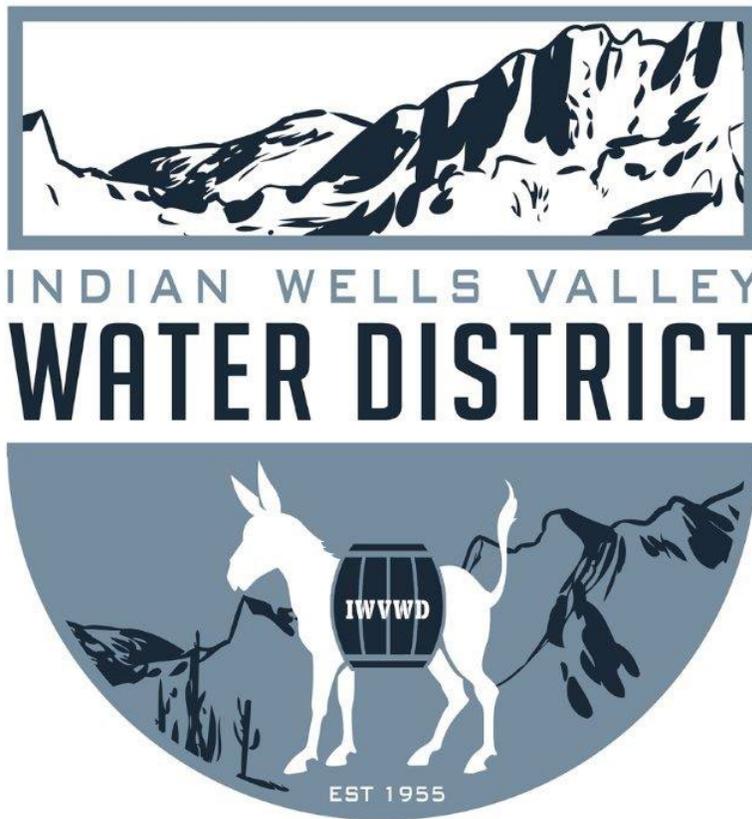


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



December 11, 2023



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

WATER MANAGEMENT

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 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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>

Recordings will be available for viewing after the meeting on the District's YouTube page.

➤ **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))

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. November 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. December 4, 2023, Special Board Meeting
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements

B. Plant & Equipment Committee

- 1. Dedication of Facilities for Coffee Shop/EV Charging Station
(APN 396-060-14)

Description: Staff will present dedication documents and Resolution No. 23-06: Dedication of Facilities for approval to the Board.

Committee Recommends the Following: Defer to the Board for discussion and consideration.

C. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Description: Report and discussion regarding the November 8, 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 December 13, 2023.

- D. Election of Officers
Description: Board of Directors will nominate and vote for 2024 Board of Directors President and Vice President
1. President
 2. Vice President
- E. 2024 Committee Assignments
Description: Board of Directors Committee Assignments Preferences for 2024.
- F. Comprehensive Adjudication
Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.
- G. 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. State Regulatory Updates
Description: Updates on State regulatory changes, including:
 - ✓ Assembly Bill (AB) 1668 and Senate Bill (SB) 606.
 4. January 2024 Annual Board Workshop
Description: Scheduling of the Annual Board Workshop.
 5. July 25, 2023, Special Board Workshop
Description: Updates on the items below assigned at the July 25, 2023, Special Board Workshop:
 - ✓ Potential Strategic Planning Effort Ad-Hoc Committee
 6. Booster Station Project
Description: Update on this Capital Project.
 7. Financial Status
Description: Report on the District's current financial status.
 8. Conservation
Description: Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.

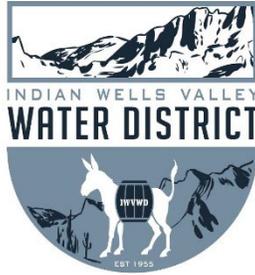
9. Inyokern Road Transmission Line
Description: Update on the failure of the 30-inch transmission main.

