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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Inyo County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, at 224 North Edwards Street, Independence, to consider the following:

**ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2017-03/INYO COUNTY, ADDING CHAPTER 18.67
ENTITLED NON-GROUNDWATER NEUTRAL AGRICULTURAL USE OVERLAY
DISTRICT TO THE INYO COUNTY CODE**

On January 5, 2016 the Inyo County Board of Supervisors enacted an Interim Ordinance prohibiting new non-groundwater neutral agricultural uses in the Pearsonville community within the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin in Inyo County. On February 16, 2016 the Inyo County Board of Supervisors extended this Interim Urgency Ordinance for an additional 10 months and 15 days and on December 13, 2016 the Inyo County Board of Supervisors extended this Interim Urgency Ordinance for an additional year. The Interim Ordinance was enacted to protect the public health, safety, and welfare pursuant to Government Code Section 65858(a) and ends on December 13, 2017.

Inyo County is now proposing to add Chapter 18.67, entitled Non-Groundwater Neutral Agricultural Use Overlay District to the Inyo County Code. This Zone Text Amendment will require that Agricultural Uses within then Overlay District that will adversely impact the groundwater basin will have to have a Conditional Use Permit. This Conditional Use Permit process will allow the County to review proposed agricultural uses in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin for non-groundwater neutral impacts. Additionally the Conditional Use Permit process will require that any proposals demonstrate that they are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The County Zoning Map will be updated to include the Overlay District.

Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Planning Department, P. O. Drawer "L", Independence, CA 93526 or to: inyoplanning@inyocounty.us Materials related to the are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please call (760) 878-0263 or visit <http://inyoplanning.org/projects.htm>.