

# COUNTY OF INYO PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2016 MEETING

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The Inyo County Planning Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, in the Administration Building, in Independence, California. Commissioner Corner opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

These minutes are to be considered for approval by the Planning Commission at their next scheduled meeting.

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**ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Corner at 10:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2: ROLL CALL** - Commissioners: Wahrenbrock, Switzer, Corner and Gentry were present. Commissioner Stewart was absent.

Staff present: Joshua Hart, Planning Director; Diane Fortney, Project Coordinator; John Vallejo, County Counsel.

Staff absent: Clint Quilter, Public Works Director; Kevin Carunchio, County Administrator; Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – This item provides the opportunity for the public to address the Planning Commission on any planning subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

There was no one from the public that wished to comment on any planning subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

**ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item)** – Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission.

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Switzer and seconded by Commissioner Wahrenbrock to approve the Minutes from January 27, 2016.

The Motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Stewart was absent.

**ITEM 5:      WORKSHOP - The Commission requested an update regarding the City of Los Angeles' water pumping. Water Department staff will provide information regarding recent related activities.**

Dr. Robert Harrington, Water Department Director, presented the workshop to the Commission. Dr. Harrington clarified the workshop update regarding the City of Los Angeles as related to department wells within the Owens Valley.

Additional resources and documents can be found on the Inyo County Water Department website: <http://www.inyowater.org/>

Commission Chair Corner called for a break at 11:00 a.m. then re-opened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

**ITEM 6:      AMENDED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2014-01/711 MATERIALS, INC. - The applicant has submitted a request to amend CUP #2014-01 by extending the time period for one (1) year. Continued need to provide materials to the LADWP Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project and other regional constructions projects has made it apparent to the applicant that contractual commitments will extend beyond the original two-year estimated time-frame. This amendment to the existing CUP is Categorically Exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Class 1), pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. The current term of CUP #2014-01 will expire on February 26, 2016, if extension is not granted.**

Ms. Diane Fortney, Project Coordinator, presented the item.

Mr. Jeff Welch, Compliance Specialist-Land Permitting, 7-11 Materials Inc. was present and available for questions.

Chair Corner opened the public hearing at 11:19 a.m.

Mr. Earl Wilson, commented that he thought work conducted by Barnard was complete. Commissioner Gentry responded that work was continuing by LADWP and materials were still needed.

Chair Corner closed the public hearing at 11:20 a.m.

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Genry to: Amend Conditional Use Permit #2014-01/7-11 Materials, Inc, expiring on February 26, 2106, by exteding the term one (1) year to February 26, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wahrenbrock.

The Motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Stewart was absent.

**ITEM 7: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) NO. 2015-02 AND ZONE RECLASSIFICATION (ZR) NO. 2015-02/ EASTERN CALIFORNIA MUSEUM EXPANSION AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)**

*Item pulled from the agenda, to be rescheduled at a later date.*

**ITEM 8: DRAFT 2015 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT – The Commission will review the draft 2015 General Plan Annual Progress and provide input.**

**Planning Director Hart presented the staff report and highlighted several projects that were not familiar to the Commission.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Wahrenbrock to: Accept the draft 2015 General Plan Annual Progress Report

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Switzer.

The Motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Stewart was absent.

**ITEM 9: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Planning Commission on any planning subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.**

There was no one from the public that wished to comment on any planning subject that was not scheduled on the Agenda.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/COMMENTS –**

- Commissioner Corner commented on the content of letter's sent from the Planning Department to persons with Zoning Violations. He was impressed with the content.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT-**

- Mr. Hart reported that a new Planner has been hired and would be starting in a couple of weeks.
- Mr. Hart reminded Commissioner to complete their 700 forms and file with the Recorder
- Announcement of public meeting being held in Olancho on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m. to inform the public of ongoing investigation of Crystal Geyser by the Lahontan Water Board.
- Mr. Hart announced the Inyo County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Meeting being held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., Administration Building, Independence. Inyo County was awarded a FEMA grant to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Plan is to identify risk and prioritize mitigation measures to reduce loss. Questions on the plan can be addressed to Diane Fortney at the Planning Department.
- Work on the Southeast County Specific Plan continues; public outreach will be conducted in the spring.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Chair Corner adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, Administrative Center, Independence, California.

Prepared by:  
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Approved: March 23, 2016

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Gentry and seconded by Commissioner Switzer to approve the Minutes from February 24, 2016.

The Motion passed 4-0-1, Commissioner Stewart abstained.