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AGENDA

Board of Supervisors Room - County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards, Independence, California

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REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 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) **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 Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich.

3) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 –** Potential case: one - Claim for damages filed by the Northern Inyo Hospital District alleging a responsibility of Inyo County to make a legal determination for NIHD regarding NIHD's Gann Limit.

4) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 –** Potential case: one.

5) **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 –** Title: Planning Director.

6) **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 –** Title: Public Works Director.

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**
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.

10) **Employee Service Recognition -** The Board will recognize employees who reached service milestones during the third quarter of 2026.

11) **Introductions -**The Board will be introduced to the following new employees:

- County Administrative Officer Christine Bouchard.
- Public Works - Equipment Operator Heavy Ermilo Arias, Equipment Operator Heavy Cole Coffman, and Equipment Mechanic Heavy Miguel Santana.
- Sheriff - Shelter Assistant Amy Cutright.

12) **Presentation -** Eastern Sierra Community Foundation Initiative

13) **Board Member Reports**
The Board will provide updates on recent or upcoming meetings, important issues discussed or to be discussed at those meetings, and any projects being explored.

14) **County Department Reports**

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items that are considered routine and are approved in a single motion; approval recommended by the County Administrator)

15) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 3

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:
Approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of November 3, 2026.

16) Resolution Setting 2027 Board of Supervisors Meeting Calendar

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:
Approve Resolution No. 2026-41, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Establishing the Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule for the 2027 Calendar Year," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

17) Adoption of a New Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act

County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney

Recommended Action: Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2026-42, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 001 Inyo Co. Employees Assoc;"
- Resolution No. 2026-43, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 002 Deputy Sheriffs Assoc;"
- Resolution No. 2026-44, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 004 Employees Assoc CPAR;"
- Resolution No. 2026-45, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 006 Law Enforcement Adm Assoc;"
- Resolution No. 2026-46, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 007 Elected, Appointed/Unrep;"
- Resolution No. 2026-47, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital

Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 008 Correctional Off Assoc;" and

- Resolution No. 2026-48, titled, "Electing to Adopt Public Agency Vesting Under Section 22893 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to a Recognized Employee Organization 009 Probation Officers Assoc."

18) Employer Contribution Retiree Health Resolution

County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-49, titled, "Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

19) Amendment No. 1 of Agreement 22-HHAP-20063 with Department of Housing and Community Development

Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:

A) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Department of Housing and Community Development of Sacramento, California, extending the term end date from December 31, 2026 to June 30, 2030, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, updating the Contracting Agency to Department of Housing and Community Development throughout the agreement, and updating the Contracting Agency to County of Inyo; and

B) Authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign.

20) Resolution Exempting the County from the Additional Recycling and Compost Materials Collection Requirements of Senate Bill 54

Public Works - Recycling & Waste Management | Richard Shore

Recommended Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-50, titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Requesting an Exemption from the Additional Recycling and Compost Materials Collection Requirements of Senate Bill 54 of 2022," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

21) Appointment of a Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the Remainder of 2026

Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:
In accordance with the County of Inyo Board Governance and Rules of Procedure, appoint the District 4 Supervisor to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2026.

22) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tobacco Control Program Allocation Agreement

Health & Human Services | Anna Scott

Recommended Action:
Ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health for the provision of the local Tobacco Control Program, in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and authorize the HHS Director to sign Allocation Agreement CTCP-21-14 and quarterly Prospective Payment Invoices.

23) Purchase of 4 Ford Super Duty Trucks for Road Department

Public Works | Gordon Moose

Recommended Action:

A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Budget 034600 as follows: increase appropriation in Vehicles Object Code 5655 by $40,000 *(4/5ths vote required);* and
B) Authorize a purchase order in an amount of $275,101.71, payable to National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of one (1) new/unused (2027 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW (F2B) XL 4WD Reg Cab 8' Box 142" WB & three (3) new/unused (2027 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW (X2B) XL 4WD SuperCab 6.75' Box 148" WB).

24) Purchase of Asphalt Paver 8515E for Road Department

Public Works | Gordon Moose

Recommended Action:
Authorize a purchase order in an amount of $199,962.45, payable to Nixon-Egli Equipment Co. for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Used Leeboy 8500.

25) Purchase of 624 Loader for Road Department

Public Works | Gordon Moose

Recommended Action:
Authorize a purchase order in an amount of $290,562.15, payable to Coastline Equipment for the purchase of one (1) John Deere 624P Wheel Loader.

26) Federal Advocacy Update from The Ferguson Group
County Administrator | Meaghan McCamman

Recommended Action:
Receive a presentation and update from Jeremiah Van Auken of The Ferguson Group regarding federal legislative and regulatory issues relevant to Inyo County, including the County's Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending (earmark) requests, federal advocacy efforts undertaken on behalf of the County, and anticipated federal priorities and opportunities for the upcoming year.

LUNCH

27) The Board will recess for lunch and reconvene for the afternoon session.

REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

28) Bonanza Peak Solar Project - Ordinances Approving Renewable Energy Development Agreement (REDA) 2026-01/Bonanza Peak Solar, LLC and REDA 2026-02/Bonanza Peak Solar II, LLC
Planning Department | Cathreen Richards

Recommended Action:
A) Receive a presentation from staff;
B) Conduct a public hearing on proposed ordinances titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Renewable Energy Development Agreement 2026-01 with Bonanza Peak Solar, LLC, the Mary Lee Wiley Living Trust, Section 20, LLC, and Mary Jane Christensen and Making Related Findings Under the California Environmental Quality Act," and "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Renewable Energy Development Agreement 2026-02 with Bonanza Peak Solar II, LLC, the Mary Lee Wiley Living Trust, Section 20, LLC, and Mary Jane Christensen and Making Related Findings Under the California Environmental Quality Act;"
C) Make findings as set forth in the ordinances that an addendum is the appropriate level of review for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act and certify the addendum;
D) Find that the project also meets the criteria set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15183 and no additional review is required; and
E) Waive further reading of and enact said ordinances.

29) Discussion Regarding Appointment to District Attorney Position
County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney

Recommended Action:
Provide direction to staff to initiate the process for individuals to submit letters of interest to be appointed as the District Attorney on or before December 30, 2026, and set January 19, 2027 as the meeting date at which the Board will consider those letters of interest, conduct interviews, and make an appointment to the office of District Attorney.

30) Personal Services Contract - HHS Deputy Director of Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations
County Administrator - Personnel | Keri Oney

Recommended Action:
Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Loretta Bengochia for the provision of personal services as the HHS Deputy Director of Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations at Grade 20, Step D, $10,674.00 per month, effective, November 19, 2026, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

31) Public Comment
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CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATIONAL

32) Treasury Status Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2026