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, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Jason Lillion, Renee Morquecho, and Ty Staheli

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 Kicinski stated that there have been no IWVGA Board meetings since the last Indian Wells Valley Water District's board meeting on November 13th; therefore, there are no updates to report.
 - a. **Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.**
There are no updates to report at this time.
4. **Future LADWP Aqueduct Water Release**
There are no updates to report at this time.
5. **Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water**
6. There are no updates to report at this time.
7. **Brackish Water Study**
The Committee discussed that the first phase of the study has been completed and the final report should be turned into the state soon. If approved, the next step in the study would be to start a pilot plant.
8. **Alternate Water Sources**
 - a. **Exploration of sub-basins within the valley**
There are no updates to report at this time.
9. **Future Agenda Items**
None
10. **Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Chuck Griffin, 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. Dedication of Facilities: Townplace Suites by Marriott

The District has not yet received the updated cost for the installed water system facilities. The contractor has been reminded multiple times. This item will be back on the agenda once the update has been received.

4. Dedication of Facilities: Coffee Shop/EV Charging Station (APN 396-060-14)

Staff presented dedication paperwork for this new coffee shop and EV charging station at the corner of French Street and China Lake Blvd. The value of the facilities installed is \$40,779.00. The new pipeline/facilities were installed in a new easement being dedicated to the District. All facilities are complete and the pipeline has been tied in. Director Griffin could not vote on this item due to a conflict, so it will be sent directly to the Board for dedication.

5. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

The first Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) was published last Friday December 1st in the local newspaper. Kriger & Stewart will be issuing the contract documents and plans to the District, two interested contractors, and the Fusible PVC contractor today. They will also be sending a NIB to four other contractors who may be interested in the project.

The District continues working with CalMuni for funding of this project. Staff has reviewed the proforma draft presentation for the bond raters. A meeting with S&P has been scheduled for January 4, 2024.

6. Booster Station Project: Update

CSE has successfully disinfected the booster station piping and received passing bacteriological test results. Today they drained the piping and began the connections with the C-zone boosters. Tomorrow they will be connecting with the D-zone boosters. The estimated completion for this project has been pushed into January due to the delays in obtaining successful disinfection.

7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Both plants are offline for the winter. Staff continues sifting media, but it has been obvious that only the support media can be reused. The District is obtaining prices for new treatment media for next season. Staff is planning to have both plants available next season.

8. Cost/Operations Impact of Receiving Imported Water: Discussion Only

General Manager Croll provided an update to the Committee on his efforts to set up a meeting with IWVGA staff to discuss project costs. This meeting still has not been scheduled and the IWVGA legal counsel has indicated that they cannot meet to discuss costs due to ongoing litigation.

Mr. Croll attended the ACWA conference last week and spoke with a consulting group that puts together estimates for multi-agency projects. He will be meeting with this consultant in January to discuss the various options for the valley and how they can assist in putting together comprehensive estimates.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- La Mirage area infrastructure (grant funding?)
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023 – 2:30 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: David Saint-Amand, Stan Rajtora, 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. Inyokern Road Transmission Line Funding

Description: Discussion on funding for the replacement of the Inyokern Road Transmission Line.

Staff continues to work with CalMuni. Recent work has consisted of a financial Pro-forma for the underwriters and for inclusion in the rating agency presentation. Staff is still anticipating an early January meeting with S&P for the rating agency presentation.

Staff anticipates bringing the bonds for Board approval at the January 8th meeting with closing early February. The Inyokern Road pipeline bid process is running concurrently.

5. GA Imported Water Costs

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

Staff continues to work on developing an accurate cost matrix inclusive of all associated costs to estimate impacts on customers.

GA meeting requests have not been fruitful. The GA legal has stated that costs associated with the project cannot be discussed with the District.

Additional work with a multi-public agency project financial analyst may be necessary to complete analysis

6. Electric Vehicle Mandate

Description: Discuss the State’s upcoming electric vehicle mandate.

The Governmental Electric Vehicle Mandate goes into effect January 1st, 2024. Initial requirements are 50% of new vehicle purchases must be Zero Emission Vehicles. Starting January 1st, 2027, 100% of new vehicle purchases must be Zero Emission Vehicles.

