
June 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024	September 30, 2024
September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024	December 30, 2024
December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025	March 31, 2025
March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025	June 30, 2025
June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025	September 30, 2025
September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025	December 30, 2025
December 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026	March 31, 2026
March 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026	June 30, 2026
June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026	July 30, 2026

ATTACHMENT B

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND ICOE
FOR THE PROVISION OF Mental Health Student SERVICES**

TERM:

FROM: 3/1/2022 **TO:** 6/30/2026

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Proposed budget-changes may be approved by the Commission but the total of the contract will not change

Program Development (March 1, 2022-June 30, 2022): \$44,828.00

Year 1-July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Staffing \$362,721
Teletherapy Contract: \$30,000
Trainings: \$10,000
Goods: \$33,500
Capital Outlays: \$429,600

Total: \$865,821

Year 2-July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Staffing \$377,355
Teletherapy Contract: \$30,000
Trainings: \$10,000
Goods: \$11,000
Capital Outlays: \$39,600

Total: \$467,955

Year 3-July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Staffing \$392,691
Teletherapy Contract: \$30,000
Trainings: \$10,000
Goods: \$11,000
Capital Outlays: \$39,600

Total: \$483,291

Year 4-July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Staffing \$408,761
Teletherapy Contract: \$30,000
Trainings: \$10,000
Goods: \$11,000
Capital Outlays: \$39,600

Total: \$499,361

ATTACHMENT C

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND ICOE
FOR THE PROVISION OF Mental Health Student **SERVICES**

TERM:

FROM: 3/1/2022 **TO:** 3/1/2022

SEE ATTACHED INSURANCE PROVISIONS

Attachment __: Insurance Requirements for Most Contracts 2022

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

Commercial General Liability (CGL): ISO Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. The CGL policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, additional insured status as specified as follows. For contracts involving work with or service to minors (i.e., people under the age of 18 in California), sexual assault and misconduct ("SAM") coverage is required with limits no less than those listed in this paragraph for other types of loss.

Additional Insured Status. Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Automobile Liability: ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8), and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. May be waived with signed letter on Contractor's letterhead certifying that no vehicle or mobile equipment will be used in the execution of the agreement.

Workers' Compensation: as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. May be waived with signed letter on Contractor's letterhead certifying that Contractor has no employees.

Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions): Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Professional liability insurance coverage is normally required if Contractor is provided a professional service regulated by the state; however, other professional contractors, such as computer software designers and claims administration providers, should also have professional liability. Check with Risk Management if PL is required.

Cyber Liability Insurance, with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Cyber liability requirement may be waived if Contractor will not be receiving/storing/transmitting personally identifiable information (PII) or personal medical

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information (PMI). Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations. Check with Risk Management if CL is required.

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, Inyo County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to Inyo County.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Primary Coverage

For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to Inyo County.

Waiver of Subrogation

Contractor hereby grants to Inyo County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against Inyo County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not Inyo County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Self-Insured Retentions

Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by Inyo County. Inyo County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Inyo County.

Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to Inyo County.

Attachment __: Insurance Requirements for Most Contracts 2022

Claims Made Policies (should be applicable only to professional liability)

If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
2. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

Verification of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish Inyo County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to Inyo County before work begins. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. Inyo County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Subcontractors

Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that Inyo County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

Special Risks or Circumstances

Inyo County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-830

Request to Reserve Portuguese Joe Campground Public Works - Parks & Recreation ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Teresa Elliott, Administrative Analyst

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Michael Errante, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Parks and Recreation department has received a request from Mr. Allan Johnson to reserve the entire Portuguese Joe Campground from October 8 through October 11, 2026. These dates coincide with the Lone Pine Film Festival. Mr. Johnson and his associates have attended the festival for several years and traditionally have camped at the Portuguese Joe Campground. In order to ensure that his entire group has a place to stay, he is requesting to reserve the entire campground. Mr. Johnson has reserved the entire campground in the past without issue. While reserving the entire campground does not happen regularly, it is addressed in County Code 12.18.030 which requires approval by your Board. In addition, Mr. Johnson will be required to pay the appropriate fees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	General Fund	Budget Unit	076900
		Object Code	4789
Recurrence	One-Time Revenue	Sole Source?	No

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact
N/A
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
This reservation will generate \$1,275 of revenue for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board is under no obligation to grant Mr. Johnson's request to reserve the entire Portuguese Joe Campground. If the request is not granted, Mr. Johnson is free to use the conventional reservation system.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Quality Parks and Recreation Amenities

APPROVALS:

Teresa Elliott	Created/Initiated - 12/10/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/10/2025
Teresa Elliott	Approved - 12/11/2025
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/09/2026
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/12/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/12/2026
Michael Errante	Approved - 01/12/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-894

Inyo County Water Commission Appointment Water Department ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Holly Alpert, Water Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Holly Alpert, Water Director

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Water Commission currently has one vacancy with a term ending December 31, 2029. The Assistant Clerk of the Board has advertised this vacancy in accordance with County policy. Prior to the application deadline, one Letter of Interest was received from Mr. Randy Keller seeking re-appointment to the Commission to complete a four-year (4) term of office ending December 31, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	Non-General Fund	Budget Unit	024102
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5331
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	N/A

If Sole Source, provide justification below

N/A

Current Fiscal Year Impact

Water Commission stipends (\$75/meeting) and travel expenses are paid for out of the Water Department budget (024102).

Future Fiscal Year Impacts

Ongoing Water Commission meetings are budgeted in the Water Department budget.

Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could not appoint a Commissioner at this time and re-advertise to fill the vacancy.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Protection

APPROVALS:

Holly Alpert	Created/Initiated - 12/29/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/29/2025
Holly Alpert	Approved - 12/30/2025
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 12/30/2025
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/05/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/05/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/06/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Keller Letter of Interest

Randy Keller
PO Box 932
Bishop, CA 93515

December 19, 2025

Inyo County Board of Supervisors
PO Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526

Dear Board,

Please accept this letter as my request to be reappointed to the Inyo County Water Commission. I particularly enjoy interacting with the public and having the opportunity to explain the benefits and limits of the Water Agreement. The Agreement's rationale of limiting water exports to avoid harm to the environment remains vital, as does our role of ensuring compliance with it. I would look forward to continuing this work.

Sincerely,



Randy Keller
Inyo County Water Commissioner



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-20

Film Commissioner Quarterly Report County Administrator - Advertising County Resources NO ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Assistant Clerk of the Board

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Jesse Steele

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hear an update from Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Inyo County Film Commissioner is contractually obligated to make four reports to your Board a year. This is one of two required oral reports.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board may decline to hear the update.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Economic Enhancement | Local Businesses, Organizations, and Workforce
Economic Enhancement | Collaborative Regional Economic Development
High Quality Services | High-Quality County Government Services

APPROVALS:

Darcy Israel
Darcy Israel
Denelle Carrington

Created/Initiated - 01/12/2026
Approved - 01/12/2026
Final Approval - 01/12/2026

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-812

Workshop on Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan Water Department NO ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Holly Alpert, Water Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Holly Alpert, Water Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

This staff report provides an overview of Inyo County's Draft Drought Resilience Plan (DRP), prepared in compliance with Senate Bill 552, which requires counties to proactively plan for drought and water shortages affecting domestic wells, state small water systems (SSWSs), and similar small-scale drinking water sources. The DRP represents Inyo County's first comprehensive, countywide effort focused specifically on identifying drought vulnerabilities among these systems and outlining coordinated short- and long-term strategies to protect water access for at-risk households.

The purpose of the DRP is to (1) assess local vulnerability to drought-related water shortages, (2) establish short-term emergency response actions that can be activated when water supplies fail, and (3) identify long-term mitigation strategies that reduce recurring risk and improve resilience over time. In addition, the DRP serves as a single reference document to support future updates, grant applications, and coordination with State agencies. Development of the plan was led by the Office of Emergency Management in coordination with the Water Department, Environmental Health Department, and the County's Drought and Water Shortage Task Force, which was established in 2024.

A key component of the DRP is the drought and water shortage risk assessment. This assessment uses the California Department of Water Resources' Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer tool, supplemented with local hydrologic and community knowledge. The analysis indicates that Inyo County's vulnerabilities stem from recurring multi-year drought cycles, declining groundwater levels in some basins, and the extensive reliance on domestic wells, particularly in rural and remote areas. Fractured rock aquifers, which have limited storage and variable performance during drought, present elevated risk. Social vulnerability indicators—such as income, age, vehicle access, and housing type—further identify communities that may face greater hardship when water supplies fail. These combined physical and social factors highlight several geographic "focus areas" with the highest overall risk.

The DRP outlines a coordinated set of short-term response actions to be implemented when a domestic well or SSWS experiences water loss. These actions include activating mutual aid agreements, providing access to dedicated water filling stations, hauling water to household storage tanks, distributing bottled

water when necessary, and expediting approval of replacement wells when conditions allow. The plan describes drought stages, associated triggers, and the roles of County departments in responding to water shortages.

In addition to immediate response measures, the DRP identifies long-term mitigation strategies designed to reduce future risk. These include enhanced well registration and monitoring outreach, household water conservation retrofits, installation of water storage and backup power, evaluation of water system consolidation opportunities, and improved data collection related to domestic wells and groundwater conditions.

An implementation roadmap identifies responsible agencies, priority actions, timelines, and funding opportunities. The County intends to use an adaptive management approach to update and refine the DRP as conditions and information evolve.

The Draft DRP is available for public review through January 31, 2026. Following public and agency feedback, staff will return to the Board of Supervisors with a final plan for consideration and adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	General Fund and Non-General Fund	Budget Unit	024102 (Water)
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	N/A

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact
No current year fiscal impact. Staff time was budgeted for in existing budgets. No additional expenditures were necessary.
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
Unknown, depending on implementation of the Drought Resilience Plan.
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Office of Emergency Management, Environmental Health Department

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Protection

APPROVALS:

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Darcy Israel	Approved - 11/25/2025
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

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November 2025

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

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°C	degrees Celsius
°F	degrees Fahrenheit
CWC	California Water Code
County	Inyo County
DRP	drought resilience plan
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EHD	Inyo County Environmental Health Department
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GSA	Groundwater Sustainability Agency
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
HSC	California Health and Safety Code
ICWD	Inyo County Water Department
IWVGA	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
OVGA	Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
PLSS	Public Land Survey Section
SAFER	Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program
SB	Senate Bill
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SSWS	state small water system
Task Force	Inyo County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force
WSVE	DWR Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer

1.0 Introduction

The Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) documents how Inyo County (County), its Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) members, and other entities with water supply and drought management responsibilities will address water supply vulnerabilities for three types of water systems in the County: domestic wells, as defined in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 116275(n) and Section 10609.51(d); state small water systems (SSWS), as defined in HSC Section 116275(n) and Section 10609.51(m); and spring-fed systems. The County DRP was prepared pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 552: Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers, SSWSs, and Domestic Well Communities (Hertzberg; see [Section 1.2](#) for additional detail). This County DRP was developed by the County with funding and technical support provided by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program.

1.1 Document Organization

The organization of this document draws from DWR's *County Drought Resilience Guidebook* (2023) (Guidebook). The Guidebook is a resource for counties to use to develop a County DRP specifically for SSWSs and domestic wells. Consistent with the Guidebook, the County DRP is organized into six chapters:

- [Chapter 1: Introduction](#) provides an overview of the legislation relating to SB 552 and the development of the County DRP. This chapter also includes background on County demographics, geography, and an overview of domestic wells and SSWSs within the County's jurisdiction.
- [Chapter 2: County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force](#) provides an overview of the Task Force, including its development process and charter, membership, roles, purpose, and meeting frequency.
- [Chapter 3: Drought and Water Shortage Risk Assessment](#) characterizes the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWSs within the County to drought and water shortage. This chapter also presents the approach and data used to assess vulnerability. It highlights areas within the County with a higher risk of drought and water shortage where domestic wells and SSWSs are present. Additionally, data gaps are identified to help inform potential long-term strategies.
- [Chapter 4: Short-Term Response Actions](#) details the proposed short-term response actions for emergency and interim drought solutions, including specific actions, local response triggers, and public engagement.
- [Chapter 5: Long-Term Mitigation Strategies and Actions](#) details the proposed long-term mitigation strategies and actions for improving the water supply resilience of domestic wells and SSWSs.
- [Chapter 6: Implementation Considerations](#) presents a roadmap for implementing short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies/actions consistent with the mission and authority of involved agencies. This includes identifying agencies and entities responsible for implementation, the status of implementation, funding, authorization for implementation, and the anticipated schedule. This section also summarizes the level of multi-agency collaboration identified by agencies to support implementation.
- [Chapter 7: References](#) provides a list of references used in this plan.

1.2 Legislative Requirements

Signed into law in September 2021 by Governor Gavin Newsom, SB 552 (Hertzberg, 2021) obligated the State of California (State) and local governments to share the responsibility of preparing for and responding to a water shortage event. These new requirements are expected to improve the ability of Californians to manage future droughts and help prevent catastrophic impacts on drinking water for communities vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The bill outlines the new requirements for small water suppliers, county governments, DWR, and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to implement more proactive drought planning and better prepare for future water shortage events or dry years.

SB552 also implements legislation on Water Conservation and Drought Planning (SB 606 [Hertzberg, 2021] and AB 1668 [Friedman], as amended; collectively referred to as the “2018 Legislation”) passed by the State Legislature. The 2018 Legislation provides a new framework for urban water use efficiency; directives for eliminating water waste; additional requirements for strengthening local drought resilience for urban areas, vulnerable small water suppliers and rural communities, and recommendations for improving agricultural water use efficiency and drought planning.

Water users protected under SB 552 include the following:

- **Small Water Supplier:** A community water system serving 15 to 2,999 service connections and that provides less than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually (CWC Section 10609.51(k)).
- **Community Water System:** A public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used by yearlong residents or regularly serves at least 25 yearlong residents of the area served by the system, as defined in HSC Section 116275(i) and Section 10609.51(a).
- **State Small Water System:** A system for the provision of piped water to the public for human consumption that serves at least five, but not more than 14, service connections and does not regularly serve drinking water to more than an average of 25 individuals daily for more than 60 days out of the year, as defined in HSC Section 116275(n) and Section 10609.51(m).
- **Domestic Well:** A groundwater well used to supply water for the domestic needs of an individual residence or a water system that is not a public water system and that has no more than four service connections, as defined in HSC Section 116275(n) and Section 10609.51(d).
- **Nontransient Noncommunity Water System:** A public water system that is not a community water system and that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year, as defined in HSC Section 116275(k) and Section 10609.51(f).

For the water users protected under SB 552, this County DRP addresses water shortage vulnerabilities for domestic wells and SSWS. Other water users protected under SB 552 not included in this County DRP have separate requirements to address water shortage vulnerabilities.

1.2.1 County Agency Requirements

This plan fulfills County requirements for a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed short-term and long-term solutions for domestic wells and SSWSs within the County’s jurisdiction (CWC Section 10609.70). While measures to protect small water suppliers and nontransient noncommunity water systems are not within the scope of this document, this plan considers integration opportunities consistent with the intent of SB 552. SB 552 requires the County to:

- Establish a standing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (CWC Section 10609.70(a))
- Develop a plan that considers, at a minimum, each of the following (CWC Section 10609.70(b)):

- 1) Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells
- 2) Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs
- 3) Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions
- 4) An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan
- 5) An analysis of local, State, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan

1.2.2 State Agency Involvement and Implementation

SB 552 defined a series of requirements for the State Water Board and DWR. These include the following:

State Water Resources Control Board (CWC Section 10609.70(c)):

The state board shall work with counties, groundwater sustainability agencies, technical assistance providers, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and the public to address state small water system and domestic well community drought and emergency water shortage resiliency needs, including both of the following:

- (1) Proactive communication to domestic well communities before a drought occurs, such as information on local bottled water and water tank providers.*
- (2) Funding for installation of basic drought and emergency water shortage resiliency infrastructure, such as well monitoring devices.*

California Department of Water Resources (CWC Section 10609.80):

(a) The department shall take both of the following actions to support implementation of the recommendations of its County Drought Advisory Group:

(1) Maintain, in partnership with the state board and other relevant state agencies, the risk vulnerability tool developed as part of the County Drought Advisory Group process and continue to refine existing data and gather new data for the tool, including, but not limited to, data on all of the following:

- (A) Small water suppliers and nontransient noncommunity water systems serving a school.*
- (B) State small water systems and rural communities.*
- (C) Domestic wells and other self-supplied residents.*

(2) Update the risk vulnerability tool for small water suppliers and rural communities periodically, by doing all of the following:

- (A) Revise the indicators and construction of the scoring as more data becomes readily available.*
- (B) Make existing and new data publicly available on the California Open Data internet web portal.*
- (C) In consultation with other relevant state agencies, identify deficits in data quality and availability and develop recommendations to address these gaps.*

(b) (1) The department, in collaboration with the state board and relevant state agencies, shall establish a standing interagency drought and water shortage task force to facilitate proactive state planning and coordination, both for predrought planning and post-drought emergency response, to develop strategies to enhance collaboration between various fields, and to consider all types of water users.

(2) The interagency drought and water shortage task force shall include representatives from local governments, community-based organizations, nonprofit technical assistance providers, the public, and experts in land use planning, water resiliency, and water infrastructure.

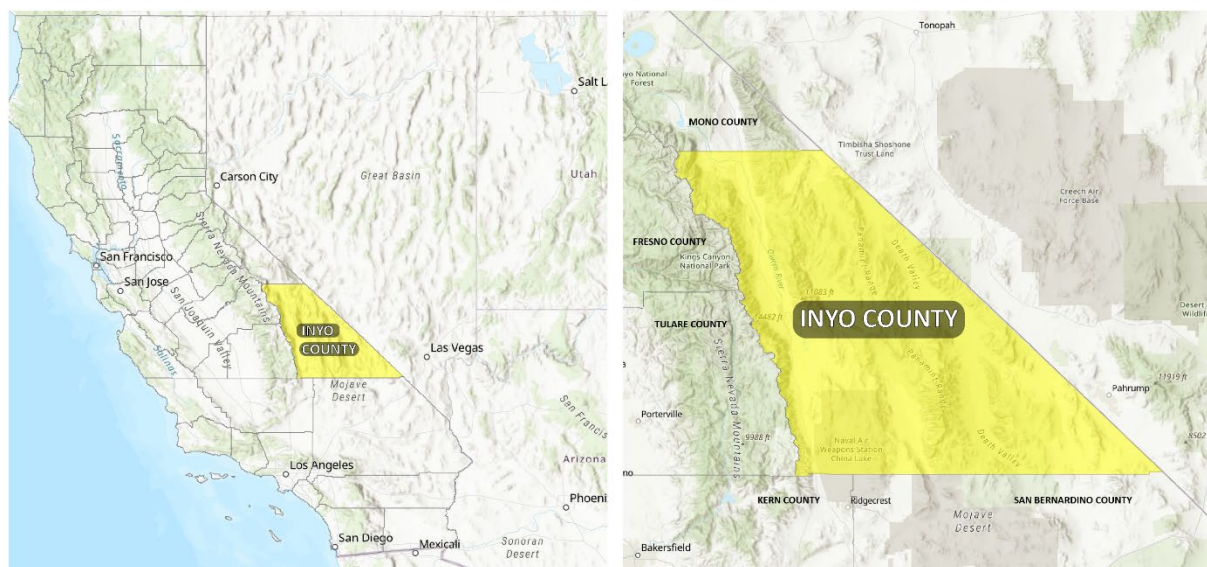
1.3 Purpose of the Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

The County DRP documents how the County, Task Force members, and other entities with water supply and drought management responsibilities intend to address water supply vulnerabilities of water users protected under SB 552 in the County. It is a single document for ease of reference and future updates. It describes the water shortage vulnerabilities present in the County, how the County will respond to and mitigate identified vulnerabilities, and the policy, financial, and regulatory considerations necessary for the implementation of the County DRP. The County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) leads the implementation of the County DRP in close coordination with other departments, including the County Water Department (ICWD) and the County Environmental Health Department (EHD).

1.4 Inyo County Overview

Situated on the eastern flank of the Sierra Nevada and southeast of Yosemite National Park in Central California, the County spans an area of 10,197 square miles and is the second-largest county by surface area in California (USCB 2020a). It is located on the ancestral land of the Paiute (Nuumu), Shoshone (Newe) and Timbisha peoples. The County includes 58 different communities (Inyo County 2001).

As can be seen in Figure 1-1, the County is bordered by five California counties—Mono County to the north, San Bernardino County to the south, and Fresno, Kern, and Tulare Counties to the west—and the State of Nevada to the east.



Source: ArcGIS Online Mapping

Figure 1-1. Inyo County Location Map

1.4.1 Demographics

Selected demographics of the County are summarized below per the 2020 Census and 2022 American Community Survey (USCB 2020b).

- **Population:** The County has a population of 19,016 people. 57.9 percent (11,013) of this population resides in urban areas, with 42.1 percent (8,003) living in rural areas.
- **Age:** The County has a median age of 44.6. Approximately 21 percent of the population is under 18 years old, while 23.7 percent is 65 years and over.
- **Ethnicity:** The largest ethnic groups in the County are White (61.8 percent), Hispanic (23.1 percent), and Native American/Tribal (13.0 percent). The County has the second-highest proportion of Native American residents in California, exceeded only by Alpine County (19.6 percent). Named after the Mono term for "dwelling place of the great spirit," the County has been the historic homeland of the Mono tribe, Coso people, Timbisha, and Kawaiisu Native Americans for thousands of years (Inyo County 2021b).
- **Household Income:** The median household income of the County is \$63,417; this is 69.3 percent of the statewide average of \$91,551.
- **Education:** The County has a lower-than-average percentage of residents with a bachelor's degree or higher at around 29 percent compared to 37 percent for California overall.
- **Poverty Level:** About 11.9 percent of the population in the County live below the poverty line, which is slightly below the national average of 12.2 percent.

1.4.2 Geography

Hydrology

Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC) is a system used to classify and manage watersheds across the United States, with the hierarchy indicated by the number of digits in the code. This system organizes watersheds into various levels, each representing a different scale of hydrologic units. HUC-2 codes represent the broadest level, identifying large river basins or major hydrologic regions. HUC-4 codes denote subregions, which are significant river basins. HUC-8 codes map subbasins, which are medium-sized river basins, and HUC-12 codes represent local sub-watersheds or tributary systems (Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] 2024). There are nine HUC-8 basins within the County, either partially or fully within its boundaries, as shown in Figure 1-2. Water within these subbasins originates in the County's many tributaries and streams. The County's lakes and reservoirs, though not major sources of water supply, are vital for ecological health, recreation, and hydroelectric power. Natural lakes are found in alpine areas, while reservoirs are concentrated in the Owens Valley.

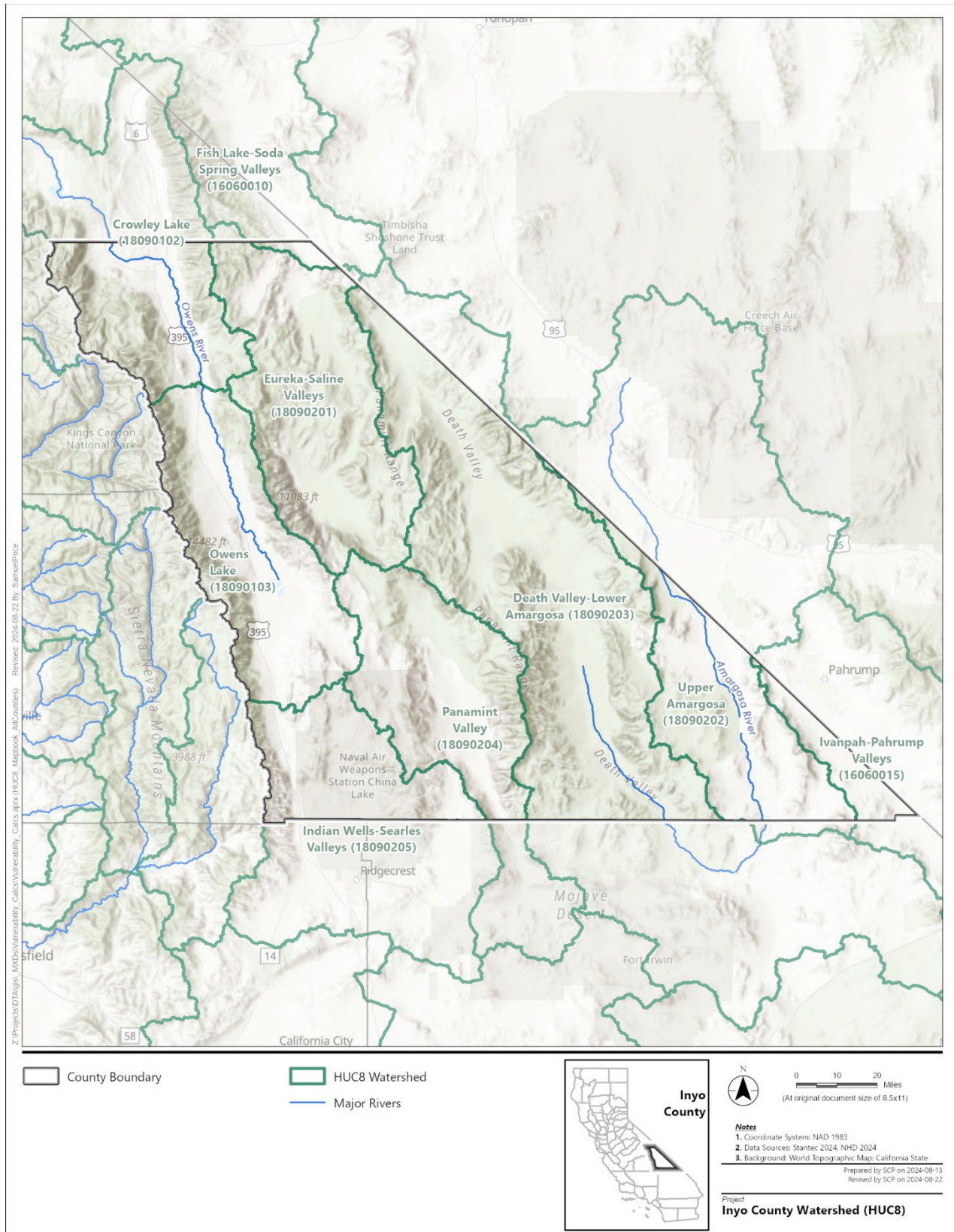


Figure 1-2. Inyo County Watersheds

Precipitation

Due to its variable terrain and location in the Great Basin Desert region, precipitation is highly varied across the County. Long-term averages of total annual precipitation (1981 to 2010) are about 57 inches in the Sierra Nevada, 14 inches in the White and Inyo Mountains, and 5.9 inches on the Owens Valley floor (PRISM Climate Group n.d.).

Bishop, the largest and only incorporated city in the County, has precipitation trends with distinct seasonal patterns. Late summer starts with moderate rainfall, peaking in August and September before dropping in October. Fall generally sees a mix of modest to moderate precipitation, with November being relatively dry and December experiencing a peak in rainfall. Winter is characterized by increased precipitation, often peaking in January, and continuing through February and March. Spring typically features a sharp decline in rainfall, with April and May often experiencing very low or no precipitation, and only modest amounts in June and July. However, this precipitation can vary considerably from year to year. The annual precipitation in Bishop was 4.27 inches in 2022, and 13.87 inches in 2023 (CDEC 2024).

Geology

The County has a complex and diverse geology. The mountainous regions of the County are comprised of a variety of igneous and sedimentary features, and the valley regions are made up of alluvial fill. Highlighted areas include the Conglomerate Mesa and the Santa Rosa Hills, showcasing extensive exposures of Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks. Additionally, the southern part of the Inyo Mountains contains upper Cenozoic volcanic rocks and sedimentary deposits, reflecting the area's dynamic geological history and its position in the western Basin and Range Province (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] 2009).

Topography

The County is home to Mt. Whitney (14,497 feet), the highest point in the contiguous 48 states, and the lowest point in the western hemisphere, Badwater Basin in Death Valley National Park (-282 feet) (Inyo County 2001). The elevation difference between these two points is approximately 14,800 feet. The County is also home to one of the deepest valleys in the world, the Owens Valley. The Sierra Nevada Mountains lie on the County's western border, with the White and Inyo Mountains on its eastern border. The topography present in the County can be observed in Figure 1-3.

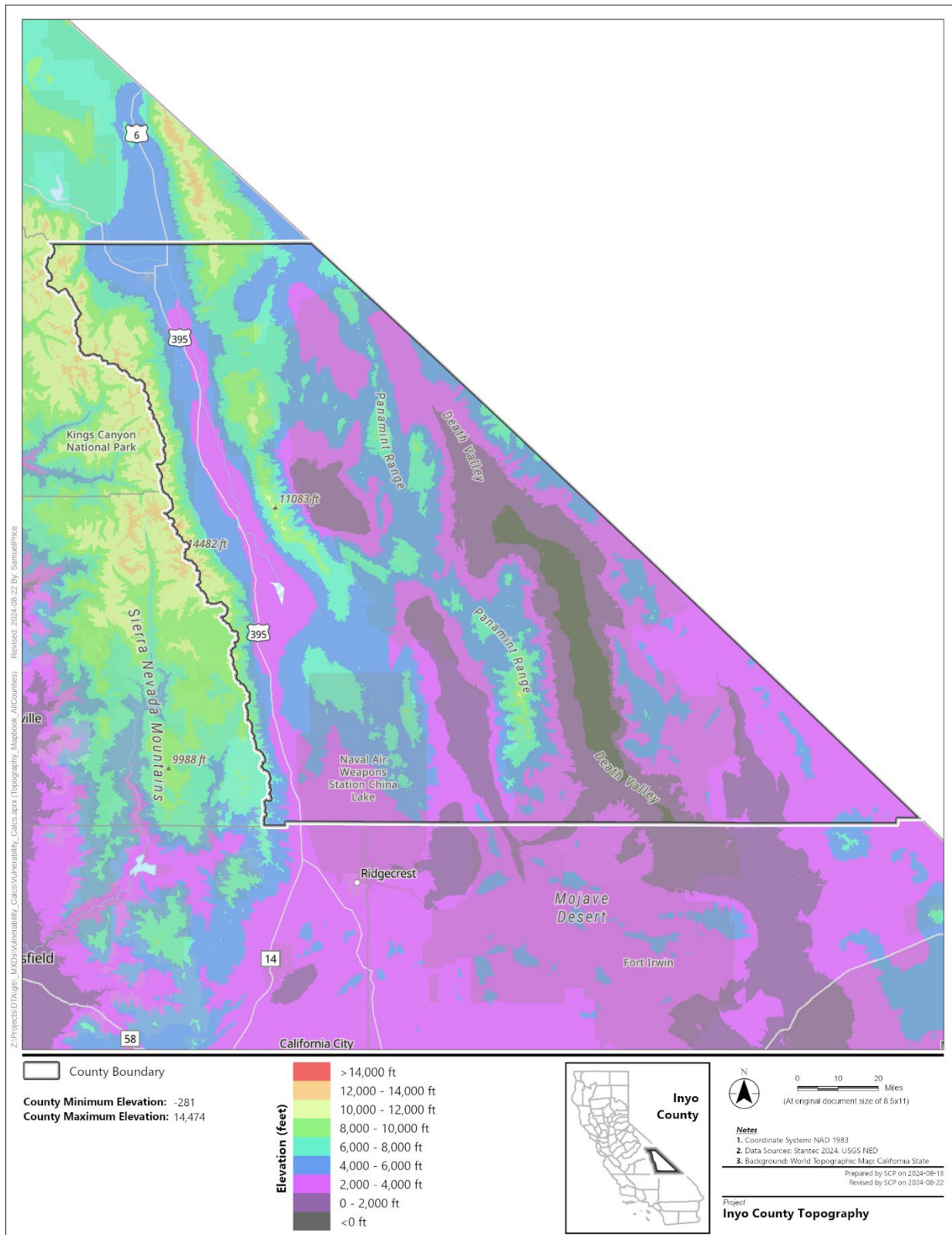


Figure 1-3. Inyo County Topography

Land Use

Figure 1-4 shows the land ownership and land status for lands within the County. The County consists almost entirely of federal, State, and City of Los Angeles lands (Inyo County 2001). The federal government owns 92 percent of the land in the County and is the County's largest landholder. Sixty percent of the County is wilderness, much of it located in Death Valley National Park and managed by the National Park Service, or in Inyo National Forest, managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The remaining federal land in the County is managed by the Bureau of Land Management for multiple uses and by the Department of Defense, which owns and operates the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns 3.9 percent of the land in the County and is the second-largest landholder (Inyo County 2021a). Most LADWP land is open to the public for recreational uses or leased for grazing. The remaining 1.7 percent of land in the County is privately held. There are five Indian Reservations in the County: the Bishop Paiute Reservation, Big Pine Paiute Reservation, Lone Pine Paiute/Shoshone Reservation, Timbisha Shoshone Reservation, and Fort Independence Indian Reservation (Inyo County Visitor Guides 2019).

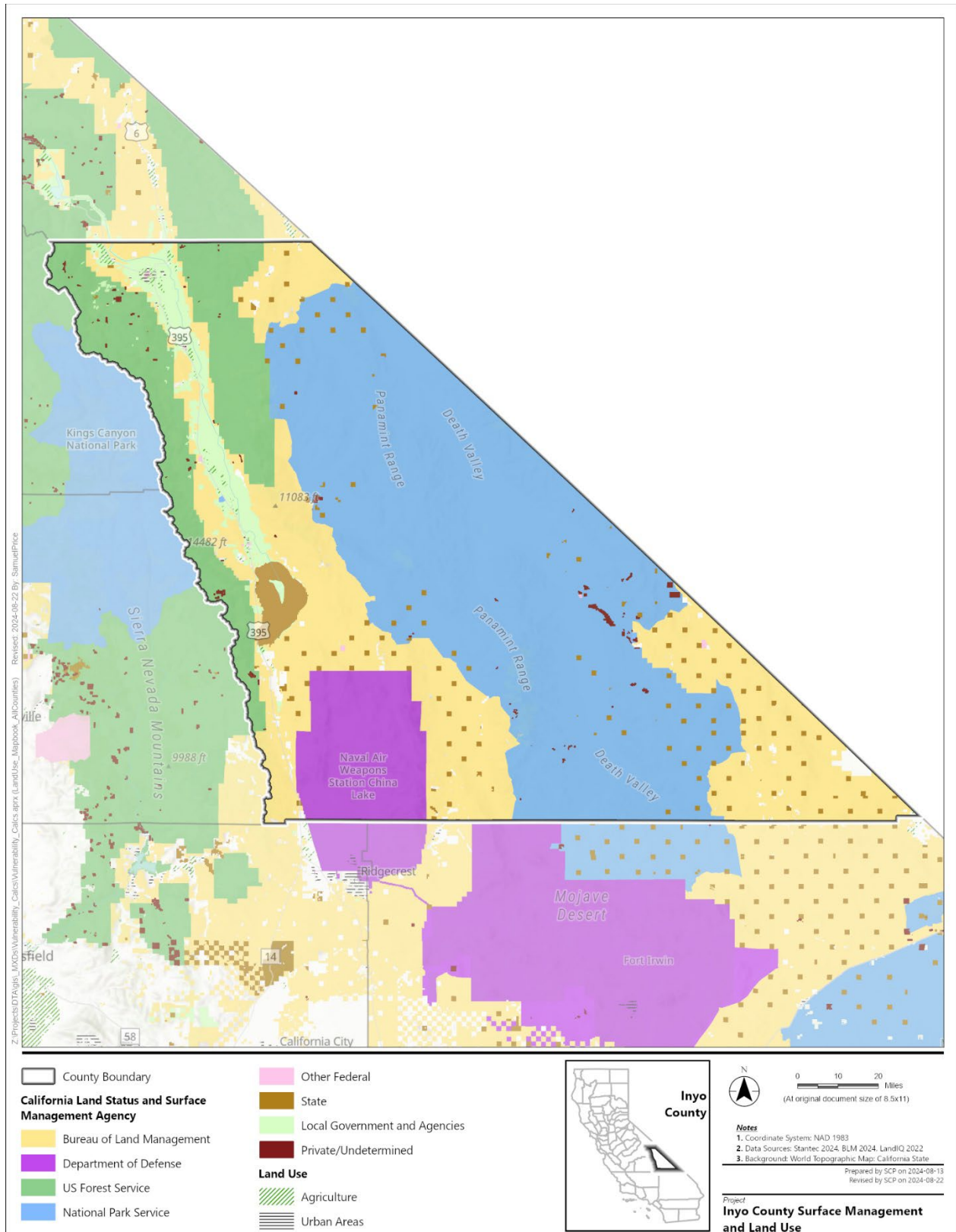


Figure 1-4. Inyo County Land Status and Surface Management Agencies

1.4.3 Water Landscape: Supply, Use, and Management

The County's water landscape is characterized by a delicate balance among supply, use, and management, shaped by both natural processes and human interventions. Central to this dynamic is the Owens Valley, a crucial area where water resources are closely monitored and managed. The County Water Department plays a key role in overseeing the Owens Valley's vegetation, soil moisture, and hydrological conditions, especially in light of the groundwater exportation by the City of Los Angeles. This oversight is conducted under the Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement, an effort between the County and LADWP to ensure protection of the County's environment while providing a sustainable water supply to the City of Los Angeles (Inyo County Water Department 1989). This section provides an in-depth examination of the water landscape in the County, highlighting the complexities of water supply, its various uses, and the strategies employed to manage this vital resource effectively. Water supplies for export, ecosystems, agriculture, and municipal uses within the County are described below.

Water Supplies:

- Groundwater:** California's Groundwater Bulletin 118 is the State's authoritative resource on the distribution and characteristics of groundwater across California. It details the boundaries of groundwater basins and provides a comprehensive overview of groundwater conditions for each of the State's 10 hydrologic regions. Under Bulletin 118, the County has 39 groundwater alluvial aquifers and fractured rock regional basins. Basins located fully within the County area include Black Springs Valley, Deep Springs Valley, Eureka Valley, Saline Valley, Pahrump Valley, Coso Valley, Rose Valley, Darwin Valley, the Cameo Area, Race Track Valley, Hidden Valley, the Marble Canyon Area, the Cottonwood Springs Area, Lee Flat, Santa Rosa Flat, Cactus Flat, Coles Flat, Wild Horse Mesa Area, Harrisburg Flat, Wildhorse Canyon, Middle Park Canyon, Butte Valley, Spring Canyon Valley, Greenwater Valley, Gold Valley and the Rhodes Hill Area (DWR 2020). Basins partially located within the County include the Owens Valley Basin, Fish Slough, Fish Lake Valley, Death Valley, Wingate Valley, Middle Amargosa Valley, Mesquite Valley, Searles Valley, Indian Wells Valley, Panamint Valley, Lost Lake Valley, California Valley, and Owl Lake Valley (DWR 2020). The Owens Valley Groundwater Basin supplies water to the largest population in the County. This basin is replenished by stream flow from surrounding mountains, infiltration of excess irrigation waters, and precipitation. The Basin is bound by non-water-bearing rocks and mountain ranges (the Sierra Nevada and Inyo Mountains) on all sides.
- Surface Water:** Surface water in the Owens Valley Basin interacts closely with groundwater, influencing and being influenced by groundwater levels and quality. The basin features several interconnected surface water systems, including rivers, tributaries, springs, and groundwater-dependent ecosystems. The primary surface water sources in the County include the Owens River, fed by the Sierra Nevada (Owens Valley Groundwater Authority [OVGA] 2021), and the Amargosa River, which receives water from interbasin groundwater flow originating as precipitation from the Spring Mountains (Pavelko et al. 2023). The Owens Valley Watershed, like many watersheds in the Basin and Range Province, is internally drained, with its natural endpoint at Owens Lake. In the 1920s, Owens Lake dried due to diversions of the Owens River and its tributaries for irrigation within the valley and for export to Los Angeles. The diversion of water from the Owens Valley led to environmental and legal challenges. Ongoing water management and conservation efforts

continue to address these issues (Inyo County Water Department 1989; OVGA 2021; see [Water Management Actions](#) for further detail).

- Currently, the County Water Department monitors the Owens Valley water supply to ensure the protection of environmental resources and availability for both export and local use within the valley (OVGA 2021). While surface water is a component of the water supply for the County overall, it is a negligible source of public, SSWS, and domestic well supply.
- **Imported Water:** Currently, no water is imported into the County. However, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan has proposed importing water into neighboring Kern County (a portion of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin lies in Inyo County) to meet groundwater production demands.

Water Uses:

- **Export:** LADWP exports approximately 100,000 to 500,000 acre-feet per year from the Eastern Sierra and pumps approximately 50,000 to 95,000 acre-feet per year of groundwater for use in the Owens Valley for export to Los Angeles. Annual export volumes vary depending on runoff flow, local demand, and conditions related to groundwater and vegetation. Approximately 35 percent of the land area and most surface water rights within the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (6-012.01) are owned by LADWP. LADWP has developed extensive facilities for water storage, water conveyance, groundwater production, groundwater recharge, surface water and groundwater monitoring, and dust control. Due to the importance of water supplied from the County to the City of Los Angeles, LADWP monitoring is extensive. Most surface water that would naturally flow into the Owens Lake management area is diverted to the Los Angeles Aqueduct for export out of the Basin (OVGA 2021).
- **Ecosystems:** The Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement governs groundwater-dependent ecosystems in the Owens Valley. These ecosystems include riparian areas alongside water channels, creeks, and the Owens River; wetlands fed by springs and seeps; and terrestrial plant communities relying on groundwater. They provide critical habitat for numerous species, including those classified as threatened or endangered under State and federal laws (OVGA 2021).
- **Agriculture:** Demand for water used within the County is predominantly for agricultural purposes. Agriculture in the County relies on water for irrigation to grow crops, raise livestock, and sustain agricultural operations. Typically, each private agricultural area has its own well and water delivery system for its respective crops, or water delivery is managed by LADWP (OVGA 2021). The primary crop grown in the County is alfalfa hay, with 9,760 tons produced in 2022. Most of the actively farmed land in the County is located in the Owens Valley and is dedicated to pasture for cattle (Inyo County 2022).
- **Municipal and Domestic:** The County's municipal and domestic water supply provides water for drinking, cooking, bathing, evaporative cooling, and other household needs. There are 48 community water systems, 51 transient noncommunity water systems, and 12 nontransient noncommunity water systems in the County (California Water Boards n.d.). Additionally, there are 713 identified domestic wells and 12 SSWS within the County. The County directly operates and maintains three water systems: the Independence Water System (343 metered service

connections), the Lone Pine Water System (521 metered service connections), and the Laws Water System (14 metered service connections) (Inyo County 2001).

Water Management Actions:

- **Inyo County General Plan (December 2001):** The General Plan defines a series of goals and their policies centered around solutions for water resource issues, specifically relating to providing an adequate and high-quality water supply to all users within the County; protecting and preserving water resources for the maintenance, enhancement, and restoration of environmental resources; and protecting and restoring environmental resources from the effects of export and withdrawal of water resources. The topic of water resources was included in the General Plan to protect the County's water resources from overuse, export, and degradation (Inyo County 2001).
- **Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement and Green Book (August 1989):** The Long-Term Water Agreement outlines the comprehensive framework for governing groundwater extractions, surface water management, and environmental protection in the Owens Valley. Key aspects include water-balance projections, vegetation management, and dispute resolution mechanisms. Despite initial controversy, the agreement helped resolve decades of litigation over Owens Valley water. Lands owned by LADWP in the Owens Valley are considered adjudicated under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and fall under the governance of this agreement. The Green Book is an extension of the agreement, outlining the standardized procedures for monitoring vegetation, soil, water, and hydrology in the Owens Valley (Inyo County Water Department 1989). Figure 1-6 presents the land owned by LADWP within the County.
- **Inyo County Ordinance #1004 (1998):** Amid a lawsuit initiated against LADWP in 1972, County voters passed a groundwater ordinance in 1980 to gain local oversight over LADWP's water management. LADWP disputed the ordinance's legality, leading to subsequent legal battles that were paused during negotiations for the Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement. In 1998, the County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution #1004 to regulate the sale and transfer of groundwater outside the County or into another basin, including transfers to Los Angeles by third parties. Notably, this resolution does not apply to Los Angeles's own operations (Inyo County Water Department 1998).
- **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Plans:** Passed in 2014, the SGMA represents a statewide framework to protect groundwater resources over the long term. The SGMA led local public agencies, pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 10721(n), to form groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) in high and medium priority basins. Very low and low priority basins may be managed pursuant to the SGMA at the discretion of eligible local public agencies. Each GSA must develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP). GSPs provide a roadmap for how groundwater basins will end overdraft and achieve long-term sustainability within a 20-year timeframe. Specific short- and long-term management actions and projects to protect domestic wells and SSWs vary by GSA. Table 1-1 summarizes the GSA management actions and projects that have been adopted in the County.

Table 1-1. GSP Management Actions and Projects Categories Focused on Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems

Plan Name	Plan Manager	Management Actions and Projects Categories
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	(1) Shallow Well Mitigation Program (2) Pumping Optimization Project
Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	OVGA GSA	(1) Well Registration and Reporting Ordinance (2) Well Permit Review Ordinance (3) Groundwater Level Monitoring Network (4) Tri-Valley Groundwater Model Development

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GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency

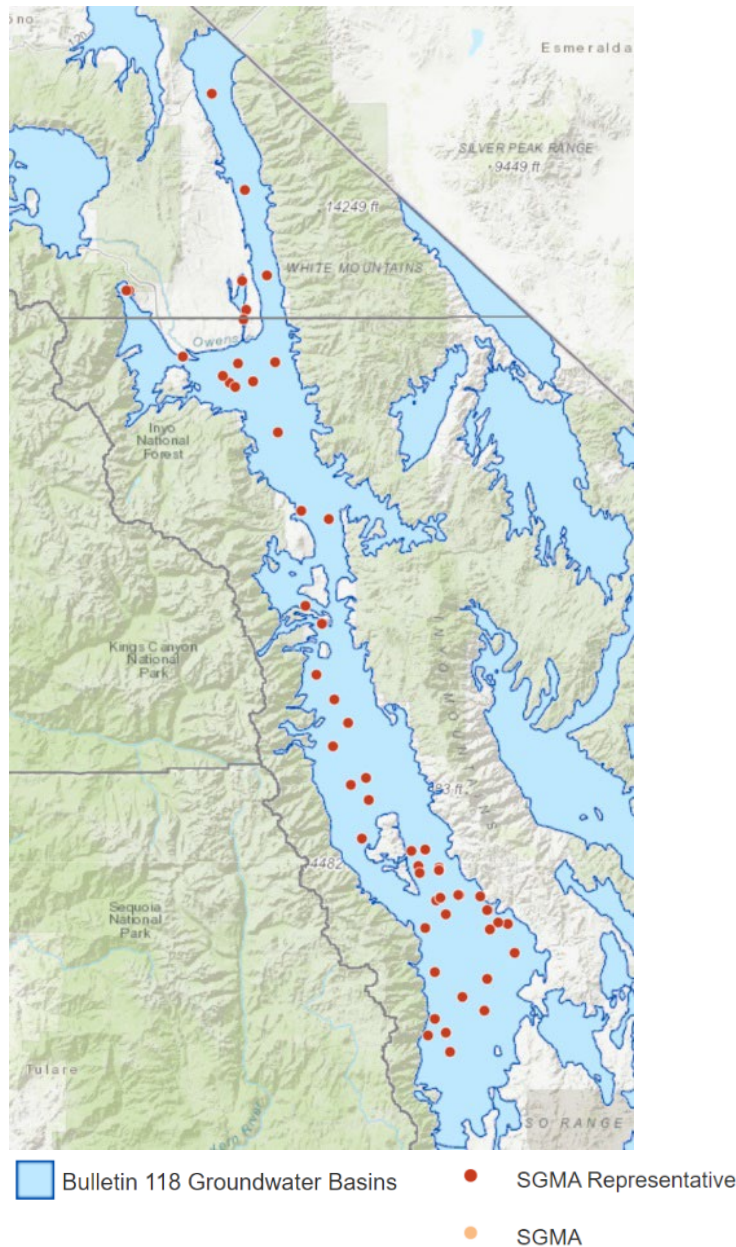
OVGA = Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Groundwater Detail

The County encompasses two subbasins managed under the SGMA as defined in Bulletin 118: the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (6-012.01) and the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin (6-054). DWR's analysis under SGMA classified the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin as low priority and the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin as both high priority and in critical overdraft (DWR 2024). The OVGA and the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District manage the Owens Valley Basin, which includes both the Owens Valley and Fish Slough Subbasins. OVGA adopted a GSP in December 2021. Although initially ranked as medium priority, it was later deemed as low priority in December 2019 (OVGA 2021). The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, which spans Inyo, San Bernardino, and Kern Counties, is overseen by IWVGA.

1.4.3.1 The Owens Valley Groundwater Basin

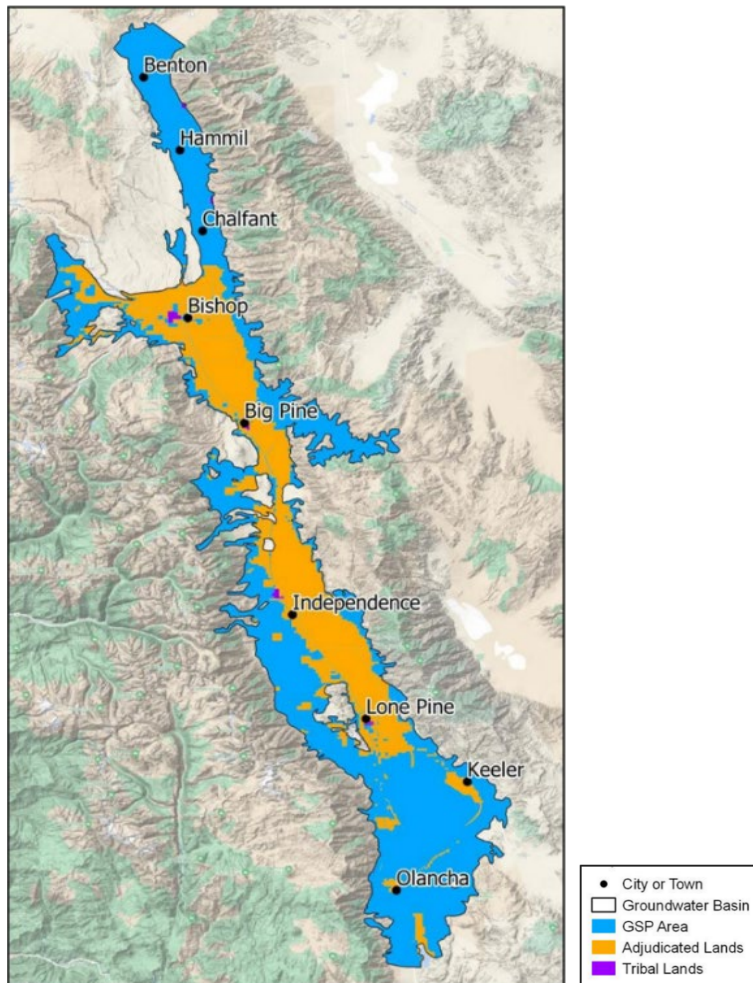
The Owens Valley Groundwater Basin is governed by its GSP and, where applicable, by the Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement for adjudicated lands. This basin, crucial for the County's population, has 55 GSP monitoring wells, 48 of which are within County boundaries as shown in Figure 1-5. The County Water Department monitors these wells annually, while the LADWP provides monthly surface water flow totals, annual runoff measurements, and recharge forecasts. The specifics of monitoring and reporting can vary based on weather, funding, and regulatory changes, as guided by the SGMA. Efforts are ongoing to secure additional funding to support these activities and ensure compliance with the SGMA requirements (Inyo County Water Department 1989; OVGA 2021).



Source: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#gwlevels>, Accessed: 8/2024

Figure 1-5. Location of the Owens Valley GSP Monitoring Wells

Approximately 38 percent of the 1,037-square-mile Owens Valley Basin is owned by LADWP and managed pursuant to the Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement. This area is considered adjudicated and, therefore, exempt from the SGMA (CWC §10720.8(c)). Mapping of the lands subject or potentially subject to the GSP and LADWP lands treated as adjudicated under the SGMA is presented in Figure 1-6.

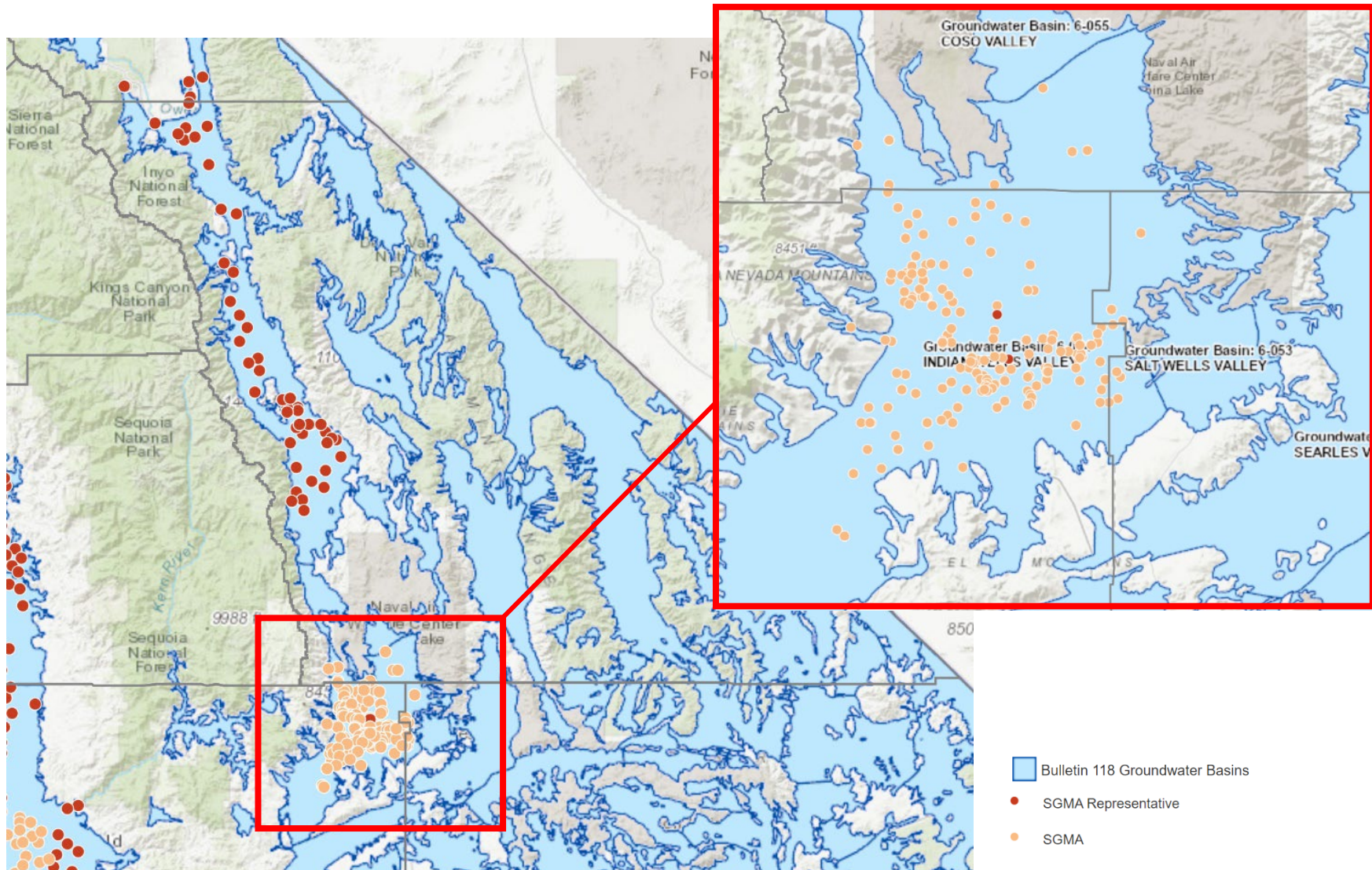


Source: OVGA GSP

Figure 1-6. Owens Valley Groundwater Authority: Lands Subject or Potentially Subject to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Lands Treated as Adjudicated under the SGMA

1.4.3.2 The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin

IWVGA manages the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin and prepared its GSP (IWVGA 2020), which was adopted in January 2020. There are 205 GSP monitoring wells in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, seven of which are in the County, as shown in Figure 1-7. Several management actions and projects have been proposed to address groundwater sustainability in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin. These actions and projects revolve around setting groundwater extraction limits and introducing augmentation fees to support supplemental water projects, including developing imported water supplies, expanding recycled water use, and implementing conservation efforts.



<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#gwlevels>, Accessed: 8/2024

Figure 1-7. Location of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin Monitoring Wells in Inyo County, Accessed August 2024

1.4.4 Water Systems within Inyo County's Jurisdiction

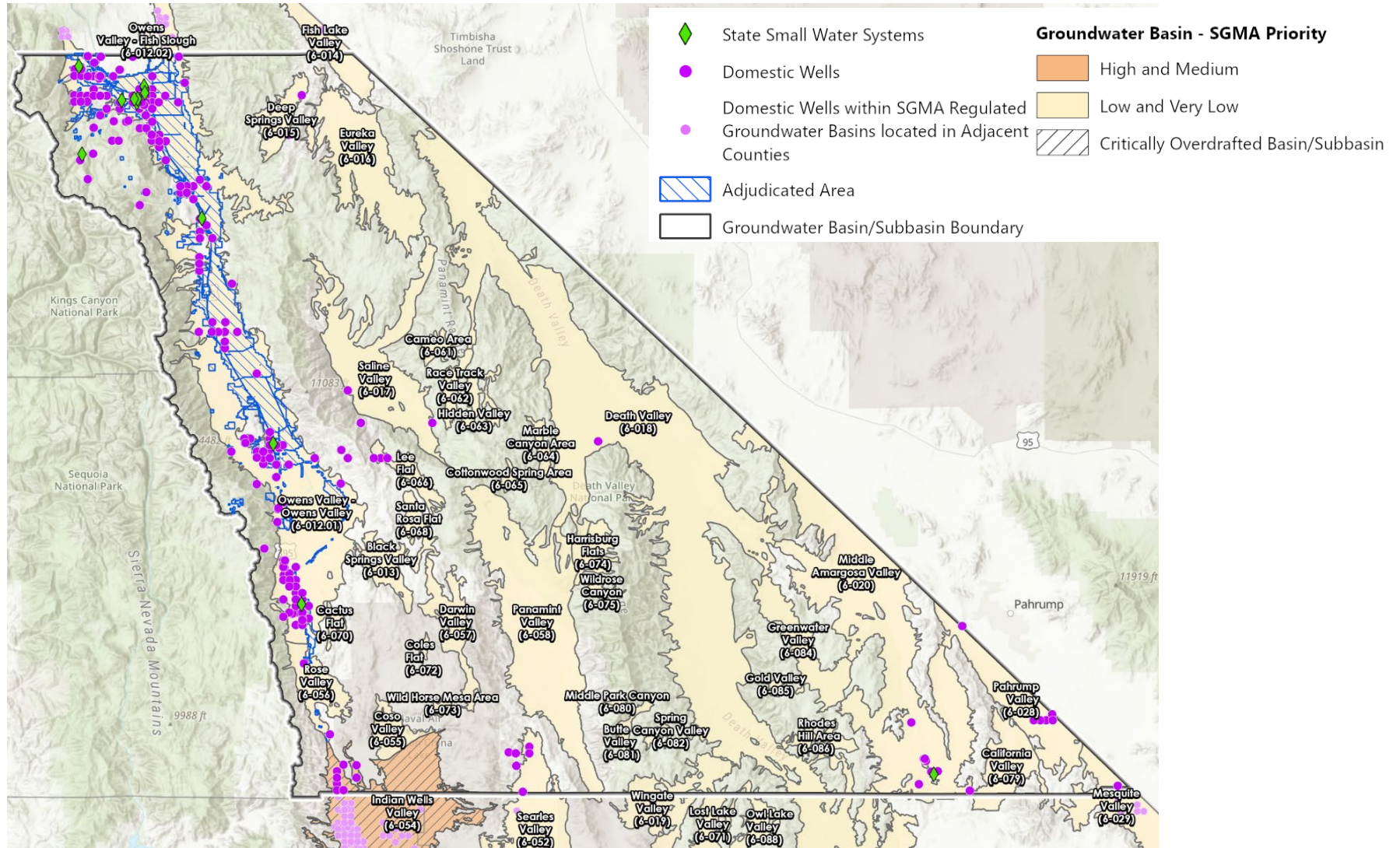
CWC Section 10609.70 requires the County DRP to include domestic wells and SSWs. Figure 1-8 shows the location of domestic wells and SSWs within the County, and Table 1-2 summarizes the number of domestic wells and SSWs in the Bulletin 118 basins and fractured rock areas. There are 863 identified domestic wells and 13 SSWs within the County; 10 of the 13 SSWs are in the adjudicated region of the Owens Valley Basin. Domestic well data draws from well completion report data maintained by DWR and should not be considered a complete record.

Table 1-2. Alluvial and Fractured Rock Groundwater Basins of Inyo County

Bulletin 118 Basin ID	Groundwater Basin Name	Priority	Count of Domestic Wells within County Boundaries		Count of SSWs within County Boundaries
			Post-1977	Pre-1977	
6-012.01	Owens Valley: Owens Valley (<i>Adjudicated Area</i>)	Low	328	45	10
6-012.01	Owens Valley: Owens Valley (outside of <i>Adjudicated Area</i>)	Low	262	30	1
6-017	Saline Valley	Very Low	1	0	0
6-018	Death Valley	Very Low	0	1	0
6-020	Middle Amargosa Valley	Very Low	24	13	1
6-028	Pahrump Valley	Very Low	26	2	0
6-029	Mesquite Valley	Very Low	2	0	0
6-052	Searles Valley	Very Low	4	1	0
6-054	Indian Wells Valley (<i>Critical Overdraft</i>)	High	5	2	0
6-056	Rose Valley	Very Low	4	1	0
6-066	Lee Flat	Very Low	2	0	0
N/A	Fractured Rock Aquifer Wells	N/A	205	16	1
All Basins			863	111	13

Notes:

SSWS = State Small Water System



Source: Coordinate System—NAD 1983 StatePlane California II; Stantec 2024; DWR 2024; Background—World Topographic Map, California State

Figure 1-8. Locations of Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems in Inyo County, Accessed 5/31/2024

2.0 County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force

This section provides an overview of the County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) charged with the development and implementation of this County DRP. This section describes the Task Force's formation, charter, purpose, organization, decision-making authority, and responsibilities.

2.1 Legislative Direction

The objective of the legislature and the governor, through the enactment of SB 552, is to ensure that counties take proactive measures to prepare and implement their DRPs through active collaboration with interested parties and the public. Central to this effort is the requirement that counties establish a standing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force or implement an alternative process designed to inform and engage interested parties. This requirement underscores the importance of broad stakeholder involvement in the planning process.

Composition of the Task Force is guided by California Water Code (CWC) Section 10609.70 (a)(1) and (2):

(a)(1) A county shall establish a standing county drought and water shortage task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction, and shall invite representatives from the state and other local governments, including groundwater sustainability agencies, and community-based organizations, local water suppliers, and local residents, to participate in the task force.

(2) In lieu of the task force required by paragraph (1), a county may establish an alternative process that facilitates drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction. The alternative process shall provide opportunities for coordinating and communicating with the state and other local governments, community-based organizations, local water suppliers, and local residents on a regular basis and during drought or water shortage emergencies.

The Task Force has been established pursuant to CWC Section 10609.70(a)(1).

2.2 Formation of the Task Force

The Task Force was established by the County OEM in May 2024 to comply with CWC 10609.70(a)(1). The Task Force consists of representatives from local government agencies and community organizations that have roles in well permitting, regulatory oversight of state small water systems, water supply and drought monitoring, emergency services, hazard assessment, planning, operations, communications, or water resources management. These members are involved in critical aspects of managing drought conditions, including drought condition monitoring, emergency services, hazard assessment, planning, operations, information coordination, or water resources management. The purpose of the Task Force is to:

- Strengthen drought and water shortage preparedness for SWSs and domestic wells in the County
- Serve as a coordinating body for regular communication with State agencies, local governments, community-based organizations, water suppliers, and residents, with increased engagement during drought or water emergencies
- Facilitate drought and water shortage plan development for domestic wells and SWSs within the County's jurisdiction

- Facilitate regular coordination and communication among staff of relevant County departments, local water agencies, local water suppliers, GSAs, and others representing the concerns of domestic wells and SSWS users
- Lead and guide development and adaptive management of the County DRP and long-term implementation strategies
- Support and advise on the implementation of drought and water shortage actions as identified in the County DRP

At the time of the Task Force's formation, the County also established a Task Force charter. The charter defines the Task Force's purpose, authority, composition, responsibilities, and structure, and serves as the guiding document for how the Task Force conducts its meetings and activities. The charter is included in this County DRP as [Appendix A](#).

The founding membership of the Task Force includes, but is not limited to, the entities listed below:

- County Office of Emergency Management
- Inyo County Water Department
- County Environmental Health Department
- County Public Works Building and Maintenance
- County Public Works
- County Planning Department
- County Farm Advisor/University of California Cooperative Extension, Inyo and Mono Counties
- County Agricultural Commissioner
- City of Bishop
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Bureau of Land Management
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- National Park Service
- Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)
- Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

2.3 Responsibilities of the Task Force

The Task Force is an advisory body charged with developing and adaptively managing the County DRP and guiding its long-term implementation. Task Force members are expected to:

- Attend calendared Task Force meetings to review progress on the development of the County DRP and its implementation
- Provide input and share information on current water supply conditions and potential risk factors
- Help develop, implement, and adaptively manage short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies that reduce the impact and likelihood of water shortage among domestic wells and SWSs
- Disseminate Task Force findings and recommendations related to drought and water shortage planning efforts to their respective agencies, seeking feedback that can be shared during Task Force meetings and working sessions

2.4 Organization and Decision-Making Authority

The decision-making structure for the development and implementation of the County DRP is designed to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are involved and that input is collected from various perspectives and governing bodies. These groups work together to ensure that the plan is comprehensive, effective, and aligned with the needs of the County, its residents, and relevant County regulations. Below are the key components of the decision-making structure for the County DRP.

2.4.1 Inyo County Board of Supervisors

The County Board of Supervisors adopts the County DRP and approves implementation actions requiring board-level decisions and funding actions. The Board of Supervisors also reviews recommendations provided by the Project Coordination Team (PCT) and the Task Force.

2.4.2 Project Coordination Team

The PCT is comprised of County offices and departments responsible for the preparation, revision, and implementation of the County DRP. The PCT is led by County OEM. Additional participating County departments include the County EHD and ICWD.

Unless otherwise agreed upon, County OEM leads engagement efforts with the Board of Supervisors. The PCT may be supported by additional entities as needed.

The responsibilities of the PCT are as follows:

- Oversee the development, implementation, and future updates to the County DRP, ensuring the plan reflects current drought indicators, agency roles, and local conditions
- Provide opportunities for public participation in the development, implementation, and updates of the County DRP through community outreach and communication efforts
- Support the Task Force by ensuring annual meetings are held each May and that emergency meetings are scheduled and facilitated when needed
- Collaborate with and respond to the informational needs of the Task Force by coordinating data collection, monitoring efforts, and sharing timely updates on drought conditions and impacts
- Lead and coordinate the implementation of the DRP by assigning responsibilities to County departments and partner agencies, monitoring progress, and facilitating communication among all stakeholders involved in drought planning and response

2.4.3 Task Force

The Task Force is an advisory and consultative entity to the County Board of Supervisors and the PCT, and is chaired by the County OEM. The Task Force does not have decision-making authority. Figure 2-1 illustrates the decision-making framework of the Task Force in relation to the County Board of Supervisors and County staff.

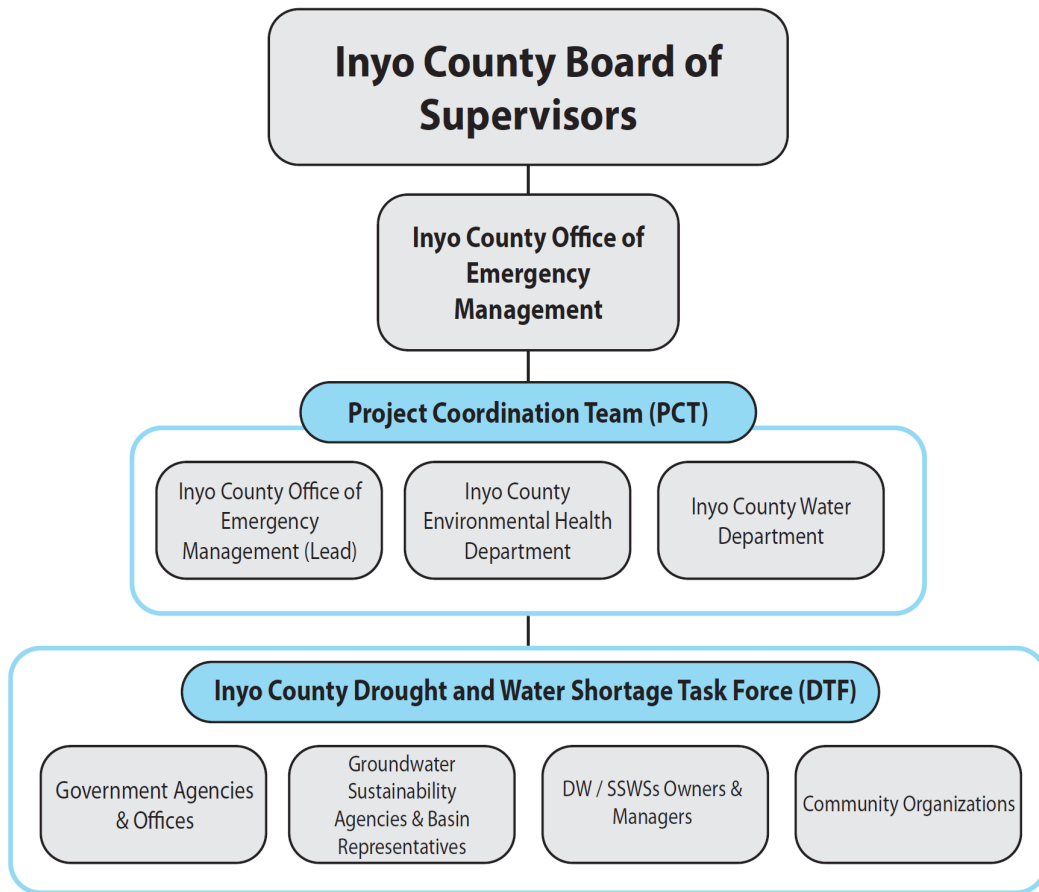


Figure 2-1. Inyo County Organizational Framework

2.5 Communication and Engagement

In developing the County DRP, the County conducted various communication and collaboration activities to gather input. These activities were:

- **Task Force Meetings:** Three Task Force meetings were held to inform County DRP development.
- **Website:** Information about the County DRP development process and how to attend Task Force meetings was posted on the County OEM website.

3.0 Drought and Water Shortage Risk Assessment

A drought and water shortage risk assessment was conducted during the development of the County DRP, as directed in CWC Section 10609.70(b). This risk assessment evaluated how potential hazards intersect with the County's domestic well and SSWS assets and other community assets to characterize the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWSs to water supply shortage. The outcomes from the risk assessment helped inform response plans with short-term actions to employ when a water supply shortage occurs, and with long-term mitigation strategies and actions that reduce the vulnerability to water shortages. This chapter presents the risk assessment results for the County.

The risk assessment presented in this County DRP does not replace the regulatory requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The County DRP could make the County eligible for FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs, but if a jurisdiction is also seeking approval of the drought and water shortage risk assessment within the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, it should follow the requirements outlined in the FEMA *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* (FEMA 2013).

3.1 Terminology

The County DRP adopted the following definitions from the FEMA *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* (FEMA 2013) within the context of drought and water shortage planning:

- **Community Assets:** The people, structures, facilities, and systems that have value to the community. The minimum assets considered as part of the SB 552 plan include domestic wells, SSWSs, and populations relying on those water supplies.
- **Hazard:** A source of harm or difficulty created by a meteorological, environmental, geological, hydrological, or other event conditions. In the context of SB 552, hazards are the natural, human-made, and social processes that can lead to water shortages in the County.
- **Impact:** The consequences or effects of a hazard related to drought and water shortages on the community and its assets.
- **Risk:** The potential for damage, loss, or other impacts (e.g., water shortage) created by the interaction of natural hazards with community assets and their physical and social vulnerabilities.
- **Risk Assessment:** Product or process that collects information and assigns values to risks for the purpose of informing priorities, developing, or comparing courses of action, and informing decision-making.
- **Vulnerability:** Characteristics of community assets or populations that make them susceptible to damage from a given hazard. It includes both physical vulnerability and social vulnerability.

3.2 Risk Assessment Methodology

The nature and severity of hazards that can cause water shortages vary at regional and local scales due to differences in conditions such as precipitation patterns, groundwater levels, topography, geology, infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and other conditions. To understand how local conditions influence water shortage risk in the County, a thorough risk assessment was completed that considered many physical and social hazard indicators. The results and findings of that risk assessment were then used by the County and Task Force to develop actions and strategies to address water shortages (see [Chapters 4](#) and [5](#)).

The risk assessment was completed following the four steps outlined below:

1. **Describe Major Hazards in the County:** Drought, climate change, and water quality hazards were identified and described.
2. **Complete a Draft Risk Assessment using DWR Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer Tool (WSVE Tool):** The WSVE Tool was used to identify areas within the County where domestic wells and SSWs are vulnerable to water supply shortages and then characterize the hazards driving vulnerability. This information was included in a draft risk assessment. The County and the Task Force reviewed the draft risk assessment, provided feedback, and identified data gaps. Additional detail on the WSVE Tool and how it was applied in the risk assessment is included below.
3. **Revise the Draft Risk Assessment:** County and Task Force feedback on the draft risk assessment was used to develop a revised risk assessment.
4. **Incorporate Results of Revised Risk Assessment into County DRP:** Information from the revised risk assessment was included in the County DRP ([Section 3.4](#)). Findings from the revised risk assessment were used by the County and Task Force to develop short-term actions and long-term strategies to improve water supply sustainability ([Chapters 4](#) and [5](#)).

Developed by DWR in collaboration with a County Drought Advisory Group, the WSVE Tool is an online geospatial tool that quantifies hazards using spatially organized indicators. These indicators were selected by DWR and the County Drought Advisory Group to reflect the hazards that could make a domestic well or SSWs vulnerable to water supply shortage. Indicators are used to calculate two composite scores for physical and social vulnerability: a “total physical vulnerability score” and a “total social vulnerability score.” The process used by the WSVE Tool to calculate the total scores is summarized below:

- The total physical vulnerability score was calculated at the PLSS scale by normalizing the indicator value between 0 and 1, with 1 representing the highest possible vulnerability. Normalized scores were multiplied by a weighting factor from 1 to 5 that was assigned by DWR and the County Drought Advisory Group to capture how some indicators contribute more to water shortage vulnerability than others. The individual indicators used to calculate total physical vulnerability scores are listed in Table 3-1.
- The total social vulnerability score was calculated at the Census Block Group scale by normalizing the indicator value between 0 and 1 and summing the values together without additional weighting. This methodology is consistent with that which is employed by the Centers for Disease Control. The individual indicators used to calculate total social vulnerability scores are listed in Table 3-2.

Table 3-1. Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer Indicators Used in the Development of the Total Physical Vulnerability Score

Indicator Name	Indicator Description
Climate Change	
Temperature Shift (RC1a ¹)	Projected change in max temperatures by mid-century.
Saline Intrusion Projected (RC1b)	Spatial extent of projected 1-meter sea level rise by 2040 into coastal aquifers.
Wildfire Risk (RC1c)	Projected area burned by 2035-2064.
Current Environmental Conditions and Events	
2024 Precipitation (RC2a)	If 2024 precipitation was less than 70 percent of normal.
Multiple Dry Years (RC2aa)	Count of dry years within the last five years.
Wildfire Risk (RC2b)	CalFire Hazard Score.
Geology (RC2c)	Fractured rock basin within the PLSS.
Water Quality Aquifer Risk (RC2i)	SAFER Needs Assessment 2022 water quality composite score.
Subsidence (RC2d)	Amount of subsidence as measured by remote sensing.
Basin Salt (RC2e)	Presence of saltwater intrusion into coastal aquifer.
Overdrafted Basin (RC2f)	SGMA critically overdrafted groundwater basin.
Chronic Declining Water Levels (RC2g)	Amount of declining groundwater levels between 2019 to 2022.
Surrounding Land Use (RC2j)	Proportion of irrigated agriculture in PLSS
Infrastructure Susceptibility	
Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility in basins (RC3a)	Dry well susceptibility.
Domestic Well Density in Fractured Rock Areas (RC3c)	Density of Well Completion Reports.
Record of Shortage	
Reported Household Outage on Domestic Well	Presence of one or more households with reported outages in PLSS.

Notes:

¹ Indicator labels (i.e., “RC1a”) correspond with the labeling convention used in the WSVE Tool.

Key:

CalFire = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PLSS = Public Land Survey Section

SAFER = Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program

SGMA = Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Table 3-2. Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer Indicators Used in the Development of the Total Social Vulnerability Score

Indicator Name	Indicator Description
Socioeconomic Status	
Poverty Level	Percent of persons below poverty level.
Unemployment	Percent of persons aged 16 years of age or older that are unemployed.
Per Capita Income	Per capita income.
Language and Education	
Education Attainment	Percent of persons without a high school diploma.
English Language Proficiency	Percent of persons who speak little to no English.
Demographics	
Elderly Population	Percent of persons 65 years of age or older.
Non-Adult Population	Percent of persons 17 years of age or younger.
Minority Population	Percent of persons that are in a minority population.
Disability	Percent of persons 5 years of age or older with a disability.
Single Parent Households	Percent of single-parent households.
Housing and Transportation	
Multi-Unit-Housed Population	Percent of persons living in a multi-unit structure
Mobile Home-Housed Population	Percent of persons living in a mobile home
Crowded Conditions	Percent of persons living in conditions with more than 1 person per room
No Vehicle Access	Percent of households with no vehicle available
Race and Ethnicity	
Persons of Color	Percent of persons that identify with a race other than White or identify ethnically as Hispanic or Latino.

DWR periodically revises the WSVE Tool to incorporate new data and/or updated methodology. Data for the risk assessment was accessed in November 2025 and used the 2024 methodology.¹ The detailed methodology that describes the WSVE Tool indicators and corresponding values, data sources, and weighting factors is available on the California Natural Resource Agency's Open Data Portal.

¹ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552/SB-552-Tool>

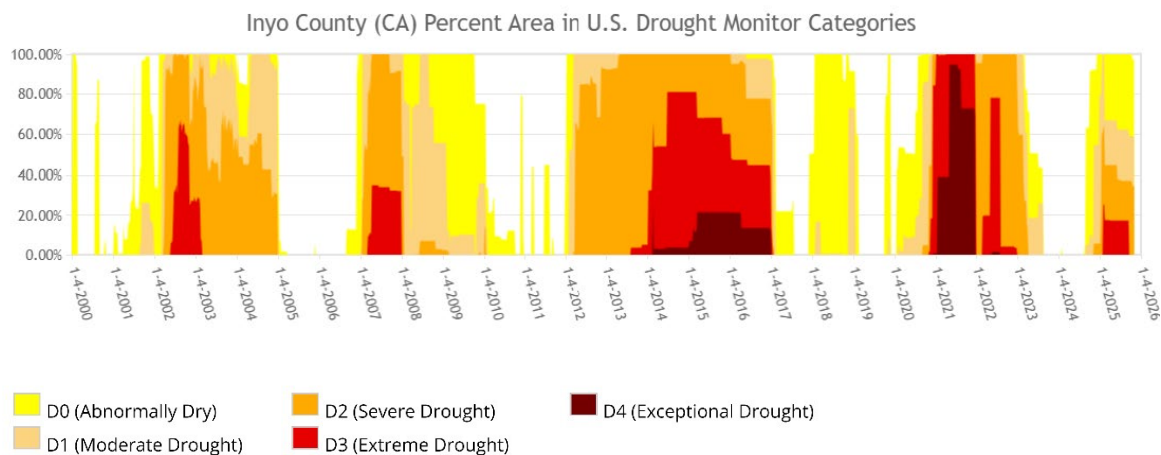
3.3 Hazards in Inyo County

This section summarizes the drought, climate change, water quality, and groundwater hazards in the County. [Section 3.4](#) provides more detail on how these hazards informed the findings of the drought and water shortage risk assessment.

3.3.1 Drought

Droughts in California are triggered by a lack of large winter storms (i.e., atmospheric rivers), and water shortages are further exacerbated by high temperatures that increase the evaporative water loss from soils and surface waters. Drought conditions, particularly when persisting for several years, can cause mental and physical stress on community members and deteriorate air and water quality (Greene 2018). Drought can also have significant impacts on groundwater supply and quality. When rainfall decreases, less water infiltrates into aquifers, leading to lower groundwater levels and increased contaminant concentrations. Additionally, during droughts, the demand for water from wells often increases, exacerbating the decline in groundwater. Persistent dry conditions can reduce stream and river flows, lower lake and reservoir levels, and increase the depth to water in wells. Extended dry periods can turn into severe droughts, causing substantial water supply challenges (USGS 2018).

Figure 3-1 presents the percentage of area in Inyo County experiencing drought conditions by year. Since 2000, the County has experienced recurring cycles of drought and recovery, with periods of both intense dryness and complete drought relief. Severe drought conditions were first recorded in the early 2000s, peaking around 2002–2004, when much of the County was under Extreme to Exceptional Drought. Conditions improved by the late 2000s, with largely drought-free years around 2006–2010. Another prolonged and severe drought occurred between 2012 and 2016, reaching its height around 2014–2015, when nearly the entire County experienced Extreme or Exceptional Drought. Conditions improved again in 2017–2019, with most of the County returning to drought-free status. From 2020 to 2022, drought conditions intensified rapidly once more. By 2021, Inyo County was almost entirely classified under Exceptional Drought, the most severe category. Relief returned in 2023, and by the end of that year, most of the County was drought-free. In 2024 and into early 2025, moderate to severe drought conditions reemerged in portions of the County, though not as widespread or extreme as during the previous drought peaks.



From the U.S. Drought Monitor website, <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx>, 12-18-2023



Source: <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx>, Accessed 11/2025

Figure 3-1. Occurrence of Drought in Inyo County, 2000 to 2025

3.3.2 Climate Change

According to California’s Fourth Climate Change Assessment, climate change is significantly impacting the Sierra Nevada region, including the County, with observable effects including increased heat and extreme precipitation, reduced snowpacks, and altered streamflow timing. These changes, which began around 1950, are linked to rising greenhouse gas levels beginning during the Industrial Revolution, such as carbon dioxide and methane. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere, causing warming trends and altering climate patterns. Current climate models predict these trends will continue and intensify, leading to further changes in temperature, precipitation, and other climate factors in the future (California Fourth Climate Change Assessment 2018).

As the atmosphere warms, extreme precipitation events could become more frequent since storms can hold about 6 to 7 percent more water for each degree Celsius of warming. Simulations of future climate conditions in the region indicate only modest changes in annual precipitation accumulation with some shifts in the seasonality of precipitation that may be relevant for water management, i.e., less precipitation during November through January and more during February through May (Dettinger et al. 2018). Such trends are generalizations, however; there are no recent downscaled or regional climate projections available for the County. Changes in precipitation and streamflow can disrupt aquifer recharge patterns, affecting the replenishment of valley alluvial aquifers. The effects of surface water changes on fractured rock aquifers, high mountain springs, and headwater streams are uncertain. Rainfall in the High Sierra accelerates surface runoff compared to snowmelt, reducing groundwater replenishment (Dettinger et al. 2018).

Anthropogenic climate change has contributed to an increase in acreage burned in wildfires in the American West. Rising temperatures and more frequent or intense periods of drought increase the likelihood of wildfires. Wildfires can damage infrastructure and cause water quality issues, including those discussed in [Section 3.3.3](#).

3.3.3 Water Quality

The County faces various water quality concerns across its surface and groundwater resources. Climate change threatens the County’s water quality, though the specifics of those impacts are uncertain. The water quality hazards within the County are summarized below.

Surface Water:

- **Fecal Indicator Bacteria:** Surface water quality in the County is generally very good, with some notable exceptions related to runoff from grazing areas. Grazing activities contribute to the presence of bacteria in the middle and lower reaches of Bishop Creek. Data collected by the Water Board’s Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program show that bacteria concentrations in the waterbody exceed the water quality objectives for fecal coliform and *Escherichia coli* (E. coli). To address this, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is implementing the Bishop Creek Vision Project, a water quality improvement plan to reduce bacteria in creek waters (California Water Boards 2023).
- **Climate Change Impacts:** Climate change can increase air and water temperatures, leading to changes in surface water contaminant concentrations, reduced dissolved oxygen levels, and

altered pH, all of which affect aquatic life. Decreased summertime streamflow can result in seasonal spikes in contaminant concentrations and water temperatures, stressing aquatic ecosystems and riparian habitats (Dettinger et al. 2018). Increased extreme precipitation events can cause flooding and erosion, further compromising surface water quality and leading to greater contaminant runoff that impacts groundwater quality.

Groundwater:

- **Onsite Wastewater Disposal Systems:** Aging and concentrated onsite wastewater disposal systems such as septic tanks can significantly impact groundwater quality by failing to effectively treat wastewater. This leads to higher levels of nutrients and pathogens in groundwater.
- **Naturally Occurring Deposits:** Due to geological conditions, natural deposits of arsenic, uranium, and fluoride can leach into surface water and groundwater, altering the groundwater's chemical makeup and potentially posing health risks (Dettinger et al. 2018).

3.4 Risk Assessment Results

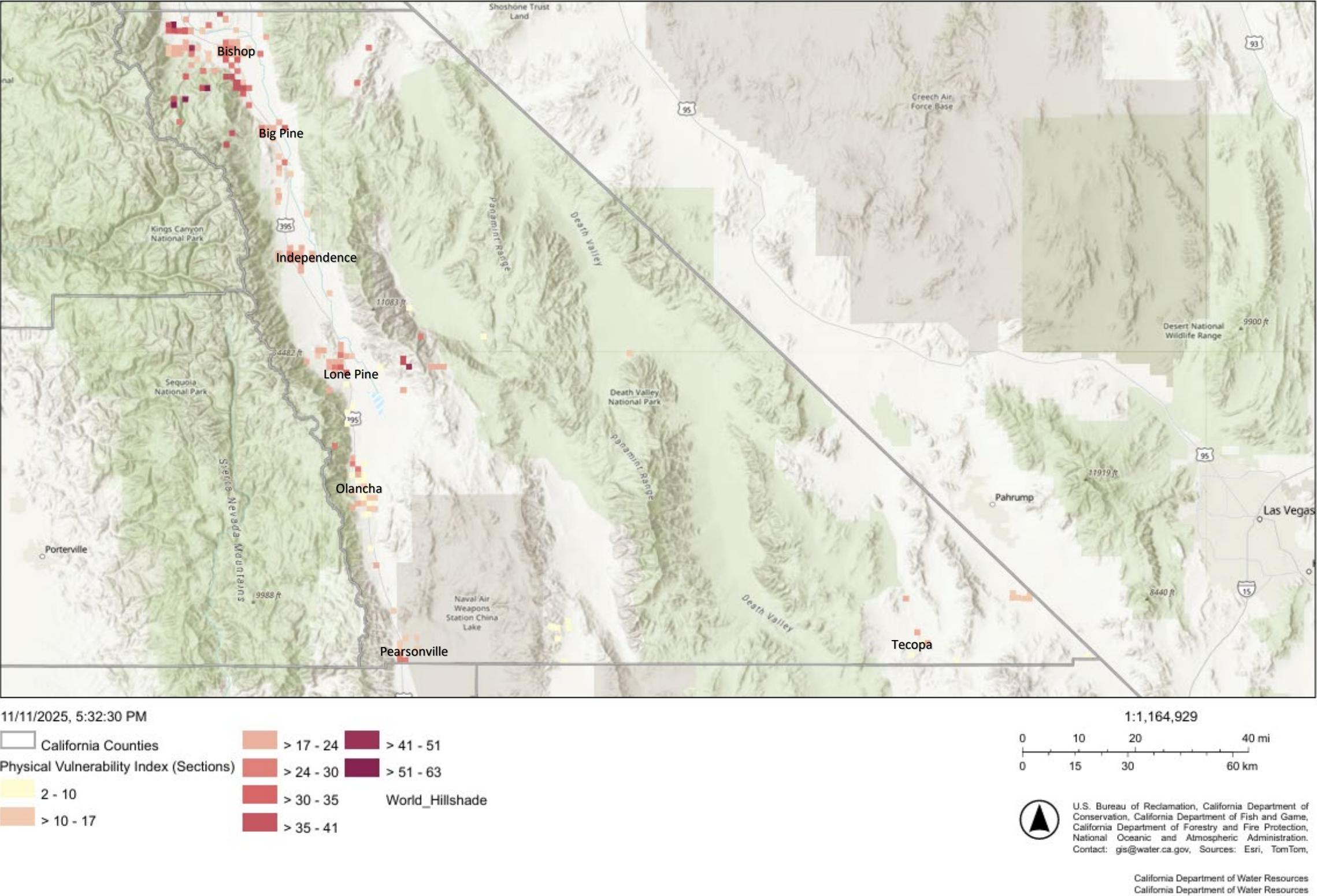
This section summarizes the risk assessment results, including the County's total physical and social vulnerability scores calculated by the WSVE Tool and discussions of the individual indicators driving physical vulnerability. This information was used to identify the regions with the greatest overall vulnerability to water supply shortage described in [Section 3.5](#).

3.4.1 Total Physical Vulnerability Scores

Total physical vulnerability scores within the County are shown in Figure 3-2, with darker shaded areas (or PLSSs) indicating higher physical vulnerability scores. Physical and social vulnerability were scored for the entire State, but the figures in this County DRP only show PLSSs that contain domestic wells and SWSs; if an area is not shaded, it means there are no domestic wells or SWSs within the PLSS and physical vulnerability was not scored.

