

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Tyrell Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin stated that at the last IWVGA Board Meeting, held on February 10th, the board voted on Resolution 0224 which would authorize a reimbursement agreement with Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency. He stated that he voted no on the resolution.

The next IWVGA Board meeting will be held next Wednesday, March 13th.

Mike Neel made public comment regarding the latest data put out by the IWV Water District and its consultants regarding the Valley's water storage which has been added to the District's website and is now accessible to the public.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

There are no updates to report at this time.

4. Future LADWP Aqueduct Water Release

Committee discussed the importance of working with LADWP to contain some of the water that is being released from the nearby aqueduct. Committee is going to speak with consultants about possible projects (i.e. reservoirs, injection wells) so that the District can be prepared for any releases in the future.

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

The Committee discussed the City of Ridgecrest's plan for the new waste water treatment plant. Staff has continued meeting with the City regarding the possibility of coming to an agreement for the use of the recycled water.

6. Alternate Water Sources

Committee discussed the Brackish Water study that has recently concluded and the

possibility of Searles Valley Minerals using the information to help with their water issues. Staff indicates that after the final report for the Brackish Water Study is complete Wade Majors will be giving a presentation to this committee regarding the data and findings.

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

There are no updates to report at this time.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.