

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Stan Rajtora, John Svika, Ty Staheli, George Croll and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Acceptance of Contract Work for FY 2025-26: Construction of Trench Pavement Replacement (Onstott Construction)

All work performed by Onstott Construction for Fiscal Year 2025-26 has been completed. The District is holding retention in the amount of \$12,514.20. The total amount of work completed this year was \$250,285.11. Staff would like to close out this year's work and then start trench pavement replacement anew after July 1st. After discussion, the Committee recommended the Board accept the work performed by Onstott Construction for \$250,285.11 and release retention of \$12,514.20.

4. Request for Variance: Onstott Construction for APN 477-020-23

Onstott Construction owns APN 477-020-23 on Gordon Street north of Church Avenue, the parcel will be used for storage. Water service will be needed, but currently there is no pipeline fronting this parcel. A mainline extension will be needed on Gordon Street, connecting to the existing pipeline on Church Avenue. The District's Sales & Service Policy requires "a water main line extension to and across the entire frontage of the parcel(s) to be served". A water main extension across the entire frontage of the parcel to California Avenue is not needed. Surrounding parcels can access water from existing District facilities. The Committee recommended the Board grant the variance with a Covenant Running with the Land requiring the construction of the pipeline across the entire frontage if/when needed in the future.

5. Request for Variance: Kim Young for APN 354-021-12 (1360 N. Brady Street)

Kim Young is the owner of 354-021-12 (1360 N Brady Street). Currently the only pipeline that fronts this property is the District's transmission pipeline on Brady Street. In the past, this parcel was served by a well shared with the neighbor to the north (1380 N Brady St.). This well is no longer functioning and the neighbor is receiving water from the District off the pipeline on W. Reeves Avenue. A mainline extension to reach the Young property would result in a dead-end with one connection and it would be highly unlikely the pipeline would need to be extended to reach any neighboring parcels. All neighboring properties can currently be served by District pipelines on Reeves or Ward Avenue. The District's Sales & Service Policy requires "a water main line extension to and across the entire frontage of the parcel(s) to be served". Ms. Young is requesting a variance to this policy and would like to set a meter on Reeves and run a service to their parcel through an easement granted by their neighbor at 1380 N Brady Street. After discussion, the Committee recommended the Board grant the variance with the provision that an easement, of width agreeable to both parties, be recorded against both properties that allows the water service connection to Reeves Ave. Future property owners need to be aware that an easement exists, allowing water to connect to 1360 N Brady and prohibit the disconnection of this service.

6. Anniversary Tank Inspections: Update on Inspection and Repairs

Anniversary inspections have been completed on the newest water tanks/reservoirs that were added to the District's system. The new tanks at Gateway, C-zone and the College were drained and inspected by the contractor and coating subcontractor. Some touch-up work was needed inside all three tanks and that was completed the week of March 23rd. Currently, Staff is working with the contractor to schedule the disinfection/re-filling of the tanks following the 7-day cure period for the coating repairs.

7. Solar Sites Security Upgrades and Solar System Repairs: Update

All cameras are up and running and all repairs have been completed. The invoice for the repairs due to vandalism has been submitted to the District's insurance provider SDRMA.

8. Water System Consolidations: Update

- Inyokern CSD: General Manager Croll reported that the ICSD has paid the District in full for assistance provided in the past. He has not heard whether they were able to get the other well running, but they are being more aggressive in collecting back fees owed. The State may be planning the next public meeting for the end of this month.
- Dune 3: The agreement Dune 3 and the District has been signed. The SWRCB sent their approval to proceed to bid last Friday. Staff will work with GHD to finalize the bidding schedule and pre-bid meeting.

Stark Street: This project will be completed via a change order to the Dune 3 project. The CEQA exemption was filed with the County and State last month. Staff and legal counsel are working with LAFCO to obtain emergency connection permission.

Rademacher Way (Phase 2): The IWVGA is moving forward with using a third-party company to obtain the last easements and also right-of-way for the Stark Street project. Once the easements are in place, the District's construction crew can begin working on this project.

- Hometown Water Association: No updates to report. The District is waiting for the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water to decide if they will continue to push for consolidation.

9. Brady Street: Mainline Replacement Project Status

The District's construction crew has finished installation of this first section totaling 2675 lineal feet of 24-inch PVC pipe. This section has now been pressure tested and chlorinated. Today, the chlorinated water is being dechlorinated and drained from the pipe and the bacteriological sampling will take place tomorrow. Two new fire hydrants have been installed. The District is waiting on four more for a total of six. Once this section has passed bacteriological testing, the pipeline will be connected at each end to the system and connected to the 12-inch pipeline that crosses Ward Avenue.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Future capital purchases

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.