

# COUNTY OF INYO NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012 MEETING

### MEMBERS:

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The Inyo County Natural Resource Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, 2012, at 301 Line Street (City Council Chambers) Bishop, CA 93514.

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL** – Members in attendance: Doug Hicks, Carl Hoelscher, and Jim Scott. Member absent: Greg Weirick.

Also present were: Josh Hart, Planning Director; Dan Stewart, Planning Coordinator; Courtney Smith, Inyo County Transportation Planner,

**ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- The pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Hicks.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – This was the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Committee on any related subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

There were none.

Chair Hicks moved Items 4 and 5 to the end of the agenda.

**ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2011.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Hoelscher to approve the Minutes from October 12, 2011.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 7:**     **ADVENTURE TRAILS** – The Committee received a presentation from Courtney Smith, Inyo County Transportation Planner, regarding the Adventure Trails Plan. An environmental document for the future designation of county roads as combined-use routes and draft procedures to implement Assembly Bill 628 are currently out for public review.

Mr. Hick questioned whether or not LADWP roads would be included in the mapping efforts. Mr. Smith responded by stating that LADWP roads would not be included in the mapping, however the use of LADWP roads would be crucial part of the OHV travel in the Valley. Mr. Dick Noles, Advocates for Access to Public Lands, informed the Committee that LADWP does not wish to have their roads mapped on publically available maps. Mr. Noles also presented some preliminary maps for review.

**MOTION:**     Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Hoelscher to support the Adventure Trails Plan.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 8:**     **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION (OHMVRD) GRANT** – The Committee received an update from Joshua Hart, Planning Director, regarding grant opportunities through the State Parks OHMVRD programs. After some discussion the Committee elected not to submit a grant application for 2012, due to the low likelihood of success. The Committee felt strongly about the need for their proposed work included in the 2011 application, but undesirably elected not to submit an application.

**MOTION:**     Moved by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Hoelscher to not submit an application for the 2012 California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Grant.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 9:**     **PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT)** – Mr. Hart gave a brief presentation and the Committee discussed the Department of the Interior’s PILT program with regard to Inyo County.

**MOTION:**     Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Hoelscher for the Board to consider the possibility of recourse for the Federal Government’s lack of PILT payments to the County.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 10:**    **COST, ENERGY AND SERVICE EFFICIENCIES ACTION PLAN (CESEAP)** – The Committee received an update from staff and provided input into the CESEAP, which is being prepared by the County under contract with Southern California Edison to identify and promote activities that will lead to long-term sustainable changes that support energy efficiency.

**ITEM 11:**    **CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFF** – The Committee discussed the constitutional sheriff movement and considered recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the County’s participation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Scott recommend the Board support the Inyo County Sheriff in all police matters in the County; and recommend that the Board investigate supporting the Constitutional Sheriff and forward all information regarding the Constitutional Sheriff to the Inyo County Sheriff.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 12: PREVIOUS NRAC RECOMMENDATIONS** – Mr. Hart informed the Committee that the Wilderness Resolution and the Public Speaking Order was presented to the Board. The Committee had some discussion of the Board’s opinion.

**ITEM 13: NRAC VACANCIES** – The Committee and staff discussed current vacancies and recruitment efforts. The Committee chose to wait until October to consider filling the current vacancies, when all of the terms are up for reappointment.

**ITEM 4: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON** –

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Hoelscher to nominate Mr. Doug Hicks for Chair during 2012.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

**ITEM 5: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR PERSON** –

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Hoelscher and seconded by Mr. Hicks to nominate Mr. Greg Weirick for Vice-Chair during 2012.

The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

The Committee discussed several issues, and requested that water issues be addressed at the next meeting. Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. to reconvene on in mid to late April, 2012.

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