

AGENDA

**INYO COUNTY/LOS ANGELES  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

10:00 a.m.  
May 7, 2015

Lone Pine Visitors Center

*and*

Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center  
224 North Edwards Street  
Independence, California

*The public will be offered the opportunity to comment on each agenda item prior to any action on the item by the Standing Committee or, in the absence of action, prior to the Committee moving to the next item on the agenda. The public will also be offered the opportunity to address the Committee on any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction prior to adjournment of the meeting.*

10:00 - Assemble at Lone Pine Visitors Center for field trip

Stop 1: Owens Lake T-30-1  
Stop 2: Lone Pine High School Farm

1:00 – Reconvene at Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center Independence

1. **Action Item:** Approval of documentation of actions from February 9, 2015 meeting.
2. Lower Owens River Project
  - a. Consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding agenda item 2b
  - b. **Action Item:** Setting Seasonal Habitat Flow - Consideration of staff recommendation regarding setting the seasonal habitat flow.
  - c. Consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding agenda item 2d
  - d. **Action Item:** Establishment of Dry Year Blackrock Management Plan - Consideration of staff recommendation regarding the Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area flooded acreage
3. Technical Group revision of vegetation monitoring program
  - a. Report by the Facilitator
  - b. Ecological Society of America participation
  - c. **Action item:** Extension of cooperative study funding agreement
4. Runoff and operations update
  - a. Eastern Sierra runoff and operations

- b. Water availability for Owens Valley and Los Angeles
  - c. First six-month Operations Plan
5. **Action item:** Program for reasonable reductions in irrigation water supply for Los Angeles-owned lands in Owens Valley, for recreation and wildlife projects, for projects implemented as part of the Inyo/Los Angeles Long Term Water Agreement, and for enhancement/mitigation project.
  6. Public Comment.
  7. Confirm schedule for future Standing Committee meetings.
  8. Adjourn.

## **Standing Committee meeting protocols (Adopted May 11, 2011)**

The Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement (LTWA) define the Standing Committee in Section II:

*As agreed by the parties, the Department representatives on the Standing Committee shall include at least one (1) member of the Los Angeles City Council, the Administrative Officer of the City of Los Angeles, two (2) members of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and three (3) staff members. The County representatives on the Standing Committee shall be at least one (1) member of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, two (2) Inyo County Water Commissioners, and three (3) staff members.*

The LTWA further provides that:

*Regardless of the number of representatives from either party in attendance at a Standing Committee or Technical Group meeting, Inyo County shall have only one (1) vote, and Los Angeles shall have only one (1) vote.*

The Standing Committee adopts the following protocol for future Standing Committee meetings.

1. In order for the Standing Committee to take action at a meeting, representation at the meeting will consist of at least four representatives of Los Angeles, including one member of the Los Angeles City Council or Water and Power Commission, and four representatives of Inyo County, including one member of the Board of Supervisors.
2. A Chairperson from the hosting entity will be designated for each meeting.
3. In the event that an action item is on the meeting agenda, Los Angeles and Inyo County shall each designate one member to cast the single vote allotted to their entity at the onset of the meeting. The Chairperson may be so designated. Agenda items that the Standing Committee intends to take action on will be so designated on the meeting agenda.
4. If representation at a Standing Committee meeting is not sufficient for the Standing Committee to act, the Standing Committee members present may agree to convene the meeting for the purpose of hearing informational items.
5. Meeting agendas shall include any item within the jurisdiction of the Standing Committee that has been proposed by either party.
6. The public shall be given the opportunity to comment on any agenda item prior to an action being taken. The public will be given the opportunity to comment on any non-agendized issue within the jurisdiction of the Standing Committee prior to the conclusion of each scheduled meeting. At the discretion of the Chairperson, reports from staff or reopening of public comment may be permitted during deliberations.
7. The Chairperson may limit each public comment to a reasonable time period. The hosting entity will be responsible for monitoring time during public comment.
8. Any actions taken by the Standing Committee shall be described in an action item summary memorandum that is then transmitted to the Standing Committee at its next meeting for review and approval. This summary memorandum shall also indicate the Standing Committee members present at the meeting where actions were taken.
9. Standing Committee meetings shall be voice recorded by the host entity and a copy of the recording shall be provided to the guest entity.
10. (Added February 24, 2012) The Standing Committee may also receive comments/questions in written form from members of the public. Either party may choose to respond, however, when responding to a public comment/question, whether verbally or in writing, any statements made by either party may represent the perspective of that party or the individual making the response, but not the Standing Committee as a whole (unless specifically agreed to as such by the Standing Committee). When either party responds in writing to public comment/question, that response will be concurrently provided to the other party.