

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
& PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JANUARY 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing 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 Ridgcrest Boulevard, Ridgcrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Kicinski. **PLEDGE**

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

ATTENDING VIA TELECONFERENCE: Director Charles D. Griffin

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

AGENDA DECLARATION
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing was posted on Thursday, January 4, 2024. **AGENDA DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION
Director Saint-Amand stated his opinions shared during this meeting are his own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of his employer, nor the Board. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

CLOSED SESSION
The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:42 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**
Closed Session was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

Jim Worth reported the Board concluded Labor Negotiations, effective January 22, 2024, the District will be following a 4/10 work week schedule. No other action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Bob Blackwell (handout attached), and Judie Decker. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

PUBLIC HEARING

President Kicinski opened the Public Hearing to discuss the 2023 Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). **PUBLIC HEARING: WSCP**

No written comments were received. The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Director Rajtora submitted comments on the WSCP (attached).

President Kicinski closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd to adopt Ordinance No 108: Rescinding Ordinance No 105 and approving the 2023 Draft Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$895,028.23. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote: **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Staff presented a proposed Travel Policy to include a Per Diem versus a "per meal amount". Employees will no longer need to save and submit receipts for meals purchased while attending a conference. Due to special reporting requirements, Directors will still need to save and submit receipts for meal purchases. **ADMIN/EXEC CM: DRAFT TRAVEL POLICY**

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to approve the Travel Policy as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Griffin.)

CHANGE OF WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATE

WM CM CHANGE

The Board discussed changing the date and/or time of the standing Water Management Committee meetings. It was stated it would be best to hold the meeting prior to the IWVGA Board meetings.

The Board proposed changing the start time of the Administration/Executive Committee to 2:00 p.m., followed by the Water Management Committee at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings would be scheduled for the Wednesday prior to the Board meetings.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to change the Water Management Committee meeting to the Wednesday prior to the Board meetings at 3:00 p.m. and to change the Administration/Executive Committee meetings to 2:00 p.m., remaining on the Wednesday prior to the Board meetings. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Griffin.)

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

The Board discussed agenda items for the upcoming IWVGA meeting scheduled for January 10th, and on-going topics, including:

- Water Year (WY) 2023 Draft Annual Report
- Five-year update to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)
- Change of the chair and vice chair rotation of the GA Board and potential conflict of the GA bylaws

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported on the December 15, 2023, Hearing. The primary purpose of the hearing was to determine if de-minimis pumpers needed class counsel to represent them in the adjudication.

Mr. Worth reported on the District's requirement of notifying all parcel owners in the basin and the necessary steps going forward. The District is required to advise the court of their plan to notify the remaining parcels by January 16th.

The next Hearing is scheduled for March 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m. to address any outstanding issues and try to get a Phase 1 Trial set.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

As of today, employees at the Water District have worked 369 days since the last recordable injury.

Mr. Croll commented on the December 2023 Well Production. Water consumption was down 14.8% compared to the same months in 2013. Mr. Croll also reported on WaterSmart outreaches made in December.

Mr. Croll will be visiting Coso Geothermal on January 19th. He will also be speaking at the Republican Women's Club on February 16th, as well as at the Economic Outlook Conference on February 22nd.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Mr. Croll commented on the Conservation as a Way of Life. He compared different populations and Residential gallons per capita per day

STATE REG. UPDATES

(R-gpcd). Staff will continue to stay informed on the mandates and update the Board as necessary.

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker.

Ty Staheli and George Croll will be attending a Virtual Workshop on January 17th regarding the State Electric Vehicle (EV) Mandate. Staff will update the Board accordingly. Item to be added to the February Board meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the 2024 Annual Board Workshop scheduled for January 12, 2024; at 9:00 a.m. The Board made minor changes and approved for posting. 2024 ANNUAL BOARD WORKSHOP

CSE performed some limited startup/pump testing activities December 13th. It was discovered at that time that there is a need for some motor/pump control setting changes. At this time, the District is waiting for CSE to schedule the electricians to make the needed programming changes and to then begin the 2-day operational testing and 7-day live testing. BOOSTER STATIONS

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of December 31, 2023, are \$7,662,826 and expenses are \$8,187,762. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$524,936, which is better than budget by \$150,382. To date, the District has paid \$13,430,089 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 - for 2023, there was a total of 64 water waste reports received with 64 contacts made. There were 24 formal Second Notices and seven penalties issued. CONSERVATION

