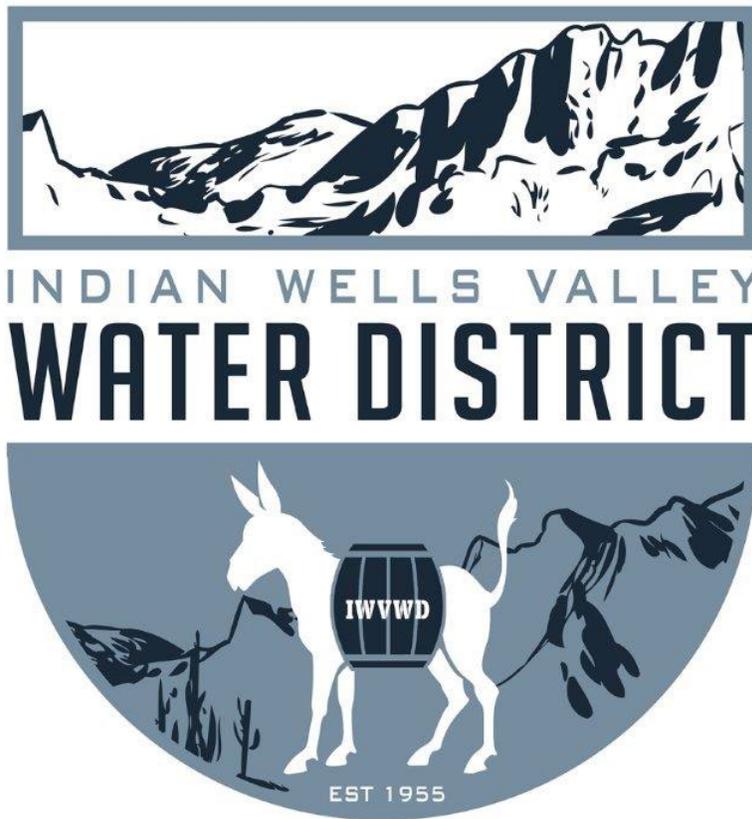


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



May 8, 2023



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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2023 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BOYD/KICINSKI)

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE (RAJTORA/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 (GRIFFIN/RAJTORA)

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

WATER MANAGEMENT (GRIFFIN/KICINSKI)

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 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Last Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
CLOSED SESSION – 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

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

➤ **Watch meetings on-line:**

All District meetings are streamed live on the District's YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@IWVWD>

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➤ **Call in for public comments:**

To make a public comment, please call: (760) 375-7548.

Callers will be placed in a queue and answered in the order they were received. If a member of the public wishes to comment on multiple items, they will need to call in as each item is presented to the Board.

(In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Lauren Smith at (760) 384-5502. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, any materials relating to an open session item on this agenda, distributed to the Board of Directors after the distribution of the agenda packet, will be made available for public inspection at the time of distribution at the following location: Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA.)

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
2 Matters
(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
(To consider the performance of a Public Employee)
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
 - F. Personnel Matter
One Position: Operations Manager
(To consider the performance of a Public Employee)
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
 - G. Conference with Labor Negotiator
District Representative: Don Zdeba
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 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 and address 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. April 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. May 2, 2023, Special Board Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements
 - B. Plant & Equipment Committee
 - 1. Authorization to File Notice of Exemption for NW Transmission pipeline
Description: Staff will present a Notice of Exemption for this project.
Committee Recommends the Following: Defer to Board for recommendation

and action.

- C. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Call for Candidates for Region Boards
Description: ACWA Region 7 Nominating Committee is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of Region 7 for the 2024-'25 term.
- D. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Description: Report and discussion regarding the April 12, 2023, 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 May 10, 2023.
- E. Comprehensive Adjudication
Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.
- 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. Status on Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) Releases into the Indian Wells Valley
Description: Update on LADWP Release.
 4. Well 31 Rehabilitation
Description: Update on Well 31 Rehabilitation project.
 5. Booster Stations and Tanks Projects
Description: Update on these Capital Projects.
 6. Financial Status
Description: Report on the District's current financial status.
 7. Solar Production
Description: Update on solar production for the preceding month.
 8. Conservation
Description: Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.
 9. Inyokern Road Transmission Line
Description: Update on the failure of the 30-inch transmission main.

10. Arsenic Treatment Facilities

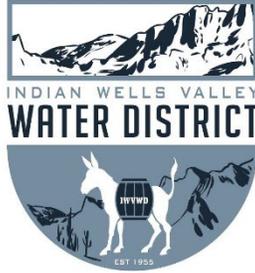
Description: Staff will update Committee on maintenance issues and production.

11. Operations

Description: Staff report on operations.

10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items

11. Adjournment



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Griffin, Don Zdeba, Ty Staheli, and Jason Lillion

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Chuck Griffin had no updates from the April 12, 2023, IWVGA Regular Board meeting

The next IWVGA meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023, there will also be a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting today April 27th at 5:00 pm. At this meeting there will be discussion regarding the shallow well mitigation program. Griffin has requested, at previous meetings, that the IWVGA form an ad hoc committee specifically for this program, to which there has not yet been a decision made. Director Ron Kicinski suggests that there be a discussion with Josh Nugent about how to create a check list of what should be considered when looking at shallow well mitigation.

4. LADWP Aqueduct Water Release

Releases continue from four of five sites within the Indian Wells Valley. Boulder Draw remains shut off since April 17th. As of yesterday, an estimated 2,763 acre-feet had been released. After speaking with Water District employees who have been monitoring the flow in the Dixie wash, it has been observed that the water has receded almost a mile to south of Bowman Road. It was initially thought that since the wash has been so dry for so long that the water would soak down, however, Chuck Kreiger stated that if the aquifer is shallow, once the water soaks down far enough it could possibly speed up the percolation process which could be what is happening. We will continue to monitor the water flow and the wash basin.

The Water District is also investigating possible projects involving both BLM and State lands to put the water to beneficial use by encouraging recharge to the aquifer, we have narrowed our focus on District-owned properties. Krieger & Stewart has surveyed all sites and produced contour maps to assist with identifying multiple sites within the wash to place sandbag dams. In addition to filing a Notice of Exemption, staying within the wash would only require a Stream Alteration Agreement from Fish & Wildlife.

