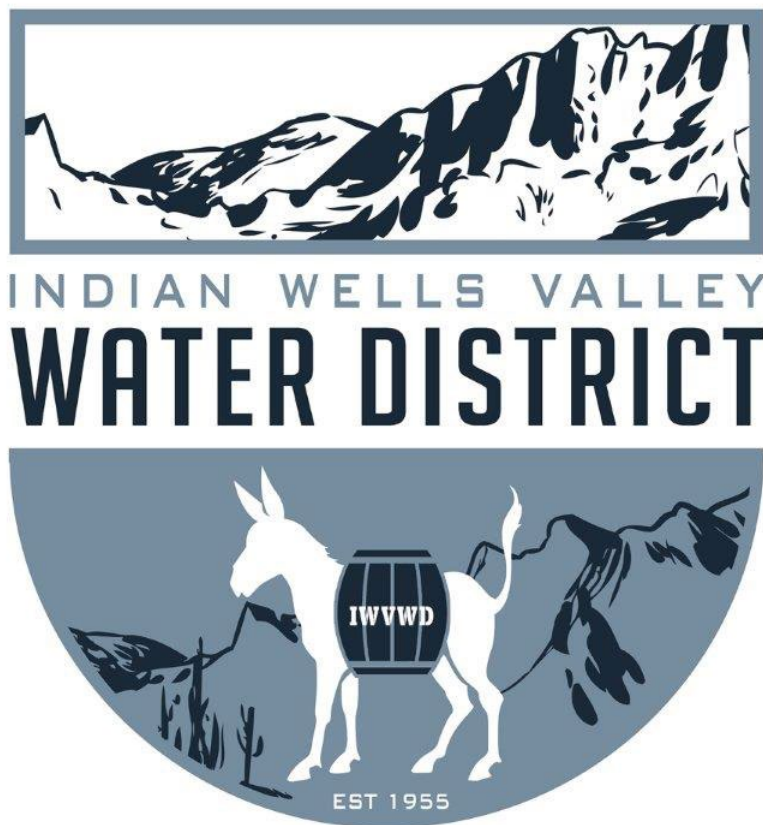


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



January 13, 2025



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GRIFFIN/SAINT-AMAND)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual. Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Water Quality, Conservation, Urban Water Management Plan, California Urban Water Conservation Council, Title 22 Compliance, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/RAJTORA)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (BOYD/KICINSKI)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, and Telemetry, etc.

Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.
Committee Meetings are subject to change.

Plant & Equipment
Finance
Administration/Executive

Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025
CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

All District meetings are streamed live through Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments on Closed Session
7. Closed Session
 - A. Potential Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
1 Matter
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

- B. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- C. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- D. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Searles Valley Minerals Inc., v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- 8. Public Questions and Comments
(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name for the record.)

- 9. Current Business/Committee Reports
 - A. Consent Calendar
Description: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable Disbursements.
 - 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. December 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements

 - B. Plant & Equipment Committee
 - 1. Award of Contract: Interior Recoat of 0.55MG Gateway Reservoir
Description: Staff will present quotes for partial recoating interior of the Gateway Reservoir.
Staff Recommends the Following: Awarding the contract to J. Colon for \$84,000.00.

 - C. 2025 Committee Meetings
Description: Discussion on changes to the 2025 Committee Meetings, and announcement of appointees to each Committee.

 - D. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Description: Report and discussion regarding the December and January meetings of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). Including, Board

discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

E. Comprehensive Adjudication

Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.

F. General Manager and Staff Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

1. Water Production, New Services, and Personnel Safety Record

Description: Water produced from all District wells, report of the new services installed in the District, and personnel safety record for the preceding month.

2. Committee Meeting Updates

Description: Staff to provide updates from the monthly Committee Meetings that are not currently on the agenda.

3. Public Outreach

Description: Public Outreach Report.

4. 2025 Annual Board Workshop Agenda

Description: Board to review the draft agenda for the Annual Board Workshop scheduled for January 23, 2025; at 9:00 a.m.

5. NW Transmission Pipeline

Description: Update on this Project.

