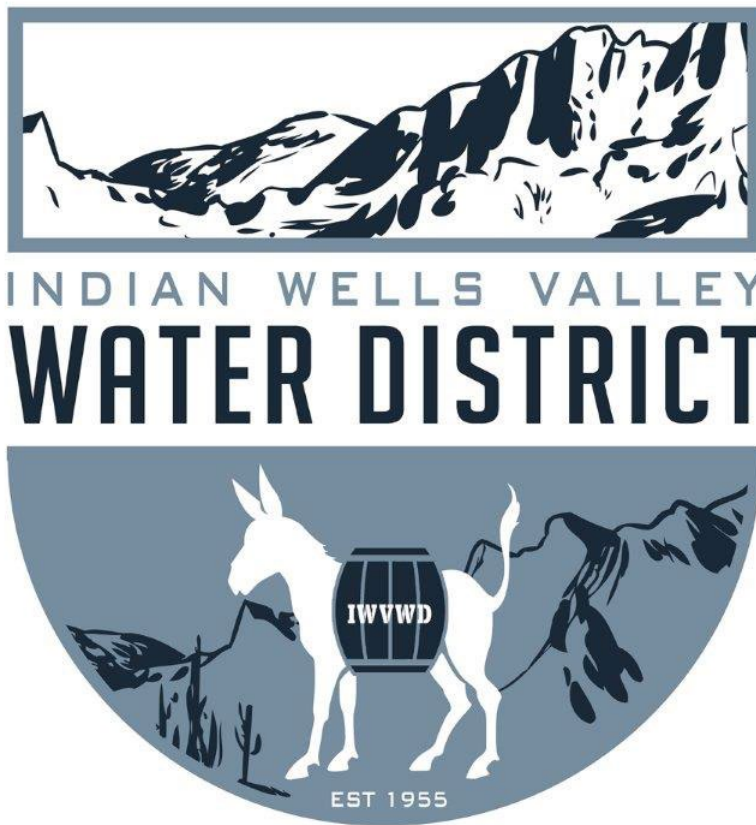


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



November 12, 2024



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (BOYD/RAJTORA)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, Telemetry, etc.

WATER MANAGEMENT (BOYD/GRIFFIN)

Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Water Quality, Conservation, Urban Water Management Plan, California Urban Water Conservation Council, Title 22 Compliance, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.
Committee Meetings are subject to change.

Administration/Executive
Finance
Plant & Equipment
Water Management

Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m..

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

All District meetings are streamed live through Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments on Closed Session
7. Closed Session
 - A. Potential Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
1 Matter
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

- B. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- C. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- D. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Searles Valley Minerals Inc., v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- E. Personnel Matter
One Position: General Manager
Consider the appointment, employment, and performance of the General Manager
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6)

- 8. Public Questions and Comments
(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name for the record.)

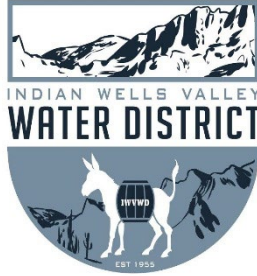
- 9. Current Business/Committee Reports
 - A. Consent Calendar
Description: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable Disbursements.
 - 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. October 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. October 21, 2024, Special Board Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements

 - B. Request for Front Office Closure
Description: Staff request for the front office to be closed December 30-31, 2024. Employees may use vacation on these days.

 - C. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Description: Report and discussion regarding the October 9, 2024, meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the

IWVGA. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024.

- D. Comprehensive Adjudication
Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.
- E. General Manager Compensation
Description: The Board to consider an adjustment to the General Manager's Compensation.
- F. General Manager and Staff Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
 - 1. Water Production, New Services, and Personnel Safety Record
Description: Water produced from all District wells, report of the new services installed in the District, and personnel safety record for the preceding month.
 - 2. Public Outreach
Description: Public Outreach Report.
 - 3. NW Transmission Pipeline
Description: Update on this Project.
 - 4. Water System Consolidations Update
Description: Update on these Projects.
 - 5. Financial Status
Description: Report on the District's current financial status.
 - 6. Conservation
Description: Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.
 - 7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities
Description: Staff will update the Board on maintenance issues and production.
 - 8. Operations
Description: Staff report on operations.
- 10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
- 11. Adjournment



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Stan Rajtora, 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. Solar Facilities Security: Options

The District has recently experienced an increase in theft at the solar production sites. The estimates to repair the damaged facilities are approximately \$100,000. Before spending funds to repair the damage, the District is planning to look at some security measures to prevent theft. Staff explained that they will be renting surveillance equipment to test the effectiveness of the system for a time. The equipment comes with alarms, motion sensors, camera and even a speaker. If the system proves to be effective, then Staff will return to the Board with a recommendation and cost for a full-scale system.

4. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

Phases 1 and 2 have been pressure tested and disinfected. Bacteriological sampling was performed yesterday. Phase 2 is currently being pressure tested and disinfected. The contractor expects tie-ins and grading of the right-of-way to be completed before Thanksgiving.

5. Water System Consolidations: Update

The District is waiting for final notification from the State for Hometown and the agreement for Dune 3. The grant manager with the State indicated last week she would check on the status.

The District and IWV Groundwater Authority both agreed on funding the Rademacher Way project last month. The agreement has been signed by the GA and will be signed by the District's Board President this afternoon. Staff has been in communication with Stetson Engineers to begin submitting invoices for reimbursement once the agreement is signed. The project will most likely be

started after the New Year since the Springer transmission pipeline will be out of the service while the two tie-ins are completed.

No word yet from the State regarding the Inyokern Community Services District. The District is aware that they have hired a third-party wastewater operator.

6. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Both treatment plants are offline and being prepared for the winter.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Recycled Water Feasibility Study
- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – 2:30 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: David Saint-Amand, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

None to report.

4. GA Imported Water Costs

Description: Discuss imported water costs and potential impact to customers' bills

No new actions to report at this time.

5. Third Quarter 2024 Investment Reports

Description: Presentation to Committee of the quarterly investment earnings of the District's reserves in the Kern County Treasury and the State Treasury's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
 QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024**

INVESTMENTS	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Cash in Bank	\$ 1,766,901	0	
Local Agency Investment Fund	338,520		
Kern County Treasurer	6,930,841	1,480,277	
BNY Mellon 2024 Bond Project Fund		5,428,114	
Total Water District Investments	<u>\$ 9,036,262</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,391</u>	<u>\$ 15,944,653</u>

RESERVES	DISTRICT DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Capital Improvements & Replacements (Committed)	\$ 742,323		
Vehicle Replacement (Assigned)	353,268		
Computer Equipment Replacement (Assigned)	100,934		
Emergency Reserve (Committed)	3,342,691		
Alternate Water Supply/Future Source of Supply (Assigned)	2,050,051		
Miscellaneous Capital (Assigned for projects postponed)	6,088	810,070	
Customer Deposits & Credits (Nonspendable)	371,756		
Prepaid Connection Fees (Nonspendable)	407,853		
Post-Retirement Health Benefits - Kern County (Assigned)	335,485		
Emergency Reserve (Uncommitted)	1,325,813		
AD 87-1 Reserve Funds (Restricted to pay Prop 55 Loan)		599,337	
2024 Bond Project Funds		5,428,114	
Capital Facility Fees		<u>70,871</u>	
Total Water District Reserves	<u>\$ 9,036,262</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,391</u>	<u>\$ 15,944,653</u>

In the event of an emergency, the District may be required to use any or all unrestricted funds in Mission Bank, Kern County Treasury and LAIF

6. Financial Statements October 31, 2024 (preliminary)

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

Estimated year-to-date revenues as of October 31, 2024, are \$5,800,948 and expenses are \$6,588,267, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$787,319, which is below budget by \$244,776.

