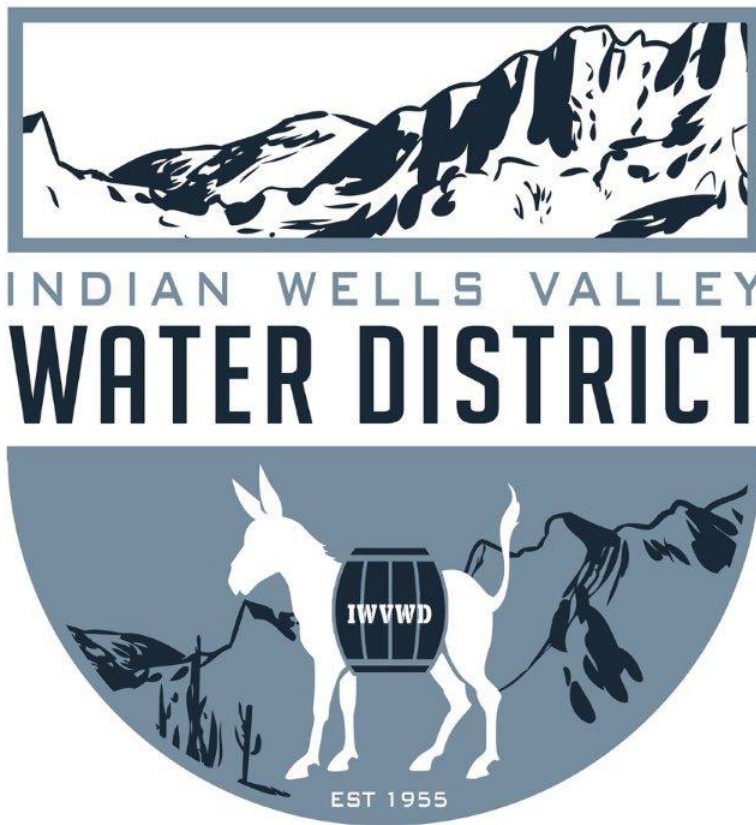


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



July 13, 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments on Closed Session
7. Closed Session
 - A. Potential Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
2 Matters
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

- B. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- C. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Landowner Negotiator: Gary Arnold, Esq.
Property Description: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

- D. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Property Description: Grant Airport
APN: 033-490-03
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

- E. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Property Description: Stine Ranch
APN: 033-060-20 & APN: 033-060-21
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

- F. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Property Description: Butterworth Ranch
APN: 033-110-12 & APN: 033-110-19
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

- G. Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Employee Organizations: Exempt and Non-Exempt
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

- 8. Public Questions and Comments
(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name for the record.)

- 9. Current Business/Committee Reports
 - A. Consent Calendar
Description: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable

Disbursements.

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. June 08, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
 - ii. June 11, 2026, Special Board Meeting
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements.

B. Plant & Equipment Committee

1. Dedication of Facilities: Tract 6221 Unit C 8” PVC Pipelines
Description: Staff will present dedication paperwork to the Board.
Committee Recommendation: Committee recommends Board approve the dedication as presented by staff.

C. Administration / Executive Committee

1. Salary Survey
Description: Board to review entry and maximum levels of two positions as proposed by staff.
Committee Recommendation: Committee recommends Board approve Salary Survey as presented by staff.

D. RB Inyokern Data Center Intervener Status

Description: Board to discuss the District seeking Intervenor Status for the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center.

E. Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication

Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication.

F. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Description: Report and discussion regarding meetings of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA. Next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2026.

G. General Manager Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Water District Business

1. Significant WD events, service outages, emergencies etc.
2. Pertinent Legislative Updates
3. Personnel safety and injury reports

H. Engineering/Water Supply Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Engineering updates

1. Update on District consolidations
 - i. Inyokern CSD
 - ii. Rademacher Way/Gordon St.
 - iii. Dune 3 Mutual Water Company
 - iv. Stark Street Water System

2. Water Supply
- I. Financial Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
Description: Report on the District's current financial status
 1. Year to date water use
 2. Financial Reports and status
 3. Water Smart notifications
 4. Turn-off/Turn on monthly data
- J. Operations Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
Description: Update on Operations
 1. Valve exercising
 2. Utility marking data (USA North and South)
 3. NO-DES Flushing
 4. After Hours Calls
 5. Service Lateral Repairs
 6. Lateral Replacements
 7. Hydrants Repairs / Replacements
 8. Mainline Repairs
10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items.
11. Date of next Regular Board meeting: **August 10, 2026.**
12. Adjournment.



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald R. Kicinski, President
 David C. H. Saint-Amand, Vice President
 Mallory J. Boyd
 Charles D. Griffin
 Stanley G. Rajtora

George D. Croll
General Manager
 Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated
Engineers
 McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence
Attorneys-at-Law

2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 (GRIFFIN/KICINSKI)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual. Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Conservation, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
 (KICINSKI/BOYD)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

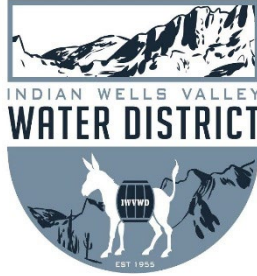
PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
 (RAJTORA/ SAINT-AMAND)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, and Telemetry, Water Quality, Urban Water Management Plan, CalWEP, Title 22 Compliance, etc.

Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.
 Committee Meetings are subject to change.

Plant & Equipment
Finance
Administration/Executive

Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY, July 6, 2026 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Ron Kicinski, John Svika, Ty Staheli, Renee Morquecho and Justin Thompson.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

No public Comments.