Exemptions that Staff is exploring include: Emergency Vehicles, Backup Vehicles, Daily Use Exemption, Infrastructure Delays, Unavailable Equivalent, and Mutual Aid Assistance Vehicles.

Staff is researching appropriate electric vehicles, identifying which fleet vehicles would be impacted, and the ability of zero-mile rebuilds of current fleet vehicles.

The Committee asked the General Manager to discuss with the City Manager the City’s plans and see if there are aspects of the implementation that would be beneficial to coordinate between the District and City.

7. Financial Statements November 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 November 30, 2023, are \$6,493,362 and expenses are \$7,014,563, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$521,201, which is less than budget by \$60,780. A caveat to net revenue is that the District has to-date exceeded its Calendar GA Replenishment payments due to current pumping to the amount of \$800,000, which will be credited to next calendar year’s payments.

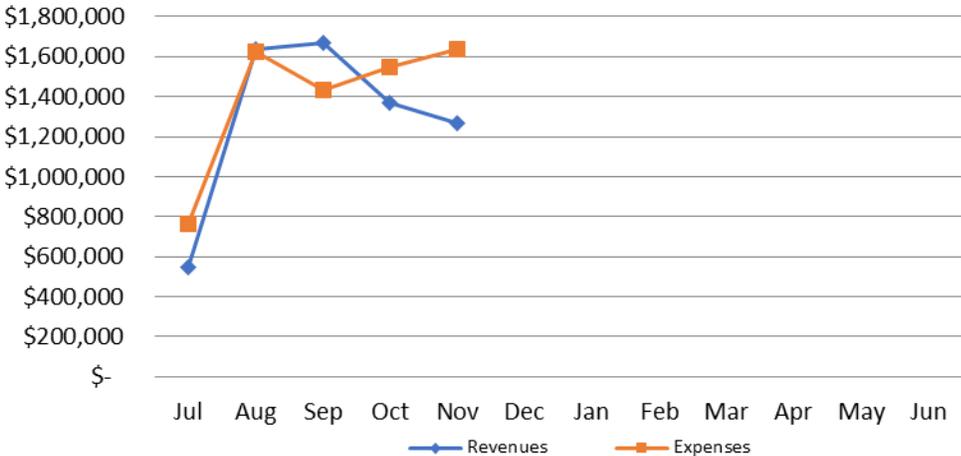
To date, the District has paid the Groundwater Authority \$13,182,033 in fees.

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

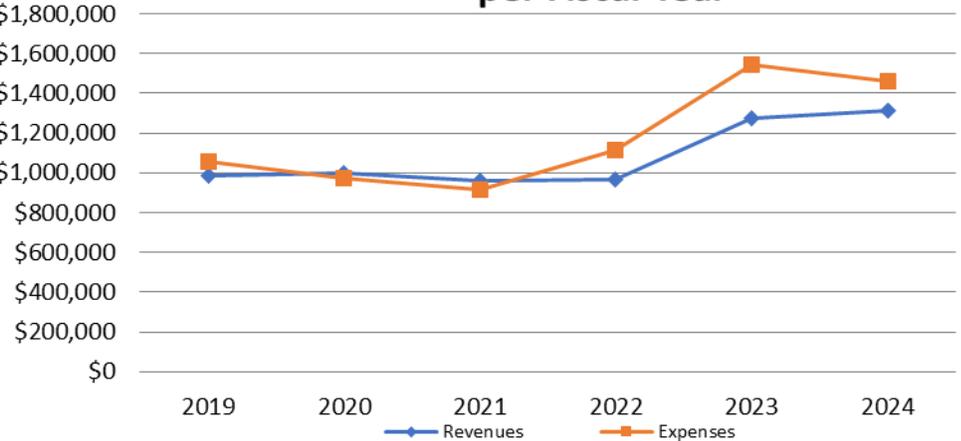
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through November 2023 (Preliminary)