The District is also looking at creating catch basins to which we could connect into the wash and use a scrapper to create ponds that would be about 5 feet deep and could potentially fill and stay filled with the released water. Additional work outside of the wash will require biological surveys for Desert Tortoise and Mojave Ground Squirrels and an Incidental Take Permit from Fish & Wildlife. We are communicating with Stetson staff as well as Supervisor Peters' staff to coordinate necessary resources.

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

During discussion of Item A2 on the agenda of the January 24th Board Workshop, Board discussion of potential Strategic Planning Effort, the Board requested to add recycled water as an agenda item for the Water Management Committee. In particular, the Board is interested in discussions with the City of Ridgecrest concerning recycled water being credited against the District's requirement for an imported water supply to meet its needs.

Director Kicinski would like to know how far into the treatment process the City is planning to go. It is indicated that the current plan is to tertiary treat the recycled water.

6. Brackish Water Study

Very little to report since the March Committee meeting. The draft Status Report covering the 4th quarter of 2022 as well as the 2022 Annual Report are still works in progress. Both should be complete this week and will be issued to DWR as drafts for their review.

Final steps before compiling the draft Feasibility Study document include efforts to evaluate shallow well impacts in the Study Area based on existing predicted drawdowns using the Desert Research Institute (DRI) model. The project completion date is December 30, 2023.

7. Alternate Water Sources

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

John Jansen, with Collier Geophysical, continues work on the final draft of his report on interpretation of the 104 miles of seismic data that has been reprocessed. He has completed the net clay calculations for all HG zones and shared the results with Tim Parker for his review. Tim has completed his review so John can now finalize his report.

At the January 24th Board workshop staff was tasked with drafting a plan for exploring the potential of the El Paso Subbasin to provide a water supply not currently being fully utilized. Krieger & Stewart had previously issued a technical report with tasks and preliminary costs in 2021. The current work will expand on that report. Tim Parker has reviewed the aerial electromagnetic data from the SkyTEM flyover as well as geologic logs in the area and identified potential sites to consider for drilling exploration wells.

Forms to apply for Technical Support Services from the Department of Water Resources (DRW) are no longer available on-line and have to come from DWR

Regional offices. Last month Tim contacted the DWR Regional Office by both phone and email and also the State office by email. Jack Tung, with Regional Office, expressed reservations about receiving an application from other than a Ground Water Sustainability Agency (GSA). At last check-in, Jack is waiting to hear back from the Technical Support Services program as is Tim. Tim, Dave Scriven, and I did have a call with Paul Gosselin and Tim Godwin this morning during which they acknowledged the benefits of exploring the El Paso area and wanted to make sure the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) was in support of the project and the District submitting an application for funding.

8. Future Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renée Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Authorization to File Notice of Exemption: NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement

Committee reviewed the prepared Notice of Exemption for the Replacement of the 30-inch transmission pipeline along the north shoulder of Inyokern Road from Victor Street to Brady Street (except for the portion replaced back in February). The existing pipe will be removed and replaced with 24-inch fusible PVC. This item will be reviewed by the entire Board at the next regular Board meeting.

4. Authorization to File a Notice of Exemption: 2023 L.A. Aqueduct Emergency Release Mitigation Project

This item has been moved to a Special Board Meeting today at 4:00 pm.

5. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

Staff is preparing draft bidding documents and the CEQA exemption in order to be “shovel-ready” for the grant application due June 23rd. The District will be applying for a Department of Defense grant designed to assist State and local governments with community infrastructure projects that support military installations. This project qualifies because the emergency intertie with the Navy is connected to this pipeline.

6. Well 31 Rehabilitation: Project Update

Layne finished work at Well 31 as of last week.

7. Booster Station and Tanks Project: Update

The College tank has been constructed and the coaters are scheduled to mobilize next week. Meanwhile, the contractor is installing the inlet/outlet piping. At the booster station, there have been significant delays from the manufacturers of the pumps and the motor control center (MCC). The contract completion has been pushed into October.

8. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Plant 2 began production on April 6th. At plant 1, Pureflow finished installation of the new underdrains last Friday. Staff is working with Pureflow on the best solution to salvage/re-install the filter media in order to get the plant online for the summer.

9. Solar Production: Report

The Committee reviewed the Phase 1 report provided by ENGIE Services for July 2022 through April 2023. For April, the actual savings was \$58,658.14 and the guaranteed savings was \$49,984.27. The total savings this fiscal year is \$462,714.78. At the Well 35 site (Phase 2), actual savings for April was \$2,479.27 and the guaranteed savings was \$2,033.40. The total savings at the Well 35 site this calendar year is \$7,165.88.

10. Future Agenda Items

Status of Well 33.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY MAY 2, 2023 – 2:30 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: David Saint-Amand, Stan Rajtora, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

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

None to report.

4. Water Sales and Service Policy

Description: Review of the District's Water Sales and Service Policy Manual

The Committee deferred discussion to the next committee meeting.

5. Electric Vehicle Mandate

Description: Discuss impacts of and actions to take in response to potential electric vehicle mandate.

Staff reported that a letter outlining the potential impacts of this policy was sent to the California Air Resource Board.

Committee discussed the mandate impacts that would affect the District, as well as, citizens.

6. Financial Statements April 30, 2023 (preliminary)

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

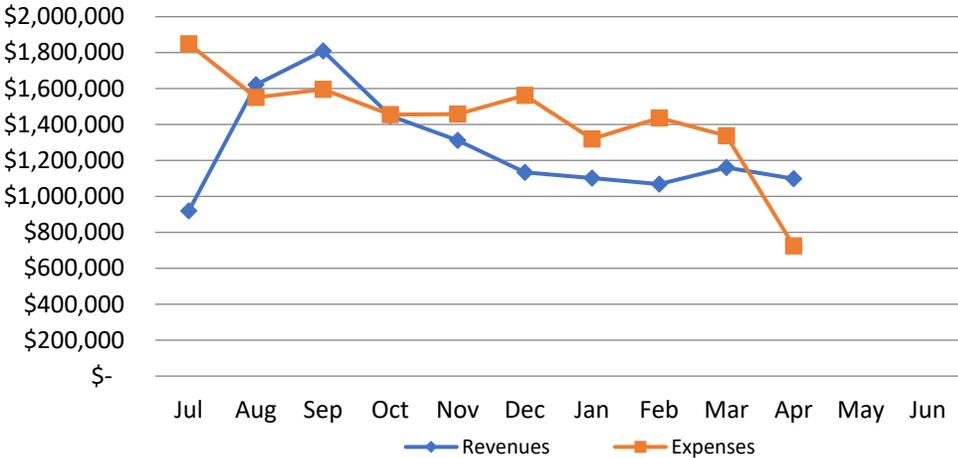
Estimated year-to-date revenues as of April 30, 2023, are \$12,673,090 and expenses are \$14,288,674, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,615,584, which is more than budget by \$527,293.