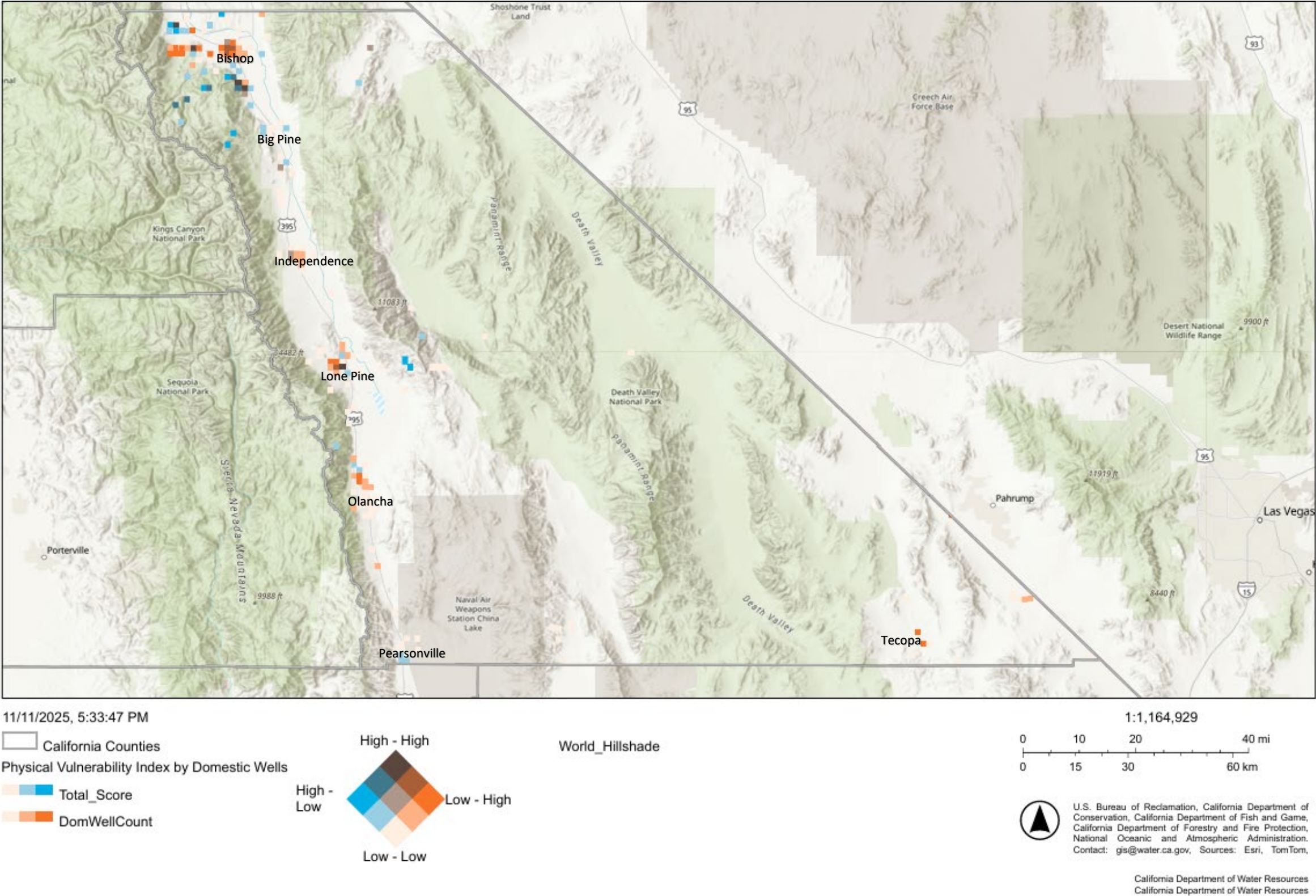
Figure 3-3 displays the total physical vulnerability scores of PLSSs intersected with domestic well density. The primary drivers of physical vulnerability within the County are projected temperature shift, consecutive dry years, wildfire risk, water quality risk, and dry well susceptibility in fractured rock areas. Details on these individual indicators are described below, and information on all physical vulnerability indicators is summarized in Table 3-3.

PLSSs with high total physical vulnerability to water supply shortages are communities with groundwater from fractured rock aquifers in the areas surrounding Mustang Mesa, Round Valley, Tungsten Hills, Peterson Mill, and Big Pine. Certain areas in the County, including Fish Springs, Independence, Lone Pine, Alabama Hills, and Cartago, as well as Tecopa to the southeast, are also considered vulnerable. Pearsonville also exhibits high physical vulnerability due to its location above the overdrafted Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin.



Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed: 11/2025

Figure 3-2. Physical Vulnerability of Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems in Inyo County



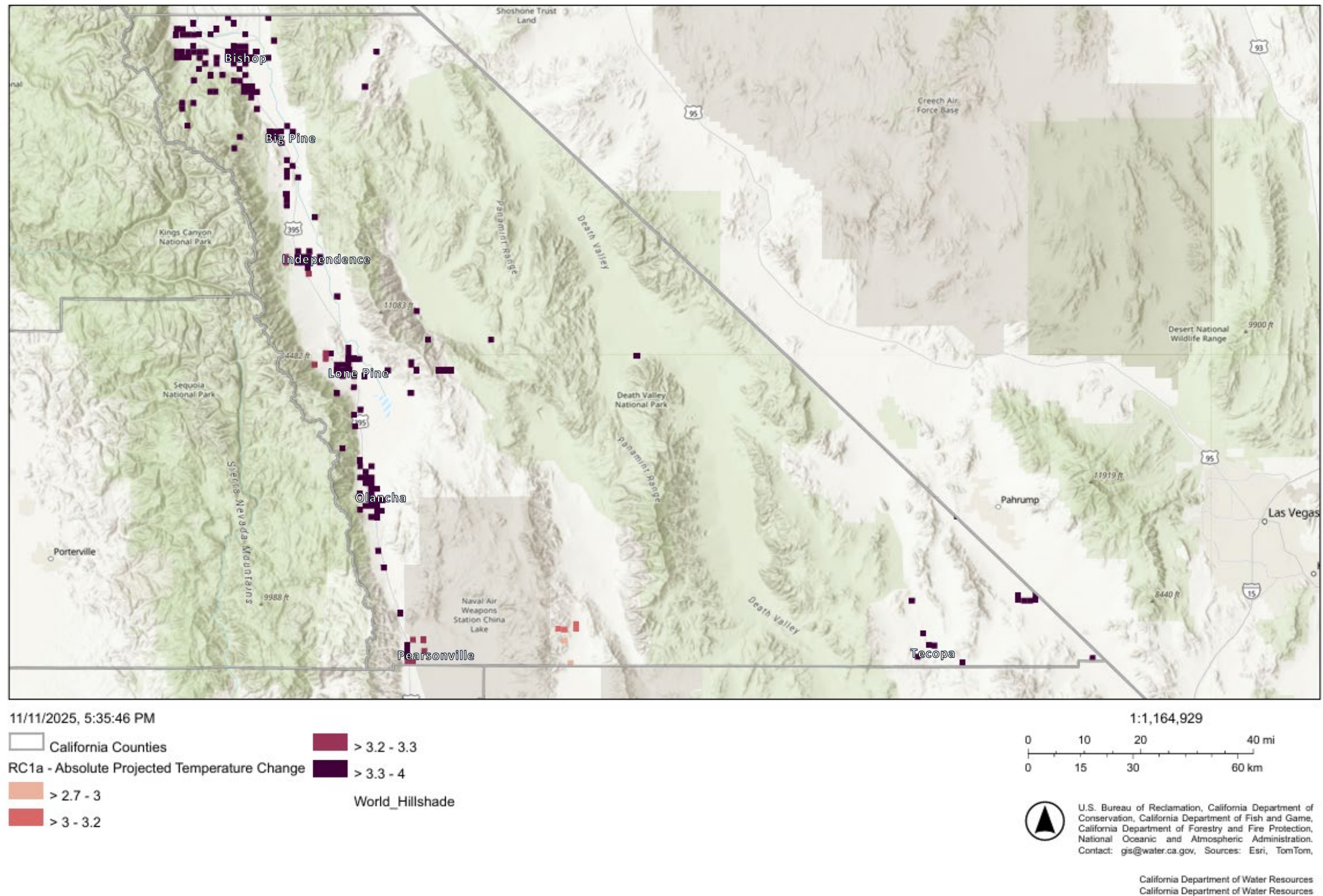
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Figure 3-3. Intersection of Vulnerability Score and Domestic Well Count in Inyo County

3.4.1.1 *Projected Temperature Change*

Figure 3-5 illustrates the projected change in maximum temperatures from the historical range (1961 to 1990) to the middle twenty-first century, centered around 2050. Temperatures in the County are projected to increase 3.3 degrees Celsius (°C) to 4°C in most PLSSs.

This increase is expected to lead to a substantial elevation increase of 1,500 to 3,000 feet for the rain-to-snow transition during storms. Concurrently, increased temperatures are expected to increase water demand from various users, including agriculture, industry, and households, as well as to increase the amount of water evaporated from the soil and transpired from plants. This increased water loss from the land surface reduces the amount of water available to recharge aquifers. The combination of higher temperatures, increased water demand, and accelerated evapotranspiration contributes to the region's vulnerability to drought conditions.



Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed: 11/2025

Figure 3-4. Projected Temperature Increase in Degrees Celsius

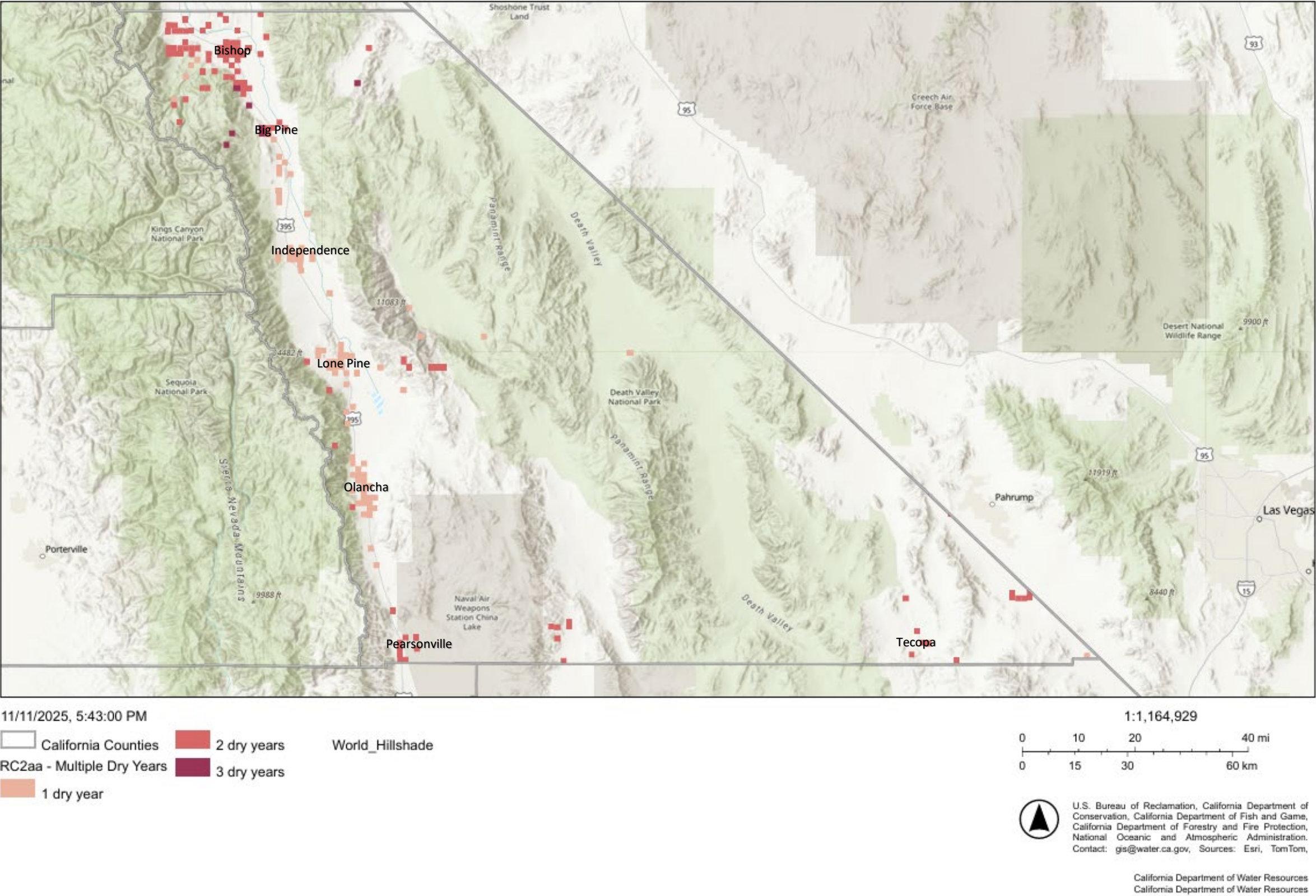
3.4.1.2 Multiple Dry Years (2020-2024)

Annual precipitation data is an important indicator of local water supply reliability. Multiple dry years – where precipitation levels were below average– can signal a potential near-term challenge in meeting water demands, stressing water resources and infrastructure.

Figure 3-6 shows the number of years with below-average precipitation during a five-year timeframe (2020-2024) in PLSSs where domestic wells and SSWSs are present. PLSSs in or near the City of Bishop, Tungsten Hills/Rocking K, Round Valley/Mustang Mesa, Aspendell, Keeler, Pearsonville, Tecopa/Charleston View/Sykes experienced up to two dry years.

Additionally, Big Pine/Big Pine Creek and Wilkerson have faced up to three dry years.

It should be noted that this indicator has limitations related to its scope and level of detail. The five-year timeframe, while accurate, is narrow and is not a robust predictor of future risk. Additionally, this indicator does not consider the seasonality and intensity of the rainfall, both of which are relevant to water supply management.



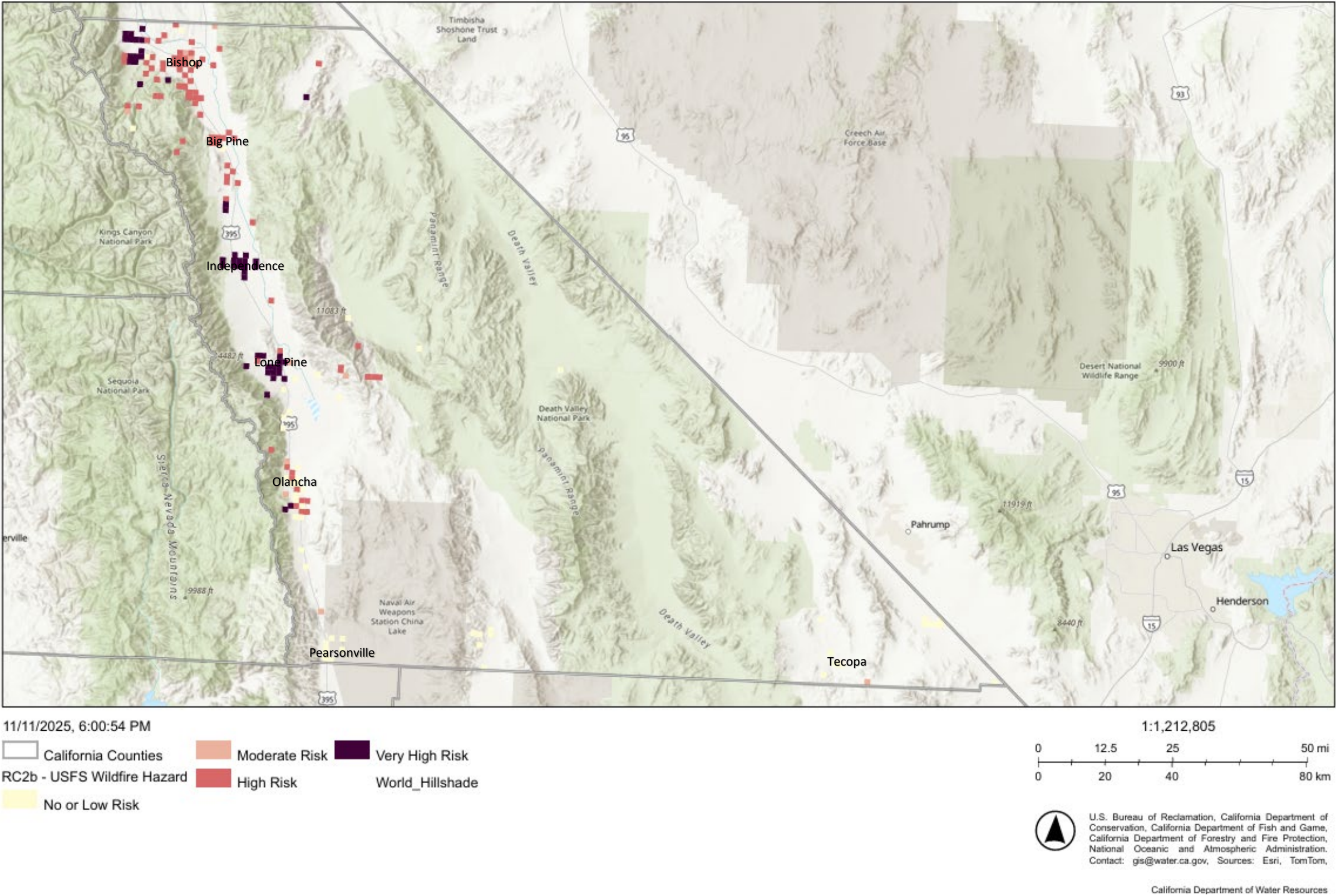
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Figure 3-5. Multiple Dry Years

3.4.1.3 Wildfire Hazard

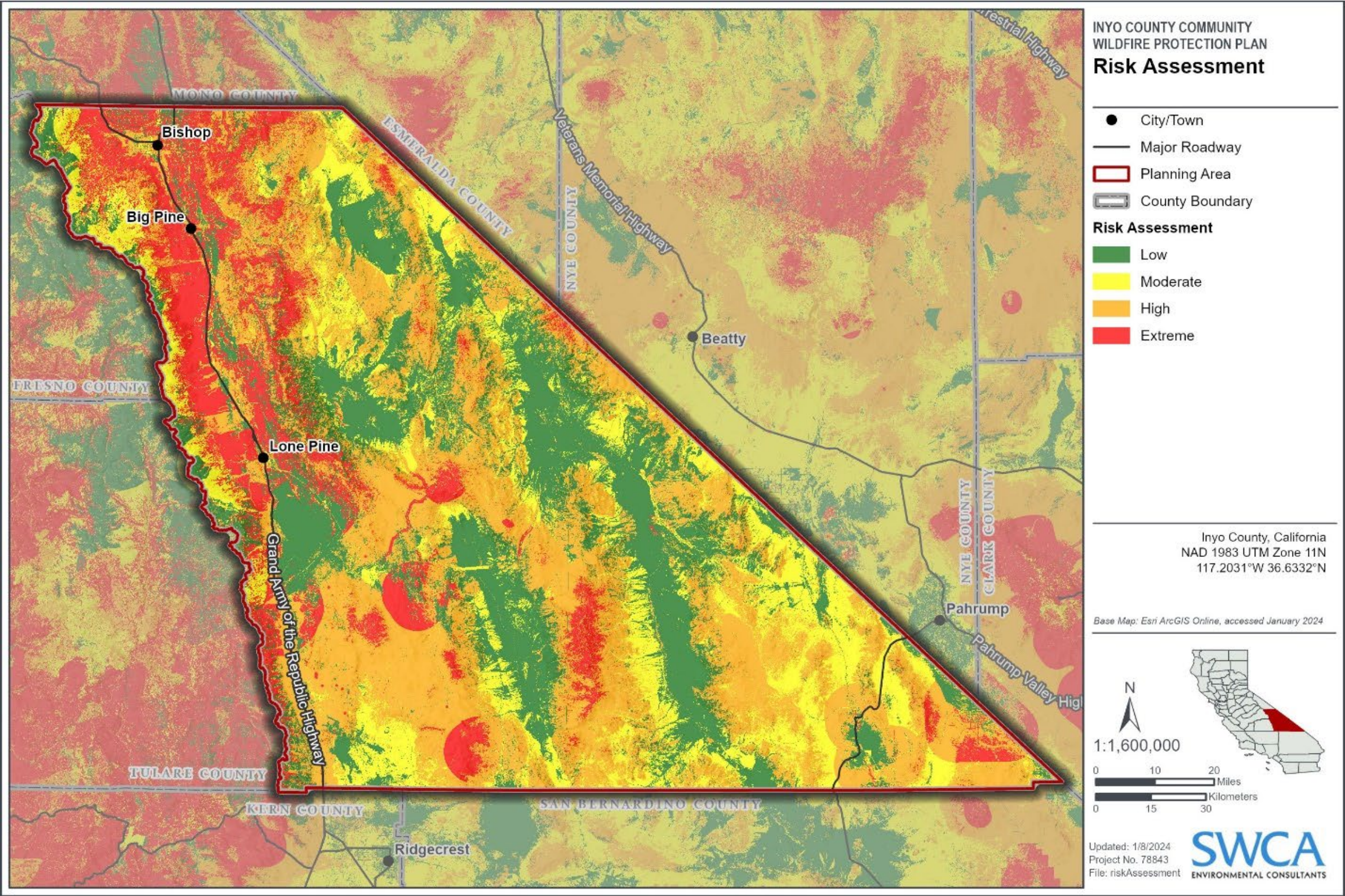
Climate change increases the frequency and severity of wildfires, which are already a major risk to California's water supply. Wildfires can damage or destroy natural infrastructure such as watersheds, and built infrastructure such as pipelines, wells, and reservoirs. The presence of domestic wells and SWSs in these areas significantly heightens their vulnerability and the overall impact of the risk.

Figure 3-7 presents data from the United States Forest Service Fire Modeling Institute's which designated Wildfire Hazard Potential zones at the PLSS scale. This figure shows very high risk in the areas of Round Valley/Mustang Mesa, west of Tungsten Hills, Independence, Lone Pine/Alabama Hills, and south of Olancho. There is moderate to high risk in most other areas where domestic wells and SWSs are present in the County. Figure 3-8 presents mapping that was developed as part of the Inyo County Wildfire Protection Plan updated in 2024. This mapping shows similar risk in the areas mentioned within the WSVE Tool, with risk throughout the Owens Valley.



Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed: 11/2025

Figure 3-6. USFS Wildfire Hazard



Source: Inyo County Wildfire Protection Plan

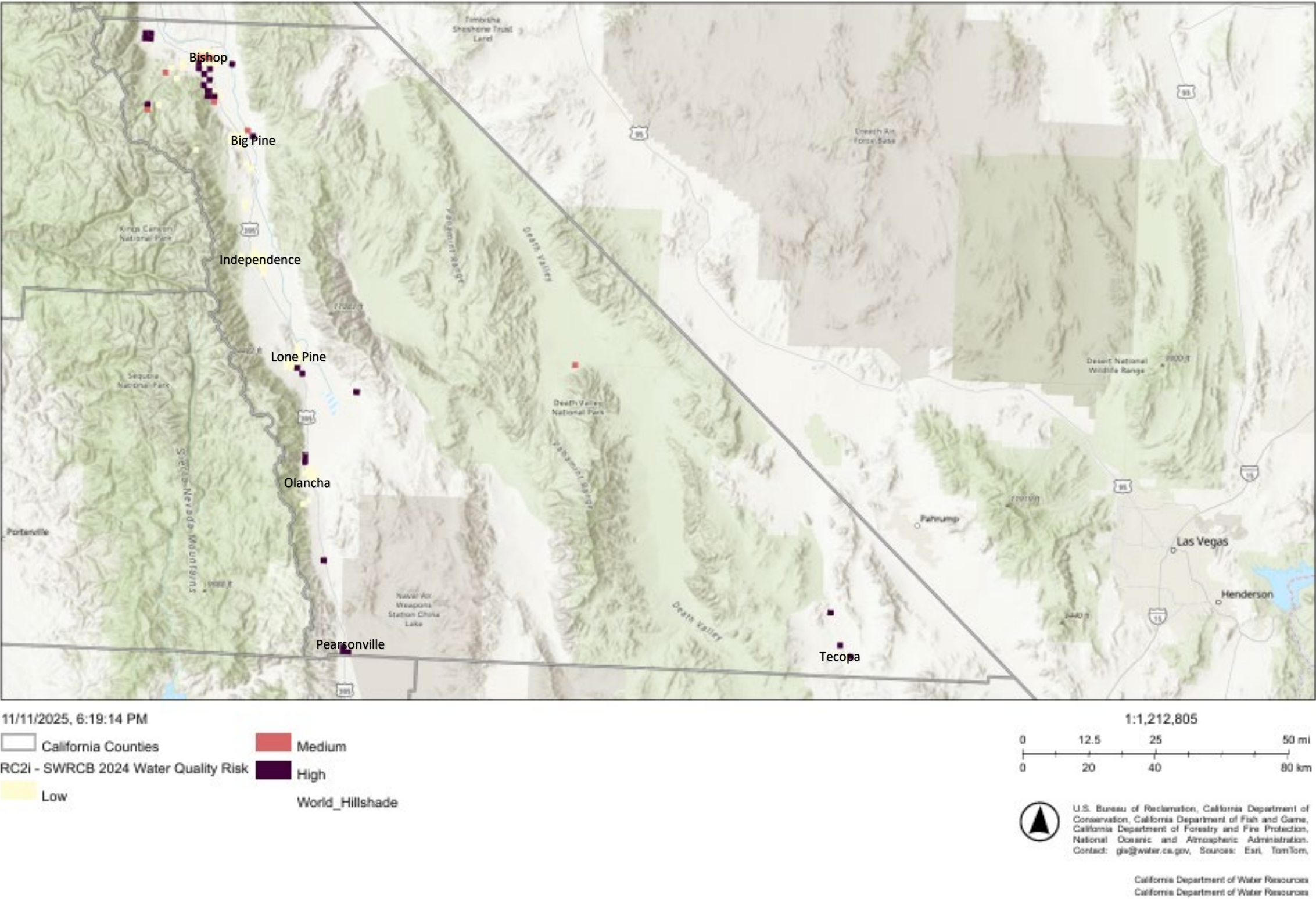
Figure 3-7. Inyo County Wildfire Risk Assessment

3.4.1.4 Water Quality Risk (Groundwater)

The presence of regulated constituents at elevated levels exceeding the prescribed thresholds increases the physical vulnerability of a water supply. Such contaminants can compromise the safety and potability of the water, rendering it unfit for human consumption and various domestic uses. The contaminants may also impact aquatic ecosystems, vegetation, and soil quality. Furthermore, they can cause infrastructure corrosion and damage, impacting the reliability and longevity of water supply systems, and can require costly repairs and maintenance efforts. These factors can all compound to render a domestic well or SSWS unable to deliver safe drinking water.

The water quality risk within the County was characterized using the 2024 Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program's Needs Assessment results. The SAFER Needs Assessment only represents the potential risk of future water quality issues and does not reflect current or impending water quality issues. This SAFER Needs Assessment evaluated the 20-year average of groundwater quality data and the most recent reading from publicly available databases to compare concentrations of potential contaminants. The area was assigned a high water quality risk score if the long-term average or most recent reading for any potential contaminant was above the comparison concentration. The area was assigned a medium water quality risk score if the data was between 80 and 100 percent of the comparison concentration. Anything below 80 percent was assigned a low water quality risk score.

Figure 3-8 shows the 2024 SAFER Needs Assessment results for potential groundwater quality risk for PLSSs where domestic wells and SSWS are present. High potential water quality risk areas are scattered throughout in Bishop, Wilkerson, east of Big Pine, south of Lone Pine/Alabama Hills, Cartago, Round Valley, Aspendell, Keeler, Pearsonville, Tecopa, and Shoshone.



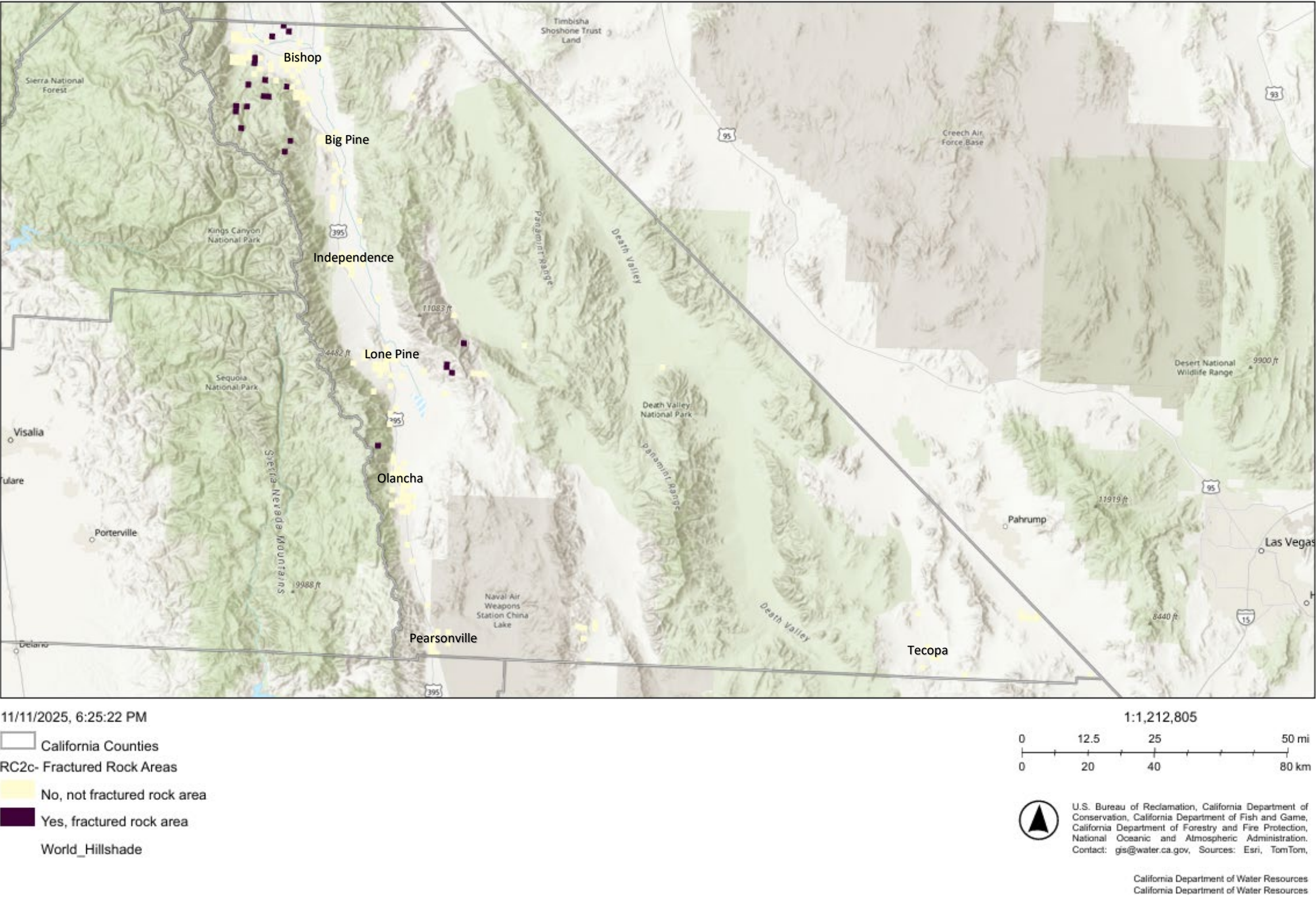
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Figure 3-8. California State Water Resources Control Board 2024 Water Quality Ris

3.4.1.5 *Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility in Fractured Rock Area*

The dry well susceptibility in fractured rock area indicator is based on the concentration of domestic wells within a fractured rock basin. Because water availability is more difficult to track and manage in fractured rock areas, fractured rock areas with a high density of domestic wells are at increased risk of well outages.

Figure 3-10 shows PLSSs where both fractured rock areas and domestic wells are present. Locations with a high density of domestic wells in fractured rock areas include Tungsten Hills, Aspendell, Cerro Gordo, Coats Meadow, Peterson Mill, Mustang Mesa, and Alta Mesa. There is also a small cluster of domestic wells in a fractured rock basin north of Keeler, near the Cerro Gordo Wilderness Area.



Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed: 11/2025

Figure 3-9. Fractured Rock Areas overlaid with Domestic Well Locations

Table 3-3. Summary of Observed Conditions for Water Shortage Vulnerability Explorer Physical Vulnerability Indicators

Physical Vulnerability Indicator	Observed Conditions
Climate Change	
Projected Temperature Change (RC1a)	Temperature values in the County are projected to increase by 3.3°C to 4°C in most areas of the County where domestic wells and SSWs are present. Increased temperatures could increase water supply demands from users, evapotranspiration, and others, thereby increasing vulnerability to drought and/or water shortage impacts.
Wildfire Risk (RC1c)	County projections show a 3% to 28% increase in small-area burns where domestic wells and SSWs are present by 2064. Despite negligible fire susceptibility in most areas, the projected increase in burn frequency and size, even in small areas, warrants inclusion in the vulnerability assessment due to the inherent high risks involved. Increasing wildfire frequency and severity can increase vulnerability of water sources.
Sea Level Rise (RC1b)	The County is protected from sea level rise due to its inland location.
Current Environmental Conditions and Events	
2024 Precipitation (RC2a)	This data is based on precipitation data from 2024 and assesses whether precipitation was less than 70% of the normal levels recorded in 2023. The results indicate that 2024 precipitation levels remained above the historic average in most of the County with the exception of Peterson Mill, Aspendell, and Big Pine where below-average precipitation was recorded.
Multiple Dry Years (RC2aa)	A majority of the County has experienced at least one to two dry years. Areas with two dry years include City of Bishop, Tungsten Hills/Rocking K, Round Valley, Mustang Mesa, Aspendell, Keeler, Pearsonville, Tecopa/Charleston View/Sykes. Additionally, Big Pine/Big Pine Creek and Wilkerson have experienced up to three dry years. A higher number of recent dry years may increase the physical vulnerability of water supply conditions.
Fractured Rock Areas (RC2c)	Locations with a high density of domestic wells in fractured rock areas include Tungsten Hills, Aspendell, Cerro Gordo, Coats Meadow, Peterson Mill, Mustang Mesa, and Alta Mesa. Water availability in fractured rock areas is more difficult to monitor and, therefore, more uncertain for those relying on it as a source of water. Areas with fractured rock are considered due to high susceptibility to drought impacts.
Wildfire Hazard (RC2b)	Domestic wells and SSWs in the County are generally located in areas designated as high to very high wildfire hazard zones. Domestic wells and SSWs with the greatest wildfire hazard potential are located in Round Valley, Tungsten Hills, Independence, and Lone Pine.

Physical Vulnerability Indicator	Observed Conditions
Water Quality Risk (RC2i)	High potential water quality risk areas are located in or near Round Valley, Bishop/Wilkerson, Aspendell, Big Pine, Lone Pine/Alabama Hills, Keeler, Cartago, Pearsonville, Tecopa, and Shoshone. This indicator illustrates where long-term or recent constituent concentrations may approach or exceed comparison thresholds and therefore signal potential vulnerability, rather than documented contamination.
Subsidence (RC2d)	Minor subsidence (0 to 0.1feet) in the County has been reported with no documentation of inelastic (irreversible) land subsidence related to groundwater pumping.
Overdrafted Basin (RC2f)	A portion of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin (6-054), which is a high-priority basin and in a state of overdraft, crosses into the very southwestern region of the County.
Groundwater Decline (RC2g)	Analysis of groundwater levels from 2004-2024 indicates that, for most areas of the County, there has been no significant chronic decline in groundwater. However, some declines have been observed over the past decade in the northern portion of the County between the areas of Big Pine and Lone Pine. Although these declines are not widespread, they still suggest increased vulnerability to groundwater supply reliability.
Amount of Irrigated Agriculture (RC2j)	The County features farmland throughout the Owens Valley, with clusters around Mustang Mesa, the City of Bishop, Big Pine/Fish Springs, Independence, Lone Pine/Alabama Hills, and Olancho. The presence of agricultural activities in these zones suggest potential competition for groundwater resources, along with concerns about water quality. These factors collectively heighten the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWs, particularly during dry periods when agriculture users tend to rely more heavily on groundwater. A significant risk to agriculture in the region is the potential failure of LADWP to deliver water to lessees during drought conditions. In 2015, there was a threat of such action with only three days' notice. If such actions were enacted, the lack of water delivery could disrupt cattle operations, potentially leading to financial losses through reductions in herd size. Additionally, drought conditions adversely affect the quality and quantity of grazing on non-irrigated rangeland, thus increasing the risk of fire due to the presence of more combustible material.

Physical Vulnerability Indicator	Observed Conditions
Infrastructure Susceptibility	
Dry Well Susceptibility in Basins: Alluvial Basin (RC3a)	This factor analyzes locations where wells are susceptible to going dry if the current groundwater trends in the County continue. Data shows an overall low dry well susceptibility in the County. However, the County Water Department communicated reports of dry wells in the western portion of the City of Bishop. Although most properties with dry wells re-drilled their wells to the deeper aquifer, some households still rely on the shallow aquifer access. Areas that have already experienced outages are more likely to experience it during future dry years due to combinations of aquifer fluctuations and shallow wells.
Domestic Well Density in Fractured Rock Area (RC3b)	Locations with a higher density of domestic wells in fractured rock areas include Tungsten Hills, Aspendell, Cerro Gordo, Coats Meadow, Peterson Mill, Mustang Mesa, and Alta Mesa. Water availability in fractured rock areas is more difficult to monitor and, therefore, more uncertain for those relying on it as a source of water.

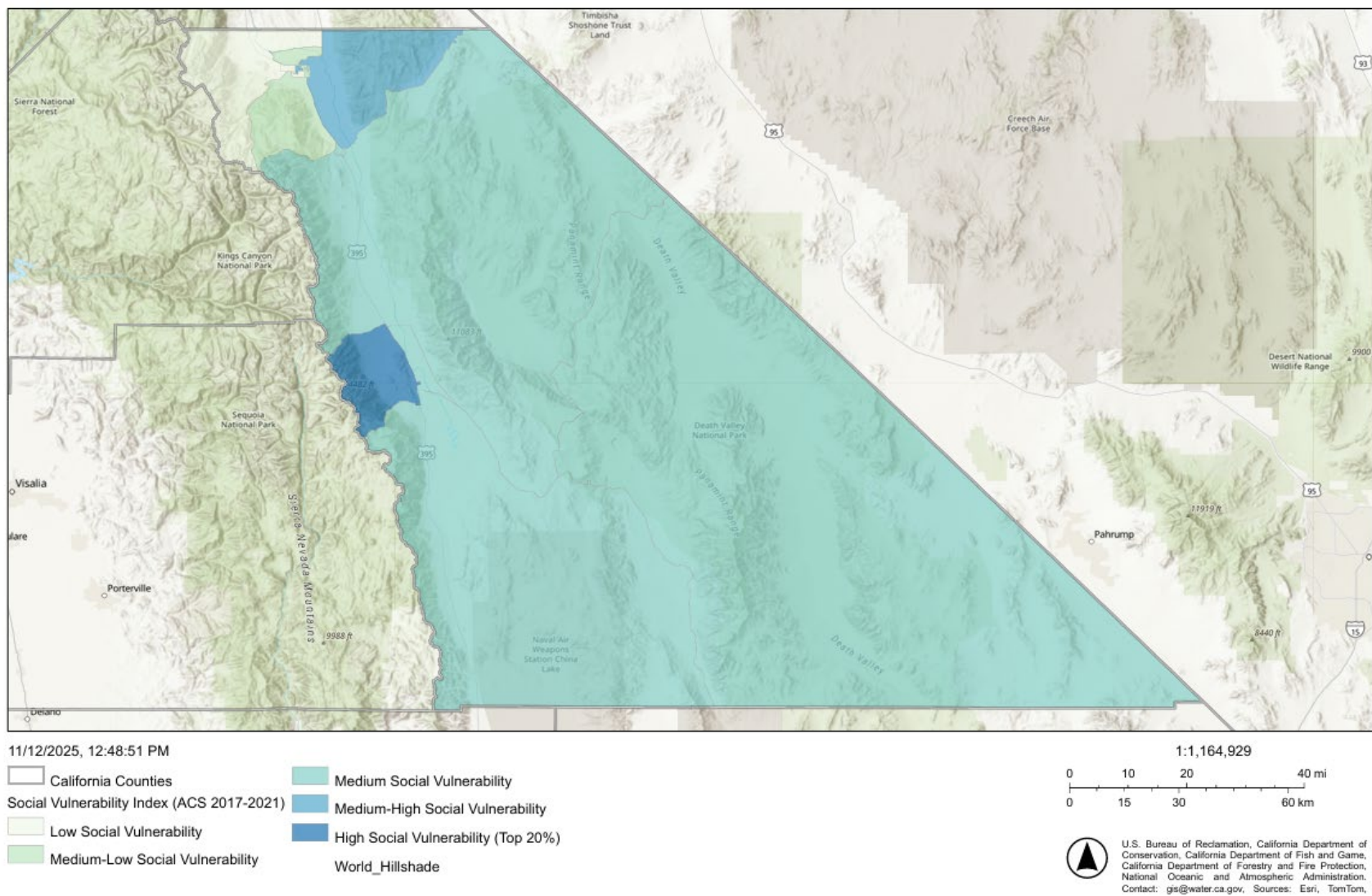
Key:

CalFire = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

LADWP = Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

3.4.2 Total Social Vulnerability Scores

Social vulnerability is also an important factor in assessing the risk of water supply shortage and the need for mitigation through short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies. Total social vulnerability scores in the County are depicted in Figure 3-11, with darker shaded areas indicating higher vulnerabilities. According to the WSVE Tool, most of the County has medium social vulnerability. It is important to note that total social vulnerability scores are organized by census block groups, which can encompass multiple communities with varying social vulnerability characteristics. Additionally, the social vulnerability score does not consider geographical isolation. The County has many small, remote communities where physical access to services introduces additional social vulnerability that is not accounted for in this scoring.



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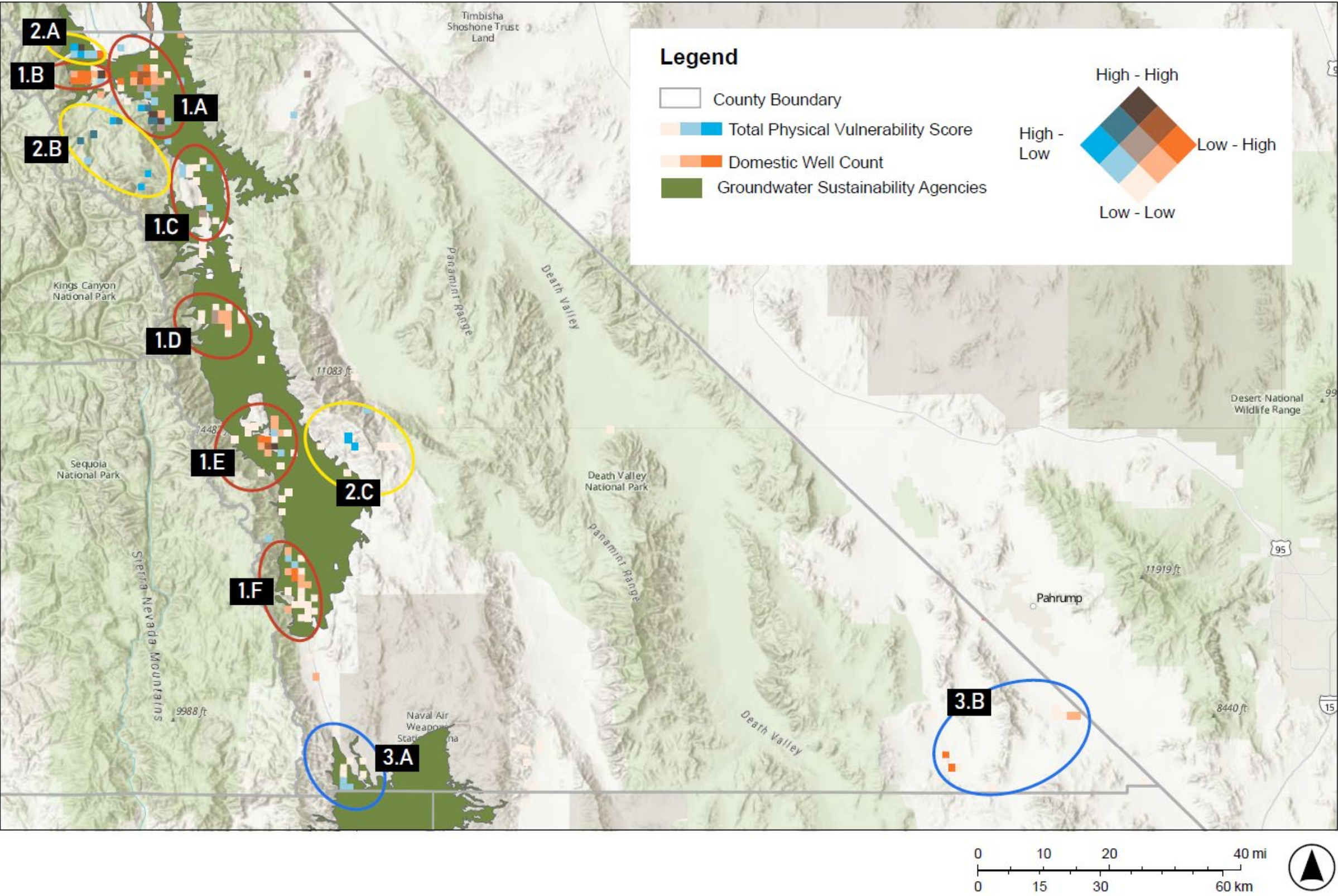
Figure 3-10. Social Vulnerability by Census Block Group in Inyo County

3.5 Risk Assessment Findings

The risk assessment determined that communities reliant upon domestic wells and SSWs and vulnerable to water shortage can be organized into three strategic geographic focus areas: Owens Valley communities; fractured rock areas; and isolated low population domestic well communities. Specific locations within those geographic focus areas and their physical and social vulnerability findings are summarized in Table 3-4 and presented in Figure 3-10. These geographic focus areas were used by the County and its Task Force to develop short-term actions and long-term strategies for addressing water shortage risk among domestic wells and SSWs across the County.

Table 3-4. Summary of Risk Assessment Findings in Inyo County, by Focus Area

At-Risk Focus Areas	Label	Location	Indicator Weight	Physical Vulnerability Indicators					Social Vulnerability Score
				<i>Proj. Temp- erature Increase</i>	<i>Multiple Dry Years</i>	<i>Wildfire Hazard</i>	<i>Water Quality</i>	<i>Dry Well Susceptibility - Fractured Rock Area</i>	
				1	2	3	3	5	
Owens Valley Communities	1.A	City of Bishop/Wilkerson		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Low, Medium-Low, Medium, Medium-High
	1.B	Tungsten Hills/ Rocking K		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Medium-Low
	1.C	Big Pine/Fish Springs/ Big Pine Creek		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Medium-High
	1.D	Independence		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Medium-High
	1.E	Lone Pine/Alabama Hills		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	High
	1.F	Cartago/Olancha		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Medium
Fractured Rock Areas	2.A	Round Valley/Mustang Mesa		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium-Low
	2.B	Aspendell/ Bishop Creek/Peterson Mill		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Medium-Low, Medium-High
	2.C	Keeler/Cerro Gordo		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Medium-High
Isolated, Low Population Domestic Well Communities	3.A	Pearsonville		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Medium
	3.B	Tecopa/Charleston View/Sykes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Medium-High



Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed: 11/2025

Figure 3-11. Focus Areas for At-Risk Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems

3.6 Risk Assessment Gaps

Understanding the risk assessment gaps is important for capturing where physical and social vulnerabilities may exist that are not captured effectively using the methodology applied. These data gaps will also help identify where future efforts could be focused to improve future risk assessments. Identifying data gaps allows communities to develop long-term continuous monitoring and improvement plans. This proactive approach helps build resilience over time. The following gaps were identified by the County and Task Force during the completion of the risk assessment:

Domestic Well Data and Well Completion Reports: The County noted that the count of domestic wells on the WSVE Tool is incomplete. Because the County DRP relied on well completion report data to evaluate the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWSs to water shortages, incomplete or inaccurate well data can limit the precision of those analyses. DWR maintains an online database of well completion reports, which includes information such as well type, depth, and location. However, the database contains known limitations, including missing or duplicate records, inaccurate coordinates, and the inclusion of abandoned or replaced wells. Online databases could be updated using digitized County forms and local knowledge. The County indicated the need for more complete and accurate data regarding the location of active domestic wells.

Dry Well Reports: The County noted that some areas surrounding and within the City of Bishop have experienced significant and ongoing challenges related to dry wells that were not indicated on the WSVE Tool at the time of this risk assessment. The County noted that such outages are primarily related to the age of the affected wells, though drought conditions may exacerbate these vulnerabilities. DWR's online dry well reporting system allows well owners to voluntarily report well failures; however, participation is limited, and as a result, the prevalence of dry wells may be underrepresented in State and regional datasets. To improve data completeness, the County has incorporated measures into its well permitting process requiring applicants to indicate whether a new well is being installed due to drought impacts. County staff also encourage or assist applicants in submitting reports to DWR's dry well reporting system.

4.0 Short-Term Response Actions

The risk assessment presented in [Chapter 3](#) provided insight into County areas supplied by domestic wells and SSWs that may be susceptible to droughts and water shortages, what may happen, and who may be impacted. Based on the outcomes of that assessment, the Task Force identified short-term response actions (STRA) to include in the County DRP to help address the effects of water shortage emergencies that could occur in the vulnerable regions of the County. The identified STRAs are not exhaustive and may be modified in the future. In the context of this County DRP, STRAs are defined as actions taken during and after a water shortage emergency to reduce the impacts of existing and ongoing drought and water shortage impacts, often addressing immediate and basic needs.

This section describes the STRAs included in the County DRP and the Drought and Water Shortage Emergency Response Process developed as part of the County DRP to assist with implementing STRAs.

4.1 Legislative Direction

SB 552 requires that each county develop a drought and water shortage plan that includes proposed interim solutions for SSWs and domestic wells, per CWC Section 10609.70 (**boldface** added for emphasis as related to STRAs and this section of the County DRP):

(b) A county shall develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction. The plan may be a stand-alone document or may be included as an element in an existing county plan, such as a local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operations plan, climate action plan, or general plan. A county shall consult with its drought task force or alternative coordinating process as established by this section in developing its plan. A county shall consider, at a minimum, all of the following in its plan:

- (1) Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells.*
- (2) Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs.*
- (3) Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions.*
- (4) An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan.*
- (5) An analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan*

4.2 Drought or Water Shortage Declarations

Risk for water shortage in the County is primarily monitored by the County Water Department with support from the County EHD. Water shortage response coordination, communication, staffing, and resourcing are overseen by the County OEM. Risk for water shortage in the County is organized into three stages:

Readiness (Stage 1): No major drought or water shortage risk is present. This stage focuses on emergency response preparedness and the implementation of long-term mitigation strategies.

Alert (Stage 2): Water supplies are at risk due to drought or other disaster. This stage focuses on STRA readiness, public communications, and coordination with emergency response partners.

Response (Stage 3): Water shortage is occurring or imminent, and a state of emergency is declared in impacted communities. This stage focuses on activating STRAs to reduce the impacts of existing and ongoing drought and water shortage impacts, often addressing immediate and basic needs.

The water shortage stages are informed by an annual water supply assessment conducted by the County Water Department with support from the County EHD. The assessment uses a predefined set of water supply, drought, and hazard indicators and indicator conditions to support a water shortage stage recommendation. Table 4-1 below details these indicators and the conditions that could trigger elevation to the Alert (Stage 2) or Response (Stage 3) stage. The information in this table is not exhaustive and is intended to describe the primary indicators the County relies upon at the time of this County DRP. Other indicators and indicator conditions may be developed by the County in the future as conditions evolve or as needs change.

The annual water supply assessment is completed each April, after winter precipitation has fallen. The County Water Department reports its findings to the Task Force at an annual meeting each May and, in instances where conditions for the Alert stage (Stage 2) or Response Stage (Stage 3) are met, the County presents a determination of geographic impact, specifying if the stage applies to only specific region(s) or the entire County. The Task Force—chaired by the County Office of Emergency Management—then oversees the implementation of STRAs and establishes a meeting schedule.

To create an enabling environment for the efficient and effective implementation of STRAs, the Task Force established key Task Force activities for each water shortage stage and the lead entities responsible for overseeing them. These activities are detailed in Table 4-2.

Table 4-1. Indicators and Indicator Condition for Determining Water Shortage Stages for Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems in Inyo County

	Indicator Name	Indicator Description	Conditions Warranting Alert Stage Designation	Conditions Warranting Response Stage Designation
Overall Water Supply Indicators	U.S. Drought Monitor	The U.S. Drought Monitor is a map updated every Thursday that classifies drought conditions across the State into none, Abnormally Dry, Moderate, Severe, Extreme, and Exceptional. Drought status assignments are based on several climate, weather, and hydrology inputs across different time spans on the scale of 1 to 60 months. The Drought Monitor differentiates between short- and long-term drought; short-term is typically less than 6 months, whereas long-term is typically more than 6 months. The County can use this resource to understand the prevalence and severity of drought within the County.	The County should reference previous droughts to determine what drought status warrants entering the Alert stage. In the 2012–2016 drought, over 80% of the County was in Severe drought for the first 2 years. Beginning in 2014, 50% of the County was in Extreme drought. If a “Severe drought” status is assigned to areas of the County where domestic wells and SSWSs are located, the County should heighten its monitoring of other indicators and consider entering the Alert stage for the affected area.	An Extreme or Exceptional drought classification may not solely indicate that a water shortage emergency is occurring or is imminent for domestic wells or SSWSs. The County should heighten its monitoring of other indicators if Extreme or Exceptional drought exists in the County.
	Snowpack/Precipitation	Snowpack and precipitation data from DWR’s California Water Watch and LADWP snow surveys are critical indicators of water availability in the Sierra region and Owens Valley of the County.	If the snowpack is below average for the water year, the County should heighten its monitoring of other indicators.	Below-average snowpack does not solely indicate that a water shortage emergency is occurring or is imminent for domestic wells or SSWSs. The County should heighten its monitoring of other indicators if the snowpack is significantly below average.
	Public Water System Water Shortage Stage	Public Water Systems are required to maintain a water shortage contingency plan (or have one within an Urban Water Management Plan) that specifies stages of water shortage tied to projected water supply shortfalls. The water shortage stages that public water systems use may be a proxy for overall drought conditions within the County.	If a public water system begins implementing use restrictions due to drought, the County should consider the potential impact on domestic wells and SSWSs that draw from the same groundwater supplies. If a potential impact on domestic wells and SSWSs is identified, the County may consider entering the Alert stage for the impacted area.	A water shortage contingency plan must include an Emergency Stage that is only used when water supply shortages are imminent. If a public water system in the County is in an Emergency Stage, the County may consider entering the Impact stage, especially if these systems use the same groundwater supplies.
Groundwater Supply Indicators	Groundwater Elevation	Monitoring wells throughout the County are critical indicators of groundwater availability in Bulletin 118 groundwater basins. In the Owens Valley, the OVGA Groundwater Sustainability Agency, LADWP, and the County Water Department monitor groundwater elevation. LADWP reports on groundwater elevation findings—as well as runoff forecasts, winter precipitation received, and pumping projects for the coming year—in its annual operations plan, submitted to the County each April. IWVGA is responsible for monitoring groundwater elevation in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin and reports its findings in its annual report published each April. Groundwater elevation monitoring in the County’s other basins is conducted by a variety of different users, including public water systems, private well owners, agricultural users, and others.	If groundwater elevation monitoring reports levels that are below what is considered normal or projects levels to be below normal, the County should consider the potential impact on domestic wells and SSWSs. The County may consider entering the Alert stage and heightening its monitoring of other indicators.	If groundwater elevation monitoring reports result in the implementation of response actions to avoid water shortages, the County may consider entering the Impact stage.
	Drought-Related New Well Permits	The County well permit forms ask the well owner to report if the request is drought-related. An observed increase in drought-related well permit applications (both domestic and others) is an important indicator for potential water shortage among domestic well and SSWS users.	If the County receives a drought-related well permit application, it should consider whether the cause is due to an isolated issue (i.e., shallow well, aging infrastructure). If the cause is not due to an isolated issue, the County may consider entering the Alert stage and heightening its monitoring of other indicators.	If the County receives more than 1 drought-related well permit application in a single area or groundwater basin during a single water year, this may indicate water shortage is imminent in nearby domestic wells or SSWSs. This may require entering the Impact stage.
Non-Drought Hazards		There are other hazards that could result in a water shortage, including wildfires, earthquakes, landslides, floods, and power outages (either planned or unplanned), and the County should monitor conditions following a hazardous event. Water supply impacts of some of these hazards can be worsened by drought conditions, and such events can also influence other indicators such as water quality.	Hazards that temporarily interrupt domestic wells or SSWS supplies for up to 2 days could trigger the Alert stage.	Hazards that interrupt domestic wells or SSWS supplies for an extended period (3 or more days), including public safety power shutoffs, could trigger the Impact stage.

4.3 Short-Term Response Actions

STRAs included in the County DRP are summarized in Table 4-2 and described in this section. The section begins with a description of STRAs focused on identifying the mutual aid agreements needed to enhance the efficient and effective delivery of emergency and interim drinking water supplies to domestic well and SSWS communities. Following this is a discussion of the STRAs focused on the delivery of emergency and interim water supplies via bulk water delivery, water filling stations, and packaged or bottled water, and on expedited well permitting that can be enacted during a drought or water shortage emergency. A process for STRA implementation is presented in [Section 4.2](#), while future efforts are addressed in [Chapter 6](#).

Table 4-2. Summary of Short-Term Response Actions During Water Shortage Emergencies

ID	STRA Type	STRA Name	STRA Description	Lead County Agency
STRA 01	Mutual Aid Agreements	Agreements with Partner Organizations	Agreements with private companies that improve the County's readiness to supply packaged and bottled water to domestic well and SSWS users in a water shortage emergency	OEM
STRA 02	Mutual Aid Agreements	Agreements with Public Water Systems	Agreements with public water systems to provide potable water directly to residents (STRA 03) or to licensed water haulers (STRA 04); County to establish mutual aid agreements with City of Bishop and Death Valley National Park to assist in providing the water supplies for bulk water distribution and the water supplies and locations for dedicated water filling stations	OEM
STRA 03	Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Supplies	Dedicated Water Filling Stations	A network of public water systems and water kiosks that could be made available as water filling stations in a water shortage emergency; includes ensuring policies and mutual aid agreements are in place for coordination with public water systems to provide temporary water supplies.	OEM
STRA 04	Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Supplies	Water Hauling to Storage Tanks	Provision of potable water to domestic well and SSWS users via temporary mobile bulk water storage tanks; includes ensuring policies and mutual aid agreements are in place for coordination with public water systems to provide temporary water supplies	OEM
STRA 05	Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Supplies	Packaged or Bottled Water	Acquisition and distribution of packaged and bottled water supplies to domestic well and SSWS users	OEM
STRA 06	Permit Streamlining and Coordination	Expedited New or Replacement Well Approval During Water Shortage	Expedited permitting for well owners whose permit request cites "drought" as the reason for the permit; additionally, permit requests that cite "life, sanitary, or water emergency" can be granted up to 72 hours after drilling work begins	EHD

Key:

EHD = Environmental Health Department

OEM = Office of Emergency Management

STRA = Short-term Response Actions

4.3.1 Mutual Aid Agreements (STRA 01 and STRA 02)

Efficient implementation of STRAs requires coordination and cooperation with other entities beyond those within the County government. A mutual aid agreement is an arrangement established before an emergency through which one or more entities provide personnel, equipment, materials, and/or associated services to restore critical operations during an emergency. A mutual aid agreement clearly describes how the involved entities would engage with each other during a water shortage emergency, along with their roles and responsibilities. Mutual aid agreements with public water systems are included in the County DRP as STRA 01 and with other community partners as STRA 02.

Mutual aid agreements recommended for efficient activation of STRAs are outlined in Table 4-3, including the entities, the nature of the mutual aid, and the principal parties that would be involved in or impacted by such an agreement.

Table 4-3. Mutual Aid Agreements Identified to Support Activation of Short-Term Response Actions, as of February 2025

Entities	Support Type	Description of Services	Involved or Impacted Parties
City of Bishop (Water System No. CA1410001)	STRA 03: Dedicated water filling station	Emergency drinking water to domestic well users in and around Wilkerson, the City of Bishop, Tungsten Hills, and Rocking K	(1) City of Bishop (2) SSWS: - Saniger Apartments - R&V Water Company - McMurray Apartments - Desiderata Estates Mutual Water Company - Steed Water System - Tooley's Mobile Home Park - Rocking K Guest Ranch (3) County, on behalf of domestic well users
Big Pine Community Services District (Water System No. CA1410006)	STRA 03: Dedicated water filling station	Emergency drinking water to domestic well users in and around Big Pine, Fish Springs, and Big Pine Creek	(1) Big Pine Community Services District (2) County, on behalf of domestic well users
Death Valley National Park Service (Water System No. CA1410505)	STRA 03: Dedicated water filling station	Dedicated water filling station for domestic well users in Death Valley National Park	(1) U.S. National Park Service (2) County, on behalf of domestic well users
China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station (Water System No. CA1510703)	STRA 03: Dedicated water filling station	Dedicated water filling station to domestic well users in and around Pearsonville	(1) U.S. Navy (2) County, on behalf of domestic well users
Crystal Geyser Water Company	STRA 05: Packaged or Bottled Water	Emergency packaged or bottled water to domestic well and SSWS users in Cartago, Olancho, and surrounding areas	(1) Crystal Geyser Water Company (2) County, on behalf of domestic well users

Key:

STRA = Short-term Response Actions

SSWS = State Small Water System

4.3.2 Dedicated Water Filling Stations (STRA 03)

During a water shortage emergency, domestic well or SSWS users could access potable water at dedicated water filling stations owned and operated by public water systems or other public agencies. These water filling stations are at established locations that would provide potable water to domestic well or SSWS users who bring a container to be filled. Dedicated water filling stations are included as an STRA in the County DRP as STRA 03.

The Task Force identified the following systems as potentially available dedicated water filling stations during a water shortage emergency:

- Lone Pine Public Water System (CA1410009) is one of two public water systems owned and operated by the County Department of Public Works. This water system could serve as a water filling station to provide emergency drinking water supplies to domestic well and SSWS users in the surrounding area in the event of a water shortage emergency.
- The Independence Public Water System (CA1410008) is one of two public water systems owned and operated by the County Department of Public Works. Like the Lone Pine Public Water System, this system could serve as a water filling station to provide emergency drinking water to domestic well and SSWS users in the surrounding area in the event of a water shortage emergency.
- The Southern Inyo Fire Protection District manages a water kiosk in Tecopa overseen by the California Department of Public Health Food and Drug Branch. The Fire District serves the southeastern corner of the County, and its service area boundary includes Death Valley, Tecopa, Shoshone, and Charleston View. Its service area boundary is illustrated below in Figure 4-1.

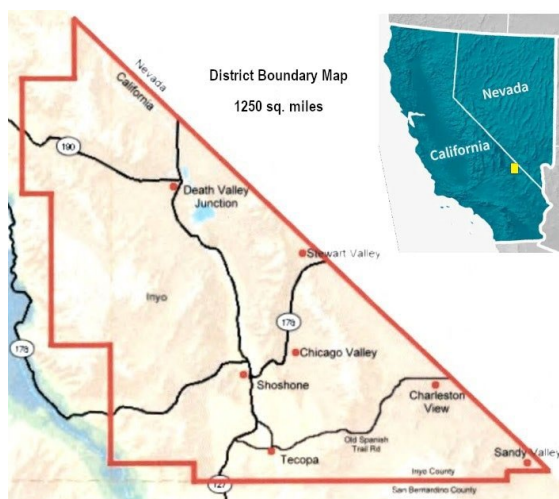


Figure 4-1. Southern Inyo Fire District Boundary

The Task Force identified three additional water systems where dedicated water filling stations may be feasible, described below. There are no existing agreements in place to establish water filling stations at these systems; however, the Task Force understands that establishing such agreements would improve resilience to water shortage emergencies. More details about these and other proposed agreements to enhance the readiness of emergency drinking water supplies in the County are provided in [Section 4.3.1](#).

- The City of Bishop (CA1410001) produces and delivers water for consumption, irrigation, and fire suppression from three wells, and may be able to serve as a water filling station to domestic well and SSWS users in the communities of Wilkerson, Tungsten Hills, Rocking K, and the City of Bishop.
- Death Valley National Park's Furnace Creek Visitor Center is identified in the County Emergency Operations Plan as an alternate Emergency Operations Center (Inyo County 2016). The Visitor Center receives water from a community water system (CA1410505) that could be available to function as a dedicated water filling station for domestic well users in Death Valley National Park.
- Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake owns and operates a community water system (CA1510703) that produces and delivers potable water for commercial and residential use. The system is supplied by numerous wells as well as an intertie with Indian Wells Valley Water District in Kern County and may be available to function as a dedicated water filling station for domestic well users in nearby Pearsonville.

Table 4-4 provides a summary of all domestic well and SSWS communities that could benefit from water filling stations and other sources of emergency drinking water supplies described below.

4.3.3 Water Hauling to Storage Tanks (STRA 04)

Water hauling involves the bulk transportation of drinking water by tanker trucks from a safe drinking water source to a storage tank in an impacted community. There are three types of water hauling contracts; each can be structured by individual SSWS or domestic wells or by the County directly (Cal OES 2014):

- A direct purchase order and delivery of a specific amount of potable water to a specific location, community, or water system
- A transportation contract for moving potable water between water systems or sources as requested
- A service contract for a contractor to supply bulk potable water and storage capacity at the receiving location, community, or water system

Water hauling is included as a STRA in the County DRP as STRA 04.

The California Department of Public Health Food and Drug Branch (CDPH-FDB) oversees the licensing of water haulers in the State and can assist with the identification of licensed water haulers in the event of an emergency. As of February 2025, there are no licensed haulers registered in the County, and the County is not aware of any existing, safe, and accessible water storage tanks that could receive and store potable water from a hauler during a water shortage emergency. As such, the County identified the following opportunities to leverage water hauling to provide emergency and interim drinking water supplies in the event of a water shortage emergency:

- The California National Guard maintains water buffaloes (500-gallon storage tanks or trailers) that may be available in limited numbers. Due to their small capacity, the buffaloes should only be used to support evacuation efforts and immediate crises (Cal OES 2014).
- The County may establish new agreements with licensed haulers in neighboring counties or in Nevada. The CDPH-FDB database is updated regularly with contact information of licensed haulers in the State (CDPH 2025).

4.3.4 Packaged or Bottled Water (STRA 05)

In areas where the dedicated water filling stations and water hauling are not available, the County would provide packaged or bottled water (i.e., 1- to 5-gallon jugs and individual bottled waters) to affected domestic well and SSWS users. Packaged or bottled water delivery is included as a STRA in the County DRP as STRA 05.

Packaged or bottled water would be sourced from the vendors described below and distributed at County emergency operations centers in Bishop, Independence, and Death Valley (Inyo County 2016). In instances where travel to emergency operations centers is impeded or prohibitively distant, alternative points of distribution would be established by County OEM. All vendors must be approved by CDPH-FDB as commercial bottled water vendors. A list of approved commercial bottled water vendors is maintained by CDPH-FDB (CalOES 2014).

- Crystal Geyser Water Company has a water bottling plant in Olancho, in the southwestern region of the County. Crystal Geyser has volunteered emergency drinking water supplies during recent natural disasters in 2023 (Hurricane Hillary) and 2024 (the Olancho Fire), and could be a source of packaged and bottled emergency drinking water for domestic well and SSWS users in Olancho, Cartago, and the surrounding area in a water shortage emergency. There are no formal agreements between the County and Crystal Geyser, but developing one is part of the anticipated mutual aid agreements described in [Section 4.3.1](#).
- Water in 1- and 5-gallon jugs may be purchased from local retail outlets (e.g., Grocery Outlet) and stored in County facilities.
- In instances where the State has declared a drought or water shortage emergency, the County can request urgent (12-hour) deliveries of packaged and bottled water in various sizes via the Statewide Bottled-Water Contract. The Department of General Services maintains the Statewide Bottled-Water Contract and establishes multiple suppliers for each of the six Cal OES mutual aid regions (Cal OES 2014).

4.3.5 Expedited New or Replacement Well Approval During Water Shortage (STRA 06)

As drought or water shortage conditions worsen and the production or quality of water at domestic wells or SSWSs declines, well owners may be able to install a new well or rehabilitate an existing one to ensure continued water supply reliability. Within the County's authority, streamlining the permitting process for activities such as new well construction or existing well rehabilitation for domestic well or SSWS users can provide relief during an ongoing water shortage. Permit streamlining and coordination are included in the County DRP as STRA 06.

The County has implemented an expedited permitting process for well owners and can usually approve new or rehabilitated well permit requests that cite drought as the reason for the request within a few days of submission. Additionally, permit requests that cite "life, sanitary, or water emergency" can be granted up to 72 hours after drilling work begins. This expedited process does not relax permitting criteria related to water supply, such as proximity to other wells or water quality. Not appropriately considering water supply criteria could worsen a water supply shortage for other groundwater users or exacerbate an ongoing water shortage.

One barrier to the effectiveness of this STRA in alleviating a water shortage emergency is the lack of licensed well drillers in the region. In the past, this has resulted in a multiple-month wait, which during a water shortage emergency could result in a water supply shortage. To improve the effectiveness of this STRA, the County has included increasing the number of licensed well drillers as a long-term mitigation strategy. This is discussed in [Chapter 5](#).

Table 4-4. Summary of Local Emergency Drinking Water Supplies for Physically Vulnerable Domestic Wells and State Small Water Systems

Domestic Well/SSWS Communities with Water Shortage Vulnerability	Label	Location	Emergency Water Supply	Partnering Agency
Owens Valley Communities	1.A	City of Bishop/ Wilkerson	Dedicated water filling stations	City of Bishop
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	1.B	Tungsten Hills/ Rocking K	Dedicated water filling stations	City of Bishop
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	1.C	Big Pine/Fish Springs/ Big Pine Creek	Dedicated water filling stations	Inyo County PWD: Independence <u>or</u> Big Pine CSD
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	1.D	Independence	Dedicated water filling stations	Inyo County PWD: Independence
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	1.E	Lone Pine/Alabama Hills	Dedicated water filling stations	Inyo County PWD: Lone Pine
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	1.F	Cartago/Olancha	Packaged and bottled water supplies	Crystal Geyser <u>or</u> County OEM
			Water hauling to storage tanks	Certified water hauler <u>or</u> California National Guard water tanks

Domestic Well/SSWS Communities with Water Shortage Vulnerability				
	Label	Location	Emergency Water Supply	Partnering Agency
Fractured Rock Areas	2.A	Round Valley/ Mustang Mesa	Dedicated water filling stations	City of Bishop
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	2.B	Aspendell/ Bishop Creek/ Peterson Mill	Dedicated water filling stations	City of Bishop
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
	2.C	Keeler/Cerro Gordo	Packaged and bottled water supplies	Crystal Geyser <u>or</u> County OEM
			Water hauling	California National Guard water tanks
Isolated, Low Population Domestic Well Communities	3.A	Pearsonville	Dedicated water filling stations	Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	Crystal Geyser or County OEM
	3.B	Tecopa/Charleston View/ Sykes	Dedicated water filling stations	Southern Inyo Fire District
			Packaged and bottled water supplies	Crystal Geyser <u>or</u> County OEM

Key:

OEM = Office of Emergency Management

PWD = Public Works Department

Table 4-5. Contact Information for Organizations Involved in Implementation of Short-Term Response Actions

Organization	Point of Contact and Information <i>As of May 2025</i> <i>(subject to change)</i>	Comment
County Office of Emergency Management	ready@inyocounty.us	Primary coordination point for emergency management activities
Inyo County Water Department	Holly Alpert, PhD Halpert@inyocounty.us	
County Environmental Health Department	Sarah Petersen, Senior REHS (760) 878-8489 spetersen@inyocounty.us	
Inyo County Public Works Department: Independence Water System	168 N. Edwards Street Independence, CA 95326 (760) 878-0208 kpaterson@inyocounty.us	Inyo County Public Works Department owns and operates this water system.
Inyo County Public Works Department: Lone Pine Water System	168 N. Edwards Street Independence, CA 95326 (760) 878-0208 kpaterson@inyocounty.us	Inyo County Public Works Department owns and operates this water system.
Southern Inyo Fire Protection District	410 Tecopa Hot Springs Road, Tecopa, CA 92389 (760) 852-4130	Maintains and manages the Tecopa water kiosk
Death Valley National Park	579 Cow Creek Road Death Valley, CA 92328 (760) 786-3261	Listed on State's certified water hauler list
CDPH-FDB	1500 Capitol Avenue, MS 7602 Sacramento, CA 95814 (800) 495-3232	Manages the State's certified water hauler list
Cal OES	3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, CA 95655 (916) 845-8510	Provides coordination, guidance, and assistance in the planning, response, and recovery for all disasters within the State.

Key

CDPH-FDB = California Department of Public Health – Food and Drug Branch

Cal OES = California Office of Emergency Services

5.0 Long-Term Mitigation Strategies and Actions

The risk assessment presented in [Chapter 3](#) provided insight into County areas supplied by domestic wells and SSWs that may be susceptible to droughts and water shortages, what may happen, and who may be impacted. Using that information, the Task Force identified long-term mitigation strategies and actions (LTMSA) to reduce vulnerability to drought and water shortage events. When implemented, LTMSA can reduce the extent and cost of emergency response actions but cannot eliminate the need for emergency response actions.

The LTMSA in this County DRP are not exhaustive and may be modified in the future. The LTMSA described in this section of the County DRP will be implemented at the discretion of the County.

5.1 Legislative Direction

SB 552 requires that each county develop a drought and water shortage plan that covers long-term solutions for SSWs and domestic wells, per CWC Section 10609.70 (**boldface** added for emphasis as related to LTMSAs and this section of the County DRP):

(b) A county shall develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for SSWs and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction. The plan may be a stand-alone document or may be included as an element in an existing county plan, such as a local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operations plan, climate action plan, or general plan. A county shall consult with its drought task force or alternative coordinating process as established by this section in developing its plan. A county shall consider, at a minimum, all of the following in its plan:

- (1) Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells.*
- (2) Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs.*
- (3) Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions.*
- (4) An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan.*
- (5) An analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan*

5.2 Long-Term Mitigation Strategies and Actions Included in the Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

The LTMSA included in the County DRP are summarized in Table 5-1. LTMSAs included in the drinking water well mitigation program are described in [Section 5.3](#), and consolidation opportunities for water systems and domestic wells are described in [Section 5.4](#). The ability of regional water infrastructure investments to help address domestic well and SSWS vulnerabilities is detailed in [Section 5.5](#). LTMSAs that address data gaps are discussed in [Section 5.6](#). Future efforts related to LTMSA implementation and challenges are described in [Chapter 6](#). The LTMSAs shown in this table may be updated or replaced as part of future County DRP updates.

Table 5-1. List of Long-Term Mitigation Strategies and Actions Included in the Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan

ID	LTMSA Category and Type	LTMSA Name	LTMSA Description	Leading County Agency
LTMSA 01	Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program	Well Permit Reviews	County will continue implementing and adaptively managing its well permitting review process.	EHD
LTMSA 02	Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program	Well Registration	County will continue supporting the implementation of the OVGA Well Registration Program for groundwater extraction facilities in the Owens Valley.	ICWD
LTMSA 03	Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program	Well Monitoring Outreach and Education	County will continue its well monitoring outreach and education program and pursue opportunities to expand program reach by collaborating with other County departments, GSAs, and community-based organizations.	EHD
LTMSA 04	Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program	Water Conservation Retrofits	County will continue its water conservation outreach efforts and maintain educational information on its website.	EHD
LTMSA 05	Drinking Water Well Mitigation Program	Water Storage and Power Generator Installation	County will provide education and resources to SSWS users regarding the value of bulk water and/or power generator installation for emergency preparedness.	EHD
LTMSA 06	System Consolidations	System Consolidations	County will provide information to interested systems and Technical Assistance providers as part of the consolidation evaluation process.	EHD
LTMSA 07	Regional Water Infrastructure Investment	Regional Planning Integration	County will participate when updates or modifications to regional and/or County plans are occurring and provide the perspective of domestic well and SSWS communities, and support opportunities to integrate the findings, actions, and strategies of this County DRP into the plans.	EHD
LTMSA 08	Data Gaps	Well Completion Reports	County will periodically review the well completion report dataset and coordinate with DWR and domestic well owners (if necessary) to update and correct well completion data.	EHD
LTMSA 09	Data Gaps	Dry Well Reporting	County will continue soliciting information about drought effects on its well permit application and encouraging applicants to submit a report to the online dry well reporting system.	EHD

Key:

DRP = Drought Resilience Plan

DWR = Department of Water Resources

EHD = Environmental Health Department

GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ICWD = Inyo County Water District

LTMSA = Long-Term Mitigation Strategy/Action

OVGA = Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

SSWS = State Small Water System

5.3 Drinking Water Well Mitigation Programs

SB 552 requires counties to consider a drinking water well mitigation program in its County DRP. Drinking water well mitigation programs are coordinated efforts to provide technical, financial, and informational support that reduce the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWs to water supply shortages. These programs generally include the following key steps:

- **Identifying Vulnerable Systems:** Locating domestic wells and SSWs at risk of water supply shortages in a risk assessment (see [Chapter 3](#))
- **Program Development:** Creating mitigation programs and related components (outlined in this section)
- **Program Implementation:** Executing programs in collaboration with local and State agencies, as well as the community (see [Chapter 6](#))
- **Ongoing Coordination and Monitoring:** Maintaining interagency coordination and monitoring after implementation, including but not limited to, updates to the risk assessment (see [Section 6.4](#))

The drought and water shortage risk assessment in [Chapter 3](#) is the foundation of the drinking water well mitigation program. It helps define the areas and populations with domestic wells and SSWs with higher vulnerability to water shortage. It also characterizes what conditions may be driving water shortage vulnerabilities. Both can help inform the components of a drinking water well mitigation program.

The risk assessment was used to help select the components of the drinking water well mitigation program documented in this County DRP. Of relevance to the drinking water well mitigation program, the risk assessment found that domestic wells and SSWs in the County do not face significant risk for dry wells, with two exceptions. The first exception is the presence of shallow wells in and around the City of Bishop; the second exception is the presence of domestic wells in fractured rock areas in the communities of Tungsten Hills, Rocking K, Round Valley, Mustang Mesa, Aspendell, Bishop Creek, Peterson Mill, Keeler and Cerro Gordo. This context has informed the County's targeted and proportionate approach to fulfilling this DRP requirement. While the risk of widespread well failures is low, the County remains committed to identifying and supporting vulnerable wells through adaptive and collaborative planning.

This section provides a detailed overview of the drinking water well mitigation programs already in place in the County, and a discussion of how their continuation or expansion by the County will further improve domestic well and SSW resilience. It also includes the addition of one new drinking water well mitigation program related to increasing water storage and power generation infrastructure among SSWs. Taken together, these actions and strategies address water supply vulnerabilities by improving the understanding of groundwater conditions and enhancing the resilience of domestic wells and SSWs. Together, they were designed to support proactive water management and risk mitigation across the County.

5.3.1 Well Permit Reviews (LTMSA 01)

The permitting of new wells, including replacement wells, in areas experiencing water supply vulnerabilities can further stress local groundwater conditions. Applications for new wells and well deepening permits in the County are received and reviewed by County EHD and the Water Department. The well permit application requires the applicant to disclose whether or not the application is being submitted in response to the effects of drought. For applications within the Owens Valley Groundwater

Authority boundary, permits are also reviewed by OVGA staff. The existing permit review process provides a strong foundation for oversight and accountability. If hydrogeologic conditions change, the well permitting review process may be adaptively managed to incorporate future growth or considerations that ensure groundwater resources are managed responsibly in the context of long-term community needs. Modifications to the well permit review process will also be implemented should State guidance (e.g., executive orders) require it. The continued implementation and adaptive management of this process support long-term sustainability and resilience of domestic wells and SWSs in the County.

5.3.2 Well Registration (LTMSA 02)

In August 2022, the OVGA adopted Ordinance No. 2022-01, which requires public water systems, SWSs, and other non-de minimis groundwater extraction facilities (defined as those pumping 2 acre-feet or more per year) located within the revised OVGA boundary to register their wells with the OVGA and report groundwater extractions annually. For domestic well owners who extract 2 acre-feet or less of groundwater per year (i.e., de minimis users), the well registration program is voluntary but encouraged (OVGA 2022). At the time this County DRP was written, approximately 25 percent of non-de minimis owners have registered their wells with the OVGA's well registration program.

The OVGA's well registration program has improved the completeness and reliability of groundwater use and condition data in the basin, and its continued implementation will support informed and proactive drought management and improved water resource sustainability.

5.3.3 Well Monitoring Outreach and Education (LTMSA 03)

County EHS currently maintains an outreach and education program focused on drinking water well maintenance and water quality. The program includes:

- Educational materials on proper well maintenance and water quality testing
- Resources to help residents locate certified water testing laboratories
- Assistance with interpretation of water quality test results using Title 22 drinking water standards

This outreach program has been in place for several years, and the County continues to promote proactive information sharing with the public. To increase awareness of and participation in the program, the County will pursue collaboration opportunities with other County departments, GSAs, and community-based organizations that work directly with well-reliant communities.

5.3.4 Water Conservation Retrofits (LTMSA 04)

Water conservation retrofits can reduce water waste and are an important element of managing water resources efficiently. Water conservation retrofits were identified as a high-priority action in the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) which states that, "5.1: Encourage retrofits of private homes and businesses for increased water conservation. Explore financing mechanisms such as Property Assessed Clean Energy programs to support water conservation retrofits" (Inyo County MJHMP 2017: 106). The County's website includes water conservation tips and drought preparedness resources (Inyo County OEM n.d.). The County will continue its current practice of promoting adoption of water conservation retrofits and practices.

5.3.5 Water Storage and Power Generator Installation (LTMSA 05)

Increasing onsite potable water storage capacity is a strategy that SWS users can adopt to increase their resilience and is a particularly important consideration for SWSs that are geographically isolated and do

not have nearby water systems. Increasing water storage capacity offers a reliable buffer against supply disruptions caused by natural disasters, infrastructure failures, power outages, or water quality issues. It ensures continued access to water by maintaining an onsite reserve, allowing systems to operate even when normal supply lines are compromised. This not only ensures continuity of operations but also supports public health, fire suppression, and overall emergency preparedness (Inyo County Office of Emergency Services 2009). In a water shortage emergency, systems without storage infrastructure are reliant on the availability of water trucks or mobile tanks that can be serviced by licensed water haulers - a limited resource in the County. Having dedicated storage onsite can reduce dependence on external deliveries during crises, allowing systems to remain more self-sufficient and responsive under stress. To advance this LTMSA, the County will provide education and resources to these areas regarding the value of bulk water and/or power generator installation for emergency preparedness.

5.4 System Consolidations (LTMSA 06)

SB 552 requires County DRPs to consider consolidations between existing water systems and domestic wells. Water system consolidations offer many potential benefits to domestic wells and SSWs. In the context of domestic wells and SSWs, consolidations typically involve the physical or managerial merging of two or more SSWs, the expansion of a water system boundary to include domestic wells, or an SSW being absorbed into a larger water system. By consolidating, systems can:

- Increase technical capacity by gaining access to certified operators, maintenance support, and modern infrastructure
- Strengthen managerial capacity through shared administrative functions, regulatory compliance, and professional staffing
- Improve financial capacity via cost-sharing, access to State and federal funding, rate stabilization, and debt management
- Achieve and maintain compliance with State and federal drinking water standards
- Offer more affordable and equitable rates, particularly for disadvantaged communities
- Enhance sustainability and resilience, especially in the face of climate change, drought, and aging infrastructure (SWRCB 2024a; EPA 2021)

This section identifies physical consolidation opportunities between community water systems—public water systems that supply water to the same population year-round—and nearby domestic wells and SSWs. As shown in Table 5-2, approximately 214 domestic wells (25 percent of domestic wells in the County) and one SSW are located within the boundary of a community water system. Further, 119 domestic wells and seven SSWs are located within 1 mile of a community water system boundary (DWR 2025e). While community water systems are not required to serve domestic wells or SSWs within their service area boundaries, understanding domestic well and SSW proximity to community water system service area boundaries is a critical first step to considering the feasibility of consolidation. There may also be additional partnership opportunities—between domestic wells and an SSW, for example—that do not involve a community water system. This County DRP only evaluated consolidations between domestic wells and/or SSWs and community water systems.

Table 5-2. Distance of State Small Water Systems and Domestic Wells to Nearest Community Water System

Distance to Nearest CWS	Count of SSWS	Count of Domestic Wells ¹
Within system boundary	1	258
Less than 1 mile to system boundary	5	119

Key:

CWS = Community Water System

SSWS = State Small Water System

Source: WSVE Tool, <https://arcg.is/1LCKGO>, Accessed 05/2025

¹ Well location data is derived from well completion reports maintained by DWR. Well locations are approximate and not exact.

Table 5-3 lists 19 community water systems that could be part of a system consolidation with domestic wells and/or SSWSs based on their proximity to domestic wells and/or SSWSs. The table includes key information about each water system such as the number of service connections, population served, and risk status as determined by the SWRCB (2025d). Community water systems included on this list have domestic wells and/or SSWSs within their boundary or within roughly 0.38 mile of their boundary, consistent with the distance viability criteria applied by the SWRCB's Cost Assessment methodology from their Drinking Water Needs Assessment (SWRCB 2024b).

This evaluation only considered physical proximity to service area boundaries and is intended to provide an objective and initial basis for physical feasibility. Any potential consolidation or service extension would require significant community engagement, technical analysis, and financial planning in order to advance.

Table 5-3. Community Water Systems with Close Proximity¹ to Domestic Wells and/or State Small Water Systems

Risk Assessment Focus Area Label	Location	Community Water Systems with Domestic Wells/SSWS within System Boundaries	System Service Connections	Population Served	SAFER Status	Approx. Count of Domestic Wells within a System Boundary ²	Count of SSWSs within a System Boundary
1.A	City of Bishop	City of Bishop (CA1410001)	1,171	3,819	Not at Risk	71	2
		Meadowcreek MWC (CA1400111)	284	764	Not at Risk		
		Meadow Lake Apartments (CA1400511)	16	22	Potentially at Risk		
		Highland MHP (CA1410007)	603	1400	Not at Risk		
		Wilson Circle MWC (CA1400135)	48	158	Potentially at Risk		
		Owens Valley Water Resources (CA1400005)	111	311	Not at Risk		
		Glenwood Mobile Estates (CA1400030)	167	468	Not at Risk		
	West Bishop	Park West Mutual Water Company (CA1400110)	67	188	Not at Risk	135	2
		Sierra Highland CSD (CA1400007)	215	600	Not at Risk		
		Brookside Estates MWC (CA1400056)	21	59	Not at Risk		
		Brookside MHP (CA1400059)	45	126	Not at Risk		
		Ranch Road Estates (CA1400031)	27	65	Not at Risk		
		Indian Creek CSD (CA1410005)	297	1,030	Not at Risk		
		Desiderata Estates MWC (CA1400108)	14	19	N/A ³		
	Wilkerson	Rawson Creek MWC (CA1400026)	40	90	Not at Risk	41	0
		Sierra North CSD (CA1400109)	16	42	Failing		
		Valley Vista MWC (CA1400025)	25	70	Not at Risk		
		Sierra Grande Estates MWC (CA1400070)	49	138	Potentially at Risk		
1.E	Lone Pine	Inyo County Public Works Department - Lone Pine (CA1410009)	503	1,835	Potentially at Risk	11	1

Key:

CSD = Community Services District

MHP = Mobile Home Park

MWC = Municipal Water Company

¹ Domestic wells and/or SSWSs located within the community water system's established service area boundary or within roughly 0.38 mile of the service area boundary are considered to have close proximity to the community water system, and do not infer proximity to existing water delivery infrastructure.

² Well location data is derived from well completion reports maintained by DWR. Well locations are approximate and not exact.

³ Desiderata Estates MWC was classified as a SSWS at the time of the last SAFER Needs Assessment and therefore has no SAFER status assigned.

Of the 19 systems listed, several have already completed or are currently conducting feasibility studies for physical consolidation with nearby systems. Neither of these studies includes consolidations with SWSs or domestic wells.

- **Brookside Estates Mutual Water Company (CA1400056)** has two SWSs within a quarter mile of its service area boundary. A feasibility study is underway to plan and design a possible consolidation of the Brookside Estates Mutual Water Company into the City of Bishop's water system (City of Bishop 2024). The nearby SWS—Bishop Elk's Park (CA1400022) and Steed Water System (CA1400515)—may benefit from also joining the City's water system.
- **Sierra Highland CSD (CA1400007)** is partnered with the engineering firm Provost and Prichard to conduct a feasibility study evaluating consolidation feasibility between the CSD and nearby water systems (e.g., City of Bishop, Indian Creek Westridge CSD). As noted in Table 5-3, there are approximately 78 domestic wells with proximity to Sierra Highland CSD that may benefit from joining a nearby water system.
- **Foothill Mobile Oasis (CA1400037)** has performed a feasibility study to evaluate consolidation with the **County PWD—Lone Pine (CA1410009)**. The nearby SWS—Al's Mobile Home Park (CA1400104)—may benefit from also joining the County's water system.

To advance this LTMSA, the County will serve as a resource to parties involved in consolidation efforts, providing historical context, local expertise, and other information as requested by interested systems, TA providers, regulatory agencies, and domestic well communities.

5.5 Regional Water Infrastructure Investment

Regional water infrastructure projects can enhance the water supply reliability of many communities, including domestic wells and SSWs. The LTMSAs in this section describe how the County could integrate into regional planning to help enhance the water supply reliability of domestic well and SSWs communities. Additional information on the near-term integration into regional planning is included in [Section 6.3](#).

5.5.1 Regional Planning Integration (LTMSA 07)

Many regional and County planning efforts intersect with the County DRP. Coordination by the County within these other regional and County planning efforts will help ensure these plans consider domestic wells and SSWs. Table 5-4 details the relevant regional planning efforts, their current status, and their relevance to domestic wells and SSWs in the County. For LTMSA 07, the County will participate when updates or modifications to the plans are occurring and provide the perspective of domestic well and SSWs communities. Additional information on the timing and County roles/responsibilities for these efforts is presented in [Section 6.2.1](#).

Table 5-4. Summary of Relevant Regional Planning Efforts

Planning Effort	Current Status	Relevance to Domestic Well Communities and SSWs
2021 Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan	Determined Incomplete by DWR April 2025	Describes, among other things, the projects and management actions committed to by the OVGA to maintain sustainable conditions in the basin for 20 years after plan adoption (OVGA 2021). As of May 2025, 30% of domestic wells and 69% of SSWs in the County are located on lands subject to the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin GSP.
2020 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan	Approved by DWR January 2022	Describes, among other things, the projects and management actions committed to by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority to maintain sustainable conditions in the basin for 20 years after plan adoption (IWVGA 2020). As of May 2025, there are at least 7 domestic wells located on lands subject to the Indian Wells Valley GSP.
2017 Inyo County and City of Bishop Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	FEMA Approved 2017	The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and the City of Bishop establishes a strategy for the County and the City of Bishop, California, to reduce hazard impacts (Inyo County MJHMP 2017). The plan area encompasses all domestic wells and SSWs in the County. Future updates to the plan can integrate this County DRP's risk assessment findings, STRA, and LTMSA.
Inyo–Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan: 2019 Update	Update adopted September 2019	The Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) covers all of the County, as well as neighboring Mono County and parts of Kern and San Bernardino Counties. The IRWMP includes current and future water needs, supply reliability, contingency planning, and demand management (Inyo–Mono RWMG 2019). The plan can be used to address drought and water shortage hazard mitigation on a regional scale, and integration of the actions in this County DRP will allow the plan to continue to foster drought and water shortage resiliency in future years.

Planning Effort	Current Status	Relevance to Domestic Well Communities and SSWS
Inyo County General Plan	Adopted 2001	The General Plan is the main long-range policy and planning document guiding physical development, conservation, and enhancement in the County. It identifies the overarching policies and programs that affect land use, public services, housing, natural resources, and safety, among other items (Inyo County 2024). Updates to the General Plan can include information and mitigation actions identified in this County DRP.
LADWP 2020 Urban Water Management Plan	Adopted May 2021	The LADWP 2020 Urban Water Management Plan describes current and planned water supplies to meet anticipated demands for the City of Los Angeles over a 25-year planning period. The plan includes projected annual deliveries for the Los Angeles Aqueduct System, which is supplied in part by the Owens Valley Basin and governed by the 1991 Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement and Green Book (LADWP 2021; Inyo County Water Department 1989).
City of Bishop 2008 Water Master Plan	Published February 2008	The City's Water Master Plan guides the development and operation of the City's water system and informs the development of the City's Capital Improvements Plan. The time horizon for the Master Plan is 20 years (2008–2027) (City of Bishop 2008). While the capital improvements included in this plan do not include domestic well annexation or SSWS consolidation plans, updates to the Master Plan may encompass this.

Key:

DRP = Drought Resilience Plan

DWR = Department of Water Resources

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan

IRWMP = Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

IWVGA = Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Agency

LADWP = Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

LTMSA = Long-Term Mitigation Strategies/Actions

MJHMP = Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

OVGA = Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

RWGM = Regional Water Groundwater Management

SSWS = State Small Water System

STRA = Short-Term Response Actions

5.6 Data Gaps

The County DRP relied on well completion report data in its (1) evaluation of the vulnerability of domestic wells and SSWSs to water shortages, and (2) development and alignment of effective STRAs and LTMSAs. Access to new or more accurate/complete well completion report data would help improve this planning process in the future. This section details the LTMSA identified by the County DRP that would provide new or improved data for use in future planning efforts.

