

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Stan Rajtora, Jason Lillion, Tyrell Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin is not present to give his report on the last IWVGA Board Meeting, held on July 10, 2024.

Director Rajtora reports that the IWVGA staff has requested to use the remaining Consolidation Grant money (\$2.5 – \$3 million) on planning. Director Rajtora believes that the money should be used on more physical projects.

The next IWVGA Board meeting, scheduled for August 14th.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

There are no updates to report at this time.

4. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water

Director Rajtora states that the City of Ridgecrest has plans to build a Waste Water Treatment Plant but there have not been any efforts to work with the District on how to utilize the processed water. Director Boyd states that the IWVGA should look at shifting from the Imported Water Pipeline to adding in a Recycled Water Treatment to the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. This could include looking into utilizing the \$50 million funding that the IWVGA has received for the pipeline towards a recycled water project instead. There are not yet any plans nor funding to move forward with a Recycled Water Treatment Plant which would require more extensive treatment of the water.

5. Alternate Water Sources

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

The board is interested to see if the El Paso sub-basin will be reclassified as new water in the upcoming updates being made to the GSP.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.