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

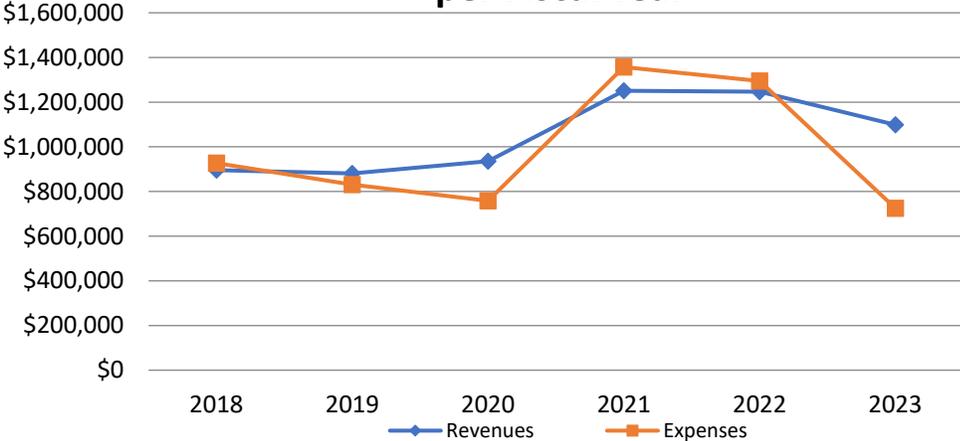
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through April 2023 (Preliminary)

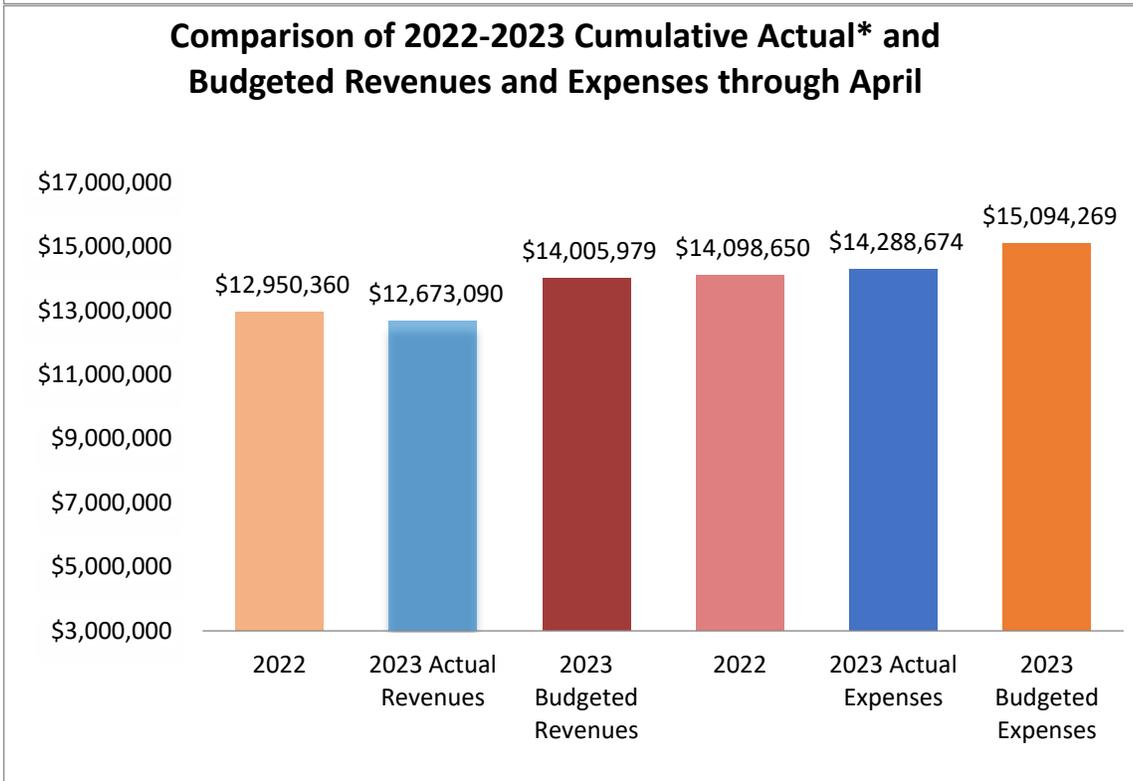
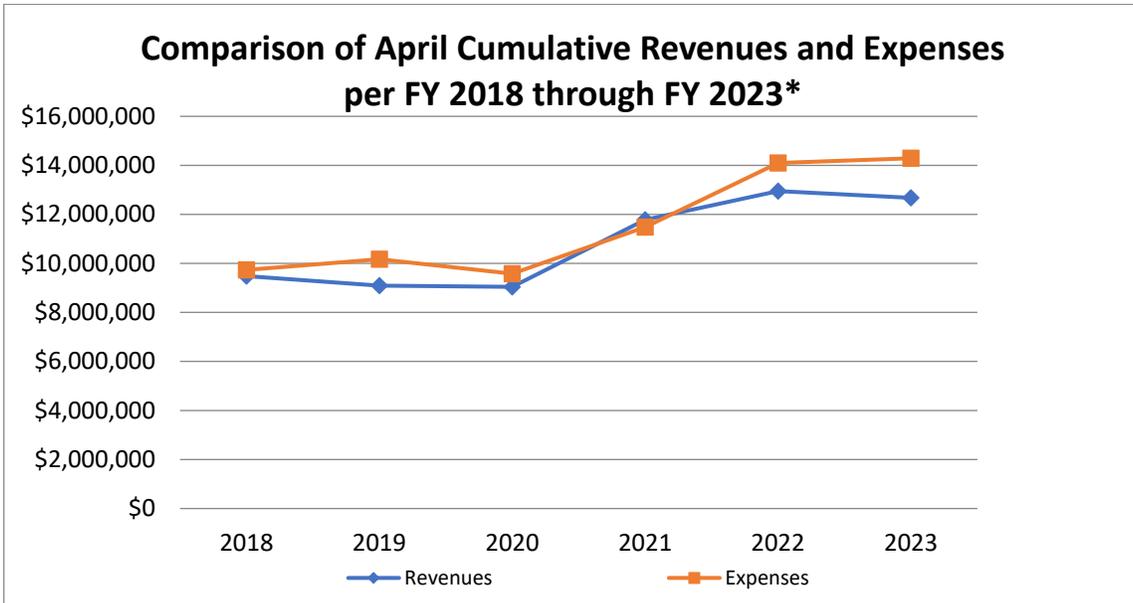
	Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	9,328,310	8,629,712	-698,597
GSA Fees	3,693,600	2,928,417	-765,183
Total Water Service Revenue	304,479	326,366	21,887
Total Non-Operating Income	125,145	189,947	64,802
Capital Contributions	554,445	598,648	44,203
Total Revenues	14,005,979	12,673,090	-1,332,889
Expenses			
Water Supply	999,437	996,892	-2,545
Arsenic Treatment Plants	208,627	110,777	-97,849
Transmission & Distribution	1,589,337	1,484,545	-104,791
Engineering	349,486	432,500	83,014
Customer Service	407,357	319,181	-88,175
Field Services	428,324	434,410	6,086
General & Administration	2,813,568	2,976,771	163,203
Legislative	96,786	72,274	-24,512
Depreciation	2,916,667	2,916,667	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,144,440	944,157	-200,283
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	213,449	410,015	196,566
GSA Fees	3,824,472	3,078,632	-745,840
Non-Operating, Conservation	28,684	29,116	433
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	73,638	82,736	9,098
Total Expenses	15,094,269	14,288,674	-805,596
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-1,088,291	-1,615,584	-527,293
Capital Expenditures		5,955,099	
- COP Funded		2,556,405	
Debt Service Principle		926,386	

