

INYO COUNTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>CAA President</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
J.J. Ryan	1866			11/02/1868	
A.C. Stevens	1868				
L.A. Talcot	1869				
G.W. Brady	1870				
J.F. Dillon	1872				
W.J. Lake	1874				
J. Dillon	1876				
T. May	1880				
J. Irwin	1882				
W.A. Chalfant	1887				
W.W. Yandell	1899				
V.L. Jones	1915				
U.G. Clark	1919				
V.L. Jones	1923				
A.A. Bierly	09/04/1928				
J.C. Miller	1935				
S. Cox	1943				
J. Marvelas	1959				
Jack T. Clay	06/04/1974	01/06/1975		11/15/1987	
Richard A. White *	11/16/1987	11/16/1987		12/30/1998	
Thomas W. Lanshaw	06/02/1998	01/04/1999		12/30/2014	
Dave Stottlemyre	06/03/2014	01/05/2015			

Inyo County was formed on March 22, 1866 out of the territory of the unorganized Coso County, which had been created on April 4, 1864 from parts of Mono and Tulare Counties. Inyo acquired additional territory from Mono County in 1870 and Kern County and San Bernardino County in 1872. The name "Inyo" came about when the Manly Expedition of 1849, wandered, lost, into Death Valley on their expedition to the gold fields of western California. They misunderstood the local Paiute and thought that "Inyo" was the name of the mountains to the east of the Owens Valley, when in fact it was actually the name of the chief of the Shoshone tribe that had those mountains as part of their homeland. The meaning of the word Inyo is "a dwelling place of the great spirit".