

# COUNTY OF INYO NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2009 MEETING

### MEMBERS:

DOUG HICKS  
CARL HOELSCHER  
JIM SCOTT  
DAVID TANKSLEY  
GREG WEIRICK

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### ALTERNATES:

DAVID BEAVER  
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### STAFF:

MIKE CONKLIN  
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SHARON BIRMINGHAM

PLANNING DIRECTOR  
SENIOR PLANNER  
PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY

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The Inyo County Natural Resource Advisory Committee met on Monday, December 8, 2009, at 350 Airport Road (Inyo County Sheriff's Posse Hut) Bishop, CA 93514.  
Planning Director, Mike Conklin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL** - Members: Doug Hicks, Carl Hoelscher, Jim Scott, David Tanksley, and Greg Weirick. Alternates: David Beaver, and Tyson Sparrow.

Also present were: Randy Keller, County Counsel; Mike Conklin, Planning Director; Josh Hart, Senior Planner; and Sharon Birmingham, Secretary.

Absent: None.

**ITEM 2: ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON (Action Item)** – Nominations for the position of chairperson and election of chairperson.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carl Hoelscher and seconded by Greg Weirick to nominate David Tanksley. There were no other nominations.

The Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR PERSON (Action Item)** – Nominations for the position of vice-chairperson and election of vice-chair person.

**MOTION:** Moved by Carl Hoelscher and seconded by Jim Scott to nominate Doug Hicks. There were no other nominations.

The Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4:**     **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – Opportunity for the Commission to add or delete an item on the Agenda.

A correction to the Agenda was noted to correct Item 5-changing “Planning Commission” to “Natural Resource Advisory Committee”.

Item 10 was added for discussion topics for future Agendas.

**ITEM 5:**     **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Opportunity to address the Natural Resource Advisory Committee on any natural resource subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

There were none.

**ITEM 6:**     **WORKSHOP ON THE BROWN ACT** – Workshop on the Brown Act was presented to the Committee by County Counsel, Randy Keller.

**ITEM 7:**     **WORKSHOP ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST, ROLES OF THE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES, AND FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE** – Workshop on conflict of interest, roles of the members and alternates, and function of the committee was presented to the Committee by County Counsel, Randy Keller.

Randy Keller, County Counsel, excused himself from the meeting.

Greg Weirick, excused himself from the meeting.

**ITEM 8:**     **RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSMISSION INITIATIVE (RETI) (Discussion and Action Item)** – Josh Hart, Senior Planner informed the Committee regarding the need for getting renewable energy to cities and the use of transmission. Mr. Hart also informed the committee on Inyo County’s activities with the California Energy Commission.

No action was taken by the Committee on this item.

**ITEM 9:**     **WILDERNESS BACKCOUNTRY STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK (Discussion and Action Item)** – Josh Hart, Senior Planner updated the Committee on the Wilderness Backcountry Stewardship Plan for Death Valley National Park.

Discussion was held as to the protection of roads used in the past.

**ITEM 10:**    **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING** – The economic study of Off Highway Vehicle usage in Inyo County and data collection.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Chair Tanksley adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. to reconvene as necessary.

Prepared by:

*[Sharon M. Birmingham](#)*

Sharon M. Birmingham,  
Secretary To  
Natural Resource Advisory Committee

Approved: April 8, 2010