Comparison of FY 2021-2022 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of April Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





**Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated*

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 \$1,089,462.63 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>4/12/23</u>	<u>4/24/23</u>
Prepaid	\$ 405,575.69	\$ 47,976.36
Current	<u>314,942.81</u>	<u>320,967.77</u>
Total	<u>\$ 720,518.50</u>	<u>\$ 368,944.13</u>

8. Future Agenda Items

2024 Budget
Water Sales and Service Policy Manual
State Revolving Fund
Increased Budget Report Resolution
Active Customer Accounts Report

9. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:59pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Ron Kicinski, Jason Lillion, Justin Thompson, and Ty Staheli

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Status on Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) Releases into the valley

The Board approved the filing of the Notice of Exemption for the 2023 Emergency Release Mitigation Project at yesterday's Special Board Meeting.

As of today, the water has reached the middle of the Watkin's property.

4. Discussion on Senate Bill (SB) 606 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1668

The Outdoor Water Use Efficiency Standards were scheduled to be established by July 2022.

Staff had no updates at this time. The Committee recommended removing this item from the Administration/Executive Committee agendas and adding it under the General Manager's Report on the Board meeting agendas.

5. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 8, 2023

The Committee reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

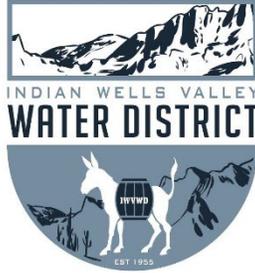
Staff to discuss with legal counsel potentially adding an agenda item under the appropriate session regarding the IWVGA water allocation for the District and discussion on payment of the IWVGA Replenishment Fee.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

APRIL 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd 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 Jason Lillion. **PLEDGE**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Vice President Ronald R. Kicinski

STAFF PRESENT: Don Zdeba, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, April 6, 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 ON CLOSED SESSION

None. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:35 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Director Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Griffin approving the Minutes of the March 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,280,069.31. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed the prepared Notice of Exemption for the consolidation with the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company. The project is exempt under Section 15302 and 15303. This is a replacement/reconstruction project and will not result in an increase in the number of customers served at this time.

**P&E
NOE FOR DUNE
3 MUTUAL WTR
CO.**

Documents have been reviewed by legal counsel.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Saint-Amand authorizing staff to file a Notice of Exemption for Dune 3 Mutual Water Company Consolidation Project. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

SALARY SURVEY

The Board reviewed the Salary Survey as presented by staff.

SALARY SURVEY

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

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Board reviewed the nomination of Oliver Smith, Board member of the Valley Center Municipal Water District, to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA)

**ADMIN/EXEC
ACWA
NOMINATION**

No action taken.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

Director Griffin stated the last meeting was held on March 8th and he had already reported at the March IWVWD Regular Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th. Director Griffin encouraged the public to attend the meeting.

IWVGA

The Board discussed items on the upcoming meeting agenda.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported on the Case Management Conference that took place on March 17th. Judge Claster has still not been assigned by the judicial council. As a result, he is hesitant to make any ruling.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Service of all the parcel owners in the basin has been completed.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

Don Zdeba updated the safety record to 97 consecutive days without a recordable injury.

**GENERAL
MANAGER AND
STAFF UPDATE
SAFETY,
PRODUCTION &
NEW SERVICES**

Metered water production at the wells for the month of March was 106,738,000 gallons (327.6 acre-feet). The number the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is using for comparison is metered water through the distribution system, or consumptions, and non-revenue water which is water lost to leaks, flushing activities, blow-offs, etc. That number is 86,454,000 gallons (265.3 acre-feet). The preliminary and full report were submitted to SWRCB on April 4th. The conservation results for March show consumption down 21.9% compared to March of 2013, the baseline year established by the SWRCB. The 20% conservation target established by the District Board took effect in June 2016 for comparison. Through March, the cumulative result remains at 23.6%.

