

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 13, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:34 a.m., on October 13, 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: Acting CAO 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 Orrill recessed open session at 8:35 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 County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *County of Inyo et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation et al* (National Prescription Opiate Litigation – Northern District of Ohio, MDL 2804); and *In Re Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); No. 4 **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; No. 5 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; No. 6 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works Director; and No. 7 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Planning Director.

Open Session

Chairperson Orrill recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:02 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 3 and authorized his office to enter into a settlement agreement, which will become public once all parties have signed. He noted that no other reportable action was taken and the Board will reconvene later in the meeting to continue closed session discussions.

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Becky Taylor.

Board Member Reports

Supervisor Marcellin said that he attended Shannon Platt's retirement party, the National Night Out, and the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department open house.

Supervisor Wadelton said that he attended the National Night Out, Lone Pine and Olancho-Cartago Fire Department open house and flu shot clinic events, and the Lone Pine Film Festival.

Supervisor Roeser said that the Ag Pass Program is now officially established in Inyo County

and thanked Agricultural Commissioner Nate Reade for implementing it. She also thanked County Counsel Vallejo for being a guest speaker at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) working group. Roeser reported attending a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board meeting, a Resource Conservation District meeting, the Lone Pine Film Festival, the Owens Valley Radio Observatory open house, the Rock Fire After-Action Review, a California Broadband Coalition meeting, the Big Pine Fire Department open house, and the National Night Out.

***County Department
Reports***

Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert announced that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife awarded grant funding for the Owens River Water Trail.

Health and Human Services Director Anna Scott highlighted several upcoming events, including Public Health community flu shot clinics in partnership with local fire departments, a drive-through flu vaccine clinic at the Quilter Consolidated Office Building, and the LIFE Night Trunk or Treat event.

Public Works Engineering Assistant Travis Dean provided an update on the Independence Courthouse door restoration project scheduled to begin October 19 and outlined how the work will affect building access.

***Presentation –
ICOE***

Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE) Project Coordinators Serena Johnson and Karen Kong gave a presentation on the ICOE's Community Compass website.

***Assessor –
Vessel Tax Ordinance***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve a proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 1195 Exempting Low Value Personal Property from Property Taxation." Motion carried unanimously.

***Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 29, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –
BLM Right-of-Way
Amendment/
Resolution #2026-37***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2026-37, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the BLM Amending the Right of Way for Certain Roads in the Tecopa Area," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Sheriff –
FY 2025 HSGP
Application/Resolution
#2026-38***

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Approve the submittal of the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 HSGP Application and authorize the Assistant CAO, as the designated Authorized Agent, to sign the grant application, as well as any and all accompanying documents, by approving the "Governing Board Resolution No. 2026-38;" and
- B) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the addendum letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

***Treasurer-Tax
Collector –
Tax-Defaulted Property
Auction/Resolution
#2026-39***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to adopt Resolution No. 2026-39 approving the sale of tax-defaulted properties described in the "List of Properties for Delinquent Tax Sale" at public internet auction starting on or after February 10, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. and authorizing the Treasurer-Tax Collector to re-offer the parcels, which did not obtain the minimum bids during the previous tax sale, at a price which is deemed appropriate by the Treasurer-Tax Collector pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3692(e), 3698.5(c) and 3698.7(c). Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

***CAO –
State of the Parks: Inyo
County Park***

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and Public Works Park Manager Daniel Breceno presented the Inyo County Park Improvement Plan.

Improvement Plan

CAO – Approval of Grant Application

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve submission of Inyo County's application to the LCI Extreme Heat & Community Resilience Early Infrastructure Grant program and authorize the County Administrator or designee to sign and submit the application "*Empowering Tecopa: Safeguarding a Desert Community During Outages*" and all related documentation. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Airports – BIH Commercial Service Terminal Facility Requirements Report and Letter to FAA

Deputy Public Works Director Ashley Helms gave a presentation on proposals for a new commercial service terminal at the Bishop Airport.

Public comment was received from an individual identifying as "Matthew."

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the letter to the FAA, titled "*Support for Three-Gate Commercial Service Terminal at Bishop Airport (BIH)*," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – LSC Transportation Planning Consultants Agreement

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Transportation Planning Commission Budget 504605 as follows: increase appropriation in Professional Services Object Code 5265 by \$125,000 (*4/5ths vote required*); and
- B) Ratify and approve the Master Services Agreement between the County of Inyo and LSC Transportation Planning Consultants, Inc. of Tahoe City, CA for the provision of transportation planning services for an initial amount not to exceed \$199,937 for the period of September 29, 2026, through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works- Recycling & Waste Management – Pahrump Valley Disposal Contract Amendment No. 1

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Pahrump Valley Disposal of Pahrump, NV, decreasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$672,119.00 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.

Public Works- Recycling & Waste Management – Geo-Logic Associates, Inc. Contract Amendment No. 1

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Roeser to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Geo-Logic Associates of Grass Valley, CA, increasing the contract by \$46,854.60 to an amount not to exceed \$1,008,221.00 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.

CAO – Early Purchase of Quilter COB and Budget Amendment

County Counsel Vallejo explained that ongoing litigation is expected to conclude soon, with a settlement likely. He noted that the settlement would allow the County to pay off the loan on the Quilter Consolidated Office Building early and at a reduced amount, resulting in an estimated savings of \$2 million.

Supervisor Griffiths added that this approach not only saves money but also provides the flexibility needed to restore the building to its intended standard and address necessary repairs.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Authorize the CAO to exercise the County's option to purchase the Quilter Consolidated Office Building (COB) prior to the end of the lease term and authorize the CAO to enter into any agreements necessary, within the Purchasing Agent's fiscal authority, to effectuate the early purchase, including, but not limited to, an amendment of the Lease Agreement and/or an amendment of the Loan Agreement;
- B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 LATCF Budget #640299 as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out #5801 by \$5,030,000; and amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Consolidated Office Building Budget #011809 as follows:

increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In #4998 by \$5,030,000 and increase appropriation in Structures & Improvements #5640 by \$5,030,000 (4/5ths vote required); and

- C) Direct staff to return at a future Board Meeting to report on any final agreement consummating the early purchase of the Quilter COB.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Asset Leasing Corporation

The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to reconvene as the Capital Asset Leasing Corporation at 12:47 p.m. (Separate minutes.)

The Chairperson adjourned the Capital Asset Leasing Corporation meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 12:49 p.m. with all Board members present.

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.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:47 p.m. to return to closed session and reconvened the regular meeting at 12:53 a.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo announced that the Board has selected Christine Bouchard to be the next county administrative officer. He said the County will be issuing a conditional offer of employment and expects to bring that appointment and the contract back at its November 3rd meeting.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at the Tecopa Community Center in Tecopa.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *DENELLE CARRINGTON*
Acting Clerk of the Board

by: 
Darcy Israel, Assistant