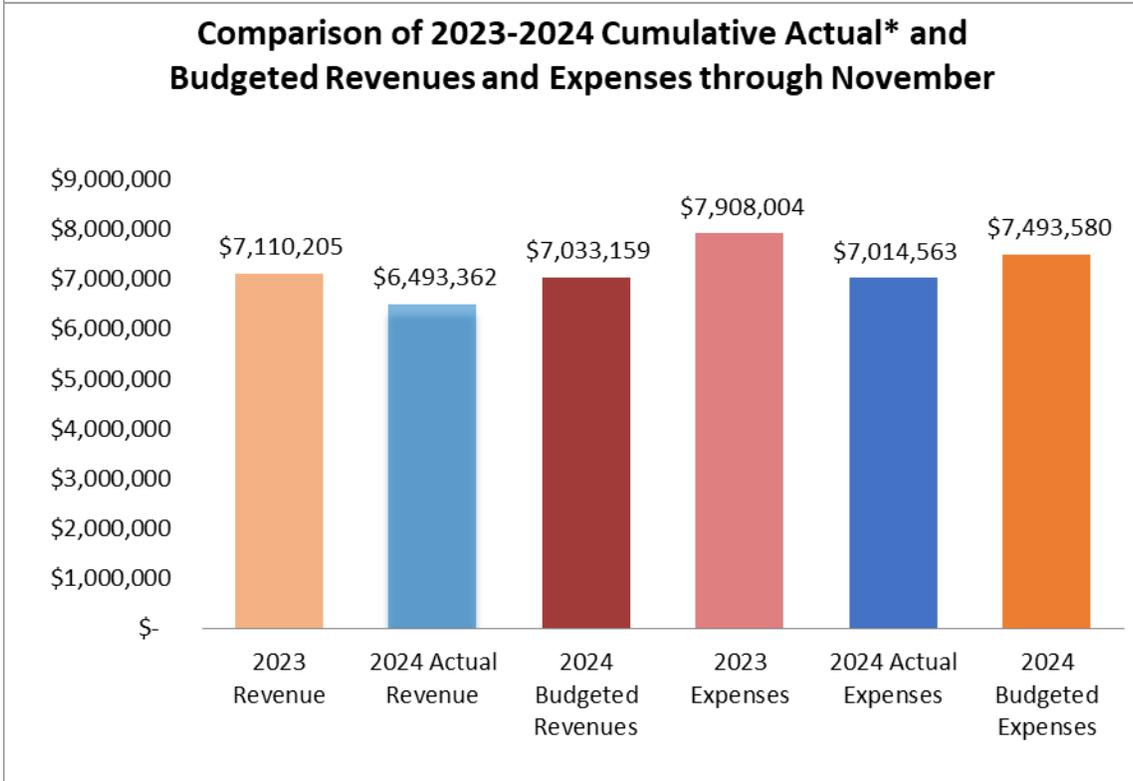
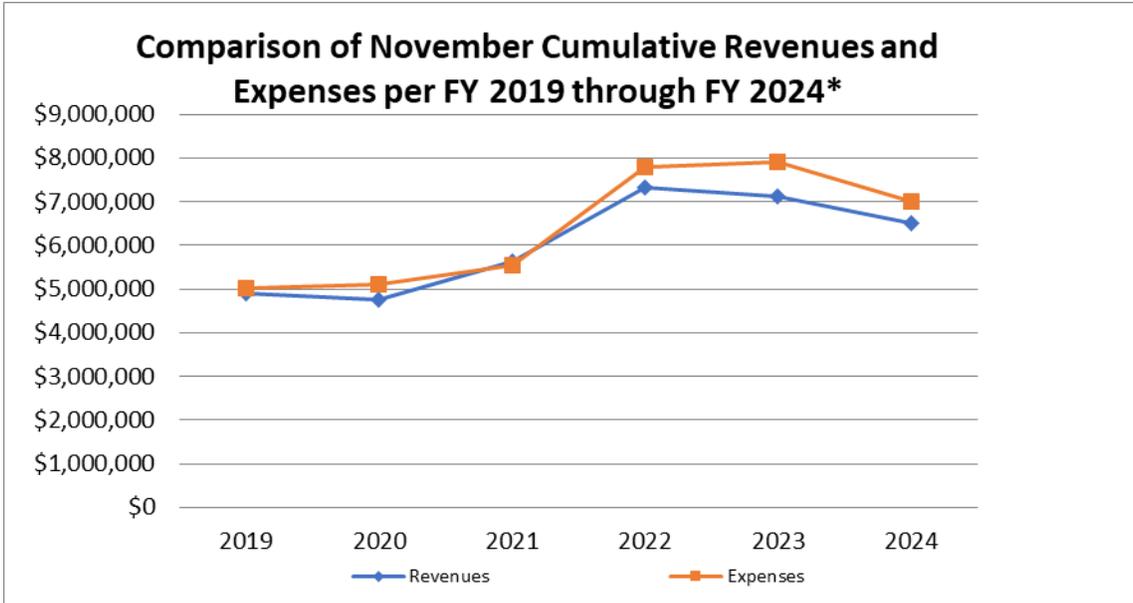
	Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	5,097,028	4,748,942	-348,086
GSA Fees	1,595,903	1,460,208	-135,696
Total Water Service Revenue	155,435	168,476	13,042
Total Non-Operating Income	113,506	67,911	-45,595
Capital Contributions	71,287	47,825	-23,463
Total Revenues	7,033,159	6,493,362	-539,797
Expenses			
Water Supply	519,363	541,870	22,508
Arsenic Treatment Plants	177,309	146,943	-30,366
Transmission & Distribution	884,486	604,845	-279,640
Engineering	212,985	197,708	-15,277
Customer Service	207,925	87,211	-120,714
Field Services	221,797	248,384	26,587
General & Administration	1,459,719	1,323,175	-136,544
Legislative	41,079	33,791	-7,288
Depreciation	1,375,000	1,375,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	571,347	571,347	0
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	115,776	214,896	99,120
GSA Fees	1,688,186	1,592,958	-95,228
Non-Operating, Conservation	14,665	21,586	6,921
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	3,945	54,849	50,904
Total Expenses	7,493,580	7,014,563	-479,017
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-460,421	-521,201	-60,780
Capital Expenditures		852,964	
Debt Service Principle		463,193	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid		2,376,708	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid		10,805,325	
		13,182,033	

