

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, Justin Thompson and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Sierra Sands Unified School District: Richmond Elementary School Connection Fee Appeal

Staff presented an Agenda Item Sheet with background information on this project along with current District Policy. SSUSD submitted a request to waive certain fees. After some discussion the Committee decided they wanted to review the background information and discuss further with the entire Board during the meeting next week.

4. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

Staff met with Underground Solutions about their fusible PVC pipe. Staff was impressed with the technology and quality of the pipe. It can be slip-lined into the existing CMCL pipe. The cost for the project using fusible PVC is not final yet, but appears to be \$4.5 to \$5.0M. For this price, Underground Solutions would provide the pipe and fusing and District forces would pull the pipe through the existing pipe. The District has signed an agreement with CalMuni to assist in securing financing for this project. They recommended pursuing a grant or low interest loan with USDA and are negotiating that option on behalf of the District.

5. Booster Station and Tanks Project: Update

This week is pump testing/pre-startup/field testing and electrical inspections. Once complete, the contractor will be re-disinfecting all the pump cans, pumps and suction & discharge piping for bacteriological testing. At this time this project is scheduled to complete the first week of December.

At the College tank site, the new tank is online and the floor of the old tank was inspected/repared by J. Colon Coatings last week. Staff will be scheduling disinfection and filling of the old tank. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

6. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

The shaker has been built and staff is in the process of sifting media from the filtration tanks in preparation for Plant 1 next season. Meanwhile, Plant 2 is still online and will most likely come off line the end of this month.

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

General Manager Croll provided an update on recent meetings with Groundwater Authority (GA) staff and consulting engineers. Other options for the imported water were discussed and staff will continue communicating with the GA. Future meetings are planned to discuss alternative projects.

8. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage area infrastructure
- Springer Ave pipeline

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.