5.6.1 Well Completion Reports (LTMSA 08)

DWR maintains an online public database of well completion reports submitted to the State by well drillers. This database includes type, location, well depth, year of installation, and address, among other information (DWR 2025e); it played a critical role in the development of this County DRP. However, there are both gaps and limitations in the database. Known issues include: missing and duplicate records, missing values (missing on the original report or not entered into the database), incorrect values (e.g., latitude, longitude, record type), and limited spatial resolution (i.e., the majority of reports have been spatially registered to the center of the PLSS where the well is located) (DWR 2025b). Domestic wells that have been replaced or abandoned may still appear in the database. To help address this data gap, the County will periodically review the well completion report dataset and coordinate with DWR and domestic well owners (if necessary) to update and correct well completion data. This coordinated review and update of well-related information will help maintain a more reliable and complete understanding of active domestic well locations in the County.

5.6.2 Dry Well Reporting (LTMSA 09)

DWR established an online dry well reporting system for domestic well communities to report problems with their wells that impact their water supplies (DWR 2025c). The reporting system is voluntary but plays a crucial role in helping the State and local agencies monitor and respond to drought impacts. Due to its voluntary nature, current use of this reporting system among domestic well owners and SSWS users is neither widespread nor consistent. Oftentimes, well owners may drill a new, deeper well without reporting the previously dry well. As a result, the actual prevalence of dry wells in the State is not fully understood.

The County has already taken steps to address the impact of this data gap in its jurisdiction. As noted in [Section 5.3.1](#), the County's well permit application currently requires the applicant to disclose whether the application is being submitted in response to the effects of drought. For applications that cite drought effects, County EHD encourages the well owner to submit a report to the online dry well reporting system and offers to submit one on the owner's behalf. Such ongoing efforts by the County to improve participation in the online reporting system will improve the reliability and completeness of this important indicator.

6.0 Implementation Considerations

The STRAs and LTMSAs identified and described in [Chapters 4 and 5](#) represent a broad range of in-progress and proposed activities. Implementation of these STRAs and LTMSAs often (1) falls under the authorities and jurisdictional responsibilities of separate County departments and other local and State public agencies, and (2) requires the involvement of other interested parties. To implement these STRAs and LTMSAs, and contribute to the continued improvement of water supply reliability for domestic well and SSWS communities, this chapter describes the implementation steps designed to assist the County with:

- Ongoing water supply monitoring and interagency collaboration in support of implementation
- Outlining STRA and LTMSA implementation responsibility, status, and resource needs
- Identifying opportunities to align the County DRP with other County policy and County and regional planning documents
- Adaptive management
- Identifying funding opportunities

6.1 Legislative Direction

SB 552 requires that the County DRPs outline actionable steps for implementation and identify available funding sources to support those efforts, per CWC Section 10609.70 (**boldface** added for emphasis as related to plan implementation and this section of the County DRP):

*(b) A county shall develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction. The plan may be a stand-alone document or may be included as an element in an existing county plan, such as a local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operations plan, climate action plan, or general plan. A county shall consult with its drought task force or alternative coordinating process as established by this section in developing its plan. A county shall consider, **at a minimum**, all of the following in its plan:*

- (1) Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells.*
- (2) Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs.*
- (3) Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions.*
- (4) An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan.***
- (5) An analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan***

6.2 Implementation Roadmap

This County DRP describes existing and proposed STRAs and LTMSAs that, when executed, help the County meet its objectives under CWC Section 10609.70 (b) (1), (b) (2), and (b) (3). To create an enabling environment for the efficient and effective implementation of STRAs, the County established key implementation activities for each water shortage stage and the lead entities responsible for overseeing them. These activities are detailed in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. Key Implementation Activities by Water Shortage Stage

Consideration	Responsible Organization(s)	Activities
Stage 1: Information		
Coordination	OEM (Lead) EHD ICWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule annual Task Force meetings to occur each May. Update contact information for public water systems, GSAs, SSWs, emergency response partners, and others as needed (see Table 4-5). Delegate duties and responsibilities related to the implementation of LTMSAs.
Tracking and Monitoring	ICWD (Lead) EHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and analyze data for water shortage indicators each April after winter precipitation has occurred, LADWP Annual Operations Report has been submitted, and GSAs have submitted their annual reports. See Table 4-1 Inyo County Water Shortage Indicators for a description of indicators and stage thresholds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In instances where thresholds for Alert or Response stages are met, the County presents a determination of geographic impact, specifying if the stage applies to only a specific region(s) or to the entire County, to the Task Force at the annual meeting.
Public Outreach	OEM (Lead) EHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish or confirm up-to-date contacts at local news media outlets (TV, radio, online news, local newspapers, community newsletters). Establish or confirm points of contact for using County-owned communication channels (email, social media, website).
Resources	OEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan what staff and/or funding could be made available, if necessary, to support increased monitoring activities.
Stage 2: Alert		
Coordination	OEM (Lead) EHD ICWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule as-needed Task Force meetings. Coordinate with Drought Task Force Representatives, public information officers, and water suppliers to promote water conservation measures. Coordinate with Task Force, GSA, and others to plan and disseminate public communications, sharing outreach resources and materials as appropriate. Communicate with emergency water supply partners regarding readiness, verifying that agreements and processes are up to date and ready.
Tracking and Monitoring	ICWD (Lead) EHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor water shortage indicators, increasing the frequency as needed. Prepare new assessment reports as conditions change. Communicate findings with Task Force and others (municipalities, water utilities, elected officials) about local conditions, concerns, and any changes to the status of water supply.
Public Outreach	OEM (Lead) EHD GSAs Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate information, guidance, and alerts to local news media. Leverage County and Task Force communication channels (email, social media, website) to disseminate information and resources to domestic well and SSWs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Ready Inyo website with guidance, advisories, and resources as they are made available.

Consideration	Responsible Organization(s)	Activities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote awareness of dry well reporting systems and contact forms. ○ Promote participation in County notification systems.
Resources	OEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with appropriate State agencies regarding the potential need for support and confirm that emergency response resources are available. • Plan what staff and/or funding could be made available, if necessary, to support increased monitoring and response activities, including technical assistance to vulnerable water systems.
Stage 3: Response		
Coordination	OEM (Lead) EHD ICWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule as-needed Task Force meetings. • Coordinate with Drought Task Force Representatives, public information officers, and water suppliers to promote water conservation measures. • Coordinate with Task Force, GSAs, and others to plan and disseminate public communications, sharing outreach resources and materials as appropriate. • Oversee the activation of emergency water supply distribution for impacted area(s).
Tracking and Monitoring	ICWD (Lead) EHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor water shortage indicators. • Prepare new assessment reports as conditions change. • Communicate findings with the Task Force and others (municipalities, water utilities, elected officials) about local conditions, concerns, and any changes to the status of water supply.
Public Outreach	OEM (Lead) EHD GSAs Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate information, guidance, and alerts to local news media. • Leverage County and Task Force communication channels to disseminate information to domestic wells and SSWs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update the Ready Inyo website with guidance, advisories, and resources as they are made available. ○ Promote awareness of dry well reporting systems and contact forms. ○ Promote participation in County notification systems. • Outreach to local news media to disseminate information, guidance, and alerts (TV, radio, online news, local newspapers, community newsletters).
Resources	OEM (Lead) EHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure staffing and funding for response activities, including emergency water supply distribution and emergency technical assistance to domestic wells and SSWs.

Key:

DRP = Drought Resilience Plan

EHD = Environmental Health Department

GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ICWD = Inyo County Water Department

LADWP = Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

OEM = Office of Emergency Management

SSWS = State Small Water System

6.2.1 Oversight, Responsibilities, Priorities, and Resource Needs

Individual STRAs and LTMSAs identified in this County DRP have been assigned to individual County departments and agencies pursuant to each agency's regulatory and policy authorities. County OEM, as the lead agency of the County DRP, shall provide administrative oversight for all implementation actions.

Table 6-2 details the priority status, the current implementation status, and the lead agency responsible for implementing individual STRAs and LTMSAs. While activities have been assigned a near-, mid-, and long-term priority status in this County DRP, each status assignment is subject to modification and will be influenced by various drivers such as new regulations, climate conditions, and funding availability. "Priority" is classified as:

- Near-term (in the next 2 years)
- Mid-term (within 2 to 5 years)
- Long-term (5 or more years in the future)

"Status" is classified as:

- Available (for those already implemented)
- In progress (for those currently being implemented)
- Proposed (for those that require additional resources for progress to be made)

The "Resource Requirement" columns specify if the STRA/LTMSA would require additional staff time or budget beyond what the County currently has available. The additional budget could be addressed by external funding such as grants, financing, federal funding, and future State funding to support DRP implementation. See [Section 6.5](#) for additional information about external funding opportunities

Beyond these implementation activities, County OEM will coordinate with the entities listed in Table 6-2 on mid-term and long-term priorities. The status of these mid- and long-term priorities, as well as the information in this table, will be reviewed at least annually in coordination with the Task Force meeting.

Table 6-2. Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan Short-Term Response Action and Long-Term Mitigation Strategy and Action Implementation Summary

STRA and/or LTMSA	Lead Agency	Coordinating Agency	Priority	Status	Resource Requirement	
					Additional Staff Time	Additional Budget
STRA 01: Agreements with Partner Organizations	OEM	EHD ICWD	Mid-Term	Proposed	Yes	No
STRA 02: Agreements with Public Water Systems	OEM	EHD ICWD	Mid-Term	Proposed	Yes	No
STRA 03: Dedicated Water Filling Stations	OEM	EHD ICWD	Long-Term	Proposed	Yes	Yes
STRA 04: Water Hauling to Storage Tanks	OEM	EHD ICWD	Mid-Term	Proposed	Yes	Yes
STRA 05: Packaged or Bottled Water	OEM	EHD ICWD	Near-Term	Available	Yes	Yes
STRA 06: Expedited Well Approval During Water Shortage	EHD	OEM ICWD	Near-Term	Available	Yes	No
LTMSA 01: Well Permit Reviews	EHD	OEM ICWD	Near-Term	Available	No	No
LTMSA 02: Well Registration	ICWD	EHD OEM	Near-Term	Available	No	No
LTMSA 03: Well Monitoring Outreach and Education	EHD	OEM ICWD	Near-Term	Available	No	No
LTMSA 04: Water Conservation Retrofits	EHD	OEM ICWD	Mid-Term	Available	Yes	Yes
LTMSA 05: Water Storage and Power Generator Installation	EHD	OEM ICWD	Mid-Term	Proposed	Yes	Yes
LTMSA 06: System Consolidations	EHD	OEM ICWD	Long-Term	Available	Yes	Yes

STRA and/or LTMSA	Lead Agency	Coordinating Agency	Priority	Status	Resource Requirement	
					Additional Staff Time	Additional Budget
LTMSA 07: Regional Planning Integration	ICWD	EHD OEM	Near-Term	In Progress	Yes	No
LTMSA 08: Well Completion Reports	EHD	OEM ICWD	Near-Term	In Progress	Yes	No
LTMSA 09: Dry Well Reporting	EHD	OEM ICWD	Near-Term	Available	Yes	No

Key:

EHD = County Environmental Health Department
 GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 ICWD = Inyo County Water Department
 LTMSA = Long-Term Mitigation Strategy and Actions
 OEM = Office of Emergency Management
 SSWS = State Small Water System
 STRA = Short-Term Response Action

6.3 Policy Alignment and Integration

While this County DRP is a stand-alone document, the information and actions it details provide mutual benefits towards realizing goals and objectives of other County and regional planning efforts associated with domestic well and SSWS communities. **Table 6-3** describes recommended policy alignment and/or integration actions that promote delivery of STRA and LTMSA actions identified in this County DRP through coordinated efforts with other related County and regional planning efforts.

Table 6-3. Inyo County Drought Resilience Plan Policy Alignment and Integration

Related Planning Effort	Release Date	Lead Agency	Relation to County DRP	Policy/Integration Action	Status
2021 Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (OVGA 2021)	December 2021	OVGA	Risk assessment, groundwater monitoring and management, drinking water well mitigation	County to continue close coordination with overlaying GSAs for management of shared groundwater supplies. County to review GSPs for consistency to County DRP and General Plan pursuant to California Government Code Section 65352.5.	Determined Incomplete by DWR April 2025
2020 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (IWVGA 2020)	January 2020	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Agency			Approved by DWR January 2022
Inyo County and City of Bishop Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (County of Inyo & City of Bishop 2017)	December 2017	OEM	Attention to drought and water shortage impacts to vulnerable water users	Review components of risk assessment to MJHMP Risk Assessment process, integrate content from County DRP.	Adopted and FEMA approved 2019
Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan: 2019 Update (IRWMP 2019)	September 2019	Inyo–Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group	Regional water supply planning	Review drought and water shortage emergencies for domestic and SSWS communities as a component of IRWMP.	Update adopted September 2019
Inyo County General Plan (Inyo County Planning Department 2024)	December 2001	County	Regional water supply planning	Review risk assessment and consider STRA/LTMSA during future plan updates.	Several amendments since December 2001 release. Update in progress.

Related Planning Effort	Release Date	Lead Agency	Relation to County DRP	Policy/Integration Action	Status
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (LADWP 2021)	May 2021	LADWP	Regional water supply planning	Review risk assessment and consider STRAs/LTMSAs during future plan updates.	Adopted May 2021
City of Bishop 2008 Water Master Plan (City of Bishop 2008)	February 2008	City of Bishop Department of Public Works	Regional water supply planning	Review risk assessment and consider STRAs/LTMSAs during plan development.	Published February 2008
Inyo County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) (Inyo County 2016)	May 2016	OEM	Risk assessment and STRA/LTMSA support during OEP activation	Integrate STRAs as a component of EOP.	Adopted May 2016

Key

DRP = Drought Resilience Plan

DWR = Department of Water Resources

EOP = Emergency Operations Plan

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan

IRWMP = Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

IWVGA = Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Agency

LADWP = Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

LTMSA = Long-Term Mitigation Strategies/Actions

MJHMP = Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

OEM = Office of Emergency Management

OVGA = Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

STRA = Short-Term Response Actions

6.4 Adaptive Management

The County DRP will be reviewed and updated periodically or in response to new information or changing conditions to ensure that findings, STRAs, and LTMSAs are appropriate and relevant. This County DRP will be reviewed and updated by County staff as needed—following “Alert (Stage 2)” or “Response (Stage 3)” water shortage stage declarations, changes in GSA status, or when new data, strategies, policies, or

requests from the Task Force arise. County OEM is responsible for initiating and coordinating the County DRP update.

Updates to the County DRP will include: (1) reviewing the Risk Assessment findings in light of new and improved information that characterizes water supply vulnerability, (2) evaluating progress on STRA and LTMSA implementation, (3) updating any communications and outreach materials and information, (4) updating Task Force details, and (5) revising the County DRP content to incorporate any changes. During this update, County OEM will report on these updates to the Task Force to ensure transparent communication and coordination.

In the future, the County DRP's risk assessment may be enhanced by incorporating more detailed analyses within identified vulnerable areas. This includes refining the analytical approach used to evaluate both physical and social vulnerabilities and expanding assessments to include non-drought hazards. A more thorough evaluation of individual SSWS vulnerabilities such as well depth, infrastructure age, source capacity, and population vulnerability would improve the County's ability to prioritize and implement mitigation actions. The County could also track service capacity issues such as the availability of licensed well drillers and water haulers to assess whether mitigation actions remain implementable. If conditions worsen or improve, this may inform updates to the DRP. These refinements will be considered in future DRP updates as part of the County's ongoing efforts to ensure that risk assessment findings, STRAs, and LTMSAs remain relevant and actionable.

6.5 Funding Opportunities and Assistance Programs

As described in Table 6-2, the County DRP includes a variety of proposed activities that may require appropriation of additional funds or other resources, as approved by the County Board of Supervisors or through other State or federal sources. A combination of funding sources could be used to support County DRP implementation, including generated revenue (such as rates and assessments), grants, loans, agency staff time, and services provided by others (such as in-kind work or technical or training assistance through a State or federal agency). Securing and administering these sources will require dedicated staff capacity to monitor funding availability, prepare applications, and track progress. The County and its partners must also be prepared to manage the administrative workload that accompanies grant-funded projects, which can often be significant.

The availability and reliability of internal and external funding sources will directly impact the success and timeliness of DRP implementation. Many State and federal programs are competitive, often include income-based eligibility criteria, and may shift over time due to political or policy changes. This poses a particular challenge for the County as well as for domestic well and SSWS owners, who often have limited staffing, technical expertise, and financial reserves. Agencies and entities may find that it is cost- and resource-prohibitive to implement STRAs and LTMSAs independently. Moreover, proposed solutions frequently require participation or collaboration across multiple entities, increasing the need for coordination. Support from the County and other agencies will be essential to help overcome administrative and capacity-related barriers.

Given these challenges, this DRP includes an investigation and analysis of potential funding sources for implementation, shown in Table 6-4. This analysis forms the basis for developing future funding strategies and is not intended to be exhaustive. Funding availability, timing, and eligibility criteria are dynamic and should be reassessed periodically to ensure the County remains responsive to current opportunities.

Additionally, the effectiveness and competitiveness of STRAs and LTMSAs may vary depending on changing conditions such as climate variability, population trends, and regional priorities. To improve the likelihood of securing funding, proposed actions should be tailored to match the evaluation criteria of specific funding programs. Collaborating with partner agencies and participation by the Task Force can further enhance grant proposals by demonstrating alignment with broader regional goals and cross-jurisdictional coordination.

Table 6-4. Funding Opportunities and Assistance Programs for Drought Resilience Plan Implementation

Resource	Funding Agency	Description
General Fund	County	The County General Fund includes revenues such as sales and property taxes. Use of these funds are discretionary and subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.
Proposition 4: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024	Multiple State agencies	Major categories with potential support for domestic and SSWS communities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Drinking Water, Drought, Flood, and Water Resilience • Wildfire and Forest Resilience
Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program (DWR 2025a)	DWR	This program provides GSAs with assistance and engagement support for preparation and implementation of GSPs.
Small Community Drought Relief (DWR 2025d)	DWR	This program provides financial and technical assistance to community water systems that are not served by an urban water supplier (meaning systems that deliver drinking water to fewer than 3,000 service connections <i>and</i> less than 3,000 acre-feet per year). Eligible projects include both temporary solutions, like bottled water, and long-term infrastructure improvements.
Countywide and Regional Funding Program (SWRCB 2025a)	SWRCB	This program provides direct funding to support SSWSs and domestic wells serving disadvantaged communities and low-income households. Community outreach, domestic well testing, and interim and long-term solutions are eligible to receive funds (DWR 2020).
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SWRCB 2025b)	SWRCB	This fund provides low-cost loans for planning, design, and construction of drinking water improvements to water systems. It can be used to support system consolidation.
Technical Assistance Funding Program (SWRCB 2025d)	SWRCB	This program provides technical assistance for small disadvantaged communities to develop, fund, and implement eligible drinking water solutions, including system consolidation support.

Resource	Funding Agency	Description
Water and Environmental Programs (WEP); Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs (United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development 2025)	USDA	These programs provide funding support to construct water and wastewater facilities for communities with populations of 10,000 or less. Such programs could support annexation of SSWS and domestic well communities as part of a multi-benefit project led by a WEP-eligible public water system.
California Grants Portal (California State Library 2023)	California State Library	This is a searchable portal listing State-administered grant and loan opportunities, including water, drought, and resilience programs. It is useful for tracking new or updated funding aligned with SSWS, domestic well, and drought response initiatives.
Grants.gov and SAM.gov (Grants.gov, n.d.)	Multiple Federal Agencies	These are the central portals for finding and applying to federal funding opportunities (e.g., FEMA, USDA, EPA). SAM.gov is required for entity registration. They are applicable for federal drought, infrastructure, and emergency funding sources.

Key

CWS = Community Water System

County = Inyo County

DWR = California Department of Water Resources

ECWAG = Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

EPA = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency

GSP = Groundwater Sustainability Plan

SSWS = State Small Water System

SWRCB = State Water Resources Control Board

USDA = United State Department of Agriculture

WEP = Water and Environmental Program

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8.0 Appendices

8.1 Appendix A

INYO COUNTY DROUGHT AND WATER SHORTAGE TASK FORCE CHARTER

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Inyo County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force Charter is to describe the purpose of the Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) and establish procedures, requirements, and protocols for the members of the Task Force and the conduct of Task Force business.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION

In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law SB 552 (Hertzberg) which assigned new responsibilities and requirements at the state and local levels to help state small water systems and private well users reduce their risks of inadequate water supply amid a water shortage event. A water shortage event could be caused by droughts or other emergencies such as wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and other local emergencies. In accordance with SB 552, counties are required to prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to achieve meaningful and long-term improvements in water resilience for their residents.

To ensure that the County DRP is prepared and implemented through active collaboration with interested parties and the public, SB 552 requires counties to establish a long-standing Task Force. Composition of the Task Force is guided through California Water Code Section 10609.70 (a)(1) and (2):

(a)(1) A county shall establish a standing county drought and water shortage task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction, and shall invite representatives from the State and other local governments, including GSAs, and community-based organizations, local water suppliers, and local residents, to participate in the task force.

(2) In lieu of the task force required by paragraph (1), a county may establish an alternative process that facilitates drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction. The alternative process shall provide opportunities for coordinating and communicating with the State and other local governments, community-based organizations, local water suppliers, and local residents on a regular basis and during drought or water shortage emergencies.

The Inyo County Task Force has been established pursuant to CWC Section 10609.70(a)(1) and intends to satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 552 (SB 552) in the development of the County DRP.

BACKGROUND

The Task Force was established by the Inyo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in May 2024. The Task Force consists of representatives from local government agencies and community organizations that have roles in well permitting, regulatory oversight of state small water systems, water supply and drought monitoring, emergency services, hazard assessment, planning, operations, communications, or water resources management. Task Force membership is voluntary.

The purpose of the Task Force is to:

- Strengthen drought and water shortage preparedness for SSWS and domestic wells in the county.
- Serve as a coordinating body for regular communication with State agencies, local governments, community-based organizations, water suppliers, and residents, with increased engagement during drought or water emergencies.
- Facilitate drought and water shortage plan development for domestic wells and SSWS within the County's jurisdiction.
- Facilitate regular coordination and communication among staff of relevant County departments, local water agencies, local water suppliers, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA), and others representing the concerns of domestic wells and SSWS users.
- Lead and guide development and adaptive management of the County DRP and long-term implementation strategies.
- Support and advise on the implementation of drought and water shortage actions as identified in the County DRP.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The decision-making structure for the development and implementation of the Inyo County DRP is designed to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are involved and that input is collected from various perspectives and governing bodies. These groups work together to ensure that the plan is comprehensive, effective, and aligned with the needs of the County, its residents, and relevant County regulations. Below are the key components of the decision-making structure for the Inyo County DRP.

Inyo County Board of Supervisors

The County Board of Supervisors adopts the County DRP and approves implementation actions requiring board-level decisions and funding actions. The Board of Supervisors also reviews recommendations provided by the PCT and the Task Force.

Project Coordination Team

The PCT is comprised of County offices and departments responsible for the preparation, revision, and implementation of the County DRP. The PCT is led by Inyo County OEM. Additional participating County departments include Inyo County EHD & ICWD.

Unless otherwise agreed upon, County OEM leads engagement efforts with the Board of Supervisors. The PCT may be supported by additional entities as needed.

The responsibilities of the PCT are as follows:

- Oversee the development, implementation, and future updates to the County DRP, ensuring the plan reflects current drought indicators, agency roles, and local conditions.
- Provide opportunities for public participation in the development, implementation, and updates of the DRP through community outreach and communication efforts.
- Support the Task Force by ensuring annual meetings are held each May and that emergency meetings are scheduled and facilitated when needed.
- Collaborate with and respond to the informational needs of the Task Force by coordinating data collection, monitoring efforts, and sharing timely updates on drought conditions and impacts.
- Lead and coordinate the implementation of the DRP by assigning responsibilities to County departments and partner agencies, monitoring progress, and facilitating communication among all stakeholders involved in drought planning and response.

Task Force

Task Force is an advisory and consultative entity to the Board of Supervisors and the PCT and is chaired by the Inyo County OEM. The Task Force does not have decision-making authority.

Pursuant to CWC Section 10609.70, Task Force members serve as representatives to one or more of the following interest groups:

- State and other local government entities, including groundwater sustainability agencies
- Community-based organizations
- Local water suppliers
- Local residents, including operators of domestic wells and state small water systems

The responsibilities of the Task Force are as follows:

- Attend calendared Task Force meetings to review progress on the development of the DRP and its implementation.
- Provide input and share information on current water supply conditions and potential risk factors.
- Help develop, implement, and adaptively manage short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies that reduce the impact and likelihood of water shortage among domestic wells and state small water systems.
- Disseminate Task Force findings and recommendations related to drought and water shortage planning efforts to their respective agencies, seeking feedback that can be shared during Task Force meetings and working sessions.

Figure A-1 illustrates the decision-making framework of the Task Force in relation to the County Board of Supervisors and County staff.

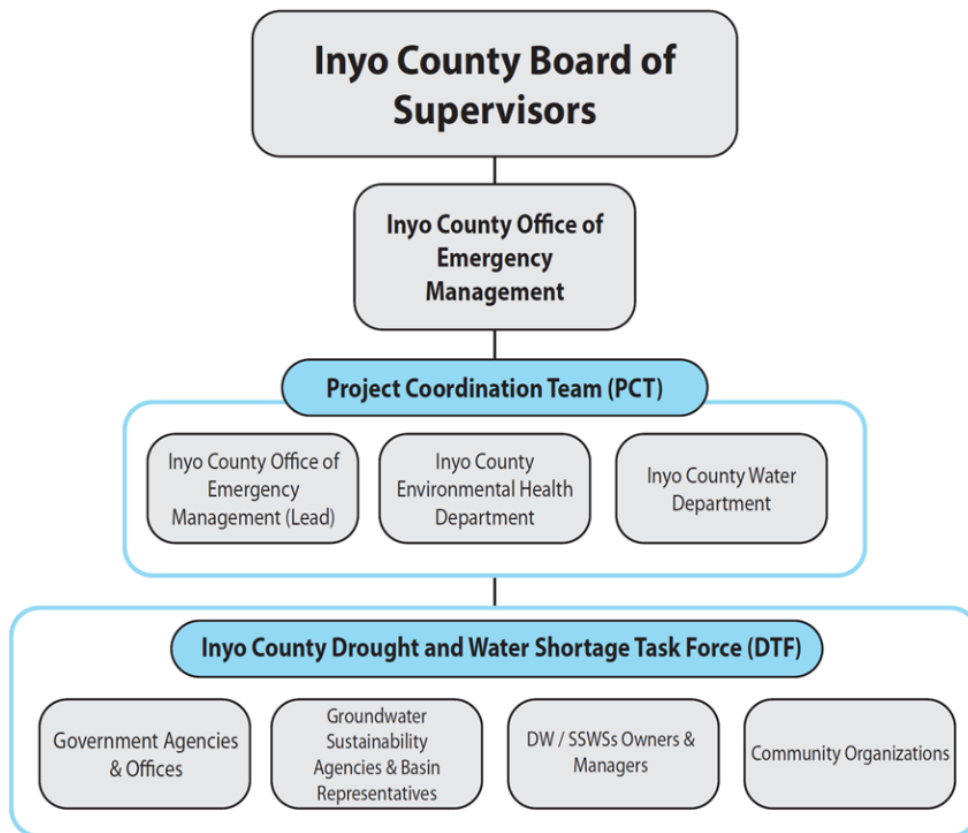


Figure A-1. Organizational Framework of the Task Force

MEETINGS

The Task Force will meet annually unless drought conditions necessitate more frequent meetings for action planning, coordination, collaboration, or problem-solving needs.

Annual meetings will be organized and facilitated by the PCT with advance notification to Task Force members. Inyo County staff will distribute agendas and related materials for review in advance of each meeting.

Attendance at all meetings is expected, or Task Force members can designate someone to attend in their place if the alternate is aware of all Task Force developments and can productively engage in discussions and provide input on behalf of their respective agency.

Task Force meetings will be open to the public, with meeting materials posted to the County website prior to the meeting. Notification of annual meetings will be posted to the County website for a minimum of three business days prior to the meeting date. Emergency meetings may be held with one-day notification. A quorum of members is desired for each meeting but is not required.



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-14

Amended Legislative Platform and Letter Opposing Reductions in FEMA Reimbursement Rates

County Administrator

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

County Administrator

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Meaghan McCamman, Deputy County
Administrator

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

At its January 6 meeting, the Board directed staff to draft a letter opposing reductions in FEMA's Schedule of Equipment Rates (SER). Staff was also directed to amend the Legislative Platform by adding specific language related to the reductions, and to create a one-sheet that can help board members in their advocacy efforts. The letter and proposed amendments are attached. The one-sheet will be presented at the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may request edits or opt not to approve the documents. This latter option is not recommended as they provide specificity and formality to Inyo County's stance on the issue.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

High Quality Services | Public Safety and Emergency Response

APPROVALS:

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John Vallejo

Created/Initiated - 01/12/2026
Approved - 01/12/2026
Approved - 01/12/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inyo County Opposing FEMA Reductions
2. Inyo Federal Platform - 2026 - Redline Version



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January 20, 2026

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RE: Opposition to Reductions in FEMA Equipment Reimbursements

Dear Representatives,

On behalf of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to any reductions in FEMA's Schedule of Equipment Rates (SER). Reductions in SER jeopardize equitable reimbursement for applicant-owned equipment deployed in disaster response and recovery, and threaten critical, life-saving mutual aid arrangements.

FEMA's SER establishes standardized reimbursement rates for equipment used by state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments during federally declared disasters. Recent reductions in these rates have created financial strain on jurisdictions, particularly those with limited budgets, by shifting costs away from the federal government and onto local communities. Volunteer fire departments providing mutual aid are especially vulnerable to FEMA's SER reductions because they rely heavily on limited budgets, donated labor, and aging equipment. Lower reimbursements increase financial strain, reduce readiness, and may discourage participation in mutual aid agreements.

Inyo County volunteer fire departments ran 22 significant fire-related calls in 2025 – 12 of which were calls for mutual aid on out-of-county incidents. Departments sent nine out-of-county strike teams to assist neighboring agencies. In total, 148 local volunteers spent 138 days – or 21,396 hours – on the Eaton, Palisades, Border II, Inn, Dry, Wolf, Madre, Dale, Gifford, Gold/Gifford, Rosa/Gifford, Picket, Dillon, Garnet, and Pack fires.

Local fire departments will receive anywhere from 23 percent to 46 percent less in reimbursements, depending on the type of equipment involved. Use of Type III Engines on the Gifford Fire, for example,

will be reimbursed at a loss of \$17,379.92 from previous rates. This rate schedule is simply not sustainable for smaller agencies providing or receiving mutual aid.

We affirm that:

- Adequate reimbursement is essential to maintain readiness and ensure rapid deployment of critical equipment during emergencies.
- Reduced rates disproportionately impact smaller and rural jurisdictions, undermining equitable disaster response.
- Federal disaster assistance must remain a reliable partner in supporting communities, not become a source of additional financial burden.
- When volunteer departments reduce participation in mutual aid, neighboring communities lose critical surge capacity during wildfires, floods, or mass-casualty incidents. FEMA must not add to the vulnerability in regions where volunteers are the backbone of fire protection.

Accordingly, Inyo County calls upon its state and federal delegations to advocate for FEMA to restore or maintain reimbursement levels that reflect the true costs of equipment ownership, operation, and maintenance.

We thank you for your continued support of our rural county.

Sincerely,

Chairperson Trina Orrill
Inyo County Board of Supervisors



COUNTY OF INYO, CA

2026 County Priorities

Approved by Board of Supervisors on XXX



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ABOUT INYO COUNTY

Inyo County is a land of magnificent natural diversity and unique splendor. Considered a "Frontier County," Inyo is the 2nd largest in California. The 10,227 square miles which comprise the jurisdiction stretch the wide distance from the California/Nevada state line near Death Valley National Park all the way to the spine of the Sierra Nevada. The Owens Valley forms the main north-south corridor along the west side of the County with Highway 395 stretching alongside it. This region is known as the Payahuunadü, or the Land of the Flowing Water, and is home to the Paiute-Shoshone people. Today, a significant portion of the water utilized by the residents in the City of Los Angeles originates from Inyo County and the Owens Valley.

Conveniently located about four hours from the metropolises of Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Reno, the region is easily accessed via Highway 395 as well as through commercial flights into Bishop Airport. Despite the proximity to major cities, only about 19,000 people call Inyo County home on a year-round basis. Inyo County and the Eastern Sierra region offer a full spectrum of adventure as well as the opportunity to get away from it all. The striking landscape is truly unique. To the west, along the crest of the Sierra Nevada, Mount Whitney towers over the small community of Lone Pine. At 14,500 feet, it is recognized as the highest peak in the lower 48 states. Just a short distance away is Death Valley National Park, which, among other things, is home to Badwater – the lowest point in the U.S. at -282 feet below sea level. The White Mountains are home to the oldest known life forms in the world – the Great Basin Bristlecone Pines – and there are millions of acres of Wilderness designation-protected critical habitat in various locations throughout the County, which is 98% public land.

The County is dotted with historic towns providing professional services and the equipment needed for excursions in this recreation mecca. Whether one is seeking out opportunities for hiking, skiing, climbing, biking, fishing, horse packing, hang gliding, photography, or just sightseeing, the experience will be world-class.

Inyo County was established on March 22, 1866 – formed out of the territory of the unorganized Coso County, which had been created on April 4, 1864, from parts of Mono and Tulare counties. It acquired more territory from Mono County in 1870 and Kern County and San Bernardino County in 1872. Named for the "dwelling place of the great spirit" in the Mono language, Inyo County has been the historic homeland for thousands of years of the Mono Tribe, Coso people, Timbisha, and Kawaiisu Native Americans.

Inyo County has a rich indigenous history, as well as a legacy that also traces its roots to pioneering, mining, railroading, ranching, and farming. Much of this history is not only on display today in museums and cultural centers throughout the County, but in the culture, livelihoods, and family trees of those who call Inyo County home.

2026 Inyo County Strategic Initiatives

View the Inyo County Strategic Plan: <https://bit.ly/InyoStrategicPlan>





LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM PURPOSE

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to identify and advocate for its legislative and funding priorities in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. To be effective in this mission, the Board is pleased to present its 2026 Legislative Platform.

Inyo County's Legislative Platform is a summary of the priorities of the organization, supported by the Board of Supervisors, and establishes the basis for its advocacy efforts with the Executive and Legislative branches of the U.S. Government and the State of California regarding legislation and regulation.

Updated annually, the Platform contains general principles held by the County of Inyo as well as the County's definitive stance on critical issues (especially as they relate to rural counties) and, in some cases, specific proposals, programs, and pieces of legislation. The document is structured to proactively frame sponsorship, support, and advocacy regarding key legislative and regulatory priorities while also monitoring numerous bills.

In recent years, the Platform has been distributed to Inyo County's state and federal delegations to make legislators aware of our local, rural issues so they may better lobby for our interests. It also provides general direction to the County Administrator's Office and County departments, and the public on positions of support or opposition to key policy initiatives which impact the way the County does business. Adoption of this document also allows each Board member the flexibility to take the position identified in the document, on behalf of the Board, without waiting for a full vote of the Board. Conversely, when confronted with an issue that is not listed in this document, that issue will need Board approval before an Inyo County position may be presented in a letter or other form of advocacy.

While the Platform explicitly states the County's position on numerous programs, proposals, principles, and pieces of legislation, it also offers implicit guidance for responding to related issues. If the County takes a support position on an issue, it holds true that the County therefore also opposes issues that conflict with the underlying principles and goals of the original position of support. For example, the Platform states that the County will oppose legislation that would diminish local authority over commercial cannabis regulation. Conversely, this means the County would then support legislation to increase local authority over commercial cannabis regulation.

Updates to this year's Platform have been made in consultation with department heads, other key staff, and the Board of Supervisors.

The Platform is adopted annually but can be updated at any time throughout the year by action of the Board.



2026 INYO COUNTY ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



Public Lands Counties Funding Challenges

Support long-term reauthorization, reconsideration of funding formula, and full funding for the Payment-In-Lieu-Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs and expand the scope and support for programs by which local governments are reimbursed for the cost of providing services to property tax-exempt federal lands.

Specific priorities include:

- Recalculate PILT or develop an additional funding stream that is not based on historical timber extraction, but recognizes the current financial impacts of tourism and the cost of providing services to visitors of public lands counties



Sustainable Recreation and Gateway Communities

Support coordinated, multi-jurisdictional land management and regional planning efforts with federal partners. Support funding for sustainable recreation; visitor services and related infrastructure; County Road maintenance within federal and state lands; utility infrastructure; waste reduction; and other measures to mitigate impacts to Inyo County communities.

Some specific initiatives include:

- Investments and upgrades to Inyo County parks and campgrounds—regardless of land tenure issues or holdover lease status
- Locality pay equality for federal staff that recognizes the expense of living in the Eastern Sierra
- Support for the Sustainable Recreation and Ecosystem Management Program and other activities sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments



Infrastructure Investments

Support legislation to provide funding for constructing, repairing, upgrading, and maintaining water and wastewater infrastructure serving Inyo County residents. Seek out and support thoughtful updates to road funding programs considering gas tax impacts. Continue support for alternative fuel and electrification infrastructure needs. Further investments to ensure climate resiliency for all infrastructure.

Some specific projects include:

- Lone Pine Water System Replacement Project
- Bishop Airport Water Line Extension
- Wastewater System for the City of Bishop, Eastern Sierra CSD, and Bishop Paiute Tribe



Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response

Protect and enhance federal participation from FEMA (and CalOES) of local response activities required to ensure public safety during emergency events. Support efforts to improve disaster preparedness including preparation for extreme heat events, wildfire events, winter storm and flooding events, earthquakes, and other emergencies. Support programs that identify and assist vulnerable populations with emergency readiness, evacuation planning, and shelter access, including accessible cooling and filtered shelters during excessive heat and unhealthy air events.

Some specific projects include:

- Lone Pine Creek Diversion
- County Cooling Centers, Shelters, and Backup Generators
- Development of emergency evacuation ingress/egress routes in every Inyo County community.



Emergency Medical Services

High overhead costs, low call volumes, payor mix challenges, inadequate reimbursement, and a decline in local volunteerism have combined to create a crisis in rural EMS services. The isolated frontier nature of Inyo County, including long travel distances and limited local services, increases costs beyond those experienced by typical rural communities. Further complicating the matter are the 2 million-plus visitors coming into or passing through Inyo County who often require these services.

Some solutions include:

- Enhanced reimbursement for rural EMS services in Medicare and Medicaid programs
- Grant programs and base funding specifically for rural/frontier EMS services



Fire Prevention and Protection

Support programs, regulations, legislation, and funding at the state and federal levels that enhance fire prevention efforts and reduce hazardous fuels on public land. Support efforts to reward home-hardening and wildfire mitigations taken by homeowners. Support funding for the County's small, local and volunteer fire districts.

Some specific projects include:

- Funding for water system infrastructure improvements for fire defense, especially within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- Upgrading water sources and capacity to meet flow rates adequate for fire suppression.



THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Support Inyo County communities through infrastructure investments, effective service delivery, and thoughtful planning.

Inyo County’s position is unique. As the second largest county in California, more than 98% of the land base is owned and managed as public land which does not allow for residential or commercial development. The County must therefore creatively approach how it addresses critical infrastructure needs as it seeks to serve a small population spread across more than 10,000 square miles. Given the significant resources available from the federal government related to infrastructure, Inyo County must continue to engage with its federal representatives, relevant agencies, and local stakeholders to position itself for success. The County looks to expand its role in discussions related to upcoming infrastructure legislation, with the goal of increasing access to, and the receipt of, federal and state funds.

Inyo County’s legislative platform seeks support for Thriving Communities through federal and state infrastructure investments, effective delivery of key community services, and thoughtful, locally driven planning and land use policy.

HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF LIMITED PRIVATE LAND

Isolated Communities

- Advocate in support of programs that can benefit isolated frontier communities and provide means for supplemental investments into these communities.
- Advocate for a frontier designation that recognizes the unique challenges of these communities.

Land Tenure Challenges

- Seek out legislative changes which recognize the unique challenges with land tenure faced by Inyo County, in particular operating in a holdover status on lease agreements.

IMPROVED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Workforce Housing

- Advocate for policies and funding opportunities to support the creation of workforce housing for the “missing middle.”

Housing for Vulnerable Residents

- Support policy and regulatory changes that promote access to state and federal housing funds for rural areas.
- Remove barriers in planning processes, regulatory frameworks, and funding programs that make it more difficult for low-resource rural and frontier areas to access state and federal housing funds.

ENHANCED HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND SENIOR SERVICES

Health Care and Behavioral Health Access

- Support programs that improve access to health services in rural areas, including emergency services, rural and community health clinics, medical and non-medical transportation, behavioral health services, and hospital facilities.

Youth

- Pursue federal funding to better allow the County to meet the needs of its young people and provide them opportunities to excel outside of the classroom.

Seniors

- Support programs and seek funding for services that assist the County’s aging population.

Veterans

- Work with the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase access to veterans health centers, veterans housing, and other critical veterans services.

QUALITY PARKS AND RECREATION

Funding for Facility Improvements

- Support funding and programs for the construction and enhancement of community facilities such as parks, campgrounds, libraries, and museums.

Playing Fields and Parks

- Invest in sports and recreation facilities, including parks, rec centers, and playing fields, as a strategy to get youth outdoors.

TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Water and Wastewater

- Pursue funding for water projects of significant value to the County, especially those related to clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

Broadband

- Support broadband expansion, broadband adoption, telecommunications improvements, technology infrastructure projects, and other technology advancements.

Community Centers

- Support funding for improved community center infrastructure, including redundant power, heating, cooling, and other emergency response and sheltering essentials

General Infrastructure

- Seek out funding to support the maintenance and replacement of dilapidated and failing critical infrastructure.

ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Airports

- Advocate for funding that will allow the County to develop and expand commercial and general aviation infrastructure that supports communities and spurs economic development.

Ground Transportation

- Support the development of public ground transportation throughout the County, serving residents as well as visitors and tourists.

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION THROUGH EFFECTIVE PLANNING

Environmental Review and Project Delivery

- Advocate for the streamlining of environmental review processes to make the delivery of the County's priority infrastructure projects more timely and efficient.

Downtown Revitalization

- Advocate for programs and funding that revitalize rural towns through support of small businesses.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Natural Resources

- Support legislation that protects and enhances rural counties' natural resources as well as recreational infrastructure, without harming the landscape or the economy that relies on access to public lands.

Wildfire Prevention, Mitigation, and Protection

- Support realistic federal policy and regulatory reforms that balance environmental protection with the preservation of life and property and that lead to better mitigation of wildfires on federal, state, and private lands.
- Support federal policies that assist agricultural producers experiencing drought-related losses, including those stemming from reductions in regional water supplies due to federal drought-mitigation actions.



ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT

Engage in activities which encourage economic growth for existing industries and promote business and workforce resilience.

A diverse and vibrant local economy is central to the long-term growth of Inyo County. The County relies on its small businesses to provide services to the millions of visitors who come to hike Death Valley and climb Mount Whitney, while also making sure its residents continue to have employment opportunities and have access to all their daily needs. Support for these small businesses is paramount to Inyo County's economic growth, as is its pursuit of support from the Economic Development Administration to develop a diverse and resilient economy within the County and the Eastern Sierra region.

Inyo County's legislative platform seeks support for Economic Enhancement through investments which encourage economic growth for existing industries and promote business and workforce resilience.

BUSINESS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND WORKFORCE

Small Business

- Support programs and activities that provide assistance to small businesses and promote entrepreneurship.

Agriculture

- Support legislation that would expand agriculture programs, with specific interest in increasing access for rural communities with significant public land holdings to develop and utilize sustainable agricultural practices and grow a self-sustainable agricultural industry.

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION INITIATIVES

Tourist Economy and Gateway Communities

- Advocate for funding that would make the County's tourism and recreation economy more resilient and robust, including those that increase access to public lands.

COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Lands Funding

- Advocate for the creation of a new federal program that would provide funding to communities with significant public lands and reliance on those lands for tourism and recreation economies.

Land Management Agencies

- Engage with the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, and the USDA Forest Service to better manage public lands in cooperative partnerships.

Property Tax Mitigation

- Oppose activities of the federal, state, and other localities' governments to acquire and transfer private lands to public ownership without mitigation for loss of local property tax revenue.



HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

Deliver relevant and high-value County government services which are responsive to community needs and prioritize a thriving workplace for staff.

With approximately 2% of land in Inyo County available for economic or residential development coupled with having the seventh lowest population in the State, the County's ability to collect revenue through traditional means (such as property tax) is greatly limited. To further complicate matters, more than 2 million visitors traverse the County each year as they visit Death Valley, Mt. Whitney, Mammoth Lakes, Yosemite, and other natural attractions throughout the area. All these factors play a significant role in the County's ability to provide government services on which residents and visitors rely. While the County is fiscally stable and effectively manages its limited financial resources, the pursuit and utilization of federal and state dollars as well as grant funds is critical to the overall health, wellness, and quality of life in Inyo County communities.

Inyo County's legislative platform seeks support for the delivery of relevant and High Quality Services which are responsive to community needs and prioritize a thriving County workforce.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES

Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT)

- Support legislation and budget efforts that continue to maximize the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue from the federal and state government to counties and continues full funding of PILT without restrictions beyond the current authorization.

Tribal Nations

- Support programs and pursue funding that benefits local Tribal Nations and allows the County to better engage those communities, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and grow a self-sustainable agricultural industry.

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT AND IMPROVED COUNTY FACILITIES

- Support efforts to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable to the people of Inyo County.
- Provide funding to rural counties to ensure that community-facing County services and facilities are adequate and comparable to those available in higher population areas.
- Support reforms that address excessive statute of limitations periods and exorbitant damage awards that strain municipal taxpayer resources otherwise available for essential taxpayer services.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Law Enforcement

- Support funding for public safety, including search and rescue activities, law enforcement communications, and public safety equipment.

Fire Response Infrastructure

- Pursue funding and legislative changes that improve the ability for volunteer fire departments and emergency responders to operate effectively and serve residents of the County.
- ~~Oppose reductions~~ Oppose reductions in FEMA's Schedule of Equipment Rates (SER) to ensure equitable reimbursement for applicant-owned equipment deployed in disaster response and recovery, and preserve critical, life-saving mutual aid arrangements.

Emergency Medical Services

- Seek funding and other mechanisms which support the provision of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, as well as funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility and equipment needs.



2026 INYO COUNTY POLICY AREAS

- ➔ Agriculture/Weights and Measures
- ➔ Cannabis/Hemp
- ➔ Child Support
- ➔ Elections
- ➔ Solid Waste and Landfills
- ➔ General Government
- ➔ Labor Relations and Employee Benefits
- ➔ Health and Human Services
- ➔ Transportation
- ➔ Public Works and Infrastructure
- ➔ Natural Resources, Environment, Land Use, and Planning
- ➔ Economic Development
- ➔ Public Safety and Emergency Response
- ➔ Tribal and Intergovernmental Relations
- ➔ Veterans' Services
- ➔ Wildfire
- ➔ Rural Communities
- ➔ Los Angeles Department of Water and Power



AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- Support full cost recovery for new agricultural, weights and measures, and pesticide enforcement state programs or mandates.
- Support continued and enhanced funding of invasive species programs through legislation and/or appropriations.
- Support federal and state legislation and resources that would provide stable funding for Weed Management Areas for control on harmful non-native or invasive weed species.
- Support continued funding of US Forest Service biomass fuel reduction programs.
- Support authority for USDA to set up cooperative agreements with states for pest exclusion programs.
- Support control and mitigation for the spread of invasive species to protect, conserve and restore public and private lands and wildfire prevention.
- Support efforts to provide and protect local authority for device registration fees.
- Oppose efforts by state agencies to usurp Agricultural Commissioner's permitting authority for the application of pesticides.
- Oppose efforts to ban the use of rodenticide for agricultural and public health purposes in California.
- Support revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulations that eliminate regulatory and application form inconsistencies; improve permit documentation, transparency and oversight; clarifying existing regulations; and remove outdated provisions.
- Support budgetary efforts to restore and maintain funding for agricultural border stations.
- Monitor legislation related to backfilling gas tax funding as the state transitions to electric vehicles.
- Support legislation that would exclusively provide resource conservation funding for small rural counties.
- Support legislation that would expand agriculture programs, with specific interest in increasing access for rural communities with significant public land holdings.
- Advocate for increased protections for local farmers, including the prevention of the importation of certain agricultural goods, and increase funding for the development of alternative pesticide products.
- Seek funding and support legislation that would allow the County to develop and utilize sustainable agricultural practices and grow a self-sustainable agricultural industry in Inyo County.
- Advocate for changes to the federal classification of cannabis and cannabis-based products, and better protection of the local cannabis industry.
- Seek funding to provide counties with equipment to fulfill mandates to test EVSE fueling stations
- Support the passage of a Farm Bill that maintains or increases funding allocations for wildlife services as well as pest prevention and control programs.



CANNABIS/HEMP

1. Oppose legislation that would diminish local authority over commercial cannabis regulation.
2. Oppose legislation creating local mandates or programs that don not provide 100% funding and resources for any additional regulatory activities to be carried out by the Agriculture Department, impair local authority, fail to provide adequate security for staff, or create interference between cannabis regulations and existing authorities granted to Commissioners/Sealers.



CHILD SUPPORT

1. Support legislation that would protect existing state and federal funding for local child support programs.
2. Support policies, funding and services for non-custodial parents that promote self-sufficiency and ability to care for their child(ren).
3. Support legislation that would improve child support enforcement for tribal support agencies.
4. Oppose any recommendations that would reduce federal financial participation in child support programs.
5. Oppose efforts to delay the implementation of the Internal Revenue Service's third-party payment application reporting requirements.



ELECTIONS

1. Support legislation to provide opt-in as opposed to opt-out for receiving electronic sample ballots.
2. Support legislation that requires counties to be reimbursed for the cost of special elections called by the Governor or Legislature.
3. Support efforts to reinstate language directing the state to provide reimbursement to counties that hold a special election to replace a member of Congress or a member of the state Legislature to fill a vacancy, as well as for the cost of special elections called for other reasons.
4. Support legislation that would authorize federal and state governments to assist counties in the purchase of voting equipment and technology.
5. Support legislation that provides the option for rural counties to conduct elections via "Vote by Mail" while also enfranchising rural voters.



SOLID WASTE AND LANDFILLS

1. Support the continued exemption of rural counties from Organics Recycling Mandates.
2. Support legislation that requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to consider the impacts on jurisdictions and their waste diversion programs caused by China's restrictions on imported recyclables and the resulting market loss.
3. Support legislation, such as the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 2018, to stabilize the recycling marketplace, provide immediate, temporary relief to California's retailers and grocers affected by the 2016 recycling center closures, and ensure consumers have local redemption opportunities.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Oppose legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over the allocation of funds through the budget process.
2. Oppose legislation that would require counties to share State expenses and liability on projects outside local jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that reduces state and federal regulations that impede or increase the cost of the delivery of services by local governments and special districts.
4. Monitor closely any legislative efforts/initiatives regarding reform of the state budget process.
5. Oppose legislation that is unduly burdensome to private industry.
6. Support protection of funding discretion and use bond funds.
7. Oppose legislation that eliminates, diminishes, limits, or interferes with the nonprofit organizations that the County has membership in, i.e., the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), State Sheriff's Association, Chief Probation Officers Association, State Welfare Directors Association, etc., in actively participating in the legislative and ballot measure processes. (Added by Board Order 8-20-13)
8. Oppose legislation that increases the County's exposure to litigation.
9. Support legislation and regulations that preserve – and do not impair – the ability of counties to provide public health, safety, welfare or environmental services by local government.
10. Support expanded permission to use private contracts to provide local services in justifiable areas as a means of achieving efficiency and economy.
11. Support legislation that provides additional State Park funding to rural counties.
12. Support continued funding of programs that would improve cybersecurity and cloud-based security programs for local governments.
13. Pursue funding for County cybersecurity initiatives that would protect critical local infrastructure and utility systems.
14. Support full funding of the Public Library Fund in future state budgets.



LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

1. Support collective bargaining legislation that:
 - Recognizes the responsibility of local elected officials to govern and manage the organization and to implement public policy; and
 - Minimizes conflict over procedural matters.
2. Oppose legislation that minimizes, restricts and/or eliminates local Boards of Supervisors control over collective bargaining and employer-employee relations.
3. Support legislation that would allow “a contracting agency and the exclusive representative of employees of that agency to agree through collective bargaining that the employer contribution for employee and annuitant health benefits coverage for employees first hired on or after the effective date of a memorandum of understanding may differ from the employer contribution provided to existing employees and annuitants pursuant to Sections 22890 and 22892” and any other legislation that will permit the County to take advantage of a multi-tier benefit package through Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Support streamlining Medicaid reimbursement in jail settings.
2. Support efforts to protect County Medical Services Program (CMSP) funding, minimize county participation fees, and sustain reasonable provider reimbursement rates.
3. Support efforts to simplify Medi-Cal enrollment for participants and providers, including medical providers in border states (i.e., AZ, NV, OR).
4. Support efforts to continue or establish new Section 1115 Medicaid waivers (e.g., CalAIM) that promote whole-person care, reduce health disparities, and/or provide other innovative approaches to improve healthcare services for the Medi-Cal population.
5. Support parity between behavioral health and physical health funding.
6. Support efforts to increase and sustain the behavioral health workforce.
7. Support legislation to divert persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system.
8. Support efforts that fund suicide prevention.
9. Support legislation that funds additional behavioral health residential treatment facilities for individuals who are deemed gravely disabled.
10. Support funding to adequately staff local public health agencies.
11. Support initiatives to expand access to dental health services for low-income populations.
12. Support legislation to prevent or reduce tobacco use and its health/economic impacts.
13. Support streamlined funding and programming for California Children's Services (CCS).
14. Support efforts to reform the In-Home Supportive Services program in ways that reduce fiscal and administrative impacts and risks of fraud.
15. Support initiatives to reduce homelessness by expanding affordable housing and supportive services.
16. Support funding for transitional and permanent housing capacity.
17. Support funding increases for Adult Protective Services and other programs for the aging population.
18. Support legislation to fully fund Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) requirements and other services that protect the physical, emotional, and mental health of children and youth; promote their educational development; and ensure the availability of supportive services for juveniles.
19. Support funding flexibility and blended funding across human service programs.
20. Support efforts to streamline state administrative oversight and reduce administrative costs to counties.
21. Support regionalized administrative tasks for small counties.
22. Support legislation that streamlines recruitment of qualified staff.
23. Support legislative changes to attract and retain qualified EMS volunteers.
24. Support legislation that ensures the financial feasibility of Emergency Medical Services in rural communities.
25. Support legislation to adequately fund Emergency Services Function 6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, and Human Services) at the local level.
26. Support and advocate for base allocation formulas for new funding targeting small counties.
27. Support and advocate for equitable funding for health and human services programs in rural areas.
28. Oppose reforms that limit or discontinue health care coverage.

29. Oppose disincentives for Medi-Cal enrollment/utilization, like co-payments and premiums.
30. Oppose reductions in Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/Targeted Case Management reimbursements.
31. Oppose funding reductions for public health emergency preparedness.
32. Oppose unfunded state mandates for increased benefits or salaries in the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program.
33. Oppose legislative changes to the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the In-Home Supportive Services program that result in higher county costs.
34. Oppose efforts to reform services under the Older American's Act that result in reduced service levels or increased county costs.
35. Oppose efforts that negatively impact the County's health and human services realignment funds.



TRANSPORTATION

1. Support transportation funding legislation that:
 - Provides revenues without affecting funding sources of other County projects;
 - Continues federal funding efforts for local transportation projects;
 - Reaffirms and continues state responsibility for highway financing;
 - Bolsters the multiple transportation funding sources that provide for improved transportation systems and multimodal networks, including SB 1 as enacted, and delivery of projects that rehabilitate and improve local roads;
 - Supports and encourages the use and development of transit facilities and infrastructure.
2. Support any legislative efforts that assist the County in mitigating for the transportation of transuranic waste to the Nevada Test Site, Yucca Mountain, or other selected sites through California on routes located in or transecting Inyo County. Specifically, funding and assistance is needed in several areas including road and infrastructure improvements, first responder training, radiological detection instruments and training, and emergency medical and hospital training.
3. Support state legislators' efforts to address identified state highway safety needs in our communities.
4. Support legislation that enhances counties' ability to designate appropriate uses of county roads.
5. Support state and federal legislation efforts that benefit our local airports.
6. Oppose the effort to repeal SB 1, which would result in the loss of new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise State and local transportation funds in the future.
7. Support legislation that provides funding opportunities to coordinate transportation plans with the County's General Plan.
8. Support legislation that provides funding to sustain and expand the region's public transit system.
9. Support legislation that supports interregional and intercity bus lines that connect with the County's transit system.
10. Support reauthorization and implementation of federal aviation policy at the State level to ensure that California continues to receive and dedicate investments to support commercial and general aviation airports.
11. Support legislation that clarifies and/or preserves local authority to protect public roads.
12. Oppose a one-size-fits-all greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled reduction policy that hampers a rural county's ability to improve safety for residents and visitors.
13. Support CalSTA's stated action as a part of the CAPTI 2025 update to better account for the low VMT impact of rural projects in VMT analysis and mitigation guidance.



PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Oppose legislation that changes public contracting laws in a manner in which it negatively impacts the County's contract authority and/or increases costs to the County and/or unduly lengthens the time it takes for the County to enter into a Public Works contract.
2. Pursue funding for local parks, campgrounds, community centers, museums, libraries, and other community-facing infrastructure, including those that double as shelters and/or heating and cooling centers during extreme weather events.
3. Engage with the state and federal government to ensure Inyo County has access to reliable electric and power utilities, particularly in relation to grid resiliency from extreme weather events.
4. Seek funding and support programs that provide electric and power utility services to communities in a cost-efficient manner.
5. Push for policies that reinforce critical infrastructure, such as power lines, water systems, and transportation networks, to withstand natural disaster events and ensure continuity of essential services during and after disasters.



NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE, AND PLANNING

1. Support legislation to provide funding for programs to protect lakes, creeks, and river parkways and groundwater basins, and restore damaged river habitat and fisheries.
2. Monitor federal or state activities limiting public access to public lands.
3. Support federal funding proposals that enhance the County's ability to acquire federal and state funding for the purpose of managing watersheds et al.
4. Support legislation which promotes and/or provides monetary aid to local jurisdictions for land use coordination with state and federal agencies.
5. Oppose any legislation which eliminates or diminishes the requirement for federal and state land use agencies to coordinate with local government on decisions affecting local jurisdictions.
6. Support legislation which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the use of its natural resources, including but not limited to mining, water storage, renewable energy, and agricultural resources.
7. Support efforts by federal and state government to support homeowners impacted by insurance rate hikes, cancellations, and non-renewals.
8. Monitor efforts by federal and state government to increase fees for and reduce and/or eliminate fire protection services on public lands.
9. Support legislation that protects local jurisdictions that aggressively address mussel infestation in water systems from liability.
10. Oppose any legislation that could negatively impact outdoor recreation. (Added by Board Order 8-21-2012).
11. Support state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard being re-calculated to include rooftop solar.
12. Oppose legislation that makes California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements more burdensome and provides for less public notification in the county where the projects are located.
13. Support legislation that recognizes, funds, and protects the ecological resources of the Sierra Nevada as part of the effort to reach California's Climate Change goals.
14. Support increased funding for public land management agencies to address deferred maintenance in forests, national parks, and reserves that rural counties depend on for tourism and recreation-based economies.
15. Support legislation to remove state tax exemptions for solar energy development facilities.
16. Support and encourage efforts that streamline the process for obtaining permits from State, Federal and local land management agencies for activities such as livestock grazing, commercial filming, guiding and outfitting, packing, and special events.
17. Oppose legislation that minimizes and/or eliminates local control over land use decisions.
18. Support legislative efforts to enable local governments, utilities, energy developers, California Native American Tribal governments, affected landowners, and members of the public to actively participate in the renewable energy and utility corridor planning processes.
19. Support legislation which reduces and/or eliminates State requirements regarding the General Plan and its updates.
20. Oppose legislation which limits or reduces the authority of counties under the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).

21. Oppose legislation which limits or reduces the authority of counties decisions affecting the plans and policies of local jurisdictions.
22. Support legislation which maintains Inyo County's ability to protect and enhance its land use authority to determine the highest and best use of its natural resources.
23. Support legislation that protects and/or reinstates the payment of geothermal royalties to local jurisdictions.
24. Support legislation that provides funding opportunities to local jurisdictions to implement state General Plan requirements.
25. Oppose legislation that would hinder, because of mandated redactions or any other alterations of recorded documents, a private citizen's ability to establish ownership of real property or conduct private or commercial business operations.
26. Oppose legislation that removes or restricts local governments' discretion over the placement of wireless structures and/or prevents local governments from negotiating either rates or improved broadband services as a condition of a "small cell" permit.
27. Pursue funding for water cleanup projects, natural resource preservation, and water resource management.
28. Seek funding that would improve water quality in Bishop Creek and surrounding areas.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Support programs and activities that provide assistance to small businesses and promote entrepreneurship.
2. Advocate for the reauthorization of Opportunity Zones in upcoming federal tax legislation and ensure that the reauthorized program better benefits rural and isolated communities.
3. Advocate for legislation that expands the ability of Inyo County's small businesses to engage with the state and federal governments and benefit from economic development initiatives.
4. Advocate for more equitable distribution of sales taxes for goods purchased online to specifically support the level at the "point of sale" instead of the "point of distribution," allowing the County to receive the sales taxes from goods purchased online and shipped into the County.
5. Seek support of changes to mining claims forms that allow for efficient and timely filing of mining claims.



PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1. Support legislation that maximizes county discretion in developing programs for juveniles.
2. Support legislation that eliminates the requirement that counties pay for court reporter transcripts.
3. Support federal and state funding to combat the impacts of controlled substance production, distribution, and use, including the ongoing opioid addiction crisis.
4. Support legislation that would allow counties to enact an ordinance to allow up to a \$10 penalty assessment for every \$100 fine for criminal offense, including traffic fines, for the maintenance and purchase of law enforcement facilities and vehicles.
5. Oppose any changes in the state criminal justice system that increases costs to counties for jail operations, including but not limited to early releases of prisoners, commutation of sentences and/or commutation of variable sentencing options (i.e., wobblers), without a corresponding dedicated long-term reliable revenue stream and the ability to administer it locally.
6. Support legislation that will complete the work initiated through the Trial Court Unification Act by making justice system costs that are controlled or imposed by the judiciary but inadvertently remain the responsibilities of the counties the clear responsibility of the State of California and the California Superior Court to fund.
7. Support efforts to increase and/or preserve funding allocations to support criminal justice realignment costs including inmate healthcare and jail expense costs.
8. Support federal and state funding and programs to provide comprehensive, effective mental health and substance abuse treatment programs for criminal defendants, thereby reducing recidivism and protecting the public.
9. Support full state funding of any new pre-trial release and supervision requirements related to bail system reform efforts.
10. Support legislation and policies to improve re-entry options for adult and juvenile probationers, including housing.
11. Support legislation and policies to expand and enhance evidence-based programs available to clients.
12. Support legislation and policies that will allow for continued investment in community corrections training.
13. Support legislation to bolster flexible policies and resources for drug treatment and mental health services for probationers.
14. Support legislation and policies to protect resources that support foster youth in Continuum of Care Reform.
15. Support legislation and policies that ensure resources for supervision, rehabilitative programming, and re-entry services for adult and juvenile offenders.
16. Support legislation and policies to preserve and provide resources at the federal, state, and local level for effective community supervision practices.
17. Support legislation that enhances educational programs for adult and juvenile offenders.
18. Support legislation which will provide funding for probation services provided to drug offenders, and mentally ill incarcerated offenders.
19. Support legislation to authorize local probation departments to collect outstanding victim restitution through the civil process.

20. Oppose efforts by federal and state government to adversely impact the ability of volunteer fire departments to provide critical first response and ambulance services in rural communities, including but not limited to recruiting and retaining qualified Emergency Medical Technicians.
21. Support full funding of disaster relief for all eligible counties, and a return to State assistance for the large portion of the costs of state or federally declared disasters.
22. Oppose any changes to, or limitations upon, the eligibility for receipt of disaster costs, especially tying county land use processes and decision-making to disaster relief funding.
23. Support state tax relief for those individuals and businesses who have losses due to disaster.
24. Advocate for programs that support local law enforcement, including the expansion of program eligibility guidelines to better serve rural and isolated communities.
25. Support and seek funding for projects and programs that support emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and management.



TRIBAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- Support the following goals for County-Tribal intergovernmental relations:
 - facilitate intergovernmental agreements,
 - develop mechanisms to mitigate the off-reservation impacts of Tribal developments on local government services and the environment,
 - promote best practices and models of successful Tribal-County relationships.
- Support the promotion and development of positive working relationships between the County and local Tribes to the mutual benefit of both parties and the communities they respectively serve.
- Support legislation or policy that provides for or recognizes enforceable agreements between Tribes and local governments concerning the mitigation of off-reservation impacts of development on Tribal land.
- Oppose any federal or state limitation on the ability of Tribes, counties, and other local governments to reach mutually acceptable and enforceable agreements, including any federal prohibitions on deed restrictions mutually agreed to by Tribal and local governments.



VETERANS' SERVICES

1. Support legislation and efforts that ensure access to the services and benefits to which veterans are entitled, including housing, healthcare, employment, education and training, and community reintegration assistance.
2. Support legislation that provides funding for veterans housing programs, such as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.
3. Support the development of specific strategies for intervention and service delivery to veterans through cooperation between federal, state, and local governments, as well as community and private organizations serving veterans.
4. Support coordination of services for veterans among all entities that serve this population, especially in housing, treatment, and employment training.



WILDFIRE

1. Support legislation which identifies the impacts of catastrophic wildfires and provides that wildfire mitigation and prevention are goals that meet the requirements of the California Global Warming Solutions Act.
2. Support realistic federal policy and regulatory reforms that balance environmental protection with the preservation of life and property and that lead to better mitigation of wildfires on tribal, federal, state, and private lands.
3. Engage with the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and state agencies to undertake wildfire prevention and preparedness measures, including funding for local fuel management and fire resiliency efforts.
4. Pursue funding for fuel mitigation efforts, including those that safely gather and burn/utilize biomass and assist with weed removal, and expanded Good Neighbor Authorities and other cooperative agreements for forest management/ecosystem health.
5. Support legislation that reforms wildfire suppression funding, prevents “fire transfers” within firefighting budgets, and gives agencies in charge of fire suppression more budget flexibility.
6. Advocate for legislative efforts that ensure fair compensation and comprehensive benefits for firefighters, including enhanced mental health counseling, recognizing the increasing demands and risks associated with wildfire suppression and prevention.
7. Support initiatives that fund and expand community-based education programs, workshops, and training sessions focused on wildfire preparedness, evacuation planning, and personal responsibility in reducing fire risk.
8. Support reforms that ensure homeowners and businesses in fire-prone areas can access affordable insurance coverage, including state-backed insurance pools or subsidies for high-risk areas.
9. Support training programs and workforce development initiatives that prepare individuals for careers in fire management, forestry, and land management, particularly targeting rural and underrepresented communities.
10. Ensure that wildfire mitigation strategies are incorporated into broader climate adaptation and resilience planning, recognizing the interplay between climate change and increasing wildfire frequency and intensity.



RURAL COMMUNITIES

1. Advocate for improved specificity in the definition of “rural” and “frontier” communities, so that isolated communities such as Inyo County are better able to access funding set aside for rural and frontier communities.
2. Advocate for the reauthorization of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and increased compensation for publicly owned lands.
3. Advocate for the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program and increased financial compensation for lands that were previously used for timber production, grazing, and other special uses.
4. Advocate for increased locality pay rates for Inyo County so that agencies may better attract and retain land management employees and other federal workers.
5. Support legislation that recognizes the inherent disadvantage rural counties have as it applies to using a population-based criteria (per capita) for allocating state and federal funds and minimizes and/or eliminates the reliance on this funding criteria.



LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

1. Support initiatives that would encourage, incentivize, or require the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to divest land in and around Inyo County communities that have no bearing on watershed management.
2. Oppose changes to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power rules that no longer allow for businesses on leased land to be sold, thereby depriving small business owners of their livelihoods and retirements, preventing multi-generation ownership, and depriving Inyo County communities of desperately needed services.



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-32

Letter of Support for Death Valley National Park Land Acquisition Opportunities

Board of Supervisors

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Board of Supervisors

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Will Wadelton

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Death Valley National Park is in a position to accept a donation of 3,209 acres of land from U.S. Borax, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto. The lands to be donated are inside Death Valley National Park's legislated boundary. The lands include scenic views from Zabriskie Point and along four miles of SR-190, which is a National Scenic Byway. The lands to be donated include about half of the Golden Canyon Trail network and nearly all of the Twenty Mule Team Canyon Road.

The park's 1.4 million annual visitors are already enjoying these iconic views, roads, and trails. Rio Tinto has allowed public access on their private property for many years, which is a liability risk for the company. If acquired by the park, the lands would be managed as part of the Death Valley National Park for the purposes of preserving resources for the enjoyment and public recreation of visitors. Rio Tinto will retain mineral rights. If the property remains privately owned, there is a risk the public will lose these recreational opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are 20 parcels included in the 3,209.297 acres Rio Tinto is proposing to donate to the Park Service. Property tax billed for those parcels in FY 25-26 totals \$34,176.66 which is to be divided thusly: County, 29% (\$9,911); Schools, 60% (\$20,506); City of Bishop, 1% (\$342); and Special Districts, 10% (\$3,418). With the parcels moved out of private ownership, these entities would lose that tax revenue.

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may request changes to the letter or decline to approve it. One thing to consider is the associated loss of property tax revenue that will be felt by the County, special districts, and schools.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Not Applicable

APPROVALS:

Darcy Israel	Created/Initiated - 01/13/2026
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John Vallejo	Approved - 01/13/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/13/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/13/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter Supporting DVNP Land Acquisition
2. DEVA Rio Tinto Map Series



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January 20, 2026

Superintendent Mike Reynolds
Death Valley National Park
P.O. Box 579
Death Valley, CA 92328
via email: mike_reynolds@nps.gov

Re: Letter of Support for NPS Land Acquisition Opportunities

Dear Superintendent Reynolds,

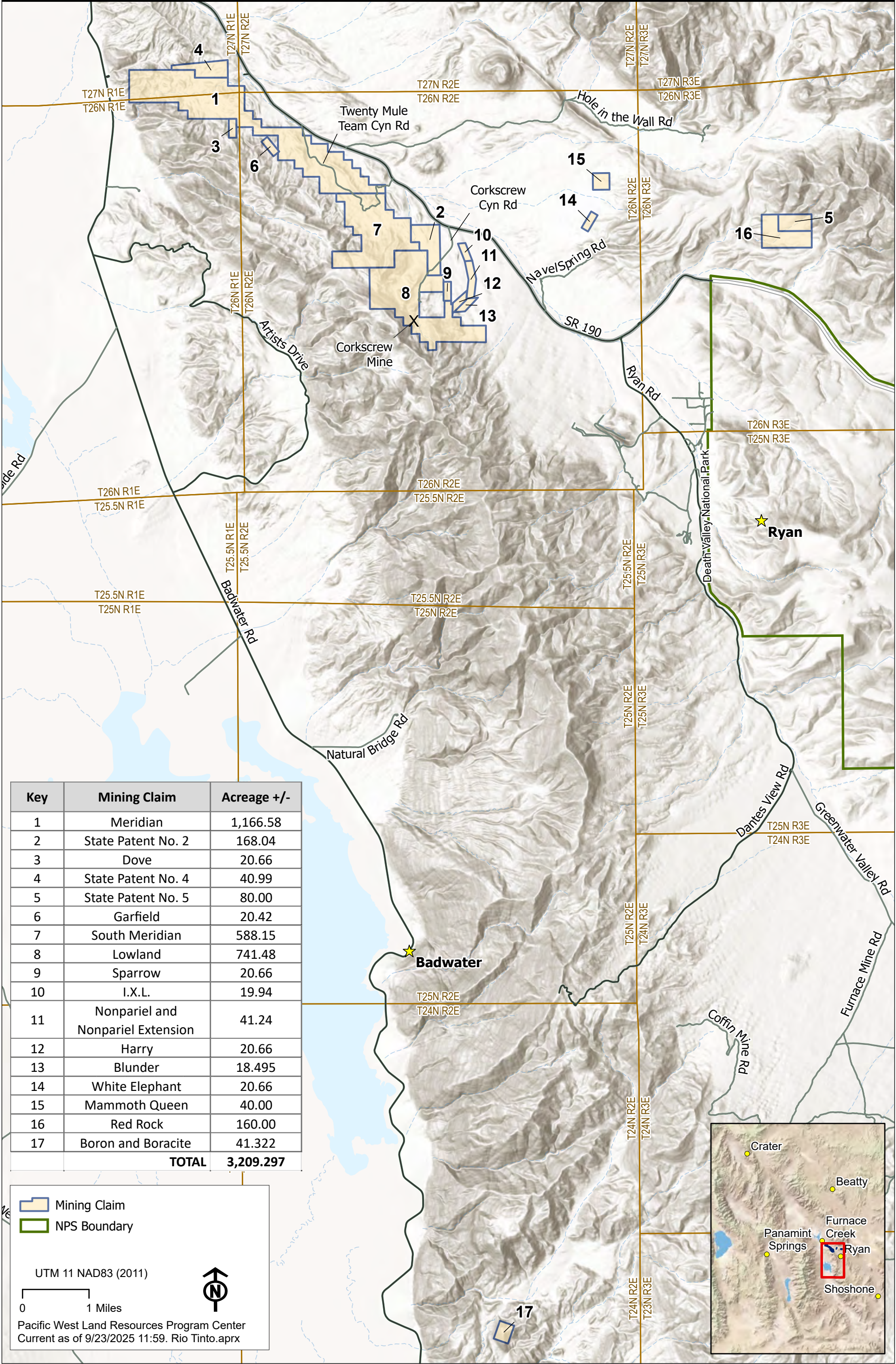
I am writing to express the Inyo County Board of Supervisors' support for the National Park Service's (NPS) efforts to acquire approximately 3,209 acres of land in the Corkscrew Mine, Twenty Mule Team Canyon, and Gower Gulch areas of Death Valley National Park. These lands have a high recreational value for the public visiting the national park. Visitors are already enjoying these iconic, views, roads, and trails thanks to Rio Tinto allowing public access.

We understand that if these lands are acquired by the park, they would be managed as part of the Death Valley National Park for the purposes of preserving resources for the enjoyment and public recreation of visitors. Rio Tinto will retain mineral rights. If the property remains privately owned, there is a risk the public will lose these recreational opportunities due to the liability risk for Rio Tinto.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chairperson Trina Orrill
Inyo County Board of Supervisors



Key	Mining Claim	Acreage +/-
1	Meridian	1,166.58
2	State Patent No. 2	168.04
3	Dove	20.66
4	State Patent No. 4	40.99
5	State Patent No. 5	80.00
6	Garfield	20.42
7	South Meridian	588.15
8	Lowland	741.48
9	Sparrow	20.66
10	I.X.L.	19.94
11	Nonpariel and Nonpariel Extension	41.24
12	Harry	20.66
13	Blunder	18.495
14	White Elephant	20.66
15	Mammoth Queen	40.00
16	Red Rock	160.00
17	Boron and Boracite	41.322
TOTAL		3,209.297

Mining Claim

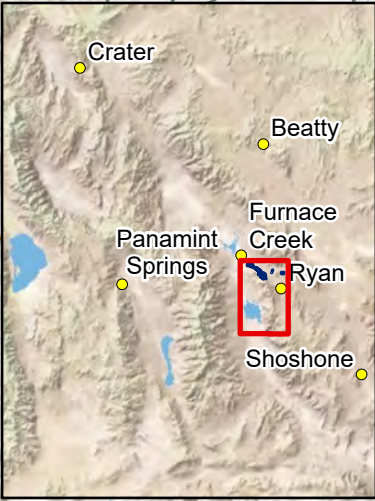
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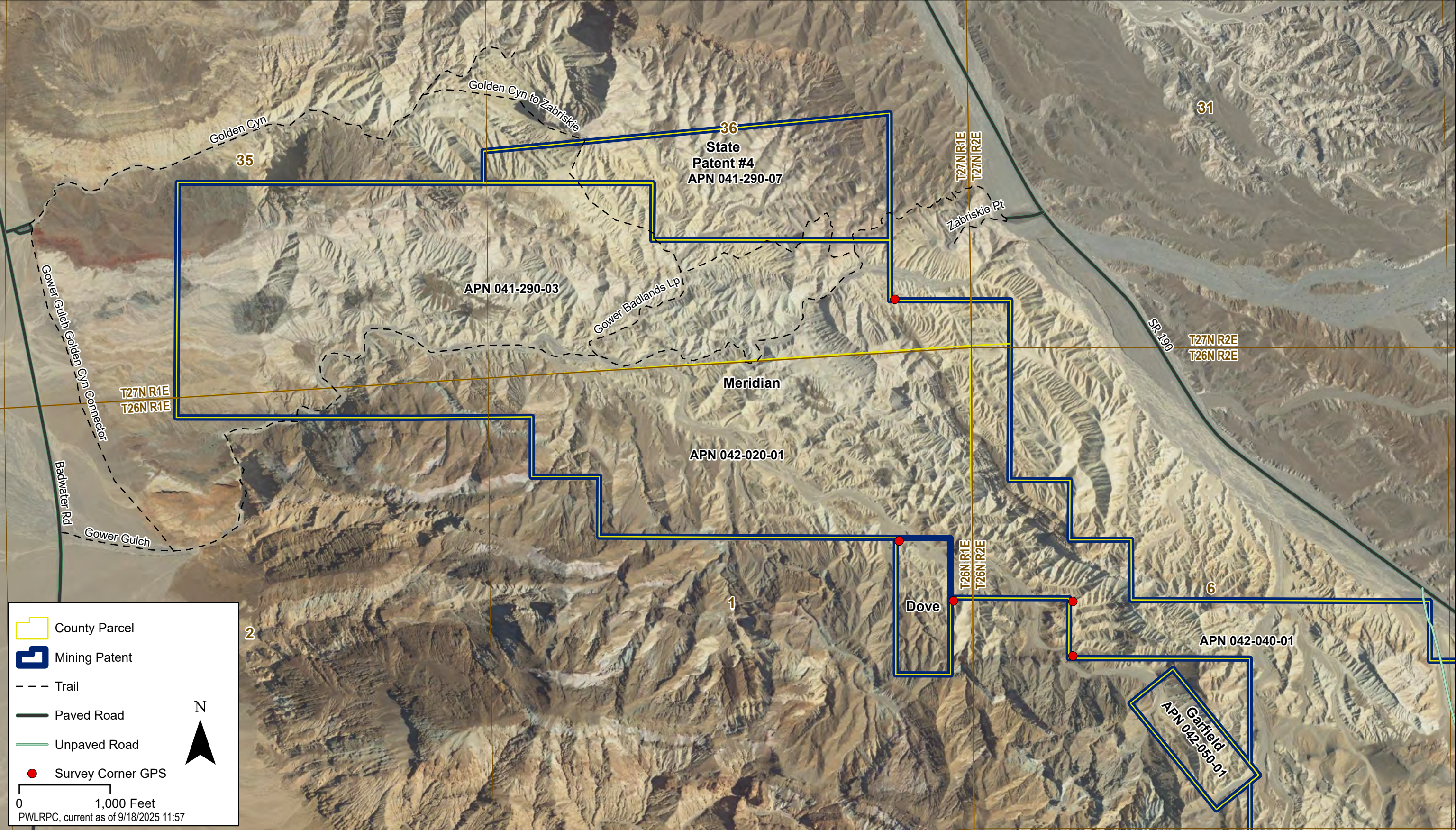
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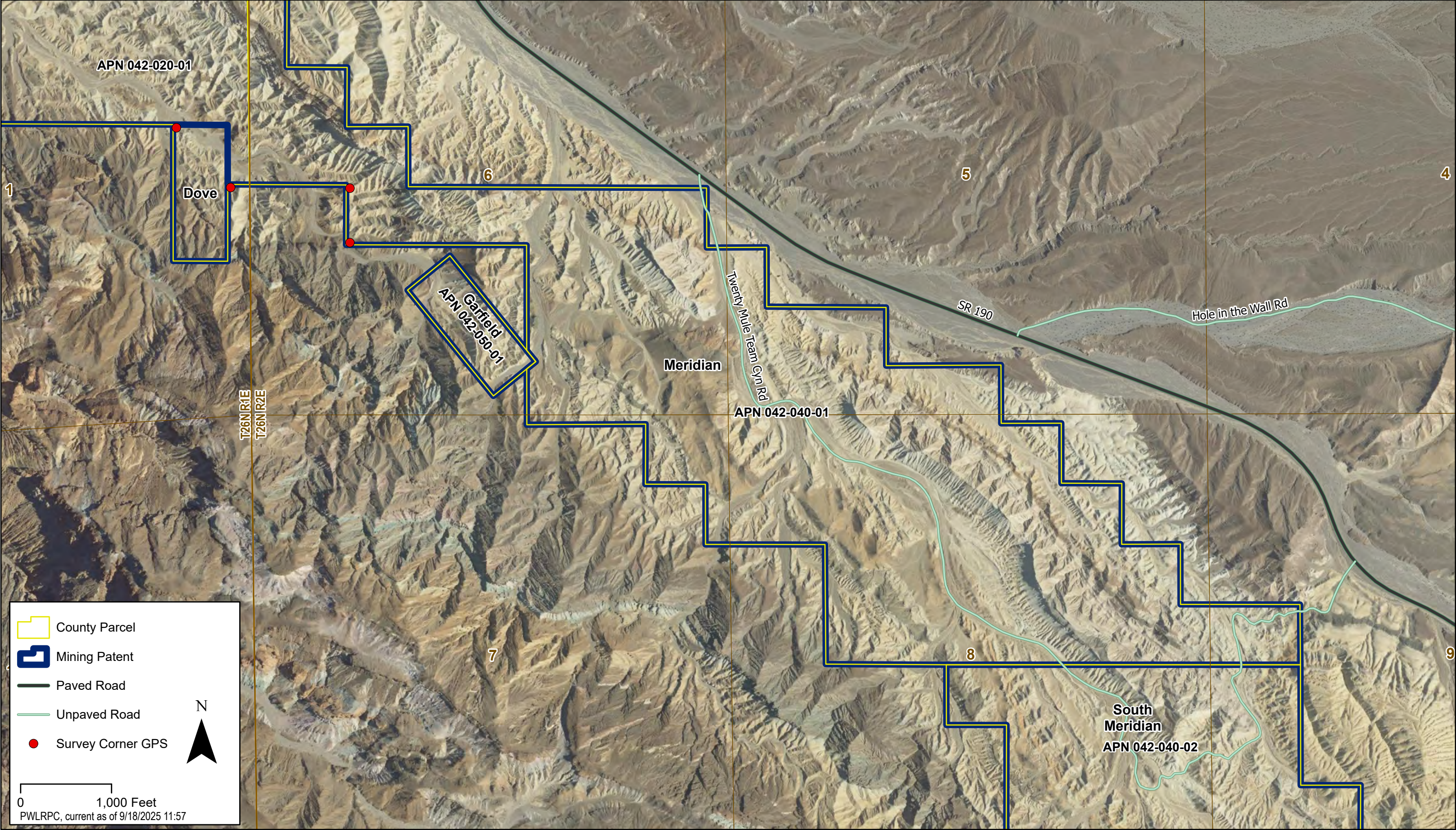


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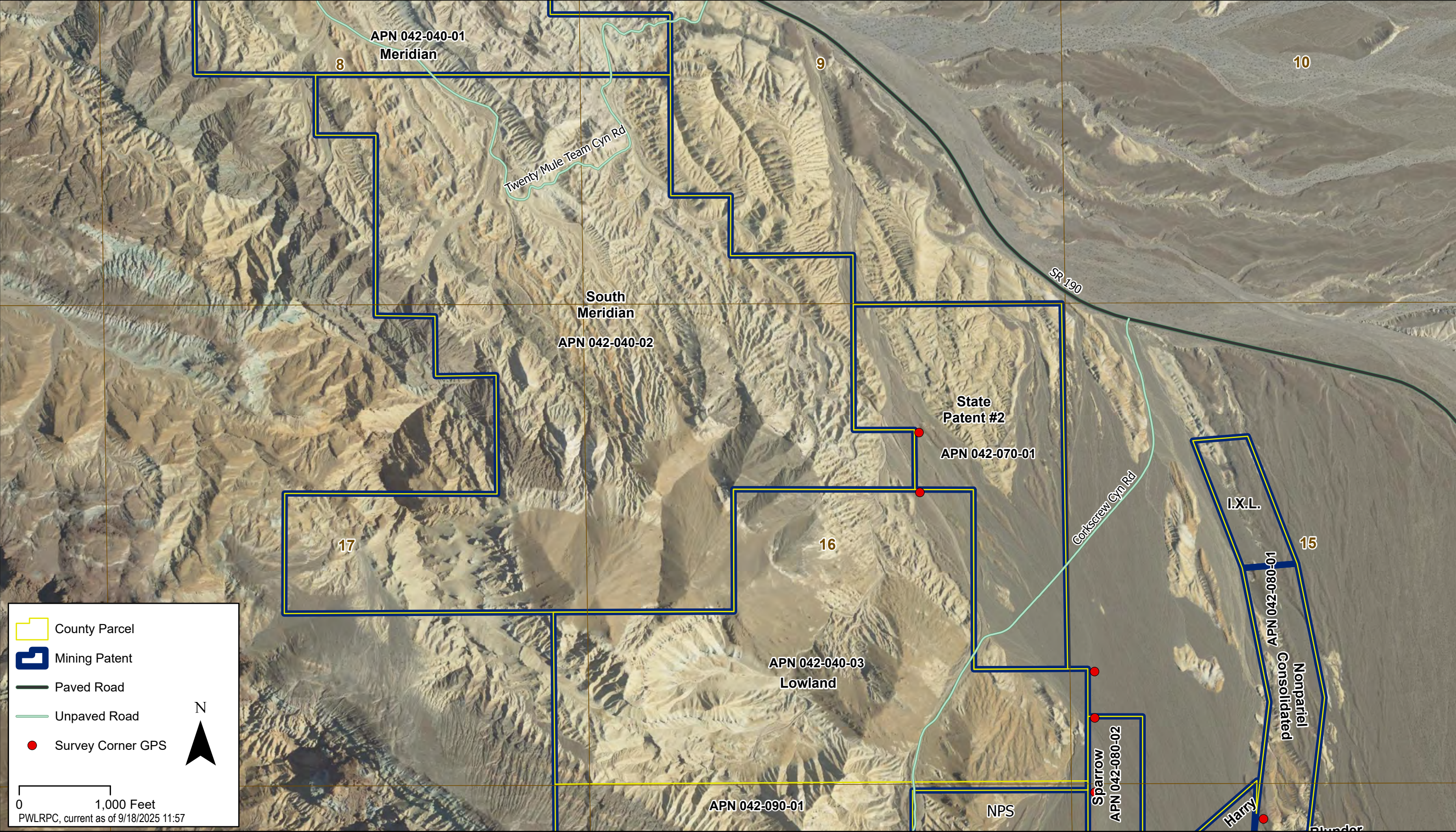
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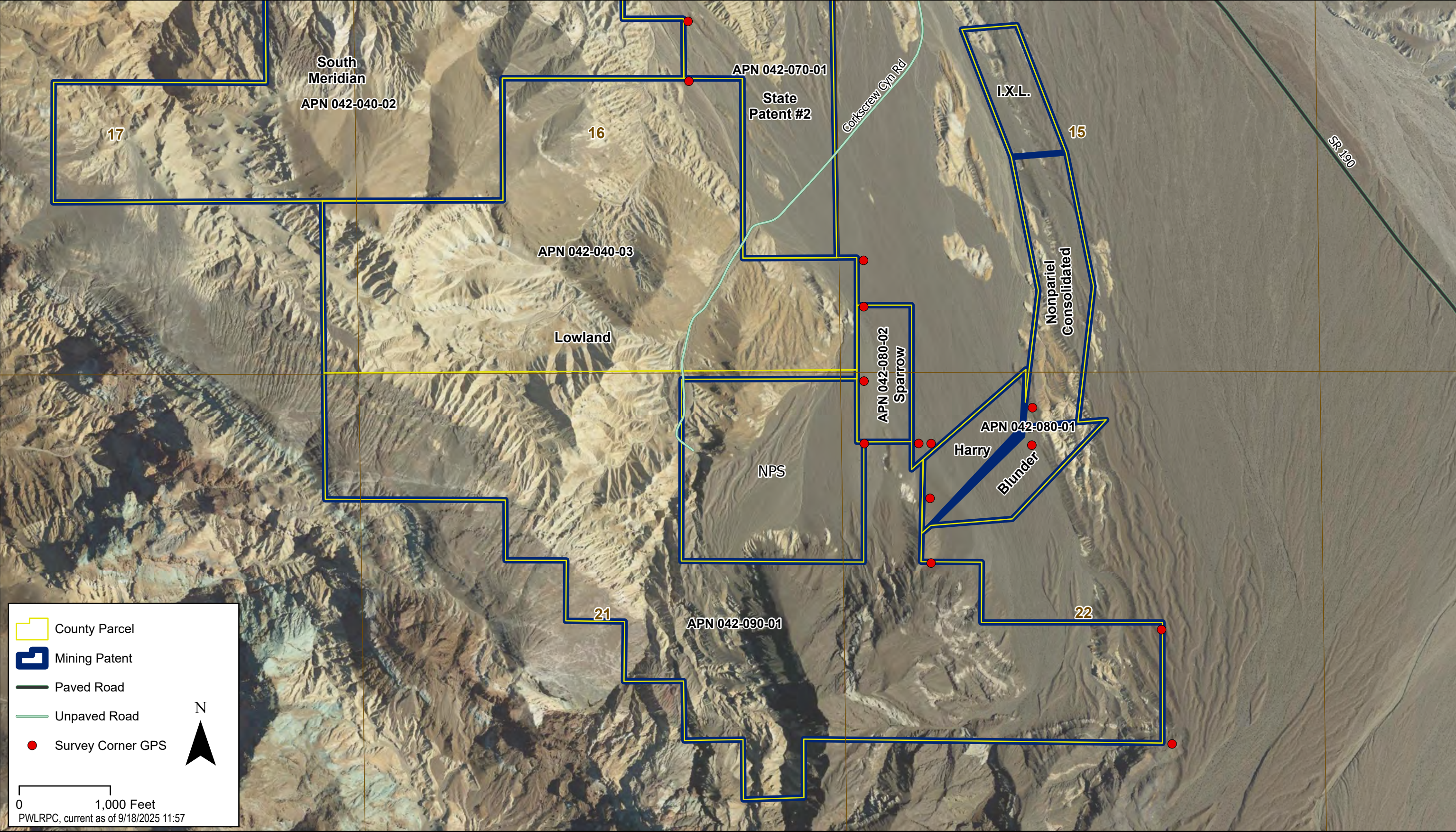
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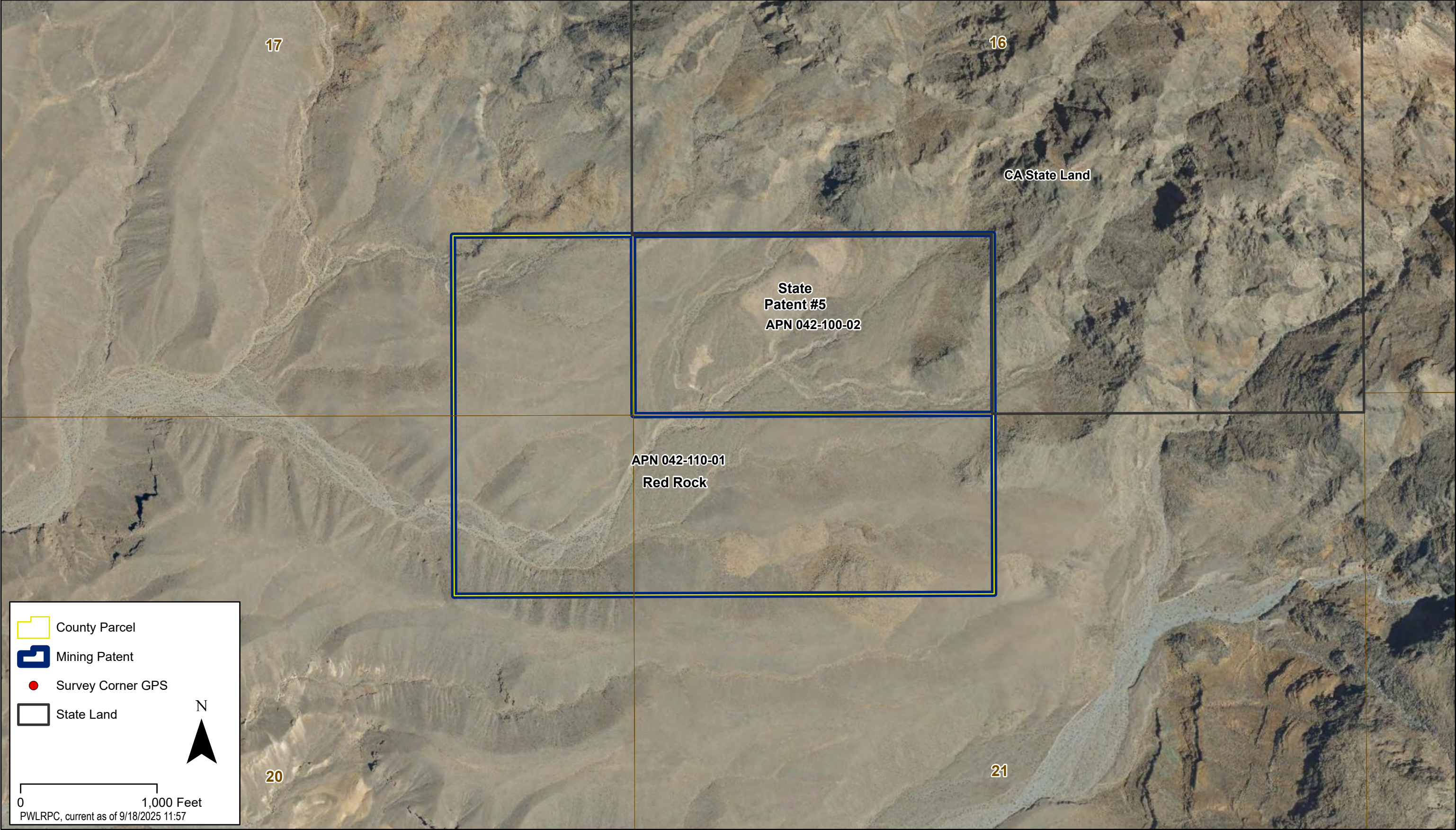
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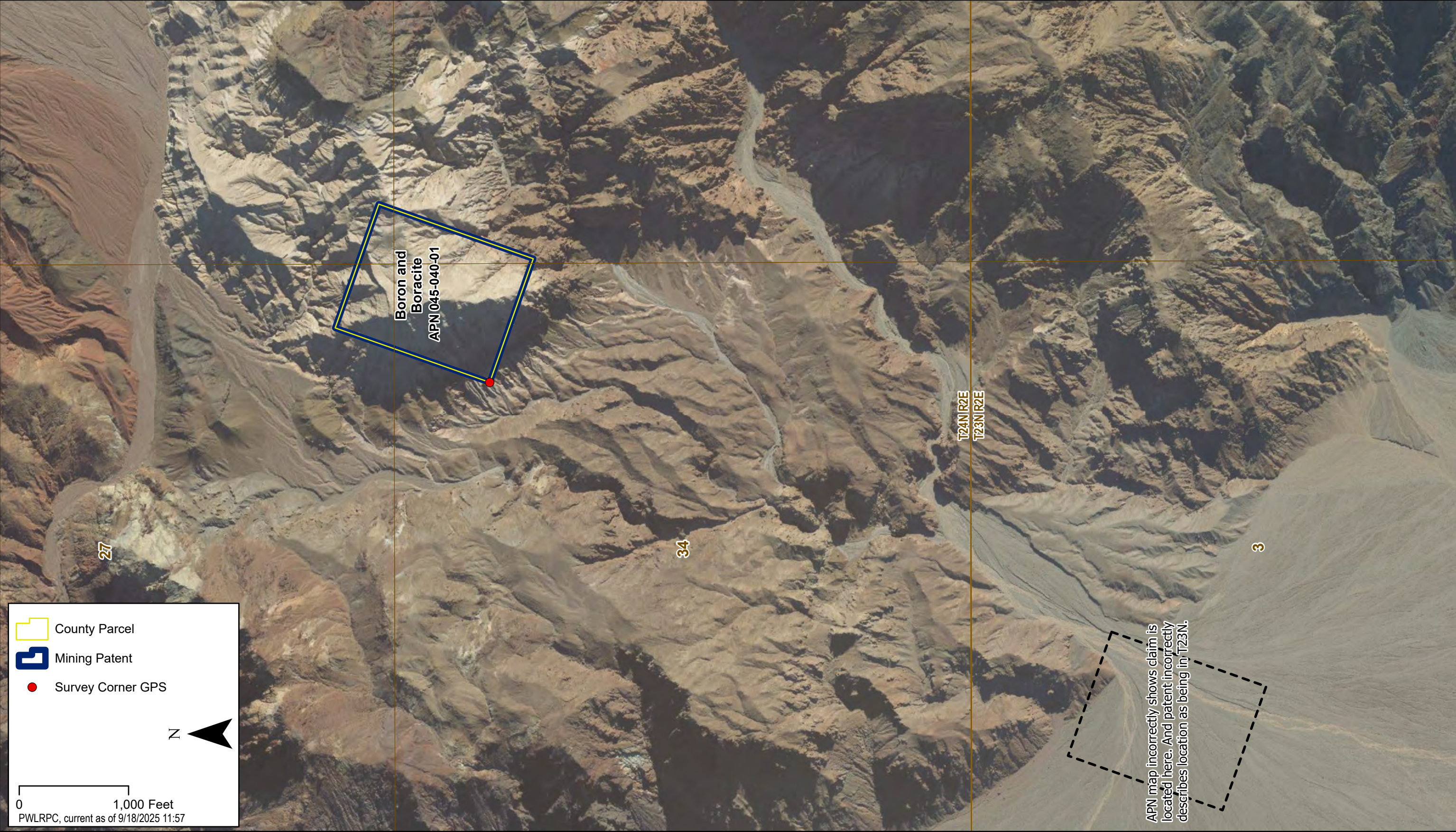
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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-22

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

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director,
John Vallejo, County Counsel

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Staff will provide the Board of Supervisors with an update on the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued to establish an Exclusive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operating Area (EOA) for the greater Bishop region and seek Board direction regarding the potential reissuance of the RFP.

