

Agenda

County of Inyo NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAC)

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Items will be heard in the order listed on the agenda unless the Committee rearranges the order or the items are continued. Estimated start times are indicated for each item. The times are approximate and no item will be discussed before its listed time.

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November 3rd, 2016

- 5:00 P.M.**
- 1. ROLL CALL** – To be taken by Staff.
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - 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
 - 4. MINUTES** – The Committee will review and consider the minutes from the July 12, 2016 meeting.
 - 5. SIERRAN AMPHIBIANS** – Due in part to litigation from the Center for Biological Diversity, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has been promulgating regulations regarding the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad since 2013. Also in 2013, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks issued an Environmental Impact Statement to remove non-native fish from certain lakes accessed through the County. In 2014, USFWS listed the amphibians under the Endangered Species Act. Recently, USFWS issued a final rule designating critical habitat for the species in Inyo County, and the Parks issued a Record of Decision regarding their project. Staff will provide an update to the Committee about these developments.

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The Final Rule and additional information can be found at the following link.
http://www.inyoplanning.org/projects/USFW_YellowLeggedFrog.htm

6. **SOUTH-EAST COUNTY SPECIFIC PLANS** – On October 5th, 6th and 7th 2016, public visioning meetings were held in Charleston View, Tecopa and Shoshone. These meetings were very well attended and the participants worked hard with County staff to develop 'Vision Statements' for each community. These statements will act as the guiding principles for each plan. Staff will present an update on the project.

The Vision Statements and additional project information can be found at the following link.

<http://www.inyoplanning.org/SpecificPlansforCharlestonViewTecopaandShoshone.htm>

7. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN RECORD OF DECISION** – The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) is a multi-agency conservation plan for renewable energy development in areas of the Colorado/Sonoran and Mojave Deserts. It is a landscape scale plan to provide for the siting of renewable energy projects in tandem with habitat protection. The primary agencies responsible for the DRECP are the California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Their efforts have included the input from a multitude of agencies and local governments including Inyo County. The BLM recently issued a Record of Decision for the Plan. Staff will provide an update.

The Record of Decision is available at the following link.

<http://www.inyoplanning.org/RenewableProjects-Other.htm>

8. **NORTH SIERRA HIGHWAY CORRIDOR/SPECIFIC PLAN** – Caltrans selected the County and the City of Bishop to prepare a Corridor Plan for North Sierra Highway, roughly between the Tri-County Fairgrounds and the Paiute Palace. An Advisory Committee has been formed and three public meeting have been held to date. An Environmental Constraints Analysis and Draft Background/Opportunities & Constraints Report-Public Services and Infrastructure have been completed. Staff will update the Committee on the current status of the project.

The Environmental Constraints Analysis and addition project information can be found at the following link.

<http://www.inyoplanning.org/NorthSierraHighwayCorridorSpecificPlan.htm>

9. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
10. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORT/COMMENTS**
11. **SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**