

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

July 28, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on July 28, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, 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.

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 Orrill recessed open session at 8:33 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 – County Administrative Officer David Fraser, Assistant County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich; No. 3 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Water Director; and No. 4 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works Director.

Open Session Chairperson Orrill recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:07 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance Deputy Public Works Director Shannon Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 through 4 and no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Public Comment II The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

Employee Service Recognition The Board recognized the following employees who reached service milestones during the second quarter, many of whom were in attendance to receive their commemorative pins:

- Darcy Israel, 10 years - Administration
- Rebecca Graves, 5 years - Administration
- Nate Reade, 25 years – Agriculture
- Janice Jackson, 5 years – Agriculture
- Paul Bedell, 15 years – Sheriff
- Victor Lawson, 10 years – Sheriff
- Kenneth Hernandez Santana, 5 years – Sheriff
- Sonja Velarde, 5 years – Sheriff
- Michael Errante, 10 years – Public Works
- Aaron Dondero, 5 years – Public Works
- Heather Williams, 10 years – Auditor
- Marissa Silvas, 5 years – Auditor
- Shelly Scott, 10 years – HHS
- Laura Boyer, 10 years – HHS

- Dena Higgenbotham, 5 years – HHS
- Doug Marcellin, 5 years – HHS
- Takoda Faircloth, 5 years – HHS
- Tammy Martinez, 5 years – Probation.

Board Member Reports

CAO Fraser thanked first responders, County staff, and partner agencies for providing mutual aid during the recent Rock Fire and Cinder Complex Fires. He also thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity to serve Inyo County and acknowledged their support following his recent announcement that he will be discontinuing his employment with the County on September 11.

Supervisor Griffiths echoed support for first responders and County staff who have jumped in to help assist with the fires, noting that he visited the evacuation center at the Bishop Senior Center and saw firsthand the hard work being done.

Supervisor Marcellin also thanked first responders and county staff, provided an update on the Wye Road connector project, and said he would be attending the Southern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee (SIAAC) meeting and the Probation Department's Youth Summer Escape barbecue, and would be participating in an eco-flight with local environmental group Inyo 350.

Supervisor Wadelton said he attended the Annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in New Orleans, where he participated in steering committee meetings related to rural land use, veterans and military services, and rural EMS. He said he also attended a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) dinner, toured storm drain pump-out systems, met with constituents in Tecopa, and checked in with various County departments in Southeast Inyo.

Supervisor Roeser said that she hosted a community meeting in Wilkerson and attended the Annual NACo Conference, constituent meetings, and a Caltrans cooperators meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP), the Forest Service, and Big Pine Tribal Council. She noted that the Rock Fire broke out near her property as she was returning from the NACo Conference and thanked friends who helped evacuate livestock in her absence, as well as first responder agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Administration, HHS, the Road Department, Big Pine Fire, Independence Fire, mutual-aid fire personnel from outside the county, California Highway Patrol, CalFire, and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power.

Supervisor Orrill said that she attended the NACo conference, including a meeting of the Environment Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee. She said that she also joined staff from Senator Alvarado-Gil's office in recognizing Looney Bean in Bishop and attended a CSAC Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) working group meeting.

County Department Reports

Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington provided an update on an upcoming payment ratification related to plumbing repairs at the Bishop Senior Center.

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman Ostrander reported that the Project Management Office has formally submitted an Opportunity Zone nomination for the lower portion of Inyo County.

Probation Chief Thomson reported that Probation Services Week was a great success, highlighting the selection of George Alvarado as Employee of the Year and recognizing Sally Claussen as this year's selection of "Friend of the Probation Department." He added that the entire staff recently received acknowledgment certificates from Senator Alvarado-Gil's office and shared details about the department's upcoming Youth Summer Escape barbecue.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of June 30, 2026 and July 14, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>CAO-Public Works – County Code Chapter 2.36 Revision</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Revising Section 2.36.040 of the Inyo County Code Relating to Road Commissioner Duties of the Public Works Director." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Fee Waiver</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize a fee waiver to the Lone Pine Chapter of the Lions Club for setting up a booth at Lone Pine Park from June 25 to July 9, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$50, for the fee set in the "Facility Use Permit." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Water Department – FY 26-27 LORP Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to adopt the 2026-27 Fiscal Year Lower Owens River Project Work Plan, Budget, and Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – ICOE Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) Declare Inyo County Office of Education a sole-source provider of Prevention and Early Intervention Services; B) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of Prevention and Early Intervention services in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets); and C) Authorize the HHS Director to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – CDPH Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health of Sacramento, CA for the provision of Future of Public Health Funding in an amount not to exceed \$418,463 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – Blue Cross of CA and Health Net Contracts</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo Health and Human Services-Public Health and Prevention Division and Health Net and Blue Cross of California for the provision of Community Health Improvement Plan financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$7,550 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- ICOE MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education of Bishop, CA for the provision of Youth Development Services at middle and high schools in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Public Works – Change in Authorized Strength</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to change the authorized strength in the Public Works Department in the Airport Division, by deleting 1 full-time Airport Technician at Grade 4-6 and adding 2 B-PAR positions at Grade 4-6, and direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Comment III</i>	The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to comment on items not included on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 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