The County issued the RFP in accordance with state EMS regulations and local EMS system needs on December 17, 2025, with a mandatory proposer's conference held on January 7, 2026 as part of the qualification process. While there was some media coverage of the RFP issuance, only one potential bidder registered and attended the mandatory conference. Given the strategic importance of securing the strongest, most competitive pool of proposals for the Bishop-area EOA, staff evaluated the current situation and determined that reissuing the RFP would be in the County's best interest. The County has the clear authority to cancel the current RFP pursuant to section 3.3.8 of the RFP, which states in relevant part as follows: "[t]his RFP does not commit the County to award a contract. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if deemed in the best interest of the County. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time before contract approval. Discretion under this section will be applied consistently to all proposals."

Reissuing the RFP would:

- Allow additional time for prospective bidders to prepare complete proposals;

- Permit the County to expand outreach and advertising, including direct notification to known EMS providers and professional associations;
- Ensure that all interested and potentially qualified providers have access to the mandatory proposer information; and
- Support a fair, transparent, and competitive procurement process consistent with County policy and best practices.

Because the mandatory proposer's conference for the existing RFP already occurred—and only one potential bidder attended—reissuing the RFP is the most effective method to broaden participation and ensure compliance with procurement requirements. This approach is expected to yield a greater number of qualified proposals, increase competitive pricing and service design options, and ultimately strengthen the long-term stability of EMS service delivery in the Bishop area. Staff therefore recommend that the Board receive this update and provide direction to reissue the RFP with enhanced outreach, expanded advertising, and a revised timeline that allows additional bidders to meet minimum qualifications and submit proposals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	There is no funding directly related to this item. However, Inyo County is one of three local agencies (Inyo County, City of Bishop, and Bishop Paiute Tribe) who contribute a monthly subsidy to the current EMS provider, Sierra LifeFlight, to provide EMS services in Operating Area 1 under a non-exclusive contract for EMS services.	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?		Object Code	
Recurrence		Sole Source?	

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board could choose to receive information about the Request for Proposals for EMS Operating Area 1 at a later time and/or in a different format. Your Board could also choose to not direct staff to reissue the RFP to extend the response timeframe and allow for additional potential bidders. This is not recommended, however, as changes to the procurement timeline require timely action and staff require Board input prior to re-issuing the RFP to allow for a broader range of competitive responses.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Enhanced Health, Social, & Senior Services
High Quality Services | Public Safety and Emergency Response

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Emergency Operating Area 1 Request for Proposals

INYO COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2025-RFP-S-006 I



EMS 9-1-1 GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
(AMBULANCE) TRANSPORTATION FOR
INYO COUNTY
EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AREA (EOA) I

INITIAL TERM OF CONTRACT: FIVE (5) YEARS

Inyo County
168 N. Edwards St.
Independence, CA 93526

December 17, 2025

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OVERVIEW

Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) and Inyo County (County) invite experienced and qualified organizations to submit proposals to provide ground ambulance transportation services, including interfacility and critical care transports, for Exclusive Operating Area I (EOA I), as outlined in Section 1797.224 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Submission Requirements: Proposals and questions must be submitted through the County's Online Procurement Portal (Portal), <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/countyofinyoca>. For assistance with this system, please contact OpenGov Technical Support at procurement-support@opengov.com or by using the live chat feature directly in the Portal. For any additional assistance with this RFP, please contact the individual listed below (RFP Contact):

RFP Contact:

Darcy Ellis, Assistant Clerk/Public Relations Liaison, County of Inyo
P.O. Drawer N
224 N. Edwards St.
Independence, CA 93526
Phone: (760) 878-0373

Please Note: Proposals will not be accepted via email or facsimile. They must be submitted electronically through the Portal. All proposers must register in the Portal before the proposal submission deadline. Portal registration is required to allow submission of questions during the Q&A event as well as required to submit a proposal. It is highly recommended that proposers register well before the proposal due date to avoid any technical issues. Failing to register will result in disqualification.

Background: The County is a political subdivision of the State of California. Under state law, the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA), upon the recommendation of the County have the authority to designate one or more emergency ambulance service providers. ICEMA and The County are conducting this procurement to identify a qualified ambulance service provider to deliver the services specified in Section 5, Scope of Work.

ICEMA encompasses the jurisdictional boundaries of Inyo County and is designated by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors as the LEMSAs, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.200. This authority includes the power to designate a 911 ambulance service provider through a competitive procurement process.

Contract Terms: The successful proposer will be granted a contract for exclusive operating rights for services within the EOA I area for an initial period of five (5) years. The County reserves the option to offer up to three (3) two-year extensions, for a total possible term of eleven (11) years. The start date for service will be negotiated with the awarded proposer, with a commencement date no later than September 1, 2026, at 00:01 AM, Pacific Time.

PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

To the extent achievable, the following schedule shall govern the review, evaluation, and award of the proposal. The County reserves the right to modify the dates below based on its review process.

Event	Date	Time
Proposal Document Available	December 17, 2025	5:00 PM
Mandatory Proposer's Conference <i>Location: Virtual</i>	January 7, 2026	1:00 PM
Deadline for Written Questions	January 16, 2026	4:00 PM
Proposals Due	February 18, 2026	4:00 PM
Time and Place of Response Opening	February 20, 2026	10:30 AM (via Zoom)
Oral Presentations, Proposal Review, and Selection	Week of March 9, 2026 – March 13, 2026	9:00 AM
Notice of Intent to Negotiate	TBD	10:00 AM
Notice of Award to Provider	TBD	10:00 AM
Last Day to Protest	May 1, 2026	10:00 AM
Implementation of Service	TBD, no later than September 1, 2026	12:01 AM

I.0 INTRODUCTION

I.1 PURPOSE

The LEMSA, which has the authority to designate emergency ambulance service providers through competitive procurement, and The County, a political subdivision of the State of California, are seeking individual or combined proposals from interested and qualified Proposers to provide ground emergency medical (ambulance) transportation services.

These services shall include, at a minimum:

- **9-1-1 and 7-digit emergency responses** at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level, with Advanced Life Support (ALS) level preferred.
- **Interfacility transports (IFT)** at a minimum of BLS level; and
- **Specialty care transports (SCT)**, such as critical care (nurse and/or paramedic level), bariatric, neonatal, and other specialized team transports, as well as standby services at the BLS level for Exclusive Operating Area I (EOA I) within ICEMA's Inyo County region, as provided in Section 1797.224 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Each Proposer responding to this Request for Proposals (RFP) must submit a written proposal that outlines the Proposer's qualifications and plans for meeting or exceeding the performance expectations across the entirety of EOA I. Proposals must be organized according to the structure specified in Section 3.4 to ensure clarity and ease of review.

The objective of this RFP is to select a Proposer (Contractor) with whom the County will establish an exclusive, performance-based contract for the provision of these services. The performance expectations and commitments identified in the selected proposal will be incorporated into the contract as mandatory performance standards. The initial term of the contract will be five (5) years, beginning no later than September 1, 2026, with the option for up to three (3) extensions of two (2) years each, based on the Contractor's performance.

The County's overarching goals in this procurement process are to:

1. Improve service delivery to customers and external partners.
2. Establish a more efficient system through transparent, outcome-based services; and
3. Reinvest in the EMS system.

I.2 SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

Refer to the full Scope of Work in Section 5.

I.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

ICEMA, upon recommendation of The County, has established the exclusive ambulance operating area and provides system oversight and medical control for the EMS system. ICEMA sets policies, procedures, and protocols governing ambulance services within the County. The service requirements for EOA I include compliance with the following: California statutes and regulations; contractual standards outlined in this RFP and any future addenda; County resolutions and ordinances; and the ICEMA Policy and Protocol Manual, including any amendments, which can be accessed at <https://icema.sbcounty.gov>. Together, these documents are referred to as the "Governing Documents" in this RFP.

ICEMA and The County make no representation, promise, or guarantee regarding the actual number of ambulance transports, patient numbers, or transport distances associated with this procurement. While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, Proposers are expected to use their professional judgment and expertise to develop estimates, economic models, operational plans, and proposals.

I.4 LOCATION OF SERVICES AND ESTIMATED DATA

Services are to be provided, completed, and managed within Inyo County's Exclusive Operating Area I (EOA I). Inyo County is located on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada range, covering 10,226.98 square miles. It includes both the highest point in the continental United States (Mount Whitney) and the lowest point (Death Valley).

Type of Transport	Estimated Number (annual)
ALS- Emergency 911 or IFT	1322
BLS- Emergency 911 or IFT	152
SNF Return from Hospital	59
Airport	302
Total	1835

Data provided by the current transport provider.

Payer Type	Estimated Percentage
Medicare	40.4%
Medi-Cal	39%
Commercial Insurance	17%
Private Pay	3.6%

Data provided by the current transport provider.

I.5 ASSISTANCE TO PROPOSERS WITH A DISABILITY

Proposers with disabilities may request accommodations regarding the communication of this RFP or participation in the procurement process. For assistance, please contact the RFP Contact no later than ten (10) days before the proposal deadline.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this RFP shall have the meaning given to them in this section or as otherwise defined within the RFP.

- **911-Emergency Response:** A response to any real or perceived event that threatens an individual's life, limb, or well-being, creating a need for immediate medical care by a public or contracted entity.
- **911-Emergency Transport:** Transportation of a patient resulting from an emergency response.
- **Advanced Life Support (ALS):** Special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by authorized personnel under the direct supervision of a base hospital as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, and while in the emergency department of an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other medical staff of that hospital; as defined in California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.52.
- **Agreement:** The contract between Inyo County and the contractor awarded under this solicitation.
- **ALS Ambulance:** An ambulance equipped and staffed to provide ALS, in compliance with ICEMA protocols and authorized by ICEMA.
- **Ambulance:** A vehicle specially constructed, modified, equipped and used for the purpose of transporting sick, injured, invalid, convalescent, infirm or otherwise incapacitated persons., staffed with at least two (2) EMTs or one (1) EMT and one (1) EMT-P.
- **AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator):** A system that tracks the location of vehicles.
- **Bariatric Ambulance:** An ambulance modified to carry severely obese patients, equipped with specialized lifting gear and bariatric stretchers.
- **Basic Life Support (BLS):** Emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures which, as a minimum, include recognizing respiratory and cardiac arrest and starting the proper application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation to maintain life without invasive techniques until the victim may be transported or until advanced life support is available; as defined in California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.60.
- **BLS Ambulance:** An ambulance staffed and equipped to provide BLS, in compliance with ICEMA protocols and permitted by Inyo County.
- **Breach:** As defined under HIPAA [45 C.F.R. §164.402], the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. §§17921 et seq.], and California Civil Code section 1798.82.
- **Business Associate (BA):** As defined under HIPAA, 42 U.S.C. section 17921, and 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
- **Business Day:** Monday through Friday, excluding holidays per California Government Code 6700 et seq.
- **California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Agency (CAL/OSHA):** State agency that protects and improves workplace health and safety.

- **Call Prioritization:** A process where service requests are prioritized based on criteria approved by the ICEMA Medical Director.
- **Cancelled Call:** A 911 or IFT response request canceled before arrival.
- **Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** An emergency procedure that combines chest compressions with artificial ventilation.
- **Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES):** A data registry established in 2004 to aid in quality improvement and benchmarking for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.
- **Clinical Performance Measures:** Methods to monitor and estimate the adherence of healthcare providers to quality standards.
- **Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS):** An independent body establishing standards for ambulance services to improve efficiency and reduce liability.
- **Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD):** Hardware and software facilitating call taking, dispatch, unit selection, and maintenance of an incident database.
- **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI):** An approach to quality management emphasizing systems and organization.
- **Contract:** The contract between Inyo County and the successful Proposer awarded under this RFP.
- **Contractor:** The organization which is awarded a contract by Inyo County.
- **Covered Entity (CE):** As defined under HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.
- **Critical Care Transport (CCT):** Ambulance staffed with a paramedic or registered nurse for higher levels of care during patient transfers between healthcare facilities.
- **Critical Failure:** A failure in personnel, equipment, or resources that prevents the contractor from fulfilling service obligations.
- **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM):** A short-term psychological process focusing on immediate problem-solving.
- **Deployment:** The method by which ambulances are distributed and placed in service across a specific area.
- **Dispatch Time:** The time elapsed from receipt of a call until unit assignment.
- **Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR):** A report documenting patient information, assessment, care, and disposition.
- **Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI):** As defined under HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. section 164.103.
- **Emergency:** A real or perceived event that creates an immediate need for medical care.
- **Emergency Air Ambulance:** An aircraft equipped for emergency medical transport.
- **Emergency Ambulance:** A vehicle authorized for pre-hospital BLS or ALS emergency medical transportation.

- **Emergency Call:** An event where the EMS system is accessed via 911 or an interfacility transfer that could compromise the patient's health if delayed.
- **Emergency Department (ED):** An approved hospital receiving department for emergency medical care.
- **Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD):** A certified dispatcher providing information and support until EMS resources arrive.
- **EMS Agency:** Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA).
- **EMS System:** The full spectrum of prehospital care, transportation, dispatch, first response, and on-line medical control.
- **EMS Medical Director:** The ICEMA Medical Director overseeing EMS medical control and quality.
- **Employee/Personnel:** Those providing services under this agreement, including volunteers not legally classified as employees.
- **Exclusive Operating Area (EOA):** A designated area within the EMS Plan limiting EMS operations, to one or more providers pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.85 and 1797.224.
- **Force Majeure:** Extraordinary events beyond the control of a party that prevent fulfillment of contractual obligations.
- **Geographical Information Systems (GIS):** A system for gathering, managing, and analyzing geographical data.
- **Global Positioning System (GPS):** A system utilizing satellites to determine precise locations.
- **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA):** Legislation providing data privacy and security for medical information.
- **ICEMA Administrator:** The ICEMA EMS Administrator.
- **ICEMA Policies and Protocol Manual:** The guidelines governing EMS medical operations for ICEMA participants.
- **Incident Command System (ICS):** A standardized emergency response command and coordination approach.
- **Interfacility Transfer (IFT):** Patient transportation between medical facilities or from a medical facility to another destination. This includes, but is not limited to, transports of patients who are on a 5150 hold and who meet criteria for medical transport.
- **Key Employee:** An individual with specialized skills essential to fulfilling the contract.
- **Limited Advanced Life Support (LALS):** Intermediate prehospital emergency medical care exceeding BLS but not reaching ALS.
- **Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA):** The agency responsible for EMS oversight in a designated area.

- **Medical Control:** Direction and management of EMS providers by ICEMA’s Medical Director.
- **Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS):** Protocols determining the level of response required for EMS calls.
- **Mutual Aid:** EMS request from outside a contractor’s EOA.
- **National Incident Management System (NIMS):** A federal approach to interagency emergency response coordination.
- **Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA):** Federal agency ensuring workplace safety.
- **Online Compliance Utility (OCU):** Software interpreting real-time CAD and ePCR data to track EMS system performance.
- **On-Scene:** When a unit arrives at the call location.
- **Paramedic:** An individual whose scope of practice to provide advanced life support is according to standards prescribed by this division and who has a valid certificate issued, as defined in California Health and Safety Code section 1797.84..
- **Service Delivery Plan (SDP):** A plan submitted by a contractor outlining EMS resource deployment.
- **Specialty Care Transport (SCT):** Interfacility transport of critically ill patients requiring specialized equipment, as referenced in ICEMA policy 8020.
- **Strike Team:** A group of five ambulances, each staffed with two personnel, each meeting the requirements of either an ALS Ambulance or BLS Ambulance requirement, as defined herein, with a designated leader.
- **System Standard of Care:** The regulatory and contractual standard governing EMS priority-dispatching, patient care, and certification requirements.
- **Unsecured PHI:** As defined under the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17932, subdivision (h).

3.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSERS

3.1 PROPOSAL PROCESS

Inyo County intends to award a contract to the proposer who provides the best value and meets all Request for Proposal (RFP) criteria. The scoring matrix includes criteria which represent evaluation considerations; as such, the Proposal Review Committee (Committee) will recommend the proposer with the highest aggregate mean evaluation score, and who meets all the RFP criteria, be selected and awarded a contract. The Inyo County Board of Supervisors reserves authority and discretion to determine the final aggregate mean evaluation score to make the final decision and award a contract.

All proposals become the property of Inyo County. The County reserves the right to waive non-material changes. Discretion will be applied consistently across all proposers. If the Proposer submits a proposal involving a subcontractor or partnership, all parties will be held to the standards outlined in this RFP. The County will not accept any modifications to the RFP after the award is made.

The County may reject the proposal of any Proposer who previously failed to perform satisfactorily or complete similar contracts on time. The County may also reject the proposal of any Proposer who is in default on tax payments or other monies owed to Inyo County. This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract, and the County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if deemed in the best interest of the County. Additionally, the County reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time, before contract approval.

Materials submitted as part of the RFP process will not be returned to the Proposer.

3.2 PRE-SUBMITTAL ACTIVITIES

Proposers are required to submit all questions in writing according to the proposed timeline, allowing staff time to prepare written responses. These responses will be shared with all potential Proposers through the Portal. Questions should be submitted via the Question & Answer tab in the Portal:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/countyofinyoca>

3.2.1 Proposers' Conference

Attendance at the Proposers' Conference is mandatory. Only Proposers who attend this public conference will be eligible to submit a proposal.

The Proposers' Conference will provide a review of the RFP specifications and process. All written questions submitted by potential Proposers, along with County responses, will be posted on the Portal for reference.

Substantial changes to the RFP are not anticipated after the Proposers' Conference. However, if any minor changes or clarifications to the RFP are made following the Proposers' Conference, they will be posted on the Portal.

3.2.2 Requests for Changes

If a Proposer requests changes to a part of this solicitation, they must identify the specific words or phrases and the exact sections and paragraphs in which they appear. The Proposer must state the reason for each request and provide suggested alternative language. Substitutions should be submitted no later than during the Proposers' Conference.

Requests submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Inyo County's consideration of a suggestion does not imply acceptance.

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, references to items or processes by trade names, models, or catalog numbers should be understood as setting a standard of quality rather than limiting competition.

If a Proposer is requesting a substitution for a required item, such requests must be submitted by the Deadline for Written Questions. All necessary information should be provided for Inyo County to make a determination, in its sole judgment, regarding the comparative quality and suitability of any suggested alternatives. Inyo County's decision will be final. If any alternatives are accepted, Inyo County will issue an addendum to the solicitation.

3.3 GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

3.3.1 Authorized Signatures

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the Proposer to the provisions of the RFP.

3.3.2 Term of Offer

Proposals shall remain open, valid, and subject to acceptance at any time within nine (9) months after the proposal submission.

3.3.3 Required Review

Proposers should carefully review this RFP for any defects, questionable material, or objectionable content. Comments from a Proposer regarding such defects or objectionable material must be submitted in writing and received by the RFP Contact prior to the deadline for submitting questions identified in Section II and further defined in Section 3.2.2. This will allow time for any necessary amendments or addenda to be issued and help prevent the release of a defective RFP or the exposure of proposals that cannot be awarded. Protests based on any omission, error, or content of this RFP may be disallowed if not submitted in writing to the RFP Contact prior to the question submission deadline specified in Section II or at least ten (10) calendar days before the proposal deadline (whichever occurs last).

3.3.4 Incurred Costs

ICEMA and Inyo County are not responsible for any costs incurred by the Proposer in preparing a proposal in response to this RFP. Proposers agree that all costs involved in developing a proposal are the Proposer's responsibility.

3.3.5 Amendments/Addenda to RFP

Inyo County reserves the right to issue amendments or addenda to this RFP if changes are deemed necessary or additional information is needed. Any and all Addenda will be issued via the Portal, and each addendum will require electronic acknowledgement which will be made part of the proposal response.

Changes to a proposal or the withdrawal of a proposal will only be permitted within the Portal before the proposal deadline. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline.

3.3.6 Contact with ICEMA or County Staff

Unless authorized otherwise in this RFP, Proposers who are considering or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP are prohibited from communicating with ICEMA or Inyo County staff regarding this RFP from the issuance date until a contract is awarded unless initiated by ICEMA or Inyo County staff.

3.3.7 Best Value Evaluation

As established in this RFP, Inyo County recognizes that criteria beyond price are important and will award a contract based on the proposal that best meets Inyo County's needs.

3.3.8 Right of Rejection

Proposals must comply with all terms of the RFP and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The County may reject any proposal that does not comply with all material terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFP. Additionally, the County may reject proposals from any entity that is a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary, or under common ownership, control, or management with another entity submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

A Proposer may not condition its proposal or restrict ICEMA's or the County's rights. If a Proposer does so, the proposal may be deemed a non-responsive counteroffer and rejected.

However, no proposal will be rejected if it contains only a minor irregularity, defect, or variation. If an irregularity, defect, or variation is considered immaterial or inconsequential by Inyo County, they may choose to accept the proposal.

Minor irregularities may be waived by the County under the following conditions:

1. They do not affect responsiveness.
2. They are merely a matter of form or format.
3. They do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers.
4. They do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP.
5. They are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature.
6. They do not reflect a material change in the work.
7. They do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision.

In such cases, the Proposer will be notified of the deficiency in the proposal and given an opportunity to correct the irregularity, defect, or variation, or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the proposal. The decision to provide a waiver shall in no way modify or compromise the overall purpose of the submission or excuse the Proposer from complying with all requirements if awarded a contract.

This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if deemed in the best interest of the County. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time before contract approval. Discretion under this section will be applied consistently to all proposals.

3.3.9 Clarification of Offers

To determine if a proposal is reasonably susceptible to award, communications by the Facilitator for the evaluation panel are permitted with a Proposer to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the proposal's contents. Clarifications shall not result in a material or substantive change to the proposal. The panel's evaluation may be adjusted as a result of clarifications under this section.

3.3.10 Public Records Act

All proposals and other materials submitted become the property of the County and are subject to release in accordance with the California Public Records Act (Government Code §7920.000). Proposal information, including cost details, will be held in confidence during the evaluation and negotiation process; thereafter, proposals may become a non-exempt public record.

If a Proposer believes any portion of its proposal is exempt from public disclosure, it must clearly identify the specific sections believed to be confidential on Attachment I: Public Records Act Exemptions. The Proposer must also provide a brief description explaining the reason for each exemption from disclosure, citing supporting legal authority, including statutory authority or case law. Exemption requests that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

The County will make reasonable efforts to safeguard such information but will not be liable for inadvertent disclosure. Proposals marked “Confidential” in their entirety will not be accepted, and the County may not deny public disclosure of any portion of proposals marked this way.

By submitting a proposal with portions identified as “Confidential” in Attachment I, the Proposer asserts a good faith belief that such portions are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. A Proposer may be asked to pursue legal protection for confidential information should a Public Records Act request be received. Should the County elect not to disclose the information marked “Confidential,” the Proposer agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel approved by ICEMA and Inyo County), and hold harmless ICEMA and Inyo County, including its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, suits, judgments, fines, penalties, costs, and expenses—without limitation on attorneys’ fees, expenses, and court costs—that may arise from or relate to ICEMA’s and Inyo County’s non-disclosure of such designated portions of the proposal.

3.3.11 Employment of Former Inyo County Officials

Attachment G must include information about any former County Administrative Officials (as defined below) who are employed by or represent the Proposer. This information should list all former County Administrative Officials who ended their county employment within the last five years and are now officers, principals, partners, associates, or members of the Proposer. The list should specify each individual’s employment and/or representative role with the Proposer and the date they began in that capacity.

For the purposes of this section, a “County Administrative Official” is defined as a member of the Board of Supervisors or their staff, the Chief Executive Officer or their staff, a County department or group head, or an assistant department or group head.

Failure to provide this information may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

3.3.12 Iran Contracting Act of 2010

In accordance with Public Contract Code section 2204(a), the Proposer certifies that, at the time of submitting the Proposal, the Proposer signing the Proposal is not listed under subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code section 2203 (<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx>) as a person (as defined in Public Contract Code section 2202(e)) engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code section 2202.5, or as a person identified under subdivision (b) of section 2202.5, as applicable.

Proposers are cautioned that making a false certification may subject them to civil penalties, termination of an existing contract, and a three-year ineligibility to bid on future contracts in accordance with Public Contract Code section 2205. **By signing the Proposal, the Proposer agrees that their signature constitutes certification of compliance with this Act.**

3.3.13 Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Proceedings

The County reserves the right to request the information described below from the Proposer selected for a contract award. Failure to provide this information may result in disqualification from the selection process and forfeiture of the contract award. The County also reserves the right to obtain this information through a background check conducted by an investigative firm. The selected Proposer may be asked to clarify initial responses. Any negative information provided or discovered may lead to disqualification from the selection process and denial of a contract award.

The selected Proposer may be asked to disclose whether, within the last ten years, the firm or any of its partners, principals, members, associates, or key employees (as defined below) has been indicted, had charges brought against them (if still pending), or been convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the firm's business activities. The Proposer may also be asked whether the firm or any of its partners, principals, members, associates, or key employees has, within the last ten years, faced any indictment or charges (if still pending) or been convicted of crimes or offenses involving financial misconduct or fraud. If applicable, the Proposer will be asked to provide detailed descriptions of such indictments or charges (and their current status), convictions, and the surrounding circumstances.

Additionally, the selected Proposer may also be required to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates, or key employees, has been involved in legal proceedings within the last ten years as defined herein, arising directly from the firm's provision of services. "Legal proceedings" refers to any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with authority over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Proposer will be asked to provide a detailed description of such legal proceedings (including status and disposition) and the surrounding circumstances.

For the purposes of this provision, "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct services to ICEMA. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel performing services at the firm's offices or other locations.

3.3.14 Debarment and Suspension; California Secretary of State Business Entity Registration

The Proposer certifies in Attachment D that neither the Proposer, its principals, nor its subcontractors are currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See Attachment D and the United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management website at <https://www.sam.gov>.)

The Proposer also certifies in Attachment D that if the Proposer or any subcontractors listed in the Proposal are business entities required to register with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

3.3.15 Unsatisfactory Performance

The Proposer affirms that it has no record of unsatisfactory performance with ICEMA or Inyo County during the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the issuance date of this RFP.

3.3.16 Final Authority

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors retains sole authority and discretion to select and award a contract resulting from this RFP. Staff and Committee scoring and recommendations are not binding on the County Board, and the County Board determines what weight to place on the recommendations in its discretion. Staff and Committee scoring and recommendations do not create any vested interests or rights upon proposers and proposers cannot rely on such information to claim any future right.

3.4 PROPOSAL CONTENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

3.4.1 Proposal Format

Responses to this RFP must be submitted in the form of a proposal package, organized as follows:

8. **Presentation:** Each page, including attachments, must be clearly and consecutively numbered.
9. **Cover Page:** Complete Attachment A, a one-page cover, signed by an individual authorized to execute legal documents for the Proposer, identifying all materials submitted.
10. **Authorized Contacts:** List the name, title, phone number, and email address of the primary contact person for the proposal, along with any other individuals authorized to represent the organization in contract negotiations.
11. **Table of Contents:** Include a Table of Contents that lists all pages of the proposal, enclosures, forms, and any supplemental documents. Pages must be numbered to correspond to the Table of Contents as shown in Exhibit I.
12. **Statement of Certification:** Include a certification statement with the following declarations on an attachment:
 - (a) A statement that the offer made in the Proposal is firm and binding for nine (9) months from the Deadline for Proposals.
 - (b) A statement that all aspects of the Proposal, including cost, were determined independently, without consultation with any other Proposer (competitor) to restrict competition.
 - (c) A statement that all declarations in the Proposal and attachments are true, constituting a warranty that, if falsified, entitles ICEMA or Inyo County to pursue any remedy by law.
 - (d) A statement that the Proposer agrees to be bound by all aspects of the RFP and Proposal if selected and awarded a Contract.
 - (e) A statement that the Proposer agrees to provide any additional information ICEMA or Inyo County determines necessary for an accurate assessment of the Proposer's ability to perform the Services as proposed.
 - (f) A statement that the Proposer, if selected, will comply with all applicable rules, laws, and regulations.
 - (g) A statement that the Proposer has reviewed the RFP and General Contract Terms fully and has no exceptions to any requirements, terms, or conditions, except as noted in Attachment H.

13. **Executive Summary:** Provide a high-level summary of the Proposer's ability to meet the RFP requirements and the reasons the Proposer believes it is best qualified to deliver the identified services.
14. **Full Proposal—Approach to Scope of Work:** Submit a detailed approach to the Scope of Work, excluding financial information as outlined in Section 3.4.3.
15. **Supplemental Documents:** Attach any additional documents requested as supplements to the full proposal.

3.4.2 Proposal Contents

16. **Cover Page:** Complete Attachment A, a one-page cover, signed by an individual authorized to execute legal documents for the Proposer, identifying all materials submitted.
17. **Service Description:** Proposals must provide a comprehensive description of how the Proposer will deliver ground ambulance services for Service Area EOA I in Inyo County. Proposals should demonstrate the Proposer's commitment to performing all work with the level of competency and standard of care expected from an organization successfully providing ground ambulance services. Include plans, documentation, policies, and submissions that demonstrate the Proposer's ability to comply with:
 - The elements outlined in this RFP.
 - All applicable federal and state legal requirements for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance services.
 - Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency's (ICEMA) policies and protocols.
 - Contract elements as outlined in Section 6.
 - Provide responses in a manner accessible to individuals unfamiliar with industry jargon. Use drawings, diagrams, schematics, and illustrations as needed, ensuring a complete response without solely referencing exhibits or other proposal sections.
 - Address each requirement in this solicitation in the order presented, describing how the requested goods and services will be delivered. Pay close attention to the details in the Scope of Work in your responses.
18. **Project Schedule and Management Plan:** Include a project schedule detailing milestones, deliverables, dates, and a project management plan.
19. **County Resources:** Specify any physical space or equipment that the County must provide for contract performance.
20. **Transition Plan:** Outline how work and knowledge will be transitioned to the County or a new vendor at the contract's conclusion.

3.4.3 Price Proposal and Budget Documents

1. **Excel Spreadsheet:** Use the Excel spreadsheet provided in Attachment E for the Price Proposal, exactly as provided, without modification. Any changes to the provided forms or templates may result in rejection of the entire proposal.

2. **Cost and Pricing Data:** Attach all cost and pricing data from Attachment E, including details on employee compensation, ambulance transportation rates and scenarios, as well as operating and start-up budgets, to the proposal.

3.5 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All interested and qualified Proposers are invited to submit a Proposal for consideration. By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer confirms that they have read and understood the entire RFP, including all appendices, attachments, exhibits, schedules, and addenda (as applicable), and that any concerns regarding the RFP have been resolved.

3.5.1 Proposal Submission Directions

1. Submission Format: Proposers must submit their proposal through the Portal.

2. Deadline and Registration: Proposals must be received by the designated date and time. All Proposers must register in the Portal before the submission deadline; failure to do so will result in disqualification. Late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted. Submit electronic responses via the Portal at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/countyofinyoca>. For any system-related issues with the Portal, contact OpenGov Technical Support at procurement-support@opengov.com or use the live chat function directly in the Portal. For additional assistance, contact the Purchasing Department at (909) 387-2060.

3. The County will not be responsible for untimely submissions due to personal or company internet or hardware limitations, settings or restrictions, internet speed, power outage, network connection, or use of a malfunctioning electronic device, or the like, neither the County, nor OpenGov, will be held responsible. Proposers shall be solely responsible for ensuring the capability of their computer system while responding to this RFP, and for the stability of their internet service. Uploading large documents may take significant time depending on the size of the file(s) and the Internet connection speed that the Proposer is using to submit a response. Failure of the Proposer to successfully submit an electronic response before the deadline indicated herein shall be at the Proposer's sole risk, and no relief will be given for late and/or improperly submitted Responses. Once file(s) have been uploaded and the Submission Status shows as "Submitted" the submission is complete. At that point, the Proposer will also receive an email confirmation from the Portal.
4. **Binding Electronic Signature:** The Proposer acknowledges that their electronic signature is legally binding.

3.5.2 Errors in Proposal

ICEMA and the County are not liable for any errors in the submitted Proposals. Proposals may be deemed unresponsive and rejected if they are incomplete, lack pages or information, or are inaccessible for any reason. The County may waive minor irregularities and request the Proposer to correct them, but such waiver does not alter any remaining RFP requirements. A minor irregularity refers to a defect that is immaterial or inconsequential concerning price, quantity, quality, or delivery, when weighed against the total costs or scope of services being procured. Discretion under this section will be applied consistently to all proposals. This RFP does not commit the County to awarding a contract.

I. Minor irregularities may be waived by the Purchasing Agent if they:

- (a) Do not affect responsiveness,
- (b) Are merely matters of form or format,

- (c) Do not alter the relative standing or prejudice other offers,
- (d) Do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP,
- (e) Are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature,
- (f) Do not result in a material change to the work, or
- (g) Do not represent a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision.

In such cases, the Proposer will be notified of the deficiency in the Proposal and provided an opportunity to correct it, or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the Proposal. The decision to provide a waiver does not modify or compromise the overall purpose of the submission, nor does it excuse the Proposer from meeting all requirements if awarded a Contract.

2. Certification by Proposer

By submitting a proposal, each Proposer certifies, under penalty of perjury, that:

- (a) The submission is not the result of collusion, or any other activity intended to influence the selection process directly or indirectly.
- (b) The Proposer is able or will be able to meet all solicitation requirements at the time of contract award.
- (c) All statements in the response are accurate.
- (d) Neither the Proposer, its employees, nor any affiliated firm involved in providing the requested goods and services have prepared plans, specifications, terms, or requirements for this solicitation or have any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- (e) The Proposer is aware of and compliant with Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of the California Government Code regarding conflict of interest for public officers and employees and is not aware of any financial or economic interest of any County officer or employee related to this solicitation.

This RFP does not commit the County to awarding a contract. The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if it serves the County's best interest. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time.

3.5.3 Confidentiality of Proposals

The content of proposals shall not be released until the County has completed negotiations with the winning Proposer. At that time, the County may release the content of the proposals for public review.

3.5.4 Contact with County Employees

Violation of the following prohibitions may result in the Proposer being deemed non-responsive, disqualified from participating in this or future procurements, and subject to other legal penalties. Discretion under this section will be applied consistently to all proposals:

- I. **Prohibited Communications:** From the issuance date of this RFP until it is either canceled or an award is made, no person, Proposer, or individual acting on behalf of a prospective Proposer may discuss any matter related to the RFP with any officer, agent, or employee of Inyo County, except for the Authorized Contact Person or as specifically outlined in the evaluation or protest procedures.

2. **Lobbying Restrictions:** A Proposer may not offer or agree to pay any consideration to any company or individual to conduct lobbying activities intended to influence the award of a contract by the County. Furthermore, a Proposer may not engage in behavior that could reasonably be construed by the public as having the intent or effect of influencing the award of a contract. However, this provision does not prevent a Proposer from hiring a company or individual to assist in developing their response to the RFP.

3.5.5 Withdrawal of Proposals

Proposals may be withdrawn, modified, or replaced, and resubmitted, provided the changes are made before the designated due date and time.

3.5.6 No Commitment

The submission of a proposal or the County's receipt of proposal materials does not confer any rights to the Proposer or impose any obligation on the County. This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract, nor will the County reimburse any costs incurred by Proposers in preparing proposals, participating in presentations, or engaging in negotiations.

3.5.7 Estimated Quantity

The County makes no guarantees, either expressed or implied, regarding the actual quantity of goods or services that will be authorized under the resulting contract. For example, the County cannot guarantee a specific number of ambulance transports related to this RFP.

3.6 SELECTION

At any point during the evaluation process, ICEMA or the County may request clarifications from Proposers.

3.6.1 Determination of Responsiveness

A proposal must conform to the instructions outlined in this solicitation and any modifications to be deemed responsive. Non-responsive proposals will be rejected. The County, at its sole discretion, may waive non-consequential deviations, provided such deviations do not create an advantage for the Proposer over others. Discretion under this section will be applied consistently to all Proposers.

3.6.2 Proposal Evaluation

The County will establish an unbiased Proposal Review Committee. Each member of the Committee will evaluate and score proposals based on the criteria outlined in the solicitation scoring sheet. The scores from all evaluators will be aggregated to determine a mean to reach a final score for each proposal.

All Proposers will be evaluated and scored by the Committee and will be invited to participate in an oral presentation of their proposal prior to final scoring. Following evaluation and presentations, the Committee will recommend the highest total scoring Proposer for final negotiations on contract terms. The Proposer Scoring Sheet can be found in Attachment N.

3.7 NEGOTIATIONS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The County may require the selected Proposer or Proposers to participate in negotiations. These negotiations may address cost, technical details, or other clarifications necessary for finalizing the contract award. RFP requirements are not subject to negotiation.

3.7.1 Contract Negotiation

Following the selection process, negotiations, if initiated, will address contract terms, level of service and corresponding costs within the context of the Scope of Work outlined in the RFP. A sample contract template is added as Exhibit A.

The selected Contractor will be required to enter a formal Contract with Inyo County. This RFP outlines certain general provisions that will be included in the final Contract. By submitting a response to this RFP, the Proposer will be deemed to have agreed to each clause unless the Proposal explicitly identifies an objection, and Inyo County provides written agreement to modify the language. This includes the terms specified in the Business Associate Contract found in Exhibit A- Sample Contract Template.

All objections to any Terms and Conditions must be clearly listed in Attachment H – Exceptions to RFP. Any failure to list exceptions in Attachment H will result in the Proposer waiving the right to later object to those terms or conditions.

Contract negotiations will take place in Inyo County, California. The Proposer will be responsible for all travel and other expenses incurred by its personnel during the negotiation process.

3.7.2 Failure to Negotiate

If the selected Proposer or Proposers:

1. Fails to provide the necessary information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner.
2. Fails to negotiate in good faith; or
3. Is unable to reach an agreement with the County after a good faith effort by both parties.

The County reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the initially selected Proposer or Proposers and commence negotiations with the next best value Proposer.

3.7.3 Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) – Proposer Notification of Selection

Upon the completion of contract negotiations, a written or electronic Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) will be issued to the selected Proposer. Denial letters or a copy of the NOIA will also be provided to all other Proposers.

The issuance date of the NOIA will be the date it is sent via email or delivered to the United States Postal Service (USPS) for distribution to the Proposers. For purposes of protest timelines, this notice is the notice triggering the ten calendar day timeline for submitting a protest pursuant to Inyo County Code Chapter 6.30.

3.7.4 Review of Financial Information

Financial information may be utilized to evaluate and determine the proposal that offers the County the best value. At the County's sole discretion, the financial performance of the intended Contractor may also be assessed prior to awarding the contract.

Financial performance deemed unsatisfactory—such as bankruptcy within the past five (5) years, failed performance on previous contracts, or inability to fulfill County financial obligations—may result in the contract not being awarded to the intended Contractor. In such cases, the County may award the contract to an alternative Proposer.

3.7.5 Award

The contract will be awarded to the Proposer as selected by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors in its reasonable and sole discretion based on the best value to the County and that best meets the needs of the County. The contents of the successful Proposer's submitted proposal will become binding contractual obligations to be included in the negotiated contract. Failure to accept or adhere to these obligations during contract execution may result in the cancellation of the award.

3.7.6 Commencement of Performance

Once the contract has been signed by all parties, the County will notify the Proposer, and performance may commence on the date specified in the Proposed Timeline or as otherwise negotiated.

Until the contract is fully executed by the County, no County employee is authorized to permit or approve the commencement of services under this contract. Any services performed before the contract's execution date will not be compensated.

3.8 PROTESTS (APPEAL AND AWARD)

In the event of a dispute regarding the Proposal process prior to the award of the contract, the Proposer raising the dispute must submit a written request for resolution to the Purchasing Director. A Proposer may appeal the recommended award or denial of award (Protest) in accordance with Chapter 6.30 of the Inyo County Code.

3.8.1 Grounds for Protest

A Protest may only be based on the following grounds:

1. Failure of ICEMA or the County to adhere to the selection procedures or requirements specified in the RFP, including any addenda or amendments.
2. Violation of conflict-of-interest rules as outlined in California Government Code Section 87100 et seq.
3. Violation of applicable State or Federal laws.

Protests submitted for reasons other than those listed above will not be accepted. All Protests must be directed to:

Darcy Ellis
Assistant Clerk/Public Relations Liaison, County of Inyo
P.O. Drawer N.
224 N. Edwards St.
Independence, CA 93526
(760) 878-0373

3.8.2 Protest Process

Upon receiving a formal Protest, the Purchasing Agent, or their designee, will attempt to resolve the Protest. A Protest may be disallowed at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent if it is determined that the Protest:

1. Was submitted as a delay tactic.
2. Was intended to posture the Proposer advantageously for future procurement.
3. Does not conform to the prescribed format.
4. Lacks adequate factual basis or merit.
5. Was submitted in an untimely manner.

The Purchasing Agent will issue a decision regarding the appeal and notify the Proposer who submitted the Protest as required by Chapter 6.30 of the Inyo County Code. The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be considered final.

If the protesting Proposer fails to appear at the scheduled Protest hearing, the Protest will be disallowed.

The hearing will be conducted as required by Chapter 6.30 of the Inyo County Code. All relevant evidence, including hearsay, will be admissible, and the Purchasing Agent, or Appeal Panel members if applicable, will determine the credibility and weight of the evidence presented.

The Purchasing Agent, or Appeal Panel if applicable, will make the following determinations:

1. Whether the Protest was submitted in a timely manner.

2. Whether the Protest is based on one (1) or more of the three (3) designated grounds listed in Section 3.8.1.
3. Whether the grounds for the Protest have been substantiated.

If any grounds are determined to be valid, the Purchasing Agent, or Appeal Panel if applicable, will assess whether the valid grounds have unfairly tainted the RFP process or whether they constitute harmless error, rendering the RFP process fair to the Proposer. **The Purchasing Agent, or Appeal Panel if applicable will not re-evaluate the Proposals.**

The Purchasing Agent will notify the protesting Proposer of the decision as required by Chapter 6.30 of the Inyo County Code.

A Proposer protesting the results of any processes described herein must adhere to the procedures outlined. By submitting a **“Letter of Intent to Protest,”** the Proposer agrees that these Protest procedures shall precede any judicial or quasi-judicial action related to this Proposal. Protests that do not comply with these procedures will not be considered. These Protest procedures constitute the sole administrative remedy available to the Proposer under this RFP. **Once this remedy is exhausted, no additional recourse is available.**

3.9 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

All Proposals and accompanying materials submitted become the property of the County and are subject to disclosure under the **California Public Records Act (Government Code Section § 7920.000 et al.)**. While Proposal information, including the Price Proposal, will remain confidential during the evaluation and negotiation process, Proposals are subsequently subject to public disclosure as non-exempt public records.

If a Proposer believes that specific portions of its Proposal are exempt from public disclosure, the Proposer must:

1. Clearly identify the specific portions believed to be confidential and exempt from disclosure on **Exhibit 18 - Public Records Act Exemptions**.
2. Provide a brief explanation outlining the reasons for exemption.
3. Include citations to supporting legal authority, such as statutory provisions or case law, to substantiate the exemption.

Exemption requests that fail to meet these requirements will not be considered.

The County will take reasonable measures to safeguard such information; however, it cannot guarantee against inadvertent disclosure. Proposals marked “**Confidential**” in their entirety will not be honored, and the County will not deny public disclosure of any Proposal solely on that basis.

By submitting a Proposal with portions marked as “**Confidential**” in the accompanying Attachment, the Proposer represents that it has a good faith belief that such portions qualify for exemption under the California Public Records Act. In the event a Public Records Act request is received, the Proposer may be required to obtain legal protection for the information in question.

If the County chooses not to disclose information designated as “**Confidential**,” the Proposer agrees to:

1. Reimburse the County for any related costs.
2. Indemnify, defend (with counsel approved by the County), and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers against all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, suits, judgments, fines, penalties, costs, and expenses (including attorneys’ fees and court costs) arising from or related to the County’s non-disclosure of such designated portions of the Proposal.

4.0 QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The County seeks Proposers with substantial qualifications and proven experience in delivering Emergency Ambulance services. This RFP is open to various delivery models, including but not limited to:

- Public providers,
- Private providers,
- Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs),
- A combination of the above.

Proposers may establish partnerships and/or subcontract arrangements for Advanced Life Support (ALS), Basic Life Support (BLS), Interfacility Transport (IFT), and Critical Care Transport (CCT) services within the designated Service Area.

While the Contractor is permitted to develop such partnerships or subcontract arrangements, the Contractor remains fully responsible for fulfilling its obligations under this RFP. Subcontracting does not absolve the Contractor of any responsibilities, requirements, or obligations outlined in this RFP.

If subcontractors are engaged for ambulance transport services, they will be subject to all terms, conditions, and qualifications established within this RFP. The Contractor is expected to ensure compliance by any subcontractor with these provisions.

No provision in this Request for Proposals (RFP) creates a contractual relationship between the County and any subcontractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is fully accountable to the County for all actions and omissions of its subcontractors.

4.1.1 Proposer's Plan for Utilizing Partners and/or Subcontractors.

If the Proposer intends to utilize partners and/or subcontractors, the proposal must include:

(a) A detailed description of how the Proposer plans to integrate partners and/or subcontractors to meet the RFP requirements. This explanation should include:

- How the partnership or subcontracting relationship will function; and
- How the Proposer will ensure subcontractors comply with all terms and conditions outlined in this RFP.

(b) An explanation of how the Proposer will maintain sole responsibility and accountability for fulfilling all RFP requirements. This must include:

- How the Proposer will ensure compliance with response time and reporting obligations; and
- How the Contractor will assume liability for any Liquidated Damages resulting from non-performance by any partner or subcontractor acting on its behalf.

(c) Clarification that ancillary services, such as billing, professional, legal, advisory, or fleet maintenance services, are not required to meet all the qualifications identified in Section 3 of this RFP.

To qualify for evaluation by the Proposal Review Committee (Committee):

1. Either the Proposer or its subcontractors must meet the minimum qualifications outlined in this RFP.
2. The Proposer must demonstrate the necessary combination of organizational capacity and/or key personnel qualifications and experience.

Proposers are required to respond to each qualification item below and provide supporting documentation. Responses will be evaluated and scored. Proposals that fail to meet the minimum qualifications will be disqualified and will not advance for evaluation and scoring by the Committee.

This section will evaluate the Proposer's ability to meet the following criteria:

- Organizational Experience and Capacity
- Key Employee Qualifications and Experience
- Plan for Ensuring High-Quality Staffing

Proposers must provide comprehensive information supporting their qualifications to address these evaluation areas.

4.1.2 Organizational Experience

To demonstrate the requisite organizational experience, Proposers must meet the following qualifications:

1. Minimum Experience Requirement

- Proposers must have at least three (3) years of continuous experience within the last seven (7) years providing 911 Basic Life Support (BLS) and/or Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport services as required by a contract in the United States, serving as a primary Emergency Ambulance services provider.
- Experience in service areas that include a mix of urban, suburban, rural, and wilderness areas is preferred.
- This requirement may be met through a subcontractor, provided the subcontractor's qualifications are clearly demonstrated.

2. Alternate Qualification (Key Personnel Experience)

Organizations that do not meet the direct Emergency Ambulance service experience or organizational requirements outlined in (1) must provide and identify Key Personnel who possess:

- Five (5) years of continuous management experience within the last seven (7) years, directly engaged in providing ALS and/or BLS transport services as required by a contract in the United States, serving as a primary Emergency Ambulance services provider.

3. Partnerships, LLCs, or JPAs

If the Proposer is organized as a legally formed partnership, Limited Liability Company (LLC), or governmental Joint Powers Authority (JPA):

- At least one (1) partner entity within the partnership, LLC, or JPA must have existed and continuously provided 911 primary transport Emergency Medical Services for a minimum of three (3) years within the last seven (7) years in the United States.

4. Required Documentation and Disclosures

Proposers must include the following details in their proposal:

- (a) The number of years the Proposer has operated under its current business name.
- (b) The number of years the Proposer has been providing services as a BLS, ALS, Interfacility Transport (IFT), and Critical Care Transport (CCT) ambulance provider.
- (c) Disclosure of whether the Proposer: Holds a controlling interest in any other company or organization; or is owned or controlled by any other company or organization.
- (d) Documented proof demonstrating the Proposer's ability to measure and achieve compliance with fractal response time performance standards.
- (e) Documented proof demonstrating the Proposer's ability to measure and achieve compliance with clinical performance requirements.

4.1.3 Key Leadership Experience

(1) Each of the key management personnel to be assigned to Inyo County, as listed in this section, must have verifiable experience in providing or directly overseeing the provision of the services specified for each position.

(2) Provide a detailed organizational chart of the management structure, clearly identifying assigned and responsible team members for the local operation. The chart should also illustrate how the local management team interfaces with the parent organization or governing body. Indicate which positions will be physically located in Inyo County.

(3) Describe the local management team, including the clinical management team, their roles, and responsibilities. Include the titles and names of staff members responsible for the services, along with their backgrounds. Attach resumes for all individuals listed. The County reserves the right to approve or reject proposed local management personnel based on, but not limited to, lack of experience or a prior criminal record.

(4) For field supervisors, billing personnel, Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) staff, and training personnel, specify:

- The number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees assigned to each role.
- Their expected caseload and how staffing levels will meet the service call demands and employee quantities proposed.

4.2 REFERENCES

The Proposer shall provide five (5) letters of reference for this RFP. Letters of reference must:

- Be signed and dated by the author.
- Describe the direct, indirect, or financial relationship between the author or organization and the Proposer.

Restrictions: Letters of reference may not be supplied by or considered from the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), County, or County staff members.

Content: Each letter shall describe the extent to which the author/organization is familiar with the Proposer and the Proposer's work or performance.

Append five (5) letters of reference specifically related to the organization's current and existing:

1. **Agreements and Contracts:** Address the Proposer's experience and performance in meeting the terms and obligations outlined in agreements and contracts.
2. **Clinical Performance as a BLS and/or ALS Contractor:** Highlight the Proposer's effectiveness in delivering Basic Life Support (BLS) and/or Advanced Life Support (ALS) services.
3. **Quality Improvement Program Effectiveness:** Provide evidence of the Proposer's success in implementing and maintaining quality improvement programs.
4. **Response Time Performance:** Detail the Proposer's ability to meet or exceed response time requirements.
5. **Vehicle Maintenance and Replacement Program:** Demonstrate the Proposer's capability to maintain and replace vehicles to ensure operational readiness.
6. **Relationships with First Responder Agencies:** Outline the Proposer's collaboration and coordination with local first responder entities.
7. **Relationships with Hospitals and Specialty Care Centers:** Explain the Proposer's communication and partnership efforts with hospitals and specialty care centers.
8. **Relationships with Labor Organizations:** Describe the Proposer's approach and history in managing relationships with labor unions or other labor organizations.

4.3 FINANCIAL CONDITION

1. **Financial History and Start-Up Costs:** All Proposers shall provide evidence documenting the financial history of the organization, including any financial interests in related businesses. Proposers must demonstrate that they have adequate cash on hand to finance start-up costs and contract implementation for the first six (6) months of operations, as outlined in the Total Expense line in **Attachment E**.
2. **Current Net Worth:** Proposers must provide a statement of the organization's current estimated net worth, specifying the form of net worth (liquid and non-liquid assets).
3. **Working Capital:** Proposers must submit:
 - A statement detailing the estimated amount of working capital to be committed to start-up costs.
 - The source of this capital, identifying if any portion will be borrowed.
 - Verification from a financial institution confirming the organization is approved or pre-qualified to borrow sufficient funds.
 - Assurances for such funding from the parent or related organization, provided in a letter guaranteeing the amount necessary for start-up and ongoing losses should projections fall short.
4. **Audited Financial Statements:** Proposers must include:
 - Externally audited financial statements for the most recent five (5) years.

- If the Proposer is a subsidiary of another corporation or a dependent governmental entity, financial statements for the parent entity for the same period must also be provided.
- The Proposer's financial statements must be shown separately as part of the parent entity's financial statements or submitted independently.
- The parent entity must guarantee the performance of the Proposer.

Failure to submit audited financial statements may result in disqualification from the RFP process.

5. **Local Government Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR):** Local government Proposers must:

- Provide ACFR statements for each agency partner for the past five (5) years.
- Disclose the funding total and sources along with partnership agreements for system start-up funding, reserves, and billing revenue holdings.
- Identify the legal entity responsible for fiscal shortfalls.
- Disclose if public governance votes or voter-approved initiatives would be required to backfill ambulance system losses, reserve funds, or operational funding.

6. **Freedom from Conflicts:** Proposers must submit documentation confirming:

- Freedom from commitments or obligations that might impact their ability to provide services under this contract.
- No existing commitments or obligations that would negatively affect the ability to obtain lines of credit, guarantor letters, or fulfill the terms of this contract.

7. **Bankruptcy Filings:** Proposers must disclose any legal bankruptcy filings within the last ten (10) years.

8. **Performance Guarantee:** The Proposer must obtain and maintain throughout the contract term a performance guarantee in the form of:

- A performance security bond or an irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), payable without condition to Inyo County.
- The surety must be acceptable to and approved by the Auditor-Controller.
- This guarantee ensures full and faithful performance of all contract terms, including amendments, supplements, or extensions, provided adjustments remain within the scope of the RFP.

4.4 LEGAL HISTORY

The Proposer shall document its litigation history for the past five (5) years. A Proposer may be disqualified if a final judgment was issued against the Proposer or any affiliated organization for breach of contract or failure to perform ambulance or other emergency services competently and adequately. The proposal must include a comprehensive listing of all resolved or ongoing litigation involving the Proposer's organization. This listing must include a narrative describing the claim or case and its resolution or current status over the past five (5) years.

The litigation history must include:

- Litigation was brought against the Proposer's organization or affiliated organizations.
- Litigation initiated by the Proposer's organization or affiliated organizations against any governmental entity or ambulance provider.

For the purposes of this litigation history:

- **"Affiliated organization"** refers to any organization owned by the Proposer, any organization for which the Proposer is a successor entity, any organization that either merged with or divested from the Proposer, or any organization that is a parent or subsidiary of the Proposer.
- **"Litigation"** refers to any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the Proposer agency or affiliated organization, and includes disputes resolved by mediation or arbitration.
- **"Litigation"** also includes any bankruptcy petitions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Proposer must document its bankruptcy history for the past ten (10) years, disclose the type of bankruptcy filed, and summarize the bankruptcy proceedings and orders.

Additionally, the Proposer must provide documentation demonstrating that it is legally authorized or eligible to do business in the State of California and/or the ability to obtain such authorization prior to the contract start date.

Requirements

1. Licenses and Authorizations

Provide a list of applicable licenses, including:

- License numbers.
- Expiration dates relevant to service delivery.
- Names of license holders.
- Names of the issuing agencies (excluding field personnel).

2. Financial Commitments

Provide documentation that the Proposer is free of commitments that might impact its ability to:

- Obtain lines of credit or guarantor letters.
- Perform the contract without negative financial impacts or obligations.

3. Ambulance Transport Contracts

Submit a list or table of all current and past ambulance transport contracts the Proposer has served in the last seven (7) years. This table must include the following information:

- (a) Type and level of service provided, including the population served (urban, suburban, rural, and wilderness) and compliance categories.
- (b) Contract periods.
- (c) Whether the Proposer held exclusive market rights for emergency ambulance services under the contract.
- (d) Whether the contract was competitively awarded.
- (e) Name, address, contact person, and telephone number for reference purposes.
- (f) Gross revenue from services provided.
- (g) Name of the contracting agency.
- (h) Remaining term of the contract and circumstances under which any contract was terminated, including the cause of failure or refusal to complete and any allegations of deficient service, if applicable.
- (i) Details of any refusals or failures to complete an ambulance contract as a BLS, ALS, IFT, or CCT provider.

4.5 EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE OR ABILITY TO OBTAIN INSURANCE

The Proposer shall provide evidence of existing insurance/self-insurance or a letter from an insurance company/underwriter confirming the Proposer's ability to obtain insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the County's minimum insurance requirements as described in Exhibit A.

4.6 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated by the Committee in accordance with the evaluation criteria outlined in Attachment N. Committee participants will possess a diverse range of expertise in Emergency Medical Services and county government administration.

Committee members will have the opportunity to adjust their scores based on additional information or clarifications provided during the oral presentations, ensuring a comprehensive and informed evaluation of each Proposer's qualifications and proposal.

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK AND SCORING CRITERIA

5.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Inyo County is located on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range, covering 10,226.98 square miles in California. It features notable landmarks such as Mount Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States, and Death Valley, the lowest point. The County has an estimated population of 18,718 residents (2022 estimate) and receives approximately 2 million visitors annually, many of whom travel through the area on US Highway 395 and State Highway 190. These highways provide access to prominent tourist destinations, including Death Valley National Park, Mount Whitney, Mammoth Lakes, and Yosemite National Park.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ground ambulance transportation system in Inyo County is organized into six operating areas (see Exhibit B). The County is soliciting proposals for EOA I, which includes 9-1-1 emergency response, seven-digit emergency response, interfacility transport (IFT) services, and standby services at both Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) levels.

5.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposals are requested for EOA I, one of Inyo County's designated exclusive operating areas for emergency ambulance services. Proposers may submit bids for this area individually or as part of a collective bid. The geographic boundaries for EOA I – Bishop are as follows:

- **North:** Mono County Line, Highway 395 and Highway 6
- **South:** 0.43 road miles south of Keough Hot Springs Road, Highway 395
- **East:** Road's End (base of White Mountains)
- **West:** Road's End (base of Sierra Nevada Mountains), including Pine Creek Road, Highway 168 W, North Lake Road, South Lake Road
- **9:59 minutes, 29:59 minutes, 99:59 minutes response zones** (Refer to Exhibit C for detailed maps of the zones.)

5.3 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Scope of Services

Proposals must address the provision of emergency 9-1-1, seven-digit emergency calls, and interfacility transports (IFTs) at a minimum of Basic Life Support (BLS), with preference given to Advanced Life Support (ALS) levels of ground emergency medical (ambulance) transportation services.

- Upon recommendation by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors the County may contract with one or more public or private providers to deliver these services within the designated EOA.
- The Contractor shall be responsible for responding to all Emergency Calls within EOA I upon request by an ICEMA-authorized medical dispatch center. This includes all ground emergency medical transportation requests (e.g., IFTs, private party requests, etc.).

2. Standby Services

The successful Proposer must also provide standby services at emergency incident scenes within the designated EOA:

- Standby services will be initiated in the direction of Inyo County's Medical Dispatch Center (ICEMA's designated communications dispatch center) or upon request by a public safety agency.

- Any ground ambulance placed on standby shall remain in standby status unless redirected to respond to a 9-1-1 call by ICEMA’s designated dispatch center.

5.3.1 Contract Monitoring

The Successful Proposer acknowledges and agrees to performance evaluation conducted on both a monthly and annual basis by ICEMA and/or its designee. The evaluation process will include the submission of a comprehensive report to ICEMA and the Inyo County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).

This report will be incorporated into the EMCC’s annual submission to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors and must, at a minimum, include the following components:

1. Response Time Performance
2. Clinical Encounter Data
3. System Enhancements
4. Provider Challenges
5. Clinical/Technology Issues

5.3.2 Response Time Standards and Compliance Requirements

The Successful Proposer shall be contractually responsible for meeting the performance metrics and standards as specifically identified in this RFP, the Proposer’s submitted proposal, and as further clarified in the Contractor’s contract with Inyo County.

1. The County’s and ICEMA’s goal is to attain 100% on-time response time compliance. The County recognizes that geographical and economic considerations and constraints may affect this goal; however, the County remains committed to achieving response time compliance.
2. The County expects that performance standards outlined in the proposal represent minimum obtainable metrics and that these standards shall be consistently met without failure.
3. ICEMA and the County require that emergency ambulance responses meet the following 90th percentile fractal thresholds:
 - Within 9 minutes, 59 seconds in designated urban areas,
 - Within 29 minutes, 59 seconds in designated rural areas, and
 - Within 99 minutes, 59 seconds in designated wilderness areas, as outlined in Exhibit C.
4. The Contractor shall submit a monthly report detailing the prior month’s response time performance in accordance with the Contractor’s contract and as described in Exhibit A - Sample Contract.

5.4 AMBULANCE SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN (SDP)

Proposals must include a comprehensive deployment plan that identifies work schedules, station locations, posting locations, and move-up strategies, demonstrating the Proposer’s ability to meet response time performance requirements.

- I. Proposer’s SDP must outline all resources to be deployed:
 - By hour of the day, day of the week, week of the month, and month of the year schedule.

- By the level of service proposed.
2. The SDP must include a specific plan for handling multiple 9-1-1 calls for service within EOA, addressing:
 - Use of on-call personnel and backup equipment (“Second out”) or mutual aid services.
 - Associated costs for deploying “Second out” resources.
 3. The Proposer may be required to enter into a contract with Bishop Fire to ensure surge protection through the availability of a BLS ambulance when needed and available.
 4. If ALS services cannot be provided 24/7/365, or in cases where ALS units cannot be deployed due to financial constraints, the Proposer must:
 - Provide an explanation.
 - Demonstrate an adequate alternative response model at the BLS level.
 5. Recognizing the rural/wilderness nature of much of Inyo County, its diverse geography, and low population density, Proposers are encouraged to present innovative delivery systems that:
 - Meet minimum response time requirements.
 - Ensure financial sustainability for operations.
 - Address the impacts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and CalAIM initiatives.
 - Propose alternative delivery systems for BLS/ALS transport within State Regulations that provide cost savings while maintaining or enhancing revenue streams within the proposed EOA(s).
 6. The successful Proposer must provide a plan for maintaining minimal coverage to EOA I when responding to requests outside of the RFP-designated Inyo County areas.
 - Any contracts or agreements with outside entities must be submitted with the Proposer’s final response to the RFP.
 7. The successful Proposer must respond to all emergency 9-1-1 requests with lights and sirens (Code 3) unless directed otherwise by ICEMA’s designated communications dispatch center(s).

5.5 VEHICLES

Proposals must include detailed specifications for all ambulances, response vehicles, and support vehicles included in the submission. These details must include:

1. **Make:** Specify the manufacturer (e.g., Ford, Chevy, Dodge, Sprinter).
2. **Year:** Provide the model year and date of manufacture. All ambulances proposed must have a chassis less than **10 years old**.
3. **Model:** State the manufacturer's model name or number.
4. **Type:** Indicate the type (e.g., Ambulance Type I, II, or III; engine; brush engine; truck; squad; utility vehicle, etc.).
5. **Drive:** Specify the drive type (e.g., 2WD, 4WD, SRW, DRW).
6. **Weight:** Include details for:
 - Empty Vehicle Weight (VW)
 - Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)
 - Classification (light duty, medium duty, heavy duty).

The Proposer agrees to equip all responding and support vehicles with communications equipment to ensure interoperability in alignment with current and future requirements.

Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Programs

Proposal submissions must include a vehicle and equipment maintenance program that demonstrates:

- The Proposer's ability to provide safe, clean, and reliable vehicles for both patients and EMS personnel.

Compliance Standards

The Proposer must demonstrate compliance with:

- Ambulance vehicle standards as outlined in the California Vehicle Code.
- Licensing requirements of the California Highway Patrol.

5.6 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

All required equipment and supplies must comply with ICEMA Reference #7010 - BLS/LALS/ALS Standard Drug & Equipment List, as it exists currently or as it may be updated in the future.

Proposers are permitted to propose modifications to the ICEMA Reference #7010 - BLS/LALS/ALS Standard Drug & Equipment List if such modifications are:

1. Reasonable and appropriate,
2. Align with innovative response assets proposed, and
3. Identified and detailed within the Service Delivery Plan (SDP) submitted as part of the proposal.

5.7 PERSONNEL

The successful Proposer shall be required to:

1. Offer employment in substantially similar positions to all incumbent personnel who meet the following qualifications:
 - Are qualified for the roles,
 - Are insurable,
 - Successfully pass drug testing,
 - Successfully pass DOJ Live Scan and background checks, and
 - Meet any specific job requirements outlined in the proposal.
2. Ensure the incumbent workforce retains their original hire date for the purposes of:
 - Seniority,
 - Shift bidding, and
 - Benefits eligibility.
3. Provide a wage and benefits program that is comparable to existing programs offered to the incumbent workforce.
4. Comply with ICEMA Reference #I090 - Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan), ensuring that any EMT or A-EMT undergoes a Live Scan as required by ICEMA.

5.7.1 Staffing Requirements

ICEMA requires ALS ambulances be staffed with one (1) ICEMA accredited/California licensed Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) and one (1) certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) field personnel. BLS ambulances shall be staffed with two (2) California-certified EMTs. This provision is subject to such exemptions as may be allowed by law permitting a non-EMT driver.

5.7.2 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Procedure

Proposer shall provide a copy of its current critical incident stress debriefing procedure for its employees. Procedures shall be submitted as an attachment to the proposal.

5.7.3 Employee Assistance Procedure

The proposer shall submit its procedure to provide advice and assistance to employees with drug and/or alcohol-related problems.

5.7.4 Credentialing Responsibility

Proposer acknowledges that if awarded, it is the Successful Proposer's responsibility to ensure that all EMS personnel are appropriately credentialed to respond to emergency medical requests in compliance with ICEMA policies, State rules and regulations, and Federal laws, as they may apply.

5.7.5 Personnel Safety Equipment

The Successful Proposer shall provide personnel with equipment necessary to ensure protection from illness or injury when responding to an emergency medical request and/or at any time during the continuum of care, treatment, and transport.

5.8 RECORDS, REPORTS, AND REPORTING

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees to comply with ICEMA policies and procedures regarding the submission of records, data, reports, and other required documentation. The Proposer further agrees that the requested information will be provided in the form and format required by ICEMA, as currently specified or as may be updated in the future.

Additionally, by submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees to comply with ICEMA's data system, including electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCR) and submission requirements in accordance with Health & Safety Code section 1797.227, as they exist now or as they may evolve over time.

5.9 TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Proposer shall submit a comprehensive program detailing how field personnel will be prepared to respond effectively to emergency requests. This program must include components for orientation, in-service training, and continuing education (CE) and must comply with ICEMA requirements as they exist now or as they may change over time. The training and continuing education program must align with the Contractor's Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to ensure ongoing competency and quality of service.

5.10 CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI) PLAN

The Proposer shall submit a proposed CQI Plan as an attachment to the proposal, demonstrating compliance with ICEMA's policies.

The successful Proposer will be required to actively participate in system-related CQI activities.

The Proposer must identify an individual responsible for the overall coordination of the local CQI program. This individual must possess specialized training, knowledge, and/or previous successful experience in CQI principles and techniques to effectively oversee the program.

5.11 DISPATCH

Response to 9-1-1 and/or 7-digit requests for emergency response shall be dispatched through ICEMA's designated communications dispatch center, as it exists now and may change over time. If applicable, the Successful Proposer shall pay a fee equal to or less than the actual cost of providing dispatch services. The cost is currently estimated to be \$5 per call. Additionally, the Successful Proposer shall enter into a contract with ICEMA's designated communications dispatch center(s) to formalize costs and the contractual services to be provided.

If the Proposer plans to operate its own dispatch and elects to provide secondary dispatch of ICEMA's designated communications dispatch center(s) requests to responding field units, assuming direct responsibility for dispatch management, the Proposer must submit a proposed dispatch program, including but not limited to:

5.11.1 Employment of Required Dispatch Personnel

1. **Organizational Chart:** Provide a detailed chart outlining the dispatch organizational structure.
2. **Title and Duties of Positions:** Clearly define the roles and responsibilities for all dispatch positions.
3. **Salary Ranges:** Provide salary ranges for all dispatch personnel.

5.11.2 Provision of Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) System

1. **Brand and Model Number of CAD:** Specify the brand and model of the proposed CAD system.
2. **Capabilities:** Describe the capabilities of the CAD system, including the modules to be utilized.

5.12 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS

The Proposer shall describe the management and organizational structure to be established for administering and overseeing emergency ambulance operations as proposed in response to this RFP. The description should clearly outline how the Proposer will meet the requirement for an authorized individual to oversee these operations.

The Proposer must also demonstrate how Field Supervision will be provided to oversee and support responding field personnel. This should include details regarding the experience, duties, and authority of field supervisors, and how they will ensure the effective execution of operational responsibilities.

5.13 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

5.13.1 Financial Viability

The Proposer must demonstrate financial capability, sustainability, and collectability to satisfy the County regarding the Proposer's overall financial strength and viability. If applicable, the Proposer agrees to maintain separate financial records for its Inyo County EMS operations in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). All records must be made available for onsite review and inspection upon request by the County. The County retains the right, with reasonable notification, to examine and/or request an audit of records. Any audit request by ICEMA, Inyo County, or their designee shall be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) of ICEMA or Inyo County's choosing, with reasonable charges paid for by the Proposer/Contractor.

5.13.2 Compensation Related Provisions

5.13.2.1 Maximum Pricing Requirements

The Successful Proposer for EOA I shall receive income from patient charges. The Proposer shall comply with fee schedules and rates set by ICEMA. If the Proposer anticipates that income from patient charges will be insufficient, the proposer may suggest an alternative fee schedule that would provide sufficient revenue to sustain operations. The alternative fee schedule will not go into effect until and unless it is first approved by ICEMA's Board of Directors.

5.13.2.2 Replacement and Charges for Billable Medical Supplies

The Successful Proposer shall be responsible for restocking ambulances with consumable medical supplies.

5.13.2.3 Billing and Accounts Receivables

The Proposer must demonstrate a billing and accounts receivable system that is well-documented, auditable, Medicare- and MediCal-compliant, and meets industry standards. The system should minimize the effort required by patients to recover from third-party payer sources for which they may be eligible. The billing system must:

1. Include a process for partial payment forgiveness.
2. Outline a proposed system for resolving disputes.
3. Identify the computer system (including software) used for billing.
4. Interface with ICEMA's ePCR data system.
5. Provide a Usual and Customary base rate.
6. Be compliant with all International Classification of Diseases (ICD) ICD-10 requirements.
7. Include any other relevant information that may assist in evaluating the proposal.

5.13.2.4 Subsidy

It is anticipated that the total volume of transports (9-1-1, IFT, and CCT) in the EOA will sustain operations without the need for a subsidy. However, if the Proposer anticipates the need for a subsidy, the proposer may suggest an alternative fee schedule that would provide sufficient revenue to sustain operations, as described in section 5.13.2.1.

ATTACHMENT A – COVER PAGE

Checklist of Required Items

Use this checklist to ensure that all requested items have been included.

Items	Completed	Page(s)
1. Attachment A – Cover Page		
2. Attachment B – Statement of Certification		
3. Attachment C – Licenses, Permits, and/or Certifications		
4. Attachment D – Certification Regarding Debarment or Suspension; California Secretary of State Business Entity Registration	To be completed concurrently with contract execution	
5. Attachment E – Fee Proposal Sheet		
6. Attachment F – References		
7. Attachment G – Employment of Former County Officials		
8. Attachment H – Exceptions to RFP		
9. Attachment I – Public Records Act Exemptions		
10. Attachment J – Indemnification and Insurance Requirements Affidavit		
11. Attachment K – Conflict of Interest and Political Reform Act Obligations		
12. Attachment L – Proposer Scoring Sheet Proposal Scoring Criteria and Weighting		
13. Financials (Two Years)		
14. Attachment M – Proposer Scoring Criteria and Weighting		

Proposer Information

Proposer Name: _____ **FAX No.:** _____
Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____
Telephone No.: _____ **Federal Tax ID:** _____

RFP Contact

Name of Authorized Representative: _____
Title of Authorized Representative: _____

By signing below, the individual acknowledges that he/she has the authority to bind the Proposer to the terms of the Proposal. The individual further acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the RFP, the contents of the Proposal and the Attachments, and attests to the accuracy of the information submitted therein.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date:

ATTACHMENT B – STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The following statements are incorporated in our response to Inyo County:

Statement	Agree (Initial)	Agree with Qualification (Initial and attach explanation)
1. The offer made in the Proposal is firm and binding for nine (9) months from the date the Proposal is opened.		
2. All aspects of the Proposal, including pricing, have been determined independently, without consultation with any other Proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.		
3. All declarations in the Proposal and attachments are true, and this shall constitute a warranty, the falsity of which will entitle ICEMA and Inyo County to pursue any remedy by law.		
4. Proposer agrees that all aspects of the RFP and the Proposal submitted shall be binding if the Proposal is selected and a Contract awarded.		
5. Proposer agrees to provide ICEMA and Inyo County with any other information ICEMA and Inyo County determine is necessary for an accurate determination of the Proposer's ability to perform the services as proposed.		
6. Proposer, if selected, will comply with all applicable rules, laws, and regulations.		
7. The RFP has been reviewed in its entirety, and Proposer has no exceptions to any requirements, terms, or conditions, except as noted in Attachment H.		

ATTACHMENT C – LICENSES, PERMITS, AND/OR CERTIFICATIONS

The following statements are incorporated in our response to Inyo County:

Type (e.g., License, Permit, Certification)	Expiration Date

ATTACHMENT D – CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION; CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS ENTITY REGISTRATION

In compliance with contracts and grants Contracts applicable under the U.S. Federal Awards Program, the following certification is required by all Proposers submitting a response to this RFP:

1. The Proposer certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that neither the Proposer nor its Principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts from the United States federal government procurement or no procurement programs, or are individually or collectively listed as such in the United States General Services Administration’s System for Award Management (SAM) website (www.sam.gov).
2. The Proposer certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that neither any subcontractor listed in its Proposal, nor subcontractor’s Principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts from the United States federal government procurement or no procurement programs, or are individually or collectively listed as such in the United States General Services Administration’s System for Award Management (SAM) website (www.sam.gov).
3. “Principals,” for the purposes of this certification, means officers, directors, owners, partners, and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager, plant manager, head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
4. The Proposer shall provide immediate written notice to the ICMEA Administrator if, at any time prior to award, the Proposer learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changes in circumstances.
5. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when making the award. If it is later determined that the Proposer rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to ICEMA and Inyo County, ICEMA and Inyo County may terminate the Contract resulting from this RFP for default.
6. Proposer affirms that neither it, nor any subcontractor listed in the Proposal, has any record of recent unsatisfactory performance with ICEMA and Inyo County during the past twenty-four (24) months at a minimum.
7. Proposer also certifies that if it or any of the subcontractors listed in the Proposal are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

ATTACHMENT E – FINANCIAL REPORTING EXCEL SPREADSHEET

In conformance with the ICEMA Reference #3060 – ICEMA Ground-Based Ambulance Rate Setting Policy – Inyo County approved by the ICEMA Governing Board on May 8, 2012, the following represents ambulance rate adjustments effective July 1, 2025. The attached "**Ground Ambulance Service Rate Definitions**" will be utilized in the application of the rates.

ICEMA Ambulance Rates 2024–2025

Ambulance Rate Components (Rural/Wilderness Operating Areas)	Base Rate FY 2024–2025	Increase CPI + County Comparison	Final Rate FY 2025–2026
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Rate (All Inclusive)	\$2,473.76	\$158.44	\$2,632.20
ALS non-transport	\$504.50	\$40.18	\$544.68
Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$1,662.83	\$158.38	\$1,821.21
Emergency Fee	\$109.71	\$8.74	\$118.45
Oxygen	\$217.64	\$17.33	\$234.97
Night Charge	\$251.26	\$20.01	\$271.27
Critical Care Transport	\$2,400.83	\$191.22	\$2,592.05
Mileage (Per mile or fraction thereof)	\$49.77	\$3.96	\$53.73
Wait Time	\$93.94	\$7.48	\$101.42
EKG	\$138.70	\$11.05	\$149.75

Instructions for Revenue and Expense Assumptions MS Excel File

The Proposer is required to complete the Revenue Assumptions, Expense Assumptions, and Output tabs in the provided MS Excel file to the best of their ability.

- Use the information listed in the Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Refer to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data provided by the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA).

Excel File Access: [ICEMA - Inyo County EOAI Bid Fiscal Template \(FINAL\).xlsx](#)

ATTACHMENT F – REFERENCES

Name of Agency	Contact Name, Address, Email, Phone	Date Services Provided (From/Through*)

Instructions

1. Provide a minimum of **three (3)** customer references with which the Proposer has contracted to provide the same or similar services as requested in this RFP.
2. For the **Dates Services Provided** column, enter "Present" if still providing services.
 - Example: **10/08/13–Present**

ATTACHMENT G – EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER COUNTY OFFICIALS

List Individual's Name

Instructions

- 1. List the names of any individuals who are former Inyo County officials and are now employed or contracted by your organization.
- 2. If no individuals apply, indicate **"None"** in the first row.

ATTACHMENT H – EXCEPTIONS TO RFP

Contractor Name

Address

Telephone #

Email

Statement of Exceptions

I have reviewed the RFP in its entirety and have the following exceptions:

RFP Section/Paragraph	Page Number	Content, Language, or Omissions	Proposed Modification or Objection

Instructions

- Be specific about your objections to content, language, or omissions in the RFP.
- Include as many rows/pages as necessary to provide complete information.
- If there are no exceptions, please write "**No exceptions**" in the first row under "Content, Language, or Omissions."

ATTACHMENT I – PUBLIC RECORDS ACT EXEMPTIONS

Contractor Name

Address

Telephone #

Email

Requested Exemptions

Proposer requests that specific portions of the contents of this Proposal be held confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act. The specific portions are detailed below:

Proposal Section/Paragraph	Page Number	Description of Exempt Content	Supporting Legal Authority (Statute/Case Law)

Instructions

- Identify specific portions of the Proposal to be held confidential.
- Include the Section or Paragraph number and Page number where the content appears.
- Provide a citation to supporting legal authority (statute or case law) for each exemption requested.
- If there are no exemptions, please write "No exemptions requested" in the first row under "Description of Exempt Content."

ATTACHMENT J – INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AFFIDAVIT

THE PROPOSER'S INSURANCE COMPANY(S) OR INSURANCE AGENT MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM. THE PROPOSER MUST SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT WITH THE PROPOSAL.

I, the undersigned (please check one box):

- ☐ Underwriter
☐ Agent/Broker

certify that I and the Proposer listed below have jointly reviewed the “Insurance Requirements” in this Request for Proposal (RFP). If ICEMA and Inyo County awards the Proposer the Contract for this project, I will be able—within **fourteen (14) calendar days** after the Proposer is notified of the Contract’s award—to furnish ICEMA and Inyo County with all the required insurance certificate(s) and endorsement(s) as specified in **Exhibit A, Section 8. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements.**

Insurance Broker/Agency Name: _____

Date: _____

Insurance Broker’s/Agent’s Name (Printed): _____

Insurance Broker’s/Agent’s Name (Signature): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Proposer’s Name: _____

RFP Name and Number: _____

Name of Insurance Company Providing Coverage

(Do not write “Will Provide,” “To Be Determined,” “When required,” or similar phrases.)

Commercial General Liability:

Automobile Liability:

Workers’ Compensation Liability:

Professional Liability:

Cyber Liability:

Pollution Liability:

Sexual Abuse Liability:

NOTE TO PROPOSER:

See **Exhibit A, Section 8. Indemnification and Insurance Requirements** for details on the basic requirements and types of insurance for this agreement.

NOTE TO UNDERWRITER / AGENT-BROKER:

If the insurance forms that the Proposer submits to ICEMA do not fully comply with the Insurance Requirements, and/or if the Proposer fails to submit the forms within the 14-day time limit, ICEMA may:

1. Declare the Proposer’s Proposal **non-responsive**; and
2. Award the Contract to the next highest-ranked Proposer.

If you have any questions about the Insurance Requirements, please contact the RFP contact (please provide the name of the RFP with your email question(s)).

ATTACHMENT K – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND POLITICAL REFORM ACT OBLIGATIONS

Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no County officer or employee, whose position in Inyo County enables him/her to influence any award of the Contract or any competing offer, shall have any direct or indirect financial interest resulting from the award of the Contract or shall have any relationship to the Contractor or officer or employee of the Contractor.

ATTACHMENT L – DETAILED SUMMARY OF EVALUATION CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS

Proposer Minimum Qualification Sheet

To qualify for evaluation by the Proposal Review Committee (Committee), a Proposer must meet the following minimum qualifications with a YES score in all categories.

Proposal Meets Minimum Qualifications YES/NO

Category	YES	NO
4.1 Organizational and/or Key Leadership Experience		
4.2 Reference Letters		
4.3 Financial Condition		
4.4 Legal History		
4.5 Evidence of Insurance		
All Attachments signed by Proposer		
Evidence of Ability to Provide Performance Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit		

EVALUATION RATING SCALE

Rating	Description	Points Awarded
Excellent	The proposal thoroughly and effectively addresses all relevant aspects of the evaluated element, providing comprehensive, well-documented examples of how requirements will be met. It exceeds expectations, is highly innovative, and is clearly superior to what is typically expected. There is an excellent probability of success in achieving all objectives and meeting RFP specifications.	100%
Very Good	The proposal addresses the evaluated element well, with minor inconsistencies in the examples provided. All requirements are adequately covered, demonstrating a good probability of success. It surpasses average expectations and meets all objectives as outlined in the RFP.	80%
Minimally Satisfactory	The proposal adequately addresses the evaluated element but provides limited examples, with certain requirements only partially met. It demonstrates an average probability of success, with some objectives likely achieved in a minimally sufficient manner.	60%
Fair	The proposal broadly addresses the evaluated element but lacks sufficient detail and contains significant weaknesses. It requires further clarification or justification to meet the overall criterion. There is a reasonable probability of success, but some objectives may not be met.	40%
Poor	The proposal demonstrates inherent weaknesses in addressing the evaluated element. It does not materially support the criterion, falls short of expectations, and is significantly below the average or expected norm. There is a low probability of success in achieving objectives outlined in the RFP.	20%
No Response	The Proposer did not provide any information related to the evaluated element.	0%

SCOPE OF WORK AND SCORING CRITERIA

5.3 System Monitoring Requirements		Points Available
5.3.1 Contract Monitoring Plan		10
5.3.2 Response Time Standards		10
5.4 Ambulance Service Delivery Plan		Points Available
5.4.1 thru 5.4.3 Ambulance Deployment Plan		50
5.4.4 Surge and Mutual Aid Plan		15
5.4.5 Bishop Fire Surge Agreement		5
5.4.6 Outline ALS Deployment		5
Detail Service Innovation for Rural and Wilderness		10
Acknowledgement of resource dedication to the EOA		5
Code 3 Response Policy		5
5.5 Vehicles		Points Available
5.5.1 thru 5.5.6 Vehicle Descriptions / Specifications		50
Vehicle Maintenance Program		10
Communications Equipment Interoperability		20
Vehicle CHP Standards Adherence		5

5.6 Medical Equipment and Supplies	Points Available
Adherence to ICEMA Requirements	5
Innovative Additions to ICEMA Requirements	10
5.7 Personnel	Points Available
Incumbent Workforce Policy (1-4)	40
5.7.1 Minimum Staffing Requirements	5
5.7.2 Critical Incident Debriefing Policy	5
5.7.3 Employee Assistance Plan and Policy	5
5.7.4 Adherence to ICEMA licensing standards	5
5.7.5 PPE and Employee Safety Policies	5
5.8 Records, Reports, and Reporting	Points Available
Agreement to ICEMA reporting standards	10
Innovation in sharing data and compliance information	30
5.9 Training and Continuing Education and Training Records	Points Available
Detail Training and CEU Programs	10
5.10 Continuing Quality Assurance Plan	Points Available
Detail QA Plan and Procedures	10
5.11 Dispatch	Points Available
5.11.1 Description of Dispatch Program	10
5.11.2 Description of CAD and equipment	10

5.12 Administrative and Operations	Points Available
Detail management and operational structure for this RFP	20
Detail the provision of Field Supervision	20
5.13 Financial Information	Points Available
5.13.1 Financial Viability – Budget Review	50
5.13.2.3 Billing and Accounts Receivables	50
Total Points Available	500

EXHIBIT A – SAMPLE CONTACT TEMPLATE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO

AND _____

FOR THE PROVISION OF _____
SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") may have the need for the services of _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"). In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK.

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, upon its request, those services and work set forth in **Attachment A**, attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein. Requests by the County to the Contractor to perform under this Agreement will be made by _____, whose title is: _____.

Requests to the Contractor for work or services to be performed under this Agreement will be based upon the County's need for such services. The County makes no guarantee that any minimum amount of services or work will be requested of the Contractor. County by this Agreement incurs no obligation or requirement to request from Contractor the performance of any services or work at all, even if County should have need for such services or work during the term of this Agreement.

Services and work provided by the Contractor at the County's request under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with the requirements and standards established by applicable federal, state, and County laws, ordinances, regulations, and resolutions.

2. TERM.

The term of this Agreement shall be from _____ to _____ unless sooner terminated as provided below.

3. CONSIDERATION.

- A. Compensation. County shall pay to Contractor in accordance with the Schedule of Fees (set forth as **Attachment B**) for the services and work described in **Attachment A** which are performed by Contractor at the County's request.

- B. No additional consideration. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, Contractor shall not be entitled to, nor receive, from County, any additional consideration, compensation, salary, or other type of remuneration for services rendered under this Agreement. Specifically, Contractor shall not be entitled, by virtue of this Agreement, to consideration in the form of overtime, health insurance benefits, retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, sick leave, vacation time, paid holidays, or other paid leaves of absence of any type or kind whatsoever.

