




County of Inyo

Board of Supervisors

April 14, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 2:03 p.m., on April 14, 2026, at the Hurlbut Rook Community Center, Tecopa, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Trina Orrill, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Scott Marcellin. Also present: CAO David Fraser, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

Pledge of Allegiance Robin Flinchum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment I The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and comment was received from Robin Flinchum, Tony Kizzia, Shane Riley, Bill Lutze, James Davis, Mike, Steven Osprey, Billy Eichenbaum, Larry Levy, Lauralyn Hundley, and several other unidentified attendees.

During the comment period, a significant number of constituents voiced concern over inadequate telephone service and dissatisfaction with local provider AT&T. Chairperson Orrill thanked everyone for their input and said that the information gathered will be relayed to the appropriate contacts.

Chairperson Orrill thanked Inyo County staff, including Health & Human Services Tecopa Operations Manager Rose Colon, HHS Social Services Aide Shelly Scott, and Public Works Facilities Operations Supervisor Shane Riley for assistance in preparing the meeting room and Supervisor Wadelton provided information on the upcoming High Sierra Foundation dinner scheduled for April 28.

County Department Reports District Attorney Dana Crom discussed victim-witness services available to residents.

Clerk-Recorder/Danielle Sexton provided updates on Elections and said that the new Election Information Guide that is currently available online will be mailed out on April 23.

Assistant Information Services Director Abhilash Itharaju provided an update on the improvement work being done to the radio tower serving Tecopa.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular March 31, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Emergency Services – Designation Authorization/ Reso. #2026-11 Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Governing Board Resolution No. 2026-11 in order to authorize the Inyo County Administrative Officer as the designated applicant agent for the County of Inyo with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance for any existing or future grant program; and authorize the Assistant Clerk of the Board to certify the resolution by signature. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Information Services – ESRI Inc. Contract Renewal Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Declare ESRI Inc. a sole-source provider of Geographic Information Systems for the County;
- B) Approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and ESRI Inc. for the provision of Geographic Information Systems for the County; and
- C) Authorize the Chief Information Officer to sign the order form for a three-year contract renewal at \$32,550 per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

<i>HHS – DHCS Behavioral Health Services Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of Sacramento, California for the provision of behavioral health services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Mental Health Director to sign the Standard Agreement, Exhibits A-F and Contractor Certification Clause. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Tinnemaha Campground Reservation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve a request from the Moontribe Collective to reserve all campsites at Tinnemaha Creek Campground, from June 27 to July 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works- Recycling & Waste Management – Grant Program Submittals/ Resolution #2026-12</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2026-12, titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing Submittal of Applications for Grant Programs and Related Authorizations,” in relation to CalRecycle grants, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Temporary Lane Closure</i>	<p>The item was pulled by the Chairperson at the request of Supervisor Wadelton for further discussion and to request parking restrictions in and around the Independence Fire Department.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the temporary lane closure of Onion Valley Road just west of U.S. Highway 395, East Market Street, , to allow US Cycling and Whiskey Tango Fondo to hold the annual Cycling Event on Onion Valley Road and East Market Street on April 26, 2026, with the stipulation added to the permit that no parking be allowed on the entire block of South Jackson Street where the Independence Fire Department is located. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Workshop –</i>	<p>The Board received updates and reports from representatives of the following entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death Valley National Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Acting Deputy Superintendent Abby Wines • Amargosa Conservancy Program Director Mason Voehl • Friends of the Amargosa Basin Program Director Cameron Mayer • Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Chief Bill Lutze and Board Chair Robin Flinchum • Community Advocates for South East Inyo (CASEI) Julie Finn.
<i>Public Works – Dokken Engineering Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Dokken Engineering of Folsom, CA for the provision of phased professional services, including environmental documentation (PAED), preparation of final Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E), and right-of-way (ROW) support in an amount not to exceed \$1,538,383.23 for the period of May 15, 2026 through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and the future allocation of awarded funds, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – Personal Services Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:</p> <p>A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Meghan O’Keefe for the provision of personal services as the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector at Grade 18, Step A, \$8,254.35 per month effective, April 15, 2026, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and</p> <p>B) Approve the job description for the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment for subjects not included on the agenda and comments were received from Jim Copeland, Billy Eichenbaum, and Larry Levy.

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a brief update on the status of the Tecopa and Charleston View firehouse projects.

Facilities Operations Supervisor Shane Riley answered inquiries about runway lighting at the Death Valley Airport and said that he would contact Public Works Airports Director Ashley Helms regarding constituent concerns.

Supervisor Roeser said that she is a member of the Southern California Edison Gathering Panel and said she could relay any concerns that Tecopa constituents have with regard to those services.


Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: DAVID FRASER
Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Israel, Assistant