

COUNTY OF INYO PLANNING COMMISSION

FINAL MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2016 MEETING

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The Inyo County Planning Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 27, 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.

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

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

Staff present: Joshua Hart, Planning Director; Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner; Diane Fortney, Project Coordinator; Michael Draper, Associate Planner and John Vallejo, County Counsel.

Staff absent: Clint Quilter, Public Works Director; Kevin Carunchio, County Administrator.

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.

Joshua Hart, Planning Director introduced new Planning staff member Michael Draper, Associate Planner.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item) – Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Wahrenbrock to approve the Minutes from March 23, 2016.

The Motion passed 4-0-1, Commissioner Switzer absent.

ITEM 5: SOUTHEASTERN COUNTY SPECIFIC PLANS EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORTS FOR CHARLESTON VIEW, TECOPA AND SHOSHONE –Under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, staff has been working on the Specific Plans for Charleston View, Tecopa and Shoshone. This work began last fall and has entailed holding public meetings to discuss issues and opportunities, conducting evaluations and preparing Existing Conditions Reports for each of the three communities. This information will be presented to the Planning Commission for their input.

Ms. Cathreen Richards, Senior Planner presented the item.

Commission discussed the problem junk and illegal dumping activities create. The issue needs real time solutions not just zoning violation citations. Fees associated with use of County Landfills can cause dumping. Cleanup options and resources should be made available to landowners.

MOTION: No action taken

ITEM 6: 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 Gentry commented that two homes were being built at the Arbors Project.
- Commissioner Stewart commented that the broken fence at Arbors Project has been removed.
- Commissioner Gentry commented that the Whitney Portal Road Project was underway and there are road closures and delays.
- Commission Corner commented that he heard there were plans to build a Communication Tower behind Rite-aid.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

- Mr. Hart reported that the Bureau of Land Management is updating their Planning Rule, and the comment period has been extended to May 25, 2016.
- Mr. Hart also reported that the Forest Service Plan Update has been delayed. Will possibly be available by the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Chair Corner adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m., to reconvene in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, Administrative Center, Independence, California.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item) – Approval of minutes from the April 27, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Gentry to approve the Minutes from April 27, 2016 as presented.

The Motion passed 3-0-1, Commissioner Wahrenbrock absent.