Comparison of FY 2023-2024 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of November Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





**Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated*

8. Accounts Payable Disbursements

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

The Committee recommended approval of accounts payable disbursements totaling \$1,145,350.53 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>11/9/23</u>	<u>11/20/23</u>	<u>11/29/23</u>
Prepaid	\$ 61,243.75	\$ 54,450.99	\$ 114,635.19
Current	<u>459,767.16</u>	<u>455,253.44</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 521,010.91</u>	<u>\$ 509,704.43</u>	<u>\$ 114,635.19</u>

9. Future Agenda Items

None

10. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:06 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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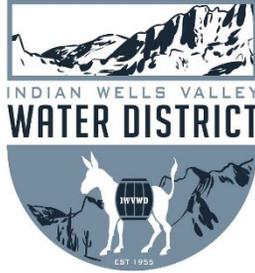
ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Ty Staheli, and Jason Lillion

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Committee/Public Comments**
None.
3. **Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2023**
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made no changes.
4. **Future Agenda Items**
None.
5. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 13, 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 George Croll. **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: George Croll, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
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.

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

With no further Board or Public comments, President Boyd recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION **CLOSED SESSION**
The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:16 p.m.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Vice President Kicinski approving the Minutes of the October 10, 2023, Special Board Meeting, October 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,094,605.89. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following vote: (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed a recommendation to accept the Contract Work completed by Canyon Springs Enterprises (CSE) on October 24, 2023. The project to construct three new reservoirs was completed nearly five months ahead of the Contract Completion Date for an adjusted Contract Amount of \$4,753,933.19. There were six Change Orders totally \$52,433.19, which is approximately 1.1% of the original Contract Amount.

**P&E CM
ACCEPTANCE OF
CONTRACT
WORK: CSE**

MOTION: was made by Director Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to accept the completed Contract Work by CSE in the amount of \$4,753,933.19. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following vote: (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

Staff did not receive the updated construction cost, to include all facilities installed, prior to tonight's Board meeting. Staff recommended the item be deferred to the December Board meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to defer the item, as no action can be taken without updated costs.

