

AGENDA

INYO COUNTY/LOS ANGELES STANDING COMMITTEE

Tour: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

November 14, 2024

Board of Supervisors Room
Inyo County Administrative Center
224 North Edwards St.
Independence, CA

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1. Field tour of sites near Independence: see attached itinerary and maps. The Standing Committee will break for lunch at 11:00 a.m. and reconvene in the Board of Supervisors room at 12:00 p.m.

2. Welcome and introductions
3. Public comment
4. Action Item: Approval of documentation of actions from the May 30, 2024, meeting
5. Runoff and operations update
6. Presentation on groundwater storage and recovery in Inyo County
7. Schedule for future Standing Committee meetings
8. Adjourn

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Standing Committee Tour

Independence Area

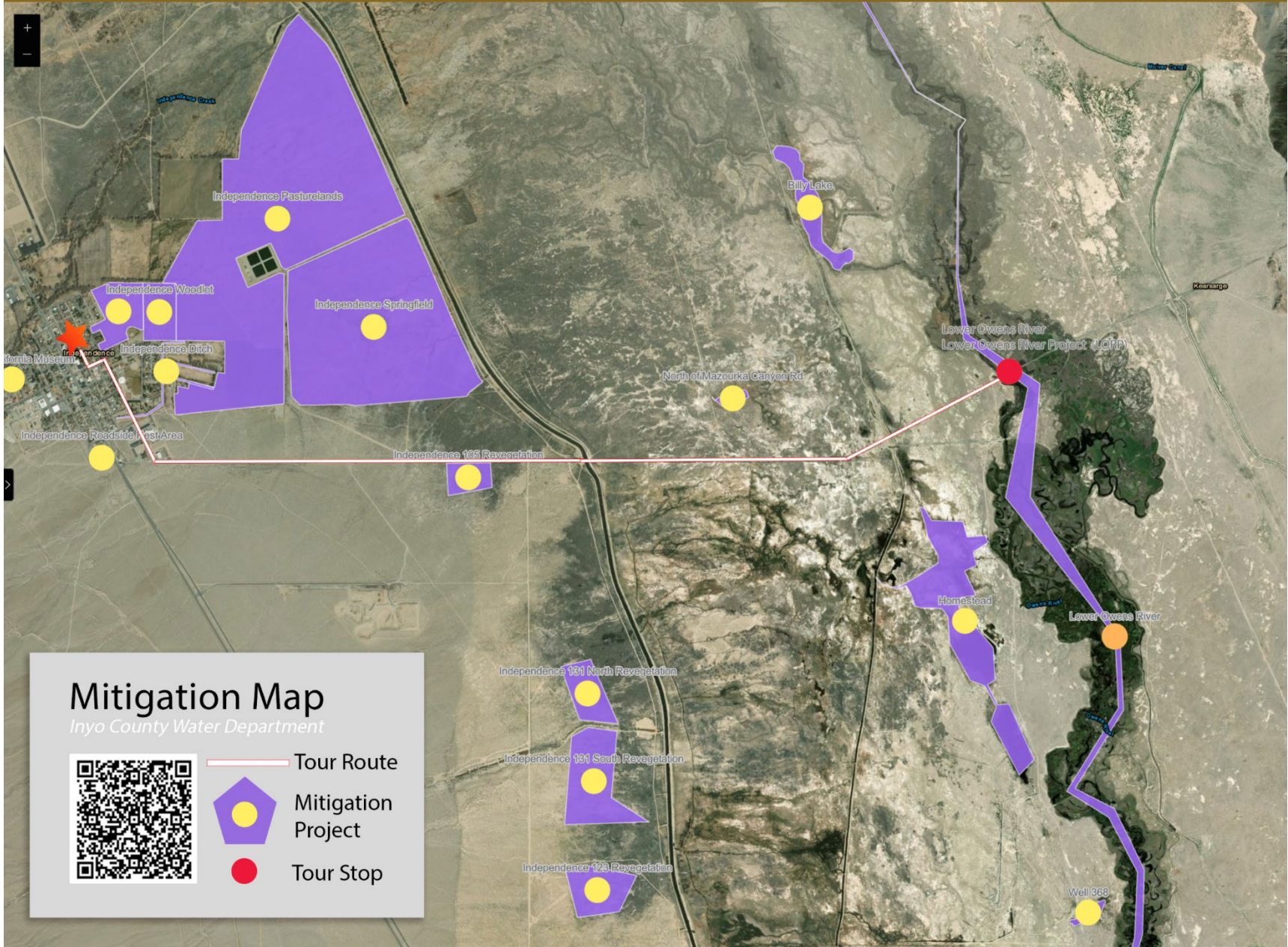
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0.0	Independence Courthouse 168 N Edwards St, Independence, CA 93526	The Inyo County Courthouse, designed by architect William H. Weeks, is a two-story public building constructed in 1921 in the Neo-Classical Revival style. It features a flat roof and was built using poured-in-place reinforced concrete.
0.6	Mazourka Canyon Road	Mazourka Canyon Road provided access to mines in the Inyo Mountains. It climbs to Badger Flat at an elevation of 9000'.
1.7	Well 063 IO2	This well, located in the Independence-Oak Wellfield supplies the Aqueduct. Drilled in 1924, it is screened (open to the aquifer) from 145 to 469 feet below ground surface and has a pumping capacity of 3 cubic feet per second (cfs). It is controlled by the IO2 On/Off soil moisture monitoring site located approximately 400 feet to the northeast which includes groundwater monitoring well T854. Between March and July 2020, it produced a total of 768 acre-feet. In accordance with the results of the soil moisture data collected monthly as part of the

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		On/Off program, this well was placed in Off Status on July 1, 2020, and resumed On Status on February 1, 2023.
2.4	LA Aqueduct (LAA)	We are crossing the Los Angeles Aqueduct at mile 10.4 along its 233-mile route, which carries water from the Owens Valley south to the Lower San Fernando Reservoir.
4.2	Lower Owens River (Stop)	The Lower Owens River is central to the Lower Owens River Project (LORP). It branches off from the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) 20.7 miles north, flowing southward for 31 miles toward Owens Dry Lake. At the lake, water is either pumped back into the LAA or spread across the lakebed for dust control.
6.5	Mitigation: Independence 105 Revegetation	Increased groundwater pumping led to the die-off of approximately 60 acres of vegetation. A 14-acre section was subsequently fenced off, allowing natural recovery of vegetation across most of the area.
8.3	Arrive back at the Inyo County Courthouse	The Standing Committee will break for lunch. At 12:00, The Standing Committee will reconvene in the County Board of Supervisors chambers.



LADWP/ICWD Mitigation Projects



Mitigation Map

Inyo County Water Department



-  Tour Route
-  Mitigation Project
-  Tour Stop