In response to Governor Newsom's request for a voluntary 15% reduction to address current drought conditions, the SWRCB is also comparing current water consumption to the same month in 2020/2021. Comparing March 2023 to March 2021, there is a 12.3% reduction in consumption. This percentage is much higher than previous months and can likely be attributed to the cooler temperatures and significant precipitation during the month. Comparing March conservation results to recent years, consumption was 11.9% lower than the baseline year, 2021 was 10.9% lower, 2020 was 10.1% lower, and 2019 was 25.2% lower.

The Residential gallons per capita per day (R-gpcd) for the month was 69.6. This includes both indoor and outdoor usage. There were two new connections during the month of March. There have been 19 new connections during this fiscal year, contributing \$167,288 in Capital Facility Fees.

Mr. Zdeba did attend the April 4th Community Collaborative meeting at City Hall. He provided an update on the status of the 30-inch transmission line repairs, mentioned LADWP had started releasing water from the aqueduct in anticipation of damage from flooding due to record snowpack.

**PUBLIC
OUTREACH**

The District staffed a booth at the Annual Home & Leisure Show the weekend of March 25th and 26th. (Report in packet.) Based on the number of conservation items distributed as well as observation, attendance was down compared to last year. The fact this was the week for Spring Break may have been a factor. Thanks to Isabel Tejada, Ana Chavez, Diana Nguyen, and Lauren Smith for staffing the booth and to Robert Renfro, Amber Chapin, Joe Rivera, Jack Kennedy, Johnny Estrada, and Dan Beardsley for helping with setup and teardown.

A new General Manager's column entitled, "IWVWD New Rate Structure Explained" was provided for publication in both The Daily Independent and The News Review last week and has also been posted on the District's website.

Staff continues to work with Providence Strategic Consulting to promote WaterSmart. As of this morning, there are 1,505 active WaterSmart accounts accounting for 12.2% of customers. The number of accounts signed up is down significantly from last month, but the percentage is

actually 0.1% higher because the total number of accounts decreased. There were 597 customer alerts issued in March and there have been 13,116 in the past twelve months.

Mr. Zdeba reported that recognizing we are facing similar and likely more significant flooding conditions to 2017, he reached out to LADWP last month about the possibility of releasing water from the aqueduct into the Indian Wells Basin as they did when they declared an emergency in 2017. STATUS ON LADWP RELEASES

On March 17th LADWP did declare an emergency concerned about flooding damage to Eastern Sierra communities and Owens Lake resulting from the rains and melting record snowpack in the Sierra. There are five release points in the Indian Wells Valley; one sluice gate and five sand traps. A web meeting was arranged March 23rd with staff from Stetson Engineers and the IWVGA General Manager, as well as Tim Parker to discuss a monitoring program to sample and track the releases. A web meeting between BLM staff, Stetson staff, and District staff and consultants took place April 3rd to discuss a project intended to put the water to beneficial use by replenishing the aquifer.

Staff is working with Krieger & Stewart and Tim Parker to present a project involving possible catch basins and sand dams. Staff is in contact with the local BLM office which has expressed support for the work to commence as an emergency. The proposed locations are on State lands so we will also be contacting Kern County as well as Fish & Wildlife about a stream alteration permit. LADWP started releasing water from the Freeman Sluice Gate March 29th. Boulder Draw and Bird Springs sand traps were opened April 1st.

Releases are being monitored and adjusted as necessary. LADWP is providing regular updates on release points and rates and the information is being passed on to Stetson staff. LADWP anticipates releases could continue as late as August.

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

Staff is planning a potluck luncheon for Thursday, April 27th at 11:00 a.m. and requests office closure for one hour so that all employees may attend. The Board unanimously agreed to allow for the aforementioned office closure. EMPLOYEE POTLUCK

Layne was scheduled to be onsite today; however, they were unable to and plan to be onsite on Wednesday, April 12th. WELL 31 REHAB

The new MCC and pumps are scheduled to ship this month for the booster station. The C-zone tank was put into service the week of March 29th. At the College tank site, construction of the new tank began the week of the March 20th. BOOSTER STATIONS AND TANKS PROJECT

Ty Staheli reported that the estimated year-to-date revenues as of March 31, 2023, are \$11,573,664 and expenses are \$13,054,868. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,481,204, which is more than budget by \$443,968. FINANCIAL STATUS

The Board directed staff to contact State officials regarding Single-Family Resident (SRF) Funding.

Mr. Staheli reviewed the report provided by ENGIE Services for July 2022 through March 2023 with the Board. SOLAR PRODUCTION

For March, the actual savings was \$50,926.72 and the guaranteed savings \$47,917.37. The total savings this fiscal year is \$404,056.64. At the Well 35 site (Phase 2), the actual savings for March was \$2,085.60 and guaranteed was \$1,977.02. The total savings since at the Well 35 site this calendar year is \$4,686.61.

Mr. Staheli reported on the following conservation items: CONSERVATION
State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Water Waster Report - Thus far in 2023, there have been a total of 28 water waste reports received with 28 contacts made. There has been 11 formal Second Notices and four penalties issued.

Staff pot-holed 50' on either side of the new break, with the hope of INYOKERN RD
doing another repair to get through the summer. Unfortunately, the TRANSM. MAIN
excavation uncovered the same longitudinal cracking and corrosion. Staff is now working on bid documents for pipeline replacement. Documents are expected to be out by the end of the month, with awarding at the June Board meeting.

Plant 2 is offline as of April 6th. The installation of the underdrain ARSENIC
system at Plant 1 was approved at the March Board meeting. Pureflow is TREATMENT
scheduled to be onsite for the installation the week of April 24th. District staff is currently sifting media to separate the treatment media from the support gravel and will assess how much replacement media is needed, if any.

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of March, six services were repaired OPERATIONS
and 32 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made 13 runs in March. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 8,746,425 gallons. One valve was exercised.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Boyd thanked staff for their hard work, and the public for BOARD
their participation. COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNMENT
adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

MAY 2, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd at 4:00 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 Ty Staheli. **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: Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING

VIA TELECONFERENCE: Isaac St. Lawrence, legal counsel

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Monday, May 1, 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 ON CLOSED SESSION

None. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Board reviewed the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the 2023 Emergency Release Mitigation Project. (Draft included in packet.) **NOE FOR 2023 EMERG RELEASE MITIGATION**

The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the project and specifics of how it would proceed. **PRJCT**

Revisions made by the Board included removal of "to" under the "Description of Nature, Purpose, and beneficiaries of Project" on the First page of the NOE, to read: "The Project is intended to help protect

U.S. Navy Facilities..."

