

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Dedication of Facilities: Townplace Suites by Marriott

The District has not yet received the updated cost for the installed water system facilities. The contractor has been reminded multiple times. This item will be back on the agenda once the update has been received.

4. Dedication of Facilities: Coffee Shop/EV Charging Station (APN 396-060-14)

Staff presented dedication paperwork for this new coffee shop and EV charging station at the corner of French Street and China Lake Blvd. The value of the facilities installed is \$40,779.00. The new pipeline/facilities were installed in a new easement being dedicated to the District. All facilities are complete and the pipeline has been tied in. Director Griffin could not vote on this item due to a conflict, so it will be sent directly to the Board for dedication.

5. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

The first Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) was published last Friday December 1st in the local newspaper. Kriger & Stewart will be issuing the contract documents and plans to the District, two interested contractors, and the Fusible PVC contractor today. They will also be sending a NIB to four other contractors who may be interested in the project.

The District continues working with CalMuni for funding of this project. Staff has reviewed the proforma draft presentation for the bond raters. A meeting with S&P has been scheduled for January 4, 2024.

6. Booster Station Project: Update

CSE has successfully disinfected the booster station piping and received passing bacteriological test results. Today they drained the piping and began the connections with the C-zone boosters. Tomorrow they will be connecting with the D-zone boosters. The estimated completion for this project has been pushed into January due to the delays in obtaining successful disinfection.

7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Both plants are offline for the winter. Staff continues sifting media, but it has been obvious that only the support media can be reused. The District is obtaining prices for new treatment media for next season. Staff is planning to have both plants available next season.

8. Cost/Operations Impact of Receiving Imported Water: Discussion Only

General manager Croll provided an update to the Committee on his efforts to set up a meeting with IWVGA staff to discuss project costs. This meeting still has not been scheduled and the IWVGA legal counsel has indicated that they cannot meet to discuss costs due to ongoing litigation.

Mr. Croll attended the ACWA conference last week and spoke with a consulting group that puts together estimates for multi-agency projects. He will be meeting with this consultant in January to discuss the various options for the valley and how they can assist in putting together comprehensive estimates.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- La Mirage area infrastructure (grant funding?)
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.