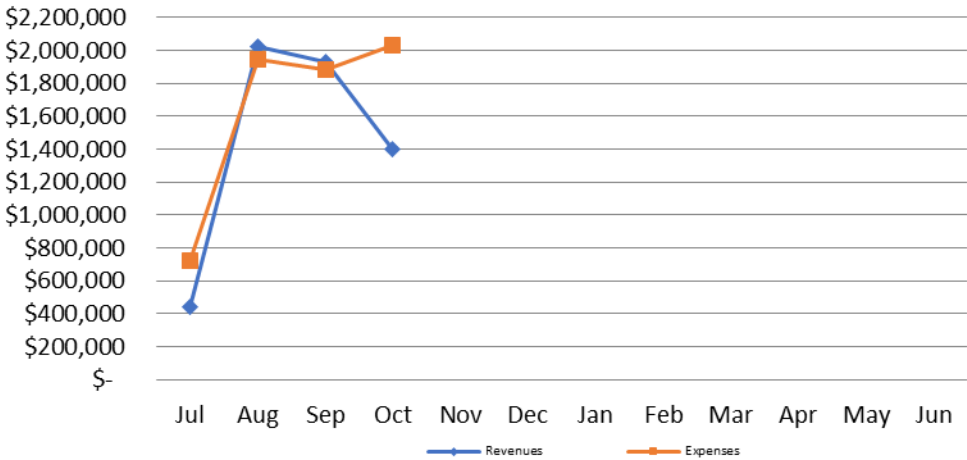
To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority \$16,430,223 in fees.

Staff presented the following spreadsheet, which compares October year-to-date actual to budgeted revenues and expenses by category:

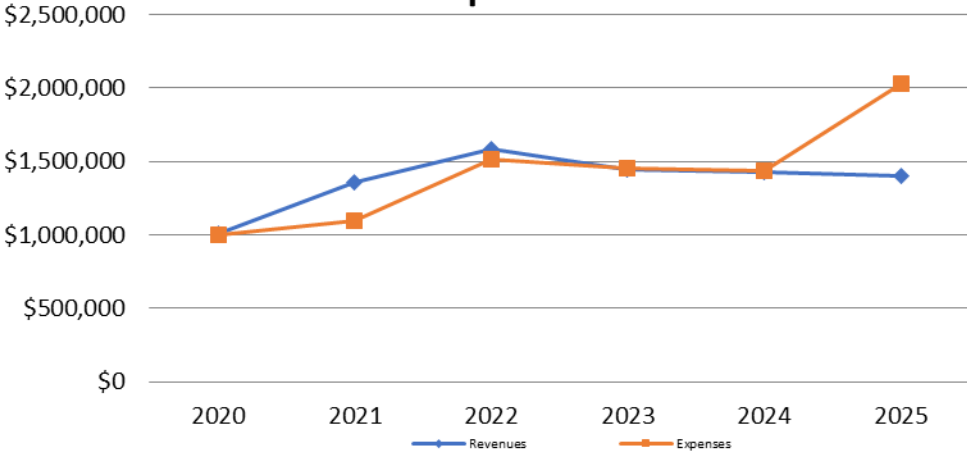
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through October 2024 (Preliminary)

