

COUNTY OF INYO NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2013 MEETING

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The Inyo County Natural Resource Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Building, 224 North Edwards, Independence, CA 93526.

Josh Hart called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ITEM 1: **ROLL CALL** – Members in attendance: David German, Randi Pritchard, Walter Sharer and Alternate Jael Hoffman. Members absent: Doug Thompson and Dana Jeffries.

Also present was Josh Hart, Planning Director; Nolan Bobroff, Planning Staff; and Randy Keller, County Counsel.

ITEM 2: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The pledge of Allegiance was led by Josh Hart.

ITEM 3: **ELECTION OF CHAIR (Action Item)** – the committee will entertain motions and elect a Chair for 2013.

Walter Sharer was nominated to be Chair for 2013.

MOTION: There was a first and a second to elect Walter Sharer as Chair for 2013.

The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 4: **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (Action Item)** – The Committee will entertain motions and elect a Vice-Chair for 2013.

David German was nominated to be Vice-Chair for 2013.

MOTION: There was a first and a second to elect David German as Vice-Chair for 2013.

The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 5: **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.

Steve McLaughlin, Bristlecone Native Plants Society/Friends of the Inyo welcomed and thanked the Committee members for volunteering.

ITEM 6: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2012.

There was no action taken since none of the existing Committee members were present at that meeting.

ITEM 7: **MEETING LOGISTICS** – the Committee will review and discuss meeting procedures with staff, including potentially holding meetings with teleconference attendance.

Josh Hart, informed the Committee that the NRAC typically meets quarterly and holds meetings on Thursday evenings, pays mileage for the members to attend meetings, and that 3 members are needed for a vote on items.

David German, offered the Bishop Fish and Wildlife office as a possible teleconference location.

ITEM 8: **BROWN ACT** – the Committee will receive a presentation from staff regarding the Brown Act.

Randy Keller, County Counsel gave a presentation on the Brown Act.

The key points made were that the Brown Act was created to maintain an open and accessible government, notice needs to be given 72 hours in advance of regular meetings and 24 hours for special meetings, items must be agendaized to be discussed by the Committee, and the Brown Act applies to any congregation or discussion of a majority of members to hear or discuss matters related to Natural Resources including email.

ITEM 9: **INYO NATIONAL FOREST PLAN UPDATE/REVISION** – The Committee will receive a presentation from staff regarding the Inyo National Forest Plan Update/Revision.

Josh Hart, Planning Director gave a presentation on the Forest Plan Update. Mr. Hart provided a handout with examples of recommendations that the past Committee made.

Committee members asked how the County is going to demonstrate their needs to the forest service and staff replied that the County is taking a proactive involvement giving input and direct feedback and are working on an agreement to become a Cooperating Agency. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a Science Symposium focusing on the eastern Sierras.

ITEM 10: **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN** – The Committee will receive a presentation from staff regarding the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

Josh Hart, Planning Director gave a presentation on the DRECP and what it aims to accomplish.

Committee members had a few comments and questions related to the DRECP and clarification of the designations on the maps.

ITEM 11: OTHER UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PLANNING STAFF

David German inquired about adding a contact link on the NRAC website for anyone interested in being added to the mailing list for NRAC meetings.

ITEM 12: SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING – The Committee discussed meeting in early June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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