- C. Limit upon amount payable under Agreement. The total sum of all payments made by the County to Contractor for services and work performed under this Agreement shall not exceed _____ dollars (\$_____) (hereinafter referred to as "contract limit"). County expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by Contractor for services or work performed which is in excess of the contract limit.

- D. Federal and State taxes.
 - i. Except as provided in subparagraph (2) below, County will not withhold any federal or state income taxes or social security from any payments made by County to Contractor under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - ii. County will withhold California State income taxes from payments made under this Agreement to non-California resident independent contractors when it is anticipated that total annual payments to Contractor under this Agreement will exceed one thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$1,499.00).
 - iii. Except as set forth above, County has no obligation to withhold any taxes or payments from sums paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement. Payment of all taxes and other assessments on such sums is the sole responsibility of Contractor. County has no responsibility or liability for payment of Contractor's taxes or assessments.
 - iv. The total amounts paid by County to Contractor, and taxes withheld from payments to non-California residents, if any, will be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service and the California State Franchise Tax Board. To facilitate this reporting, Contractor shall complete and submit to the County an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 upon executing this Agreement.

4. WORK SCHEDULE.

Contractor's obligation is to perform, in a timely manner, those services and work identified in **Attachment A** which are requested by the County. It is understood by Contractor that the performance of these services and work will require a varied schedule. Contractor will arrange his/her own schedule but will coordinate with County to ensure that all services and work requested by County under this Agreement will be performed within the time frame set forth by County.

5. REQUIRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS.

- A. Any licenses, certificates, or permits required by the federal, state, county, or municipal governments for contractor to provide the services and work described in **Attachment A** must be procured by Contractor and be valid at the time Contractor enters into this Agreement or as otherwise may be required. Further, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor must maintain such licenses, certificates, and permits in full force and effect at no expense to the County. Contractor will provide County, upon execution of this Agreement, with evidence of current and valid licenses, certificates and permits which are required to perform the services identified in **Attachment A**. Where there is a dispute between Contractor and County as to what licenses, certificates, and permits are required to perform the services identified in **Attachment A**, County reserves the right to make such determinations for purposes of this Agreement.
- B. Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration available at: <http://www.sam.gov>.

6. OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ET CETERA.

Contractor shall provide such office space, supplies, equipment, vehicles, reference materials, and utility connections as are necessary for Contractor to provide the services identified in **Attachment A** to this Agreement. County is not obligated to reimburse or pay Contractor for any expense or cost incurred by Contractor in procuring or maintaining such items.

7. COUNTY PROPERTY.

- A. Personal Property of County. Any personal property provided to Contractor by County pursuant to this Agreement are the sole and exclusive property of County. Contractor will use reasonable care to protect, safeguard and maintain such items while they are in Contractor's possession. Contractor will be financially responsible

for any loss or damage to such items.

- B. Products of Contractor's Work and Services. Any and all compositions, publications, plans, designs, specifications, blueprints, maps, formulas, processes, photographs, slides, video tapes, computer programs, computer disks, computer tapes, memory chips, soundtracks, audio recordings, films, audio-visual presentations, exhibits, reports, studies, works of art, inventions, patents, trademarks, copyrights, or intellectual properties of any kind which are created, produced, assembled, compiled by, or are the result, product, or manifestation of Contractor's services or work under this Agreement are, and at the termination of this Agreement remain, the sole and exclusive property of the County. At the termination of the Agreement, Contractor will convey possession and title to all such properties to County.

8. **INSURANCE.**

For the duration of this Agreement Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance of the scope and amount specified in **Attachment C** and with the provisions specified in that attachment.

9. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR.**

All acts of Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees, relating to the performance of this Agreement, shall be performed as independent contractors, and not as agents, officers, or employees of County. Contractor, by virtue of this Agreement, has no authority to bind or incur any obligation on behalf of County. Except as expressly provided in **Attachment A**, Contractor has no authority to exercise any rights or power vested in the County. No agent, officer, or employee of the Contractor is to be considered an employee of the County. It is understood by both Contractor and County that this Agreement shall not under any circumstances be construed or considered to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture. As an independent contractor:

- A. Contractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work and services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible to County only for the requirements and results specified in this Agreement, and except as expressly provided in this Agreement, shall not be subjected to County's control with respect to the physical action or activities of Contractor in fulfillment of this Agreement.
- C. Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees are, and at all times during the term of this Agreement shall, represent and conduct themselves as independent contractors, and not as employees of County.

10.

11. DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against liability, loss, damage, expense, costs arising out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the agreement, except such loss or damages which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

12. RECORDS AND AUDIT.

- A. Records. Contractor shall prepare and maintain all records required by the various provisions of this Agreement and any applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations. Contractor shall maintain these records for a minimum of four (4) years from the termination or completion of this Agreement.
- B. Inspections and Audits. Any authorized representative of County shall have access to any records including, but not limited to, financial records of Contractor, which County determines to be pertinent to this Agreement, for the purposes of making an audit, evaluation, or examination during the period such records are to be maintained

by Contractor. Further, County has the right to audit, inspect, or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

13.

14. **NONDISCRIMINATION.**

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees shall not unlawfully discriminate in violation of any federal, state, or local law, against any employee, or applicant for employment, or person receiving services under this Agreement, because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex. Contractor and its agents, officers, and employees shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder in the California Code of Regulations. Contractor shall also abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Act.

15. **CANCELLATION.**

This Agreement may be canceled by County without cause, and at will, for any reason by giving to Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel. Contractor may cancel this Agreement without cause, and at will, for any reason whatsoever by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel to County.

16. **ASSIGNMENT.**

This is an agreement for the services of Contractor. County has relied upon the skills, experience, and training of Contractor as an inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any part of this Agreement without the written consent of County. Further, Contractor shall not assign any monies due or to become due under this Agreement without the written consent of County.

17. **DEFAULT.**

If the Contractor abandons the work, fails to proceed with the work and services requested by County in a timely manner, or fails in any way as required to conduct the work and services as required by County, County may declare the Contractor in default and terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice to Contractor. Upon such termination by default, County will pay to Contractor all amounts owing for services and work satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.

18. **WAIVER OF DEFAULT.**

Waiver of any default by either party to this Agreement shall not be deemed to be waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless this Agreement is modified as provided in paragraph twenty-two (22) below.

19. CONFIDENTIALITY.

Contractor further agrees to comply with the various provisions of the federal, state, and county laws, regulations, and ordinances providing that information and records kept, maintained, or accessible by Contractor in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, shall be privileged, restricted, or confidential. Contractor agrees to keep confidential all such information and records. Disclosure of such confidential, privileged, or protected information shall be made by Contractor only with the express written consent of the County. Any disclosure of confidential information by Contractor without the County's written consent is solely and exclusively the legal responsibility of Contractor in all respects.

Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, names of persons receiving public social services are confidential and are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations Section 205.50, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and Sections 10850 and 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. For the purpose of this Agreement, all information, records, and data elements pertaining to beneficiaries shall be protected by the provider from unauthorized disclosure.

20. CONFLICTS.

Contractor agrees that it has no interest and shall not acquire any direct or indirect interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

21. POST AGREEMENT COVENANT.

Contractor agrees not to use any confidential, protected, or privileged information which is gained from the County in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, for any personal benefit, gain, or enhancement. Further, Contractor agrees for a period of two years after the termination of this Agreement not to seek or accept any employment with any entity which, during the term of this Agreement, has had an adverse or conflicting interest with the County or who has been an adverse party in litigation with the County, and concerning such, Contractor by virtue of this Agreement has gained access to the County's confidential, privileged, protected, or proprietary information.

22. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Agreement shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

23.
24. **FUNDING LIMITATION.**

The ability of County to enter this Agreement is based upon available funding from various sources. In the event that such funding fails, is reduced, or is modified, from one or more sources, County has the option to cancel, reduce, or modify this Agreement, or any of its terms within ten (10) days of its notifying Contractor of the cancellation, reduction, or modification of available funding. Any reduction or modification of this Agreement made pursuant to this provision must comply with the requirements of paragraph twenty-two (22) (Amendment).

25. **AMENDMENT.**

This Agreement may be modified by the mutual consent of the parties, if such amendment or change is in written form and executed with the same formalities as this Agreement and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

26. **NOTICE.**

Any notice regarding this Agreement shall be in writing and may be personally served, or sent by prepaid first-class mail to, the respective parties as follows:

County of Inyo

Department

Address

City and State

Contractor:

Name

Address

City and State

27.
28. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements otherwise between the parties not embodied herein or incorporated herein by reference, shall be of any force or effect. Further, no term or provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, unless the same be in writing executed by the parties hereto.

COUNTY OF INYO

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Print or Type Name

Print or Type Name

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

Personnel Services

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

County Risk Manager

ATTACHMENT A – SCOPE OF WORK

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO

AND _____

FOR THE PROVISION OF _____
SERVICES

ATTACHMENT B – SCHEDULE OF FEES

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO

AND _____
FOR THE PROVISION OF _____
SERVICES

ATTACHMENT C – INSURANCE PROVISIONS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO

AND _____

FOR THE PROVISION OF _____

SERVICES

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

29. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, covering hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers’ Compensation** insurance as required by the State of California, with **Statutory Limits**, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease. *(Provision may be waived if Contractor provides written declaration of the following: (a) Contractor has no employees and agrees to obtain workers’ compensation insurance and notify Inyo County if any employee is hired, (b) Contractor agrees to verify proof of coverage for any subcontractor, and (c) Contractor agrees to hold Inyo County harmless and defend Inyo County in the case of claims arising for failure to provide benefits.)*
4. **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions): Insurance appropriate to the Contractor’s profession, with limit no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.
5. **Abuse/Molestation Liability** (Sexual assault and misconduct): Coverage with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence, **\$2,000,000** aggregate. *(Provision waived if contract excludes direct service to minors, this is persons under the age of 18 years, or other vulnerable populations.)*
6. **Cyber Liability** insurance, with limits not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations undertaken by Vendor in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, infringement on intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, and alteration of electronic information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs, regulatory fines and penalties, and credit monitoring expenses. *(Provision waived if contract excludes access, maintenance, or transmission of client or County medical, financial, or personnel records.)*

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, Inyo County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to Inyo County.

30. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status: Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of **both** CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; **and** CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this contract, the **Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory** and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to Inyo County.

Umbrella or Excess Policy: The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to Inyo County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against Inyo County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. The contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not Inyo County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Self-Insured Retentions: Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by Inyo County. Inyo County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Inyo County. The CGL and Professional Liability policies must provide that defense costs, including ALAE, will satisfy the SIR or deductible.

Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to Inyo County.

Claims Made Policies: If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
2. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish Inyo County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. **All certificates and endorsements and copies of all Declarations and Endorsements pages are to be received and approved by Inyo County before work commences.** However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor’s obligation to provide them. Inyo County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Special Risks or Circumstances: Inyo County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Attachment D – Business Associate Agreement

This **Business Associate Agreement (Agreement)** supplements and is made a part of the contract (Contract) by and between the **Inyo County** (hereinafter referred to as “County”) and **[INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME HERE]** (hereinafter referred to as “Business Associate”). This Agreement is effective as of the effective date of the Contract.

RECITALS

WHEREAS Covered Entity (CE) wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate (BA) pursuant to the terms of the Contract, which may include Protected Health Information (PHI); and

WHEREAS, CE and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of the PHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (HITECH Act), their implementing regulations, and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, The Privacy Rule and the Security Rule require CE to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with BA prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, sections 164.314, subdivision (a), 164p.502, subdivision (e), and 164.504, subdivision (e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to HIPAA and the HITECH Act, BA shall fulfill the responsibilities of this Agreement by being in compliance with the applicable provisions of the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of PHI set forth at 45 C.F.R. sections 164.308 (Administrative Safeguards), 164.310 (Physical Safeguards), 164.312 (Technical Safeguards), 164.316 (Policies and Procedures and Documentation Requirements), and 164.400, et seq., and 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 17932 (Breach Notification Rule), in the same manner as they apply to a CE under HIPAA;

WHEREAS ICEMA, a Joint Powers Authority, is the governing body for Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) programs within the counties of San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono and is the local emergency medical services agency pursuant to California Civil Code 1797.200; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.218, gives the local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA), ICEMA, the authority to authorize an Advanced Life Support (ALS) program providing services utilizing Emergency Medical Technicians - Paramedics (EMT-Ps) and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN) for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during interfacility transports (IFTs), while in the emergency department of a general acute care hospital until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff of that hospital, and during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code, Title 22, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.224 and 1797.226 give ICEMA the authority to establish Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs) into its EMS transport system; and

WHEREAS, ICEMA has established EOAs within Inyo County for Ground Emergency Medical (Ambulance) Services and Business Associate’s proposal was selected in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and is willing to provide said services within Inyo County EOA I; and

WHEREAS, Business Associate provides emergency ambulance Basic Life Support (BLS) and/or Advance Life Support and/or Specialized Care Transport (SCT) services pursuant to the EMS Act in the area(s) referred to herein as Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) I, as described in Exhibit B and which are incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that execution of this Contract constitutes notice, in accordance with ICEMA's EMS Plan, that the EOA(s) being served under this Contract shall lose its/their non-competitive status, if applicable, at expiration or termination of this Contract; and

WHEREAS the Business Associate recognizes and agrees that Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino Counties EMS systems are under the medical direction (Medical Control) and management of ICEMA, its EMS Administrator, and its Medical Director; and

WHEREAS the parties hereto will utilize the best efforts to promote a good working relationship with first responder agencies and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS the Business Associate agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as expressed herein:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

I. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified herein, capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meanings as given in the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, the Breach Notification Rule, and HITECH Act, as and when amended from time to time.

Advanced Life Support (ALS): Any definitive prehospital emergency medical care role in accordance with State regulations, which includes all the specialized care services as defined in California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.52.

ALS Ambulance: An emergency ambulance, as that term is defined herein, staffed and equipped to provide advanced life support and transport capabilities in compliance with ICEMA protocols/policies, authorized by ICEMA, and permitted by the County of Inyo.

Ambulance: Any vehicle specially constructed, modified, or equipped, and used for the primary purpose of responding to emergency calls and transporting critically ill or injured patients, whose medical staff has a minimum of two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) certified in Basic Life Support or one (1) EMT certified in Basic Life Support and one (1) Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P) licensed and accredited in ALS.

Basic Life Support (BLS): Any definitive prehospital emergency medical care role, in accordance with State regulations, which includes all the care services as defined in California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.60.

BLS Ambulance: An emergency ambulance, as that term is defined herein, staffed and equipped, at a minimum, to provide basic life support and transport capabilities in compliance with ICEMA protocols/policies and permitted by Inyo County.

Board: The Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Breach: Shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Regulations [45 C.F.R. §164.402] and the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. §§17921 et seq.], and as further described in California Civil Code section 1798.82.

Business Associate (BA): Shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.

Cancelled Call: Any request for response 9-1-1 or interfacility transport (IFT) which was canceled prior to arrival of an emergency ambulance and/or first responder. For purposes of measuring compliance, a Cancelled Call shall mean a 9-1-1 response.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD): An electronic system used by emergency response dispatchers to log, track, and assign calls for service.

Contract: The Contract between the County and the Proposer resulting from the award issued pursuant to this RFP to the successful Proposer.

Contractor: Any individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership, or other organization to whom a contract award is made by ICEMA and Inyo County.

Covered Entity (CE): Shall have the same meaning given to such term as under the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. section 160.103.

Critical Failure: Failure of personnel, equipment, vehicle, component, etc., of Contractor's resources/operation(s) that leads to or causes Contractor to be unable to respond to ground emergency ambulance transportation or fulfill Contractor's service obligation(s) as identified in this Contract.

Designated Record Set: Shall have the same meaning given to such term under 45 C.F.R. section 164.501.

Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI): Means PHI that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media as defined in the Security Rule, 45 C.F.R. section 164.103.

Emergency Ambulance: Any publicly or privately owned or operated vehicle licensed by the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol when used in response to emergency calls, and/or licensed pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 2500) for the primary purpose of medical transportation of the sick and/or injured.

Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD): A professional dispatcher certified through the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) or the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch, tasked with the gathering of information related to medical emergencies, the provision of assistance and instruction by voice prior to the arrival of EMS, and the dispatching and support of EMS resources responding to any emergency request for response.

Emergency Medical Technician: An individual whose scope of practice to provide BLS is according to standards specified in the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.60–1797.97, and who has a valid California certificate.

Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P): An individual whose scope of practice to provide ALS is according to standards specified in the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.50–1797.97, and who has a valid California license and ICEMA accreditation.

Employee/Personnel: Those providing services under this agreement to realize their purpose. In using the words "employee," "employees," "personnel," or "employment" in this agreement, ICEMA acknowledges that the provision of services under this agreement is in some instances provided by "volunteers" who are not compensated for their service and do not fit a legal definition of "employee." The use of the words "employee," "employees," "personnel," or "employment" is not intended to convert the legal status of "volunteers" to "employees" nor require such conversion.

Exclusive Operating Area (EOA): An area created by the local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA) that restricts operations in an EMS area or subarea defined by the EMS Plan.

Facilitator: An ICEMA-designated individual tasked with managing the processes of the evaluation panel.

Force Majeure: Flood, earthquake, storm, fire, lightning, explosion, epidemic, war, national emergency, civil disturbance, sabotage, restraint by any governmental authority not due to a violation by the party claiming force majeure of a statute, ordinance, or regulation, or other similar circumstances beyond the control of such party, the consequences of which in each case, by exercise of due foresight, such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which by exercise of due diligence it would not have been able to overcome.

Fractile Response Time: A method of measuring response times in which applicable response times are stacked in ascending length. The total number of calls generating a response within a given response time standard (e.g., 9 minutes, 59 seconds) is calculated as a percentage of the total number of calls.

Interfacility Transfer (IFT): An ambulance transportation of a patient between two (2) medical facilities or between a medical facility and rehabilitation, home, treatment appointment, etc. This includes but is not limited to transport of individuals on a 5150 hold.

Medical Control: The medical direction and management of EMS Contractors and the licensed physician under whom they practice. For the purposes of this Contract, medical control is ICEMA's Medical Director.

Mobile Hot Spot: A device that creates an area of Wi-Fi coverage allowing nearby Wi-Fi devices to connect to the internet. The device serves as a link between nearby Wi-Fi devices and a cellular data network.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN): A Registered Nurse (RN) who has met all ICEMA requirements for "MICN" designation and is authorized by the ICEMA Medical Director to provide ALS services or to issue physician-directed instructions to EMS field personnel during transport operations aboard an ambulance according to ICEMA-developed standardized procedures and consistent with statewide guidelines.

Multi-casualty Incident (MCI): An incident consisting of five (5) or more vehicles or patients requiring assessment, care, and/or transportation.

Mutual Aid: A request, originating outside of CONTRACTOR's EOA, for EMS. The request shall be initiated through ICEMA's designated communication dispatch centers, public safety enforcement agencies, ICEMA, or the Inyo County Health Officer.

Post: The act of submitting an ePCR to ICEMA's data system or the act of deploying a system unit (ambulance or first responder vehicle) to a specific geographical point or area.

Privacy Rule: Means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to protect the privacy of Protected Health Information, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E.

Professional Conduct: While it is impractical to convey all nuances of what acceptable professional conduct is, ICEMA retains the authority to discipline those individuals and/or CONTRACTORS that, in ICEMA's opinion, violated professional conduct behaviors and/or characteristics while on duty and/or performing duties.

Proposal: The offer to provide specific goods or services at specified prices and/or other conditions specified in the RFP.

Provide, Operate, or Furnish: To perform, make available, or utilize either directly through CONTRACTOR's personnel and resources or through subcontracts or other agreements, which have been approved by ICEMA, the services, personnel, materials, or supplies.

Public Service Answering Point (PSAP): A designated agency at which 9-1-1 calls are first received. “Secondary” PSAP is the designated agency to which the 9-1-1 call is directed for dispatching of appropriate resources.

Request for Proposal (RFP): The request for an offer from Proposers interested in providing the identified services sought to be procured by the County. The RFP specifies the evaluation factors to be used and contains or incorporates by reference contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement.

Security Rule: Means the regulations promulgated under HIPAA by HHS to protect the security of ePHI, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164, subparts A and C.

Service Delivery Plan (SDP): A plan submitted to ICEMA by CONTRACTOR that identifies specific locations of EMS resources, ambulances, post locations, or CONTRACTOR dispatching procedures. The plan must also include the number of locations of vehicles to be deployed during each hour of the day, each day of the week for coverage, and the minimum number of unit hours necessary to provide services under this Contract.

Services: The requested professional services described in this RFP.

Specialty Care Transport (SCT): Interfacility Transport of a critically injured or ill patient by an ambulance vehicle, which is beyond the scope of EMT-P and/or requires specialized equipment.

Strike Team: An organized group of personnel and equipment consisting of (5) ambulances (an approved vehicle and 2 personnel each), with common communications and a Leader.

Strike Team Leader: An individual who has successfully completed an ambulance strike team leader course and has been issued and possesses a current non-expired EMSA “Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force Leader” qualification card.

Subcontractor: An individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership, or other organization, not in the employment of or owned by Contractor, who is performing services on behalf of Contractor under the Contract or under a separate contract with or on behalf of Contractor.

Unsecured PHI: Shall have the same meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17932, subdivision (h).

Units: Ambulances and/or response vehicles.

Wi-Fi Alliance (Wi-Fi): A trademark and brand name for products using the IEEE 802.11 family of standards for wireless connecting electronic devices to the internet via a wireless network access point.

II. Term of Contract

- a. The Contract period will be for a five (5) year period beginning on **[Insert Start Date]** through **[Insert End Date]**. In the event that the Business Associate (BA) is temporarily unable to meet the terms of this Contract, the BA shall promptly notify the County. Similarly, in the event that the County is unable to meet the terms of this Contract, Inyo County shall promptly notify the BA.

III. Permitted and Prohibited Uses of PHI

- a. Permitted Uses and Disclosures

BA may disclose PHI: (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) for purposes of Treatment, Payment and Operations (TPO); (iv) as required by law; or (v) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of CE. Prior to making any other disclosures, BA must obtain a written authorization from the Individual.

If BA discloses PHI to a third party, BA must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such PHI will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify BA of any breaches of confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach. [42 U.S.C. section 17932; 45 C.F.R. sections 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)]

b. Prohibited Uses and Disclosures

i. BA shall not use, access or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement and as specified in the attached Contract or as required by law. Further, BA shall not use PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act. BA shall disclose to its employees, subcontractors, agents, or other third parties, and request from CE, only the minimum PHI necessary to perform or fulfill a specific function required or permitted hereunder.

ii. BA shall not use or disclose PHI for fundraising or marketing purposes.

iii. BA shall not disclose PHI to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates. (42 U.S.C. section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. section 164.522(a)(1)(i)(A).)

iv. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for PHI, except with the prior written consent of CE and as permitted by the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); and 45 C.F.R. section 164.508); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by CE to BA for services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

c. Appropriate Safeguards

i. BA shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the PHI BA creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the CE, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. sections 164.308, 164.310, 164.312 and 164.316. [45 C.F.R. sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(b) and 164.308(b).]

ii. In accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.316, BA shall maintain reasonable and appropriate written policies and procedures for its privacy and security program to comply with the standards, implementation specifications, or any other requirements of the Privacy Rule and applicable provisions of the Security Rule.

iii. BA shall provide appropriate training for its workforce on the requirements of the Privacy Rule and Security Rule as those regulations affect the proper handling, use confidentiality and disclosure of the CE's PHI.

Such training will include specific guidance relating to sanctions against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy and security policies and procedures and the obligations of the BA under this Agreement.

d. Subcontractors

BA shall enter into written agreements with agents and subcontractors to whom BA provides CE's PHI that impose the same restrictions and conditions on such agents and subcontractors that apply to BA with respect to such PHI, and that require compliance with all appropriate safeguards as found in this Agreement.

e. Reporting of Improper Access, Use, or Disclosure or Breach

Every suspected and actual Breach shall be reported immediately, but no later than one (1) business day upon discovery, to CE's Office of Compliance, consistent with the regulations under HITECH Act. Upon discovery of a Breach or suspected Breach, BA shall complete the following actions:

i. Provide CE's Office of Compliance with the following information to include but not limited to:

1. Date the Breach or suspected Breach occurred.
2. Date the Breach or suspected Breach was discovered.
3. Number of staff, employees, subcontractors, agents or other third parties and the names and titles of each person allegedly involved.
4. Number of potentially affected Individual(s) with contact information; and
5. Description of how the Breach or suspected Breach allegedly occurred.

ii. Conduct and document a risk assessment by investigating without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) calendar days of discovery of the Breach or suspected Breach to determine the following:

1. The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and likelihood of re-identification.
2. The unauthorized person who had access to the PHI.
3. Whether the PHI was acquired or viewed and
4. The extent to which the risk to PHI has been mitigated.

iii. Provide a completed risk assessment and investigation documentation to CE's Office of Compliance within ten (10) calendar days of discovery of the Breach or suspected Breach with a determination as to whether a Breach has occurred. At the discretion of CE, additional information may be requested.

1. If BA and CE agree that a Breach has not occurred, notification to Individual(s) is not required.
2. If a Breach has occurred, notification to the Individual(s) is required and BA must provide CE with affected Individual(s) name and contact information so that CE can provide notification.

iv. Make available to CE and governing State and Federal agencies in a time and manner designated by CE or governing State and Federal agencies, any policies, procedures, internal practices and records relating to a Breach or suspected Breach for the purposes of audit or should the CE reserve the right to conduct its own investigation and analysis.

f. Access to PHI

To the extent BA maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of CE, BA shall make PHI maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to CE for inspection and copying within ten (10) days of a request by CE to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule. If BA maintains ePHI, BA shall provide such information in electronic format to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act. If BA receives a request from an Individual for access to PHI, BA shall immediately forward such request to CE.

g. Amendment of PHI

If BA maintains a Designated Record Set on behalf of the CE, BA shall make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the CE directs or agrees to, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. section 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy CE's obligations under 45 C.F.R. section 164.526, in the time and manner designated by the CE.

h. Access to Records

BA shall make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, relating to the use, access and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by BA on behalf of, CE available to the Secretary of HHS, in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining CE's compliance with the Privacy Rule and Security Rule and patient confidentiality regulations. Any documentation provided to the Secretary shall also be provided to the CE upon request.

i. Accounting for Disclosures

BA, its agents and subcontractors shall document disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as required by HIPAA. This requirement does not apply to disclosures made for purposes of TPO. BA shall provide an accounting of disclosures to CE or an Individual, in the time and manner designated by the CE. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the Individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.

j. Termination

CE may immediately terminate this agreement, and any related agreements, if CE determines that BA has breached the material terms of this agreement. CE may, at its sole discretion, provide BA with an opportunity to cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the CE.

k. Return of PHI

Upon termination of this Agreement, BA shall return all PHI required to be retained by the BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents on behalf of the CE. In the event the BA determines that returning the PHI is not feasible, the BA shall provide the CE with written notification of the conditions that make return not feasible. Additionally, the BA must follow established policies and procedures to ensure PHI is safeguarded and disposed of adequately in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.310 and must submit to the CE a certification of destruction of PHI. For destruction of ePHI, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidelines must be followed. BA further agrees to extend any and all protections, limitations, and restrictions contained in this Agreement, to any PHI retained by BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents after the termination of this Agreement, and to limit any further use, access or disclosures.

l. Breach by the CE

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 17934, subdivision (b), if the BA is aware of any activity or practice by the CE that constitutes a material Breach or violation of the CE's obligations under this Agreement, the BA must take reasonable steps to address the Breach and/or end eliminate the continued violation, if the BA has the capability of mitigating said violation. If the BA is unsuccessful in eliminating the violation and the CE continues with non-compliant activity, the BA must terminate the Agreement (if feasible) and report the violation to the Secretary of HHS.

m. Mitigation

BA shall have procedures in place to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to BA of a use, access or disclosure of PHI by BA, its agents or subcontractors in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

n. Costs Associated to Breach

BA shall be responsible for reasonable costs associated with a Breach. Costs shall be based upon the required notification type as deemed appropriate and necessary by the CE and shall not be reimbursable under the Agreement at any time. CE shall determine the method to invoice the BA for said costs. Costs shall incur at the current rates and may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Postage.
- Alternative means of notice.
- Media notification; and
- Credit monitoring services.

o. Direct Liability

BA may be held directly liable under HIPAA for impermissible uses and disclosures of PHI; failure to provide breach notification to CE; failure to provide access to a copy of ePHI to CE or individual; failure to disclose PHI to the Secretary of HHS when investigating BA's compliance with HIPAA; failure to provide an accounting of disclosures; and, failure to enter into a business associate agreement with subcontractors.

p. Indemnification

BA agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless CE and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, penalties, injuries, costs and expenses (including costs for reasonable attorney fees) that are caused by or result from the acts or omissions of BA, its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors, with respect to the use, access, maintenance of CE's PHI, including without limitation, any Breach of PHI or any expenses incurred by CE in providing required Breach notifications. nance or disclosure of

q. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

CE may terminate the Contract, effective immediately, if (i) BA is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the BA has been joined that the BA has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule or other security or privacy laws.

r. Insurance

In addition to any general and/or professional liability insurance coverage required of BA under the Contract for services, BA shall provide appropriate liability insurance coverage during the term of this Agreement to cover any and all claims, causes of action, and demands whatsoever made for loss, damage, or injury to any person arising from the breach of the security, privacy, or confidentiality obligations of BA, its agents or employees, under this Agreement and under HIPAA 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.

s. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings

BA shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees, or agents assisting BA in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement, available to CE, at no cost to CE, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against CE, its directors, officers, or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where BA or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.

IV. Obligations of CE

a. CE shall notify BA of any of the following, to the extent that such may affect BA's use, access, maintenance or disclosure of PHI:

- i. Any limitation(s) in CE's notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.520.
- ii. Any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an individual to use, access or disclose PHI.
- iii. Any restriction to the use, access or disclosure of PHI that CE has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. section 164.522.

V. General Provisions

a. Remedies

BA agrees that CE shall be entitled to seek immediate injunctive relief as well as to exercise all other rights and remedies which CE may have at law or in equity in the event of an unauthorized use, access or disclosure of PHI by BA or any agent or subcontractor of BA that received PHI from BA.

b. Ownership

The PHI shall be and remain the property of the CE. BA agrees that it acquires no title or rights to the PHI.

c. Regulatory References

A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule and Security Rule and patient confidentiality regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

d. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing expressed or implied in the Contract, or this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than CE, BA and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

e. Amendment

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws related to privacy and security of PHI are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Contract or this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement when and as necessary to comply with applicable laws. If either party does not agree to so amend this Agreement within 30 days after receiving a request for amendment from the other, either party may terminate the Agreement upon written notice. To the extent an amendment to this Agreement is required by law and this Agreement has not been so amended to comply with the applicable law in a timely manner, the amendment required by law shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement automatically and without further action required by either of the parties. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement may not be modified, nor shall any provision hereof be waived or amended, except in a writing duly signed and agreed to by BA and CE.

f. Interpretation

Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit CE to comply with the Privacy and Security Rules, the HITECH Act, and all applicable patient confidentiality regulations.

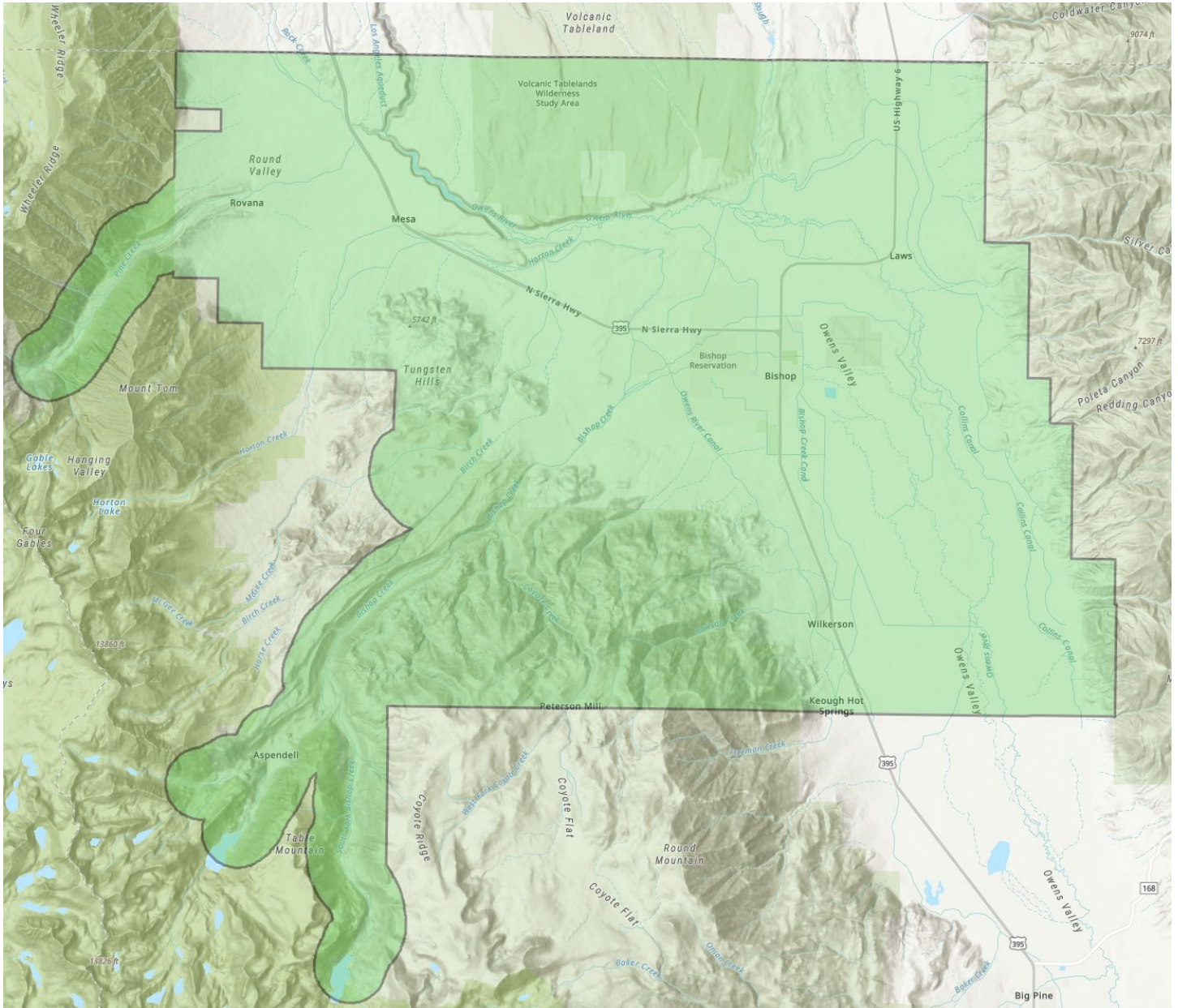
g. Compliance with State Law

In addition to HIPAA and all applicable HIPAA Regulations, BA acknowledges that BA and CE may have confidentiality and privacy obligations under State law, including, but not limited to, the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Cal. Civil Code §56, et seq. ("CMIA")). If any provisions of this Agreement or HIPAA Regulations or the HITECH Act conflict with CMIA or any other California State law regarding the degree of protection provided for PHI and patient medical records, then BA shall comply with the more restrictive requirements.

h. Survival

The respective rights and obligations and rights of CE and BA relating to protecting the confidentiality of a patient's PHI shall survive the termination of the Contract or this Agreement.

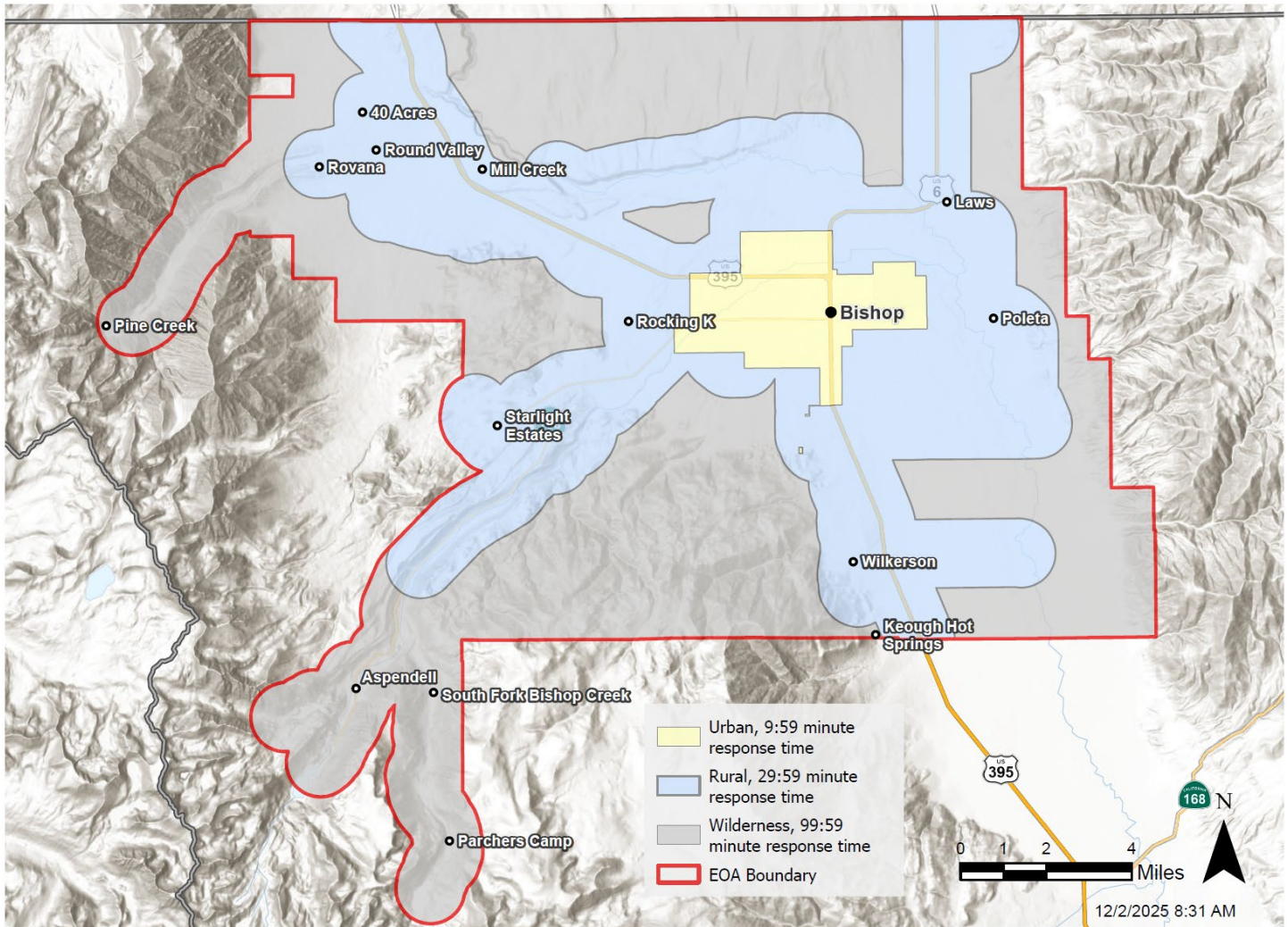
EXHIBIT B- EOA I MAP



Exclusive Operating Area Description:

- **North:** Mono County Line, Highway 395 and Highway 6
- **South:** 0.43 road miles south of Keough Hot Springs Road, Highway 395
- **East:** Road's End (base of White Mountains)
- **West:** Road's End (base of Sierra Nevada Mountains), including Pine Creek Road, Highway 168 W, North Lake Road, South Lake Road

EXHIBIT C- EOA I RESPONSE TIME MAP





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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2026-7

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

County Administrator - Emergency Services

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Meaghan McCamman, Deputy County Administrator

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Kristen Pfeiler, Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds project will reduce wildfire risk across 14 high-use parks and campgrounds in Inyo County by removing hazardous vegetation, creating defensible space, and improving emergency access. Approximately 43 acres will be treated and 59 public structures protected. The project addresses extreme vegetation growth from recent wet years and supports long-term fire resilience in rural recreation areas.

The Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers Project will support defensible space cleanup in approximately 24 high-risk communities across Inyo County by providing landfill disposal vouchers and roll-off dumpsters (for residents outside Southern CA Edison's service area who are not eligible for the SCE Community Direct Grant program), reducing the cost and logistical barriers to hazardous fuels removal. Over three years, the project is expected to remove approximately 1,728 tons of vegetation by enabling scalable, community-led cleanup efforts coordinated through Firewise sites, Fire Safe Councils, tribes, agencies, and local fire departments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	CALFIRE Grant	Budget Unit	
Budgeted?	No	Object Code	

Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure & Income until February 2029	Sole Source?	NA
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If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact

This grant may have minor current fiscal year impact, depending upon when program documents are executed and work begins.

Future Fiscal Year Impacts

Up to \$202,976 in reimbursement for expenses related to vegetation management at parks and campgrounds through February 15, 2029. Up to 119,005.60 in reimbursement for expenses related to green waste landfill fees generated from community wildfire risk reduction efforts through February 15, 2029.

Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could decide not to approve these Grant Agreements. This is not advised, as the Agreement will provide funding to Inyo County Public Works to perform fuel management work at Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds and support community-led wildfire risk reduction efforts by waiving green waste fees at Inyo County landfills.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CALFIRE, Inyo County Public Works Division of Parks and Recreation and Solid Waste

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Quality Parks and Recreation Amenities
Public Safety

APPROVALS:

Meaghan McCamman	Created/Initiated - 01/06/2026
Kristen Pfeiler	Approved - 01/13/2026
Darcy Israel	Approved - 01/13/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/13/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/13/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/13/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CalFire Grant Agreement: Parks and Rec
2. CALFIRE Grant Agreement: Vouchers

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

P.O. Box 944246
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2460
(916) 653-7772
Website: www.fire.ca.gov



December 29, 2025

Kristen Pfeiler
County of Inyo
1360 N Main St.
Bishop, CA 93514

5GG25202; County of Inyo, “Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds”

This Agreement cannot be considered binding on either party until approved by appropriate authorized CAL FIRE designee. No services should be provided prior to approval, as the State is not obligated to make any payments on any Agreement prior to final approval. FAILURE TO RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS BY DATE BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF FUNDING.

Please contact David Haas at (909) 881-6955 if you have questions concerning services to be performed.

1. ☒ Full grant agreement including terms and conditions, project grant application form, scope of work, budget, map, and other exhibits enclosed. Please sign, scan, and return the agreement to Satoshi Okuno at Satoshi.Okuno@fire.ca.gov no later than **January 29, 2026**.

Alternatively, you may opt to print (single sided), sign in blue ink, and return the agreement with original signature to:
CAL FIRE
Attn: Grants Management Unit/CCI –Wildfire Prevention
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

In order to expedite your agreement, a scanned/electronic copy of the agreement is preferred.

2. ☐ Enclosed for your record is one fully executed copy of the agreement referenced above. When billing for services performed under this agreement, your invoices must reference the agreement number above and be submitted to the contract manager.

Thank you,

Satoshi Okuno
Grants Analyst
Grants Management Unit

CC: David Haas
Southern Region Grants
Nadine Scarbrough

Enclosures

State of California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Office of the State Fire Marshal
GRANT AGREEMENT

APPLICANT: County of Inyo
PROJECT TITLE: Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds
GRANT AGREEMENT: 5GG25202

PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from date of latter signature by CAL FIRE Deputy Director or Grantee through February 15, 2029.

Under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the project description, and the State of California, acting through the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, agrees to fund the project up the total state grant amount indicated.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will reduce wildfire risk across 14 high-use parks and campgrounds in Inyo County by removing hazardous vegetation, creating defensible space, and improving emergency access. Approximately 43 acres will be treated and 59 public structures protected. The project addresses extreme vegetation growth from recent wet years and supports long-term fire resilience in rural recreation areas.

Total State Grant not to exceed \$ **202,976.00** (or project costs, whichever is less).

**The Special and General Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.*

County of Inyo

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION**

Applicant

By _____

Signature of Authorized Representative

Print Name/

Title: _____

By _____

Title: **Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director**

Date _____

Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING

GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 5GG25202	PO ID	SUPPLIER ID 0000008422
FUND 3228	FUND NAME Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	
PROJECT ID N/A	ACTIVITY ID N/A	AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING \$ 202,976.00
GL UNIT 3540	BUD REF 601	ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
PROGRAM NUMBER 2470010	ENY 2021	ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
ACCOUNT 5340580	ALT ACCOUNT 534058000	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$ 202,976.00
REPORTING STRUCTURE 35405909	SERVICE LOCATION 96217	

Acknowledged - I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.

Certification of CAL FIRE Accounting Officer

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State of California, by and through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE" or "the State") and County of Inyo ("Grantee"), collectively referred to as "Parties", pursuant to California Public Resources Code section §4799.05.
2. **Grant Funds.** Subject to the availability of grant monies, the State hereby grants to Grantee a sum not to exceed \$202,976.00. Grantee shall assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project.
3. **Project.** The State is entering into this agreement, and the Grant Funds shall be used, only for the purpose of Grantee's performance of the Project generally described on the cover page to this Agreement and as more fully described in the Project Scope of Work. Any amendment to the Project Scope of Work must be approved by the State in writing in accordance with Section 29.
4. **Agreement and Exhibits.** The Parties accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Exhibits set forth below, the Grant Guidelines, Grantee's application for Grant Funds, and all other documents which may later be approved in writing by both Parties relating to this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as though set forth in full herein. The marked Exhibits are attached to this Agreement:

- ☒ Exhibit A: Project Scope of Work
- ☐ Exhibit B: Project Timeline
- ☒ Exhibit C: Project Budget Detail
- ☒ Exhibit D: Project Map
- ☒ Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule
- ☒ Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum
- ☐ Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook
- ☐ Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

In the event of conflicting terms among the documents forming this Agreement, the order of control is first this Agreement, then the Exhibits, then the Grant Guidelines, and then the Application.

5. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be the Project Performance Period.
6. **Authority to Sign.** Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action of the entity they represent, and that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf has the full capacity to bind that entity. At CAL FIRE's request, Grantee must provide CAL FIRE with evidence satisfying CAL FIRE that

the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been authorized by all necessary organizational action by Grantee.

7. Definitions

- a. "Advance Payments" means Grant Funds provided to Grantee before the associated work has been performed.
- b. "Agreement" means this grant agreement number 5GG25202, including each of the documents described and incorporated by reference into this Agreement in Section 4.
- c. "Effective Date" means the later of the date the Agreement is executed by the State or Grantee.
- d. "Equipment" means personal property Grantee needs to perform the Project that has (1) a \$5,000 or more per unit cost, and (2) a tangible useful life of more than one year.
- e. "Grant Funds" means the money described in Section 2 that is provided by the State to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement and includes any interest paid to Grantee from the deposit of any Advance Payments awarded to Grantee.
- f. "Grant Guidelines" are the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Wildfire Prevention Program Grant Guidelines 2025-2026, which are available on the CAL FIRE website.
- g. "Other Sources of Funds" means all matching fund sources, excluding Program Income, that are required or used to complete the Project beyond the Grant Funds provided by this Agreement.
- h. "Project" means the work described in the Project Scope of Work and this Agreement.
- i. "Project Budget Detail" means the approved budget plan.
- j. "Project Completion Date" means the date specified on the cover page to this agreement.
- k. "Program Income" means income that is generated directly by Grantee's performance of the Project, including any interest earned on Advance Payments.

- l. "Project Performance Period" means the Effective Date through the earlier of the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below.
- m. The term "Project Scope of Work" as used herein means the individual scope of work describing in detail the approved tasks, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- n. "Subrecipient" means an entity that either receives Grant Funds from Grantee as part of a block grant or a subcontractor who is paid by a Grantee with Grant Funds.

8. Project Representatives

The project representatives during the term of the Agreement will be:

The State: CAL FIRE	Grantee: County of Inyo
Section/Unit: BDU	Section/Unit: N/A
Attention: David Haas	Attention: Kristen Pfeiler
Mailing Address: 3800 North Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92405	Mailing Address: 1360 N Main St. Bishop, CA 93514
Phone Number: (909) 881-6955	Phone Number: (760) 878-8444
Email Address: David.Haas@fire.ca.gov	Email Address: Kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Individuals authorized to sign agreements, amendments and submit invoices on behalf of Grantee are:

1. NAME, TITLE: _____

2. NAME, TITLE: _____

Changes to the project representatives during the term of the Agreement shall be made in writing, and no amendment to this Agreement shall be necessary. Notice shall be sent to the designated representative for all notice provisions of this Agreement.

9. Project Execution

- a. **Project Commencement.** Grantee shall not begin work on the Project prior to the Effective Date. Any work started prior to the Effective Date will not be eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.
- b. **Project Completion.** Grantee shall complete the Project before the Project Completion Date, unless an amendment has been approved in writing by the State as provided in Section 29. Requests for an extension of the Project Completion Date as well as any other formal amendment requests must be made no less than 60 days before the then-effective Project Completion Date, unless this requirement is waived in writing by the State. Work completed after the Project Completion Date is not eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.
- c. **The State's Right of Access.** Grantee shall permit periodic site visits by representative(s) of the State to ensure program compliance, and that work is in accordance with this Agreement, including a final inspection upon Project completion.
- d. **Independent Capacity of Grantee.** Grantee, and the agents and employees of Grantee, in the performance of this Agreement shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents, of the State.
- e. **Subrecipients.** If Grantee desires to accomplish any part of the Project through the use of subrecipients, the following conditions must be met: (1) Grantee shall require, and is solely responsible for ensuring, that all subrecipients comply with all applicable terms of this Agreement; and (2) agreements between the Grantee and a subrecipient must be in writing. Nothing contained in this Agreement, or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between the State and any of Grantee's subrecipients and no contract or subcontract shall relieve Grantee of its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement. Grantee agrees to be as fully responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of its subrecipients and of persons directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Grantee. Grantee's obligation to pay its subrecipients is an independent obligation from the State's obligation to make payments to Grantee. As a result, the State shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any monies to any of Grantee's subrecipients. If a subrecipient is entitled by law to record a lien against any property or improvements funded by this Agreement, the State may require Grantee to obtain a waiver and release of such lien or take other appropriate action to ensure the lien is released, prior to the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below, whichever is earlier.

10. Grantee Responsibilities

- a. **Grantee Skill and Care.** In performing work under this Agreement, Grantee shall exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted professional practices and procedures for the type of work performed.
- b. **Grantee Responsible for Project.** The Project is the sole responsibility of Grantee. The State undertakes no responsibilities to Grantee, or any third party, other than as expressly set out in this Agreement. The responsibility for implementing the Project is solely that of Grantee, as is the responsibility for any claim or suit of any nature by any third party related in any way to the Project. Review or approval by the State of any Project plans, specifications, or other documents is solely for the purpose of proper administration of Grant Funds by the State and shall not relieve Grantee of the obligation to carry out any requirements of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable law or any other standards ordinarily applied to such work or activity.
- c. **Permits and Compliance with Laws.** Grantee shall comply fully, and require any of its agents, employees, or subrecipients to comply fully, with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and permits. Grantee shall provide evidence, upon request, that all necessary local, State, or federal permits, licenses, registrations, and approvals have been secured for the Project. Grantee shall maintain compliance with such requirements throughout the Project Performance Period. The costs associated with legal compliance may be reimbursed under this Agreement only to the extent authorized by the Project Budget Detail.
- d. **Misuse of Public Funds Prohibited.** Grantee or anyone acting on behalf of Grantee shall not engage in fraud, waste, or the abuse of Grant Funds in violation of California Penal Code section 424 *et seq.* Grantee shall cooperate in any investigation of such activities that are suspected in connection with this Agreement.
- e. **Private Benefit Prohibited.** Recipients of Grant Funds shall receive no more than the fair market value of an arm's length transaction for any goods or services provided under this Agreement. Grantee shall provide evidence to the State upon request of compliance with this Section 11.e. Violation of this Section 11.e. will result in a violation of California Penal Code section 424, subd. a.
- f. **Conflicts of Interest Prohibited.** Grantee shall comply with the requirements of Government Code sections 1090 and 87100 and Public Contracts Code sections 10410 and 10411. Grantee represents that no person who, as an officer, employee, or agent of the State participated in the preparation or creation of, or determination to award, this Agreement shall for compensation or personal benefit serve as an agent or employee of Grantee in the

performance of this Agreement. Grantee and the State hereby acknowledge that:

- i. **Current State Officers or Employees:** No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.
- ii. **Former State Officers or Employees:** For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.

A violation of any provision of this Section 10.f. shall render this Agreement void and may result in Grantee being required to disgorge any payments made prior to discovery of the violation under Government Code section 1092 and Public Contracts Code section 10420. If Grantee has any questions about compliance with conflicts of interest laws, Grantee should consult the California Fair Political Practices Commission or a qualified attorney.

- g. **California Environmental Quality Act.** Activities funded by this Agreement must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code section 21000, et. seq. Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et. seq.). Sufficient evidence of CEQA compliance must be provided by Grantee and approved by the State before any work that could impact the environment (e.g. cutting, piling or burning bush, masticating, dozer work, etc.) may proceed, and no later than one year following the Effective Date unless a longer time is approved in writing by CAL FIRE. The State may make Grant Funds available in advance of CEQA compliance for Project activities that do not have the potential to cause an environmental impact (e.g. project planning, locating, and marking property or project boundaries, engaging with landowners, etc.).

If CEQA compliance is not complete by the Effective Date, once the State has considered the environmental documents, it may decide to require changes, alterations, or other mitigation to the Project, or not to fund the Project. Should the State decide not to fund the Project, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with Section 20 below.

- h. **Nondiscrimination.** The State of California prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age (over 40), physical or mental disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (including cancer), reproductive health decision- making, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, religion, political beliefs, reprisal, use of family-care leave, medical-care leave or pregnancy-disability leave, military or veteran status, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Grantee shall not discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any person on any of these bases, and shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Grantee hereby certifies, unless specifically exempted, compliance with Government Code 12990(a-f) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 in matters relating to reporting requirements and the development, implementation and maintenance of a Nondiscrimination Program. Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this Agreement in all contracts and subcontracts related to the Project.
- i. **Union Organizing.** In accordance with California Government Code sections 16645-16649, by signing this Agreement Grantee certifies that:

 - i. No State funds disbursed by this grant will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing.
 - ii. If Grantee makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, Grantee will maintain records sufficient to show that no State funds were used for those expenditures, and shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.
- j. **Drug-Free Workplace Certification.** In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code section 8350 *et seq.*), by signing this Agreement Grantee hereby certifies that Grantee, and each of its Subrecipients, will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

 - i. Publish a Statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations of this prohibition.

- ii. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2. The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and,
 - 4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- iii. Provide that every employee who works on the Project:
 - 1. Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy the Statement; and
 - 2. Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's the Statement as a condition of employment on the Project.
- iv. In addition to other remedies available at law or in equity, or in this Agreement, Grantee may be ineligible for award of any future State contracts if the State determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) Grantee has made false certification or (2) Grantee violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

13. **Project Costs and Payment Documentation**

- a. **Funding Disbursements.** State's obligation to disburse Grant Funds under this Agreement is conditioned upon and subject to satisfactory compliance with and completion of all of the conditions contained in this Agreement. Payment by the State shall be made in arrears, except for any Advance Payments authorized pursuant to Section 13.f below which are not made in arrears, after receipt of an acceptable invoice and approval by a duly authorized representative of the State. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of invoices for payment, the State agrees to compensate Grantee for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates and activities specified in the Final Project Budget Detail, Application, Scope of Work and Exhibits made a part of this Agreement.
- b. **Disbursement Requests.** Grantee shall submit, in arrears, not more frequently than once a month and at least quarterly an invoice to the State for costs paid by Grantee pursuant to this Agreement. In the event no expenses are incurred, Grantee shall identify that no costs have been incurred within the respective quarterly progress report in lieu of submitting a zero-balance invoice. A final invoice shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier. Each invoice shall contain the following information: the Agreement

- number, the dates or time period during which the invoiced costs were incurred, signature of an authorized representative of Grantee, expenditures for the current invoice and cumulative expenditures to date by major budget category (e.g., salaries, benefits, supplies, etc.), Program Income, match funds when applicable, and appropriate supporting documentation consistent with the Eligible Costs section of the Grant Guidelines. Grantee shall submit each invoice for payment electronically using the grants management system identified by CAL FIRE. Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.
- c. **Final Payment.** Final payment to Grantee may not be made until the STATE determines the Project conforms substantially to this Agreement.
 - d. **Expiration of Grant Funds.** Grant Funds in this Agreement have a limited period in which they must be expended. All Grantee expenditures must occur prior to the Project Completion Date.
 - e. **Grantee Expenditures.** Except as otherwise provided herein, Grantee shall expend Grant Funds in the manner described in the Budget approved by the State. The dollar amount of an item in a budget category may be increased or decreased through reallocation of funds from other budget categories with approval by the State; this request may be processed via the Grants Software. Any increase or decrease of more than ten percent (10%) of the total Grant Funds of a budget category must be accomplished through an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 29 of this Agreement before any such increase or decrease is made.
 - f. **Advance Payments.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions stated within this Agreement, the State may at its discretion, and subject to statutory requirements, make Advance Payments from the Grant Funds to the Grantee (if eligible). Advance payment made by the State shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - i. Grantee shall submit a written request identifying how Advance Payments will be used over a six-month period. The written request must be accompanied by an invoice that contains the same level of detail as a regular invoice.
 - ii. Grantee shall file an accountability report with State four months from the date of receiving the funds and every four months thereafter.
 - iii. Multiple advance payments may be made to a Grantee over the life of a project.
 - iv. No single advance payment shall exceed 25% of the Grant Funds. For grants funding equipment, where program allows, the maximum advance request may be increased up to 50% of the Grant Funds or cost of equipment purchase, whichever is less.
 - v. Advance Payments must be spent on eligible costs within six months of receipt.

- vi. Grantee may request additional time to spend Advance Payments but such request must be approved in writing by the State.
 - vii. All work under an Advance Payment must be fully liquidated via an invoice and supporting documentation and completed to the State's satisfaction before another Advance Payment will be made.
 - viii. Any Advance Payment received by a Grantee and not used for project eligible costs within six months or another time period approved by State shall be returned to the State. The amount will be returned to the grant balance.
 - ix. Advance Payments must be deposited into an interest-bearing account that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any interest earned on Advance Payments must be accounted for and used to offset the costs of the Project or returned to the State.
- g. **Disbursements made in error.** The Grantee shall immediately reimburse or credit the State at State's discretion for any overpayment of an invoice or other erroneous disbursement when either party determines an overpayment or erroneous disbursement was made.
- h. **Project Income.** Grantee shall report to the State any Project Income earned during the Project Performance Period. Project Income shall be used to offset the costs of the Project, returned to the State, or, if approved in writing by the State, used for other purposes that benefit the public.
14. **Equipment.** Only Equipment that is identified in the Budget approved by the State may be purchased using grant funds. If Grantee determines that additional Equipment is necessary to complete the Project, Grantee must obtain prior written approval by the State to purchase such equipment, and such approval may be provided at the State's sole discretion. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds, wholly or in part, must be used by the Grantee for the Project for which it was acquired. State retains a vested interest in the equipment for the useful life of the equipment, even after completion of the Project. Upon the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier, Grantee shall provide to State a written disposition plan of the Equipment detailing how the equipment will be used to further the Project purposes or to the public's benefit. Such disposition must be approved in advance by State. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds cannot be used as collateral, financed, or sold without prior written approval from the State.
15. **Budget Contingency Clause.** State shall not be obligated to disburse any unpaid portion of the Grant Funds unless and until sufficient funds are appropriated for the fiscal years covered by this Agreement through the State budget process for the purpose of this Agreement. State shall notify Grantee in writing if it is unable to disburse funds for these reasons. No invoice submitted prior to the appropriation or release of such funds to State shall be effective. If funding for this Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act, by Executive Order, or by order of the

Department of Finance or State Treasurer's Office, State at its sole discretion may suspend or terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 21 or amend the Agreement to reflect any reduction of funds. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.

16. Project Administration

- a. Grantee shall use any generally accepted accounting system.
- b. Grantee must report to the State all Other Sources of Funds, including Program Income. If this provision is deemed to be violated, the State will request an audit of Grantee and can delay the disbursement of funds until the matter is resolved.
- c. Grantee shall promptly submit written progress reports, and any and all records, as the State may request throughout the term of this Agreement.
- d. Grantee shall submit a final project report, final invoice with associated supporting documentation, and copies of materials developed using Grant Funds, including but not limited to plans, educational materials, etc. within 30 days of the Project Completion Date.

17. Project Records

- a. Grantee shall retain all records described in Section 17(c) below for three (3) years after final payment by the State. In the case an audit occurs, all such records shall be retained for one (1) year from the date the audit is completed or three (3) years after final payment by the State, whichever date is later.
- b. Grantee shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records for the Project and make them available to the State for review during reasonable times. This includes the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records, or reports of Grantee pertaining to this Agreement or matters related thereto.
- c. Grantee shall keep such records as the State shall prescribe, including, but not limited to, records which fully disclose (a) the disposition of the Grant Funds, (b) the total cost of the Project, (c) the amount and nature of that portion of the Project cost supplied by other sources, and (d) any other such records as will facilitate an effective audit. All records shall be made available to CAL FIRE, other State of California agency, or other entity as determined by the State of California for auditing purposes at reasonable times.

18. **Audits.** During the three-year period after final disbursement, unless a longer retention period has been specified by the State, Grantee shall make, or cause to be made, records relating to this Agreement available to State or other duly authorized representatives of the State of California for inspection, copying, and

audit purposes during normal business hours. Records may be required to be disclosed electronically if so requested by State or its representative. The audit shall be confined to those matters connected with this Agreement. Grantee and its Subrecipients shall cooperate fully with the audit including, but not limited to, providing access to its staff, books, records, accounts, or other materials as requested.

In the event of a negative audit finding, including expenditures not properly documented or not allowed, Grantee may be required to take action specified in or consistent with the audit finding, including repayment of Grant Funds.

19. **Public Records and Confidentiality.** The Parties acknowledge that, except with respect to records that are exempt from disclosure by an express provision of law, the State must disclose public records upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 7920.000 *et seq.* During performance of this Agreement each party may come into possession of information or data that may be deemed confidential or proprietary by the person or organization furnishing the information or data. Such information or data may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. State agrees not to disclose such information or data furnished by Grantee and to maintain such information or data as confidential when such information or data has been designated confidential by Grantee in writing at the time it is furnished to State, but only to the extent that such information or data is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.
20. **Rights in Intellectual Property.** Grantee retains title to all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes, other written or graphic work, or patentable ideas (collectively, "Intellectual Property") produced in the performance of this Agreement, except that State shall have the right to reproduce, publish, and use all such work, or any part thereof, in any manner and for any non-profit, noncommercial purposes and to authorize others to do so. If any Intellectual Property is copyrightable, Grantee may copyright the same, except that State reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use such work, or any part thereof, and to authorize others to do so.
21. **Project Termination or Suspension**
 - a. **Termination before Project Commencement.** Before any work funded by this Agreement begins, this Agreement may be terminated by the State or Grantee upon 30-days written notice to the other party.
 - b. **Termination by Mutual Consent.** During the Project Performance Period and the Long-term Management Period, this Agreement can be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of both Parties. Upon mutual termination, both Parties will work cooperatively to identify the date of termination, which shall not be less than 30-days after either Party gives notice to the other of its

desire to terminate the agreement, resolve any outstanding financial obligations, and bring the work specified in this Agreement to closure.

- c. **Termination for Cause.** During the Project Performance Period, if State determines Grantee has made a material misrepresentation, violated this Agreement, failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or otherwise determines there is cause to do so, including State's determination that funds are unavailable as described in Section 15, State can terminate this Agreement by providing Grantee with a written notice of termination (Notice of Termination) specifying the date of termination.
- d. **Grantee's duties upon Termination.** In the event of termination, on the date mutually agreed upon or on the date specified in the Notice of Termination, Grantee shall stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately provide State with an accounting of all funds received under this Agreement and return any Grant Funds, including but not limited to Advance Payments, received under this Agreement that have not been previously expended to provide the services outlined within this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-terminable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to termination, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement. In the event of a Notice of Termination, Grantee shall be liable for prompt repayment of all amounts disbursed under this Agreement, including Advance Payments plus accrued interest, and any further costs related to the Project. State may, at its sole discretion, consider extenuating circumstances, including whether Grantee's failure to fulfill its obligations was due to no fault of Grantee, and may waive Grantee's obligation to repay, in whole or in part. This paragraph shall not be deemed to limit any other remedies State may have for Grantee's failure to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- e. **Suspension and Stop Work Orders.** State may suspend this Agreement at any time upon reasonable written notice to Grantee. Any notice suspending work under this Agreement shall remain in effect until State authorizes work to resume by giving further written notice to Grantee. In the event of a suspension, Grantee shall immediately stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-cancelable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to suspension, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement.
- f. **Notice to Subrecipient of Termination and Suspension.** Grantee shall include in any written agreement with any Subrecipient retained for work under this Agreement a provision that entitles Grantee to suspend or

terminate the agreement with the Subrecipient with written notice and on terms and conditions that are consistent with this Section 21.

22. Hold Harmless

- a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Grantee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of or incident to the Project and the performance of this Agreement. This obligation shall run in perpetuity.
- b. Grantee waives any and all rights to any type of express or implied indemnity or right of contribution from the State, its officers, agents, or employees for any liability resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this Agreement, except claims arising from the gross negligence of State, its officers, agents, or employees. If Grantee is a public entity, Grantee waives any right to indemnity (see Government Code Section 895.2) and contribution (see Government Code Section 895.6) from the State as set forth in Government Code Section 895.4.

23. **Remedies for Grantee's Breach of Agreement.** In the event of a breach by Grantee, in addition to any and all other remedies available at law or in equity, State may withhold Grant Funds from Grantee or may require reimbursement of Grant Funds, including Advance Payments, that were disbursed.
24. **Cost Recovery.** Any costs incurred by State in enforcing the terms of this Agreement where State is the prevailing party, including but not limited to costs of suit, attorneys' and experts' fees, at trial and on appeal, and costs of enforcing any judgment, shall be borne by Grantee.
25. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.
26. **Waiver of Agreement Terms.** No term or provision of this Agreement will be considered waived by either party, and no breach excused by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. No consent by either party to, or waiver of, a breach by either party, whether expressed or implied, will constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse of any other, different, or subsequent breach by either party.
27. **Assignment.** No assignment or transfer of this Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by State in writing and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as State may impose.

28. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind any successors or assigns of the Parties.
29. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties. Requests for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request.
30. **Further Acts by Legislature or Governor.** This Agreement is subject to any additional statutes, restrictions, limitations or conditions enacted by the Legislature or Executive Order that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding for this Agreement in any manner and State has the right to amend this Agreement to reflect any such further acts. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.
31. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, made with respect to the Project and, together with all attached Exhibits and documents incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Project.
32. **Survival.** The obligations of the Parties under the following sections of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement: (1) Section 14, Equipment; (2) Section 17, Project Records; (3) Section 18, Audit; (4) Section 20, Rights in Intellectual Property; (5) Section 22, Hold Harmless; and (6) Section 24, Cost Recovery.
33. **Controlling Law.** This Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
34. **No Third-Party Rights.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create in the public or in any member of it rights as a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, and no one other than the Parties themselves may enforce any of the rights or obligations created by this Agreement.
35. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
36. **Electronic Signatures.** The Parties agree to accept electronic signatures (as defined in Section 1633.2 of the California Civil Code), faxed versions of an original signature, or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
37. **Headings.** Headings within this Agreement are for convenient reference only and have no effect in limiting or extending the language of the provisions to which they refer.

CAL FIRE

Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Equipment Disposition Plan

Directions: Table 1 is filled out with the purchase of equipment and kept with your records. At the completion of the grant, Table 1 and Table 2 are submitted with the final report.

Equipment is an item exceeding \$10,000 or more per unit cost and has a tangible useful life of more than one (1) year.

Equipment Requirements

- a) Unless the agreement provides otherwise, the title to equipment acquired by a recipient in part or wholly with CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention grant funds shall vest in the recipient, subject to the conditions of this Attachment and a vested interest maintained with the State of California for the service life¹ of the equipment, continuing after the termination of the Grant Agreement.
- b) The recipient shall use the equipment in the project or program for which it was acquired as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by grant funds and shall not encumber the property without approval. When no longer needed for the original project or program, the recipient shall use the equipment in connection with its other CAL FIRE aligned activities, in the following order of priority:
 - (1) Activities sponsored by Wildfire Prevention, then
 - (2) Activities aligned with Wildfire Prevention interests.
- c) Prior authorization must be received from CAL FIRE if the recipient uses CAL FIRE funds to purchase equipment under a financing or loan agreement. For instances where equipment is purchased under a loan or financing agreement, the recipient shall maintain a status of "good standing" with the financing entity for the duration of financing terms. Prior to the termination of the Grant Agreement, the equipment must be paid off in whole and all interest in the equipment held by a third-party lender or similar entity shall be extinguished, unless written approval is otherwise granted at the discretion of the CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention staff. In such a case, recipient shall inform the lender, in writing, of CAL FIRE's interest in the equipment using a "Financing Notification Letter" provided by CAL FIRE.
- d) The recipient's property management standards for equipment acquired with grant funds shall include all of the following:
 - (1) Equipment records shall be maintained accurately and shall include the following information:
 - (i) A description of the equipment
 - (ii) Manufacturer's serial number, model number, federal stock number, national stock number, or other identification number
 - (iii) Source of the equipment, including the award number
 - (iv) Title vesting details
 - (v) Acquisition date and cost
 - (vi) Information from which one can calculate the percentage of state participation in the cost of the equipment
 - (vii) Location and condition of the equipment and the date the information was reported
 - (viii) Unit acquisition cost
 - (ix) Ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sales price or the method used to determine current fair market value
 - (2) Equipment purchased, at least in part, by Wildfire Prevention grant funds shall still have a vested interest by CAL FIRE.
 - (3) A physical inventory of equipment shall be taken, and the results reconciled with the equipment records at least once every two (2) years. Any differences between quantities determined by the physical inspection and those shown in the accounting records shall be investigated to determine the causes of the difference. The recipient shall, in connection with the inventory, verify the existence, current utilization, and continued need for the equipment.
 - (4) A control system shall be in effect to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the equipment. Any loss, damage, or theft of equipment shall be investigated and fully documented; if the equipment was purchased at least in part by CAL FIRE, the recipient shall promptly notify the CAL FIRE grant program with whose funds the equipment was purchased. Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the equipment in good condition.

¹ Service Life is the number of years the equipment is likely to remain in service for the purpose of cost-effective revenue generation.

CAL FIRE

Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Equipment Disposition Plan

Grant Award Number:	
Organization Name:	
Grant Period:	
Grant Project Title:	

CAL FIRE USE ONLY		
Prepared by:		
Reviewed by:		
Approved by:		

Table 1. Equipment Details

Each Table 1 entry requires a corresponding entry in Table 2.

SI#	Equipment Description	Serial #, Model # or other ID	Legal Owner of Asset	Acquisition Date	Unit Acquisition Cost	Location	Condition	Fair Market Value	Anticipated Date of Disposal	Details of Disposition	Sale Price

Table 2. Forecasted Equipment Production

Please list each equipment item identified from Table 1 above. This table aims to quantify the forecasted production capacity for each equipment item that is purchased in whole or in part with CAL FIRE grant funds. Appropriate units of measure should be included for each entry.

SI#	Equipment Description	Forecasted Service Life (years)	Forecasted Annual Equipment Production Include associated units of measure. Include more than one unit of measure where appropriate (e.g. BDT/yr., megawatts/yr., hours/yr., gallons/yr., etc.)	Total Forecasted Equipment Production (Service Life x Annual Equipment Production)

Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum

I. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Grant funds shall be used on projects with the primary goal of reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) and furthering the purposes of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code, and related statutes.
2. Grant funds shall be used on projects limited to specific activities as described in CCI Grants Procedural Guides.
3. Grantee shall report project and benefits information when requested by the State. This may include, but is not limited to, funding expended, acres treated, GHG emissions, trees planted, disadvantaged community benefits, energy/water savings, job creation, and other co-benefits.
4. Grantee shall maintain accurate and detailed records documenting project description, project location, and schedule, CCI dollars allocated, and leveraged funds throughout the duration of the project.
5. Failure of Grantee to meet the agreed upon terms of achieving required GHG reduction may result in project termination and recovery of funds.

II. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All funds expended through CCI are subject to emissions reporting and requirements. Grantee is expected to provide the appropriate materials for completing program quantification methodology. Grantee shall use the current reporting template provided by the STATE. The reporting shall be submitted to the STATE no less frequently than quarterly. In addition, STATE may request additional information in order to meet current CARB reporting requirements. The requirements are available on the CARB CCI Quantification, Benefits and Reporting Materials webpage:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials>.

III. PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/RECOGNITION

1. All projects funded both fully and partially by the GGRF must clearly display, identify and label themselves as being part of the “California Climate Investments” program. The acknowledgement must contain the California Climate Investments and CAL FIRE logos as well as the following statement:

“Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.”

A draft of the acknowledgement must be approved by the STATE prior to publication. For stationary projects, acknowledgement may include, but is not limited to, a sign on the project site. For other project types, such as vehicles, equipment, and consumer-based incentives, acknowledgement is encouraged by using a decal, sticker or other signage.

Guidance on California Climate Investments logo usage, signage guidelines, and high-resolution files are contained in a style guide available at:

www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request.

2. In addition, all projects funded both fully and partially by GGRF must contain the following statement in public announcements or press releases on said projects:

“Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Invest program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.”

Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook

Not applicable.

Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Not applicable.

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Application Form :

Profile : kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Project Information

Project Name/Title : Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds

In which county is the majority of your project located? : Inyo County

**The full Project Tracking Number will be auto-generated within Grants Portal. Please use the format 25-WP-
UUU and replace your 3-character unit identifier from your selected county above. :** 25-WP-BDU

Are there additional counties? : No

In which California State Assembly district(s) is your project located? :

8th - Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne

In which California State Senate district(s) is your project located? :

4th - Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Stanislaus, Tuolumne

Project End Date : 2029-02-15

Project Description Summary

Please provide a paragraph summarizing proposed project including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. : This project will reduce wildfire risk across 14 high-use parks and campgrounds in Inyo County by removing hazardous vegetation, creating defensible space, and improving emergency access. Using CAL FIRE hand crews, approximately 43 acres will be treated and 59 public structures protected. Work will occur during winter months to avoid impacts to nesting birds and will be completed by February 2029. The project addresses extreme vegetation growth from recent wet years and supports long-term fire resilience in rural recreation areas.

Award Request Amount

What Funding source is your project applying for? : California Climate Investments-CCI

Total Amount of Award Request : \$202,976.00

Indirect Cost Rate

Are you requesting an Indirect Cost Rate in excess of 12%? : No

Organization Information

Organization Type-CCI Funding : Incorporated Cities and Counties

Sponsoring Organization : County of Inyo

Project Manager Name : Kristen Pfeiler

Project Manager Mailing Address : 1360 N Main St

Project Manager Mailing Address Line 2 :

City : Bishop

State : US-CA

Zip Code : 93514

Project Manager Phone Number : 7608788444

Project Manager Email : kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Project Activities

For which primary activity is funding being requested? (CCI Funding) : Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Primary Vegetation Treatment Type : Shaded fuelbreak /Understory clearing

Does the project include Grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

Does the project include transportation and/or disposal of woody biomass : Yes

Project Treatment Area

Primary Land Cover Type : Urban area

Primary Land Ownership Class : Local Government

Does your project include work on Tribal Lands? : No

Limiting Factors: Check the box if there are any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the fire prevention proposed activity? :

Timber Harvest Plans (THP): For Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, If there is a timber harvesting document on any portion of the proposed project area for which a "Notice of Completion" has not been filed with CAL FIRE check the box. :

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: Describe how compliance with CEQA will be achieved in the Scope of Work. Is there an existing CEQA document that addresses this project or can be used to meet CEQA requirements?

Will your project utilize the Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-25 to streamline the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) : Yes, but I have not applied

Please indicate the CEQA document type (For planning, education and other projects that are exempt from CEQA, select "Not Applicable") : Notice of Exemption

Existing Document Identification Number : N/A

Federal Responsibility Area: Does your project include work on Federal Lands that might require a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, or use a framework similar to Good Neighbor Authority? : No

Community Metrics

Does your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit. :

Project is leveraging in-kind contributions

Will your produce the greatest public benefit

Is your organization an eligible local governmental entity qualified to perform defensible space assessments pursuant to Section 4291.5 in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, as identified by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178 of the Government Code or Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of this chapter or by a local agency pursuant to Section 51179 of the Government Code? : No

Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL)

Is the Sponsoring Organization a local agency? (city, county, or other publicly funded entity serving a city and/or county) : Yes

If yes, please select from the Fire Risk Reduction Community List options : Not on the FRRCL list

If yes, is the Sponsoring Organization reporting defensible space data to CAL FIRE? : No

Community at Risk: Is the project associated with a community that is listed as a Community at Risk? : Yes

For the Map of the Communities at Risk, please copy and Paste into a new tab:[https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdf6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?](https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdf6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?rev=d7d7e04f0a614ccc8fcb6d0d13155cf&hash=1C1247791C7C22C80FBA6F6156F69175)

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Number of Risk Communities in the project area : 13

Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? : Yes

If Yes, select all that applies: :

Both

Severely Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? (Prop 4) : Yes

If Yes, select all that applies: :

Both

Please copy and paste the link to the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping tool into a separate tab.
<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/> (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>)

Project Area Statistics: For all Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, provide an estimate of the Treatment Influence Zone (TIZ) acres. Include Local Responsibility Area (LRA), Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) and State Responsibility Area (SRA) as applicable for TIZ.

The Treatment Influence Zones (TIZ) are the treatment areas within a project, where on-the-ground activities are accomplished. There can be multiple treatment areas associated with a project. Wildfire Prevention Planning and Wildfire Prevention Public Education projects will NOT have treatment areas.

Local Responsibility Area (LRA) TIZ acres : 0.00

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) TIZ acres : 0.00

State Responsibility Area (SRA) TIZ acres : 43.00

Total TIZ Acres : 43

Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ)

What Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) are in the project area? Fire Hazard Severity Zone ratings are available at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/> (<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/>). Copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab. Please provide an approximate number of acres or percentage of the project area in each zone.

Number of Acres in the Very High SRA FHSZ : 0.00

Number of Acres in the Very High LRA FHSZ : 0.00

Number of Acres in the High SRA FHSZ : 18.00

Number of Acres in the High LRA FHSZ : 0.00

Number of Acres in the Moderate SRA FHSZ : 25.00

FHSZ Total Acres : 43

Document Uploads

Letters of Support : 25-WP-BDU -79476325_Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds_LOS.pdf

Letters of Commitment :

In addition to the online project mapping program treatment Geopoint and polygons, include a pdf map(s) of the project with the project application. The maps shall meet the requirements of Appendix G in the Procedural Guide.

PDF Project Map : 25-WP-BDU -79476325_Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds_Maps.pdf

The below required standard forms can be found in the forms section of the solicitation. To get to the Solicitation Link click back to the solicitation, then click on the three lines next to the application and click the solicitation link.

STD 204 Payee Data Record form : 25-WP-BDU-79476325_Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds std204 3.2021 Version.pdf

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #1 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #2 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #3 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #4 :

Miscellaneous Form Upload Field #5 :

Project Mapping Program

Project Mapping Program: Create a Geopoint and Polygon(s) via the weblink. copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab:<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com> (<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com>) The Online Project Mapping Component is a requirement for a complete application submission.

View Budget Worksheet : <https://portal.ecivis.com/#/peerBudget/C534D4E6-3C18-41AD-B6FF-EE50C03D29BD>

Average Score : 0.00

Application Goals :

View Application Goals : <https://portal.ecivis.com/#/peerGoals/C83D3D54-4AED-4254-A744-AA973756960C>

of Reviews : 1

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Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds

Linked Form Profile :

Linked Form Submissions : 25-WP-BDU 79476325

Scope of Work :

Project Name : Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds

Project Tracking Number : 25-WP-BDU-79476325

Please use the Tracking Number that was automatically assigned by Grants Portal. The format will be 25-WP-UUU-XXXXXXX

Project Description

Please provide a comprehensive project description including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. (please note there are no space limitations) : This project spans Inyo County, California, and includes seven county-managed parks and seven public county-run campgrounds located throughout the region. These recreation sites are situated within or adjacent to wildland-urban interface (WUI) zones in inhabited communities and residential neighborhoods, and are interspersed among lands managed by Inyo County, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Sites are located in communities such as Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, and Big Pine, with many surrounded by private residences and accessed via narrow road corridors. The seven parks include Starlite Park, Millpond Recreation Area, and Izaak Walton Park (West Bishop); Mendenhall Park (Big Pine), Dehy Park and Independence Park (Independence), and Spainhower Park (Lone Pine). The Campgrounds include Pleasant Valley (Bishop), Baker Creek (Big Pine), Taboose and Tinnemaha (Aberdeen area), Independence Creek Campground (Independence), Diaz Lake and Portuguese Joe (Lone Pine). Inyo County is seeking funding to support the deployment of CAL FIRE hand crews for 50 crew days of critical vegetation management and hazardous fuels reduction work across these 14 high-use public recreation sites. The project will treat approximately 43 acres, focusing on areas with the highest vegetative fuel loads near park infrastructure, restrooms, camp pads, and internal roads. Treatment activities will include hand-thinning of overgrown vegetation and ladder fuels, removal of dead and downed wood, chipping or pile creation for future burning, and defensible space clearing within 100 feet of structures and developed use areas. Crews will also maintain and expand fuel breaks along access routes, facility perimeters, and key control points within each park or campground. Where needed, live vegetation, including small-diameter trees, may be thinned to reduce ladder fuels, improve spacing, and bring vegetation into compliance with defensible space standards. Any live tree removal will be limited to material that poses an imminent threat to infrastructure or public rights-of-way due to excessive density or vertical fuel continuity. By reducing hazardous vegetation and creating defensible space around public facilities and roads, the project will reduce the risk of wildfire ignition and spread in areas frequented by both residents and visitors. It will also improve firefighter access, protect critical infrastructure, and enhance public safety for an estimated 40,000 annual users of these recreation sites based on data collected through campground reservations, day-use permits, and seasonal use tracking. This work is especially important due to increasing wildfire vulnerability in the region, driven by prolonged drought, rising temperatures, and extensive fuel accumulation. Many of these facilities are located in High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and serve as buffer zones between public lands and residential areas. In addition, many sites are located along community ingress/egress corridors, where improved vegetation management can support safer evacuation and emergency response. The proposed work addresses top community priorities identified in the 2024 Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which highlights the need for fuel reduction around

parks and campgrounds due to their strategic location and community use (pp. 478, 481, 484). It also supports the goals outlined in the CAL FIRE San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit Fire Plan, which emphasizes public safety, protection of critical infrastructure, and proactive treatment of fuels in high-use, high-risk locations. This project is not part of the County's routine park maintenance. Following the exceptionally wet winters of 2022 and 2023, vegetation growth across Inyo County's parks and campgrounds has exploded, creating dangerous fuel conditions that far exceed what existing County resources can address. Inyo County Parks and Recreation has only seven full-time staff responsible for over 450 acres of parkland and more than 900 campsites. With no dedicated staffing, equipment, or funding for large-scale fuels reduction, vegetation is currently addressed only when it obstructs public access or presents an immediate safety concern. Existing staff are actively engaged in fire risk reduction through other means not supported by this grant, including the installation of concrete picnic tables, fire rings, and crushed concrete barriers to slow or prevent fire spread within recreation sites. However, without external funding and partnership with CAL FIRE crews, the County does not have the capacity to complete the scale of vegetation management needed. This project supplements, rather than supplants, existing responsibilities and provides the additional capacity required to address urgent fire risks resulting from excessive post-drought vegetation growth. All treatments will be implemented using non-ground-disturbing methods and are anticipated to qualify for a Statutory CEQA Exemption.

Section I :

Primary Activity Type : Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

1. Describe the geographic scope of the project, including an estimate of the number of habitable structures and the names of the general communities that will benefit. : This project spans 14 recreation sites across Inyo County located in or near Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zones. It will directly protect 59 structures, including 26 public restrooms, 15 kiosks/concessions, 5 wells, 2 maintenance buildings, 2 bath houses, and 1 dock. Communities that will benefit from reduced wildfire risk include Bishop, West Bishop, Starlite, Big Pine, Birch Creek, Aberdeen, Independence, and Lone Pine, where these parks and campgrounds serve as buffers between neighborhoods and wildland fuels, and support safe ingress and egress.

2. Describe the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the project. : This project will reduce wildfire risk and improve public safety across 14 high-use parks and campgrounds in Inyo County by implementing targeted hazardous fuels reduction treatments. CAL FIRE hand crews will complete defensible space and fuel reduction work to protect public infrastructure, enhance emergency access, and mitigate wildfire risk in wildland-urban interface (WUI) communities. Where needed, live vegetation, including small-diameter trees, may be thinned to reduce ladder fuels, improve spacing, and bring vegetation into compliance with defensible space standards. Any live tree removal will be limited to material that poses an imminent threat to infrastructure or public rights-of-way due to excessive density or vertical fuel continuity. Goal 1: Reduce wildfire risk in high-use public recreation areas • Objective: Deploy CAL FIRE hand crews to conduct vegetation thinning, ladder fuel removal, and surface debris clearance in priority zones within parks and campgrounds. • Outcome: Hazardous vegetation reduced across approximately 43 acres, lowering ignition potential and fire spread in areas of elevated risk. Goal 2: Create defensible space around public infrastructure and developed recreation sites • Objective: Conduct manual treatments within 100 feet of structures, campsites, and utility features to establish and maintain defensible space. • Outcome: Defensible space completed around 59 public structures and 900 campsites, improving structural survivability and public safety in the event of wildfire. Goal 3: Improve firefighter access and emergency evacuation routes • Objective: Maintain and expand fuel breaks and clear vegetative overgrowth along internal roads and ingress/egress routes within each recreation site. • Outcome: Access and evacuation corridors treated across all 14 project sites, increasing response capacity for fire personnel and safety for nearby communities including Bishop, West Bishop, Starlite, Big Pine, Birch Creek, Aberdeen, Independence, and Lone Pine.

3. Provide a clear rationale for how the proposed project will reduce the risks associated with wildfire to habitable structures. : This project will reduce wildfire risk to 59 structures located in Inyo County's parks and campgrounds by removing hazardous vegetation in areas where fuels are in close proximity to public infrastructure, residential neighborhoods, and key ingress/egress routes. Many of these recreation sites are embedded within or directly adjacent to communities such as Bishop, West Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine, Tecopa, Aberdeen, Birch Creek, and Starlite, where even a small ignition could quickly escalate and threaten homes and lives. In the Owens Valley, wildfire typically spreads through riparian corridors, which provide continuous vegetative cover and act as primary fire pathways during wind-driven events. Nearly all the project sites, including Dehy Park, Baker Creek Campground, Pleasant Valley Campground, and Tinnemaha Park to name a few, are located within or directly along these corridors, and in many cases, connect public land directly to backyards and residential streets. The Pleasant Fire (2017) burned through the Owens River corridor, destroyed homes, and threatened recreation infrastructure near Pleasant Valley. The Silver Fire (2022) and Taboose Fire (2019) also followed riparian corridors near County-managed campgrounds, forcing evacuations and requiring defensive actions around park assets. The Round Fire (2015) and Inyo Complex Fire (2007) further demonstrate how fires in these systems can escalate rapidly and threaten life and property even when starting miles from homes. By deploying CAL FIRE hand crews to thin ladder fuels, remove dead and downed wood, and clear overgrown vegetation, this project will reduce flame lengths, ember cast, and fire spread potential. It will also improve firefighter access, slow fire progression through riparian corridors, and enhance evacuation safety for nearby residents and visitors. The treatments directly protect 59 public structures, 900 campsites, and critical infrastructure used by over 40,000 visitors annually, while also supporting defensible space continuity across the broader WUI. This work aligns with PRC § 4291 defensible space standards and implements key recommendations from the 2024 Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which identifies parks, campgrounds, and riparian corridors as top priorities for fuel reduction. It also supports the San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit Fire Plan by reducing wildfire threat to habitable structures, critical assets, and populated communities.

4. Identify any additional assets at risk from wildfire that will benefit from the proposed project. These may include, but are not limited to, domestic and municipal water supplies, power lines, communication facilities and community centers. : In addition to protecting 59 public structures and adjacent residential neighborhoods, this project will reduce wildfire risk to a range of critical assets located within or near the 14 parks and campgrounds, including: - Domestic and municipal water infrastructure, including six water wells located within County-managed recreation sites that serve both public facilities and nearby communities. - Power infrastructure, including above-ground electrical lines and associated utility enclosures that serve lighting, restrooms, kiosks, and water pumps. - Public communication infrastructure, including cellular equipment, public Wi-Fi stations, and informational kiosks that support visitor access and emergency alerts. - Evacuation and emergency response routes, particularly campground loop roads, day-use parking areas, and adjacent arterials that serve as ingress and egress corridors for local communities. - Community and cultural gathering spaces, such as Dehy Park, and Spainhower Park, which serve as venues for public events, civic engagement, and emergency staging during wildfire events. - Recreational and economic infrastructure, including high-use campgrounds like Pleasant Valley and Diaz Lake that support local tourism and regional economic activity, particularly in gateway communities like Bishop and Lone Pine. These assets play essential roles in community health, safety, and resilience. Fuel reduction around them will protect not only physical infrastructure but also ensure continuity of services, reduce emergency response time, and support post-fire recovery capacity.

5. How will the project/activity utilize the left over woody biomass? Will the project/activity use a biomass facility to reduce greater greenhouse gas emissions? : This project will utilize County-owned chippers, dumpsters, and a skid steer to process and remove woody biomass generated during fuel reduction treatments. All material will be loaded into roll-off dumpsters and hauled to local landfills for disposal. No chips will be scattered on-site, as doing so would retain hazardous fuels within treated areas and undermine the project's risk-reduction objectives. In areas requiring heavier treatment, the County's skid steer will be used both to assist with biomass loading and to perform mastication where brush is too dense for hand crews to treat effectively. This equipment

allows for safe and efficient handling of fuels in large, high-use park and campground settings. While the project will not utilize a biomass energy facility due to the lack of one in Inyo County, the removal and off-site disposal of vegetation will achieve meaningful greenhouse gas reduction benefits. By preventing uncontrolled wildfire and eliminating heavy surface fuels, the project aligns with CAL FIRE's goals of improving carbon outcomes through proactive vegetation management and wildfire prevention.

6. Does the project include grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

9. Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuel's reduction project? : No

10. If applying for Prop 4 funding, is your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit? : Yes

If yes, please describe how the project leverages private, federal, and local funding or produces the greatest public benefit. : This project leverages local in-kind support from Inyo County, including solid waste services, staff time, and routine park maintenance outside the scope of this grant. While not directly funded by federal or private sources, it complements regional wildfire mitigation investments by federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. By protecting high-use public spaces adjacent to residential areas, it delivers broad public benefit through improved safety, community resilience, and reduced suppression costs.

Section II :

Degree of Risk

1. Discuss the location of the project in relation to areas of moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone as identified by the latest Fire and Resource Assessment Program maps. : The proposed project is located within and adjacent to areas designated as Moderate and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) under the latest Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) maps. Of the 43 acres of vegetation planned for treatment, 18 acres fall within High FHSZ (State Responsibility Area) and 25 acres within Moderate FHSZ (SRA). While the treatment footprint is limited to 43 acres, the overall parklands and campgrounds where this work is taking place encompass a broader area, including portions of which are located within Very High FHSZ or abut high-risk zones. These public recreation sites are interwoven with riparian corridors and directly adjacent to residential neighborhoods, increasing the risk of ignition and fire spread. Treating these priority zones supports the resilience of larger, fire-prone landscapes and reduces risk to surrounding communities, consistent with CAL FIRE's wildfire prevention and mitigation priorities.