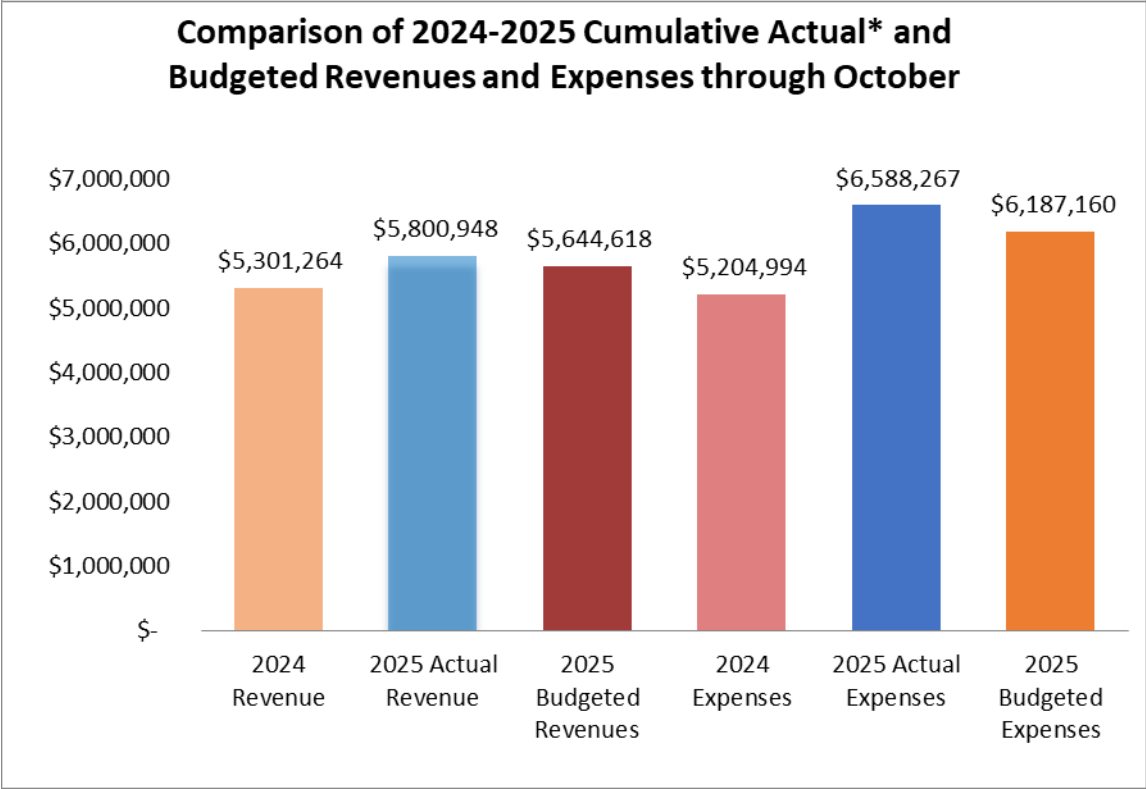
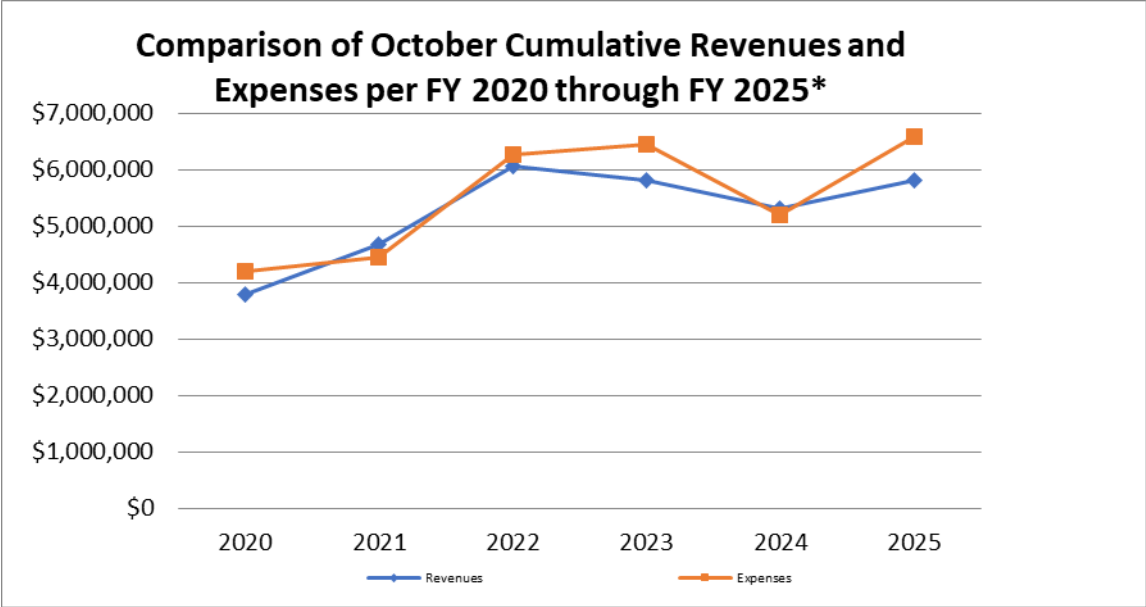
	Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	4,368,786	3,994,217	-374,569
GSA Fees	1,040,815	1,586,860	546,045
Total Water Service Revenue	125,701	157,594	31,893
Total Non-Operating Income	51,665	42,418	-9,247
Capital Contributions	57,651	19,860	-37,791
Total Revenues	5,644,618	5,800,948	156,331
Expenses			
Water Supply	554,469	551,847	-2,621
Arsenic Treatment Plants	156,061	131,322	-24,739
Transmission & Distribution	636,080	473,754	-162,325
Engineering	189,308	193,359	4,051
Customer Service	176,515	72,971	-103,544
Field Services	194,840	141,420	-53,420
General & Administration	942,680	844,363	-98,317
Legal	410,040	297,247	-112,793
Legislative	40,799	27,607	-13,192
Depreciation	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	582,385	638,692	56,307
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	97,726	158,785	61,058
GSA Fees	1,063,135	1,937,105	873,970
Non-Operating, Conservation	11,686	3,576	-8,110
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	31,436	16,220	-15,216
Total Expenses	6,187,160	6,588,267	401,107
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-542,543	-787,319	-244,776
Capital Expenditures		4,730,284	
Debt Service Principle		374,424	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid		2,941,698	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid		13,488,525	
		16,430,223	

