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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Indian Wells Valley Water District/Inyokern CSD
Voluntary Consolidation Negotiations

Dear Ms. Gallier:

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Indian Wells Valley Water District (“Water District”) has authorized this letter in response to the lack of progress made “to negotiate consolidation” as required by the State Water Resources Control Board’s (“SWRCB”) letter of June 6, 2025.

As you are aware, the SWRCB is required to “encourage voluntary consolidation” between the impacted districts as a precursor to a mandatory consolidation order from the SWRCB. The deadline to complete negotiations is presently set for December 12, 2025 and no later than two weeks following the deadline, the parties are to “report the outcome of such negotiations”... including “the milestones agreed upon to accomplish consolidation and a timeline for completing them.” To date, we have yet to have the first public negotiating meeting or discussions related to milestones and/or timelines as required by the SWRCB, let alone reach agreement.

We are aware that Inyokern CSD (“Inyokern”) is against the consolidation and wish to remain independent, however, the decision to consolidate was not made or requested by the Water District. Inyokern’s reluctance to negotiate consolidation places not only the Water District, but Inyokern as well, in the undesirable position of having little to no input into a potential mandatory consolidation ordered by the SWRCB. From the Water District’s standpoint, it is important to note that any order to consolidate will likely place a significant workload on the Water District’s staff and Board. Your inaction to date has seriously hampered, if not eliminated, any real chance to meaningfully discuss a voluntary consolidation of the two districts, largely to the detriment of the Water District.

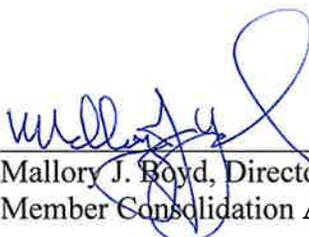
The Board reviewed the outline of the proposed Joint Powers Agreement and does not like the concept. Inyokern apparently doesn’t want to talk publicly about the proposed JPA, or any aspect of consolidation, until the rehabilitation of Well No. 4 is complete, presumably to show the SWRCB consolidation is not needed. As we have stated, your efforts to defeat consolidation should be directed at the SWRCB and not the Water District.

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The District remains willing to negotiate and encourages Inyokern to contact the Water District so we can schedule a public meeting to discuss a voluntary consolidation, beginning with the concept of a managerial consolidation as envisioned by the SWRCB.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

BY: 
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