6. Water System Consolidations Update

Description: Update on these Projects.

7. Conservation as a Way of Life Report

Description: Update on the Conservation as a Way of Life Annual Report.

8. Financial Status

Description: Report on the District's current financial status.

9. Conservation

Description: Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.

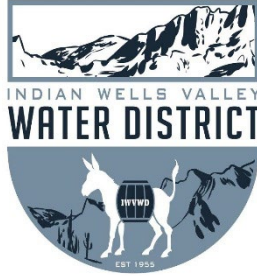
10. Arsenic Treatment Facilities

Description: Staff will update the Board on maintenance issues and production.

11. Operations

Description: Staff report on operations.

10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
11. Date of Next Regular Board Meeting: **Monday, February 10, 2025.**
12. Adjournment



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Jason Lillion and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Award of Contract: Interior Recoat of 0.55MG Gateway Reservoir

The Committee reviewed a recommendation by Staff to award a contract to J. Colon Coatings to recoat the shell of the 0.55MG Gateway reservoir. After completion of the new 1.0MG Gateway reservoir, the older tank was drained and staff noticed significant delamination on the interior. J. Colon performed a complete recoating of the interior in 2014 and recommended recoating just the shell after inspection. Staff attempted to obtain quotes from other companies to recoat just the shell, but was only provided prices for recoating the shell and floor and a significantly higher cost. The District has budgeted \$100,000 for this project. Therefore, Staff recommended awarding the contract to J. Colon for \$84,000.00.

4. Award of Contract: GHD for Dune 3 Project, Construction and Grant Management

GHD is an engineering consulting firm that will be handling the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company consolidation project. GHD has been working with the State to apply for the funding and do the design. The agreement between the District and GHD will be for project and grant management as well as construction inspection. GHD will be paid by the grant funding.

Staff and legal are still reviewing the contract and may be able to send it directly to the Board next week.

5. Contract Approval: District Contract with Hometown Water Association

The District has not received the approved contract language from the State.

6. Contract Approval: District Contract with Dune 3 Mutual Water Company

The District has not received the approved contract language from the State.

7. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

George Croll reported that he has nothing new on this project this month. The District is waiting on a cost proposal from Krieger & Stewart at this time.

8. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

The contractor to work on punch list items at this time and has removed the old water pipe off the right-of-way. The old pipe is being hauled to property owned by the contractor south of Inyokern where it will be stored temporarily before disposal/recycling. The District has granted a time extension to the end of February to allow the contractor to complete punch list items and requirements from Caltrans.

9. Water System Consolidations: Update

The District has signed agreements with the State for both the Hometown Water and Dune 3 grants. State legal has not yet sent over approved language for the agreement between the District and each water system. District legal counsel has drafted a right-of-entry agreement that can be used for the both projects which is being reviewed by Staff and GHD (for Dune 3).

Krieger & Stewart continues working on design of Phase 2 for the Rademacher Way project. Staff sent out easement documents to five (5) property owners last month. Staff will be marking out areas for utility locates where potholing needs to be completed in order to finish the design for both Rademacher (Phase 2) and Hometown.

No new information from the State regarding the Inyokern Community Services District.

10. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025 – 3:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Stan Rajtora, George Croll, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

None to report.

4. GA Imported Water Costs

Description: Discuss imported water costs and potential impact to customers' bills

No new actions to report at this time.

5. Groundwater Model Cost Breakdown

Description: Committee discussion on the Groundwater Model and associated costs versus budget.

Staff has been meeting with District consultants to better identify the different project/work order budgets and costs. Staff will return to the committee with a budget to actual project report.

6. Recycled Water Project Study Proposal

Description: Committee discussion on the Recycled Water Project Study Proposal.

Staff with K&S has met with the GA to discuss groundwater injection/percolation. K&S is working on a feasibility study proposal to bring to the Board.

7. Financial Statements December 31, 2024 (preliminary)

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

Estimated year-to-date revenues as of December 31, 2024, are \$8,785,279 and expenses are \$9,718,471, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$933,192, which is better than budget by \$501,059.