Comparison of FY 2023-2024 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of October Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





**Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated*

Committee discussion also included overview of the current budget and financial health of the Water District. Slides included.

7. Accounts Payable Disbursements

Description: Presentation to Committee of Accounts Payable Disbursements reports for Board approval.

The Committee recommended approval of accounts payable disbursements totaling \$1,381,233.81 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>10/10/24</u>	<u>10/24/24</u>
Prepaid	\$ 58,501.67	\$ 50,422.78
Current	<u>607,912.19</u>	<u>664,397.17</u>
Total	<u>\$ 666,413.86</u>	<u>\$ 714,819.95</u>

8. Future Agenda Items

Recycled Water Project Study Proposal
Groundwater Model Cost Breakdown

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:55 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, David Saint-Amand, George Croll, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Committee/Public Comments**
None.
3. **Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)**
No updates.
4. **Draft Agenda for the Special Board Meeting of November 12, 2024**
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made minor changes.
5. **Future Agenda Items**
None.
6. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Tyrell Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin is not present to give his report on the last IWVGA Board Meetings, held on October 9th. The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

Nothing to report at this time.

4. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water

Staff and the committee discuss the steps needed to move forward on the recycled water project. Mr. Croll has been having discussions with the City of Ridgecrest to find out what needs to be done in order to come to a formal agreement for the recycled water. Staff will need to work with consultants to figure out the costs associated with and the feasibility of the project. Once the project is deemed feasible and it is determined that the project will help the basin obtain sustainability the District will be able to move forward.

5. Alternate Water Sources

In order to move forward with the recycled water project, the District will first need to do a study to determine whether the water should be injected into the aquifer or percolated into the ground. This study will also open the doors to capturing any excess water released from the nearby aqueduct.

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

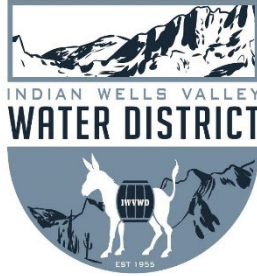
Nothing to report at this time.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

OCTOBER 15, 2024

The Special Meeting 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 Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, 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 Charles D. Griffin
Director Stan G. Rajtora **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Mallory J. Boyd

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Worth, Attorney
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Operations Manager, Jason Lillion, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
None.

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

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION **CLOSED SESSION**
The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

None.

FINANCIAL PLAN AND RATE ANALYSIS

**FINANCIAL
PLAN**

The Board received a presentation on the updated financial plan and proposed rate changes from Mark Hildebrand of Hildebrand Consulting. (Included in the Board packet).

The rate changes include a proposed 12% increase in February 2025, 10% and then 8% for 3 years

Board members asked questions for further clarification of the Financial Plan and Rate Analysis.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Judie Decker, and Renee Westa-Lusk.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by President Kicinski to begin the Prop 218 process and set a Public Hearing Date with a 45-day notice. Motion was carried. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Saint-Amand. Nays: Rajtora. Absent: Boyd.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand approving the Minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$3,496,859.26. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

**P&E:
ACCEPTANCE OF
CONTRACT
WORK: ONSTOTT**

The Board reviewed the Staff recommendation to accept Contract Work performed by Onstott Construction. Onstott has completed several lists of areas where temporary pavement was replaced from November 2022 to August 2024 for the total amount of \$402,489.15.