The notice inviting bids went out on Friday December 1st. The District, along with Krieger & Stewart (K&S) performed a mandatory job walk on Thursday, December 18th with eight contractors present. Staff is currently fielding design and logistic questions from the possible bidding contractors, which are due by January 11th, with the bids due by January 14th. Staff, along with Cal-Muni will make the bond rating presentation to S&P on January 23rd. Everything is still on target for awarding the pipeline project at the February Board meeting. INYOKERN RD TRANSM. MAIN

Plants are off for the season. Staff continues to sift media and is currently making calculations with the anticipation of purchasing new media before the summer pumping season. Staff received quotes for the replacement media and will be discussing. ARSENIC TREATMENT

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of December, two services were repaired and 30 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made 11 runs in December, filtering 88,329 gallons. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,249,984 gallons. Zero valves were exercised. OPERATIONS

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice President Saint-Amand commented the District and Board of Directors are operating with integrity and transparency while trying to do what needs to be done in the most efficient and effective manner and for the most reasonable cost to its ratepayers.

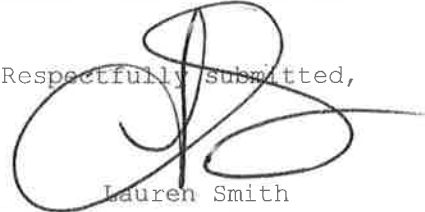
President Kicinski commented on the upcoming busy year including projects, the adjudication, and activities with the GA. He also thanked the staff for their ongoing hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 2/12/24

CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER SERVICE BUREAU
DAILY JOURNAL CORPORATION

Mailing Address : 915 E FIRST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
Telephone (800) 788-7840 / Fax (800) 464-2839
Visit us @ www.LegalAdstore.com

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
500 W RIDGECREST BLVD
RIDGECREST, CA 93555

SBS# 3769435

COPY OF NOTICE

Notice Type: HRG NOTICE OF HEARING

Ad Description

WSCP Summary for Publication Dec 2023

To the right is a copy of the notice you sent to us for publication in the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUN. Please read this notice carefully and call us with any corrections. The Proof of Publication will be filed with the County Clerk, if required, and mailed to you after the last date below. Publication date(s) for this notice is (are):

12/29/2023

An invoice will be sent after the last date of publication. If you prepaid this order in full, you will not receive an invoice.

Indian Wells Valley Water District Summary of Ordinance No. 108 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan Summary This summary of the 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("WSCP") has been prepared to comply with California Water Code (CWC) Section 31027 allowing a summary to be prepared and published in place of the full Ordinance proposed for adoption by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Indian Wells Valley Water District ("District"). The Board will take public comments and consider adopting the WSCP, by way of Ordinance No. 108, at its regularly scheduled board meeting on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555. The 2023 WSCP updates and, upon approval, supersedes the 2020 WSCP, adopted by way of Ordinance No. 105 on August 9, 2021. The primary purpose of the 2023 WSCP is to comply with the requirements of CWC Sections 10632, CWC Sections 10632.1 thru 10632.5, and CWC Sections 365 thru 367. The District has a civic and legal responsibility to provide for the water-related health and safety needs of the community. During a water shortage or a catastrophic interruption of water supplies, the District will take actions to minimize the interruption in water service to its customers to the extent possible, until normal service can be resumed. The WSCP includes a water supply reliability analysis and sets forth actions, prohibitions, and penalties to be implemented during various levels of a water shortage or a catastrophic interruption of water supplies to help ensure the District can provide continuous service to its customers during a severe or extended water shortage, including one in which the District has access to less than 50% of its normal water supply. The District has developed a rationing plan to implement during a Water Supply Shortage which coincides with the actions to be taken during a Drought State of Emergency or a Local Water Supply Shortage. The rationing plan includes voluntary and mandatory rationing. Voluntary rationing occurs when a Level 1 shortage condition (10% water supply shortage), Level 2 shortage condition (>10 to 20% water supply shortage), or Level 3 shortage condition (>20 to 30% water supply shortage) exists or a Drought State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor. Mandatory rationing will be implemented when a Level 4 shortage condition (>30 to 40% water supply shortage), Level 5 shortage condition (>40 to 50% water supply shortage), or Level 6 shortage condition (>50% water supply shortage) exists or a Local Water Supply Shortage has been declared by the District. The District will implement voluntary measures during all six shortage conditions, a Local Water Supply Shortage, or a Drought State of Emergency. The voluntary nature of said measures does not waive the requirements of District Ordinance 103 or the penalties applicable to the violations thereof. In the event of a Level 4, Level 5, or Level 6 shortage condition or a Local Water Supply Shortage, water use in excess of Tier 1 in a single billing cycle is considered Excessive Water Use and is subject to penalties. A customer exceeding Tier 1 usage in a single billing cycle shall be assessed a fine of \$100 for the initial HCF (hundred cubic feet, equivalent to 748 gallons) of usage in Tier 2. An additional fine of \$10, \$15, or \$20, depending on shortage level, for each HCF of usage over the initial Tier 2 HCF of usage shall be assessed in addition to the base rate. For each consecutive billing cycle that a customer's usage exceeds Tier 1, the previous fine shall be increased by \$100 for the initial HCF of usage in Tier 2. The additional \$10, \$15, or \$20 fine for each HCF of usage over the initial Tier 2 HCF of usage shall similarly increase \$10, \$15, or \$20 in