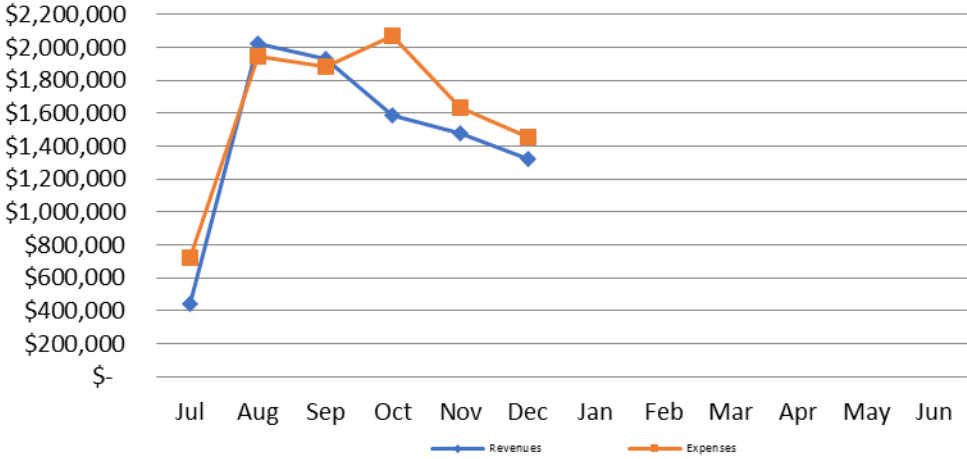
To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority \$16,592,444 in fees.

Staff presented the following spreadsheet, which compares December year-to-date actual to budgeted revenues and expenses by category:

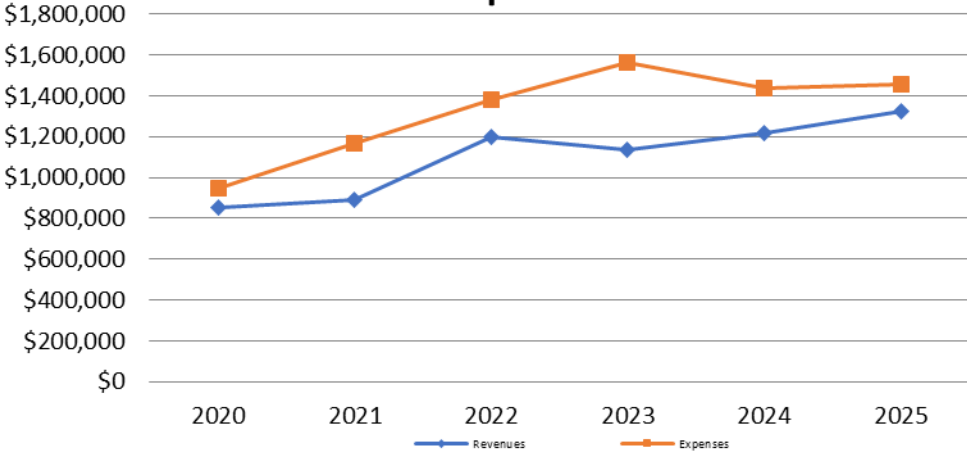
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through December 2024 (Preliminary)