MOTION: was made by Director Rajtora and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand accepting contract work performed by Onstott Construction in the amount of \$402,489.15. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

Assessment District 87-1 was formed in the Ridgecrest Heights area to replace all the infrastructure back in the late 1980s. Those assessments have been paid and are no longer being collected. Excess funds collected can only be used for the AD-87-1 area. Currently, there are enough funds to purchase 1500 ultrasonic water meters. That will allow the District to replace almost all the meters in the AD 87-1 area with the newest technology. These new meters have no moving parts that can wear out and come with a 20-year warranty.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE FOR
1,500 METERS**

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

MOTION: was made by Director Rajtora and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand approve the purchase of the ultrasonic meters at a price of \$555,126.56 to replace current meters in the Assessment District 87-1 area. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

Staff presented a list of many miscellaneous items for surplus. These items have been accumulating for several years and are no longer useful by the District. These items must be surplus to see if anyone wants to purchase them before being either given away or landfilled/recycled.

SURPLUS ITEMS LIST

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by President Kicinski approving the equipment list as presented to be surplus. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

CURRENT BUSINESS

Board reviewed the approval of Reimbursement Agreement with the IWVGA for District services in connection with the IWVGA Rademacher Consolidation project.

CURRENT BUSINESS:
REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT W/IWVGA

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by President Kicinski approving Reimbursement Agreement with the IWVGA for District services in connection with the IWVGA Rademacher Consolidation project. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

Board to consider approval of the Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for Hometown Water Association Consolidation project.

APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT W/SWRCB

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the Funding Agreement with SWRCB for Hometown Water Association Consolidation Project. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

Board to consider an amendment to the IWVGA JPA eliminating the requirement that alternate Directors of the IWVGA be elected members of their governing bodies.

AMENDMENT TO IWVGA JPA

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker and Renee Westa-lusk.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Griffin for JPA's requirement of elected officials for the big 3 as currently defined remain the same. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

The Board discussed items from the September 11th agenda, including:

- Recycled water presentation
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan Modeling and Periodic Eval Update
- Update on Rademacher consolidation and reimbursement agreement

President Kicinski listed numerous misrepresented statements made by elected officials and/or staff.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel and Renee Westa-Lusk.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth commented on the Hearing held on October 2nd. The purpose of The Court set the trial date for the Phase 2 regarding Safe Yield, March 30, 2026. The IWVGA filed a petition for writ of mandate, asking for the trial court’s decision to be overturned and authority for determination of safe yield, independent of the GSP.

Phase 1 trial for federal reserve water rights to be held April of 2025.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel and Renee Westa-Lusk.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

Mr. Staheli reported on upcoming events the District will be attending and handing out conservation items and literature. He also reported on the recent Chamber Luncheon that Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) was the guest speaker at.

There will be a Special Board Workshop “Town Hall” style meeting held on Monday, October 21, 2024; at 6:00 p.m. at the USO Building. Remote and in-person attendance is permitted. Recording of the meeting will be uploaded to the District’s YouTube page.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Jason Lillion provided an update on the status of Inyokern Community Services District (ICSD). He reviewed the major issues the CSD is facing.

ICSD UPDATE

Contractor Nicholas Construction is currently filling the pipeline to pressure test and disinfect Phases 1 and 2 (Victor to Pinto and Pinto to Primavera). They also continue installing pipe in Phase 3 (Primavera to Brady) and will complete installation shortly. This project is on schedule and budget.

NW TRANSM. PIPELINE

No further update available.

CONSOLIDATION PROJECTS

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of September 30, 2024, are \$4,266,506 and expenses are \$4,594,806. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$328,300, which is better than budget by \$604,626. To date, the District has paid \$15,607,346 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 - there have been 15 water waste reports received with 15 contacts made. There has been two formal Second Notice and one penalty issued.

CONSERVATION

Plant 1 online 50% capacity, Plant 2 offline for erroneous meter. Plant ARSENIC
2 is in the process of being winterized, Plant 1 is being scheduled for TREATMENT
winterization.

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of September, 30 services were OPERATIONS
repaired and 20 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made zero runs in
September. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,428,891
gallons. Zero valves were exercised.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

Vice President Saint-Amand thanked staff and contractor for their work
on the northwest transmission pipeline and arsenic treatment plants.

Director Kicinski thanked Director Griffin for his representation and
role as the IWVGA representative.