As well as the Navy to be listed under the second page of the NOE, to include the U.S. Navy under "The beneficiaries of the Project are the People of the Indian Wells Valley" portion.

Legal to review suggested revisions and finalize the NOE.

The Board heard public comment from Don and Judie Decker.

MOTION: was made by Director Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the 2023 Emergency Release Mitigation Project. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

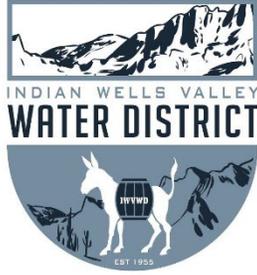
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: _____

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary



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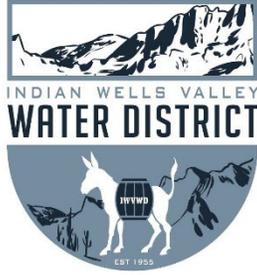
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:	Kern County Clerk 1115 Truxton Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639	FROM:	Indian Wells Valley Water District 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd Ridgecrest, CA 93555
1.	Project Title:	NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement	
2.	Project Applicant:	Indian Wells Valley Water District	
3.	Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The project is located in Kern County along the north shoulder of westbound Highway 178 between N. Victor Street and N. Brady Street.	
4.	(a) Project Location – City: Ridgecrest (nearest)	(b) Project Location – County: Kern	
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	This project consists of replacing approximately 18,000 ± L.F. of 30-inch cement mortar lined and coated steel transmission pipe with 24 inch fusible PVC pipe. This pipeline is essential to the health and welfare of the City of Ridgecrest and surrounding area residents and businesses.	
6.	Name of Public Agency approving project:	Indian Wells Valley Water District	
7.	Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Indian Wells Valley Water District	
8.	Exempt status: (check one)		
	(a) <input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial project.	
	(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	Not a project.	
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project.	
	(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	Section 15302(c) replacement or reconstruction
	(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
	(f) <input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
	(g) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why project was exempt:	The project falls under Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) because the project will replace the existing transmission main with a new main of negligible or no expansion of capacity.	
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Renee Morquecho, Chief Engineer	
	Telephone:	760-384-5520	

Signature: _____ Date: May 8, 2023 Title: Chief Engineer

Name: Renee E. Morquecho

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant



9.C.

REGION BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM



Submit completed form by **June 16, 2023** to regionelections@acwa.com

Name of Candidate:	Title:	
Agency:	Agency Phone:	
Direct Phone:	E-mail:	
Address:	ACWA Region:	County:

Region Board Position Preference
If you are interested in more than one position, please indicate priority - 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice.
Chair:
Vice Chair:
Board Member:

If you are not chosen for the recommended slate, would you like to be listed in the ballot's individual candidate section?	
If neither is selected, your name will NOT appear on the ballot.	
Yes	No

Agency Function(s)
Check all that apply
Wholesale
Urban Water Supply
Ag Water Supply
Sewage Treatment
Retailer
Wastewater Reclamation
Flood Control
Groundwater Management / Replenishment
Other:

Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:

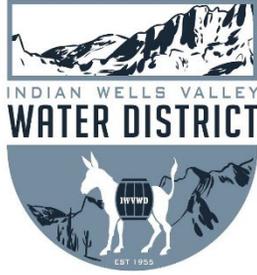
Write below or attach a half-page bio summarizing the experience and qualifications that make you a viable candidate for ACWA Region leadership. Please include the number of years you have served in your current agency position, the number of years you have been involved in water issues and in what capacity you have been involved in the water community. You may share a candidate photo along with your application. Candidate photos and bios will be shared on the ACWA region election webpage.

I acknowledge that the role of a region board member is to actively participate on the Region Board during my term, including attending region board and membership meetings, participating in region conference calls, participating in ACWA's Outreach Program, as well as other ACWA functions to set an example of commitment to the region and the association.

I hereby submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

Signature	Title	Date
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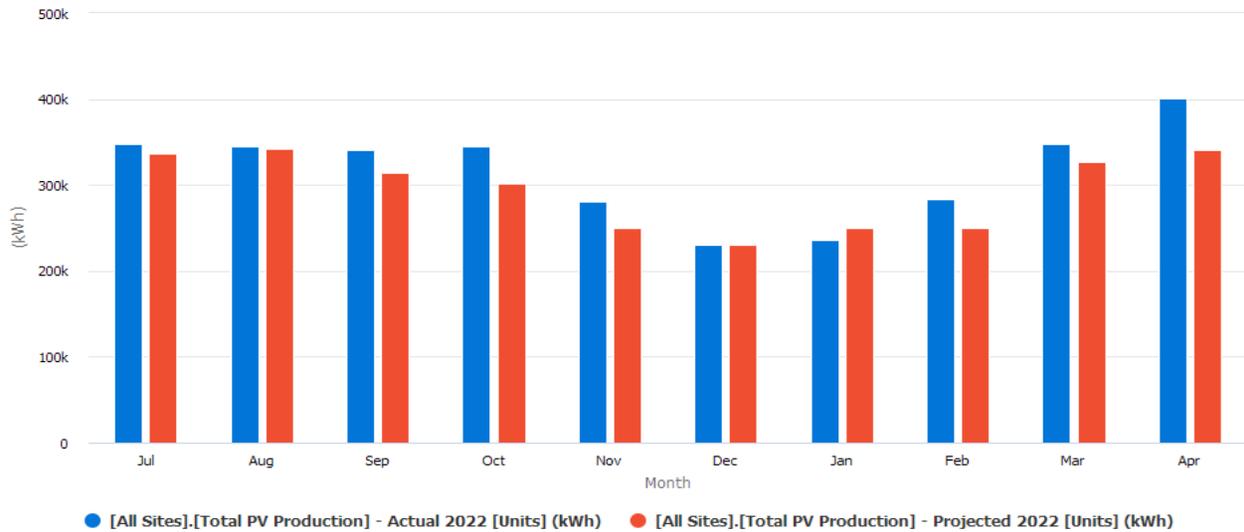
Please attach a copy of your agency's resolution of support / sponsorship for your candidacy.