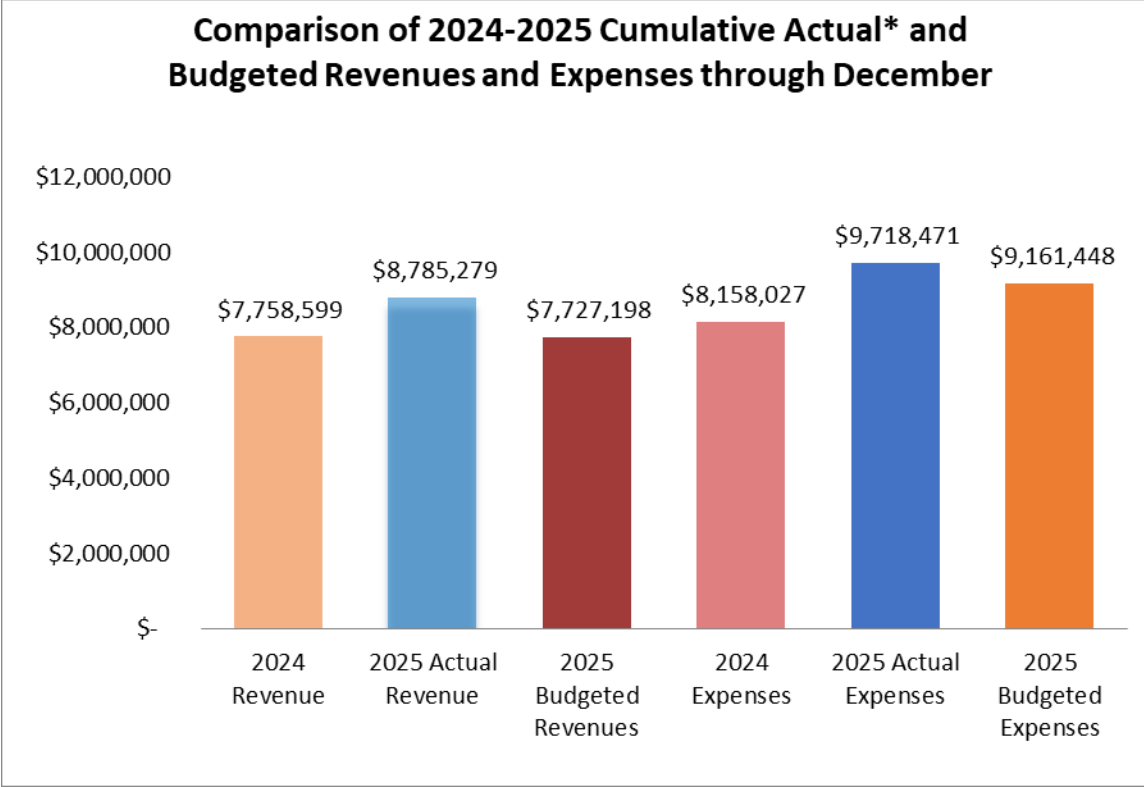
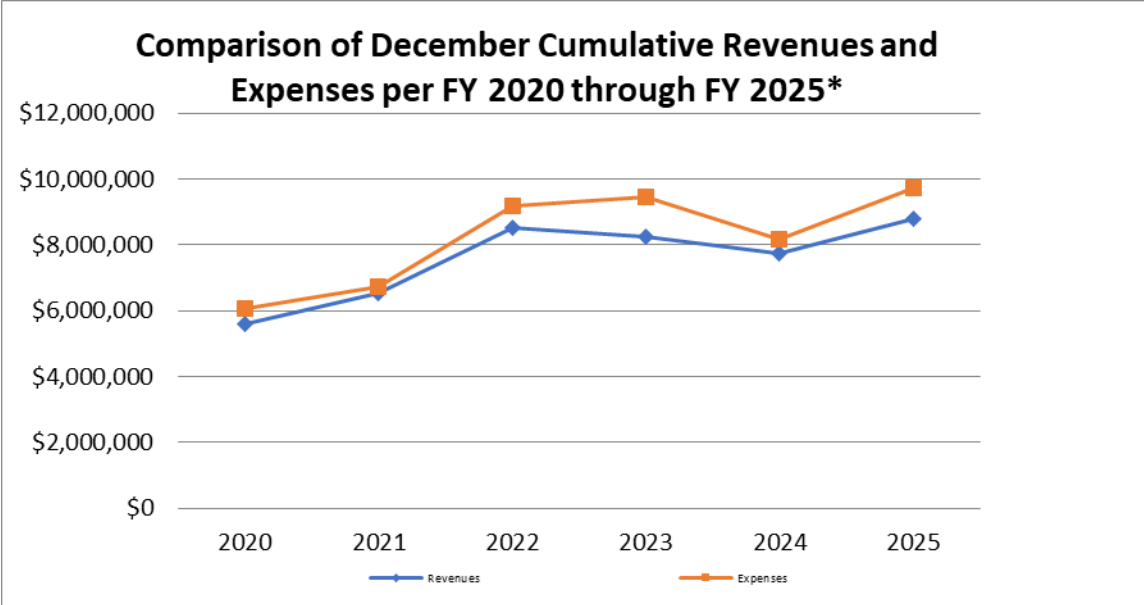
	Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	5,773,362	6,171,288	397,926
GSA Fees	1,561,735	2,106,567	544,833
Total Water Service Revenue	209,720	236,088	26,368
Total Non-Operating Income	86,198	95,007	8,809
Capital Contributions	96,184	176,329	80,144
Total Revenues	7,727,198	8,785,279	1,058,081
Expenses			
Water Supply	811,339	794,229	-17,110
Arsenic Treatment Plants	228,360	143,717	-84,642
Transmission & Distribution	930,758	757,755	-173,002
Engineering	277,010	286,907	9,898
Customer Service	258,290	157,575	-100,715
Field Services	285,104	238,236	-46,868
General & Administration	1,379,397	1,319,326	-60,071
Legal	525,000	520,707	-4,293
Legislative	59,700	42,338	-17,362
Depreciation	1,650,000	1,650,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	873,578	958,038	84,460
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	143,000	375,814	232,814
GSA Fees	1,676,815	2,427,706	750,892
Non-Operating, Conservation	17,100	7,352	-9,748
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	46,000	38,770	-7,230
Total Expenses	9,161,448	9,718,471	557,022
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-1,434,251	-933,192	501,059
Capital Expenditures		6,203,445	
Debt Service Principle		561,635	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid		3,035,917	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid		<u>13,556,527</u>	
		16,592,444	