2. Describe the geographic proximity of the project to structures at risk to damage from wildfire in the WUI. : The 14 County-managed parks and campgrounds targeted by this project are located within or immediately adjacent to Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) zones across Inyo County. These recreation sites border residential neighborhoods in communities such as Bishop, West Bishop, Starlite, Big Pine, Birch Creek, Aberdeen, Independence, and Lone Pine, many of which fall within CAL FIRE-designated High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. These facilities are not remote or isolated; they are interwoven with residential development. Sites like Baker Creek Campground, Tinnemaha Park, and Pleasant Valley Campground are located along riparian corridors, which serve as primary fire transmission pathways in the Owens Valley. In many locations, like Dehy and Isaac Walton Parks, there is no meaningful buffer between park boundaries and private homes, resulting in a high potential for fire to spread rapidly between public land and the built environment. According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2020 Census and 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates), the communities surrounding these sites contain a substantial number of homes at risk. Bishop includes over 1,700 housing units, while Lone Pine has more than 900. Big Pine and Independence support approximately 800 and 400 units respectively, and smaller but equally vulnerable communities such as Tecopa, Aberdeen, Birch Creek, and Starlite contribute several hundred additional homes in close proximity to the proposed treatment areas. In total, the project will create defensible space around

59 public structures, reduce fuel loading near 900 campsites, and significantly mitigate wildfire risk for thousands of nearby residential structures. Treatments will also improve internal roadways and adjacent ingress/egress routes, strengthening community safety and response readiness during wildfire events.

Section III :

Community Support

1. Does the project include any matching funds from other funding sources or any in-kind contributions that are expected to extend the impact of the proposed project? : Yes. Inyo County provides in-kind support each year through routine vegetation maintenance at its parks and campgrounds, including some use of CAL FIRE hand crews, funded through the County's general budget. County Parks staff also conduct ongoing fuels maintenance using County-owned chippers, dumpsters, and a skid steer to support vegetation removal. However, the exceptionally wet winters of 2022 and 2023 caused an explosion of underbrush and vegetative growth, far exceeding the capacity of current staff and baseline CAL FIRE crew supported by the County's budget. While the County will not charge any in-kind contributions directly to this grant, significant effort and resources from the County's existing systems will be used to supplement the work funded through this proposal. This grant will not supplant existing efforts but will instead allow for a concentrated push to remove overgrown fuels that have accumulated beyond maintainable levels. Once this intensive work is complete, Inyo County anticipates returning to its standard vegetation management practices, with regular Parks staff efforts and the continued approximately 10 annual days of CAL FIRE crew support sustaining the treatments initiated through this project.

2. Describe plans for external communications during the life of the project to keep the effected community informed about the goals, objectives and progress of the project. Activities such as planned press releases, project signage, community meetings, and field tours are encouraged. : Effective and transparent communication is a key component of the Fire Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds Project. Inyo County is committed to ensuring that residents, recreation users, tribal partners, and other stakeholders are informed, engaged, and supportive of the project goals, methods, and progress. The following external communications activities will be implemented throughout the life of the project: 1. Project Launch Announcement and Press Release At the start of the project, Inyo County will issue a press release outlining the purpose, scope, and timeline of the vegetation management work. This release will be distributed to local media outlets and shared via social media and email lists. 2. On-Site Project Signage Temporary project signage will be posted at all work sites, including parks and campgrounds undergoing treatment. Signs will clearly identify: - The purpose of the work, - Dates of activity, - Contact information for questions or concerns, - Safety guidance for the public. - Signs will also include acknowledgment of funding partners and CAL FIRE's role. 3. Board of Supervisor Briefings Project management staff will attend 2 open session Board of Supervisors meetings to share information, answer questions, and gather feedback. Briefings will also be offered to local fire safe councils, city officials, tribal leadership, and community-based organizations.

3. Describe any plans to maintain the project after the grant period has ended. : To ensure the long-term effectiveness of the fuel reduction work, Inyo County has developed a sustainable plan for maintaining treated areas after the conclusion of the grant period. Ongoing maintenance is essential to prevent the regrowth of hazardous vegetation and to preserve defensible space around critical infrastructure and recreational facilities. Inyo County Parks and Recreation staff will continue to incorporate annual vegetation maintenance into their existing site management schedules. This will include light trimming of regrowth in treated zones, removal of accumulated dead and downed material, routine inspection of defensible space around structures, and coordination with County maintenance crews and Public Works as needed. In addition, the County will continue to coordinate with CAL FIRE to request limited crew deployments on an annual basis for targeted follow-up work. These crews will help maintain larger or more heavily vegetated areas where manual clearing by county staff is not feasible. Inyo County has an established relationship with CAL FIRE and participates in regional fuels management planning efforts.

Maintenance needs will be tracked and documented in alignment with Inyo County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and local hazard mitigation strategies. Treated areas will be prioritized for monitoring and retreatment as part of the County's broader wildfire prevention program. Through this multi-agency, multi-year approach, Inyo County will ensure that the fuel reduction benefits funded by the grant are preserved and enhanced well beyond the initial treatment period.

4. Does the proposed project work with other organizations or agencies to address fire hazard reduction at the landscape level? : Yes. This project is being implemented in partnership with CAL FIRE's San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Unit, which will provide hand crews to conduct hazardous fuels reduction work. This aligns with the CAL FIRE Unit Fire Plan and the 2024 Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, both of which prioritize defensible space and the treatment of fire-prone corridors near critical infrastructure and public use areas. The project also complements ongoing efforts led by the Eastside Riparian Working Group, a regional working group focused on reducing fire risk in high-hazard riparian corridors that run through and alongside Eastern Sierra communities. Many of Inyo County's parks and campgrounds are located directly within these corridors, where heavy fuel buildup and vegetation continuity contribute to rapid fire spread. For example, Spainhower Park in Lone Pine is located adjacent to a planned riparian treatment zone, and Tinnemaha Campground lies just upstream from the Birch Creek community, which is identified as a priority area for riparian fuels reduction. The Eastside Riparian Working Group is helping streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and identify funding sources to support complex riparian projects. This partnership strengthens the effectiveness of the proposed park and campground treatments by ensuring they are integrated into a broader landscape-scale strategy that protects communities, infrastructure, and ingress/egress routes. Many of the project sites are also located near or downstream from lands managed by the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, or the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. While this proposal focuses on County-managed recreation infrastructure, it complements larger regional priorities and supports cross-boundary coordination. Inyo County's participation in the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance helps ensure that this project contributes to a cohesive, multi-jurisdictional approach to wildfire resilience in the region.

Section IV :

Project Implementation

1. Discuss the anticipated timeline for the project. Make sure to take seasonal restrictions into account. :

Inyo County Parks and Recreation plans to use all 50 CalFire crew days by the end of 2028. Crews will be scheduled primarily between the months between November-March, avoiding nesting bird season and performing any necessary pruning during the cooler months. In addition to approximately 10 days per year of CalFire crews that are scheduled and paid by the County of Inyo for ongoing maintenance, this grant will fund approximately 20 intensive vegetative fuel removal efforts in 2026, 20 days in 2027, and 10 days for mop up in 2028.

2. Verify the expected timeframes to complete the project will fall under the required completion dates depending on the source of the funds awarded. : Inyo County Parks and Recreation plans to utilize all 50 CAL FIRE crew days funded through this grant by the end of calendar year 2028, which falls well within the anticipated project completion deadline of February 2029. Work will be scheduled primarily between November and March each year to avoid nesting bird season and to align with cooler weather conditions appropriate for pruning and vegetation removal. The implementation schedule includes approximately 20 CAL FIRE crew days in 2026, 20 days in 2027, and 10 final days in early 2028 to complete remaining treatment areas, address regrowth, or conduct follow-up vegetation removal as needed. This grant-funded effort will be supplemented by Inyo County's standard 10 days per year of CAL FIRE crew support, funded separately by the County for routine maintenance. The combination of targeted seasonal scheduling and confirmed crew capacity ensures the project will be fully completed on time and in alignment with environmental and operational constraints.

3. Using bullets, list the milestones that will be used to measure the progress of the project. : - Finalize cooperative agreement and crew scheduling with CAL FIRE - Confirm treatment sites and evaluate access logistics for equipment and crews - Conduct site assessments and complete mapping of treatment areas - Issue a public press release announcing project launch - Post signage at parks and campgrounds to inform users of upcoming work - Complete any required environmental review or permitting - Verify and implement avoidance measures for sensitive habitats and cultural resources - Deploy CAL FIRE crews to initial priority sites - Begin mechanical thinning and hand crew vegetation removal - Track acreage treated throughout the implementation period - Conduct regular on-site inspections to ensure treatment quality and safety - Complete hazardous fuels reduction across all 14 sites, totaling approximately 43 acres - Create defensible space around 59 public structures - Remove and dispose of all woody biomass through chipping and landfill transport

4. Using bullets, list the measurable outcomes (i.e. project deliverables) that will be used to measure the project's success. : - Approximately 43 acres of hazardous vegetation treated - 59 public structures protected through completed defensible space - Defensible space zones cleared around campsites and infrastructure - 14 public recreation sites treated to reduce wildfire risk - Fuel breaks established or maintained at priority sites - Vegetation strategically removed to slow or redirect potential wildfire spread - Two public updates presented to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors - Project signage posted at all treatment locations - CAL FIRE hand crews successfully deployed across multiple phases - Final project report submitted, including before/after photos, treatment maps, acreage logs, and summary of outcomes

5. If applicable, how will the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be met? : Inyo County will meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by filing a Notice of Exemption, likely under Section 15301(h) – Maintenance of Existing Facilities. This exemption applies to minor alterations to existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, including maintenance of existing landscaping and vegetation. The County will coordinate with its Planning Department to ensure proper documentation and filing prior to project implementation. All costs associated with CEQA compliance will be covered by existing County funds.

6. List any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the wildfire prevention proposed activity? : Not applicable.

Section V :

Administration

1. Describe any previous experience the project proponent has with similar projects. Include a list of recent past projects the proponent has successfully completed if applicable. Project applicant or manager having no previous experience with similar projects should discuss any past experiences that may help show a capacity to successfully complete the project being proposed. This may include partnering with a more experienced organization that can provide project support. : Inyo County will be responsible for tracking all project expenses and maintaining complete documentation in compliance with state audit requirements. The County's Public Works Department will manage invoicing, procurement, and payment processing through its centralized financial system. Project-specific expenses will be recorded using unique account codes to ensure a clear separation from other County activities. All invoices, receipts, timesheets, and procurement records will be retained according to state grant retention policies. The project will be managed by County staff with experience in administering state and federal grant programs, and the County's grant and fiscal staff will ensure that all records are audit-ready and compliant with CAL FIRE reporting requirements. The Inyo County Parks and Recreation Department is well-prepared to manage this project in partnership with CAL FIRE. The Parks and Recreation Manager has five years of experience with the U.S. Forest Service, including work on Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER), trail and campground maintenance, and fuels reduction in the wildland-urban interface. They

have led crews in fire-impacted areas and worked directly with CAL FIRE and inmate crews on fire break and trail clearance projects. Department staff regularly perform vegetation maintenance in County parks and campgrounds to reduce fire risk. One staff member is a certified volunteer with the Bishop Fire Department, and all staff earned their S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw Certification in summer 2024. The Parks and Recreation Manager also holds a B.S. in Environmental Science & Management with a focus on Natural Resources and Recreation Management.

2. Identify who will be responsible for tracking project expenses and maintaining project records in a manner that allows for a full audit trail of any awarded grant funds. : Inyo County will be responsible for tracking all project expenses and maintaining complete documentation in compliance with state audit requirements. The County's Public Works Department will manage invoicing, procurement, and payment processing through its centralized financial system. Project-specific expenses will be recorded using unique account codes to ensure a clear separation from other County activities. Grant oversight and management will be provided by Inyo County's Wildfire Coordinator, ensuring timely reporting, accurate metrics, and effective coordination over the 3-year performance period. All invoices, receipts, timesheets, and procurement records will be retained according to state grant retention policies. The project will be managed by County staff with experience in administering state and federal grant programs, and the County's grant and fiscal staff will ensure that all records are audit-ready and compliant with CAL FIRE reporting requirements.

Section VI :

Budget

A detailed project budget should be provided in the online budget included in this solicitation. The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain the proposed budget.

1. Explain how the grant funds, if awarded, will be spent to support the goals and objectives of the project. If equipment grant funds are requested, explain how the equipment will be utilized and maintained beyond the life of the grant. : Grant funds will be used to implement hazardous fuels reduction across 14 high-use parks and campgrounds in Inyo County. These activities directly support the project's goals of reducing wildfire risk, protecting 59 public structures and 900 campsites, enhancing defensible space, improving emergency access, and increasing landscape-level fire resilience in Wildland-Urban Interface communities. Total grant request: \$204,395

1. CAL FIRE Crew Deployment – \$25,000 The County will fund 50 CAL FIRE crew days at a rate of \$500 per day. Crews will be deployed to 7 campgrounds and 7 parks to conduct hand thinning, ladder fuel removal, and surface debris clearance. These skilled crews provide the labor capacity needed to complete vegetation work that exceeds what the County can manage with current staffing.
2. Skid Steer with Attachments – \$150,000 A compact skid steer will be purchased and used throughout the project to support mechanical vegetation removal and biomass handling. The equipment will be fitted with three attachments: a grapple for moving and loading woody debris (\$15,000), a general-purpose bucket for cleanup (\$5,000), and a mower for managing dense and fast-growing vegetation (\$40,000). The base skid steer unit is estimated at \$90,000. After the grant term, the equipment will be maintained by the County and used in ongoing vegetation management and defensible space work.
3. Internal Solid Waste Services – \$15,200 The County's Solid Waste Division will provide biomass removal and landfill disposal services for 50 treatment days. Each day includes 3 hours of a Class A driver operating a roll-off truck at \$68 per hour (\$204), plus \$100 in green waste tipping fees, for a total daily cost of \$304. Over 50 days, this totals \$15,200. This ensures all biomass is removed from treatment sites and disposed of safely, reducing long-term fire risk. This budget will enable Inyo County to complete vegetation treatments across approximately 43 acres, establish defensible space around 59 public structures, and remove hazardous biomass from 14 wildfire-prone public recreation sites. These actions are essential to advancing the County's wildfire mitigation goals and protecting communities, visitors, and public infrastructure.
4. Grant Management and Oversight - \$7,100 The County's Wildfire Coordinator will manage and oversee the implementation of this grant by completing quarterly progress reports, invoicing and reimbursement requests, and preparing a final close out report. 100 hours at \$71 per hour are

allocated to ensure timely reporting, accurate tracking of metrics, and effective coordination throughout the 3-year grant term. 5. Indirect Costs (15%): \$5,676.00 In accordance with CAL FIRE grant guidelines, indirect costs are only applied to eligible direct costs, excluding equipment costs. The 15% rate is applied to \$47,300 in eligible costs (Salaries and Wages + Benefits + Contractual + Other). These funds will support processes required for grant administration, financial oversight, and reporting. Tasks and costs associated with CEQA compliance will be completed by Inyo County staff and covered under existing County funds.

2. Are the costs for each proposed activity reasonable for the geographic area where they are to be performed? Identify any costs that are higher than usual and explain any special circumstances within the project that makes these increased costs necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the project. : All proposed costs are reasonable for the geographic area and scope of the work to be performed. Labor and crew rates reflect standard CAL FIRE rates and Inyo County's internal service costs. The only item with a higher-than-typical cost is the proposed purchase of a skid steer with attachments. This purchase is necessary due to the unique logistical constraints of working in a large, rural county like Inyo. Renting equipment locally is often not an option, as there are no nearby rental yards that consistently carry skid steers or attachments suitable for vegetation management. Even when rental equipment is available, the cost of transport, delivery, and scheduling makes it impractical for multi-site projects that require flexibility and repeated use over several seasons. The County has limited existing equipment and cannot reassign machines without impacting core services. Purchasing a skid steer ensures that project timelines can be met and that treatment work can proceed efficiently without delays. The equipment will remain in the County's fleet after the grant ends and will be used for ongoing defensible space maintenance at public facilities, multiplying the long-term value of this investment. Given these rural limitations, the purchase of equipment is the most cost-effective and operationally reliable way to complete the scope of work across 14 recreation sites spread over a wide geographic area.

3. Is the total project cost appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the project? : Yes. The total project cost is appropriate for the size and scope of the work. Fifty CAL FIRE crew days will be distributed across 14 sites, averaging approximately 2 to 3 days per location. Sites with greater fuel loads or higher risk to nearby homes and infrastructure will receive additional crew time as needed. CAL FIRE crews are highly efficient, typically treating 1 to 2 acres per day depending on terrain and vegetation. This allocation is sufficient to complete the planned 43 acres of fuel reduction and achieve defensible space goals within the project scope. Costs are reasonable for a rural county and reflect the equipment, labor, and disposal needs required to complete the work safely and effectively.

4. Using bullets please list each object category amount that you are requesting and the detail of how that would support meeting the grant objectives. : Salaries and Wages: \$11,100 This supports two positions: - Public Works Class A Driver: 3 hours per day of Class A driver time at \$44/hour for 50 days (3 hrs/day × \$44 × 50 days = \$6,600). This position supports biomass transportation using County roll-off trucks to remove vegetation from project sites. - Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator: 100 hours at \$45/hour to support grant administration, including quarterly and final reporting, tracking project metrics, and contracting. (\$45/hr × 100 hrs = \$4,500) Employee Benefits: \$6,200 - Covers benefits for the County Public Works Class A driver for the 3 hrs/day over 50 days of biomass transportation at \$24/hour. (\$24/hr × 3 hrs/day × 50 days = \$3,600) - Covers benefits for the County Wildfire Coordinator for the 100 hrs of grant administration and oversight at \$26/hour. (\$26/hr × 100 hrs = \$2,600) - These costs include: health insurance, retirement contributions, paid leave, and other standard County-provided employment benefits. Contractual: \$25,000 - 50 days of CAL FIRE hand crew labor at \$500/day - Crews will perform hand thinning, ladder fuel removal, and debris clearance - Supports defensible space and hazardous fuels reduction at 14 public recreation sites Equipment: \$150,000 - Purchase of a skid steer with grapple, general-purpose bucket, and mower attachment - Enables mechanical vegetation removal, biomass loading, and long-term site maintenance - Equipment will remain in the County's fleet to support defensible space beyond the grant term Other: \$5,000 - 50 days of green waste tipping fees at \$100/day = \$5,000 - Ensures proper disposal of woody biomass at Inyo County landfills, preventing accumulation of surface fuels Indirect Costs (12%): \$5,676.00 In

accordance with CAL FIRE grant guidelines, indirect costs are only applied to eligible direct costs, excluding equipment costs. The 12% rate is applied to \$197,300.00 in eligible costs (Salaries and Wages + Benefits + Contractual + Other). These funds will support processes required for grant administration, financial oversight, and reporting. All costs and tasks associated with CEQA compliance will be conducted by County staff and paid through existing County funds. Total Grant Request: \$202,976.00 Supports fuel reduction across 43 acres Provides defensible space around 59 structures and 900 campsites in high-risk Wildland-Urban Interface areas

5. Does your project include the purchase of capital equipment (more than \$5,000 per item)? : Yes

6. Provide a cost-benefit analysis to justify the purchase of equipment versus leasing : This purchase is necessary due to the unique logistical constraints of working in a large, rural county like Inyo. Renting equipment locally is often not an option, as there are no nearby rental yards that consistently carry skid steers or attachments suitable for vegetation management. Even when rental equipment is available, the cost of transport, delivery, and scheduling makes it impractical for multi-site projects that require flexibility and repeated use over several seasons. The County has limited existing equipment and cannot reassign machines without impacting core services. Purchasing a skid steer ensures that project timelines can be met and that treatment work can proceed efficiently without delays. The equipment will remain in the County's fleet after the grant ends and will be used for ongoing defensible space maintenance at public facilities, multiplying the long-term value of this investment. Given these rural limitations, the purchase of equipment is the most cost-effective and operationally reliable way to complete the scope of work across 14 recreation sites spread over a wide geographic area.

Section VII :

California Climate Investments

The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain how the project/activity will reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

1. How will the project/activity reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions? : The project will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by decreasing the risk of high-intensity wildfires that release large volumes of carbon into the atmosphere. By removing hazardous vegetation, ladder fuels, and dense underbrush from high-use recreation sites, the project will lower the likelihood of uncontrolled fire spread in Wildland-Urban Interface areas. In addition, early treatment reduces the need for emergency suppression efforts, which are typically resource- and emissions-intensive. Biomass will be removed from sites and hauled to local landfills using efficient, coordinated roll-off services. Material will not be burned or scattered onsite, avoiding localized emissions and ensuring long-term carbon reduction. Over time, maintaining these areas through mechanical treatments and defensible space upkeep will support ecosystem resilience and reduce the frequency and severity of wildfire-related emissions.

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Budget Report

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Program: FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants

Project Name/Title: Fuel Reduction in Inyo County Parks and Campgrounds

Org Name: County of Inyo

Stage: Pre-Award

Report Date: 12/18/2025

Requested By: Kristen Pfeiler

kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Budget Items

Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share	Type
Salaries & Wages										
	Public Works Class A Driver Salary	Hours	150	\$44.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
	Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator Salary	Hours	100	\$45.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Salaries & Wages Total			250	\$89.00	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Employee Benefits										
	Public Works Class A Driver Benefits	Hours	150	\$24.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
	Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator Benefits	Hours	100	\$26.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Employee Benefits Total			250	\$50.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Contractual										
	50 day of CAL FIRE hand crew labor	Days	50	\$500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Contractual Total			50	\$500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Travel & Per Diem										
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Travel & Per Diem Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Supplies										
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Supplies Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Equipment										
	Skid Steer with attachments	Each	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Equipment Total			1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Other Costs										
	Landfill tipping fees	Days	50	\$100.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Other Costs Total			50	\$100.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Indirect Cost										
	Indirect	12%	0	\$0.00	\$5,676.00	\$5,676.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Indirect Cost Total			0	\$0.00	\$5,676.00	\$5,676.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Other										
Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share	Type
Other										
Other Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Grant Total										
Grant Total			601	\$150,739.00	\$202,976.00	\$202,976.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	

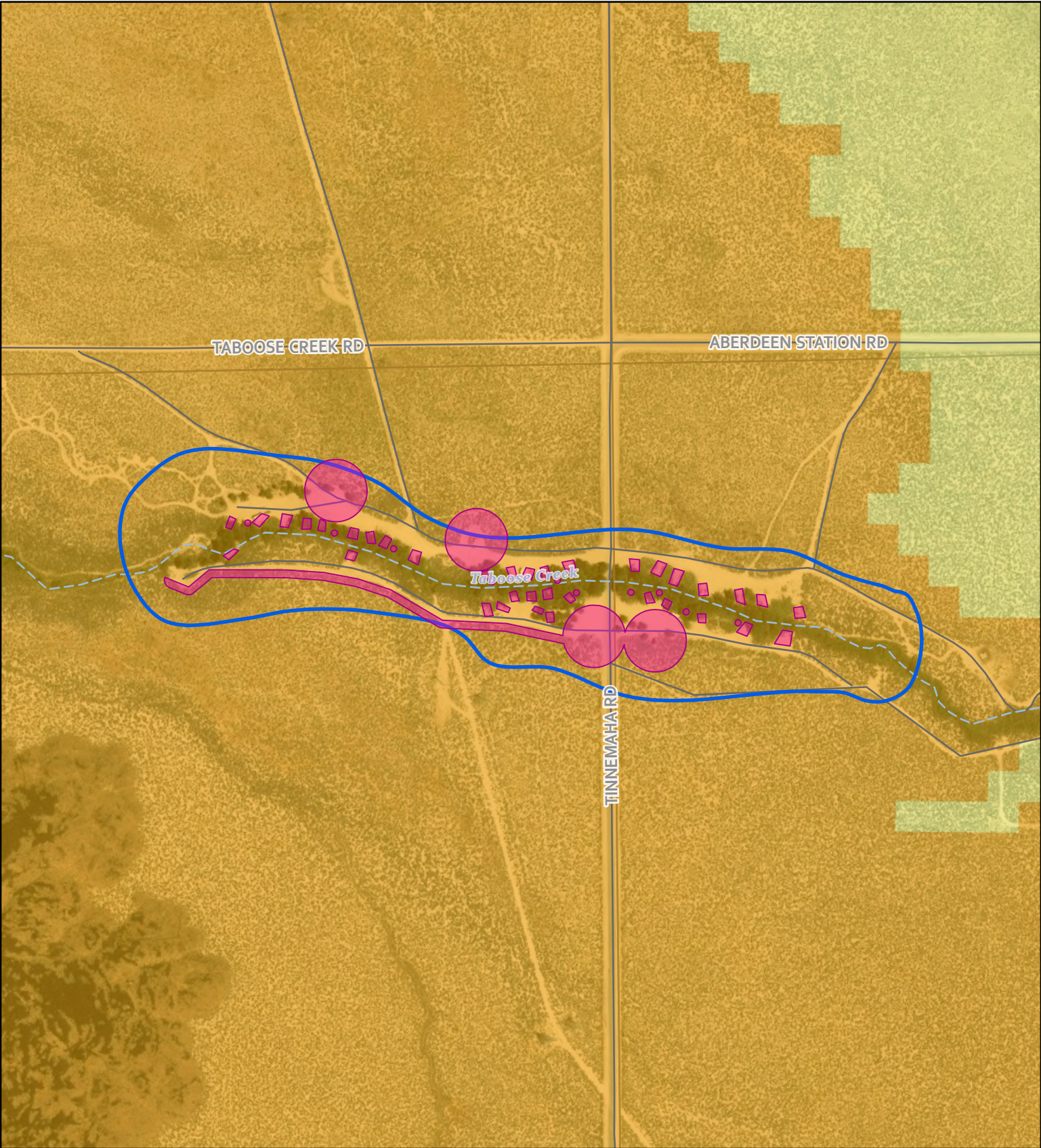
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- Treatment Areas
- Parks and Campgrounds
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Fire Hazard Classes
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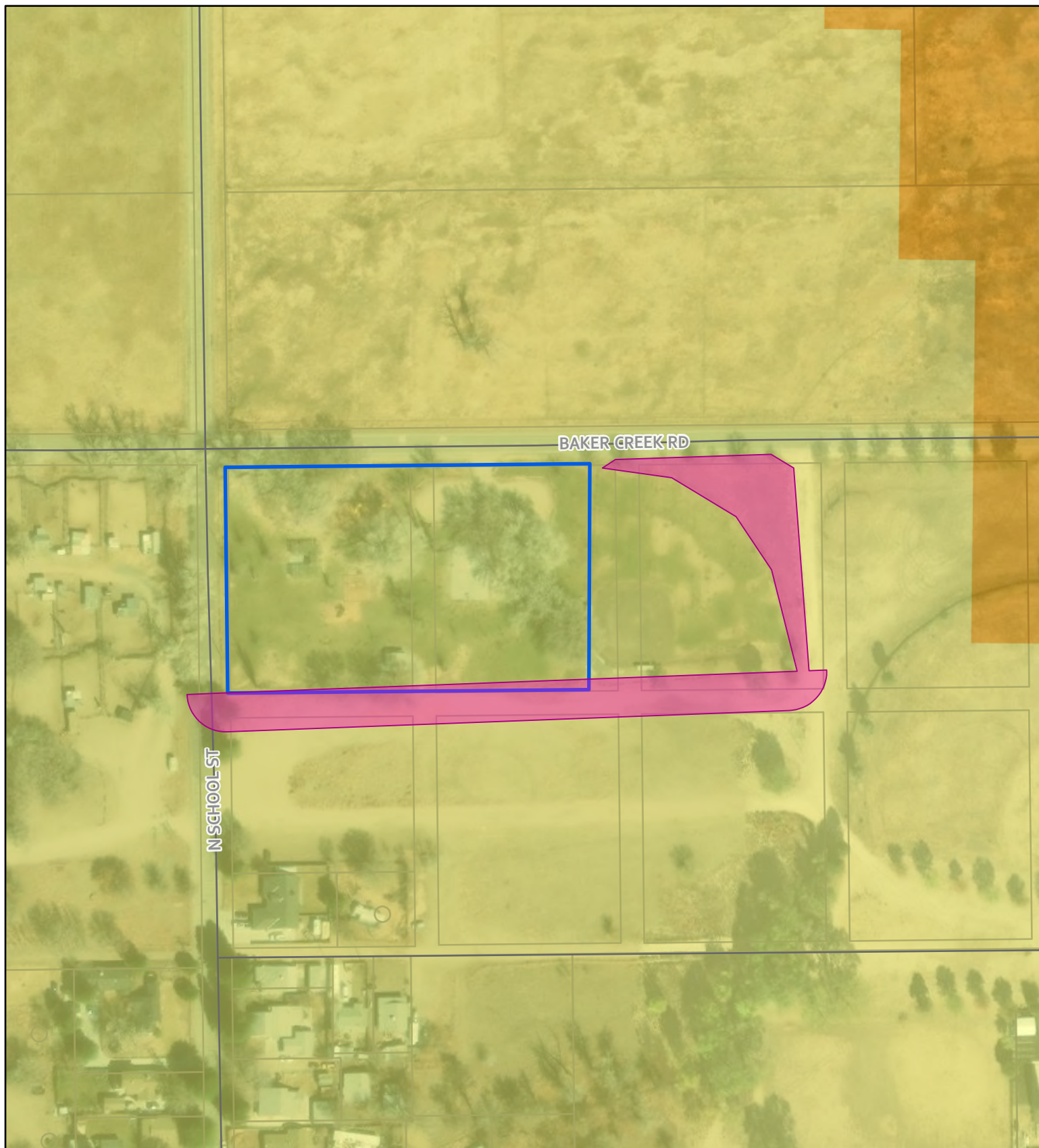
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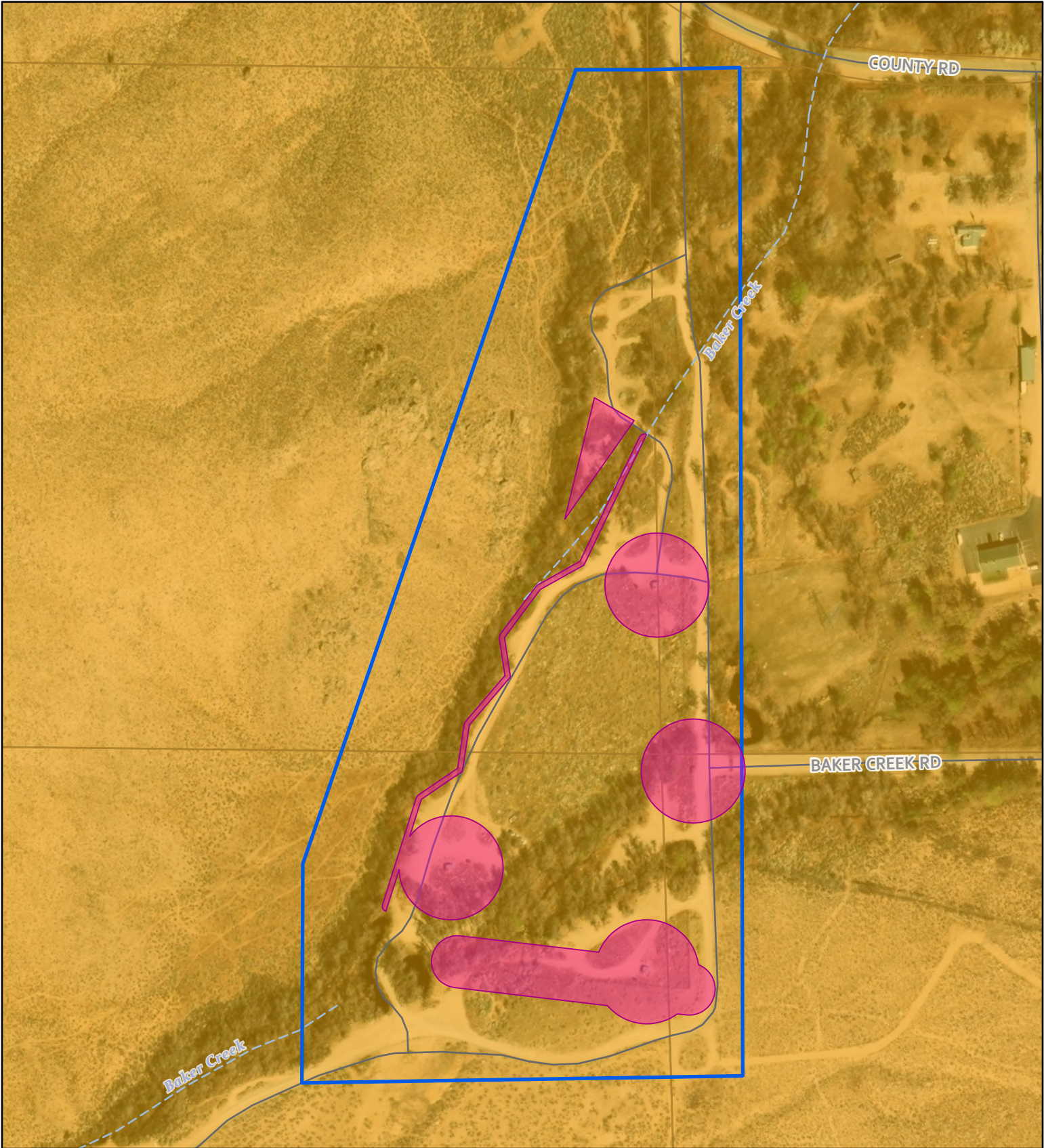
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Baker Creek



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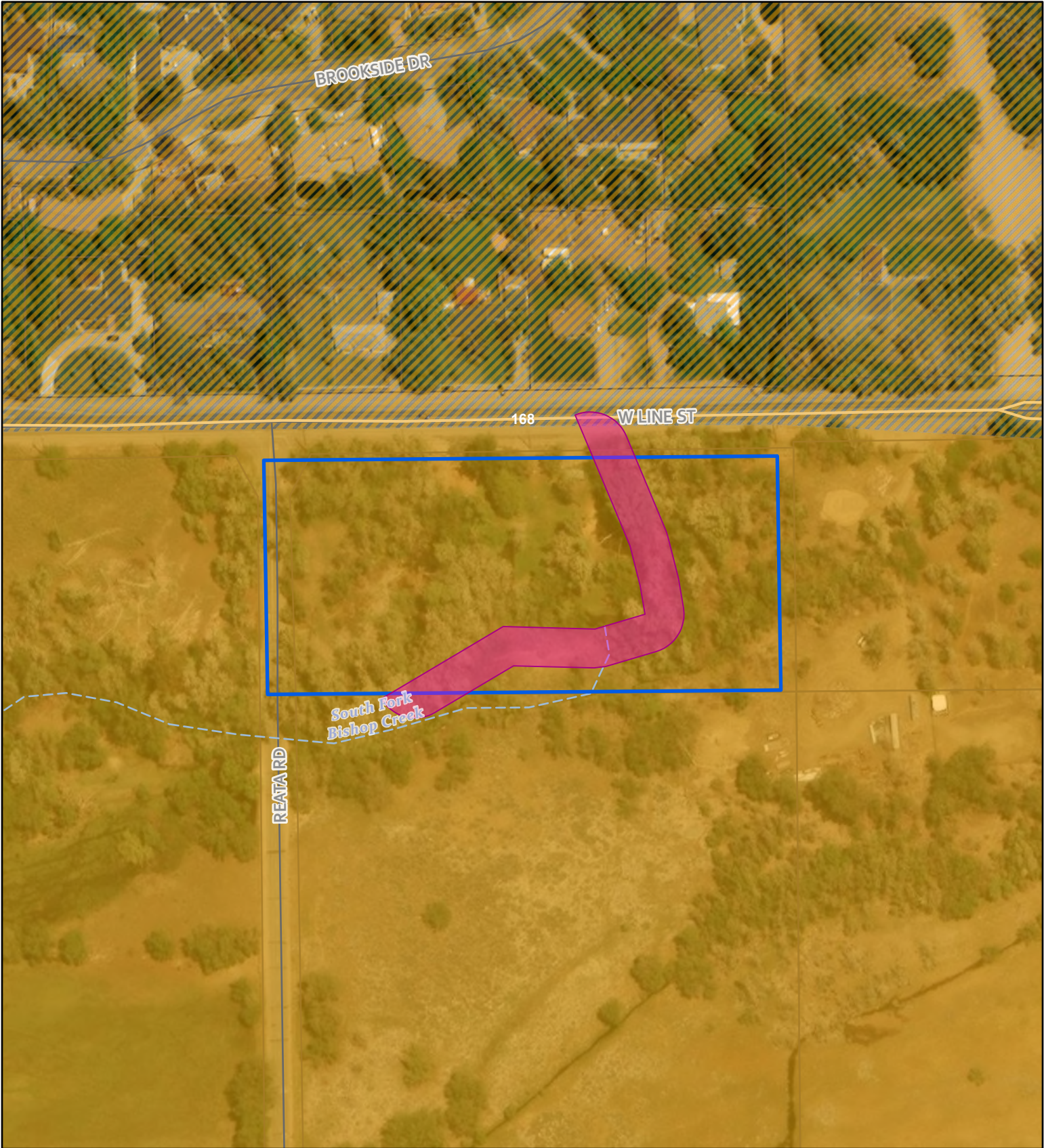
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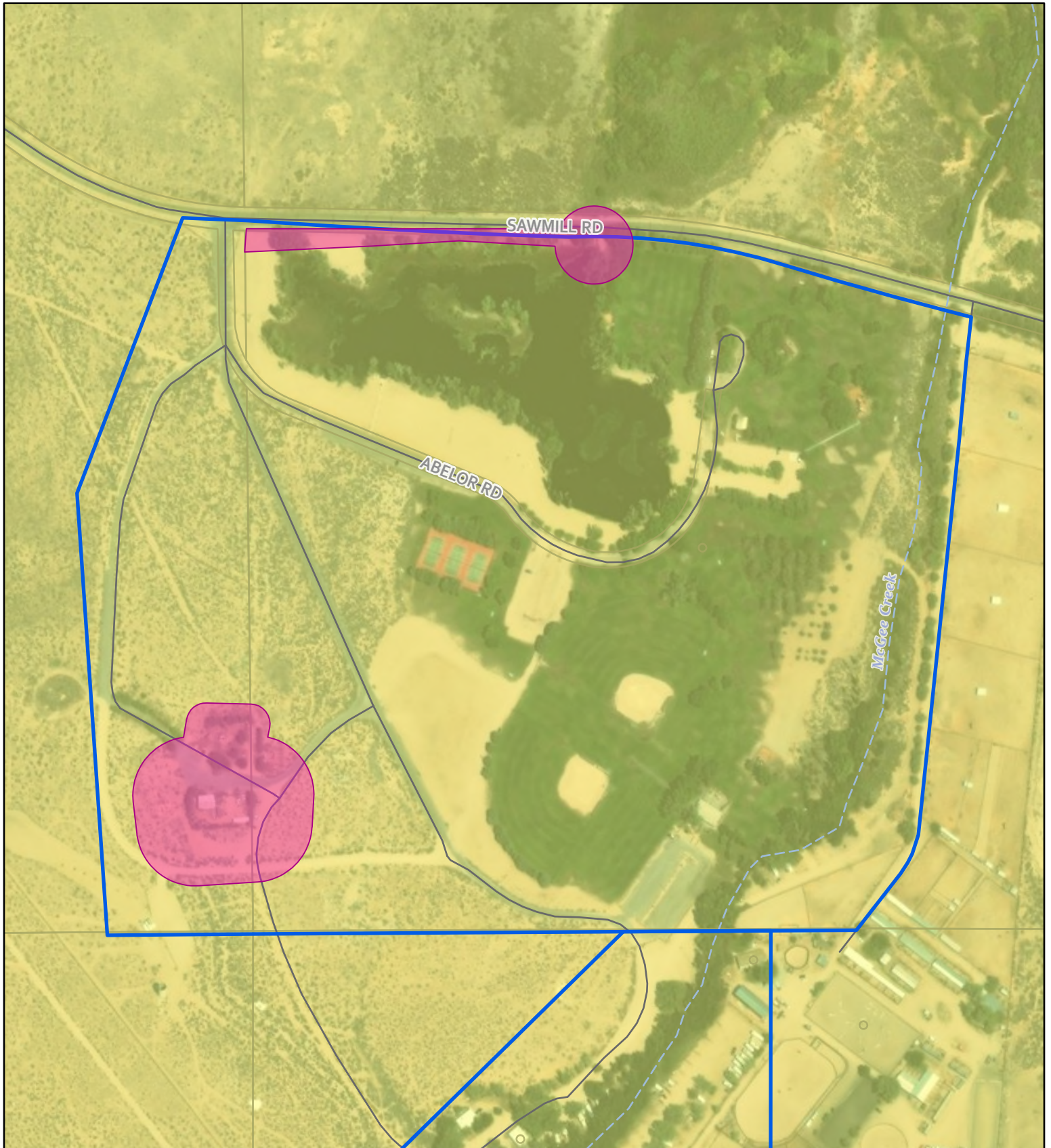
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Millpond Recreation Area



- Treatment Areas
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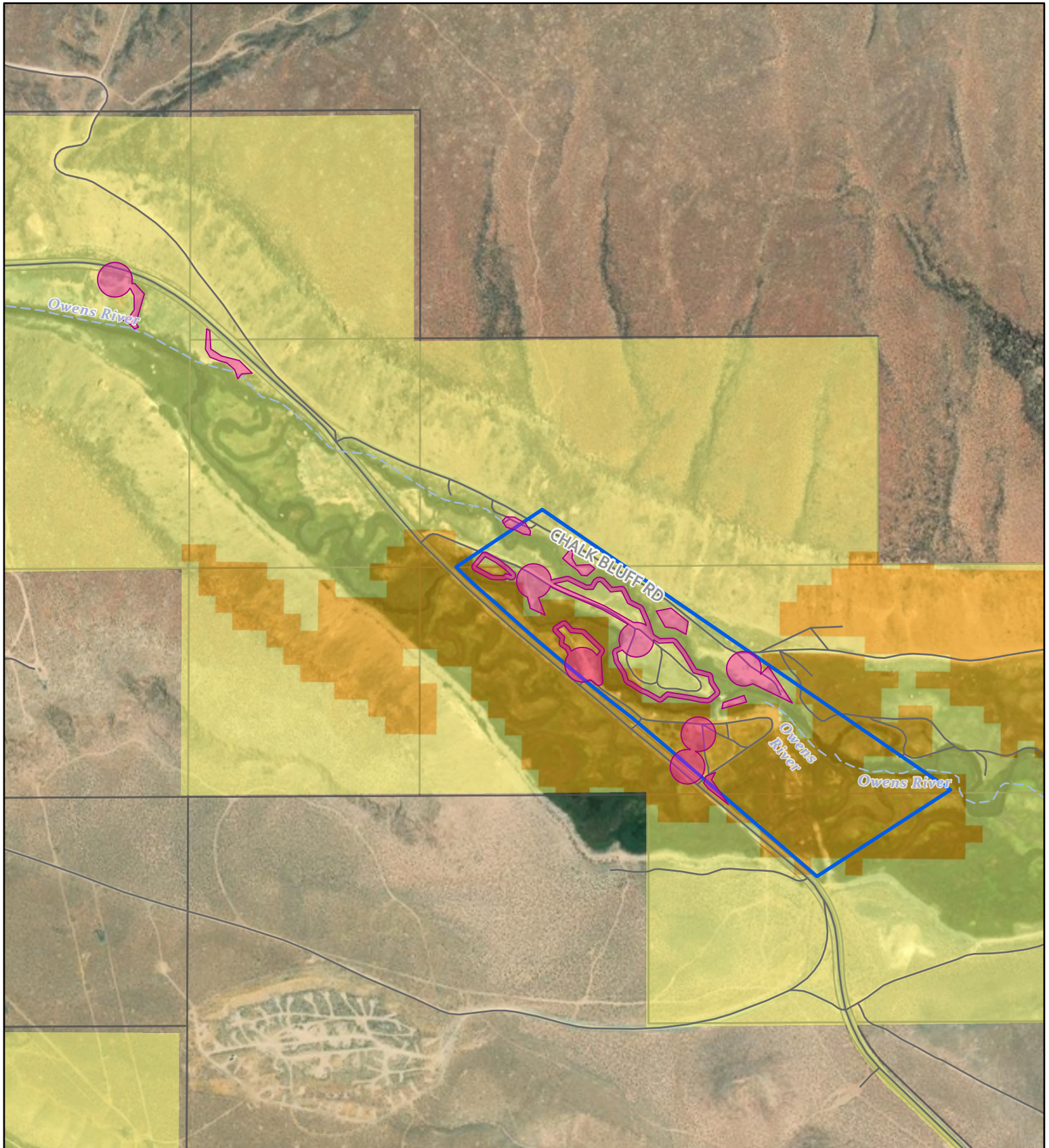
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- Treatment Areas
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- Parcels
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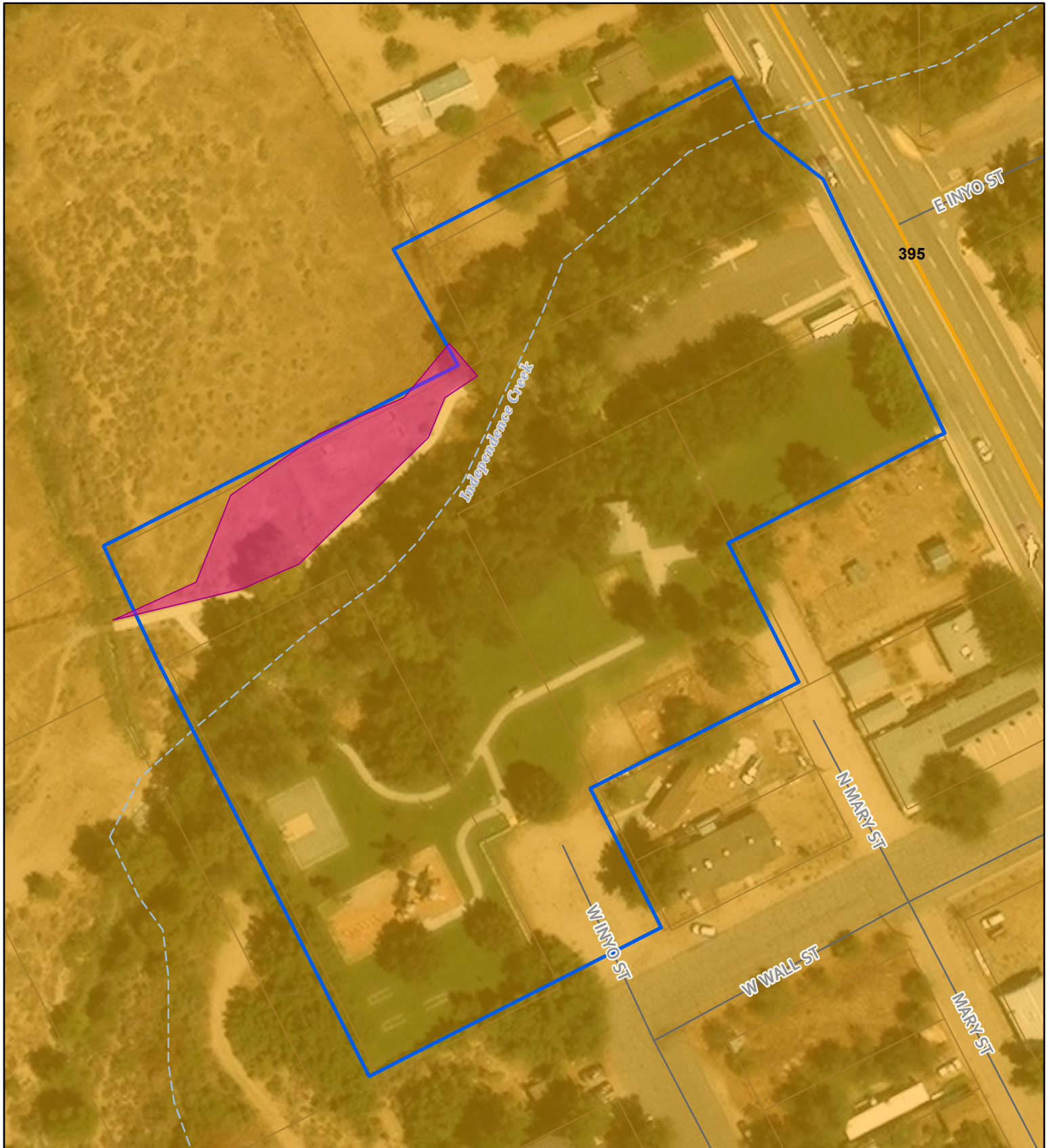
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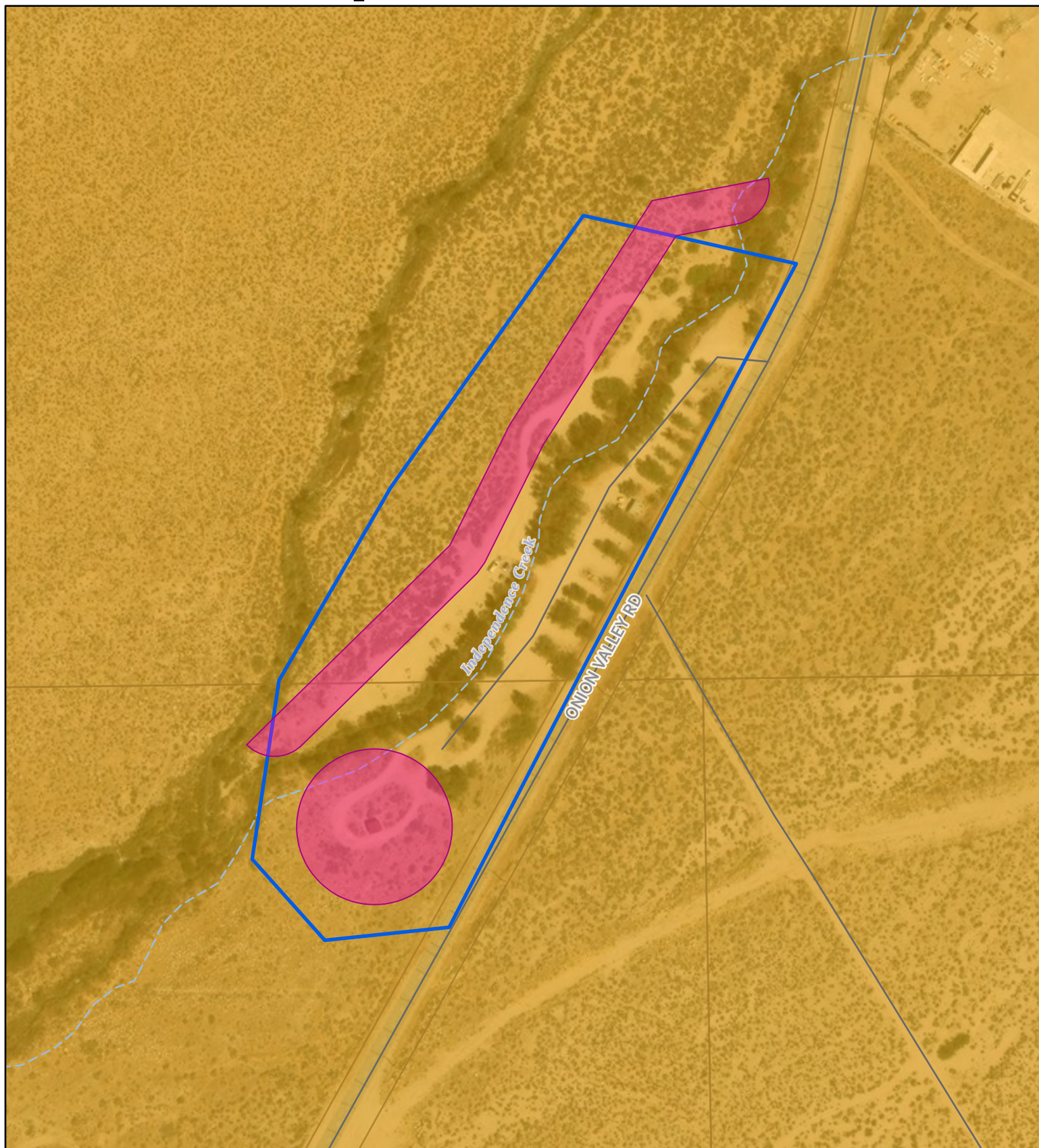
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Independence Creek



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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

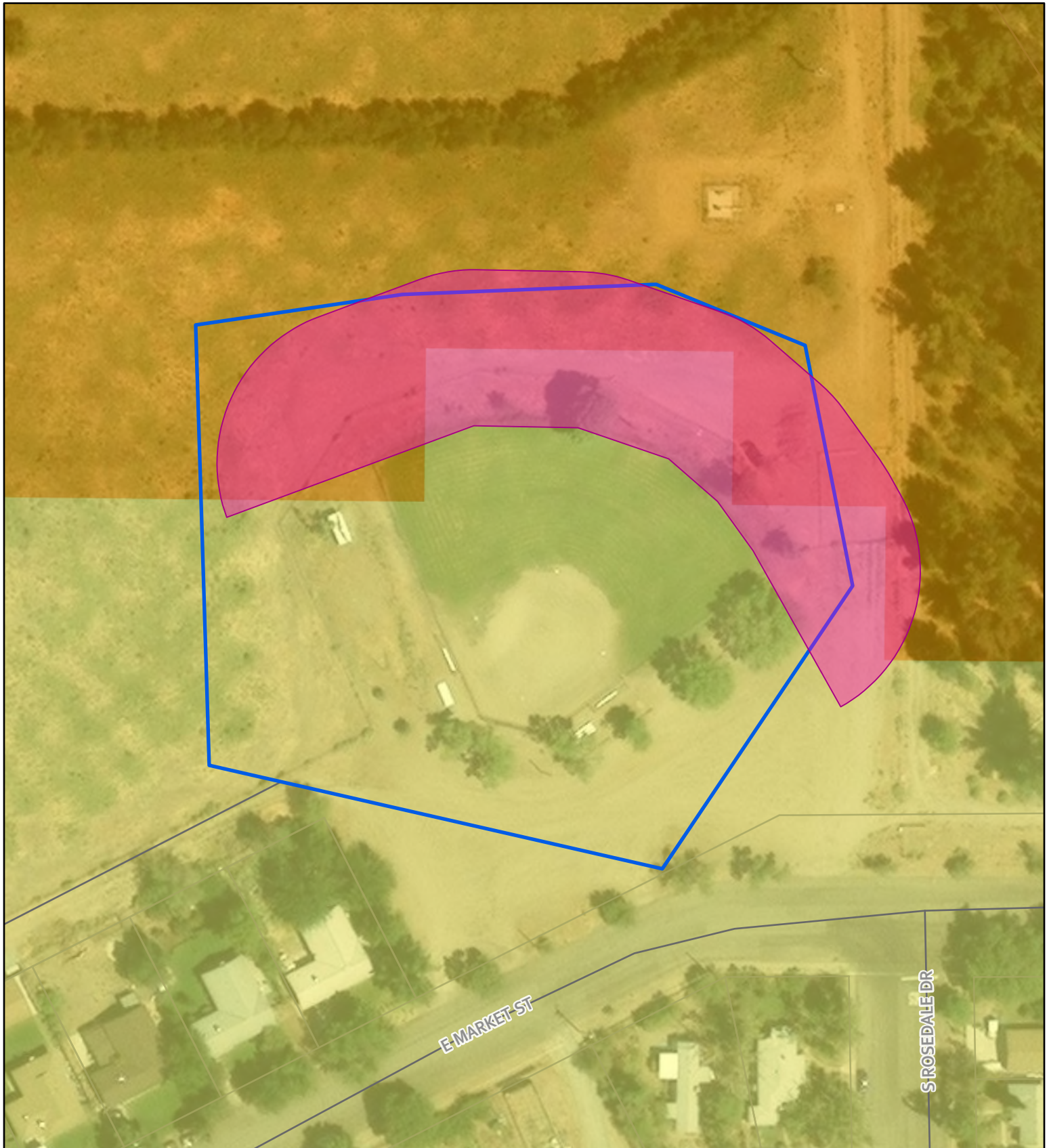
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Johnson Field



- Treatment Areas
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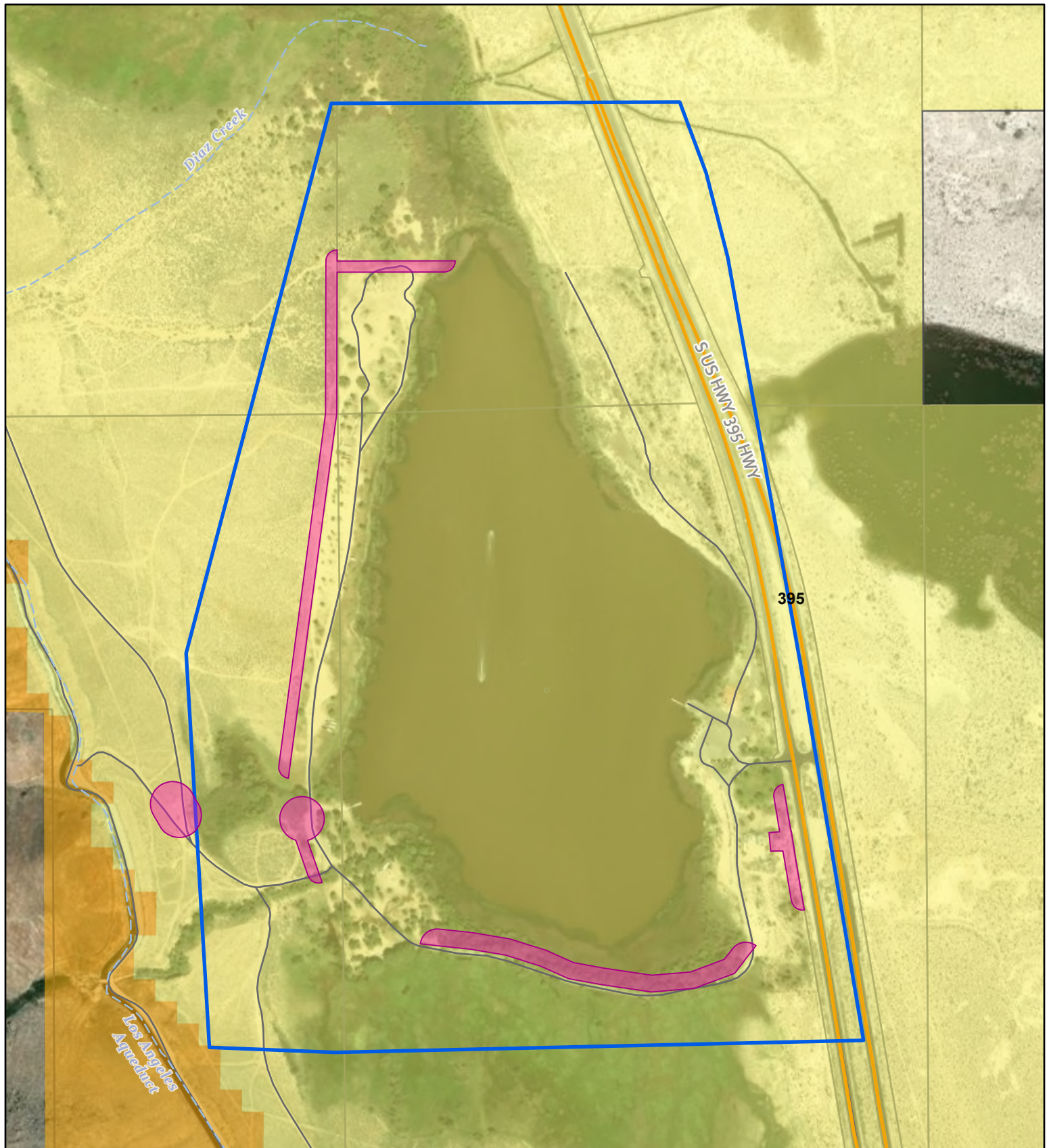
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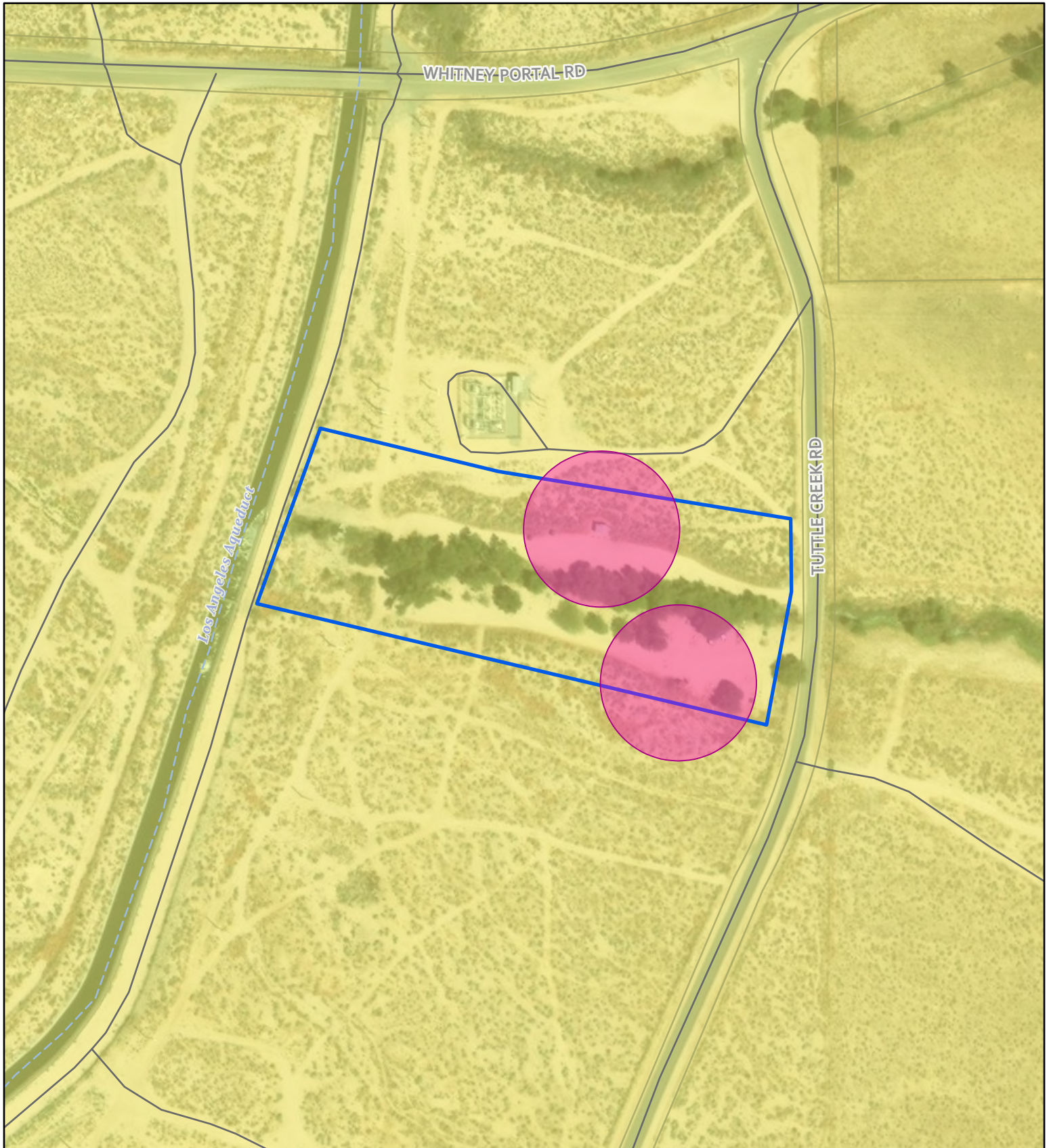
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**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2460
(916) 653-7772
Website: www.fire.ca.gov



December 29, 2025

Kristen Pfeiler
County of Inyo
1360 N Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

5GG25201; County of Inyo, “Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers”

This Agreement cannot be considered binding on either party until approved by appropriate authorized CAL FIRE designee. No services should be provided prior to approval, as the State is not obligated to make any payments on any Agreement prior to final approval. FAILURE TO RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS BY DATE BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF FUNDING.

Please contact David Haas at ((909) 881-6955 if you have questions concerning services to be performed.

1. ☒ Full grant agreement including terms and conditions, project grant application form, scope of work, budget, map, and other exhibits enclosed. Please sign, scan, and return the agreement to Satoshi Okuno at Satoshi.Okuno@fire.ca.gov no later than **January 29, 2026**.

Alternatively, you may opt to print (single sided), sign in blue ink, and return the agreement with original signature to:
CAL FIRE
Attn: Grants Management Unit/CCI –Wildfire Prevention
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

In order to expedite your agreement, a scanned/electronic copy of the agreement is preferred.

2. ☐ Enclosed for your record is one fully executed copy of the agreement referenced above. When billing for services performed under this agreement, your invoices must reference the agreement number above and be submitted to the contract manager.

Thank you,

Satoshi Okuno
Grants Analyst
Grants Management Unit

CC: David Haas
Southern Region Grants
Nadine Scarbrough

Enclosures

State of California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Office of the State Fire Marshal
GRANT AGREEMENT

APPLICANT: County of Inyo
PROJECT TITLE: Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers
GRANT AGREEMENT: 5GG25201

PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from date of latter signature by CAL FIRE Deputy Director or Grantee through February 15, 2029.

Under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the project description, and the State of California, acting through the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, agrees to fund the project up the total state grant amount indicated.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will support 24 wildfire-threatened communities across Inyo County by funding landfill green waste disposal vouchers and roll-off dumpsters. The project is expected to treat approximately 346 acres of hazardous vegetation and benefit over 7,800 habitable structures by enabling community-led defensible space cleanup events.

Total State Grant not to exceed \$ 119,005.60 (or project costs, whichever is less).

**The Special and General Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.*

County of Inyo

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION**

Applicant

By _____
Signature of Authorized Representative
Print Name/
Title: _____

By _____
Title: **Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director**

Date _____

Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING

GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 5GG25201	PO ID	SUPPLIER ID 0000008422
FUND 3228	FUND NAME Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	
PROJECT ID N/A	ACTIVITY ID N/A	AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING \$ 119,005.60
GL UNIT 3540	BUD REF 601	ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
PROGRAM NUMBER 2470010	ENY 2021	ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
ACCOUNT 5340580	ALT ACCOUNT 534058000	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$ 119,005.60
REPORTING STRUCTURE 35405909	SERVICE LOCATION 96217	

Acknowledged - I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.

Certification of CAL FIRE Accounting Officer

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State of California, by and through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE" or "the State") and County of Inyo ("Grantee"), collectively referred to as "Parties", pursuant to California Public Resources Code section §4799.05.
2. **Grant Funds.** Subject to the availability of grant monies, the State hereby grants to Grantee a sum not to exceed \$119,05.60. Grantee shall assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project.
3. **Project.** The State is entering into this agreement, and the Grant Funds shall be used, only for the purpose of Grantee's performance of the Project generally described on the cover page to this Agreement and as more fully described in the Project Scope of Work. Any amendment to the Project Scope of Work must be approved by the State in writing in accordance with Section 29.
4. **Agreement and Exhibits.** The Parties accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Exhibits set forth below, the Grant Guidelines, Grantee's application for Grant Funds, and all other documents which may later be approved in writing by both Parties relating to this Agreement, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as though set forth in full herein. The marked Exhibits are attached to this Agreement:

- ☒ Exhibit A: Project Scope of Work
- ☐ Exhibit B: Project Timeline
- ☒ Exhibit C: Project Budget Detail
- ☒ Exhibit D: Project Map
- ☐ Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule
- ☒ Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum
- ☐ Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook
- ☐ Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

In the event of conflicting terms among the documents forming this Agreement, the order of control is first this Agreement, then the Exhibits, then the Grant Guidelines, and then the Application.

5. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be the Project Performance Period.
6. **Authority to Sign.** Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action of the entity they represent, and that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf has the full capacity to bind that entity. At CAL FIRE's request, Grantee must provide CAL FIRE with evidence satisfying CAL FIRE that

the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been authorized by all necessary organizational action by Grantee.

7. Definitions

- a. "Advance Payments" means Grant Funds provided to Grantee before the associated work has been performed.
- b. "Agreement" means this grant agreement number 5GG25201, including each of the documents described and incorporated by reference into this Agreement in Section 4.
- c. "Effective Date" means the later of the date the Agreement is executed by the State or Grantee.
- d. "Equipment" means personal property Grantee needs to perform the Project that has (1) a \$5,000 or more per unit cost, and (2) a tangible useful life of more than one year.
- e. "Grant Funds" means the money described in Section 2 that is provided by the State to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement and includes any interest paid to Grantee from the deposit of any Advance Payments awarded to Grantee.
- f. "Grant Guidelines" are the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Wildfire Prevention Program Grant Guidelines 2025-2026, which are available on the CAL FIRE website.
- g. "Other Sources of Funds" means all matching fund sources, excluding Program Income, that are required or used to complete the Project beyond the Grant Funds provided by this Agreement.
- h. "Project" means the work described in the Project Scope of Work and this Agreement.
- i. "Project Budget Detail" means the approved budget plan.
- j. "Project Completion Date" means the date specified on the cover page to this agreement.
- k. "Program Income" means income that is generated directly by Grantee's performance of the Project, including any interest earned on Advance Payments.

- l. "Project Performance Period" means the Effective Date through the earlier of the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below.
- m. The term "Project Scope of Work" as used herein means the individual scope of work describing in detail the approved tasks, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- n. "Subrecipient" means an entity that either receives Grant Funds from Grantee as part of a block grant or a subcontractor who is paid by a Grantee with Grant Funds.

8. Project Representatives

The project representatives during the term of the Agreement will be:

The State: CAL FIRE	Grantee: County of Inyo
Section/Unit: BDU	Section/Unit: N/A
Attention: David Haas	Attention: Kristen Pfeiler
Mailing Address: 3800 North Sierra Way San Bernardino, CA 92405	Mailing Address: 1360 N Main St. Bishop, CA 93514
Phone Number: (909) 881-6955	Phone Number: (760) 878-8444
Email Address: David.Haas@fire.ca.gov	Email Address: Kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Individuals authorized to sign agreements, amendments and submit invoices on behalf of Grantee are:

1. NAME, TITLE: _____

2. NAME, TITLE: _____

Changes to the project representatives during the term of the Agreement shall be made in writing, and no amendment to this Agreement shall be necessary. Notice shall be sent to the designated representative for all notice provisions of this Agreement.

9. Project Execution

- a. **Project Commencement.** Grantee shall not begin work on the Project prior to the Effective Date. Any work started prior to the Effective Date will not be eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.
- b. **Project Completion.** Grantee shall complete the Project before the Project Completion Date, unless an amendment has been approved in writing by the State as provided in Section 29. Requests for an extension of the Project Completion Date as well as any other formal amendment requests must be made no less than 60 days before the then-effective Project Completion Date, unless this requirement is waived in writing by the State. Work completed after the Project Completion Date is not eligible for funding under the terms of this Agreement.
- c. **The State's Right of Access.** Grantee shall permit periodic site visits by representative(s) of the State to ensure program compliance, and that work is in accordance with this Agreement, including a final inspection upon Project completion.
- d. **Independent Capacity of Grantee.** Grantee, and the agents and employees of Grantee, in the performance of this Agreement shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents, of the State.
- e. **Subrecipients.** If Grantee desires to accomplish any part of the Project through the use of subrecipients, the following conditions must be met: (1) Grantee shall require, and is solely responsible for ensuring, that all subrecipients comply with all applicable terms of this Agreement; and (2) agreements between the Grantee and a subrecipient must be in writing. Nothing contained in this Agreement, or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between the State and any of Grantee's subrecipients and no contract or subcontract shall relieve Grantee of its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement. Grantee agrees to be as fully responsible to the State for the acts and omissions of its subrecipients and of persons directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Grantee. Grantee's obligation to pay its subrecipients is an independent obligation from the State's obligation to make payments to Grantee. As a result, the State shall have no obligation to pay or to enforce the payment of any monies to any of Grantee's subrecipients. If a subrecipient is entitled by law to record a lien against any property or improvements funded by this Agreement, the State may require Grantee to obtain a waiver and release of such lien or take other appropriate action to ensure the lien is released, prior to the Project Completion Date or the date this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 20 below, whichever is earlier.

10. Grantee Responsibilities

- a. **Grantee Skill and Care.** In performing work under this Agreement, Grantee shall exercise the degree of skill and care required by customarily accepted professional practices and procedures for the type of work performed.
- b. **Grantee Responsible for Project.** The Project is the sole responsibility of Grantee. The State undertakes no responsibilities to Grantee, or any third party, other than as expressly set out in this Agreement. The responsibility for implementing the Project is solely that of Grantee, as is the responsibility for any claim or suit of any nature by any third party related in any way to the Project. Review or approval by the State of any Project plans, specifications, or other documents is solely for the purpose of proper administration of Grant Funds by the State and shall not relieve Grantee of the obligation to carry out any requirements of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable law or any other standards ordinarily applied to such work or activity.
- c. **Permits and Compliance with Laws.** Grantee shall comply fully, and require any of its agents, employees, or subrecipients to comply fully, with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and permits. Grantee shall provide evidence, upon request, that all necessary local, State, or federal permits, licenses, registrations, and approvals have been secured for the Project. Grantee shall maintain compliance with such requirements throughout the Project Performance Period. The costs associated with legal compliance may be reimbursed under this Agreement only to the extent authorized by the Project Budget Detail.
- d. **Misuse of Public Funds Prohibited.** Grantee or anyone acting on behalf of Grantee shall not engage in fraud, waste, or the abuse of Grant Funds in violation of California Penal Code section 424 *et seq.* Grantee shall cooperate in any investigation of such activities that are suspected in connection with this Agreement.
- e. **Private Benefit Prohibited.** Recipients of Grant Funds shall receive no more than the fair market value of an arm's length transaction for any goods or services provided under this Agreement. Grantee shall provide evidence to the State upon request of compliance with this Section 11.e. Violation of this Section 11.e. will result in a violation of California Penal Code section 424, subd. a.
- f. **Conflicts of Interest Prohibited.** Grantee shall comply with the requirements of Government Code sections 1090 and 87100 and Public Contracts Code sections 10410 and 10411. Grantee represents that no person who, as an officer, employee, or agent of the State participated in the preparation or creation of, or determination to award, this Agreement shall for compensation or personal benefit serve as an agent or employee of Grantee in the

performance of this Agreement. Grantee and the State hereby acknowledge that:

- i. **Current State Officers or Employees:** No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.
- ii. **Former State Officers or Employees:** For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.

A violation of any provision of this Section 10.f. shall render this Agreement void and may result in Grantee being required to disgorge any payments made prior to discovery of the violation under Government Code section 1092 and Public Contracts Code section 10420. If Grantee has any questions about compliance with conflicts of interest laws, Grantee should consult the California Fair Political Practices Commission or a qualified attorney.

- g. **California Environmental Quality Act.** Activities funded by this Agreement must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code section 21000, et. seq. Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et. seq.). Sufficient evidence of CEQA compliance must be provided by Grantee and approved by the State before any work that could impact the environment (e.g. cutting, piling or burning bush, masticating, dozer work, etc.) may proceed, and no later than one year following the Effective Date unless a longer time is approved in writing by CAL FIRE. The State may make Grant Funds available in advance of CEQA compliance for Project activities that do not have the potential to cause an environmental impact (e.g. project planning, locating, and marking property or project boundaries, engaging with landowners, etc.).

If CEQA compliance is not complete by the Effective Date, once the State has considered the environmental documents, it may decide to require changes, alterations, or other mitigation to the Project, or not to fund the Project. Should the State decide not to fund the Project, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with Section 20 below.

- h. **Nondiscrimination.** The State of California prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age (over 40), physical or mental disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (including cancer), reproductive health decision- making, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, religion, political beliefs, reprisal, use of family-care leave, medical-care leave or pregnancy-disability leave, military or veteran status, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Grantee shall not discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any person on any of these bases, and shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Grantee hereby certifies, unless specifically exempted, compliance with Government Code 12990(a-f) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 in matters relating to reporting requirements and the development, implementation and maintenance of a Nondiscrimination Program. Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this Agreement in all contracts and subcontracts related to the Project.
- i. **Union Organizing.** In accordance with California Government Code sections 16645-16649, by signing this Agreement Grantee certifies that:

 - i. No State funds disbursed by this grant will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing.
 - ii. If Grantee makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, Grantee will maintain records sufficient to show that no State funds were used for those expenditures, and shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.
- j. **Drug-Free Workplace Certification.** In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code section 8350 *et seq.*), by signing this Agreement Grantee hereby certifies that Grantee, and each of its Subrecipients, will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

 - i. Publish a Statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations of this prohibition.

- ii. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following:
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2. The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and,
 - 4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- iii. Provide that every employee who works on the Project:
 - 1. Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy the Statement; and
 - 2. Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's the Statement as a condition of employment on the Project.
- iv. In addition to other remedies available at law or in equity, or in this Agreement, Grantee may be ineligible for award of any future State contracts if the State determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) Grantee has made false certification or (2) Grantee violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

13. **Project Costs and Payment Documentation**

- a. **Funding Disbursements.** State's obligation to disburse Grant Funds under this Agreement is conditioned upon and subject to satisfactory compliance with and completion of all of the conditions contained in this Agreement. Payment by the State shall be made in arrears, except for any Advance Payments authorized pursuant to Section 13.f below which are not made in arrears, after receipt of an acceptable invoice and approval by a duly authorized representative of the State. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of invoices for payment, the State agrees to compensate Grantee for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates and activities specified in the Final Project Budget Detail, Application, Scope of Work and Exhibits made a part of this Agreement.
- b. **Disbursement Requests.** Grantee shall submit, in arrears, not more frequently than once a month and at least quarterly an invoice to the State for costs paid by Grantee pursuant to this Agreement. In the event no expenses are incurred, Grantee shall identify that no costs have been incurred within the respective quarterly progress report in lieu of submitting a zero-balance invoice. A final invoice shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier. Each invoice shall contain the following information: the Agreement

- number, the dates or time period during which the invoiced costs were incurred, signature of an authorized representative of Grantee, expenditures for the current invoice and cumulative expenditures to date by major budget category (e.g., salaries, benefits, supplies, etc.), Program Income, match funds when applicable, and appropriate supporting documentation consistent with the Eligible Costs section of the Grant Guidelines. Grantee shall submit each invoice for payment electronically using the grants management system identified by CAL FIRE. Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.
- c. **Final Payment.** Final payment to Grantee may not be made until the STATE determines the Project conforms substantially to this Agreement.
 - d. **Expiration of Grant Funds.** Grant Funds in this Agreement have a limited period in which they must be expended. All Grantee expenditures must occur prior to the Project Completion Date.
 - e. **Grantee Expenditures.** Except as otherwise provided herein, Grantee shall expend Grant Funds in the manner described in the Budget approved by the State. The dollar amount of an item in a budget category may be increased or decreased through reallocation of funds from other budget categories with approval by the State; this request may be processed via the Grants Software. Any increase or decrease of more than ten percent (10%) of the total Grant Funds of a budget category must be accomplished through an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 29 of this Agreement before any such increase or decrease is made.
 - f. **Advance Payments.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions stated within this Agreement, the State may at its discretion, and subject to statutory requirements, make Advance Payments from the Grant Funds to the Grantee (if eligible). Advance payment made by the State shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - i. Grantee shall submit a written request identifying how Advance Payments will be used over a six-month period. The written request must be accompanied by an invoice that contains the same level of detail as a regular invoice.
 - ii. Grantee shall file an accountability report with State four months from the date of receiving the funds and every four months thereafter.
 - iii. Multiple advance payments may be made to a Grantee over the life of a project.
 - iv. No single advance payment shall exceed 25% of the Grant Funds. For grants funding equipment, where program allows, the maximum advance request may be increased up to 50% of the Grant Funds or cost of equipment purchase, whichever is less.
 - v. Advance Payments must be spent on eligible costs within six months of receipt.

- vi. Grantee may request additional time to spend Advance Payments but such request must be approved in writing by the State.
 - vii. All work under an Advance Payment must be fully liquidated via an invoice and supporting documentation and completed to the State's satisfaction before another Advance Payment will be made.
 - viii. Any Advance Payment received by a Grantee and not used for project eligible costs within six months or another time period approved by State shall be returned to the State. The amount will be returned to the grant balance.
 - ix. Advance Payments must be deposited into an interest-bearing account that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any interest earned on Advance Payments must be accounted for and used to offset the costs of the Project or returned to the State.
- g. **Disbursements made in error.** The Grantee shall immediately reimburse or credit the State at State's discretion for any overpayment of an invoice or other erroneous disbursement when either party determines an overpayment or erroneous disbursement was made.
- h. **Project Income.** Grantee shall report to the State any Project Income earned during the Project Performance Period. Project Income shall be used to offset the costs of the Project, returned to the State, or, if approved in writing by the State, used for other purposes that benefit the public.
14. **Equipment.** Only Equipment that is identified in the Budget approved by the State may be purchased using grant funds. If Grantee determines that additional Equipment is necessary to complete the Project, Grantee must obtain prior written approval by the State to purchase such equipment, and such approval may be provided at the State's sole discretion. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds, wholly or in part, must be used by the Grantee for the Project for which it was acquired. State retains a vested interest in the equipment for the useful life of the equipment, even after completion of the Project. Upon the Project Completion Date or termination of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier, Grantee shall provide to State a written disposition plan of the Equipment detailing how the equipment will be used to further the Project purposes or to the public's benefit. Such disposition must be approved in advance by State. Equipment purchased using Grant Funds cannot be used as collateral, financed, or sold without prior written approval from the State.
15. **Budget Contingency Clause.** State shall not be obligated to disburse any unpaid portion of the Grant Funds unless and until sufficient funds are appropriated for the fiscal years covered by this Agreement through the State budget process for the purpose of this Agreement. State shall notify Grantee in writing if it is unable to disburse funds for these reasons. No invoice submitted prior to the appropriation or release of such funds to State shall be effective. If funding for this Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act, by Executive Order, or by order of the

Department of Finance or State Treasurer's Office, State at its sole discretion may suspend or terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 21 or amend the Agreement to reflect any reduction of funds. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.

16. Project Administration

- a. Grantee shall use any generally accepted accounting system.
- b. Grantee must report to the State all Other Sources of Funds, including Program Income. If this provision is deemed to be violated, the State will request an audit of Grantee and can delay the disbursement of funds until the matter is resolved.
- c. Grantee shall promptly submit written progress reports, and any and all records, as the State may request throughout the term of this Agreement.
- d. Grantee shall submit a final project report, final invoice with associated supporting documentation, and copies of materials developed using Grant Funds, including but not limited to plans, educational materials, etc. within 30 days of the Project Completion Date.

17. Project Records

- a. Grantee shall retain all records described in Section 17(c) below for three (3) years after final payment by the State. In the case an audit occurs, all such records shall be retained for one (1) year from the date the audit is completed or three (3) years after final payment by the State, whichever date is later.
- b. Grantee shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records for the Project and make them available to the State for review during reasonable times. This includes the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records, or reports of Grantee pertaining to this Agreement or matters related thereto.
- c. Grantee shall keep such records as the State shall prescribe, including, but not limited to, records which fully disclose (a) the disposition of the Grant Funds, (b) the total cost of the Project, (c) the amount and nature of that portion of the Project cost supplied by other sources, and (d) any other such records as will facilitate an effective audit. All records shall be made available to CAL FIRE, other State of California agency, or other entity as determined by the State of California for auditing purposes at reasonable times.

18. **Audits.** During the three-year period after final disbursement, unless a longer retention period has been specified by the State, Grantee shall make, or cause to be made, records relating to this Agreement available to State or other duly authorized representatives of the State of California for inspection, copying, and

audit purposes during normal business hours. Records may be required to be disclosed electronically if so requested by State or its representative. The audit shall be confined to those matters connected with this Agreement. Grantee and its Subrecipients shall cooperate fully with the audit including, but not limited to, providing access to its staff, books, records, accounts, or other materials as requested.

In the event of a negative audit finding, including expenditures not properly documented or not allowed, Grantee may be required to take action specified in or consistent with the audit finding, including repayment of Grant Funds.

19. **Public Records and Confidentiality.** The Parties acknowledge that, except with respect to records that are exempt from disclosure by an express provision of law, the State must disclose public records upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 7920.000 *et seq.* During performance of this Agreement each party may come into possession of information or data that may be deemed confidential or proprietary by the person or organization furnishing the information or data. Such information or data may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. State agrees not to disclose such information or data furnished by Grantee and to maintain such information or data as confidential when such information or data has been designated confidential by Grantee in writing at the time it is furnished to State, but only to the extent that such information or data is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.
20. **Rights in Intellectual Property.** Grantee retains title to all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes, other written or graphic work, or patentable ideas (collectively, "Intellectual Property") produced in the performance of this Agreement, except that State shall have the right to reproduce, publish, and use all such work, or any part thereof, in any manner and for any non-profit, noncommercial purposes and to authorize others to do so. If any Intellectual Property is copyrightable, Grantee may copyright the same, except that State reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use such work, or any part thereof, and to authorize others to do so.
21. **Project Termination or Suspension**
 - a. **Termination before Project Commencement.** Before any work funded by this Agreement begins, this Agreement may be terminated by the State or Grantee upon 30-days written notice to the other party.
 - b. **Termination by Mutual Consent.** During the Project Performance Period and the Long-term Management Period, this Agreement can be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of both Parties. Upon mutual termination, both Parties will work cooperatively to identify the date of termination, which shall not be less than 30-days after either Party gives notice to the other of its

desire to terminate the agreement, resolve any outstanding financial obligations, and bring the work specified in this Agreement to closure.

- c. **Termination for Cause.** During the Project Performance Period, if State determines Grantee has made a material misrepresentation, violated this Agreement, failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or otherwise determines there is cause to do so, including State's determination that funds are unavailable as described in Section 15, State can terminate this Agreement by providing Grantee with a written notice of termination (Notice of Termination) specifying the date of termination.
- d. **Grantee's duties upon Termination.** In the event of termination, on the date mutually agreed upon or on the date specified in the Notice of Termination, Grantee shall stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately provide State with an accounting of all funds received under this Agreement and return any Grant Funds, including but not limited to Advance Payments, received under this Agreement that have not been previously expended to provide the services outlined within this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-terminable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to termination, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement. In the event of a Notice of Termination, Grantee shall be liable for prompt repayment of all amounts disbursed under this Agreement, including Advance Payments plus accrued interest, and any further costs related to the Project. State may, at its sole discretion, consider extenuating circumstances, including whether Grantee's failure to fulfill its obligations was due to no fault of Grantee, and may waive Grantee's obligation to repay, in whole or in part. This paragraph shall not be deemed to limit any other remedies State may have for Grantee's failure to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- e. **Suspension and Stop Work Orders.** State may suspend this Agreement at any time upon reasonable written notice to Grantee. Any notice suspending work under this Agreement shall remain in effect until State authorizes work to resume by giving further written notice to Grantee. In the event of a suspension, Grantee shall immediately stop work under this Agreement and take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs under this Agreement. At its discretion, State may reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-cancelable obligations and costs incurred by Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to suspension, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement.
- f. **Notice to Subrecipient of Termination and Suspension.** Grantee shall include in any written agreement with any Subrecipient retained for work under this Agreement a provision that entitles Grantee to suspend or

terminate the agreement with the Subrecipient with written notice and on terms and conditions that are consistent with this Section 21.

22. Hold Harmless

- a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Grantee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of or incident to the Project and the performance of this Agreement. This obligation shall run in perpetuity.
- b. Grantee waives any and all rights to any type of express or implied indemnity or right of contribution from the State, its officers, agents, or employees for any liability resulting from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this Agreement, except claims arising from the gross negligence of State, its officers, agents, or employees. If Grantee is a public entity, Grantee waives any right to indemnity (see Government Code Section 895.2) and contribution (see Government Code Section 895.6) from the State as set forth in Government Code Section 895.4.

23. **Remedies for Grantee's Breach of Agreement.** In the event of a breach by Grantee, in addition to any and all other remedies available at law or in equity, State may withhold Grant Funds from Grantee or may require reimbursement of Grant Funds, including Advance Payments, that were disbursed.
24. **Cost Recovery.** Any costs incurred by State in enforcing the terms of this Agreement where State is the prevailing party, including but not limited to costs of suit, attorneys' and experts' fees, at trial and on appeal, and costs of enforcing any judgment, shall be borne by Grantee.
25. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.
26. **Waiver of Agreement Terms.** No term or provision of this Agreement will be considered waived by either party, and no breach excused by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. No consent by either party to, or waiver of, a breach by either party, whether expressed or implied, will constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse of any other, different, or subsequent breach by either party.
27. **Assignment.** No assignment or transfer of this Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by State in writing and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as State may impose.

28. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind any successors or assigns of the Parties.
29. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties. Requests for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request.
30. **Further Acts by Legislature or Governor.** This Agreement is subject to any additional statutes, restrictions, limitations or conditions enacted by the Legislature or Executive Order that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding for this Agreement in any manner and State has the right to amend this Agreement to reflect any such further acts. State will not be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Grantee based on the circumstances described in this section.
31. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, made with respect to the Project and, together with all attached Exhibits and documents incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Project.
32. **Survival.** The obligations of the Parties under the following sections of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement: (1) Section 14, Equipment; (2) Section 17, Project Records; (3) Section 18, Audit; (4) Section 20, Rights in Intellectual Property; (5) Section 22, Hold Harmless; and (6) Section 24, Cost Recovery.
33. **Controlling Law.** This Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
34. **No Third-Party Rights.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create in the public or in any member of it rights as a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, and no one other than the Parties themselves may enforce any of the rights or obligations created by this Agreement.
35. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
36. **Electronic Signatures.** The Parties agree to accept electronic signatures (as defined in Section 1633.2 of the California Civil Code), faxed versions of an original signature, or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
37. **Headings.** Headings within this Agreement are for convenient reference only and have no effect in limiting or extending the language of the provisions to which they refer.

Exhibit E: Equipment Depreciation Schedule

Not applicable.

Exhibit F: California Climate Investments Addendum

I. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Grant funds shall be used on projects with the primary goal of reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) and furthering the purposes of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code, and related statutes.
2. Grant funds shall be used on projects limited to specific activities as described in CCI Grants Procedural Guides.
3. Grantee shall report project and benefits information when requested by the State. This may include, but is not limited to, funding expended, acres treated, GHG emissions, trees planted, disadvantaged community benefits, energy/water savings, job creation, and other co-benefits.
4. Grantee shall maintain accurate and detailed records documenting project description, project location, and schedule, CCI dollars allocated, and leveraged funds throughout the duration of the project.
5. Failure of Grantee to meet the agreed upon terms of achieving required GHG reduction may result in project termination and recovery of funds.

II. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All funds expended through CCI are subject to emissions reporting and requirements. Grantee is expected to provide the appropriate materials for completing program quantification methodology. Grantee shall use the current reporting template provided by the STATE. The reporting shall be submitted to the STATE no less frequently than quarterly. In addition, STATE may request additional information in order to meet current CARB reporting requirements. The requirements are available on the CARB CCI Quantification, Benefits and Reporting Materials webpage:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/ci-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials>.

III. PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/RECOGNITION

1. All projects funded both fully and partially by the GGRF must clearly display, identify and label themselves as being part of the “California Climate Investments” program. The acknowledgement must contain the California Climate Investments and CAL FIRE logos as well as the following statement:

“Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.”

A draft of the acknowledgement must be approved by the STATE prior to publication. For stationary projects, acknowledgement may include, but is not limited to, a sign on the project site. For other project types, such as vehicles, equipment, and consumer-based incentives, acknowledgement is encouraged by using a decal, sticker or other signage.

Guidance on California Climate Investments logo usage, signage guidelines, and high-resolution files are contained in a style guide available at:

www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request.

2. In addition, all projects funded both fully and partially by GGRF must contain the following statement in public announcements or press releases on said projects:

“Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Invest program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.”

Exhibit G: GHG Emissions Workbook

Not applicable.

Exhibit H: Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Not applicable.

