

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF INYO**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Inyo is a rural county with vast natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, these natural resources include minerals extraction and processing, as well as solar, geothermal, water and wind power; and

**WHEREAS**, these natural resources are being impacted by land use restrictions such as the establishment of wilderness and restricted access to areas within the County where these natural resources occur; and

**WHEREAS**, these resources are a valuable asset to the County of Inyo and its social and economic viability and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to make certain decisions of public concern relating to natural resource issues affecting residents and lands of Inyo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors wishes to receive substantial input and advice from the public to assist it in addressing natural resource concerns in Inyo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that a natural resource advisory committee, composed of interested citizens of Inyo County, is an efficient and effective way for it to receive such public input and advice; and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore necessary, prudent, and in the public interest to create such an advisory committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, that there is hereby created the Natural Resource Advisory Committee in Inyo County. The purpose of the committee shall be to act as a technical committee on natural resource matters with the goal of providing pertinent information and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on matters relating to mineral, solar, geothermal, water and wind development, or as referred to the Natural Resource Advisory Committee by the Board of Supervisors or Planning Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose set out above includes acting in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission to support current and future economic opportunities in the utilization of natural resources for the economic and social benefit of Inyo County citizens and to provide input and support on legislative matters, state and federal policies and laws that relate to Inyo County's natural resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that such committee shall be known as and called the "Natural Resource Advisory Committee".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Natural Resource Advisory Committee created hereby shall consist of five (5) voting members consisting of citizens of Inyo County selected county-wide and appointed for terms of three years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all appointments to said Natural Resource Advisory Committee, including those to fill any unscheduled vacancy, shall be made by the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Planning Director and Planning Commission, and shall be made to the extent feasible in accordance with existing County procedures concerning appointments to advisory committees and with the Maddy Local Appointive List Act of 1975, set forth in Government Code Section 54970 et seq., which provides for the creation, keeping, and use of a list of appointive positions to which such appointments may be made.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Natural Resource Advisory Committee is established for a period of three (3) years from the appointment of the initial members, unless otherwise extended by action of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any member that fails to attend three consecutive Natural Resource Advisory Committee meetings shall be considered automatically removed and a vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred unless good cause is shown for the absences. The Planning Commission shall determine whether good cause is shown.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in addition to the voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Natural Resource Advisory Committee shall have two alternate members of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the Board of Supervisors extend the duration of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee and appoint members for additional terms, those members shall serve terms of three (3) years from the date that the Board of Supervisors extends the Natural Resource Advisory Committee, except that two committee members shall serve terms of one (1) year and one committee member shall serve a term of two (2) years in order to stagger future vacancies and appointments. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Natural Resource Advisory Committee may from time to time form subcommittees of its voting members to gather information, conduct research, develop recommendations, and perform other tasks as necessary to assist the advisory board in performing the duties requested by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors pursuant to this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Natural Resource Advisory Committee shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, set forth in Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Natural Resource Advisory Committee created by this Resolution is advisory only and shall have no authority to set policy; the Board of Supervisors reserves the authority to deliberate and set County policy to itself and the Planning Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning Director shall assist in the formation, organization, and the function of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee and shall act as a liaison with the County of Inyo and shall provide necessary staffing for the Committee. Staff support for the Committee shall not exceed eight hours per month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee created hereby shall serve thereon without compensation, with the exception that they shall be reimbursed for vehicle mileage cost incurred for travel to committee meetings in conformance with the County's Travel Policy. Such expense will be reimbursed by the Planning Department.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS** 21st **th DAY OF** July, 2009.

**AYES:** Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Brown, Fortney and Cervantes

**NOES:** -0-

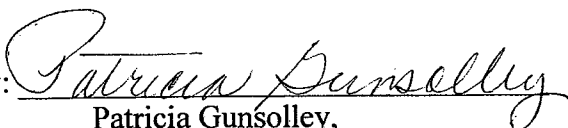
**ABSTAIN:** -0-

**ABSENT:** -0-

  
Beverly Brown, Chairperson  
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

Kevin Carunchio  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Patricia Gunsolley,  
Assistant Clerk