* A 0 0 0 0 0 6 6 5 3 8 8 8 *

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

IWV WATER DISTRICT
Public Hearing

Case Number _____

**DECLARATION OF
PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)**

State of California, County of Kern, ss:

Declarant says:

That at all times, herein mentioned, declarant is and was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that declarant is the principal clerk of the printer and the publisher of THE DAILY INDEPENDENT, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Judicial District, County of Kern, State of California, which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the said Superior Court by order made and renewed July 8, 1952, in Civil Proceeding No. 58584 of said Court; that the instrument of which the annexed in a printed copy has been published in each regular and like issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof) on the following dates, to-wit:

December 22, 2023

December 29, 2023

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED ON December 29, 2023, at Ridgecrest California.

Declarant Maria L. Luce

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

**INDIAN WELLS
VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT**

**2023 Water
Shortage
Contingency Plan**

Pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code and Section 10642 of the Water Code, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Indian Wells Valley Water District (District) will hold a public hearing as an opportunity to provide input on the District's Draft 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The Draft WSCP prepared by Krieger & Stewart is available for inspection online at <https://www.iwvwd.com>, under the Public Documents tab: Public Reports/CEQA; and at the Indian Wells Valley Water District Office, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest California.

Ridgecrest California.

Public comments on the WSCP must be submitted to the Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, California 93555; Attn: Lauren Smith by January 8, 2024. The Public Hearing and consideration for adoption of the WSCP will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Room, Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, California, at which time and place all interested persons shall have the opportunity to present their comments or concerns to the Board of Directors. The District may proceed to adopt the WSCP after completion of the Public Hearing.

(12/22, 12/29/2023)

addition to the base rate. The fines shall increase in increments of \$100 and \$10, \$15, or \$20, depending on water shortage level, respectively, up to a maximum of \$500 for the initial HCF of Tier 2 usage and \$50 for each additional HCF over the initial HCF of Tier 2 usage in addition to the base rate. Any fine resulting from violation of the WSCP will be added to the customer's water bill and is due and payable with that water bill. During a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a Drought State of Emergency, water use in excess of Tier 1 water use is considered Excessive Water Use. Water use in excess of Tier 1 of the District's rate structure in a single billing cycle will be assessed a fine of 1% of the total Tier 2 use during that billing cycle until the Drought State of Emergency is declared over by proclamation of the Governor or like action. Any fine resulting from violation of the WSCP will be added to the customer's water bill and is due and payable with that water bill. Consistent with due process, the District has established a process and conditions for the appeal of a fine imposed for Excessive Water Use. In the event of a catastrophic interruption of water supplies, the District will establish mandatory monthly allotments for each connection. The water allotment for a residential customer is based on the minimum quantity that is required for health and safety needs. The District has established said minimum quantity as 68 gallons per capita per day (gpcd). Each single-family residential connection will receive no more than 103 HCF per year ($68 \text{ gpcd} \times 3.1 \text{ persons} \times 365 \text{ days} = 76,942 \text{ gallons} = 103 \text{ HCF}$) plus 20% of the allotment. The 103 HCF per year equates to 0.2822 HCF per day. This daily figure will be used to calculate the monthly allotments based on the number of days in the relevant month(s). Each multi-family residential connection will receive no more than 76 HCF per year ($68 \text{ gpcd} \times 2.3 \text{ persons} \times 365 \text{ days} = 57,086 \text{ gallons} = 76 \text{ HCF}$) per dwelling plus 20% of the allotment. The 76 HCF per year equates to 0.2082 HCF per day. This daily figure will be used to calculate the monthly allotments based on the number of days in the relevant month(s). The allotment for commercial and industrial connections will be no more than 60% of average usage for said account for the same billing month over a selected three-year base period. Increased allotments may be approved under specific circumstances. Government agencies may have separate allotments. Customers may appeal their allotment in accordance with the established procedure. This summary is intended to provide an overview of the District's 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The entire Plan is available to review on the District's website, www.lwvwd.com, or a hard copy can be viewed at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555. As previously stated, the Board will take public comments and consider adopting the WSCP, by way of Ordinance No. 108 at its regularly scheduled board meeting on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555.