**DEDICATION OF
FACILITIES:
TOWNSHIP
SUITES BY
MARRIOTT**

No action taken.

ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed the proposed draft Education Reimbursement Policy to be included in the Personnel Manual. Instead of a set amount, the policy now states: "The amount of reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of a fulltime (12 units) California resident attending a State funded university." This will allow for fluctuating college costs. The policy also includes a requirement for employees to inform the District of their intention to seek reimbursement for college courses by a specific date.

**ADMIN/EXEC CM
EDUCATION
REIMBURSEMENT
POLICY**

MOTION: was made by Vice President Kicinski and seconded by Director Griffin approving the Education Reimbursement policy as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following vote: (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS

AUTH TO OBTAIN BIDS NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION PIPELINE PROJECT

Renee Morquecho explained that for procedural purposes, the Board must authorize staff to obtain bids with a specific date noted. The plan is for the bid to go out by the end of November.

The bid package is expected to be reviewed by staff this week.

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

MOTION: was made by Director Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Griffin authorizing staff to obtain bids for the Northwest Transmission Pipeline 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

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

Vice President Kicinski discussed action items of the October 11, and November 8, 2023, IWVGA meetings, including:

- Next IWVGA meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023
- IWVGA Legislative Agenda and 2024 Work Plan presented by Capitol Core Group
- Update on the Shallow Well Mitigation Program
- Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) five (5) year update

The Board discussed the recent article published in the newspaper regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 779 by IWVGA Chair Scott Hayman and Vice Chair Phillip Peters. Director Griffin commented he was not made aware this letter would be published. The District Board plans to respond accordingly.

Staff will continue conversations with the City regarding the Wastewater Treatment Program.

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker, Mike Neel, and Larry Mead.

George Croll provided updates on the District submitting comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the proposed Imported Pipeline Project. He also commented on the preliminary comments submitted by the District regarding the preliminary Design Review for the Project. Further comments were requested by November 17th.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported the IWVGA filed a motion to be appointed as class counsel for small pumpers. The Hearing will be held on December 15th. The District is currently working on their response and will be filing on December 1st. The District intends to oppose this motion.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

**GENERAL
MANAGER AND
STAFF UPDATE
SAFETY**

As of today, employees at the Water District have worked 324 days since the last recordable injury.

Mr. Croll commented on the decrease in water usage.

Mr. Croll commented the District participated in the City's Trunk or Treat on October 27th. Amber Chapin and Lauren Smith worked the event.

**PUBLIC
OUTREACH**

The District had a booth at the Petroglyph Festival held on November 4th and 5th. This is one of the biggest public attended events the District participates in. Big thanks to the following employees for all of their help with this event: Robert Renfro, Jack Kennedy, Johnny Estrada, Ana Chavez, Isabel Tejada, George Croll, Sam Molina, and Lauren Smith. Without their efforts, the festival wouldn't have been such a success.

Staff reported they have a meeting scheduled with WaterView this week to provide updates on the current status of their findings. WaterView is a software provided through Eagle Aerial that allows us to see usage at a parcel level.

**STATE
REGULATORY
UPDATES**

The following updates were given on items assigned at the July 25, 2023, Special Board Workshop:

**BOARD
WORKSHOP
UPDATES**

• Potential Strategic Planning Efforts

The Committee recently met with George Croll. Updates will be provided to the Board and subsequent Board meetings accordingly.

CSE continues working on this project. There were issues with disinfection of the pump cans and discharge piping. Chlorination will take place again this week. The completion date may be pushed back due to the delay with disinfection.

**BOOSTER
STATIONS**

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of October 31, 2023, are \$5,271,427 and expenses are \$5,375,604. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$104,177, which is better than budget by \$211,826. To date, the District has paid \$12,838,689 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 - Thus far in 2023, there have been a total of 62 water waste reports received with 62 contacts made. There has been 24 formal Second Notices and seven penalties issued.