Comparison of FY 2023-2024 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of December Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





*Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

8. Accounts Payable Disbursements

Description: Presentation to Committee of Accounts Payable Disbursements reports for Board approval.

The Committee reviewed the accounts payable disbursements totaling \$1,467,837.73 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>12/05/24</u>	<u>12/19/24</u>	<u>12/30/24</u>
Prepaid	\$ 54,581.64	\$ 57,141.79	\$ 0.00
Current	<u>664,885.25</u>	<u>607,520.43</u>	<u>83,708.62</u>
Total	<u>\$ 719,466.89</u>	<u>\$ 664,662.22</u>	<u>\$ 83,708.62</u>

9. Future Agenda Items

None

10. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

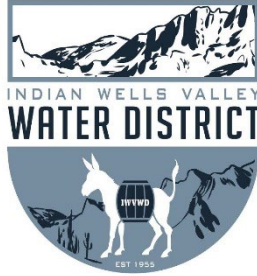
ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, and Jason Lillion

- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
- 2. Committee/Public Comments**
None.
- 3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)**
Staff and legal are currently working on a PRR previously received.
- 4. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**
Director Kicinski and George Croll updated the Committee on actions taken at the January 8, 2024, IWVGA Board Meeting, including but not limited to:
 - Upcoming Special IWVGA Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for January 28th for the Periodic Evaluation and Amendment of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The amended GSP has yet to be distributed to the public for review
 - Agreement with Wulff Hansen for Municipal Advisor Services related to Potential Water Purchase and Interconnection Bonding
 - An update was provided on the Rademacher Consolidation
 - Second Transient Pool Adoption to be presented to the Board at the February IWVGA Meeting for consideration of approval
- 5. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water**
Mr. Croll commented that a summary of the Conservation Way of Life report submitted to the State will be provided by staff at the January IWVWD Regular Board Meeting. The report will also show the projected annual usage every five years until 2040.
- 6. Alternate Water Sources**
There is no update at this time. Board and staff are awaiting the final report from the Brackish Water Group.
- 7. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2025**
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made one change.
- 8. Future Agenda Items**
The Committee agreed to move item #5: Potential Impact of Recycled Water to the P&E Committee agenda.
- 9. Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Worth. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand
Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Charles D. Griffin
Director Stan G. Rajtora **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
Director Griffin will abstain from voting on agenda item no. 9.B.1.: Dedication of Facilities for Townplace Suites by Marriot.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION **CLOSED SESSION**
The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