12/29/23

SBS-3769435#

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

IWV WATER DISTRICT
WSCP Summary

Case Number _____

**DECLARATION OF
PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)**

State of California, County of Kern, ss:

Declarant says:

That at all times, herein mentioned, declarant is and was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that declarant is the principal clerk of the printer and the publisher of THE DAILY INDEPENDENT, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Judicial District, County of Kern, State of California, which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the said Superior Court by order made and renewed July 8, 1952, in Civil Proceeding No. 58584 of said Court: that the instrument of which the annexed in a printed copy has been published in each regular and like issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof) on the following dates, to-wit:

December 29, 2023

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED ON December 29, 2023, at
Ridgecrest California.

Declarant

**Indian Wells Valley
Water District
Summary of
Ordinance No. 108
2023 Water
Shortage
Contingency Plan
Summary**

This summary of the 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("WSCP") has been prepared to comply with California Water Code (CWC) Section 31027 allowing a summary to be prepared and published in place of the full Ordinance proposed for adoption by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Indian Wells Valley Water District ("District"). The Board will take public comments and consider adopting the WSCP, by way of Ordinance No. 108, at its regularly scheduled board meeting on January 8, 2024 at 8:00 pm at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555.

The 2023 WSCP updates and, upon approval, supersedes the 2020 WSCP, adopted by way of Ordinance No. 105 on August 9, 2021. The primary purpose of the 2023 WSCP is to comply with the requirements of CWC Sections 10632, CWC Sections 10632.1 thru 10632.5, and CWC Sections 365 thru 367. The District has a civic and legal responsibility to provide for the water-related health and safety needs of the community. During a water shortage or a catastrophic interruption of water supplies, the District will take actions to minimize the interruption in water service to its customers to the extent possible, until normal service can be resumed. The WSCP includes a

water supply reliability analysis and sets forth actions, prohibitions, and penalties to be implemented during various levels of a water shortage or a catastrophic interruption of water supplies to help ensure the District can provide continuous service to its customers during a severe or extended water shortage, including one in which the District has access to less than 50% of its normal water supply.

The District has developed a rationing plan to implement during a Water Supply Shortage which coincides with the actions to be taken during a Drought State of Emergency or a Local Water Supply Shortage.

The rationing plan includes voluntary and mandatory rationing. Voluntary rationing occurs when a Level 1 shortage condition ($\leq 10\%$ water supply shortage), Level 2 shortage condition (> 10 to $\leq 20\%$ water supply shortage), or Level 3 shortage condition (> 20 to $\leq 30\%$ water supply shortage) exists or a Drought State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor. Mandatory rationing will be implemented when a Level 4 shortage condition (> 30 to $\leq 40\%$ water supply shortage), Level 5 shortage condition (> 40 to $\leq 50\%$ water supply shortage), or Level 6 shortage condition ($> 50\%$ water supply shortage) exists or a Local Water Supply Shortage has been declared by the District.

The District will implement voluntary measures during all six shortage conditions, a Local Water Supply Shortage, or a Drought State of Emergency. The voluntary nature of said measures does not waive the requirements of District Ordinance 103 or the penalties applicable to the violations thereof.