CONSERVATION

Krieger & Stewart are finalizing initial plans for District review, those should be done this week and the final draft done in time for the project to be out to bid by the end of this month. Current plan is that the bid documents will allow for both conventional bell and spigot and fusible PVC for the District to weigh cost and timeline. Cal-Muni is currently in the process of selecting an underwriter and developing the first draft of rating agency presentation. The District is still on track for award of the project at the February 13th Board Meeting.

**INYOKERN RD
TRANSM. MAIN**

For the month of October Plant 2 treated 5,071,000 gal. The last time the Plant ran was on October 6th. Staff continues to work on sifting the treatment media.

**ARSENIC
TREATMENT**

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of October, two services were

OPERATIONS

repaired and 31 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made six runs in October, filtering 55,110 gallons. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,099,195 gallons. 73 Valves were exercised.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

Vice President Kicinski thanked the staff for their public outreach efforts.

The Board discussed potential Workshop agenda items and will discuss further at the December meeting.

Director Saint-Amand commented on the decrease of water usage in the valley and the beautiful use of xeriscape.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 4, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd at 3:00 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 Stan G. Rajtora
Director David C.H. Saint-Amand **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Charles D. Griffin

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager
Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager

VIA TELECONFERENCE: Jim Worth, Attorney

AGENDA DECLARATION

President Boyd reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Friday, December 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

None. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

With no further Board or public comments, President Boyd recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 3:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 3:04 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 4:22 p.m.

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

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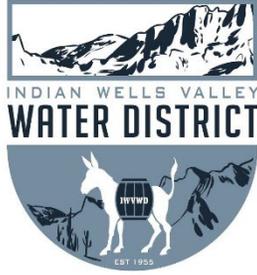
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: _____

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

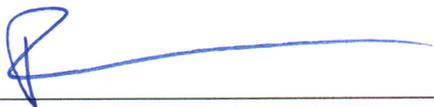


9.B.1.

Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Post Office Box 1329
500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard
Ridgecrest, California 93555

I, Robbie Barker, being the owner(s) and/or developer(s) of, EV Charging Station/Coffee Shop, hereby declare that the water system and appurtenances constructed by a private contractor, namely Valleywide Engineering & Construction, Inc in accordance with Plans and Specifications filed with the Indian Wells Valley Water District, identified as EV Charging Station/Coffee Shop, were built for public use, and upon their acceptance by the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District, all rights, title and interest of the undersigned in and to said water system and appurtenances shall vest in the Indian Wells Valley Water District. The undersigned fully guarantees all said water system and appurtenances listed herein for a period of two (2) years from the Water District's acceptance thereof, and agrees to either make repairs or to pay for repairs of failure to said water system and appurtenances during said two-year period, which result from original installation or materials used therein.

Dated: 11/20/23



(Signature of Owner and/or Developer)

(Signature of Owner and/or Developer)

Listed below, or attached hereto, is a listing of the total cost of the work done, the date completed, and a listing of the number of fittings, footages of pipe, valves, etc.

COFFEE SHOP/EV CHARGING STATION

CONTRACTOR: VALLEYWIDE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

9/15/23 Construction begins

10/16/23 Hydrostatic pressure test (4 hrs) - pass

10/18 –
10/19/23 Chlorination and flushing

10/24/23 Bacteriological results received – passing.

10/26 –
10/30/23 Tie-into system on east and west side of property.

No Contingencies. Backflow will be tested before meter is set.



Valley Wide Engineering & Construction, Inc.
 82740 Trona Road, Trona CA, 93562
 Mailing Address: PO Box 907, Trona CA, 93592
 Phone: 760-372-4729

Safety Quality Teamwork

EV CHARGING STATION/COFFEE SHOP

JOB NO:889-01-00

11/21/2023

	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
	WATER				
1	Tie-in to existing main	EA	1	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
2	Fire Hydrant Assembly with line	EA	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
3	12" PVC Water Line	LF	300	\$56.53	\$16,959.00
4	6" PVC Water Line	LF	35	\$31.00	\$1,085.00
5	2" Water Service	EA	13	\$1150.00	\$14950.00
6	2" BFP	EA	1	\$710.00	\$710.00
7	1.5" Meter	EA	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
8	Meter Box	EA	15	\$105.00	\$1575.00
				Subtotal:	\$40779.00
				Construction Cost	\$40779.00
	Plan Check Fee: 2%	LS	2.00%		\$815.58
	Inspection Fee: 3%	LS	3.00%		\$1223.37
	Total Fees				\$2038.95

RESOLUTION NO. 23-06

RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, KERN AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF WATER FACILITIES FOR THE COFFEE SHOP/EV CHARGING STATION.