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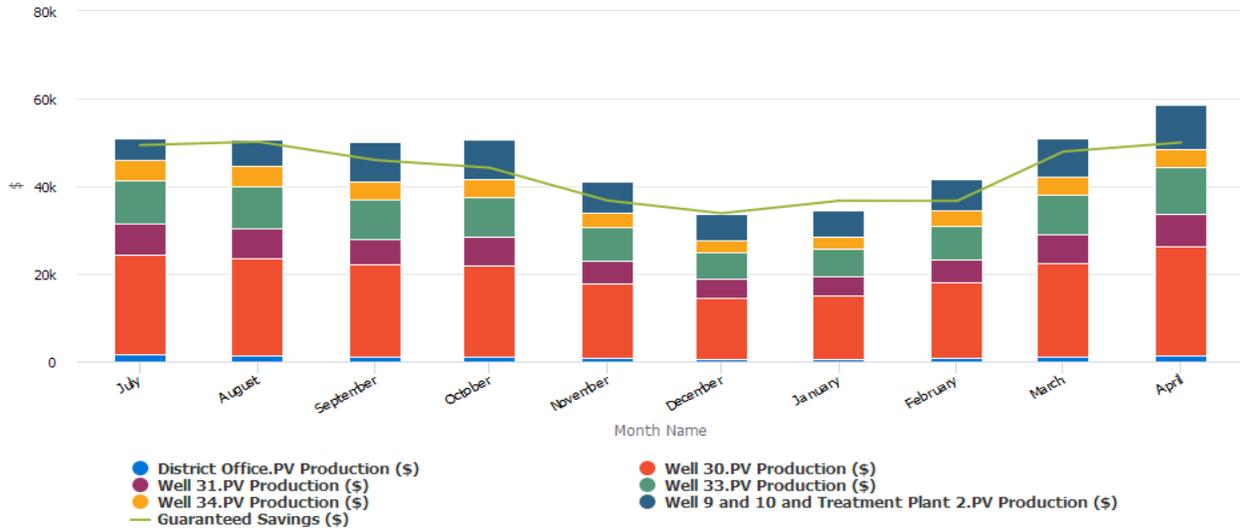
Monthly Photovoltaic Production and Energy Savings Report

Year to Date Actual Production Compared to Projected Production



Month	Total PV Production Actual (kWh)	Total PV Production Actual (kWh) Cumulative	Total PV Production Projected (kWh)	Total PV Production Projected (kWh) (Cumulative)	Gross Variance	Relative Variance (%)	Cumulative Gross Variance	Cumulative Relative Variance (%)
Jul	347,895.00	347,895.00	337,011.00	337,011.00	10,884.00	3.23	10,884.00	3.23
Aug	345,453.00	693,348.00	342,322.00	679,333.00	3,131.00	0.91	14,015.00	2.06
Sep	341,397.00	1,034,745.00	313,653.00	992,986.00	27,744.00	8.85	41,759.00	4.21
Oct	345,038.00	1,379,783.00	301,748.00	1,294,734.00	43,290.00	14.35	85,049.00	6.57
Nov	280,891.00	1,660,674.00	250,675.00	1,545,409.00	30,216.00	12.05	115,265.00	7.46
Dec	229,909.00	1,890,583.00	230,796.00	1,776,205.00	-887.00	-0.38	114,378.00	6.44
Jan	236,200.00	2,126,783.00	250,284.00	2,026,489.00	-14,084.00	-5.63	100,294.00	4.95
Feb	283,901.00	2,410,684.00	250,008.00	2,276,497.00	33,893.00	13.56	134,187.00	5.89
Mar	347,503.00	2,758,187.00	326,921.00	2,603,418.00	20,582.00	6.30	154,769.00	5.94
Apr	400,417.00	3,158,604.00	341,044.00	2,944,462.00	59,373.00	17.41	214,142.00	7.27