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Application Form :

Profile : kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Project Information

Project Name/Title : Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers

In which county is the majority of your project located? : Inyo County

**The full Project Tracking Number will be auto-generated within Grants Portal. Please use the format 25-WP-
UUU and replace your 3-character unit identifier from your selected county above. :** 25-WP-BDU

Are there additional counties? : No

In which California State Assembly district(s) is your project located? :

8th - Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne

In which California State Senate district(s) is your project located? :

4th - Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Stanislaus, Tuolumne

Project End Date : 2029-02-15

Project Description Summary

Please provide a paragraph summarizing proposed project including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. : The Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers Project will support 24 wildfire-threatened communities across Inyo County by funding landfill green waste disposal vouchers and roll-off dumpsters over three years. All populated areas are within the Wildland-Urban Interface and located within or adjacent to High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The project is expected to treat approximately 346 acres of hazardous vegetation and benefit over 7,800 habitable structures by enabling community-led defensible space cleanup events.

Award Request Amount

What Funding source is your project applying for? : California Climate Investments-CCI

Total Amount of Award Request : \$119,005.60

Indirect Cost Rate

Are you requesting an Indirect Cost Rate in excess of 12%? : No

Organization Information

Organization Type-CCI Funding : Incorporated Cities and Counties

Sponsoring Organization : County of Inyo

Project Manager Name : Kristen Pfeiler

Project Manager Mailing Address : 1360 N Main St

Project Manager Mailing Address Line 2 :

City : Bishop

State : US-CA

Zip Code : 93514

Project Manager Phone Number : 7608788444

Project Manager Email : kristen.pfeiler@inyocounty.us

Project Activities

For which primary activity is funding being requested? (CCI Funding) : Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Primary Vegetation Treatment Type : Chipping

Does the project include Grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

Does the project include transportation and/or disposal of woody biomass : Yes

Project Treatment Area

Primary Land Cover Type : Urban area

Primary Land Ownership Class : Private

Does your project include work on Tribal Lands? : Yes

If yes, how many acres? : 40

Limiting Factors: Check the box if there are any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the fire prevention proposed activity? :

Timber Harvest Plans (THP): For Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, If there is a timber harvesting document on any portion of the proposed project area for which a "Notice of Completion" has not been filed with CAL FIRE check the box. :

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: Describe how compliance with CEQA will be achieved in the Scope of Work. Is there an existing CEQA document that addresses this project or can be used to meet CEQA requirements?

Will your project utilize the Govenor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-25 to streamline the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) : No, my project does not qualify

Please indicate the CEQA document type (For planning, education and other projects that are exempt from CEQA, select "Not Applicable") : Not Applicable

Existing Document Identification Number : N/A

Federal Responsibility Area: Does your project include work on Federal Lands that might require a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, or use a framework similar to Good Neighbor Authority? : No

Community Metrics

Does your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit. :

Project is leveraging in-kind contributions

Will your produce the greatest public benefit

Is your organization an eligible local governmental entity qualified to perform defensible space assessments pursuant to Section 4291.5 in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, as identified by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178 of the Government Code or Article 9 (commencing with Section 4201) of this chapter or by a local agency pursuant to Section 51179 of the Government Code? : No

Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL)

Is the Sponsoring Organization a local agency? (city, county, or other publicly funded entity serving a city and/or county) : Yes

If yes, please select from the Fire Risk Reduction Community List options : Not on the FRRCL list

If yes, is the Sponsoring Organization reporting defensible space data to CAL FIRE? : No

Community at Risk: Is the project associated with a community that is listed as a Community at Risk? : Yes

For the Map of the Communities at Risk, please copy and Paste into a new tab:[https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?](https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/calfire-website/what-we-do/fire-resource-assessment-program---frap/pdf-maps/communities-at-risk-wildfire-2015.pdf?rev=d7d7e04f0a614ccc8fcb6d0d13155cf&hash=1C1247791C7C22C80FBA6F6156F69175)

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Number of Risk Communities in the project area : 13

Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? : Yes

If Yes, select all that applies: :

Both

Severely Disadvantaged/Low Income Community: Is the project associated with a disadvantaged/low-income community? (Prop 4) : Yes

If Yes, select all that applies: :

Both

Please copy and paste the link to the Disadvantaged Communities Mapping tool into a separate tab.
<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/> (<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>)

Project Area Statistics: For all Hazardous Fuels Reduction projects, provide an estimate of the Treatment Influence Zone (TIZ) acres. Include Local Responsibility Area (LRA), Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) and State Responsibility Area (SRA) as applicable for TIZ.

The Treatment Influence Zones (TIZ) are the treatment areas within a project, where on-the-ground activities are accomplished. There can be multiple treatment areas associated with a project. Wildfire Prevention Planning and Wildfire Prevention Public Education projects will NOT have treatment areas.

Local Responsibility Area (LRA) TIZ acres : 10.00

Federal Responsibility Area (FRA) TIZ acres : 40.00

State Responsibility Area (SRA) TIZ acres : 296.00

Total TIZ Acres : 346

Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ)

What Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) are in the project area? Fire Hazard Severity Zone ratings are available at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/> (<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/>). Copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab. Please provide an approximate number of acres or percentage of the project area in each zone.

Number of Acres in the Very High SRA FHSZ : 7.00

Number of Acres in the Very High LRA FHSZ : 0.00

Number of Acres in the High SRA FHSZ : 180.00

Number of Acres in the High LRA FHSZ : 10.00

Number of Acres in the Moderate SRA FHSZ : 109.00

FHSZ Total Acres : 306

Document Uploads

Letters of Support : 25-WP-BDU -79251754_InyoCommunityFuelReductionVouchers_LOS.pdf

Letters of Commitment :

In addition to the online project mapping program treatment Geopoint and polygons, include a pdf map(s) of the project with the project application. The maps shall meet the requirements of Appendix G in the Procedural Guide.

PDF Project Map : 25-WP-BDU -79251754_InyoCommunityFuelReductionVouchers_map.pdf

The below required standard forms can be found in the forms section of the solicitation. To get to the Solicitation Link click back to the solicitation, then click on the three lines next to the application and click the solicitation link.

STD 204 Payee Data Record form : 25-WP-BDU-79251754_Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers std204 3.2021 Version.pdf

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Project Mapping Program

Project Mapping Program: Create a Geopoint and Polygon(s) via the weblink. copy and paste the link or right-click to open in a new tab:<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com> (<https://grant-access-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com>) The Online Project Mapping Component is a requirement for a complete application submission.

View Budget Worksheet : <https://portal.ecivis.com/#!/peerBudget/CA4DF9A8-7E6D-4F1F-9966-E375A138F3CA>

Average Score : 0.00

Application Goals :

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Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers

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Scope of Work :

Project Name : Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers

Project Tracking Number : 25-WP-BDU-79251754

Please use the Tracking Number that was automatically assigned by Grants Portal. The format will be 25-WP-UUU-XXXXXXX

Project Description

Please provide a comprehensive project description including the location, habitable structures, acres treated, etc. (please note there are no space limitations) : The Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers Project will provide hazardous fuels disposal support to approximately 24 high-risk communities in Inyo County over a three-year period. Inyo County spans more than 10,227 square miles and has a population of roughly 18,000. The County's size and lack of nearby disposal facilities make routine defensible space maintenance logistically difficult and financially burdensome for most residents. All populated areas throughout the County are located within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), and the majority lie within or adjacent to High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ), as designated by CAL FIRE's 2024 State Responsibility Area (SRA) and Local Responsibility Area (LRA) maps. The goal of this project is to reduce wildfire risk by enabling scalable, community-led defensible space cleanup events. It will do so through two complementary strategies: (1) providing landfill disposal vouchers to all participating communities, and (2) offering annual roll-off dumpsters to communities outside of Southern California Edison's (SCE) service area, (which are ineligible for SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grant support). This dual strategy ensures equitable access to fuels disposal across the County, regardless of utility provider. Activities will be coordinated through Firewise USA sites, Fire Safe Councils, tribal governments, federal and state agencies, and fire departments and aligned with Inyo County's quarterly free green waste days to maximize efficiency. The project anticipates removing approximately 1,728 tons of hazardous vegetation over three years. This estimate is grounded in the results of Inyo County's 2023–2025 green waste voucher pilot, which removed 148 tons across ten communities over two years, averaging 7.4 tons per community per year. With the expanded program expected to serve 24 communities, and based on growing participation, the projected tonnage reflects a realistic increase in demand. Vegetation tonnage will be verified at County-operated landfill facilities, where all green waste is weighed and recorded within the Solid Waste Office's reporting system. Monthly invoices are issued to the program administrator based on the cumulative weight of vouchers collected by landfill gate attendants. Residents receive vouchers at community wildfire education events and neighborhood cleanups, which serve as incentives to participate in defensible space and Firewise activities. Tonnage will be measured to document cumulative progress toward community hazardous fuels reduction goals. Recent community activity supports this anticipated growth. For example, the Starlite Firewise USA site removed approximately 90 tons during a single cleanup event in 2024. As Firewise USA sites and Fire Safe Councils expand and strengthen, program use is expected to increase significantly, and the voucher budget was established to meet that rising demand. To estimate acres treated, a conversion rate of five tons per acre is used, based on local CAL FIRE Unit prescribed fire data, including the Artesian Vegetation Management Program (VMP), which reflects fuel loads typical of Inyo County's residential and wildland-urban interface areas. Applying this methodology, the project is expected to treat approximately 346 acres of hazardous fuels countywide. Tribal engagement is a core priority. All five tribes in Inyo

County will be included in the program. Participation is expected to grow over time as tribal stewardship crews develop and community capacity expands. In year one, participation may be modest as systems are established, with an estimated 40 tons of hazardous vegetation removed. By year three, tribal-led defensible space work is expected to increase significantly, reaching a projected total of 200 tons over the three-year period. Using the standard five-tons-per-acre conversion, the project anticipates treating approximately 40 acres of hazardous fuels on tribal lands. Although no direct match is proposed, the project will leverage significant in-kind contributions from private landowners, tribal members, and local community groups who will complete vegetation removal and haul materials to designated disposal sites. These voluntary efforts will be tracked through community sign-in sheets, Firewise USA and Fire Safe Council reporting, and landfill weight tickets, and will be summarized in quarterly progress reports. Outreach will be conducted in collaboration with Firewise USA sites, Fire Safe Councils, tribal partners, and local partners. Eight reusable vinyl banners will be designed and rotated across participating communities to promote upcoming green waste cleanup events. These banners provide a cost-effective and sustainable alternative to printed mailers and will be paired with flyers, digital notifications, and volunteer-led outreach to ensure broad community awareness and participation. This project addresses one of the most persistent barriers to defensible space compliance: the cost and logistics of disposing of hazardous vegetation. In 2023, Inyo County launched a pilot voucher program with funding from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC). This pilot removed 148 tons of hazardous vegetation through 181 redemptions. Under the CAL FIRE County Coordinator Program, and with critical support from the SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grants, local capacity and motivation surged. New Firewise USA communities formed, and existing Fire Safe Councils became more active and organized. With this strong local network and funding foundation in place, Inyo County's Wildfire Coordinator scaled the voucher pilot by expanding outreach and distribution. Participation surged. Residents responded at scale, demonstrating that the voucher program is a vital piece of a broader wildfire preparedness system. Sustaining it is essential to keeping communities engaged and ensuring the overall strategy succeeds. The pilot also proved invaluable in response to a spring 2025 windstorm in the 40 Acres community, where vouchers and dumpsters enabled rapid removal of downed trees and branches. This event demonstrated the pilot's broader value as a flexible resource for both proactive fuel reduction and post-disaster vegetation management. This CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention grant will expand equitable access to hazardous fuels disposal services through a scalable, community-driven model. The project involves no ground-disturbing activities and solely funds landfill fees and dumpster rentals for vegetation already removed by landowners on private land. As a green waste disposal grant, CEQA should not be required; however, if it does apply, the County will serve as the lead agency and file the Notice of Exemption prior to implementation. Similarly, for residences in Federal Responsibility Area, NEPA should not be required for this green waste disposal project. The project aligns directly with CAL FIRE priorities by targeting hazardous fuels reduction, serving wildfire-threatened communities within or near High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ), and protecting critical infrastructure by reducing vegetative fuels around homes, roads, and emergency routes. The 2024 Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) identifies green waste disposal as a top priority across nearly all communities (pp. 481, 487). Limited access to affordable disposal options was repeatedly cited as a key barrier to defensible space maintenance. This project addresses that need through a coordinated model that complements existing Fire Management Plans, Firewise Risk Assessments, and regional wildfire resilience strategies developed through the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA). By preventing open pile burning and enabling year-round fuels disposal access, the project supports statewide climate goals and reduces wildfire emissions. CAL FIRE will receive quarterly data on tons removed, estimated parcels served, and acres treated, with a final evaluation summarizing community engagement and project outcomes. This initiative builds on a successful pilot program, responds to urgent community demand, and offers a cost-effective, replicable model for increasing defensible space and reducing wildfire risk in one of California's most remote, low-income, and underserved counties.

Section I :

Primary Activity Type : Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

1. Describe the geographic scope of the project, including an estimate of the number of habitable structures and the names of the general communities that will benefit.

: Inyo County, isolated from most of the state by the Sierra Nevada Mountains, is one of the most remote and sparsely populated counties in California. The County spans over 10,227 square miles with a population of roughly 18,000. The area is characterized by its extreme terrain, high winds, increasingly flammable fuel types, and a volunteer-dependent wildfire mitigation system. The Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers Project will serve all residents in Inyo County, encompassing approximately 24 rural and tribal communities: Independence, Lone Pine, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Fort Independence, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Big Pine, Olancha/Cartago, Darwin, Keeler, Charleston View, Seven Pines, Birch Creek/Three Creeks, Alabama Hills, Wilkerson, Bishop, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Starlite, Aspendell/South Fork, Mustang Mesa, 40 Acres, Rovana, Tecopa/Shoshone, and Rudolph Road. These communities represent the general concentration of inhabited areas in the County. The program will offer landfill vouchers countywide and targeted dumpster support to 12 underserved communities that fall outside the Southern California Edison (SCE) service area as they lack access to the SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grant funds. These communities are: Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Independence, Seven Pines, Fort Independence, Lone Pine, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Alabama Hills, Birch Creek / Three Creeks, Olancha / Cartago, Darwin, Charleston View, and Keeler. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Inyo County contains approximately 9,500 housing units, with an 83% occupancy rate, resulting in roughly 7,885 occupied and habitable structures. Because all of these structures are located within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and within or near state-identified High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, the entire housing stock is considered at risk and eligible under this program.

2. Describe the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the project. : The goal of this project is to reduce wildfire risk across Inyo County by enabling regular, community-driven defensible space maintenance. This will be achieved by offering two forms of support: 1. Green Waste Landfill Vouchers: Available to all communities to subsidize the cost of hazardous vegetation disposal. 2. Annual Roll-Off Dumpsters: Offered to communities outside of Southern California Edison's (SCE) service area to host community cleanup events, where SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grant support is not available. This dual approach ensures that residents in both SCE-served and underserved areas have access to safe, affordable fuels disposal options. Cleanup events will be locally coordinated through Fire Safe Councils, Firewise USA sites, tribal governments, and fire departments. The project will also align with Inyo County's quarterly free green waste days to maximize efficiency and cost savings. Objective 1: Launch the program with simple tools and outreach The County will design and publish scheduling and request forms on the Ready Inyo/Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance websites to help communities organize events and request vouchers or dumpsters. Eight reusable vinyl banners will be designed, printed, and rotated across communities to promote upcoming cleanups. Flyers and outreach templates will also be created for community use. Outcome 1: Communities will have clear and accessible tools to organize cleanup events and request resources. Objective 2: Distribute vouchers and provide dumpster support Each community will have access to up to \$1,800 in landfill disposal vouchers over the three-year grant period. Vouchers can be used for green waste at any Inyo County landfill. In addition, the twelve communities that are not eligible for Southern California Edison's community-directed grant funding will each receive up to \$1,500 per year to support one annual cleanup event using dumpsters. Outcome 2: All 24 communities will be able to participate using vouchers, and 12 underserved communities will receive direct dumpster support for annual cleanup events. Objective 3: Track participation and collect feedback County Public Works will provide the coordinator with weight ticket data for all voucher and dumpster redemptions. In addition, web-based reporting tools will be used to collect event-level information from community organizers. These tools will gather details such as before and after pictures, the number of participants, types of materials removed, event successes, challenges encountered, and general feedback. Outcome 3: The County will maintain accurate records of material removed and gain insight into the effectiveness of the events, helping improve the program over time. Objective 4: Report results and close out the project The County will submit quarterly progress reports to CAL FIRE and share progress at quarterly Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance convenings

and Fire Safe Council/Firewise USA regional coordination meetings. Annual reports will summarize participation, outcomes, and key findings. A final report will be submitted at the end of the grant term to document total project impact and offer recommendations for future implementation. Outcome 4: CAL FIRE and project partners will receive regular, clear documentation of program outcomes and lessons learned. Quantifiable Deliverables: 24 communities served 1728 tons of hazardous vegetation removed (estimated) 346 acres of defensible space treated (estimated) 8 reusable banners created 12 quarterly progress reports submitted 3 annual reports produced 32 office hour sessions held 1 final report submitted

3. Provide a clear rationale for how the proposed project will reduce the risks associated with wildfire to habitable structures. : The primary way this project reduces wildfire risk to habitable structures is by enabling residents across Inyo County to create and maintain defensible space around their homes. Proper disposal of hazardous vegetation is a core requirement of California Public Resources Code 4291 and a proven method for reducing structure loss during wildfires. In Inyo County, most homes are located within the Wildland-Urban Interface and are surrounded by native vegetation that can carry fire directly to structures. However, due to the county's large size, rural layout, and lack of affordable green waste infrastructure, many residents are unable to comply with defensible space requirements. This is particularly true in lower-income areas and small communities with no curbside green waste pickup, limited public works staffing, or seasonal evacuation constraints. By covering the costs of landfill fees and dumpster access, this program removes one of the most significant barriers to vegetation removal. In doing so, it supports routine clearance of grasses, shrubs, and small trees around structures, along driveways, and along neighborhood access routes. These actions reduce the risk of ignition, slow fire spread, and improve safety for firefighters and residents during a wildfire event. The program also aligns with CAL FIRE's inspection timelines, enabling communities to prepare in advance and avoid costly citations or late-season pile burning. The combination of financial support, early planning, and community coordination results in more consistent, proactive defensible space compliance, directly reducing wildfire exposure for thousands of homes.

4. Identify any additional assets at risk from wildfire that will benefit from the proposed project. These may include, but are not limited to, domestic and municipal water supplies, power lines, communication facilities and community centers. : Power Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure Southern California Edison (SCE) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) operate extensive transmission and distribution lines throughout Inyo County. These above-ground systems run through or near nearly every populated community in the county. Vegetation buildup near these lines increases the likelihood of wildfires and the need for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) during high fire risk periods. Supporting defensible space and fuels reduction in the areas surrounding this infrastructure reduces unplanned outages and improves public safety for both Inyo County residents and utility personnel. Water Supply Infrastructure and Watershed Protection Inyo County's communities rely on a patchwork of small water systems, including over 30 in the Bishop area alone, as well as tribal, mutual, and domestic water supplies. Some of these systems include the Big Pine Community Services District, Aspendell Mutual Water Company, and Cartago Mutual Water Company, many of which have above-ground distribution infrastructure located within vegetated areas. Fuel reduction near homes and roads helps prevent fire damage to these systems and maintains access during emergencies. Importantly, reducing wildfire risk within these communities also helps protect the broader Owens Valley watershed, which supplies water to over 4 million people in the greater Los Angeles region through LADWP's aqueduct system. Protecting this upstream landscape supports the resilience of downstream communities that rely on the Eastern Sierra for water security. Community Facilities and Emergency Services The project will also protect community-serving infrastructure such as tribal buildings, fire stations, and community centers that double as gathering points during emergencies. Many of these are located directly adjacent to residential parcels and will benefit from neighborhood-wide fuels disposal and defensible space improvements.

5. How will the project/activity utilize the left over woody biomass? Will the project/activity use a biomass facility to reduce greater greenhouse gas emissions? : This project supports the proper disposal of woody biomass through landfill green waste programs operated by Inyo County. All material removed as part of the

program is generated by private landowners and community members and is transported by them directly to County-managed landfills or transfer stations. These facilities accept green waste separately and chip or mulch the material for on-site management. In some locations, green waste is stockpiled or periodically ground and used as cover or compost, reducing the amount of open pile burning and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. At this time, there is no operational biomass facility in Inyo County capable of processing large volumes of woody material. However, regional partners are actively exploring community-scale biomass utilization opportunities through a separate biomass planning initiative. Should a viable facility come online during the project period, the County will coordinate with local waste haulers and transfer stations to explore opportunities for redirection of green waste to biomass use. In the interim, this project supports climate goals by providing alternatives to pile burning, encouraging year-round vegetation removal, and keeping woody fuels out of wildland areas where they could otherwise contribute to wildfire intensity and emissions.

6. Does the project include grazing as a component of the hazardous fuels reduction project? : No

9. Does the project include maintenance as a component of the hazardous fuel's reduction project? : No

10. If applying for Prop 4 funding, is your project leverage private, federal, and local funding or produce the greatest public benefit? : Yes

If yes, please describe how the project leverages private, federal, and local funding or produces the greatest public benefit. : This project intends to utilize CCI funding. However, while this project does not include a formal cost-share, it leverages significant in-kind labor from private landowners, tribal members, and community groups who will conduct vegetation removal and transport materials to disposal sites. These voluntary efforts expand the project's impact without requiring additional public funds. The project also builds upon previous and concurrent investments by local, federal, and private partners: -State funding through the CAL FIRE County Coordinator grant is supporting the development of shared tools, outreach resources, and the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance website, all of which will be used to administer this program. -Federal funding was requested through the Community Wildfire Defense Grant to embed long-term green waste hauling and disposal into the County Public Works departments in Inyo and Mono Counties. Additionally, local US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management crews assist communities with chipping services when available. These resources will continue to be utilized and coordinated into community cleanup events. -Private utility support from Southern California Edison has the ability to currently fund hazardous fuels cleanup throughout the SCE service-area across Inyo and Mono Counties through the SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grants. This project complements those efforts by focusing dumpster support on the underserved areas outside the utility's footprint. Because it removes a critical barrier to defensible space and reduces community-wide wildfire risk across 24 high-risk communities, this program delivers broad public benefit for a relatively low cost. It protects homes, public infrastructure, and vital water and power systems that serve local and downstream communities, making it a high-impact investment in public safety and climate resilience.

Section II :

Degree of Risk

1. Discuss the location of the project in relation to areas of moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zone as identified by the latest Fire and Resource Assessment Program maps. : The project will provide hazardous fuels disposal support to 24 wildfire-prone communities across Inyo County through a voucher- and dumpster-based green waste program. While 346 acres of treatment are expected over the three-year grant period, this total reflects the cumulative volume of vegetation removed, not the physical footprint. In practice, the project footprint consists of consistent community zones that will be treated annually to maintain defensible space and mitigate regrowth of flammable vegetation. Based on CAL FIRE's most recent 2024 State Responsibility Area (SRA) and 2025 Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps developed through the Fire and

Resource Assessment Program (FRAP), the targeted communities fall within the following zones: - 7 acres in Very High FHSZ (SRA) - 194 acres in High FHSZ (SRA) - 135 acres in Moderate FHSZ (SRA) - 10 acres in High FHSZ (LRA) Much of the project occurs within High or Very High hazard zones, with treatments concentrated in rural wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas where persistent vegetation, steep topography, and limited evacuation routes significantly increase wildfire risk. Eleven of the targeted communities are active participants in the Firewise USA® program or local Fire Safe Councils, reinforcing local capacity and long-term vegetation management efforts. This project directly supports CAL FIRE's wildfire prevention priorities by enabling repeated fuels treatment in mapped hazard areas and strengthening defensible space across some of Inyo County's most vulnerable communities.

2. Describe the geographic proximity of the project to structures at risk to damage from wildfire in the WUI.

: This project serves 24 communities across Inyo County, all of which are located within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Most homes in these areas are directly adjacent to native vegetation and lack sufficient defensible space. Structures are often located near brush-covered slopes, riparian corridors, or desert fuels, and many are exposed to high winds that can accelerate wildfire spread. The 2024 Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan defines the WUI using a five-mile radius buffer around each populated area in the county. All participating communities fall within these defined WUI zones, where homes are at risk due to their proximity to flammable vegetation and limited access to green waste disposal. This project supports vegetation removal in exactly these areas, helping residents clear defensible space and reduce wildfire risk to their homes and neighborhoods.

Section III :

Community Support

1. Does the project include any matching funds from other funding sources or any in-kind contributions that are expected to extend the impact of the proposed project? : While this project does not include formal matching funds, it leverages significant in-kind contributions from private landowners, tribal members, and community volunteers through Fire Safe Councils and Firewise USA Communities. These participants are responsible for completing vegetation removal on their properties and hauling materials to County-designated disposal sites using their own equipment and labor. The project also builds on related investments from other funding sources. Outreach tools and coordination infrastructure, such as the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance website and regional communications materials, are funded through Inyo County's existing CAL FIRE County Coordinator grant. In addition, home assessment services that help residents identify priority vegetation removal actions are supported by Mono County's County Coordinator grant. Additionally, in communities served by Southern California Edison, local Fire Safe Councils are implementing cleanup events through Community-Directed Grants administered by the Whitebark Institute. This CAL FIRE-funded voucher and dumpster program complements those efforts by expanding capacity and ensuring coverage for underserved areas outside the SCE service territory. Together, these contributions expand the reach and effectiveness of the program, allowing CAL FIRE Prevention grant funds to be focused entirely on direct fuels disposal support while other components of implementation are covered through complementary resources.

2. Describe plans for external communications during the life of the project to keep the effected community informed about the goals, objectives and progress of the project. Activities such as planned press releases, project signage, community meetings, and field tours are encouraged. : The County will use a variety of outreach tools to keep the public and community partners informed about the program. At launch, the County will post program details, including how to request vouchers and schedule events, on the Ready Inyo website. A virtual orientation session will be held to walk Fire Safe Councils, Firewise USA sites, and tribal partners through the tools and workflow. A press release will be issued through Ready Inyo to announce the program and encourage participation across the county. Later in the grant period, all program materials will be migrated to the new Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance website, which is being developed under a separate CAL FIRE County Coordinator grant. To support local outreach, the County will provide eight reusable vinyl banners that communities can use during

events. Flyer templates will also be created through the County Coordinator grant and made available to communities to customize and distribute through bulletin boards, social media, and email lists. Vouchers will be distributed based on scheduled community cleanup events and community demand. Vouchers will also be integrated into the SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grant program and provided to communities receiving those awards to support their defensible space efforts. The County will host monthly virtual office hours to support local leaders, gather updates, and help plan cleanup activities. These sessions will also be used to collect feedback and improve the program over time. The County will provide quarterly progress reports to CAL FIRE and share annual updates during Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance meetings and local Fire Safe Council gatherings. These updates will summarize participation data, key outcomes, and lessons learned.

3. Describe any plans to maintain the project after the grant period has ended. : This project is designed to support a long-term, sustainable model for defensible space fuels disposal in Inyo County. In spring 2025, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) submitted a proposal to the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) to embed green waste hauling and disposal into the Inyo and Mono County Public Works departments. If awarded, this would allow green waste support to become a regular government function, reducing reliance on short-term grant cycles. At the same time, the region is working to strengthen wildfire resilience through the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance (ESWA). This effort is being led collaboratively by the Whitebark Institute, Inyo and Mono County Coordinators, and other partners with support from the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity (RFFC) Program and CAL FIRE County Coordinator Program. Together, they are building the tools, partnerships, and shared infrastructure needed to support coordinated wildfire mitigation across jurisdictions. Specific tools like outreach resources, reporting tools, and the ESWA website are being developed under the CAL FIRE County Coordinator grant for this project and will remain in use after this project ends to support ongoing fuels disposal coordination. These combined efforts will help ensure that green waste support becomes a reliable, regionally coordinated service, integrated into public operations and sustained beyond the life of this grant.

4. Does the proposed project work with other organizations or agencies to address fire hazard reduction at the landscape level? : Yes, this project is directly aligned with landscape-scale fuel reduction efforts being led by agency partners across Inyo County. Major fuel treatments are currently underway or planned on U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and tribal lands surrounding many of the county's most at-risk communities. These include fuel breaks in the Bishop Creek watershed, prescribed burns near Lone Pine on both USFS and BLM lands, and the 1400 acre Artesian Vegetation Management Program (VMP) broadcast burn adjacent to Independence and Fort Independence. In addition, riparian areas, which are the primary carriers of fire in Inyo County and act as wicks that connect communities to the adjacent wildland due to continuous vegetation and alignment with prevailing winds, are being prioritized for treatment through the Governor's Emergency Proclamation Environmental Protection Plan approval process, coordinated by the Eastside Riparian Working Group. This program enhances those large-scale efforts by supporting community participation in defensible space cleanup, particularly through organized events. Notably, the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the Bishop Paiute Tribe are actively building stewardship crews to support wildfire resilience work. The voucher and dumpster support provided by this project will directly aid those crews as they assist tribal members and assignment-holders in creating and maintaining defensible space around homes. The expansion of Firewise USA sites and Fire Safe Councils in the region is also increasing resident engagement. Having tools like these vouchers available strengthens local capacity and makes mitigation more accessible and coordinated.

Section IV :

Project Implementation

1. Discuss the anticipated timeline for the project. Make sure to take seasonal restrictions into account. :

This project will be implemented over a 36-month period, assuming awards begin January 2026. Activities will be paced to match community cleanup patterns, vegetation growth cycles, storm events, and defensible space inspection schedules. Months 1–3 (likely January–March): The project will begin with administrative setup and outreach. Program guidance materials, FAQs, and request forms will be posted to the Ready Inyo website. This phase includes developing the voucher and event scheduling and reporting forms (likely through platforms like Airtable or Survey123), finalizing operational procedures, and preparing tracking guidelines. An orientation session will be offered to Fire Safe Councils, Firewise USA sites, and tribal partners to walk through the event planning process and how to utilize the voucher program tools. Press materials will be distributed via Ready Inyo. Two reusable banners will be created and made available to communities for event visibility. Months 4–6 (likely April–June): Voucher and dumpster support will begin in alignment with Inyo County’s quarterly green waste days, SCE/Whitebark Institute Community-Directed Grant implementation, and CAL FIRE defensible space inspections. Communities that hold early spring cleanup events (such as Independence) will be prioritized. The County will begin hosting monthly office hours for community partners and coordinating voucher requests. Vouchers will be distributed based on community event schedules and demand. Months 7–36 (likely July 2026–December 2028): Full program implementation continues. Cleanup events are expected to cluster in the spring (March–June) and fall (September–November), which align with the time of year when vegetation grows quickly in spring and summer, then dries out and becomes flammable in the fall. The County will maintain an active support role, managing voucher requests, coordinating banner distribution, and assisting with social media if requested. A regularly updated calendar of events will be maintained through ESWA infrastructure, allowing agency partners to align resources. Participating communities will be encouraged to schedule their cleanup events in advance of CAL FIRE’s annual defensible space inspections to help residents meet defensible space standards. Voucher use and cleanup event performance will be reported using a web-based form, and landfill weight tickets will be provided directly to the County by Public Works. These inputs will support the County’s quarterly progress reports and annual summary reports to CAL FIRE. The project will conclude with a final report and closeout documentation, including a summary of tonnage removed, number of communities served, and lessons learned.

2. Verify the expected timeframes to complete the project will fall under the required completion dates depending on the source of the funds awarded. :

Yes. The project is designed to be completed within the required three-year performance period. All activities, including program design, outreach, voucher and dumpster deployment, data tracking, reporting, and closeout will be implemented and completed within 36 months of grant award execution. The project does not involve any seasonal construction or permitting delays and is fully scalable and deployable once funds are received.

3. Using bullets, list the milestones that will be used to measure the progress of the project. :

- Project launch and program materials posted to Ready Inyo website (Month 1–2)
- Orientation session held with Firewise USA sites, Fire Safe Councils, and tribal partners (Month 2–3)
- Voucher and dumpster request form launched and made available to communities (Month 2–3)
- First wave of community cleanup events and voucher redemptions begins (Month 4–6)
- Monthly office hours initiated for community partners (Month 4 and ongoing)
- Quarterly reporting to CAL FIRE begins (Month 4 and ongoing)
- Annual summary reports completed (End of Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3)
- Final project report and closeout submitted (February 2029)

4. Using bullets, list the measurable outcomes (i.e. project deliverables) that will be used to measure the project’s success. :

- Support provided to 24 communities across Inyo County
- An estimated 1728 tons of hazardous vegetation removed
- An estimated 346 acres of defensible space treated
- 8 reusable banners created and shared across communities
- Program tools and request forms published on Ready Inyo website
- 32 Monthly office hours hosted for community leads starting month 4
- 12 quarterly progress reports submitted
- 3 annual summary reports completed
- 1 final closeout report submitted

5. If applicable, how will the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) be met? : As a green waste disposal grant, CEQA should not be required; however, if it does apply, the County will serve as the lead agency and file the Notice of Exemption prior to implementation. Similarly, for residences in Federal Responsibility Area, NEPA should not be required for this green waste disposal project. If an NOE is needed, this project qualifies for a statutory exemption under Public Resources Code §21080.38, as established by SB 131, which exempts certain defensible space and vegetation management activities from CEQA review. The project does not involve any vegetation removal, ground disturbance, herbicide use, or activity within sensitive habitat. It solely funds landfill fees and dumpster rentals for vegetation already removed by property owners conducting defensible space work.

6. List any existing forest or land management plans; Conservation Easements; Covenant, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R's); matters related to zoning; use restrictions, or other factors that can or will limit the wildfire prevention proposed activity? : Not applicable.

Section V :

Administration

1. Describe any previous experience the project proponent has with similar projects. Include a list of recent past projects the proponent has successfully completed if applicable. Project applicant or manager having no previous experience with similar projects should discuss any past experiences that may help show a capacity to successfully complete the project being proposed. This may include partnering with a more experienced organization that can provide project support. : The County Coordinator has successfully led or managed a range of wildfire mitigation and outreach grants over the past three years. These projects demonstrate the County's capacity to administer state and federal grants, coordinate across jurisdictions, and implement practical, community-centered solutions such as the proposed green waste voucher program. - CalOES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (\$150,000) – Led the update of the Inyo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), coordinating multiple partners and managing all contract, grant, and reporting responsibilities. - CalOES / California Fire Safe Council Outreach Grant (\$3,000 plus outreach kit) – Administered and implemented Firewise USA outreach and education across Inyo County. This grant funded a pilot green waste voucher program, which laid the groundwork for this proposal and proved highly effective in supporting defensible space work. - California Fire Safe Council Capacity Grant (\$20,000) – Worked closely with Fire Safe Councils to support community cleanups, dumpster access, and local leadership development. The program increased community participation and supported Firewise site formation. - 2022 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant (\$214,000) – Managed a countywide coordination effort that supported Fire Safe Council development, public outreach, and regional strategy alignment. Oversaw all administrative and reporting requirements. - 2025 CAL FIRE County Coordinator Grant (\$151,500) – Currently co-leading implementation with the Mono County Coordinator, focusing on multi-county coordination, CWPP implementation, and regional infrastructure including shared tools and reporting systems. - Eastern Sierra Pace and Scale Accelerator Grant (\$3,384,269) – Supporting the management of environmental planning and grant administration for the Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Project (ESCCRP), including interagency collaboration and tracking deliverables for NEPA and CEQA readiness. Through these projects, the County Coordinator has built trusted relationships with local, tribal, state, and federal partners and has a proven track record of managing funds responsibly and delivering measurable wildfire mitigation outcomes

2. Identify who will be responsible for tracking project expenses and maintaining project records in a manner that allows for a full audit trail of any awarded grant funds. : The Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator will be responsible for tracking project expenses and maintaining complete project records in accordance with local, state, and federal audit requirements. All grant funds will be managed through the County's financial management system, which ensures accurate tracking of expenditures, receipts, and reimbursements. The County's fiscal staff will maintain supporting documentation for all transactions, including invoices, receipts, landfill weight tickets, and

timekeeping logs for grant-funded personnel. The County Coordinator will work closely with fiscal staff to ensure timely reporting, proper documentation, and alignment of program activities with approved budget categories. This structure provides a clear audit trail and accountability throughout the life of the grant.

Section VI :

Budget

A detailed project budget should be provided in the online budget included in this solicitation. The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain the proposed budget.

1. Explain how the grant funds, if awarded, will be spent to support the goals and objectives of the project. If equipment grant funds are requested, explain how the equipment will be utilized and maintained beyond the life of the grant. : The total grant request is \$119,005.60, of which \$106,255 will support direct project costs and \$12,750.60 will cover indirect costs (at the 15% de minimis rate). Most of the budget is dedicated to direct community benefits through green waste disposal vouchers and dumpster rentals. The remaining funds support outreach, administration, and allowable overhead. Landfill Vouchers – \$43,200 Each of the 24 participating communities will receive \$1,800 in landfill green waste vouchers over the three-year term. These vouchers cover disposal fees for hazardous vegetation at Inyo County landfills and support year-round defensible space maintenance. Dumpster Support – \$54,000 Twelve rural communities not eligible for Southern California Edison's Community-Directed Grants will receive \$1,500 per year to host one annual cleanup event with roll-off dumpsters. These funds cover dumpster rental fees to remove large volumes of vegetative debris. Outreach Materials – \$1,600 Eight reusable vinyl banners will be produced at a cost of \$200 each. These will be rotated among communities to promote scheduled cleanup events and reduce the need for disposable printed outreach. Administrative Support – \$7455 Approximately 105 hours of staff time at \$71/ hr (salary + benefits) will be used over the three-year grant term to: - Prepare 12 quarterly progress reports - Produce 3 annual reports and 1 final closeout report - Host monthly office hours for community coordination (32 sessions total) - Track voucher use and dumpster requests across 24 participating communities - Review and summarize community-submitted event data and feedback - Process all program-related invoices and maintain complete project records - Design banner templates and manage the rotation of 8 banners across communities in coordination with events Indirect Costs – \$12,750.60 The project will utilize an indirect cost rate of 12% in accordance with the CAL FIRE grant guidelines and in alignment with grantor request to not exceed this amount. These funds will support general administrative functions such as accounting, office operations, and other indirect services necessary to implement the project but not directly attributable to any one activity.

2. Are the costs for each proposed activity reasonable for the geographic area where they are to be performed? Identify any costs that are higher than usual and explain any special circumstances within the project that makes these increased costs necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the project. : Yes. The cost of outreach banners is slightly higher than typical due to the rural and isolated nature of Inyo County. Locally, 8x4 vinyl banners cost approximately \$200 each, which exceeds online pricing (e.g., VistaPrint offers similar banners for under \$80). However, using a local vendor supports the regional economy and avoids additional shipping costs and delays. Given the small number of banners being produced (eight total), the overall cost impact is minimal and justified by the desire to support local businesses and ensure timely delivery.

3. Is the total project cost appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the project? : Yes. The project's direct cost of \$106,255 is appropriate for the size, scope, and anticipated benefit of the program. This project will serve 24 communities over three years and is designed to enable scalable, community-led hazardous vegetation removal through landfill vouchers and dumpsters. Inyo County's 2023–2025 pilot program removed 148 tons of green waste across 10 communities with an estimated investment of \$10,000. That pilot confirmed that small, flexible investments can unlock substantial community participation and defensible space action. The current proposal builds on that success and is designed to serve more than twice the number of communities over a longer

timeframe with a tenfold increase in total funding. Participation has grown dramatically since the pilot. For example, the Starlite Firewise community alone produced approximately 90 tons during a single cleanup event in 2024. That single event accounted for more than 60% of the total tonnage achieved in the entire pilot phase. This kind of growth in participation, especially among newly activated Firewise USA sites and Fire Safe Councils, demonstrates both the need for sustained support and the capacity of communities to scale their efforts when provided with simple tools and disposal assistance. The project anticipates removing up to 1,728 tons of hazardous vegetation over the grant period through voucher redemptions alone, which would result in approximately 346 acres treated (at 5 tons per acre). These numbers reflect real capacity based on the \$25/ton landfill disposal rate and the total voucher budget of \$43,200. Because the model relies on community-driven participation and is grounded in actual redemption data, the cost structure is both realistic and highly efficient. Additional support for dumpsters will further increase community participation in areas without access to utility-funded cleanup support. This project reflects a data-informed, community-centered investment that leverages past performance, current growth trends, and a tested implementation model to deliver outsized benefits across a large and high-risk rural county.

4. Using bullets please list each object category amount that you are requesting and the detail of how that would support meeting the grant objectives. : Salaries/Wages: \$4,725 Supports limited administrative time by the Inyo County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator over three years (approximately 105 hours at \$45/hour). Tasks include: preparing 12 quarterly reports, 3 annual summaries, and a final closeout report; hosting monthly office hours for partners; maintaining web-based scheduling and tracking tools; designing and managing banner rotation; processing invoices and project records. Employee Benefits: \$2,730 Inyo County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator benefits (approximately 105 hours at \$26/hour). Benefits include: health insurance, retirement contributions, paid time off, and other standard employment benefits provided by the County. Contractual: \$0 No contractual services are included. Travel: \$0 No travel funding is requested. Supplies: \$1,600 Covers the production of eight 8x4 vinyl outreach banners at \$200 each. Banners will be reused across communities to promote local green waste cleanup events and increase visibility of the voucher program. Equipment: \$0 No equipment purchases are proposed. Other: \$97,200 - Landfill Vouchers: \$43,200 Each of the 24 communities will be allocated \$1,800 over the project term to support residential disposal of hazardous vegetation. Based on a \$25/ton landfill fee, this could support up to 1,728 tons of green waste removed — or approximately 346 acres, a conversion rate of five tons per acre is used, based on local CAL FIRE Unit prescribed fire data, including the Artesian Vegetation Management Program (VMP), which reflects fuel loads typical of Inyo County's residential and wildland-urban interface areas. - Dumpster Deployments: \$54,000 Twelve communities not served by Southern California Edison will receive support for one cleanup event per year for three years. Each event will be funded at \$1,500, covering roll-off rentals. Indirect Costs – \$12,750.60 The project will utilize an indirect cost rate of 12% in accordance with the CAL FIRE grant guidelines and in alignment with grantor request to not exceed this amount. These funds will support general administrative functions such as accounting, office operations, and other indirect services necessary to implement the project but not directly attributable to any one activity. Costs and tasks associated with CEQA and NEPA compliance will be covered by Inyo County staff and existing County funds.

5. Does your project include the purchase of capital equipment (more than \$5,000 per item)? : No

Section VII :

California Climate Investments

The space provided here is to allow for a narrative description to further explain how the project/activity will reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

1. How will the project/activity reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions? : This project supports early defensible space maintenance, which reduces the intensity and spread of wildfires and the greenhouse gas emissions they produce. By encouraging regular, community-led cleanup events, the program promotes efficient, collective hauling

of green waste, reducing the need for individual trips to the landfill and cutting down on transportation-related emissions. Additionally, while some residents may otherwise burn vegetation, this program provides an accessible alternative that helps lower smoke and pollution from pile burning.

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Budget Report

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Program: FY 2025-2026 Wildfire Prevention Grants

Project Name/Title: Inyo Community Fuel Reduction Vouchers

Org Name: County of Inyo

Stage: Pre-Award

Report Date: 12/18/2025

Requested By: Kristen Pfeiler

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Budget Items

Category	Title	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Extended Cost	Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	GL Account	Cost Share	Type
Salaries & Wages										
	Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator Salary	cost per hour	105	\$45.00	\$4,725.00	\$4,725.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Salaries & Wages Total			105	\$45.00	\$4,725.00	\$4,725.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Employee Benefits										
	Inyo County Wildfire Coordinator Benefits	cost per hour	105	\$26.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Employee Benefits Total			105	\$26.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Contractual										
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Contractual Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Travel & Per Diem										
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Travel & Per Diem Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Supplies										
	8x4 Vinyl Banners	unit cost	8	\$200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Supplies Total			8	\$200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Equipment										
			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Equipment Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Other Costs										
	Landfill fees	Vouchers based on \$25 per ton	1728	\$25.00	\$43,200.00	\$43,200.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
	Dumpster rental fees	Cost for dumpsters per community cleanup event	36	\$1,500.00	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Direct Cost
Other Costs Total			1764	\$1,525.00	\$97,200.00	\$97,200.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Indirect Cost										
	Indirect	12%		\$12,750.60	\$12,750.60	\$12,750.60				
Indirect Cost Total			0	\$12,750.60	\$12,750.60	\$12,750.60	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Other										
Other										
Other Total			0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
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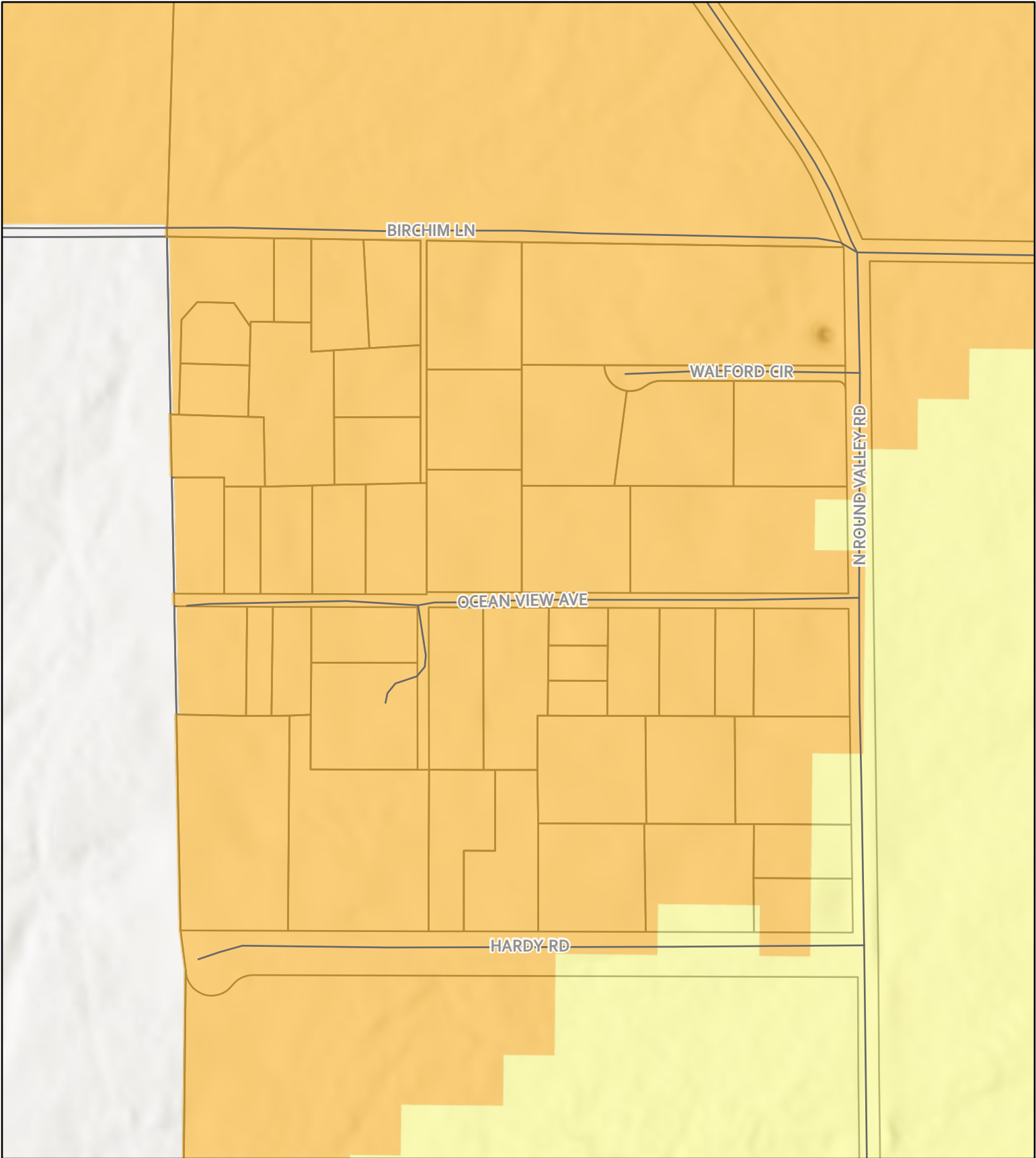
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Road Type

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- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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- High
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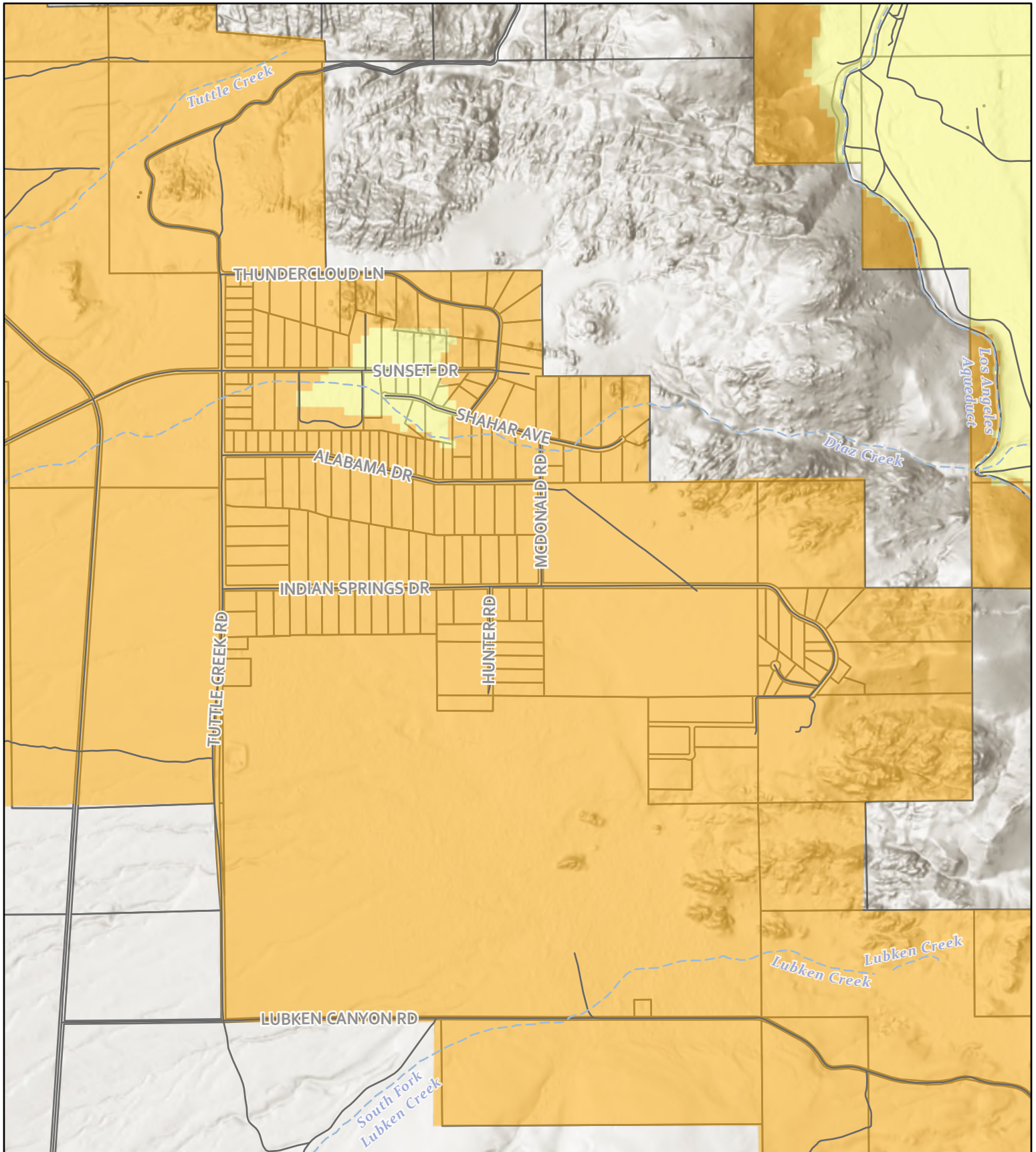
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Alabama Hills



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- - - Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

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- High
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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

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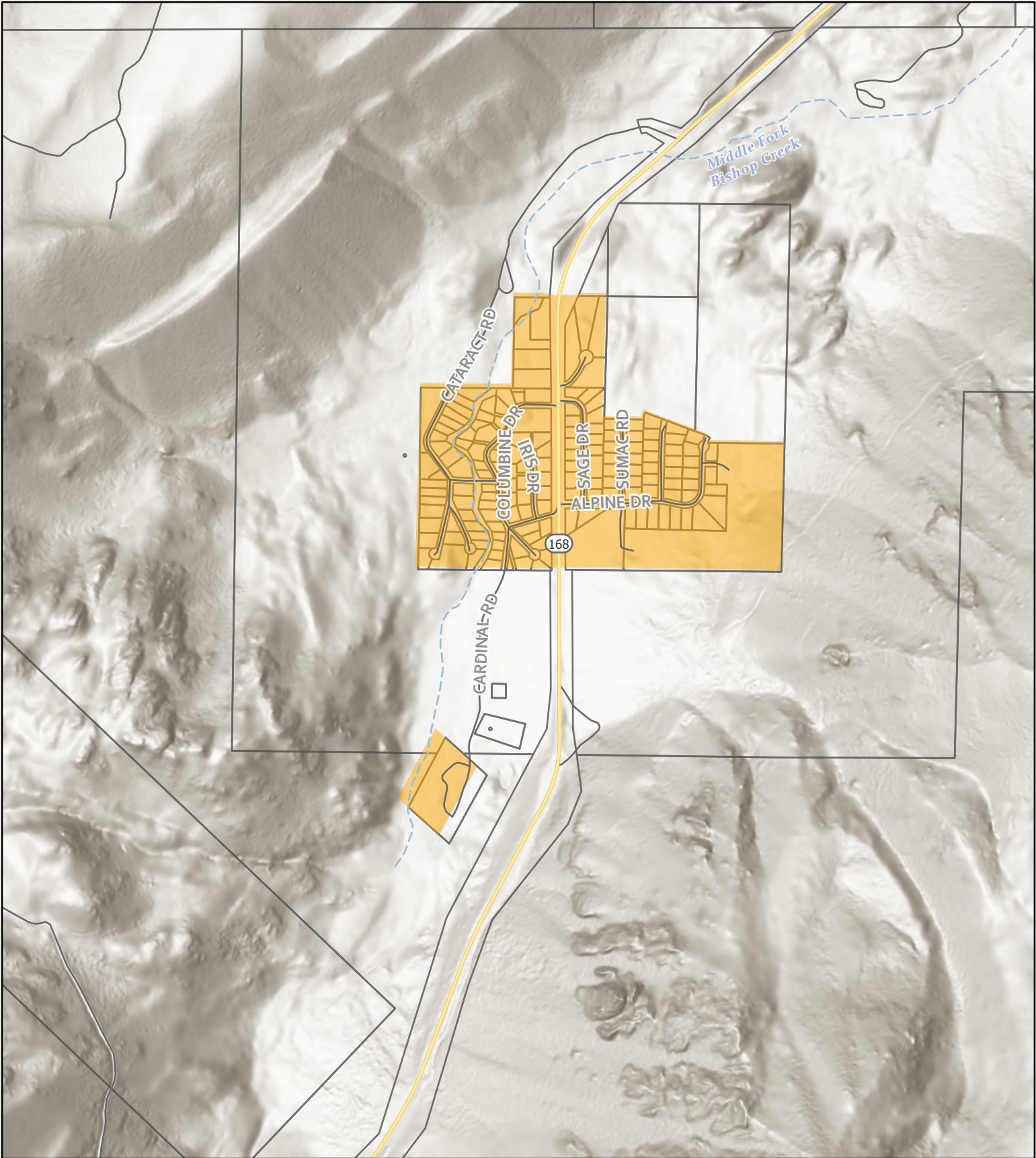
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Road Type

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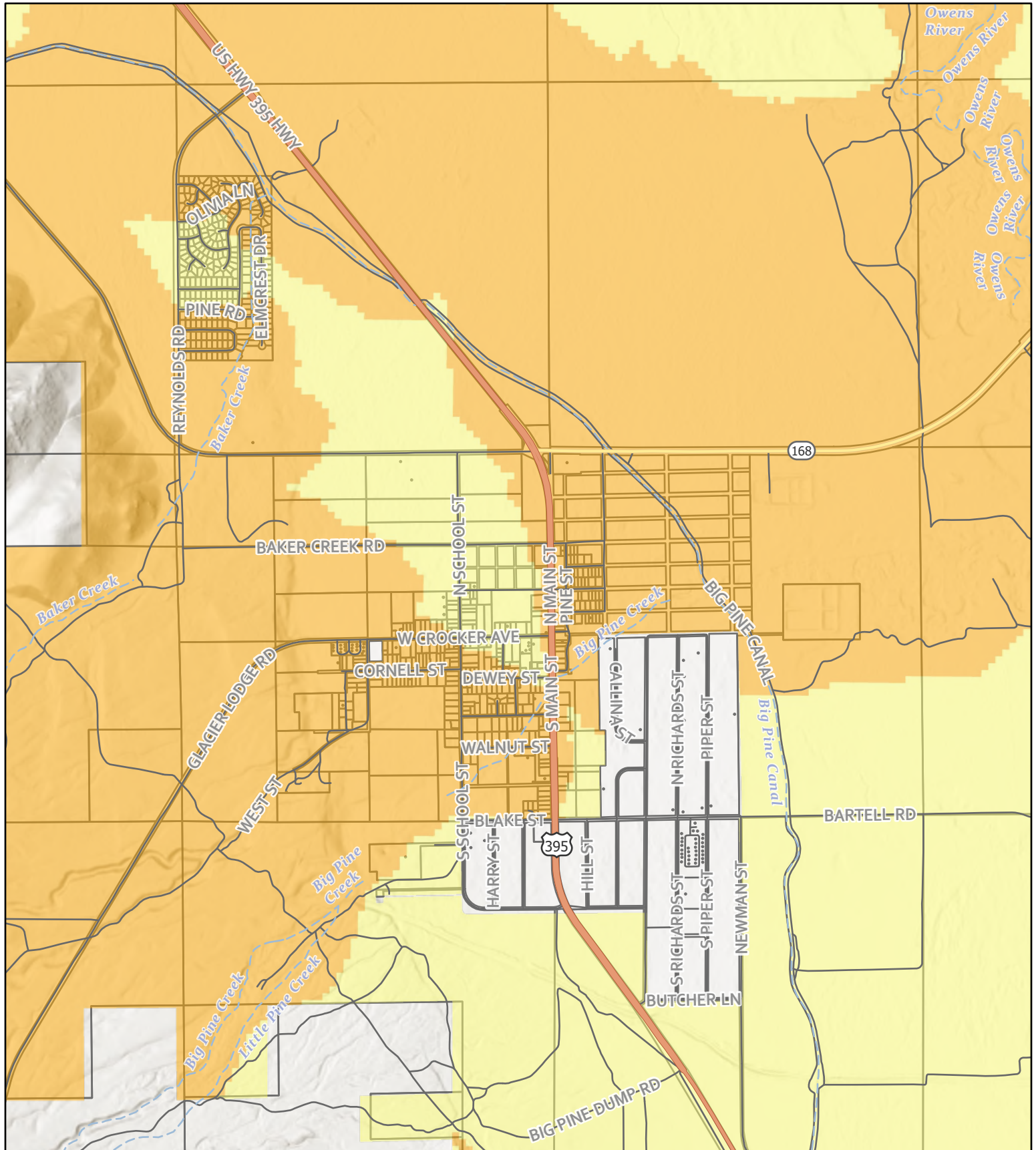
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Big Pine



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

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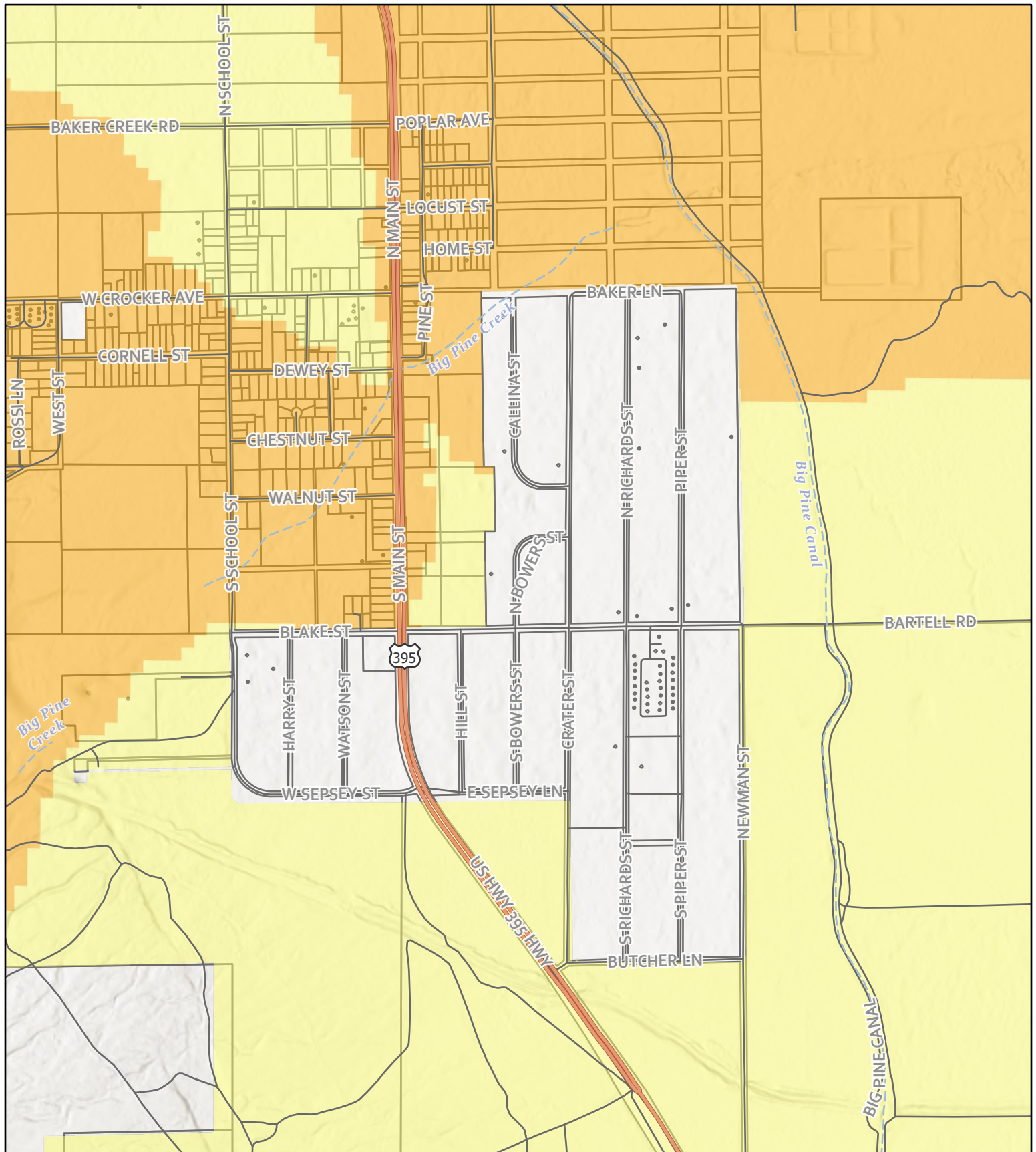
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Big Pine Paiute Tribe



Road Type

- Federal
- State
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- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

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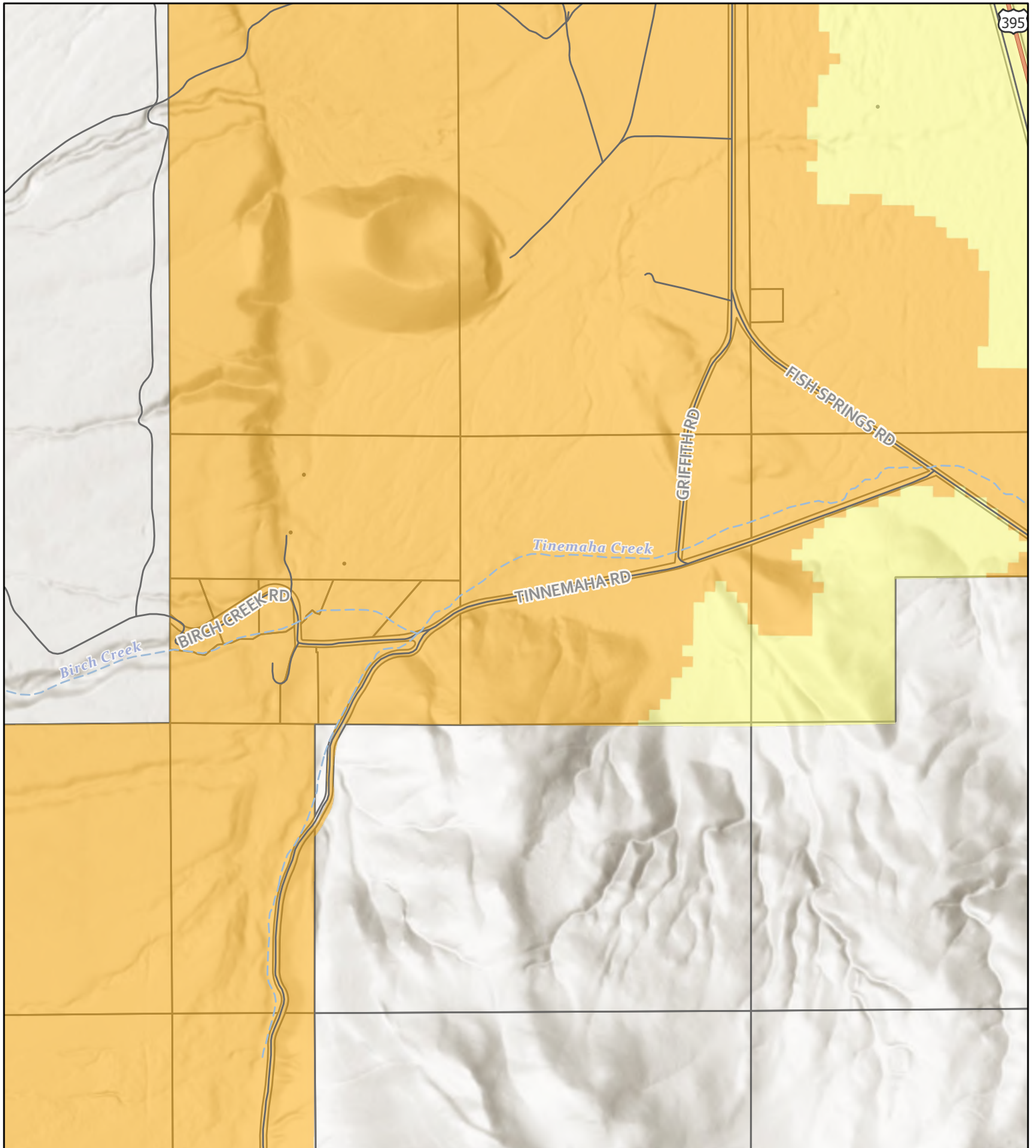
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Birch Creek



Road Type

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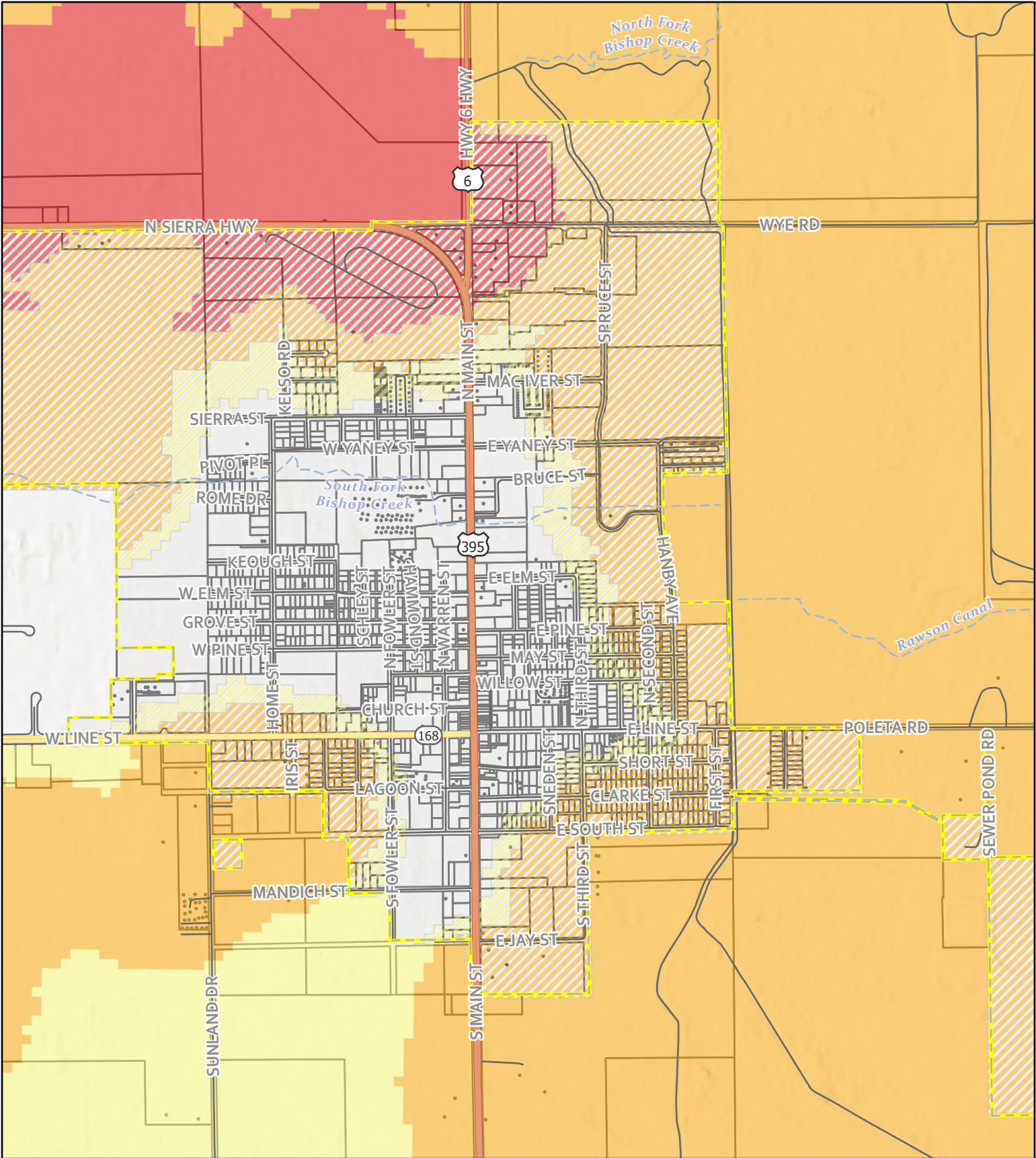
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Bishop



Road Type

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- City of Bishop

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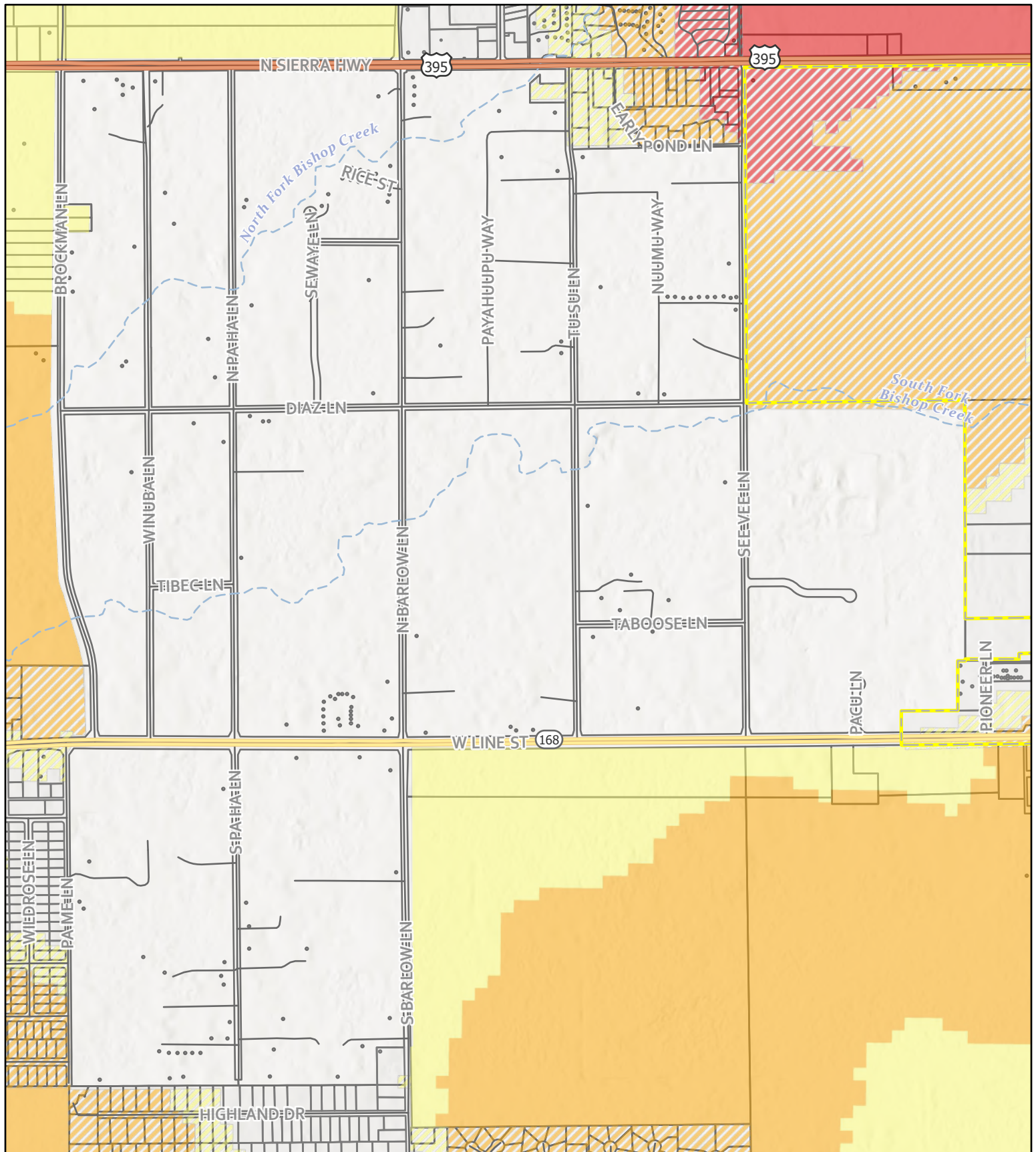
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Bishop Paiute Tribe



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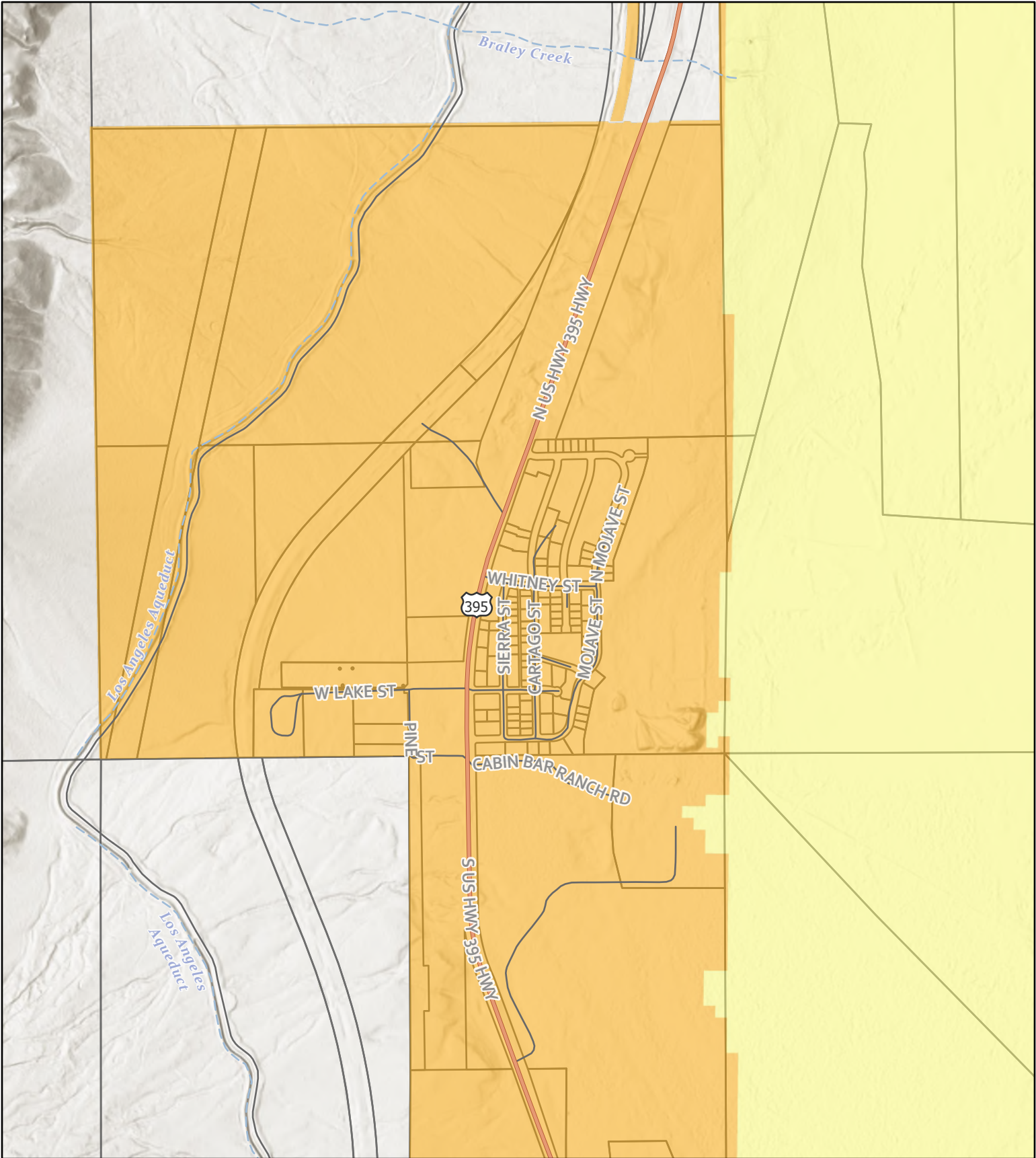
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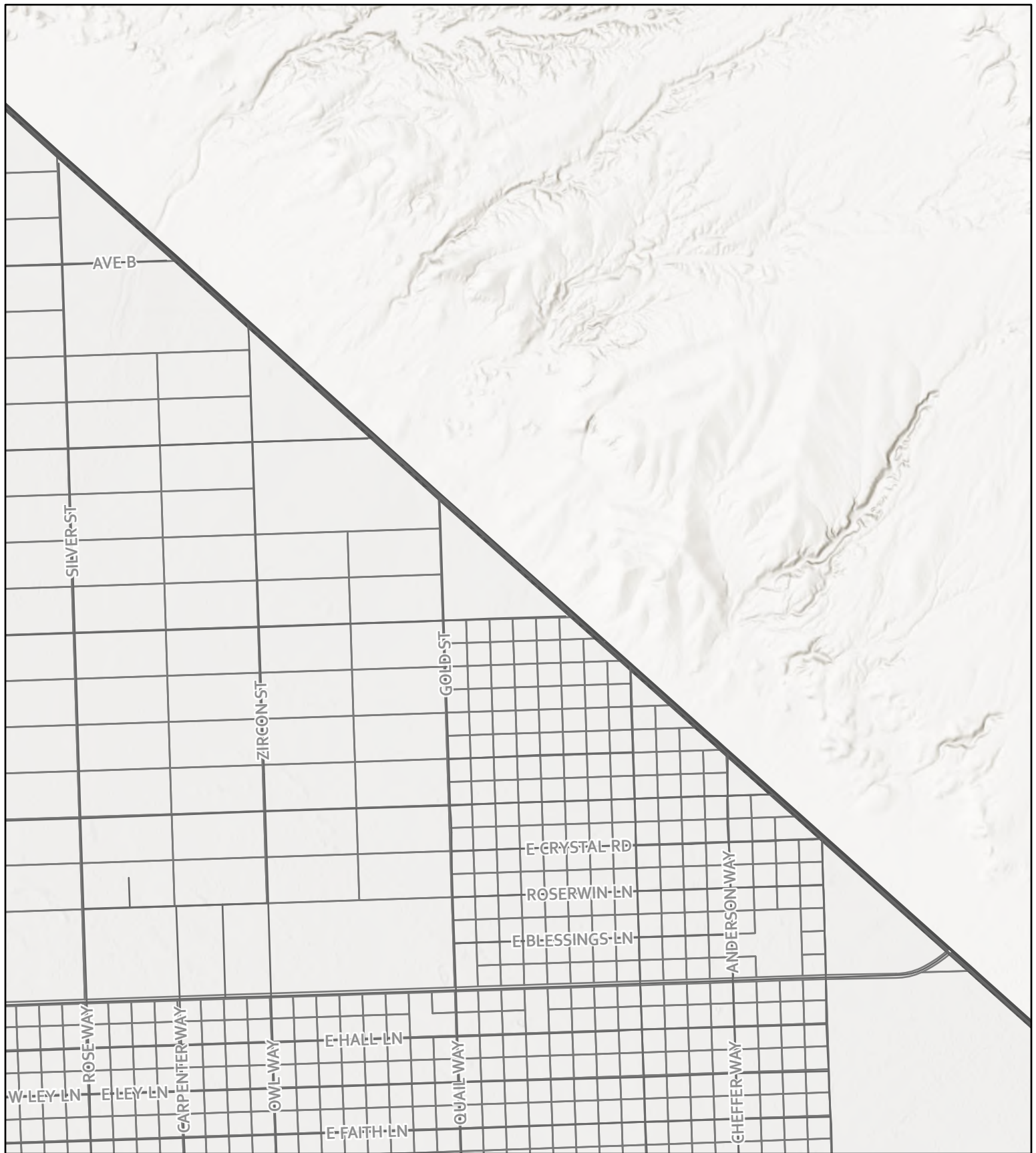
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Charleston View Northeast



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

- Moderate
- High
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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

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Charleston View Northwest



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

- Moderate
- High
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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

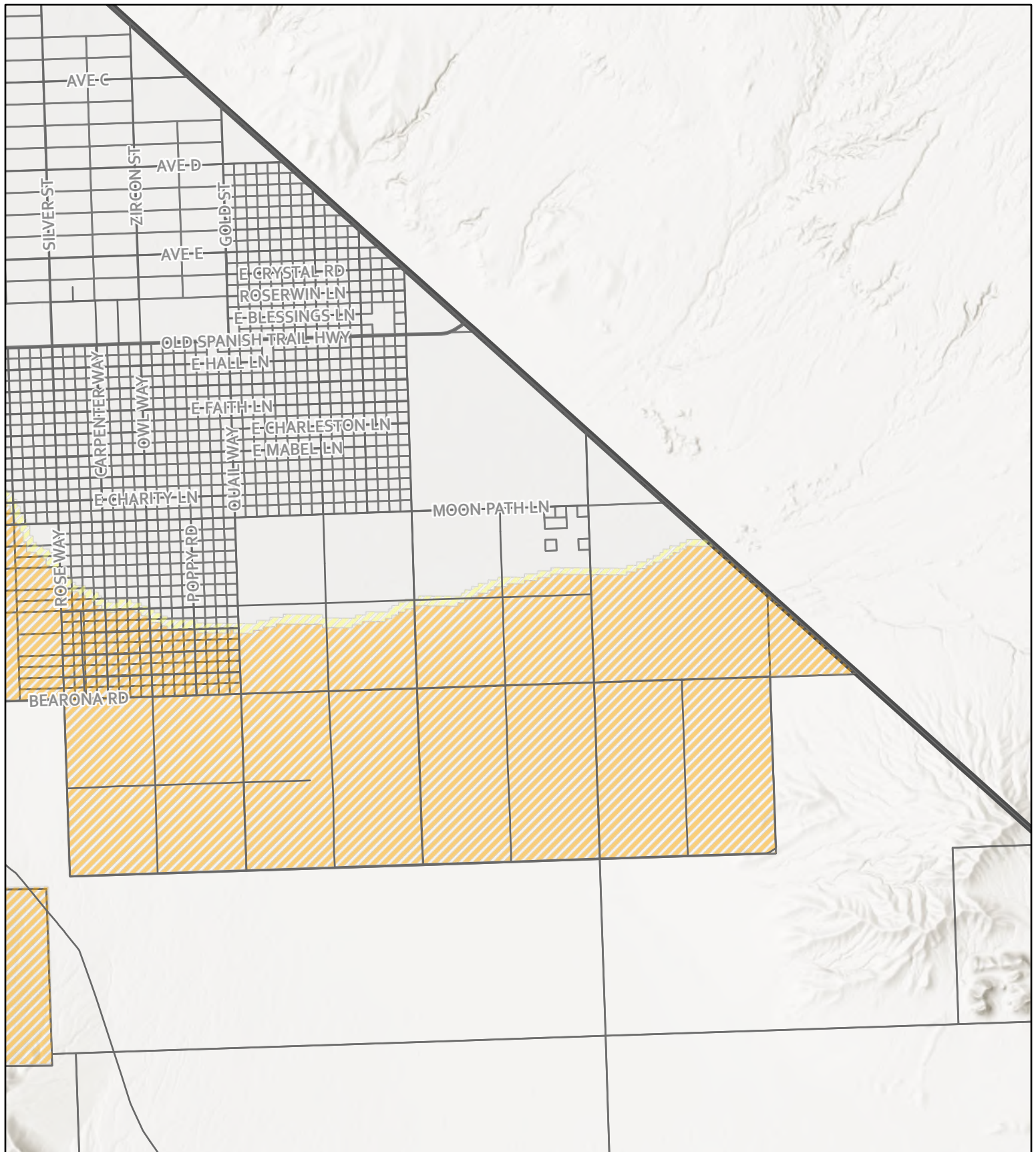
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Project Name: Inyo Community
Fuel Reduction Vouchers
Project Proponent: County of Inyo

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Miles



Charleston View Southeast



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

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- High
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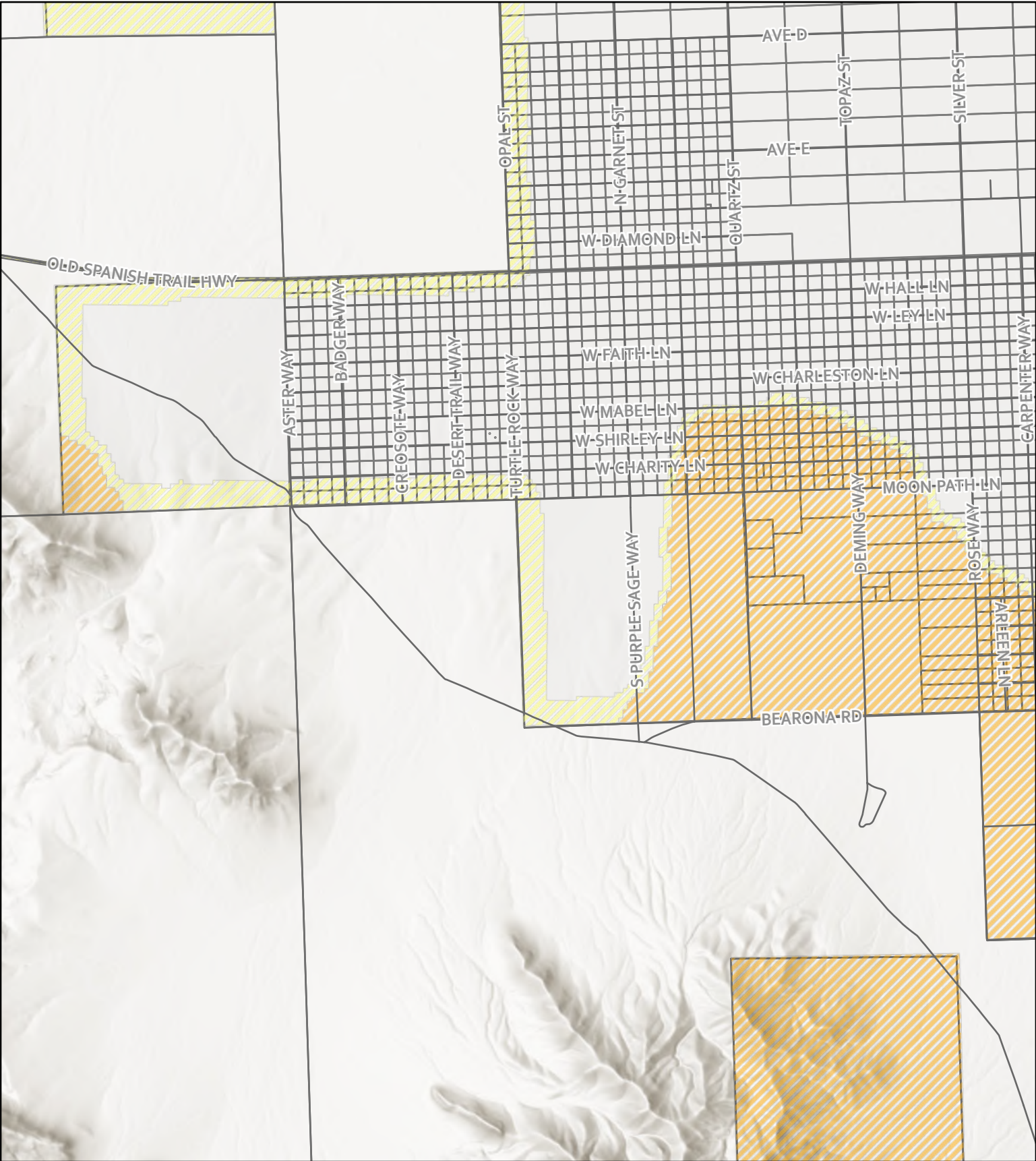
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Charleston View Southwest



- Road Type**
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 - Waterways
 - Parcels
 - City of Bishop

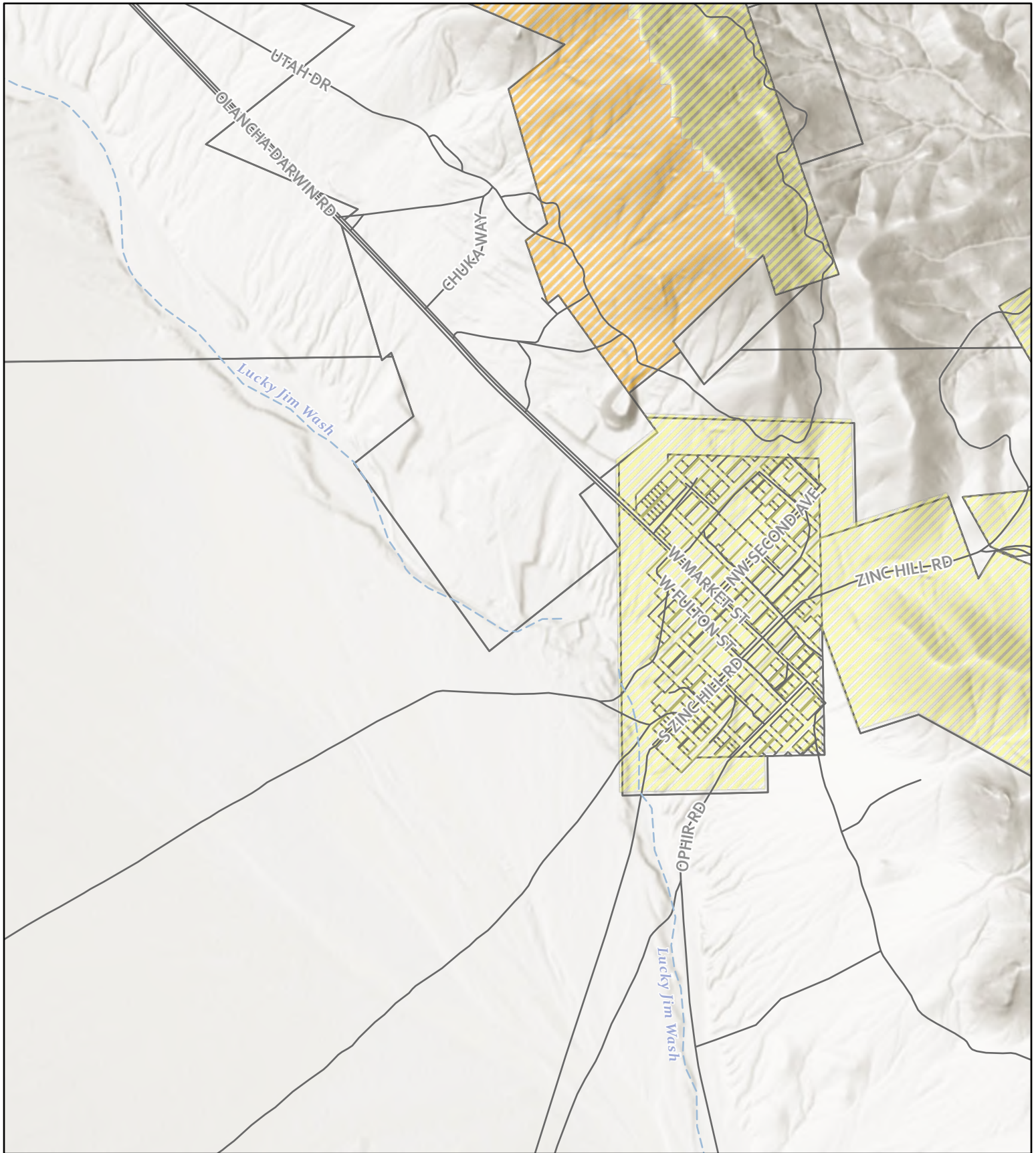
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Darwin