In the event of a Level 4, Level 5, or Level 6 shortage condition or a Local Water Supply Shortage, water use in excess of Tier 1 in a single billing cycle is considered Excessive Water Use and is subject to penalties. A customer exceeding Tier 1 usage in a single billing cycle shall be assessed a fine of \$100 for the initial HCF (hundred cubic feet, equivalent to 748 gallons) of usage in Tier 2. An additional fine of \$10, \$15, or \$20, depending on shortage level, for each HCF of usage over the initial Tier 2 HCF of usage shall be assessed in addition to the base rate. For each consecutive billing cycle that a customer's usage exceeds Tier 1, the previous fine shall be increased by \$100 for the initial HCF of usage in Tier 2. The additional \$10, \$15, or \$20 fine for each HCF of usage over the initial Tier 2 HCF of usage shall similarly increase \$10, \$15, or \$20 in addition to the base rate. The fines shall increase in increments of \$100 and \$10, \$15, or \$20, depending on water shortage level, respectively, up to a maximum of \$500 for the initial HCF of Tier 2 usage and \$50 for each additional HCF over the initial HCF of Tier 2 usage in addition to the base rate. Any fine resulting from violation of the WSCP will be added to the customer's water bill and is due and payable with that water bill.

During a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a Drought State of Emergency, water use in excess of Tier 1 water use is considered Excessive Water Use. Water use in excess of Tier 1 of the District's rate structure in a single billing cycle will be

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

IWV WATER DISTRICT
WSCP Summary

Case Number _____

**DECLARATION OF
PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)**

State of California, County of Kern, ss:

Declarant says:

That at all times, herein mentioned, declarant is and was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that declarant is the principal clerk of the printer and the publisher of THE DAILY INDEPENDENT, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published daily in the City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Judicial District, County of Kern, State of California, which newspaper has been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the said Superior Court by order made and renewed July 8, 1952, in Civil Proceeding No. 58584 of said Court: that the instrument of which the annexed in a printed copy has been published in each regular and like issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof) on the following dates, to-wit:

December 29, 2023

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED ON December 29, 2023, at
Ridgecrest California.

Declarant Marion Lueck

assessed a fine of 1% of the total Tier 2 use during that billing cycle until the Drought State of Emergency is declared over by proclamation of the Governor or like action. Any fine resulting from violation of the WSCP will be added to the customer's water bill and is due and payable with that water bill.

Consistent with due process, the District has established a process and conditions for the appeal of a fine imposed for Excessive Water Use.

In the event of a catastrophic interruption of water supplies, the District will establish mandatory monthly allotments for each connection. The water allotment for a residential customer is based on the minimum quantity that is required for health and safety needs. The District has established said minimum quantity as 68 gallons per capita per day (gpcd). Each single-family residential connection will receive no more than 103 HCF per year (68 gpcd x 3.1 persons x 365 days = 76,942 gallons = 103 HCF) plus 20% of the allotment. The 103 HCF per year equates to 0.2822 HCF per day. This daily figure will be used to calculate the monthly allotments based on the number of days in the relevant month(s). Each multi-family residential connection will receive no more than 76 HCF per year (68 gpcd x 2.3 persons x 365 days = 57,086 gallons = 76 HCF) per dwelling plus 20% of the allotment. The 76 HCF per year equates to 0.2082 HCF per day. This daily figure will be used to calculate the monthly allotments based on the number of days in the relevant month(s).

The allotment for commercial and industrial connections will be no more than 60% of average usage for said account for the same billing month over a selected three-year base period. Increased allotments may be approved under specific circumstances. Government agencies may have separate allotments. Customers may appeal their allotment in accordance with the established procedure.

This summary is intended to provide an overview of the District's 2023 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The entire Plan is available to review on the District's website, www.iwvwd.com, or a hard copy can be viewed at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555. As previously stated, the Board will take public comments and consider adopting the WSCP, by way of Ordinance No. 108 at its regularly scheduled board meeting on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District's office located at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest CA 93555.

(12/29/2023)

CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE AND ORDER
 TO WHOMEVER DISPLAYED THIS ITEM, THIS ITEM IS A COPY OF NATIVE IMAGES OWNED BY THE
 KAWAIISSU NATION. IT WAS REPLICATED WITHOUT KAWAIISSU PERMISSION FOR COMMERCIAL
 PURPOSES IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA AND FEDERAL LAW. THIS ITEM MUST BE REMOVED
 IMMEDIATELY UNTIL TRIBAL PERMISSION IS OBTAINED. SOME ITEMS ARE SO REUGOUSLY
 OFFENSIVE AND RACIST THAT TRIBAL PERMISSION WILL NOT EVER BE GIVEN. LARGE ITEMS THAT
 ARE NOT REMOVABLE IN 30 DAYS MUST BE FULLY COVERED UNTIL REMOVED.
 IF ANYONE WANTS TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES BETTER THE PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING
 ARTICLE: A FESTIVAL OF THEFT <https://dumpsterfire.substack.com/p/a-festival-of-theft>

