

COUNTY OF INYO NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2010 MEETING

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The Inyo County Natural Resource Advisory Committee met on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 350 Airport Road (Inyo County Sheriff's Posse Hut) Bishop, CA 93514.

Chair Tanksley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Tanksley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were: Josh Hart, Planning Director and Sharon Birmingham, Secretary. As Mr. Hicks was absent, Mr. Beaver joined the Committee.

Absent: Doug Hicks.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Committee on any related subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

There were none.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action) – Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Weirick and seconded by Mr. Beaver to approve the Minutes from April 8, 2010 as submitted.

The Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: INTERN FOR RESEARCH (Action) – Discussion and possible approval of utilizing an intern to perform research for the committee.

Discussion occurred about a potential intern, Mr. Brian Mack, a law student at UCLA, to assist the Committee in its research. Director Hart to research if the County's volunteer policy applies.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Beaver and seconded by Mr. Wierick to approve utilizing an intern.

The Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) (Action) – Update and possible recommendation to the County regarding grants.

The Committee discussed OHV issues and the potential to apply for grants. The discussion moved on to routes being closed without notification to the County. It was noted that other groups are applying for grants, and that the motorized community, the County, and other entities should look into grant possibilities. It was requested that staff provide the Forest Service's Summary of Proposed Actions (SOPA) to the Committee.

ITEM 6: TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN (TMP) –Update and discussion of roads.

The Committee reviewed mapping information provided by the Forest Service for the Travel Management Plan and discussed travel issues in the Forest. Examples of road closures were provided, and upcoming meetings about Subpart A were noted.

ITEM 7: FISHERY RESOURCES – Discussion on fishery resources.

The Committee discussed various fishery resource issues.

ITEM 8: AGRICULTURE – Discussion on agriculture.

The Committee discussed various agricultural resource issues.

ITEM 9: MINING – Discussion of mining resources.

The Committee discussed various mining resource issues.

ITEM 10: WATER COMMISSION (Action) – Discussion and possible alternatives for the Water Commission.

Staff presented information about the Committee potentially taking over the Water Commission's responsibilities.

MOTION: After deliberation, Mr. Scott moved the following, seconded by Mr. Hoelscher:

The NRAC is willing to absorb the Water Commission's responsibilities, and recommends that if the Board does transfer the Water Commission's responsibilities to the NRAC, that the two existing alternates on the NRAC become full voting members, and that two additional alternates be recruited, thus expanding the NRAC to seven voting members and two additional alternates.

The Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 11: CAMPGROUND SURVEY – Discussion and update on survey for visitors at campgrounds within Inyo County.

The Committee received a report from staff and Alternate Sparrow regarding the survey and suggested changes.

ITEM 12: **MAPPING ROADS** – Update and discussion on the mapping of roads within Inyo County.

The Committee discussed mapping roads in the County and compiling data from various agencies.

ITEM 13: **UPDATES FROM PLANNING STAFF** – Wilderness Proposal, USFS Planning Rule

Staff provided updates regarding the Desert Protection Act and other State and federal planning efforts. Chair Tanksley requested that staff provide a presentation at the next meeting regarding the status of the County's RS2477 lawsuit. Chair Tanksley indicated he would obtain additional information regarding the Alabama Hills update.

Chair Tanksley adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene as necessary.

Prepared by:

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