

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.