

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JULY 25, 2023

The Special Workshop of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Parker. **PLEDGE**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Zdeba, General Manager  
Jim Worth, Attorney  
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager  
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer  
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary  
Chuck Krieger, Consulting Engineer  
Tim Parker, Consulting Hydrogeologist

**AGENDA DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting Workshop was posted on Thursday, July 20, 2023. **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**

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD WORKSHOP**

Don Zdeba provided a brief history regarding the repair of the 30" transmission mainline failure, the Springer line replacement Capital Project, and the Military's Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP). **\$3.0M RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY**

Governor Newsom's budget for this fiscal year is approved. Included in his budget was \$3.0M appropriated to Indian Wells Valley Water District "for support of reliable water supplies". This appropriation

was the result of actions of local advocates Scott O'Neil and Stu Witt working with Senator Shannon Grove out of concern for the reliability of the Northwest transmission line.

Once the Controller releases the funding, DWR staff will reach out to confirm details of the project. Usually, DWR asks for a general project scope and schedule, but there is no requirement for matching funds. Funding probably will not be released until October/November.

Staff is awaiting the results of the application packet for funding through the DCIP. Staff recommends if funding is granted to fully fund the 30" transmission mainline project the appropriation in the State budget could fund the Springer line replacement project.

Staff and the Board discussed alternatives for funding if the District is not granted funds through the DCIP.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Mr. Zdeba provided a handout from WaterView (attached).

SB 606 & AB  
1668

Mr. Zdeba reported the original indoor standard set by the bills was 55 gallons per person per day (gpcd) until January 2025, 52.5 gpcd until 2030, and 50 gallons gpcd after 2030. SB 1157 proposed a revised indoor standard of 55, 47, and 42 at the same milestones. SB 1157 passed the Senate last August with 28 voting in favor of the bill.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) submitted a letter to the Governor September 2nd requesting he veto the bill, but the bill was signed September 28th. ACWA believes standards should be individually and locally feasible and eligible variances, as they are currently being considered, are not feasible requiring significant burden of proof and technical assistance for compliance. ACWA has established three work groups and set a schedule of regular meetings. The Outdoor Working Group, the Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Working Group, and the Methodologies & Variances Working Group. However, every meeting has been cancelled to date because the SWRCB has not yet released updated material to review.

The Board directed Mr. Zdeba to follow up with ACWA regarding a variance for evaporative coolers.

The Board directed staff to upload the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Evaporative Cooler Variance Proposal documents to the IWVWD website.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Director Rajtora requested an update from the Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee on their potential strategic planning efforts. President Boyd commented the Committee will schedule to meet soon and update the Board accordingly. No report was available at this Workshop.

LONG TERM OPS  
STRATEGY  
PLAN

Updated 2023 District Goals and Accomplishments were provided for the Board and public. There were no concerns addressed by the Board of Directors.

UPDATE ON  
2023 STAFF  
GOALS

The Board directed Tim Parker to draft a letter to the IWVGA's General Manager and Stetson Engineers of potential sites for monitoring wells in the El Paso area in an effort to close data gaps.

Director Rajtora asked staff to remain up-to-date on the State Revolving Fund (SRF).

2023 BoD  
GOALS

Director Griffin commented he would like to see our involvement with the IWVGA become definitive. Director Griffin hopes the District's opinion becomes valued by the IWVGA and that the public knows the District has their best interests in mind.

Vice President Kicinski commented he hopes the public knows the District is looking at the long-term possible effects on its ratepayers for supplying a reliable water source, as well as the cost of it.

President Boyd commented he and Director Saint-Amand will find some time within the next few weeks to schedule a meeting of the Strategic Planning Efforts Ad-Hoc Committee.

Staff will review projects and tasks assigned at this Workshop and update goals accordingly. Follow up will be provided accordingly at subsequential Committee and Board meetings.

PRIORITIZE  
PRJTS & GOALS

No outstanding issues to review.

REVIEW ANY  
OUTSTANDING  
ISSUES

President Boyd recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 11:11 a.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 11:18 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 1:20 p.m.

No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

President Boyd announced an applicant was interviewed and offered the position of General Manager. The applicant is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2023. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: August 14, 2023



# Legislation Forecasting Report

## Indian Wells Valley Water District



On March 15, 2023 the SWRCB released the proposed regulatory framework for AB1668 and SB606. Here is a summary of how future changes to the legislation may impact how you meet your residential urban water use objective.

### AB1668 and SB606 Urban Water Use Objective(UWUO)



### Indoor Annual Residential Objective in AF

Population	31,024
55 GPCD	1,914
47 GPCD	1,636
42 GPCD	1,462



### Outdoor Annual Residential Objective in AF

Current ETF .80	2,987
ETF .63	2,352
ETF .55	2,054

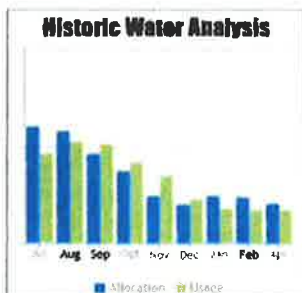


### Total Current Residential Objective

GPCD 55 with .80 ETF and 20%INI **4,901**

### This Fiscal Year's Usage till April (incomplete)

From July 2022



This FY your total residential usage so far is **3,414**

**You are on track to meet the residential objective for the first reporting period!**

## Residential Objective Planning Scenarios in AF

Last years usage  
3,414

	With 20% INI	Without 20% INI
Current (55 GPCD and .80 ETF)	4,901	4,067
2025 (47 GPCD and .80 ETF)	4,623	3,789
2030 (42 GPCD and .63 ETF)	3,814	3,157
2035 (42 GPCD and .55 ETF)	3,515	2,942

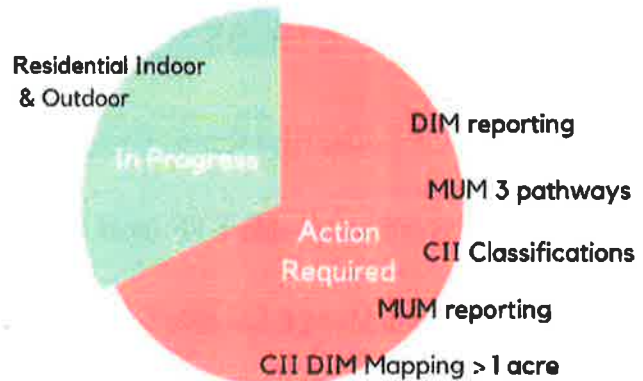


Looking good for the first reporting period!

These scenarios are based on your last fiscal year of residential usage from your WaterView account. Check your UWMP to see how much your residential usage is projected to change! Let us know if we can help you run some scenarios based on those numbers.

### Compliance Progress

This report only looks at residential usage. What about your CII/DIMS?



## Questions?

Contact your customer success team!

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