President Kicinski announced the Public Hearing regarding the Rate Increase has been rescheduled for the February 10, 2025, Regular Board meeting due to a misprint on the original notice distributed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel and Renee Westa-Lusk.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Minutes of the November 12, 2024, Special Board meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,098,170.44. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

P&E: DEDICATION OF FACILITIES

The Board reviewed dedication paperwork for water facilities installed to serve the Townplace Suites by Marriott at the corner of Ward Ave and Chelsea Street. The developer and contractor are Klassen Corporation. This dedication came before the Committee and Board last year but the construction cost(s) needed to be updated. The value of the constructed water facilities is \$69,230.00.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd accepting the Dedication of Facilities for Townplace Suites by Marriot, valued at \$69,230.00. Motion was carried, by the following roll call vote:

President Kicinski:	Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand:	Aye
Director Boyd:	Aye
Director Griffin:	Abstain
Director Rajtora:	Aye

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

The Board discussed items on the agenda for the upcoming December 11th meeting.

The meeting will begin with Closed Session at 10:00 a.m., followed by Open Session at 10:45 a.m., with a second Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Director Griffin will ask IWVGA staff when the updated Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Annual Report will be available for a periodic review by the Board.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel and Renee Westa-Lusk.

George Croll commented that District staff has opened the discussion with IWVGA staff inquiring if they are willing to change their pipeline design. No response has been received yet.

INJECTION WELLS DISCUSSION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

The Court granted the motion for Searles Valley Minerals for a Safe Yield Trial, which is set for March 30, 2026. The IWVGA filed a petition with the Appellate Court for writ of mandate, asking for the trial court's decision to be overturned and authority for determination of safe yield, independent of the GSP. The Court denied the IWVGA's petition for writ of mandate. The IWVGA then filed a petition with the Supreme Court to hear it, or at least direct the Appellate Court to. Staff hopes for a decision by the Supreme Court within 60-days.

Phase 1 trial is to quantify the federal reserve water rights and is scheduled for April 28, 2025. Discovery is ongoing.

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker and Mike Neel.

President Kicinski opened nominations for Board President and Vice-President. He nominated Vice President Saint-Amand for President for the 2025 calendar year. President Kicinski nominated Director Griffin for Vice President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VICE PRESIDENT

With no other nominations for President and Vice President, the nomination for both positions were closed.

MOTION: was made by President Kicinski and seconded by Director Boyd, appointing Vice President Saint-Amand as Board President, and Director Griffin as Vice President for the 2025 calendar year. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Kicinski: Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye
Director Boyd: Aye
Director Griffin: Aye
Director Rajtora: Aye

2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Incoming President Saint-Amand asked the Directors to notify George Croll, Lauren Smith, and himself of their Committee preferences by December 23, 2024.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

JPA REPS

President Kicinski opened nominations for primary and alternate representatives for the Joint Powers Agreement related to the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). The Board unanimously agreed to remove the "two-year term" requirement for the representatives on the IWVGA Board.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd, for the current primary representative, Director Griffin, and alternate representative, Director Boyd, to continue as representatives until voted otherwise. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

**GENERAL
MANAGER AND
STAFF UPDATE**

Mr. Croll reported on the District's previous and upcoming outreach efforts. He also mentioned the annual Economic Outlook Conference will not be discussing the topic of water at the 2025 event. Mr. Croll updated the Board on water consumption/production for the month of November.

Mr. Croll gave special recognition to an employee who will be retiring at the end of the month, Joe Rivera, who has served at the District for more than 35 years.

Mr. Croll summarized the topics of discussion on the Committee agendas, including GA Imported Water Costs, Groundwater Model Cost Breakdown, Recycled Water Feasibility Study, and Recycled Water Project. (Committee Reports included in Board packet.)

COMMITTEE
MEETING
UPDATES

The contractor is working on punch list items at this time and should have a plan to remove the old water pipe off the right-of-way next week. Due to the delay in removal of the old pipe, the contractor has submitted a request for a time extension which Staff is reviewing at this time. Caltrans held a meeting last week with the contractor and staff to discuss final items in order to close out the permit.

