



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SUBJECT: INDIAN WELLS VALLEY BASIN DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FACILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT LAUNCH

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. PST

Participate in-person: The meeting will be held in-person in the City of Ridgecrest Council Chambers located at 100 W California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Watch meeting online: The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Ridgecrest's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofridgecrest/live> (10-15 second streaming delay) and are also available for playback after the meeting.

Call in for public comments: If you wish to make verbal comment, please call (760) 499-5010. This phone line will allow only one caller at a time, so if the line is busy, please continue to dial. We will be allowing a 20-30 second pause between callers to give time for media delays and callers to dial in. Please mute your streaming device while making public comment. If you wish to comment on multiple items, you will need to call in as each item is presented.

Background: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) offers Facilitation Support Services (FSS) to help GSAs and local water management groups foster discussions among diverse water management interests and jurisdictions in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation. Through the FSS Program, the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD) requested professional facilitation to support the basin in discussing challenges related to SGMA, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), and the multiple related lawsuits that have been filed, and to assist the community to understand and clarify the issues being faced in order to help discussions focus on constructive solutions moving forward.

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Welcome** - *Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management, California Department of Water Resources*
- 2. Context and Basin Setting** – *Jim Worth and Doug Evertz, Special Counsel, Indian Wells Valley Water District*
- 3. Presentation of DWR Facilitation Support Services Planning Committee Work Plan** - *Lisa Beutler, Senior Facilitator, Stantec*
- 4. Q&A on Facilitation Support Services Planning Committee Work Plan** - *Lisa Beutler, Senior Facilitator, Stantec*
- 5. DWR Indian Wells Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Evaluation Process and Expectations for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation** - *Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management, California Department of Water Resources*
- 6. Q&A on Indian Wells Valley Basin GSP Evaluation and SGMA Implementation** - *Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management, California Department of Water Resources*

Contact: For questions about this public meeting, please contact Emily Finnegan, Public Affairs Specialist at Stantec: Emily.Finnegan@stantec.com.