

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 11, 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 August 11, 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 8:34 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; No. 4 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Agricultural Commissioner; No. 5 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Name of case: *City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles v. Inyo County Board of Supervisors, et al.* Inyo County Superior Court Case No. 12908; No. 6 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Denise Debra Babbitt vs. County of Inyo, State of California, and DOES 1 through 11, Inclusive* (No. 26UC73689); No. 7 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *John Doe M.A.O. v. State of California, County of San Joaquin, County of Alameda, County of Amador, County of Inyo, and DOES 1 through 50* (No. STK-CV-UP-2026-0010814); No. 8 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1. Claim for damages from J. Jackson; and No. 9 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: 703 Airport Rd., Bishop. Agency Negotiators: John-Carl Vallejo, David Fraser, Denelle Carrington. Negotiating parties: Scott Cimino. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

Open Session

Chairperson Orrill recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:09 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Orrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board authorized County Counsel to obtain outside legal counsel to defend against items 6 through 8. Vallejo said that the Board received reports on all remaining items, with nothing required by law 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 Jeffrey Bohl, Mary Matlick, and Ford Arvison.

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to the Board:

- **Auditor-Controller** - Administrative Analyst Josue Perez Flores and Administrative Analyst Ariel Willey
- **Public Works** - Building Maintenance Worker Keith Roberts and Equipment Mechanic Operator Richard Wagnon
- **Water Department** - Administrative Analyst Anwylyd Blakey.

Item Pulled

The following item was pulled at the direction of the Chairperson for consideration at a future meeting:

- 14) Update** - CalOES Region VI XIN Operational Area Coordinator Damon Carrington will provide an update regarding the Rock and Cinder Complex fires.

Board Member Reports

Supervisor Griffiths said that he attended a Bishop City Council meeting.

Supervisor Orrill said that she attended the Eastern Sierra Land Trust appreciation dinner, a National Association of Counties (NACo) webinar, multiple California State Association of Counties (CSAC) working group meetings, and a Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee meeting (NIAAC).

Supervisor Marcellin reported attending meetings of the Northern and Southern Inyo Airport advisory committees (NIAAC and SIAAC), completing a de-escalation class, participating in a webinar on pairing rapid responses with threat prevention, and taking an EcoFlight arranged by Friends of the Inyo.

Supervisor Wadelton said that he attended the SIAAC meeting, took an EcoFlight, attended the Eastern Sierra Land Trust appreciation dinner, and met with constituents throughout his district.

Supervisor Roeser said that she took an EcoFlight, met with constituents, attended a working group meeting with the Bishop Creek Wastewater Project team, met with members of the Wilkerson Fire District, and attended a celebration of life for longtime Independence resident Elsie Ivey.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel provided an update on recruitment for two positions on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

County Department Reports

Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser said that his department will be performing another round of tests for hazardous algae bloom on August 24 and will report back to the Board on the findings once they are available.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes from the special and regular Board of Supervisors meetings of July 28, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Minute Correction

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize staff to correct the minutes of the May 26, 2026 meeting, and the associated board order, so that the expiration date for the term to which Hayley Carter was appointed is correctly stated as June 30, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Health & Prevention – MCIP Agreement

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the participation agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Healthcare Services for participation in the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP) in an amount not to exceed \$492.46 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Participation Agreement and the Administrative Services Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Department – Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. and

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:
A) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Helix Environmental Planning, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$15,000.00, for a total

***Bonanza Peak Solar,
LLC Contract
Amendments No. 2***

not to exceed \$80,550.00, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
B) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Bonanza Peak Solar, LLC, increasing the contract deposit from \$76,600.00 to \$91,600.00, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Roll-Off Truck
Purchase***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to declare McCandless Truck Center of Sparks, NV the successful bidder for a new roll-off truck and authorize a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$209,589.59. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –
Horseshoe Meadows
Slide Repair
Consultant Contract***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Consor North America, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, CA for the provision of Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$399,600.00 for the period of August 11, 2026 through June 29, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Pahrump Valley
Disposal Contract***

Public comment was received from Mike Smith of Pahrump Valley Disposal.

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Pahrump Valley Disposal of Pahrump, NV as a sole-source provider for waste hauling services from the communities of Tecopa, Shoshone, Charleston View, Furnace Creek, and Death Valley Junction to Pahrump, Nevada Waste Disposal Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$1,196,124.40 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Environmental Health –
CUPA Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the County of Mono for Inyo County to provide Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) hazardous materials program management services in Mono County, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 over the three-year term, or \$100,000 in any fiscal year, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future fiscal year budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO –
Film Commissioner
Written Report***

The Board received a written report on film activity in Inyo County from Film Commissioner Jesse Steele, who was unable to attend during an emergency. His appearance will be rescheduled.

***CAO –
ESCOG Agriculture
Activation Plan***

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman Ostrander explained that the Eastern Sierra Agricultural Activation Plan was funded through the Sierra Jobs First Initiative in partnership with the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG).

Lindsay Gucker of Plena Planning & Design presented an overview of the plan, followed by a Q&A session in which she and Inyo County Farm Advisor Dustin Blakey addressed Board member questions.

***Clerk-Recorder –
Recorder Notification
Program
Implementation/
Resolution #2026-29***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2026-29, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Implementation of a Recorder Notification Program Pursuant to Government Code Section 27297.7," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Water Department –
Owens Valley Water
Trail Project/
Resolution #2026-30***

Public comment was received from Randy Short.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Approve the Owens River Water Trail Project as described in the certified Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2018051049); B)
- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-30, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County

of Inyo, State of California, Approving the Owens River Water Trail Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign;

C) Authorize and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Inyo County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse within five working days of this approval; and

D) Direct staff to continue negotiations with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power toward a lease of the project premises and to return to the Board with a proposed lease for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Inyo County Vacancies*

Personnel Director Keri Oney provided a presentation on 2026 County of Inyo vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts pursuant to California Government Code §3502.3, formerly known as Assembly Bill 2561.

Chairperson Orrill opened a public hearing at 12:18 p.m. and asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment. There was no one wishing to speak so the Chairperson closed the public hearing at 12:19 p.m.

Public Comment III

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to comment on items not included on the agenda and comment was received from Randy Short.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Orrill recessed the meeting at 12:21 p.m. to return to closed session and reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed
Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 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