NW TRANSM.
PIPELINE

The District has signed agreements with the State for both the Hometown Water and Dune 3 grants. State legal will soon approve the language for the agreement between the District and each water system. District legal counsel sent draft of a right-of-entry agreement that can be used for the both projects. Krieger & Stewart continues working on design of Phase 2 for the Rademacher Way project. Easement paperwork to be sent to property owners. First invoice to Stetson and the IWVGA for reimbursement.

CONSOLIDATION
PROJECTS

Renee Morquecho provided the Board with an overview on the Annual Conservation as A Way of Life Report spreadsheet. The Annual report is due by January 1, 2025 and covers the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

CONSERVATION
AS A WAY OF
LIFE REPORT

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of November 30, 2024, are \$7,459,702 and expenses are \$8,260,372. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$800,670, which is better than budget by \$463,669. To date, the District has paid \$16,506,984 in GA Fees to the Groundwater Authority.

FINANCIAL
STATUS

Mr. Staheli reported on the following conservation items: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Water Waster Report - there have been 15 water waste reports received with 15 contacts made. There has been two formal Second Notice and one penalty issued.

CONSERVATION

Both Plants are winterized. Plant 2 will have media addressed this offseason.

ARSENIC
TREATMENT

For the month of November, 15 services were repaired and 17 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made one run in November. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,445,891 gallons. 34 valves were exercised. GIS system continues Water Supply Testing.

OPERATIONS

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board collectively wished staff and the public Happy Holidays.

Director Boyd commented on another Water District that utilized percolation wells to inject water into their basin, and suggested the same method for the District.

Director Griffin recognized upcoming retiree, Joe Rivera, for all his hard work.

Vice President Saint-Amand thanked staff for their professionalism and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

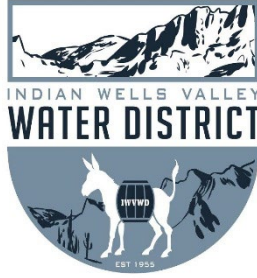
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____



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MEMORANDUM

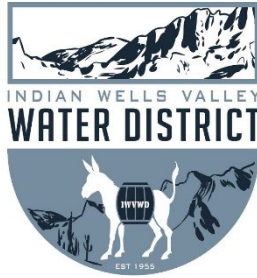
DATE: January 6, 2025
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: RENEE MORQUECHO
SUBJECT: RECOATING SHELL OF 0.55MG GATEWAY RESERVOIR
RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD

Following construction of the new 1.0MG Gateway Reservoir, the existing 0.55MG Reservoir was drained for the purpose of piping modifications. Staff noticed significant delamination on the interior. The interior was last recoated in 2014 by J. Colon Coatings. J. Colon came and inspected the delamination and recommended recoating of the shell only and that the coating would then last another 8 to 10 years. The following quotes were obtained for recoating of the interior:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
J. Colon Coatings (shell only)	\$84,000.00
Royal Liner (shell & floor)	\$158,122.50
Advanced Industrial Services (shell & floor)	\$143,500.00

It was difficult for staff to obtain quotes for only the shell of the tank. The original contractor, J. Colon Coatings, visited the site and inspected the coating in person. In their professional opinion, only the shell coating needs to be replaced. Staff is inclined to recommend using the same contractor for the recoating of the tank. The District has budgeted \$100,000 for this project this fiscal year.

J. Colon Coatings is a licensed C33 Contractor and registered as a Public Works Contractor (1000001070) with the Department of Industrial Relations. Staff is recommending awarding the recoating of the 0.55MG Gateway Reservoir to J. Colon Coatings Inc. for \$84,000.00.



9.C.



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GRIFFIN/SAINT-AMAND)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual. Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Water Quality, Conservation, Urban Water Management Plan, California Urban Water Conservation Council, Title 22 Compliance, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/RAJTORA)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (BOYD/KICINSKI)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, and Telemetry, etc.

Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.
Committee Meetings are subject to change.

Plant & Equipment
Finance
Administration/Executive

Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.