THIS ACTION IS A PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTTION. THIS CEASE
 AND DESIST NOTICES WILL BE REMOVED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THEIR POSTING TO GIVE OFFENDING
 PARTIES, WHEATHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES, REASONABLE TIME TO REMOVE OR COVER THEM
 FROM PUBLIC VIEW. IT SHOULD NOT TAKE OFFENDERS MORE THAN 30 DAYS TO REMOVE OR COVER

STOP THE GENOCIDE OF THE KAWAIISSU PEOPLE AND CULTURE



STOP THE STEAL OF OUR HERITAGE

Kawaiissu people are protesting this weekend the Petroglyph Festival and
 Maturango Museum as an cultural misappropriation. It is part of a 175 year cultural Genocide started in
 1850. The Kawaiissu people have lived in the greater Ridgecrest area for over 56,000 years. The
 Petroglyphs, or as the Kawaiissu call them: Po-o-ka-di, the writings, that are located on the NAWSCL are
 the math, history, science, religion and language of the Kawaiissu. They deserve to be recognized and
 respected not hijacked for monetary gain by the Museum. All credible maps dating back over 300 years
 recognize the Ridgecrest area and the land of the naval station as Kawaiissu territory. This includes all the
 recent tribal maps created by the State. Starting in the 1850's, a 175 year campaign began to erase the
 Kawaiissu people and their Culture from Kern County. It was a deliberate genocide based on one thing,
 European settler greed. The goal was to steal Kawaiissu land and water and give it to the new settlers for
 mining, farming and oil production. In the early 1850s all Kawaiissu were forcibly removed from the land
 by the State of Ca and the U.S. military. They were moved to eastern most Kern County and put into a
 prison camp. In the year 1850, the State passed law (California Act GP1) to legalize the enslavement of
 the Kawaiissu and other natives in State run concentration camps. In that camp over 100,000 natives died at
 the same time their land was being stolen. The Festival this weekend is an insult to the Kawaiissu people.
 It is an attempt to steal and monetize their art and culture. The art and heritage is owned by the indigenous
 people who created them. The museum and festival is a fraud as they steal the Kawaiissu creations and
 Culture to make money. They ignore the indigenous people and their culture that created the art. For your
 information, many descendants of the original creators are your neighbors in Ridgecrest.

Please call Bob at 843-467-0745 for any questions you have.

Water Shortage Contingency Plan Comment

S. Rajtora, Jan 2024

1) There are multiple procedures that need to be defined related to both Board and staff activity: How does the Board officially declare a water shortage? How is the specific level of shortage, see page 4-2, obtained? How much time is permitted between the system failure causing the shortage and the Board adoption of an action? What criteria is to be used to define the end of the water shortage; including what measurements will be used and how they will be used. How does the Board officially rescind the water shortage action? What is the role of the staff in the whole process? What procedures are in place to ensure that a water shortage is not overlooked? Once declared, how will the progress to mitigate the shortage be monitored and reported? Once declared, will the shortage level be changed to reflect a reduced water shortage level due to increased supply or reduced demand? If so, will the change be automatic or require Board action?

2) Current WD pumping is down to about 5,600 AF/YR, and yearly pumping is going down. As our pumping level goes down as the result of environmental awareness, it will become harder and harder to obtain a 30% pumping reduction from voluntary means. A 30% reduction to our current pumping results in pumping 3,900 AF/YR. Quantitative justification for relying on voluntary actions should be provided, or the Board should add mandatory actions for shortage level 3.

3) A 40% reduction to our current pumping results in pumping 3,400 AF/YR. The tier 2 start point was set at 20 units to account for the excess pumping over 4,390 AF/YR, the GA allocation. It is not clear how setting the excess use limit to the 20 units per month is going to reduce pumping below 4,390 AF/YR. Additional justification is needed.

4) Some customers are currently permitted to change the structure of their water payment via a change to the size of their meter. My limited review of the document did not find where that issue was addressed. The WSCP should not permit a change to the customer's pay structure reducing their payment after a water shortage has been declared. If this is not included, it needs to be added.

5) The term 'rationing' is being misused. I am not aware of a District capability to control the distribution of water to customers. Imposing fees and fines is not rationing. If the intent is truly to ration water, i.e., control the distribution, the document should explain how that will be accomplished.