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

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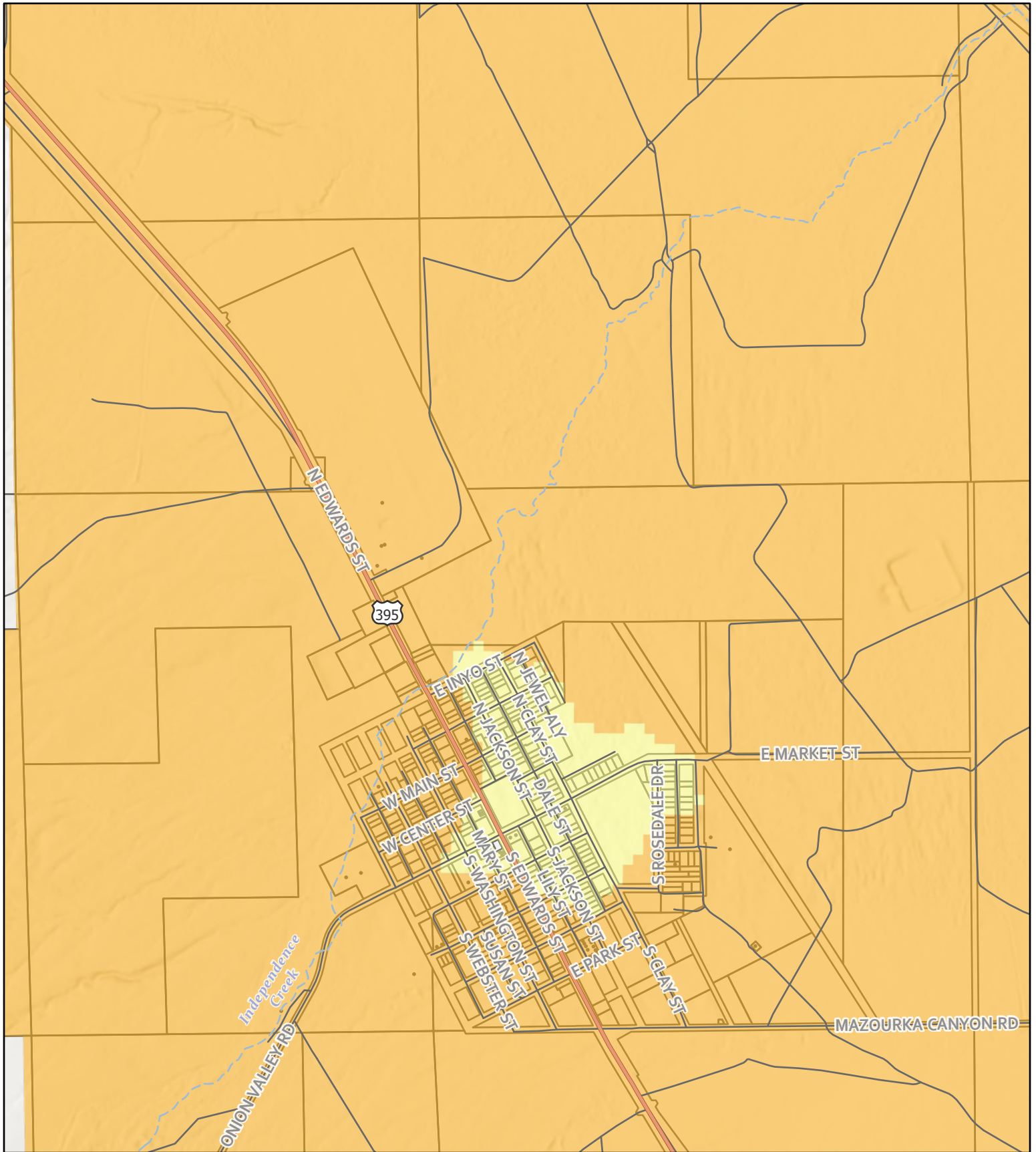
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-  Federal
- State
-  Road Centerlines
-  Waterways
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-  City of Bishop

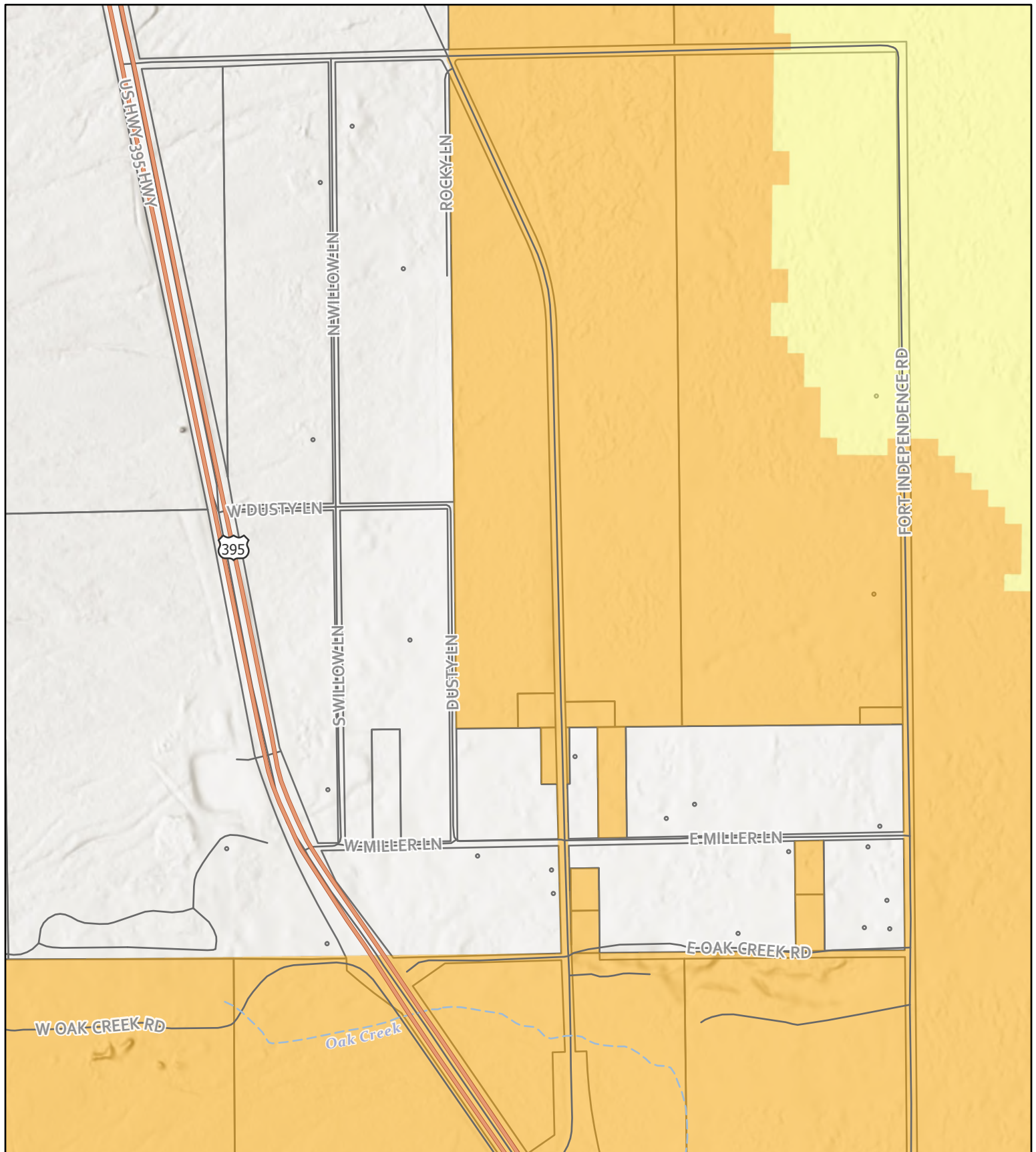
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Fort Independence



Road Type

- Federal
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- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

- Moderate
- High
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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

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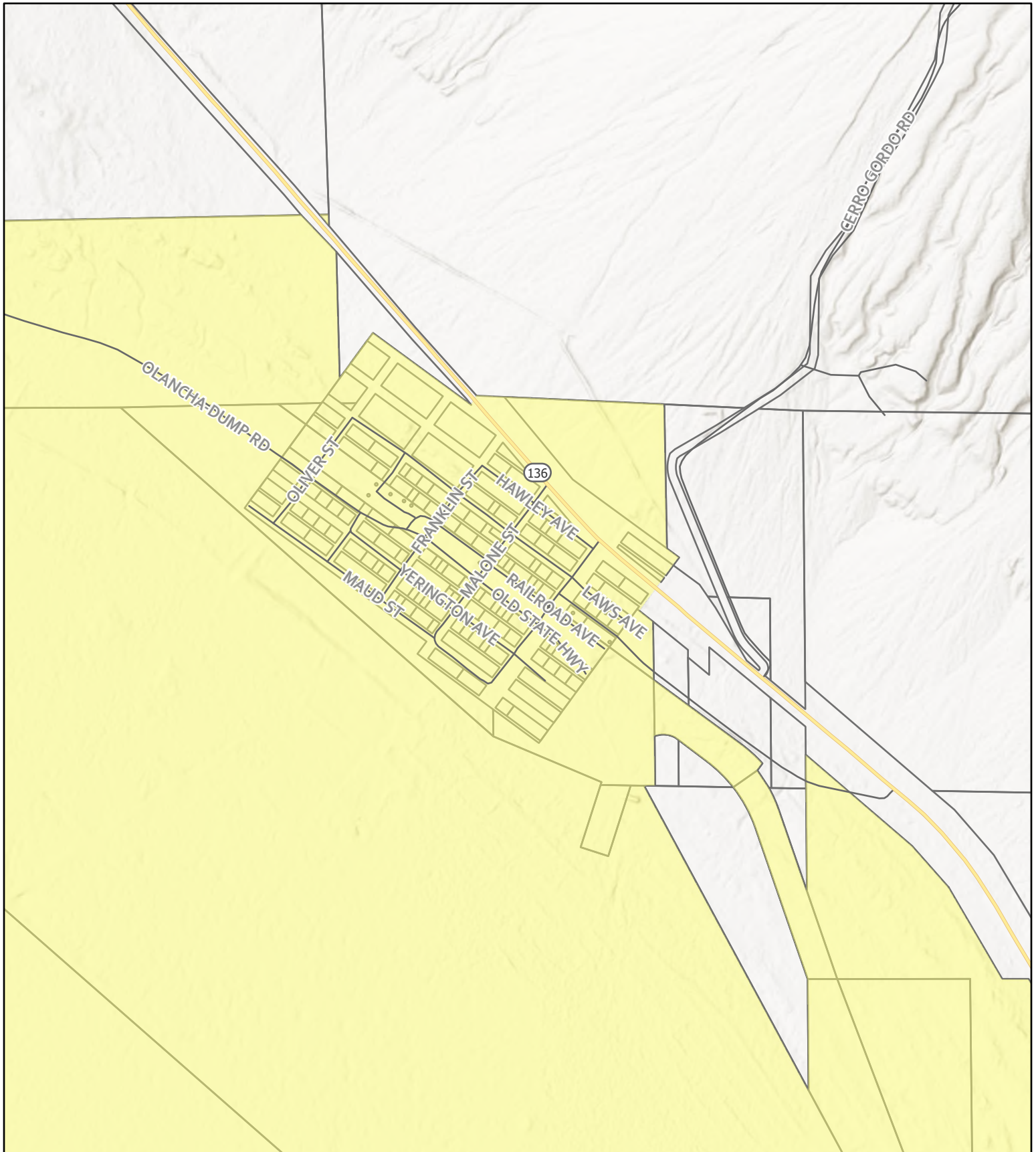
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Keeler



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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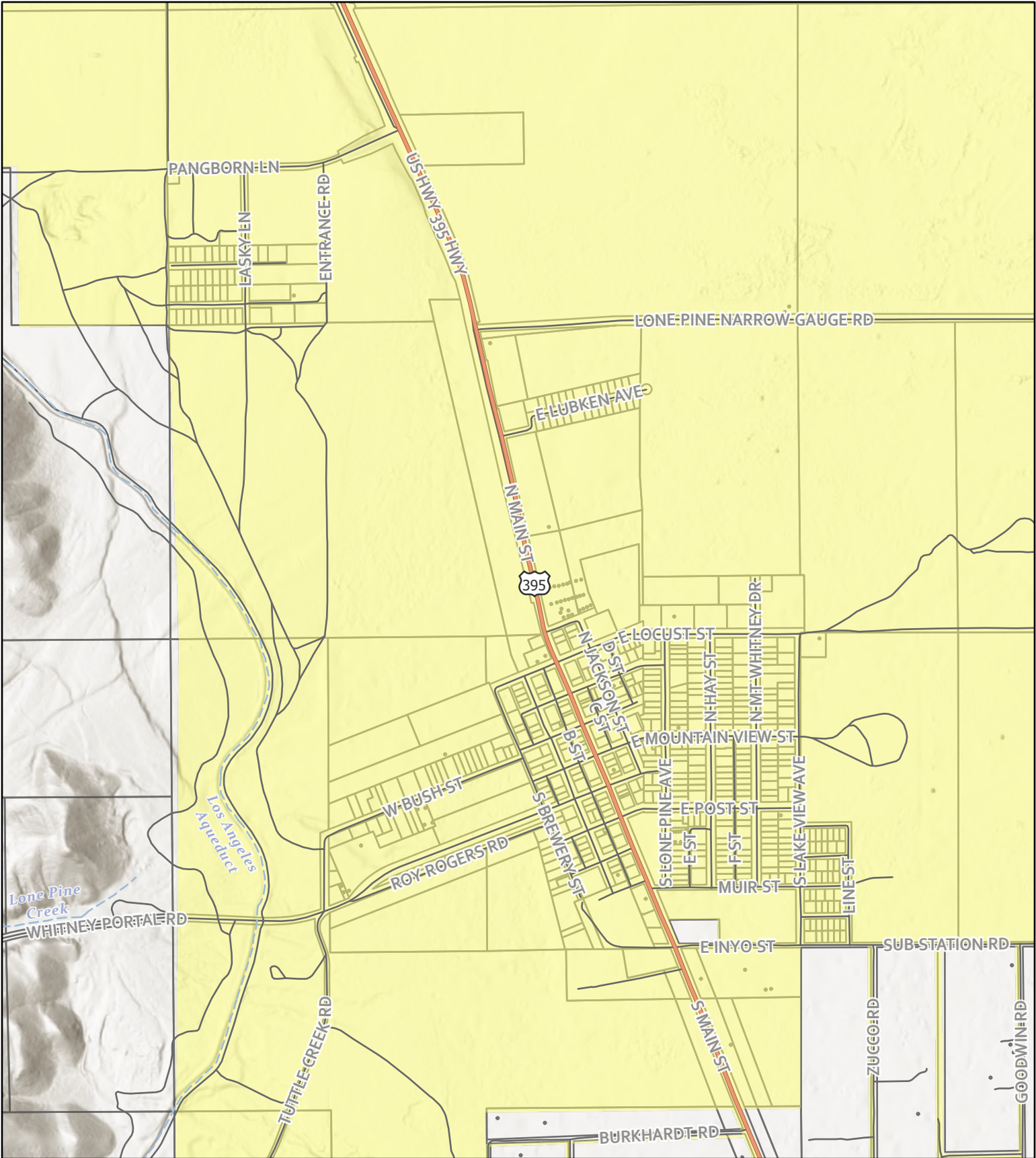
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Lone Pine



Road Type

- Federal
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- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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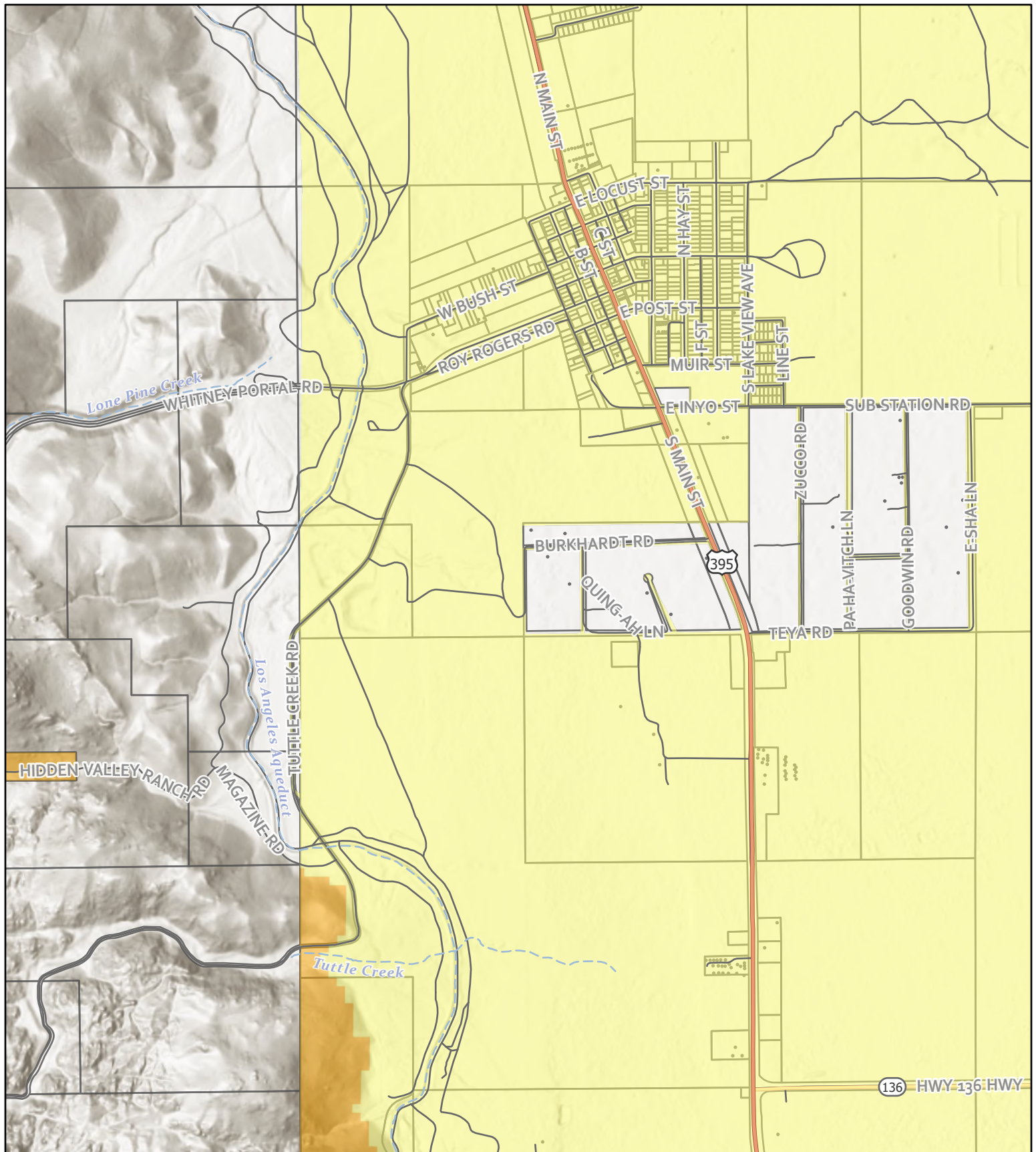
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Project Proponent: County of Inyo

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Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

**Fire Hazard Classes
in State
Responsibility
Areas**

- Moderate
- High
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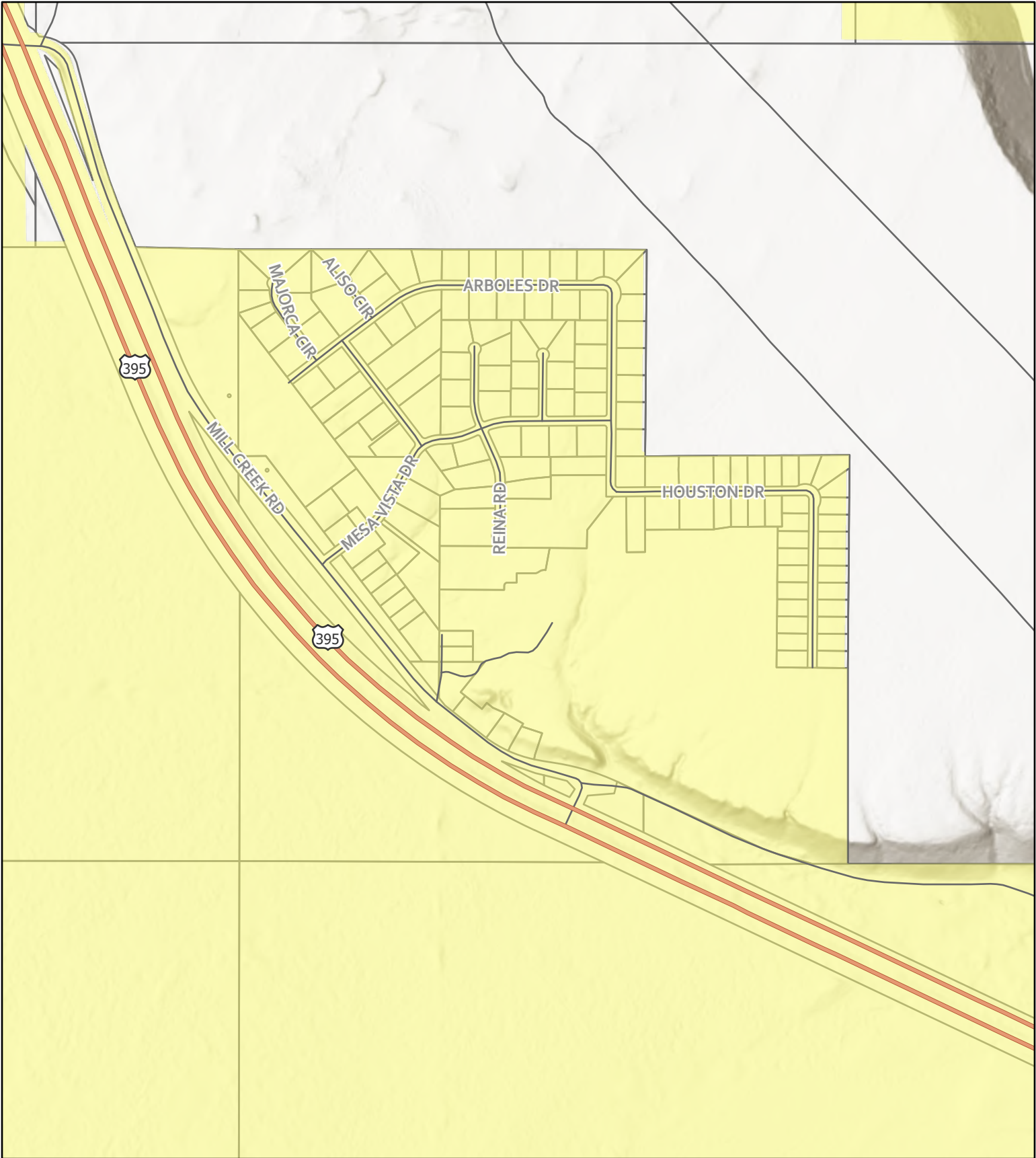
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Mustang Mesa



Road Type

- Federal
- State
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- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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Fire Hazard Classes in Local Responsibility Areas

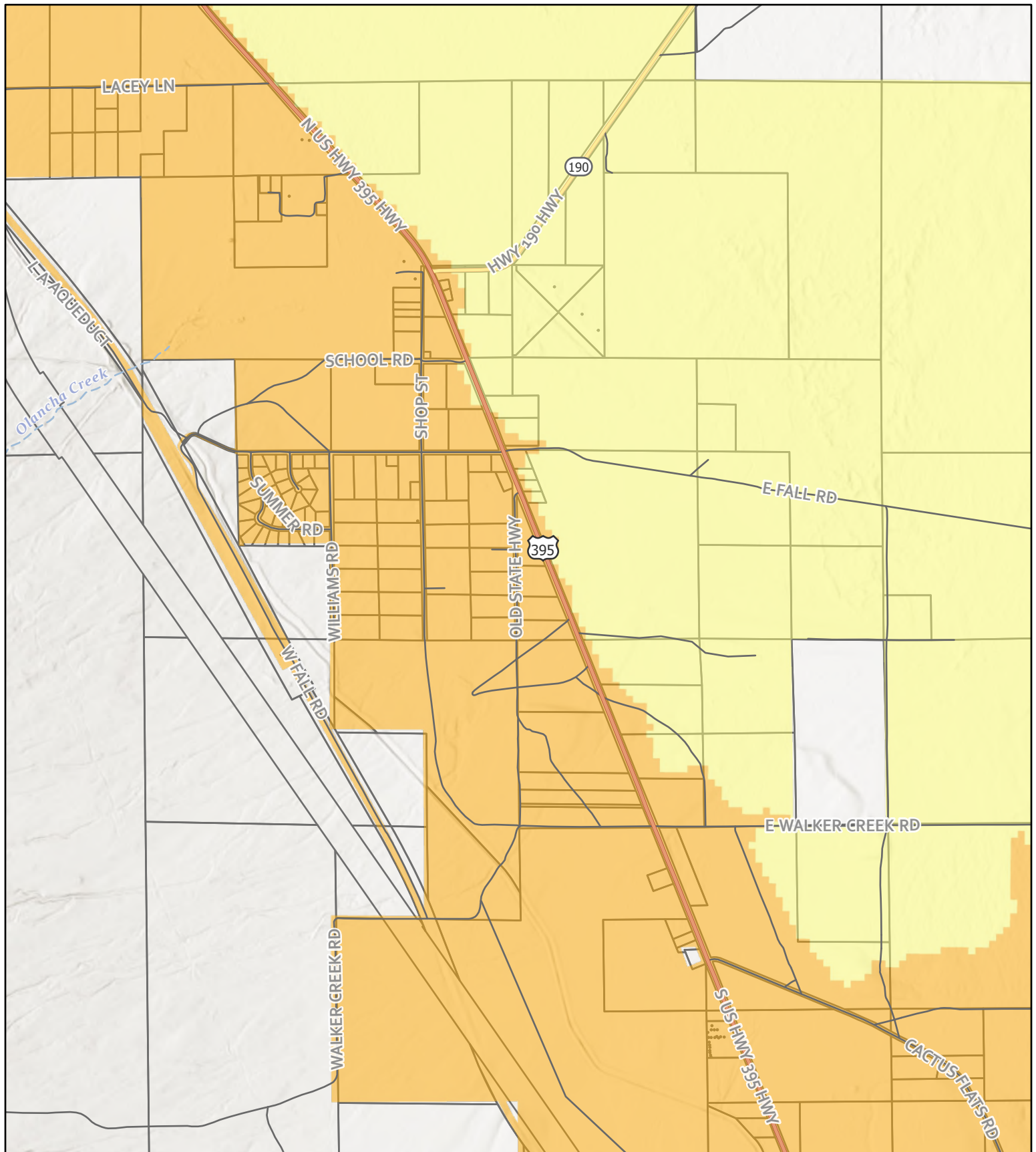
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Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

Fire Hazard Classes in State Responsibility Areas

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- High
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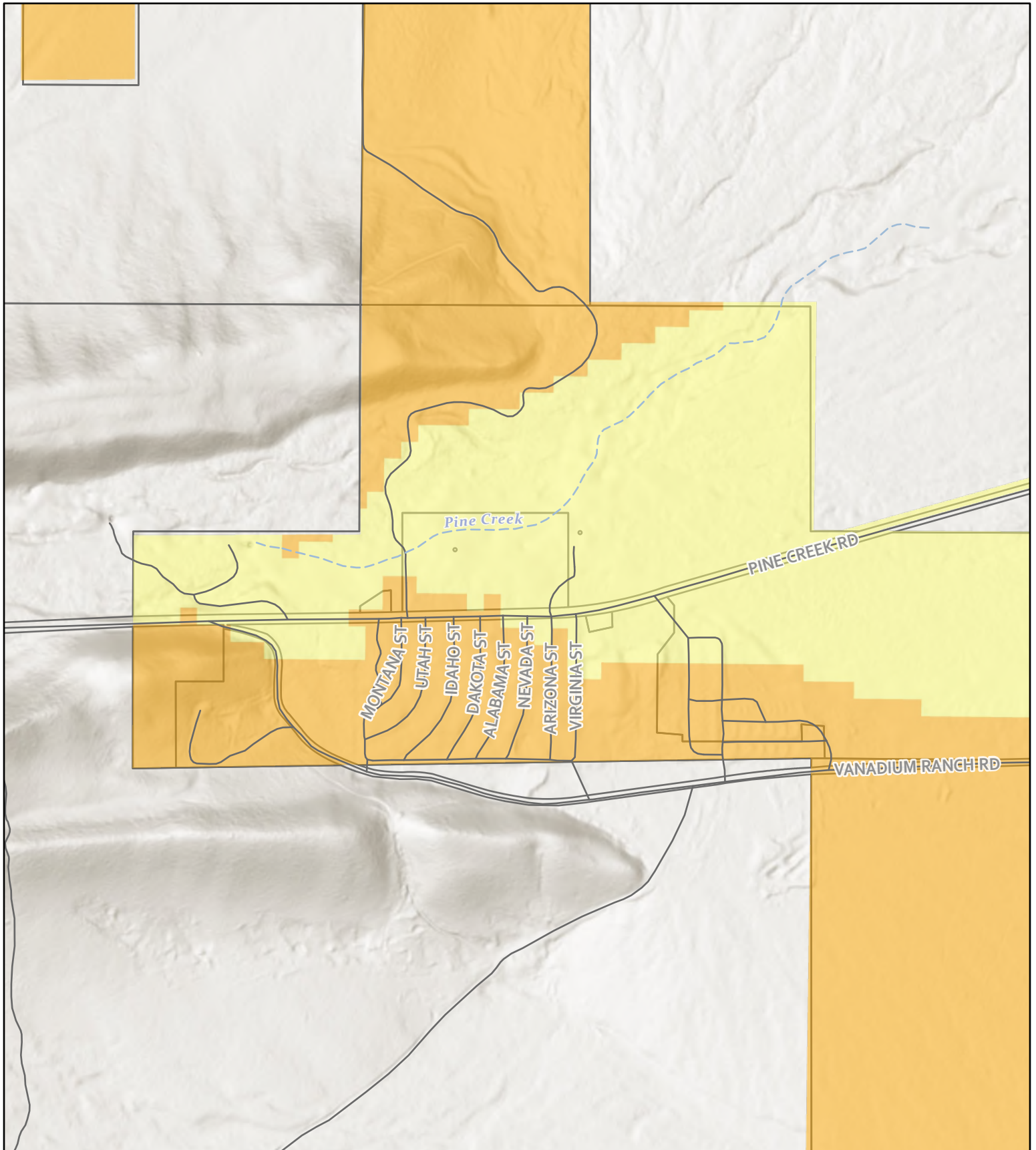
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Rovana



Road Type

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- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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- High
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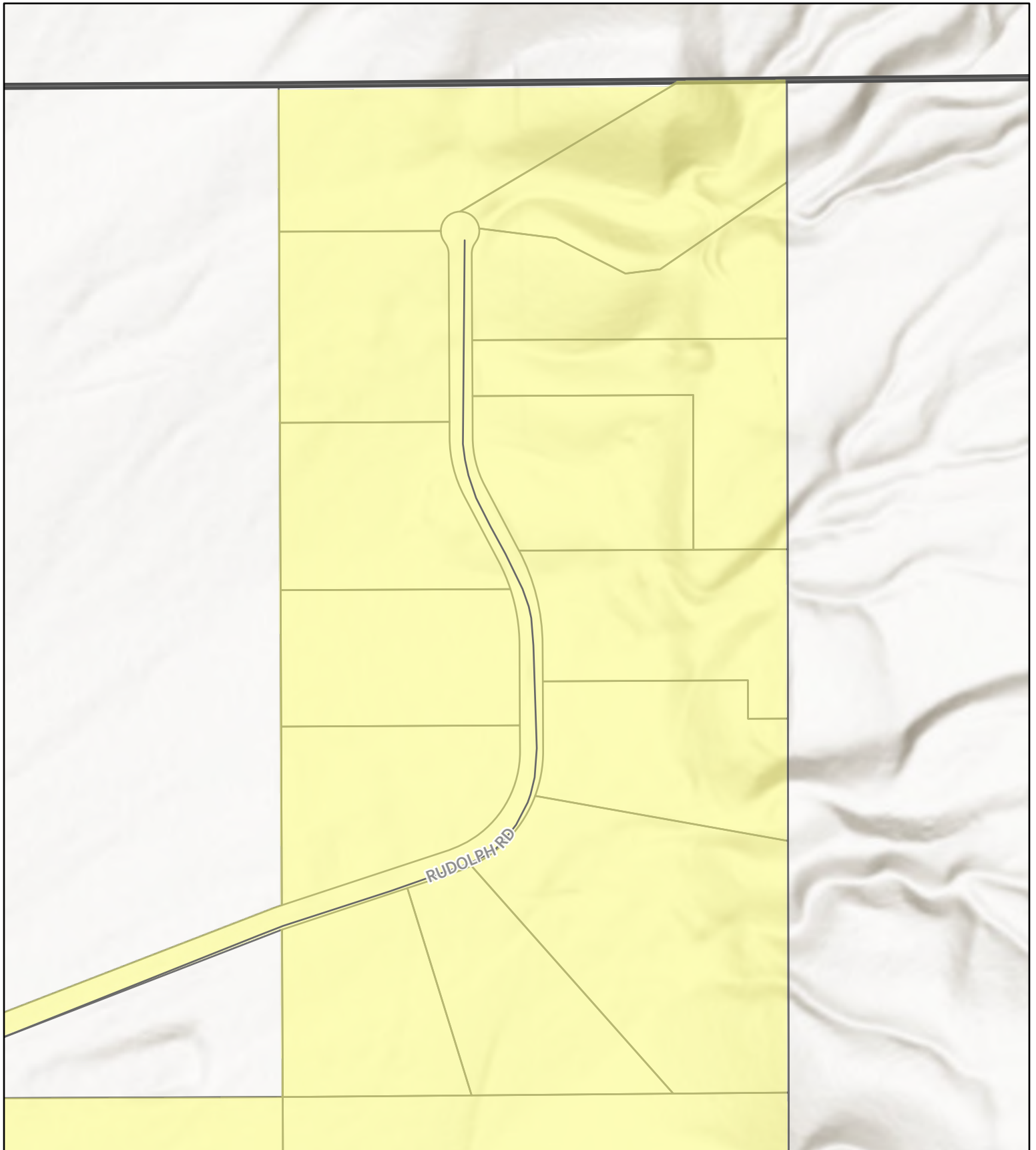
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Rudolph



Road Type

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Project Proponent: County of Inyo

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Miles

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Seven Pines



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
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- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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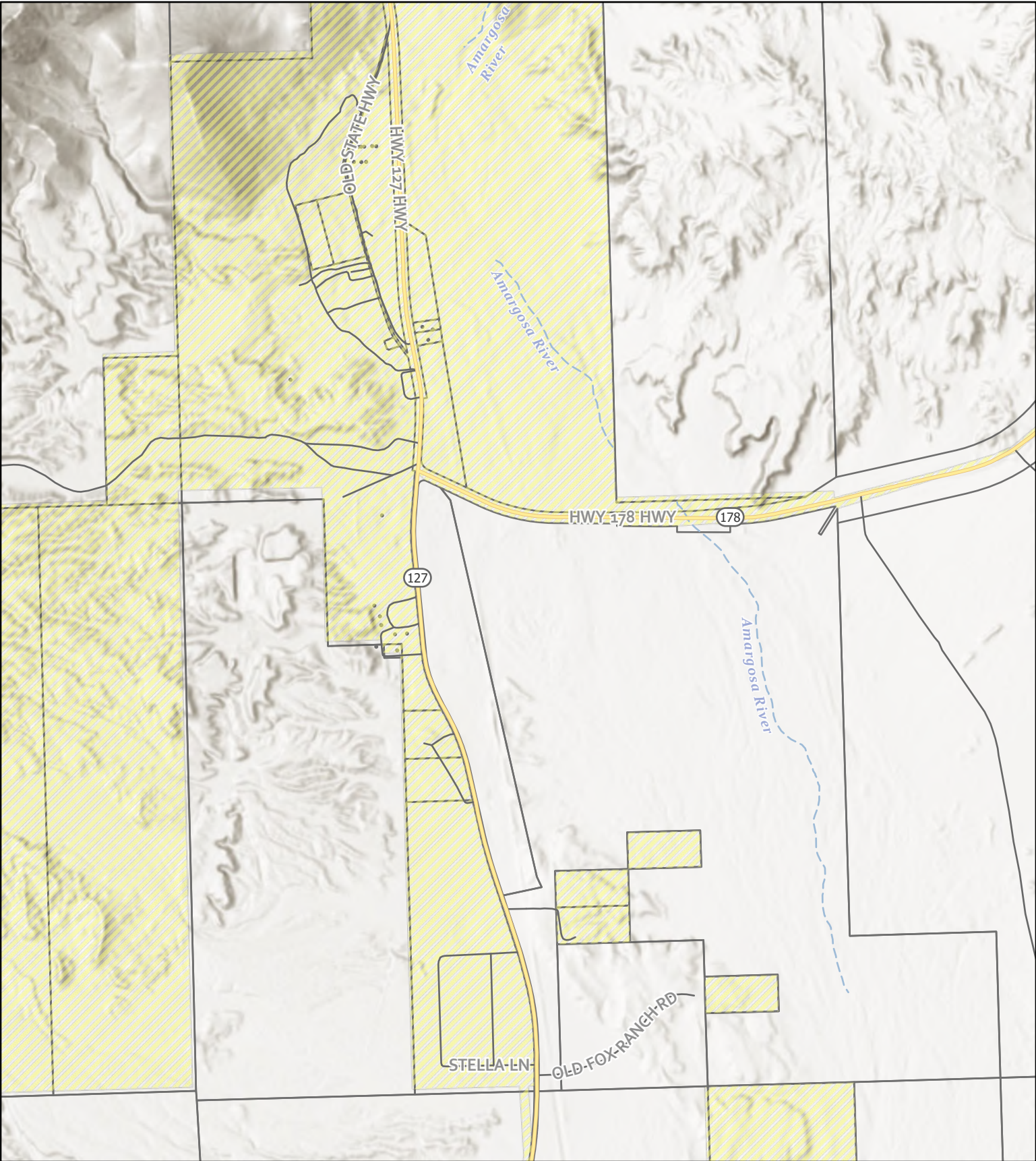
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Shoshone



Road Type

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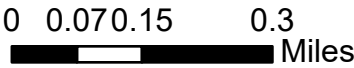
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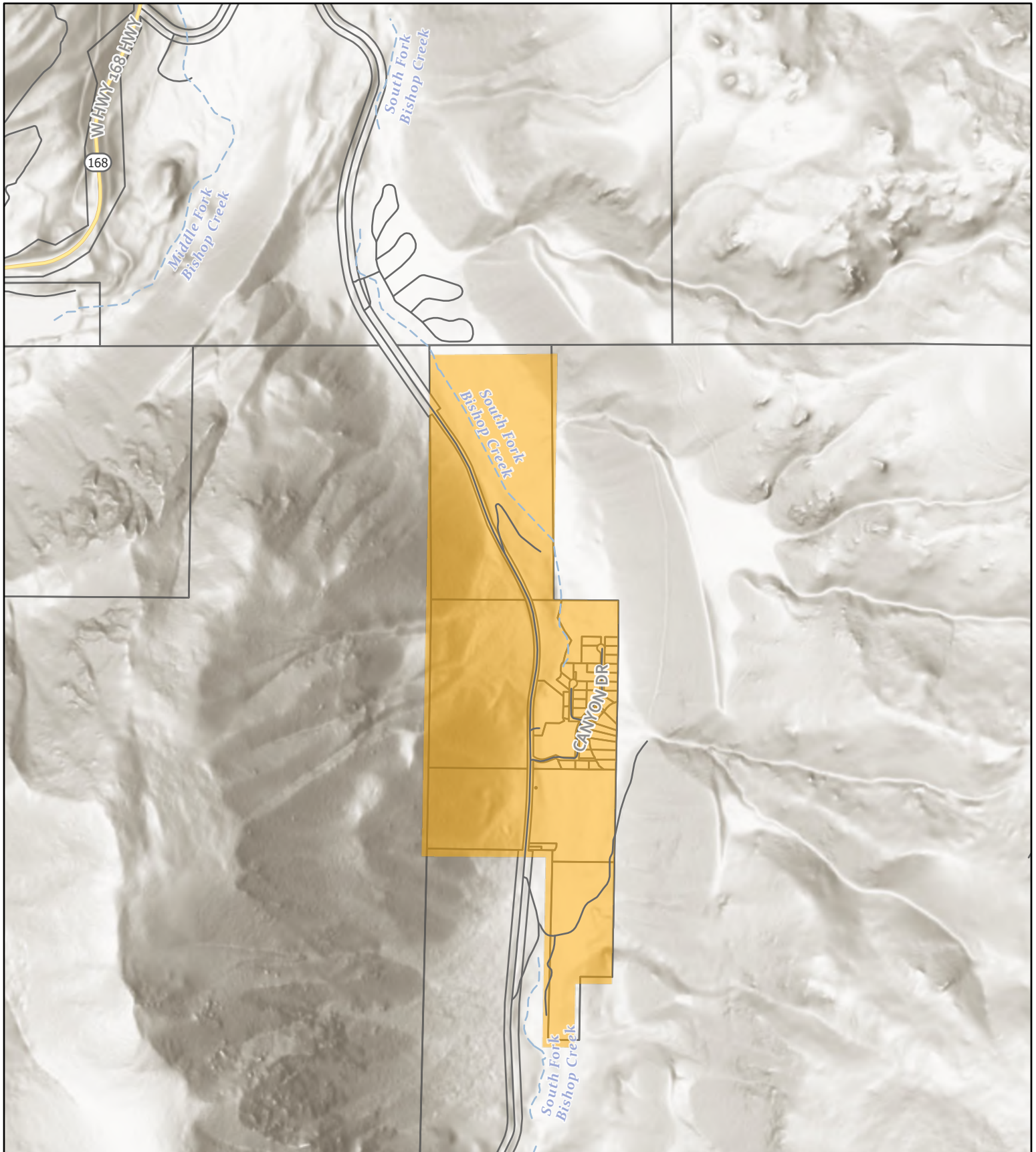
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South Fork Bishop Creek



Road Type

- Federal
- State
- Road Centerlines
- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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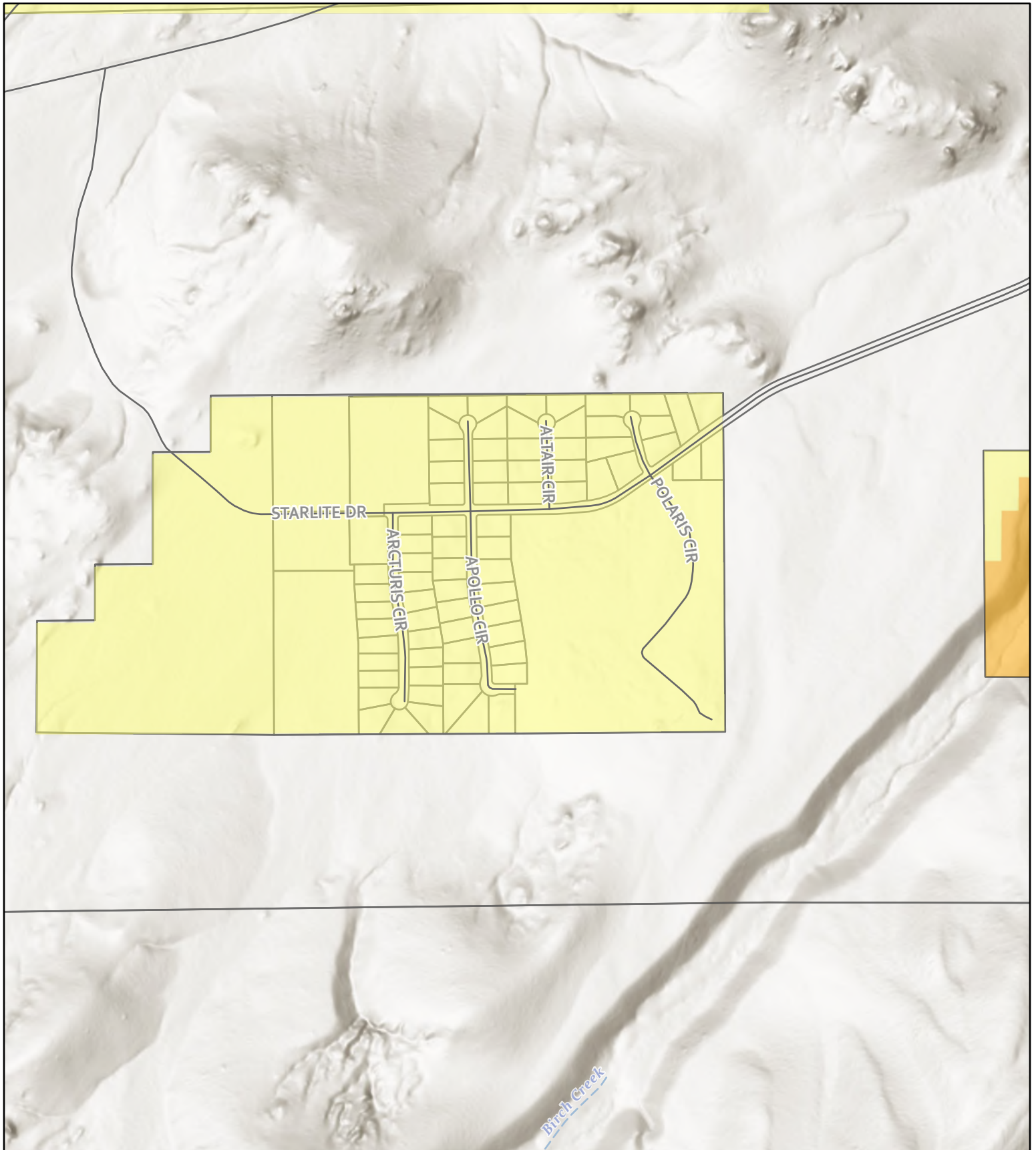
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Starlite



Road Type

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- Waterways
- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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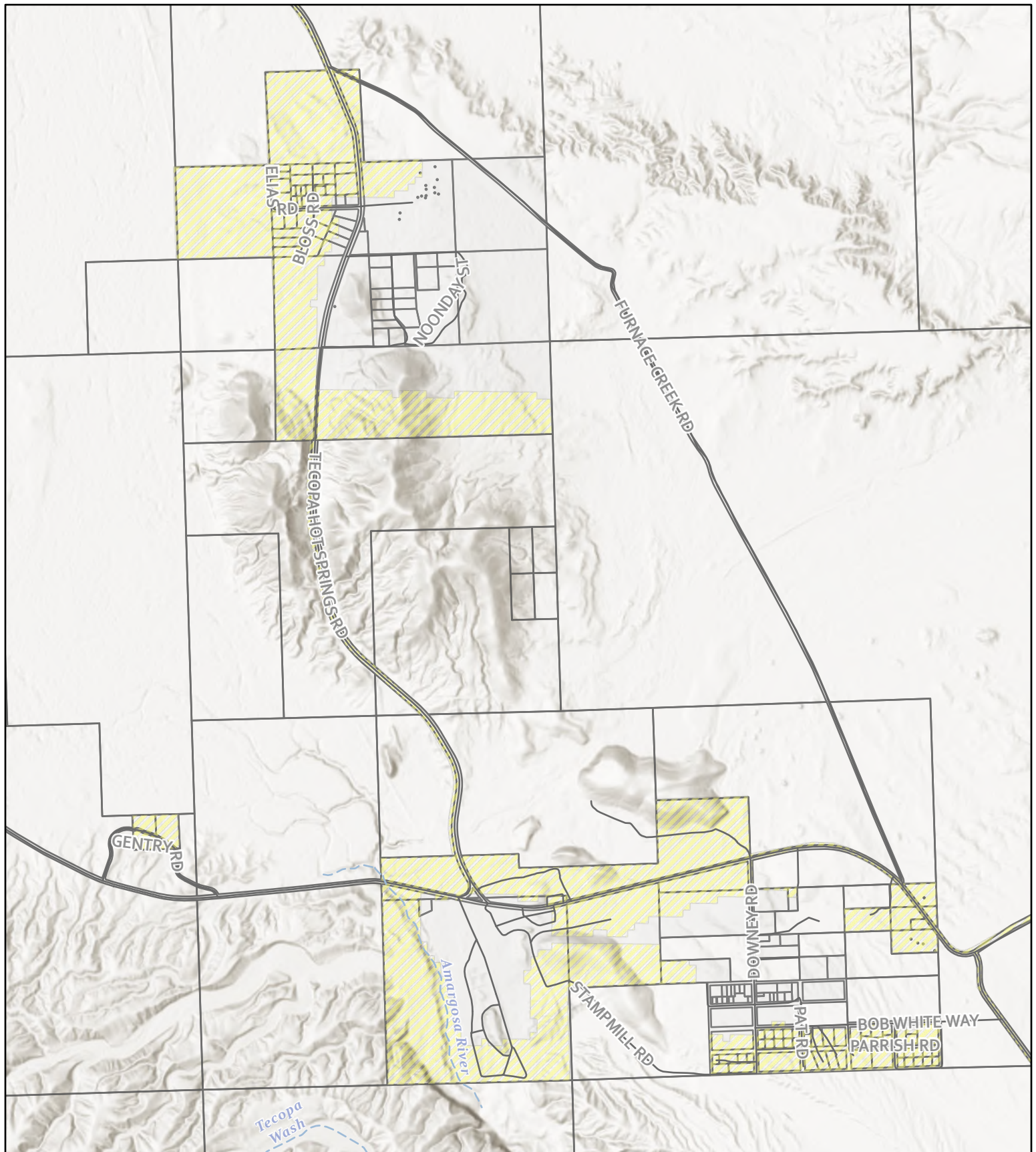
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Road Type

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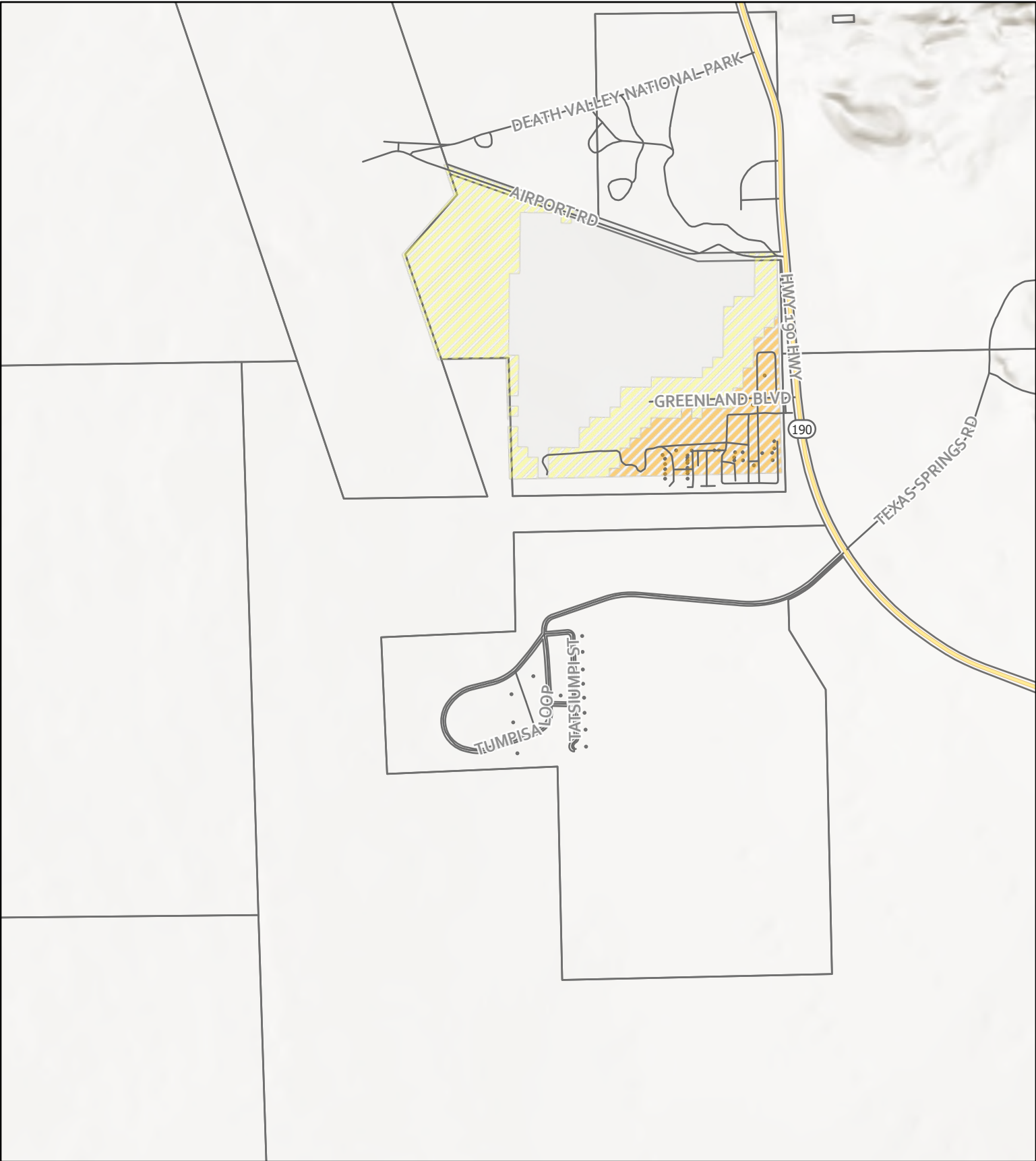
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Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe



Road Type

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- State
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- Parcels
- City of Bishop

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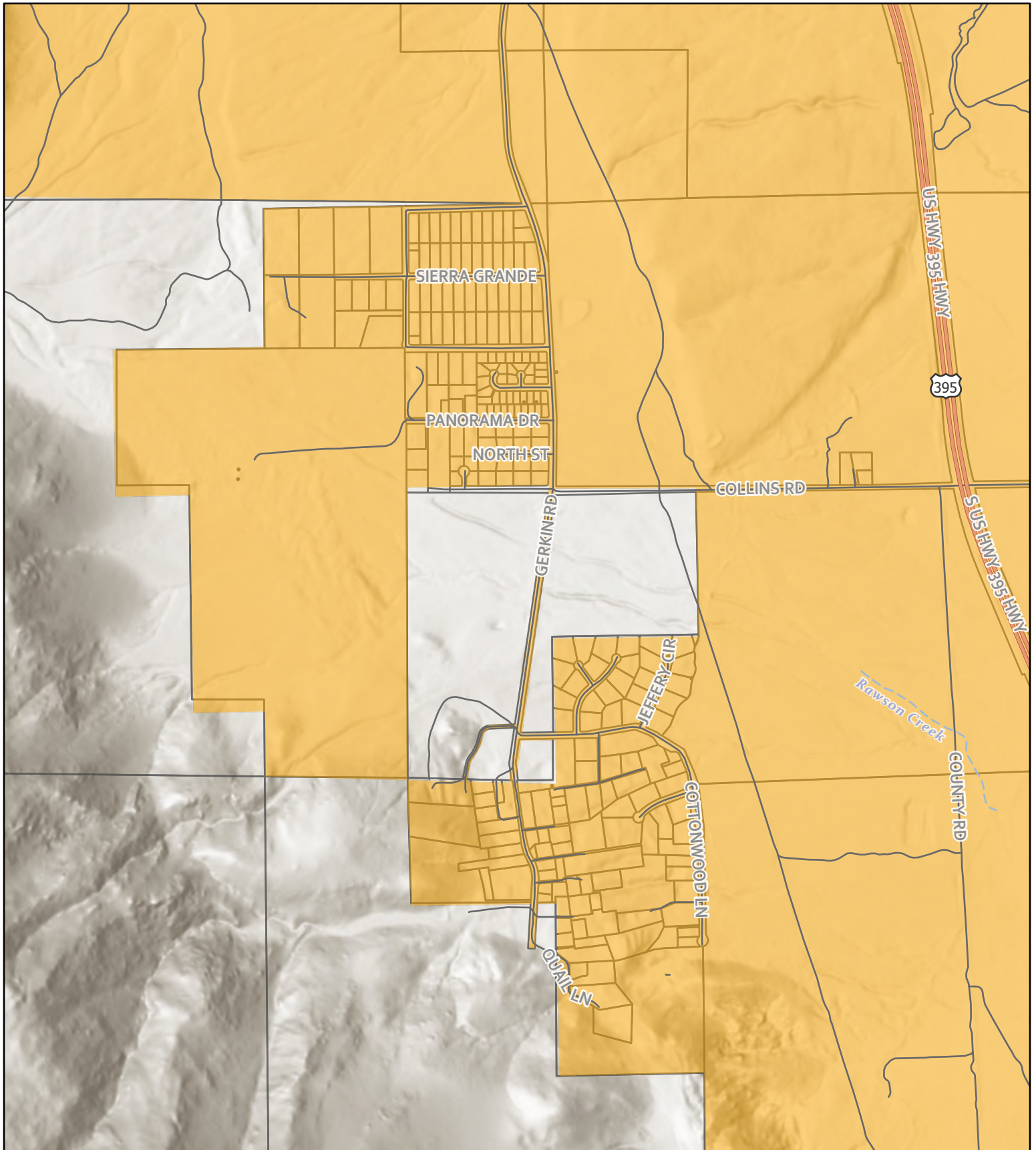
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Wilkerson



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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-851

Request to Waive Bidding Requirement in Purchasing Policy

Public Works - Road Department

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Gordon Moose, Road Superintendent

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Michael Errante, Public Works Director

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

Due to the nature of the used equipment market and effort to save the county time and money, Inyo County Road Department is requesting that the purchase of a used Asphalt Roller be exempt from the same requirements of purchasing new equipment. The used equipment market does not allow time to get quotes or bids plus obtain board approval before the equipment is purchased by someone else; therefore, starting the whole search over again. The price of a new Rubber Tire roller is \$154,000, which saves the County about \$10,000.

The Road Department is continuing its effort to bring its fleet into compliance with California Air Resource Board (CARB) laws and requirements. Non-compliant and aging equipment in the fleet will continue to become more obsolete as the operable hours and mileage become limited by law. The used equipment will meet all CARB requirements. The equipment that is being replaced will be sold at an upcoming surplus sale.

The Road Department remains committed to maintaining a modern, efficient, and environmentally compliant fleet. By replacing outdated equipment with CARB-compliant models, the department ensures continued operational reliability while adhering to state regulations. This strategic investment not only supports sustainability goals but also maximizes cost-effectiveness by leveraging competitive pricing and streamlined procurement. The sale of surplus equipment will further offset costs and contribute to responsible asset management.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	Non-General Fund	Budget Unit	034600
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Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5650
Recurrence	One-Time Expenditure		

Current Fiscal Year Impact
Not to exceed \$145,462.50. for fiscal year 2025/2026
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
N/A
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could choose not to authorize the purchase. This is not recommended, as the current Road Department fleet is aging and each year more of it is placed under usage restriction due to CARB regulations. These usage restrictions are having an adverse impact on road operations and delays in maintenance or emergency response.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Enhanced Transportation Services

High Quality Services | Improved County Facilities

High Quality Services | Public Safety and Emergency Response

APPROVALS:

Gordon Moose	Created/Initiated - 12/12/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/12/2025
Gordon Moose	Approved - 12/17/2025
Teresa Elliott	Approved - 12/30/2025
Shannon Platt	Approved - 01/05/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/05/2026
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/05/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/08/2026
Michael Errante	Approved - 01/12/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/13/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/13/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Used Rubber Tire Roller



Quote Id 1380435

08-Dec-2025

INYO COUNTY ROAD DEPT
PO BOX Q
INDEPENDENCE, CA 935260616

This 2024 HAMM HP100i 67" Pneumatic Tire Roller is available for immediate purchase from our Meridian, Idaho location.
Unit has 435 machine hours.
Price includes delivery to your facility in Independence, Ca.

Sincerely,

JC MARTINEZ
Coastline Equipment Company
3540 N 5th Street
N Las Vegas, NV 89032
JC.Martinez@coastlineequipment.com



Prepared For

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Quote Id 1380435

Creation Date 08-Dec-2025

Expiration Date 15-Dec-2025

Quote Summary

Equipment Summary	QTY In Group
New 2024 HAMM HP 100i 67" PNEUMATIC TIRE ROLLERS 1983HA-WGH0H300CHAA00055	1
Equipment Total	\$135,000.00
Quote Summary	
Total Selling Price	\$135,000.00
Sales Tax - (7.75%)	\$10,462.50
Sub-total	\$145,462.50
Balance Due	\$145,462.50

Salesperson : X _____

Accepted By : X _____



Selling Equipment

Quote # 1380435
Customer INYO COUNTY ROAD DEPT

New 2024 HAMM HP 100i 67" PNEUMATIC TIRE ROLLERS 1983HA		QTY In Group : 1
Equipment Notes		Selling Price
Hours	435	\$135,000.00
Serial Number	WGH0H300CHAA00055	
Stock Number	114183	
PUK Parent Serial #	- - -	

Equipment Summary			
Code	Description	Qty	Adjusted Selling Price
1983HA	HP 100i 67" PNEUMATIC TIRE ROLLERS	1	\$159,000.00
Total Base / Options			\$159,000.00
Customer Discounts			
Description	Discount Amount		
Total Discounts	(\$24,000.00)		

Technical data

HP 100i



Pneumatic-tire rollers Series HP
Pneumatic-tire rollers in the 6–10 t weight class

H300

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Electronic machine management Hammtronic
- > Seat-operating unit can be moved and rotated
- > High compaction and surface quality due to even weight distribution and tire overlap of the front and rear wheel pairs
- > Excellent view of tires, machine and construction site
- > Simple, intuitive and language-neutral control

TECHNICAL DATA HP 100i (H300)

Weights

Operating weight with cab	kg lbs	5890 12,987
Operating weight with ROPS	kg lbs	5720 12,613
Empty weight without cab, without ROPS	kg lbs	5400 11,907
Max. operating weight	kg lbs	10020 22,094
Axle load, front/rear	kg lbs	3140/2750 6,924/6,064
Axle load at max. operating weight, front/rear	kg lbs	5350/4670 11,797/10,297
French classification, value/class		
Wheel load per tire, front/rear	kg lbs	628/688 1,385/1,517

Machine dimensions

Total length	mm in	4590 180.7
Total height with cab	mm in	2872 113.1
Total height with ROPS	mm in	2952 116.2
Height loading, min.	mm in	2192 86.3
Center distance	mm in	3340 131.5
Total width with cab	mm in	1803 71.0
Maximum working width	mm in	1725 67.9
Ground clearance, center	mm in	340 13.4
Curb clearance, left/right	mm in	760/760 29.9/29.9
Turning radius, inside	mm in	4140 163.0

Tire dimensions

Size of tires, front/rear		7.50-15/7.50-15
Width over tires, front/rear	mm in	1725/1350 67.9/53.1
Number of tires, front/rear		5/4

Diesel engine

Manufacturer		DEUTZ
Model		TCD 2.9 L4
Cylinders, quantity		4
Power ISO 14396, kW/PS/rpm		55,4/75,3/2200
Power SAE J1349, kW/HP/rpm		55,4/74,2/2200
Exhaust emission standard		EU Stage IIIB / EPA Tier 4
Exhaust gas after-treatment		DOC

Travel drive

Speed, infinitely variable	km/h mph	0-19,9 0.0-12.4
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Steering

Pendulum angle +/-	°	10
Steering, type		Articulated steering

Water-sprinkling system

Water sprinkling, type		Pressure
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Tank capacity/filling capacity

Fuel tank, capacity	L Gal	120 31.7
Water tank, capacity	L Gal	700 184.9

Sound level

Sound power level L(WA), guaranteed	db(A)	
Sound power level L(WA), representative measurement	db(A)	100

EQUIPMENT

12 V power socket | Two large exterior rear-view mirrors | Dashboard with displays, indicator lights and switches | Dashboard tiltable | ECO mode | Driver's platform with access from both sides | Speed preselect | Vibration-insulated driver's platform | Water tank front and rear, can be filled from both sides | Central water outlet | ROPS, rigid

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Scraper made from brushes, folding | Version with water sprinkling | ROPS cab with non-split doors (FOPS, level I) | Heating and air-conditioning system | Fire extinguisher | Protective roof | Speedometer | Automatic engine stop | Camera system | Back-up alarm | Telematics system | Working spotlights | Rotating beacon | Tire lighting, LED | Battery isolation switch

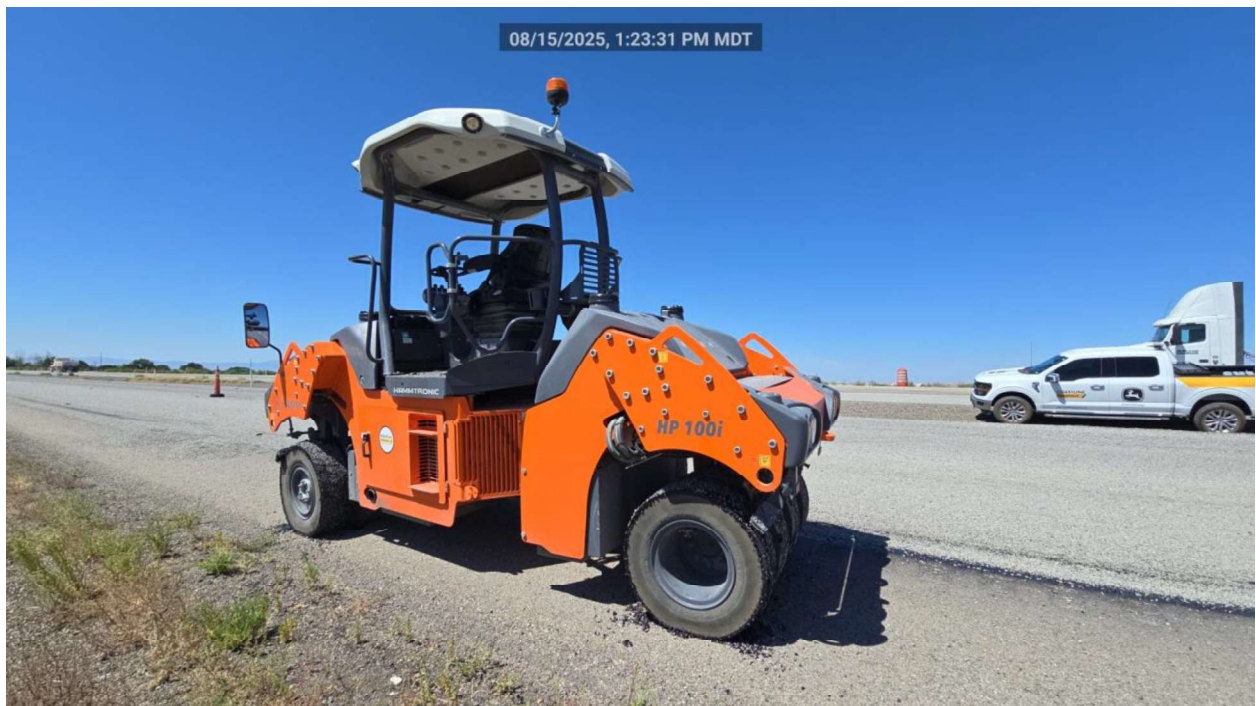


2024 HAMM HP100i PNEUMATIC TIRE ROLLER

STOCK # 114183 SN# WGH0H300CHAA00055

HOURLY METER AS OF 12/8/2025: 435

LOCATION: COASTLINE EQUIPMENT-MERIDIAN, IDAHO





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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-893

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

Sheriff

ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Stephanie Rennie, Sheriff

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Stephanie Rennie, Sheriff

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

The Lateral Sheriff's Deputy applicant brings over a decade of progressively responsible law enforcement experience, including prior service with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office in both custody and patrol roles. The applicant has demonstrated advanced proficiency in patrol operations, corrections, supervision, firearms instruction, and specialized enforcement assignments.

In addition to extensive POST certifications, the applicant served in a supervisory role with a municipal police department and has held multiple specialized collateral assignments that directly enhance operational readiness, training capacity, and officer safety. The applicant's prior familiarity with Inyo County operations, geography, and standards, combined with current supervisory and instructional responsibilities, positions them to contribute immediately. We believe approval of a higher entry pay step is justified based on the depth of experience, advanced certifications, prior Inyo County service, and demonstrated leadership and instructional capabilities that would otherwise require significant time and departmental resources to develop.

Key Qualifications and Accomplishments

- Over 13 years of law enforcement experience, including patrol, custody, supervision, and specialized enforcement assignments.
- Prior service with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office as both a Correctional Officer and Deputy Sheriff, providing direct familiarity with Inyo County policies, procedures, and community expectations.
- Supervisory experience as a Police Corporal, demonstrating leadership, accountability, and personnel oversight.
- Extensive instructional and training roles, including Field Training Officer and firearms instruction, contributing to officer development and operational readiness.

- Advanced firearms and tactical expertise, including armorer responsibilities and specialized enforcement team participation.
- Comprehensive POST certifications, including California Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced POST, as well as multi-state POST credentials.
- Specialized enforcement experience supporting high-risk operations, tactical decision-making, and interagency collaboration.
- Demonstrated ability to operate effectively in high-pressure environments, with experience in emergency response, investigations, and court testimony.
- Immediate operational readiness, reducing training time and associated costs to Inyo County.

Justification for Higher Entry Pay Step

- Experience level significantly exceeds that of a typical new hire.
- Prior County service minimizes onboarding and institutional learning curve.
- Supervisory and instructional background adds immediate value beyond patrol staffing.
- Advanced certifications and specialized skills represent a substantial investment already achieved at no cost to the County.

We respectfully request authorization to hire at Grade D-SD, Step F (\$9,129.55), retroactive to the hire date of January 15th, 2026, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.14 of the Inyo County Personnel Rules and Regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	General Fund	Budget Unit	022710
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5001-5111
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	No

If Sole Source, provide justification below

Current Fiscal Year Impact

Up to \$54,723 for the period between January and June 2026. This position is included within the Sheriff's Safety Budget, salary and benefit codes.

Future Fiscal Year Impacts

Up to \$114,917 for the period between July 2026 and June 2027. This position is within the Sheriff's Authorized strength and will be included in future budgets.

Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your Board may deny the Department's request for Step F, leaving the Sheriff to exercise her authority as a Department Head to make the hire up to Step C. Other alternatives for your Board's consideration include authorizing Step D or Step E. Reducing the pay step from the requested Step F could impact the applicant's satisfaction and long-term retention, given their extensive experience, prior County service, and advanced certifications. It may also affect morale and the Department's ability to attract similarly qualified lateral candidates in the future.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

High Quality Services | Quality County Employees

APPROVALS:

Riannah Reade	Created/Initiated - 12/29/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/30/2025
Riannah Reade	Approved - 12/30/2025
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 12/30/2025
Keri Oney	Approved - 01/05/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/05/2026
Stephanie Rennie	Approved - 01/05/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/06/2026

ATTACHMENTS:



INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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DARCY ISRAEL
ASST. CLERK OF THE BOARD



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

January 20, 2026

Reference ID:
2025-741

Contract with Travis Satterlund — Tobacco Evaluator Health & Human Services ACTION REQUIRED

ITEM SUBMITTED BY

Jessica Burton, Tobacco Supervisor

ITEM PRESENTED BY

Anna Scott, Health & Human Services Director

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.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY / JUSTIFICATION:

TDS Research Group / Travis Satterlund provides required external evaluation services for the County's Tobacco Education Program, including developing the evaluation plan, creating data-collection tools, completing quarterly reporting (including OTIS submissions), and preparing the final evaluation report to meet State grant requirements. This agreement is coming before your Board as a ratification due to administrative turnover in the HHS Public Health and Prevention division that contributed to delays in routing the contract prior to the start of the fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding Source	State Funded	Budget Unit	640322
Budgeted?	Yes	Object Code	5265
Recurrence	Ongoing Expenditure	Sole Source?	Yes

If Sole Source, provide justification below

After conducting a Request for Proposals, it was discovered that there is no other vendor who can provide the same level of expertise or product/service at the same quality or cost. Utilizing this contractor is beneficial due to the work that has been completed, ongoing surveys, and an upcoming assessment that this contractor is highly qualified to conduct. The contractor has become highly familiarized with Inyo County and the needs of our rural communities.

Current Fiscal Year Impact
Up to \$19,200.00 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026
Future Fiscal Year Impacts
N/A
Additional Information

ALTERNATIVES AND/OR CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could choose not to ratify and approve this contract. This is not recommended, as doing so would disallow Inyo County from fulfilling external evaluation activities that are mandated by the State of California for the current Tobacco Control Plan 22-27 and funding requirements and would make Inyo County noncompliant with the Tobacco Control program requirements. If Inyo were found to be non-compliant with the Tobacco Control Program requirements, the State of California would contract an external agency to continue to implement State Tobacco Control in Inyo County.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Thriving Communities | Enhanced Health, Social, & Senior Services

APPROVALS:

Jessica Burton	Created/Initiated - 12/22/2025
Darcy Israel	Approved - 12/22/2025
Stephanie Tanksley	Approved - 12/22/2025
Jessica Burton	Approved - 12/22/2025
Anna Scott	Approved - 01/05/2026
Melissa Best-Baker	Approved - 01/05/2026
Amy Shepherd	Approved - 01/05/2026
John Vallejo	Approved - 01/05/2026
Denelle Carrington	Final Approval - 01/06/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TDS Research Group/Travis Satterlund Agreement
2. Sole Source Form

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF INYO
AND TDS Research Group/Travis Satterlund
FOR THE PROVISION OF TDS Research Group/ Travis Satterlund**

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo (hereinafter referred to as "County") may have the need for the services of TDS Research Group/Travis Satterlund (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"). In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

1.1. Work to be Performed

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, upon its request, those services and work set forth in herein. Requests by the County to the Contractor to perform under this Agreement will be made by Jessica Burton, whose title is: Tobacco Supervisor. Requests to the Contractor for work or services to be performed under this Agreement will be based upon the County's need for such services. The County makes no guarantee that any minimum amount of services or work will be requested of the Contractor. County by this Agreement incurs no obligation or requirement to request from Contractor the performance of any services or work at all, even if County should have need for such services or work during the term of this Agreement.

Services and work provided by the Contractor at the County's request under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with the requirements and standards established by applicable federal, state, and County laws, ordinances, regulations, and resolutions.

1.2. Tasks and Deliverables

Contractor will meet the requirements of External Tobacco Evaluator outlined in Inyo County's Tobacco plan to include but not limited to:

Evaluation	Services
1. Evaluation Plan Development and revisions – continuous revise and update for final report submission	
2. Evaluation Plan Monitoring, Scheduling, Implementation & Data Discussion	
3. Develop all data collection instruments and protocols (15–17), technical assistance on data collection	and data entry
4. Develop and Conduct 2 data collection trainings for Inyo County staff/Coalition members	
5. Quarterly Data collection and reporting	
6. Develop evaluation activity reports (25–30 total reports)Evaluation Activity Reporting in Online Tobacco Information System (OTIS) – January and June	

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|-----|--|------------|-----------|
| 8. | Final | Evaluation | Reporting |
| 9. | Statewide Meetings/Tobacco Control Evaluation Center (TCEC) Trainings – virtual quarterly meetings | and | as needed |
| 10. | 2–3 Communities of Practice meetings per year – up to 8 hours | | |

2. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from Tuesday, July 1, 2025 to Tuesday, June 30, 2026 unless sooner terminated as provided below.

3. CONSIDERATION

3.1. Payment Terms

- A. Compensation. County shall pay to Contractor in accordance with the **Schedule of Fees** set forth in herein for the services and work described in the **Scope of Work** which are performed by Contractor at the County's request.
- B. No additional consideration. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, Contractor shall not be entitled to, nor receive, from County, any additional consideration, compensation, salary, or other type of remuneration for services rendered under this Agreement. Specifically, Contractor shall not be entitled, by virtue of this Agreement, to consideration in the form of overtime, health insurance benefits, retirement benefits, disability retirement benefits, sick leave, vacation time, paid holidays, or other paid leaves of absence of any type or kind whatsoever.
- C. Limit upon amount payable under Agreement. The total sum of all payments made by the County to Contractor for services and work performed under this Agreement shall not exceed \$19,200.00 (hereinafter referred to as "contract limit"). County expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by Contractor for services or work performed which is in excess of the contract limit.
- D. Federal and State taxes.
 - i. Except as provided in subparagraph (2) below, County will not withhold any federal or state income taxes or social security from any payments made by County to Contractor under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - ii. County will withhold California State income taxes from payments made under this Agreement to non-California resident independent contractors when it is anticipated that total annual payments to Contractor under this Agreement will exceed one thousand four hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$1,499.00).
 - iii. Except as set forth above, County has no obligation to withhold any taxes or payments from sums paid by County to Contractor under this

Agreement. Payment of all taxes and other assessments on such sums is the sole responsibility of Contractor. County has no responsibility or liability for payment of Contractor's taxes or assessments.

- iv. The total amounts paid by County to Contractor, and taxes withheld from payments to non-California residents, if any, will be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service and the California State Franchise Tax Board. To facilitate this reporting, Contractor shall complete and submit to the County an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 upon executing this Agreement.

3.2. Schedule of Fees

It is the responsibility of the contractor to invoice Inyo County upon completion of each deliverable. Deliverable Schedule and Fees:

\$90.00 per hour

Contractor will provide the above services on a fixed fee basis based on approximately 210 hours annually (Fiscal year July 1 – June 30).

Contractor shall invoice the Agency for services completed on a quarterly basis to the Inyo County Health and Human Services Tobacco Education Program Supervisor.

The maximum amount payable to Contractor under this contract is \$19,200.00 per year.

Total Hours: not to exceed 210 in 25/26.

4. WORK SCHEDULE

Contractor's obligation is to perform, in a timely manner, those services and work identified in the **Scope of Work** which are requested by the County. It is understood by Contractor that the performance of these services and work will require a varied schedule. Contractor will arrange his/her own schedule but will coordinate with County to ensure that all services and work requested by County under this Agreement will be performed within the time frame set forth by County.

5. REQUIRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS

- A. Any licenses, certificates, or permits required by the federal, state, county, or municipal governments for contractor to provide the services and work described in the **Scope of Work** must be procured by Contractor and be valid at the time Contractor enters into this Agreement or as otherwise may be required. Further, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor must maintain such licenses, certificates, and permits in full force and effect at no expense to the County. Contractor will provide County, upon execution of this Agreement, with evidence of current and valid licenses, certificates and permits which are required to perform the services identified in the **Scope of Work**. Where there is a dispute between Contractor and County as to what licenses, certificates, and permits are

required to perform the services identified in the **Scope of Work**, County reserves the right to make such determinations for purposes of this Agreement.

- B. Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration available at: <http://www.sam.gov>.

6. OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ET CETERA

Contractor shall provide such office space, supplies, equipment, vehicles, reference materials, and utility connections as are necessary for Contractor to provide the services identified in the **Scope of Work**. County is not obligated to reimburse or pay Contractor for any expense or cost incurred by Contractor in procuring or maintaining such items.

7. COUNTY PROPERTY

- A. Personal Property of County. Any personal property provided to Contractor by County pursuant to this Agreement are the sole and exclusive property of County. Contractor will use reasonable care to protect, safeguard and maintain such items while they are in Contractor's possession. Contractor will be financially responsible for any loss or damage to such items.
- B. Products of Contractor's Work and Services. Any and all compositions, publications, plans, designs, specifications, blueprints, maps, formulas, processes, photographs, slides, video tapes, computer programs, computer disks, computer tapes, memory chips, soundtracks, audio recordings, films, audio-visual presentations, exhibits, reports, studies, works of art, inventions, patents, trademarks, copyrights, or intellectual properties of any kind which are created, produced, assembled, compiled by, or are the result, product, or manifestation of Contractor's services or work under this Agreement are, and at the termination of this Agreement remain, the sole and exclusive property of the County. At the termination of the Agreement, Contractor will convey possession and title to all such properties to County.

8. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

8.1. Commercial General Liability (CGL)

Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

8.2. Automobile Liability

Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, covering hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

8.3. Workers’ Compensation

Insurance as required by the State of California, with **Statutory Limits**, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease. (*Provision may be waived if Contractor provides written declaration of the following: (a) Contractor has no employees and agrees to obtain workers’ compensation insurance and notify Inyo County if any employee is hired, (b) Contractor agrees to verify proof of coverage for any subcontractor, and (c) Contractor agrees to hold Inyo County harmless and defend Inyo County in the case of claims arising for failure to provide benefits.*)

8.4. Contractor Broader Coverage

If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, Inyo County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to Inyo County.

8.5. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status: Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor’s insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of **both** CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; **and** CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this contract, the **Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory** and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance

maintained by Inyo County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall state that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to Inyo County.

Umbrella or Excess Policy: The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. The Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

Waiver of Subrogation: Contractor hereby grants to Inyo County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against Inyo County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. The contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not Inyo County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Self-Insured Retentions: Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by Inyo County. Inyo County may require the Contractor to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Inyo County. The CGL and Professional Liability policies must provide that defense costs, including ALAE, will satisfy the SIR or deductible.

Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to Inyo County.

Claims Made Policies: If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

- A. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
- B. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
- C. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish Inyo County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. **All certificates and endorsements and copies of all Declarations and Endorsements pages are to be received and approved by Inyo County before work commences.** However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. Inyo County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Special Risks or Circumstances: Inyo County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

9. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR

All acts of Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees, relating to the performance of this Agreement, shall be performed as independent contractors, and not as agents, officers, or employees of County. Contractor, by virtue of this Agreement, has no authority to bind or incur any obligation on behalf of County. Except as expressly provided in the **Scope of Work**, Contractor has no authority to exercise any rights or power vested in the County. No agent, officer, or employee of the Contractor is to be considered an employee of the County. It is understood by both Contractor and County that this Agreement shall not under any circumstances be construed or considered to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture. As an independent contractor:

- A. Contractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work and services to be provided by Contractor under this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible to County only for the requirements and results specified in this Agreement, and except as expressly provided in this Agreement, shall not be subjected to County's control with respect to the physical action or activities of Contractor in fulfillment of this Agreement.
- C. Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees are, and at all times during the term of this Agreement shall, represent and conduct themselves as independent contractors, and not as employees of County.

10. DEFENSE AND INDEMNITY

Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify County and its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the agreement, except such loss or damages which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

11. RECORDS AND AUDIT

- A. Records. Contractor shall prepare and maintain all records required by the various provisions of this Agreement and any applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations. Contractor shall maintain these records for a minimum of four (4) years from the termination or completion of this Agreement.
- B. Inspections and Audits. Any authorized representative of County shall have access to any records including, but not limited to, financial records of Contractor, which County determines to be pertinent to this Agreement, for the purposes of making an audit, evaluation, or examination during the period such records are to be maintained by Contractor. Further, County has the right to audit, inspect, or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

12. NONDISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, its agents, officers, and employees shall not unlawfully discriminate in violation of any federal, state, or local law, against any employee, or applicant for employment, or person receiving services under this Agreement, because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex. Contractor and its agents, officers, and employees shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900, et seq.), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder in the California Code of Regulations. Contractor shall also abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Act.

13. CANCELLATION

This Agreement may be canceled by County without cause, and at will, for any reason by giving to Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel. Contractor may cancel this Agreement without cause, and at will, for any reason whatsoever by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such intent to cancel to County.

14. ASSIGNMENT

This is an agreement for the services of Contractor. County has relied upon the skills, experience, and training of Contractor as an inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any part of this Agreement without the written consent of County. Further, Contractor shall not assign any monies due or to become due under this Agreement without the written consent of County.

15. DEFAULT

If the Contractor abandons the work, fails to proceed with the work and services requested by County in a timely manner, or fails in any way as required to conduct the work and services as required by County, County may declare the Contractor in default and terminate this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice to Contractor. Upon such termination by default, County will pay to Contractor all amounts owing for services and work satisfactorily performed to the date of termination.

16. WAIVER OF DEFAULT

Waiver of any default by either party to this Agreement shall not be deemed to be waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless this Agreement is modified as provided in paragraph twenty-two (22) below.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor further agrees to comply with the various provisions of the federal, state, and county laws, regulations, and ordinances providing that information and records kept, maintained, or accessible by Contractor in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, shall be privileged, restricted, or confidential. Contractor agrees to keep confidential all such information and records. Disclosure of such confidential, privileged, or protected information shall be made by Contractor only with the express written consent of the County. Any disclosure of confidential information by Contractor without the County's written consent is solely and exclusively the legal responsibility of Contractor in all respects.

Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, names of persons receiving public social services are confidential and are to be protected from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations Section 205.50, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and Sections 10850 and 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. For the purpose of this Agreement, all information, records, and data elements pertaining to beneficiaries shall be protected by the provider from unauthorized disclosure.

18. CONFLICTS

Contractor agrees that it has no interest, and shall not acquire any direct or indirect interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the work and services under this Agreement.

19. POST AGREEMENT COVENANT

Contractor agrees not to use any confidential, protected, or privileged information which is gained from the County in the course of providing services and work under this Agreement, for any personal benefit, gain, or enhancement. Further, Contractor agrees for a period of two years

after the termination of this Agreement not to seek or accept any employment with any entity which, during the term of this Agreement, has had an adverse or conflicting interest with the County or who has been an adverse party in litigation with the County, and concerning such, Contractor by virtue of this Agreement has gained access to the County's confidential, privileged, protected, or proprietary information.

20. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Agreement shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

21. FUNDING LIMITATION

The ability of County to enter this Agreement is based upon available funding from various sources. In the event that such funding fails, is reduced, or is modified, from one or more sources, County has the option to cancel, reduce, or modify this Agreement, or any of its terms within ten (10) days of its notifying Contractor of the cancellation, reduction, or modification of available funding. Any reduction or modification of this Agreement made pursuant to this provision must comply with the requirements of paragraph twenty-two (22) (Amendment).

22. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be modified by the mutual consent of the parties, if such amendment or change is in written form and executed with the same formalities as this Agreement, and attached to the original Agreement to maintain continuity.

23. NOTICE

Any notice regarding this Agreement shall be in writing and may be personally served, or sent by prepaid first-class mail to, the respective parties as follows:

County of Inyo:

Health and Human Services
1360 N Main St Bishop CA, 93514

Contractor:

TDS Research Group/Travis Satterlund
3631 Berryfield Ct., San Diego, CA 92130

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements otherwise between the parties not embodied herein or incorporated herein by reference, shall be of any force or effect. Further, no term or provision

hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, unless the same be in writing executed by the parties hereto.

For Inyo County



SIGNATURE

Anna Scott

FULL NAME

12/17/2025

DATE SIGNED

HHS Director

TITLE



SIGNATURE

John-Carl Vallejo

JOHN-CARL VALLEJO

12/17/2025

DATE SIGNED

County Counsel

COUNTY COUNSEL

 (Dec 22, 2025 11:41:38 PST)

SIGNATURE

Amy Shepherd

AMY SHEPHERD

12/22/2025

DATE SIGNED

Auditor

AUDITOR

For Contractor


Travis Satterlund (Dec 11, 2025 14:00:58 PST)

SIGNATURE

Travis Satterlund

FULL NAME

12/11/2025

DATE SIGNED

TDS Research Group Evaluator

TITLE

K. Oney

SIGNATURE

Keri Oney

KERI ONEY

12/22/2025

DATE SIGNED

Personnel

PERSONNEL



[Aaron Holmberg \(Dec 22, 2025 13:17:49 PST\)](#)

SIGNATURE

Aaron Holmberg

FULL NAME

12/22/2025

DATE SIGNED

Risk Manager

TITLE



County of Inyo

Sole Source Authorization Form

Vendor: Travis Satterlund/TDS Research

Date: 09/24/2025

A sole source procurement may be justified in the following situations: Section II.D.1 (located on page 6)

Sole source procurements are the exception, not the norm. They are to be used sparingly and shall not be used in lieu of any competitive process simply because the department failed to allot sufficient time to engage in the competitive process or because the department finds the competitive process to be onerous.

Select one of the following:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The capability of the proposed contractor is critical to the specific effort and makes the contractor clearly unique compared to other contractors in the general field.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed contractor has prior experience of a highly specialized nature that is vital to the proposed effort.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed contractor has facilities, staffing, or equipment that are specialized and vital to the services being requested.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed contractor has a substantial investment that would have to be duplicated at the County's expense by another contractor entering the field.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A critical proposed schedule for the service and/or product that only one proposed contractor can meet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A lack of competition because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, and/or location.

Amount	Required Action
Less than or equal to \$5,000	Compliance with the competitive process is not required, but price shopping is encouraged.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,001 to \$10,000	Three informal bids (e.g. printouts from websites showing prices or quotes solicited from vendors) must be obtained. <input type="checkbox"/> Informal bids received
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 to \$25,000	Three informal bids (e.g. printouts from websites showing prices or quotes solicited from vendors) must be obtained. <input type="checkbox"/> Informal bids received
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 to \$75,000	A formal RFP or RFQ must be prepared and publicized, with sealed submissions opened on a predetermined date. <input type="checkbox"/> RFP/RFQ Received by Board Clerk on _____
Over \$75,000	A formal RFP or RFQ must be prepared and publicized, with sealed submissions opened on a predetermined date. Board Approval Required

County of Inyo

Sole Source Authorization Form

Sole Source Justification:

A sole source justification is sought for the continued contracting of External Evaluation services with Travis Satterlund/TDS Research Group. There is no other vendor who offers the same level or quality of expertise, product/service, or pricing.

Due to their extensive experience, ongoing surveys, and upcoming assessments, this contractor is highly qualified to conduct the work that needs to be completed. A high level of familiarity has grown between the contractor and Inyo County and its rural communities.

In accordance with the current contract, an External Evaluator must be staffed at a minimum of 10% FTE. Among the responsibilities of this position are developing data collection instruments, training in data collection, developing sampling methodologies, analyzing data, and writing reports. Other duties may include helping to translate and disseminate data. Management and monitoring of completed tasks will continue to ensure that the contractor is providing fair and reasonable pricing and following proper procurement procedures. As a result, Inyo County will receive the best value for its money and the contractor will comply with all requirements.

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Department Head Signature

Sole Source Approval

Denelle Carrington

Denelle Carrington (Dec 17, 2025 08:32:35 PST)

Purchasing Agent Signature

John Carl Vallego

County Counsel Signature

Armand Pigeon on behalf of Amy Sheperd

Armand Pigeon on behalf of Amy Sheperd (Dec 22, 2025 15:47:12 PST)

Auditor-Controller Signature





Sole Source TDR

Final Audit Report

2025-12-23

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