9.F.4.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

WORKSHOP AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

➤ **Watch meetings on-line:**

All District meetings are streamed live on the District's YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz6pnsZsIFy9yTFVmGH2Trg>

Recordings will be available for viewing after the meeting on the District's YouTube page.

➤ **Call in for public comments:**

To make a public comment, please call: (760) 375-7548.

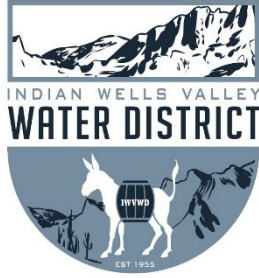
Callers will be placed in a queue and answered in the order they were received. If a member of the public wishes to comment on multiple items, they will need to call in as each item is presented to the Board.

(In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Lauren Smith at (760) 384-5502. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, any materials relating to an open session item on this agenda, distributed to the Board of Directors after the distribution of the agenda packet, will be made available for public inspection at the time of distribution at the following location: Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA).

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments

(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name and address for the record).

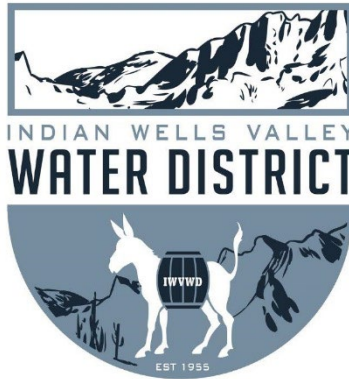
7. **Board Workshop**
(This meeting is a planning session for the IWV Water District Board of Directors and the Water District Staff to discuss, consider, and prioritize present and/or future operations and projects for the year, which may also include but not be limited to matters relating to finances, management, and those items listed below. The intent of this meeting is to set forth a plan and a schedule to keep all of us on track. The goal is to have the agreed upon projects assigned to the appropriate committee with an assigned chairperson).
 - A. **Workshop Issues, Goals, and Priorities**
 1. Full presentation of our new Budget Review PP presentation.
 2. Overview and presentation on our new GIS and Work Order processing system.
 3. Review of our first Conservation as a California Way of Life submittal.
 - B. **Staff Goals**
Description: General Manager will Present Proposed Goals for Calendar Year 2025 and Review of 2024 Goals and Accomplishments:
 1. Conservation
 2. Capital Improvements
 3. Finance
 4. Engineering
 5. Operations
 6. IT/Software
 7. Admin/Personnel/HR
 8. Outreach
 9. Maintenance/Sustainment
 - C. **Board of Director Goals**
Description: Discussion on any Board of Director Goals.
 - D. **Review any Outstanding Issues**
Description: Review and Discussion on Outstanding Issues.
8. **Board Comments/Future Agenda Items**
9. **Adjournment**



9.F.9.

SWRCB Water Waster Report

	# of water waste reports received	# of contacts made (written or verbal)	# of formal warning actions	# of penalties issued
Jan-24	0	0	0	0
Feb-24	2	2	0	0
Mar-24	4	4	1	1
Apr-24	1	1	0	0
May-24	1	1	0	0
Jun-24	4	4	0	0
Jul-24	0	0	0	0
Aug-24	3	3	1	0
Sep-24	0	0	0	0
Oct-24	0	0	0	0
Nov-24	0	0	0	0
Dec-24	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL 2015	378	376	40	10
SUBTOTAL 2016	406	399	28	3
SUBTOTAL 2017	70	68	10	4
SUBTOTAL 2018	60	58	7	4
SUBTOTAL 2019	56	56	8	1
SUBTOTAL 2020	42	42	8	2
SUBTOTAL 2021	131	131	12	4
SUBTOTAL 2022	106	106	6	0
SUBTOTAL 2023	64	64	24	7
SUBTOTAL 2024	15	15	2	1
TOTAL	1328	1315	145	36
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,450
TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED				\$3,050



The Mission of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to deliver the highest quality water at the best possible price while continuing to serve as respectful stewards of the environment.

The Vision of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to provide for self-sustaining water resources now and for generations to come.

Board of Directors