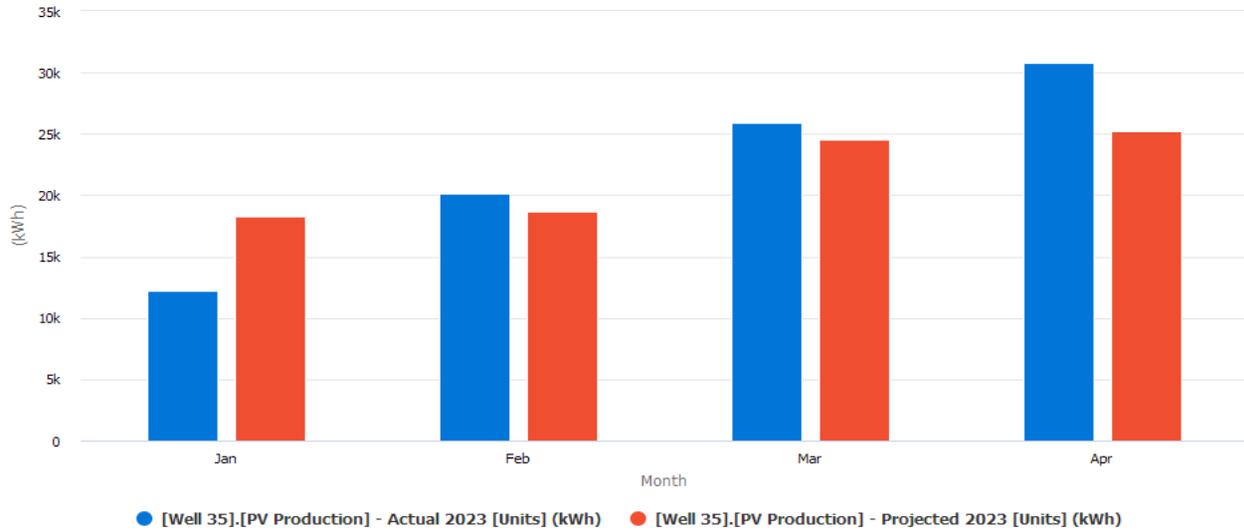
Performance Against Guarantee



From	District Office	Well 30	Well 31	Well 33	Well 34	Wells 9A & 10	Guaranteed Savings
7/1/2022	\$1,525.46	\$22,793.83	\$7,057.20	\$10,064.88	\$4,720.96	\$4,873.94	\$49,393.18
8/1/2022	\$1,354.46	\$22,244.20	\$6,864.58	\$9,652.70	\$4,494.66	\$6,039.27	\$50,171.57
9/1/2022	\$1,170.60	\$21,020.99	\$5,812.05	\$9,073.10	\$4,147.64	\$8,842.55	\$45,969.77
10/1/2022	\$989.96	\$21,019.21	\$6,416.02	\$9,197.21	\$4,156.20	\$8,802.92	\$44,224.95
11/1/2022	\$713.82	\$17,062.09	\$5,215.00	\$7,571.66	\$3,385.90	\$7,223.22	\$36,739.56
12/1/2022	\$570.84	\$13,945.26	\$4,289.40	\$6,162.03	\$2,759.22	\$5,968.49	\$33,826.04
1/1/2023	\$610.83	\$14,439.10	\$4,397.89	\$6,284.41	\$2,826.25	\$6,049.85	\$36,682.25
2/1/2023	\$804.14	\$17,290.37	\$5,316.85	\$7,494.64	\$3,489.50	\$7,224.56	\$36,641.80
3/1/2023	\$1,142.22	\$21,390.20	\$6,604.07	\$8,968.68	\$4,146.32	\$8,675.23	\$47,914.37
4/1/2023	\$1,455.49	\$24,710.22	\$7,656.01	\$10,461.94	\$4,282.86	\$10,091.62	\$49,984.27
	\$10,337.82	\$195,915.47	\$59,629.07	\$84,931.25	\$38,409.51	\$73,791.65	

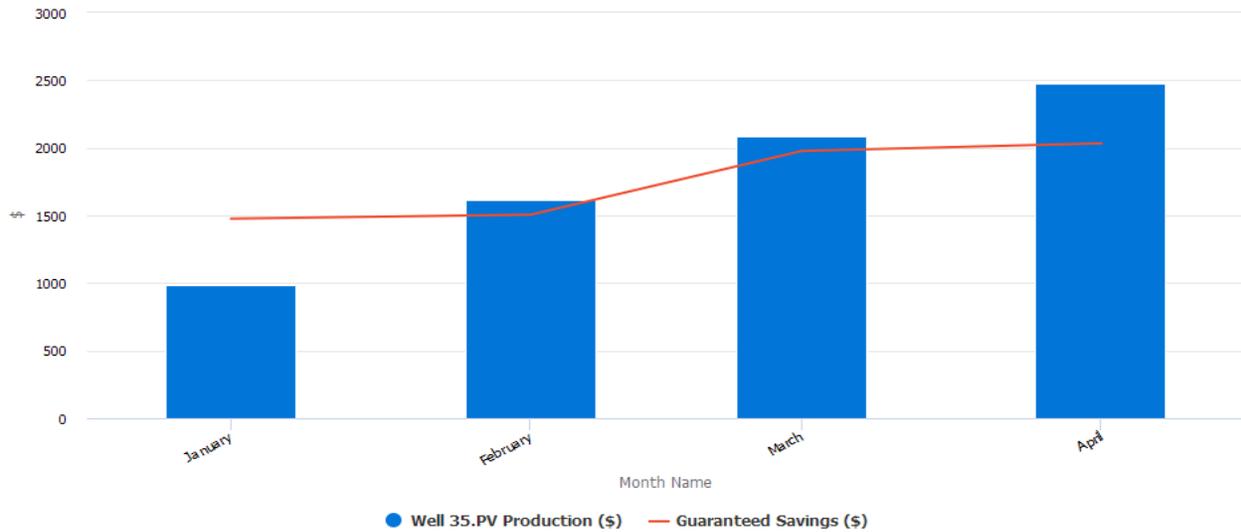
Actual April \$58,658.14
Guarantee \$49,984.27
Savings this Fiscal Year \$462,714.78

Year to Date Actual Production Compared to Projected Production

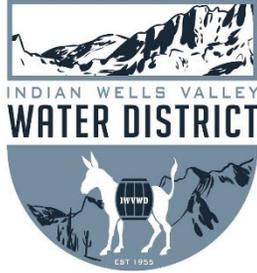


Month	Well 35 Production Actual (kWh)	Well 35 Production Actual Cumm. (kWh)	Well 35 Production (kWh) - Projected 2022	Well 35 Production Projected Cumm. (kWh)	Gross Variance	Relative Variance (%)	Cumulative Gross Variance	Cumulative Relative Variance (%)
Jan	12,205.12	12,205.12	18,323.00	18,323.00	-6,117.88	-33.39	-6,117.88	-33.39
Feb	20,105.63	32,310.75	18,693.00	37,016.00	1,412.63	7.56	-4,705.25	-12.71
Mar	25,908.03	58,218.78	24,546.00	61,562.00	1,362.03	5.55	-3,343.22	-5.43
Apr	30,798.40	89,017.18	25,246.00	86,808.00	5,552.40	21.99	2,209.18	2.54

Performance Against Guarantee



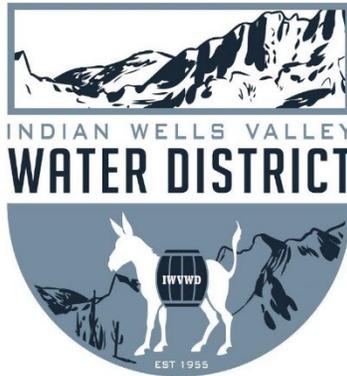
From	Well 35 PV Production	Guaranteed Savings (\$)
1/1/2023	\$982.51	\$1,475.78
2/1/2023	\$1,618.50	\$1,505.60
3/1/2023	\$2,085.60	\$1,977.02
4/1/2023	\$2,479.27	\$2,033.40
SUM	\$7,165.88	\$6,991.80



9.F.8.

SWRCB Water Waster Report

	# of water waste reports received	# of contacts made (written or verbal)	# of formal warning actions	# of penalties issued
Jan-23	14	14	5	1
Feb-23	6	6	4	1
Mar-23	8	8	2	2
Apr-23	11	11	8	3
May-23				
Jun-23				
Jul-23				
Aug-23				
Sep-23				
Oct-23				
Nov-23				
Dec-23				
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	39	39	19	7
TOTAL	1288	1275	138	35
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,350
TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED				\$2,700



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