WHEREAS, new water facilities have been constructed and installed by Valleywide Engineering & Construction, Inc. to District specifications, at a total cost of \$40,779.00; and

WHEREAS, said water system improvements were installed to provide domestic, landscape and fire water service to the Coffee Shop/EV Charging Station, located at the corner of French Avenue and China Lake Blvd, in Ridgecrest, California; and

WHEREAS, the Developer, Robbie Barker constructed said improvements for public use and grants all rights, title and interest to said water system improvements and appurtenances to the Indian Wells Valley Water District;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District does hereby RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER, as follows:

Section 1. That said water system improvements and appurtenances installed for The Coffee Shop/EV Charging Station, are hereby accepted by the Indian Wells Valley Water District.

Section 2. That this acceptance is conditional upon the warranty of said water system improvements and appurtenances by the Developer for a period of two years from this date of acceptance.

All the foregoing being on the motion of Director and seconded by Director, and authorized by the following vote, namely:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of Indian Wells Valley Water District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at a legally convened meeting held on the 11th day of December, 2023.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Board of Directors this 11th day of December, 2023.

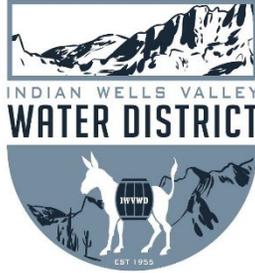
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2023.

Mallory J. Boyd
President, Board of Directors
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:

George D. Croll
Secretary, Board of Directors
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

(SEAL)



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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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David C. H. Saint-Amand

George D. Croll
General Manager

Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated
Engineers

McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence
Attorneys-at-Law

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

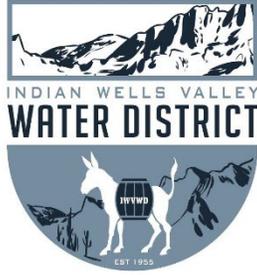
WATER MANAGEMENT

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.

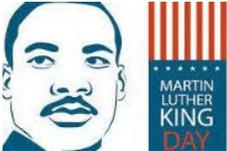
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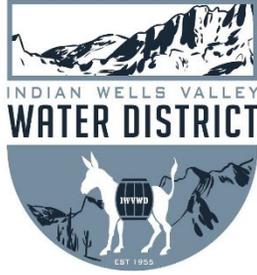
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
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Last Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m.



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January 2024

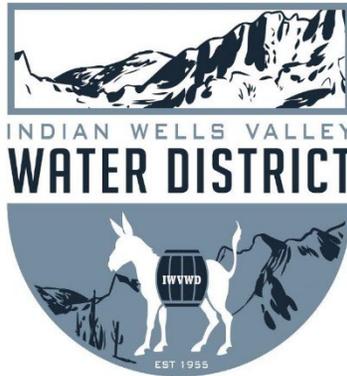
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1  Office Closed	2 2:00pm P&E CM 2:30pm Finance CM	3 3:00pm Admin /Exec CM	4	5 FLEX	6
7	8 4:30pm Board Meeting	9	10 10:00am IWVGA	11	12	13
14	15  Office Closed	16	17	18	19 FLEX	20
21	22	23	24	25 3:00pm Water Management CM	26	27
28	29	30	31	1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



9.G.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	7	7	1	0
Jun-23	10	10	2	0
Jul-23	4	4	1	0
Aug-23	1	1	0	0
Sep-23	0	0	0	0
Oct-23	1	1	1	0
Nov-23	0	0	0	0
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	62	62	24	7
TOTAL	1311	1298	143	35
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,350
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