President Kicinski thanked staff.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was
adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

OCTOBER 21, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 6:00 p.m. in the Historic USO Building, 230 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, 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 Stan G. Rajtora **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Charles D. Griffin

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Tim Parker, Consulting Hydrogeologist
Travis Romeyn, Consulting Associate Engineer

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Operations Manager, Jason Lillion, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

OPENING COMMENTS **OPENING COMMENTS**
President Kicinski commented on the purpose of this "town hall" meeting and how it will be conducted.

The Board made their opening comments.

ASSESSMENT OF GROUNDWATER STORAGE FOR IWV BASIN **PRESENTATIONS**
Tim Parker, consulting hydrogeologist, provided a presentation on the Assessment of Groundwater Storage for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin. (Presentation available on website.)

ASSESSMENT OF SAFE YIELD FOR THE IWV BASIN
Mr. Parker provided a presentation on the Assessment of Safe Yield for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin. (Presentation available on website.)

COST ESTIMATE FOR THE IWVGA IMPORTED WATER PIPELINE

George Croll, IWVWD General Manager, and David Moore, of Clean Energy Capital (CEC), provided a presentation on Cost Estimate for the IWVGA Imported Water Pipeline Project. (Presentation available on website.)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

The Board heard comments, questions, and concerns from members of the public.

**PUBLIC
DISCUSSION**

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Rajtora reminded the public that the documents related to the Technical Working Group study is available on the District website.

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

Vice President Saint-Amand commented on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Authority's (SGMA) requirement for sustainability and not using more than what is being received in recharge.

President Kicinski thanked the public for their attendance. He further commented that everything being done by the District is for the benefit of the IWV.

The Board made their final comments and moved to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

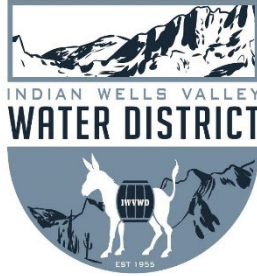
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

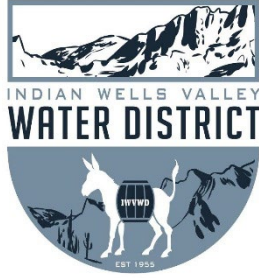
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December 2024

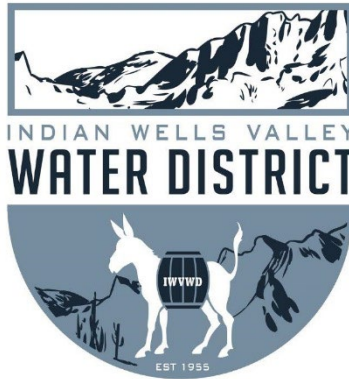
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 2:00pm P&E CM 2:30pm Finance CM	4 2:00pm Admin/Exec CM 3:00pm Water Management CM	5	6 FLEX	7
8	9 4:30pm Board Meeting	10	11 10:00am IWVGA	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 FLEX	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> Office Closed	26 <i>Merry Christmas</i> Office Closed	27	28
29	30	31	1 <i>happy new year</i> Office Closed	2 <i>happy new year</i> Office Closed	3 FLEX	4



9.E.6.

SWRCB Water Waster Report

	# of water waste reports received	# of contacts made (written or verbal)	# of formal warning actions	# of penalties issued
Jan-24	0	0	0	0
Feb-24	2	2	0	0
Mar-24	4	4	1	1
Apr-24	1	1	0	0
May-24	1	1	0	0
Jun-24	4	4	0	0
Jul-24	0	0	0	0
Aug-24	3	3	1	0
Sep-24	0	0	0	0
Oct-24	0	0	0	0
Nov-24				
Dec-24				
SUBTOTAL 2015	378	376	40	10
SUBTOTAL 2016	406	399	28	3
SUBTOTAL 2017	70	68	10	4
SUBTOTAL 2018	60	58	7	4
SUBTOTAL 2019	56	56	8	1
SUBTOTAL 2020	42	42	8	2
SUBTOTAL 2021	131	131	12	4
SUBTOTAL 2022	106	106	6	0
SUBTOTAL 2023	64	64	24	7
SUBTOTAL 2024	15	15	2	1
TOTAL	1328	1315	145	36
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,450
TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED				\$3,050



The Mission of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to deliver the highest quality water at the best possible price while continuing to serve as respectful stewards of the environment.

The Vision of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to provide for self-sustaining water resources now and for generations to come.

Board of Directors