

COUNTY OF INYO NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2016 MEETING

MEMBERS:

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The Inyo County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on Wednesday, March 17, 2016, at the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administrative Center in Independence, CA.

WALTER SHARER, Chair opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL – Members in attendance: Tom Nolan, Walter Sharer, Dana Jeffries and Alternate Earl Wilson. Mr. Wilson participated on the Committee as there were absences. David German and Doug Thompson were absent.

Also present was Joshua Hart, Planning Director; Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner and Diane Fortney, Project Coordinator.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT – 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 was no one from the public wishing to address the Committee.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2015.

There was no action taken, quorum of members that attended December 17, 2015 meeting were not present.

ITEM 5: NRAC MEMBER RECRUITMENT – Staff will provide an update on recruitment efforts.

Understanding designating the County as a Cooperating Agency in developing the Plan. Staff will report on recent activities arising out of its responsibilities in regards thereto.

Mr. Joshua Hart, Planning Director reported the Draft EIS would be available in the spring for public comment. New areas have been identified for consideration as Wilderness. Cottonwood Creek, Rock Creek, Big Pine Creek and Oak Creek have been identified as Wild and Scenic Rivers. The County has provided comment and has permitting concerns for these creeks. The County has also expressed concern about the large number of proposed Species of Conservation Concern.

ITEM 9: PLANNING DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Hart notified the committee of the following: DRECP's re-release of the Areas of Environmental Concern due to noticing errors; BLM is reviewing their Planning Rule; Planning Department has a new member Tom Schaniel, a local architect, on staff and an additional staff member starting in April.

ITEM 10: COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

No reports given.

ITEM 9: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The committee scheduled meeting on June 9th, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Prepared by:



Diane Fortney
Staff to Natural Resource Advisory Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2016.

MOTION: Moved by Committee-member Jeffries to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Committee-member Sharer.

The Motion passed 3-0-2, with Committee-members German and Thompson abstaining.