



**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF INYO

For Clerk's Use Only:  
AGENDA NUMBER

17

- Consent     Departmental     Correspondence Action     Public Hearing  
 Scheduled Time for     Closed Session     Informational

**FROM:** Inyo County Planning Department

**FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF:** January 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Multiple Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Proposals and Designation of Critical Habitat in Inyo County.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review draft correspondence to the Secretary Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior, requesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service analysis of the cumulative socioeconomic impacts associated with multiple forthcoming proposals to list species as endangered and to designate critical habitat within Inyo County, and authorize the Chair to sign correspondence in regards thereto.

**SUMMARY DISCUSSION:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is proposing to list eight species as endangered, with associated critical habitat, in Inyo County. The FWS is also proposing to list dozens of additional species as endangered in adjacent counties in California and Nevada. The proposed listings may have socioeconomic impacts on Inyo County.

Species proposed for listing in Inyo County include: the Armagosa Tryonia, Mohave Ground Squirrel, Mojave Fringe-Toed Lizard, Nevares Spring Naucorid Bug, Mono Basin Sage Grouse, Sierra Nevada Yellow Legged Frog, Yosemite Toad, and Western Billed Cuckoo.

The economic impacts of each of these listings will be considered individually and in isolation from the other proposals by the FWS, despite the potential for overlapping and cumulative impacts to Inyo County. The correspondence requests the FWS provide analysis of the cumulative impacts to Inyo County that may result from multiple endangered species listing and extensive designation of critical habitat.

These proposals are the result of a settlement agreement established in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Salazar*. A full list of species proposed to be listed as part of the settlement can be found at: [http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/biodiversity/species\\_agreement/](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/biodiversity/species_agreement/).

**ALTERNATIVES:** The Board could direct changes to the correspondence, or not submit correspondence.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:** Department of Interior, U.S. National Park Service; other agencies with jurisdiction (U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, etc.); neighboring Counties.

**FINANCING:** General funds are utilized to monitor federal rule making.

**APPROVALS**

COUNTY COUNSEL:	AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND ORDINANCES AND CLOSED SESSION AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by county counsel prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
AUDITOR/CONTROLLER:	ACCOUNTING/FINANCE AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the auditor-controller prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR:	PERSONNEL AND RELATED ITEMS <i>(Must be reviewed and approved by the director of personnel services prior to submission to the board clerk.)</i>

**DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:**

(Not to be signed until all approvals are received)

  
Attachments

Date: 1/15/14

1. Draft Correspondence to the Secretary Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior
2. List of species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered in California and Nevada, as a result of the settlement agreement established in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Salazar*