

## Posting is Coming to IWV

You may recall that a few years ago, starting in December 2021, the IWV Water District mailed a copy of a Cross-Complaint for Comprehensive Adjudication of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, a court-approved Notice of Commencement of Groundwater Basin Adjudication, and a court-approved Form Answer to Adjudication Cross-Complaint to all owners of property within the Indian Wells Valley. The law governing comprehensive adjudications of groundwater basins required the District to conduct this mailing. Between December 2021 and June 2022, the District mailed these documents by certified mail, return-receipt requested, to more than 18,000 addresses.

Given the number of mailings, it is not surprising that the District has not received confirmation of receipt for all 18,000+. The law generally requires posting a copy of the returned documents in a conspicuous place on the properties associated with the mailing addresses of those mailings for which confirmation of receipt is not received.

The District has retained a small business, ILYM Group, that specializes in such posting. ILYM Group will begin posting copies of the Cross-Complaint, Notice, and Form Answer on properties throughout the IWV the week of February 26, 2024. You can expect to see ILYM Group's representatives will be easily recognizable in bright green safety vests or shirts bearing the "ILYM Group" logo. For occupied properties, postings will most likely take the form of packets left on front doorknobs or front gates. For vacant properties, postings will most likely take the form of wooden posts with documents affixed in weatherproof wrappings.

Please note that since the original mailings, some of the case information has changed, though the changes are not reflected in these two-year-old documents. First, the case has been reassigned to The Honorable William Claster in Department CX101 of the Orange County Superior Court, Civil Complex Center, 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Second, the next Case Management Conference is March 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

As stated in the Notice, persons wishing to participate in the comprehensive adjudication should file the Form Answer within 60 days of receiving the posted Notice.

As always, the District seeks to do what it can so that all property owners are aware of, and can participate in, the basin adjudication. The District's goal throughout the entire adjudication process has been, and remains, to keep the public informed.

For more information, please visit our webpage devoted to the adjudication:  
<https://www.iwvwd.com/basin-adjudication>.