3. Water System Consolidations: Update

- Inyokern CSD: Staff reported no news from the State regarding consolidation with the Inyokern CSD.
- Dune 3: Staff reported that on July 2nd the budget was approved by the State and the contract documents are under review by legal. Once contract is approved by legal, the District will sign off and will allow construction to commence in August.
- Stark Street: The Groundwater Authority is working on obtaining easements through their right-of-way specialist. The District has 95% design plans under review and will make final comments before submitting back to Krieger & Stewart. Director Kicinski asked if easements would be completed in time before the District's deadline. Renee Morquecho said she had spoken to the grant manager for Dune 3 and said that they would be able to fund Stark consolidation if necessary. It would be funded through Dune 3 project or as a separate fund from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Director Saint-Amand clarified that work being done by District staff is currently being charged to the Grant that the GA has and if they are unable to get easements by end of July the District still has options for consolidating the Stark Street system.

- Rademacher Way (Phase 2): The Groundwater Authority’s right-of-way specialist is still working on obtaining the remaining easements.

4. Dedication of Facilities: Tract 6221 Unit C 8” PVC Pipelines

JSS Construction has signed a Declaration of Dedication and submitted it on 6/30/2026. Dedication requires them to warrant the installation for 2 years. The pipeline and appurtenances were inspected and passed pressure testing, disinfection, and coliform testing. Dedication is contingent on completing the tie-in to the District system, finish the remaining lateral installations, and provide as-builts to the District. Tie-in is scheduled to be completed this week.

The Committee recommended the Board approve dedication of Tract 6221 Unit C.

5. Future Agenda Items

- Keeping track of potential grant-funded projects.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY JULY 7, 2026 – 3:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika, and Justin Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

None to report.

4. Brady Project Cost Breakdown

Description: Discuss the cost of the Brady Pipeline replacement from Inyokern Road to Ward Street.

Staff reported that the cost of the 24" pipe replacement from Inyokern Road to Ward Street is projected to come in at \$1.25 million. The per-mile cost would be \$2.5 million.

5. Financial Statements June 30, 2026 (preliminary)

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

Estimated year-to-date revenues as of June 30, 2026, are \$18,576,527 and expenses are \$18,004,607, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by \$571,919, which is better than budget by \$20,819. Accruals, both expenditure and revenue, are pending.

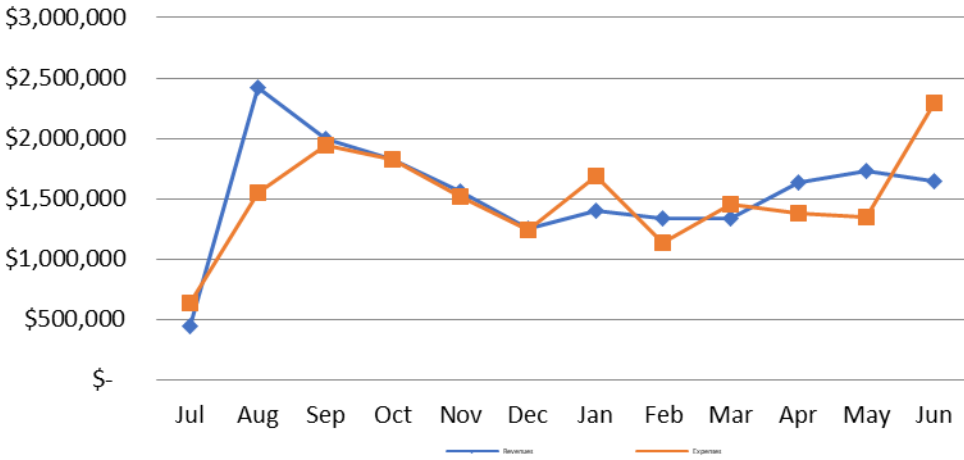
To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority \$19,989,658 in fees.

Staff presented the following spreadsheet, which compares June year-to-date actual to budgeted revenues and expenses by category:

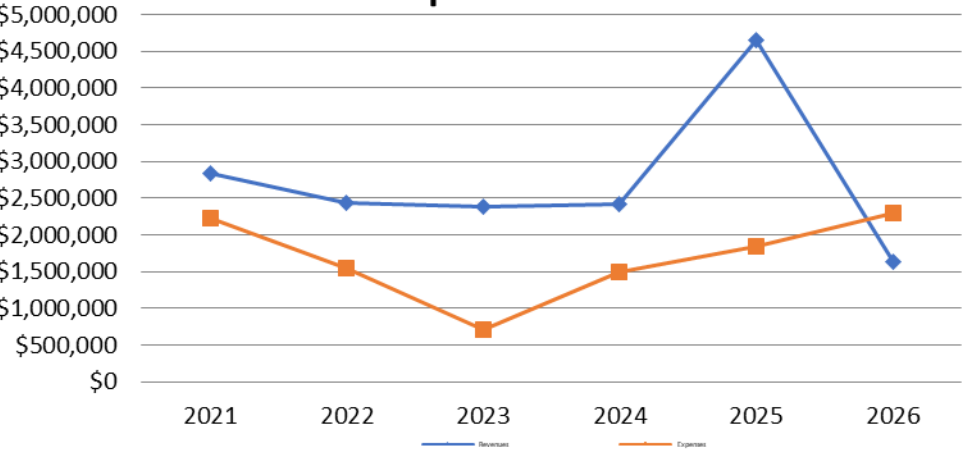
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through June 2026 (Preliminary)

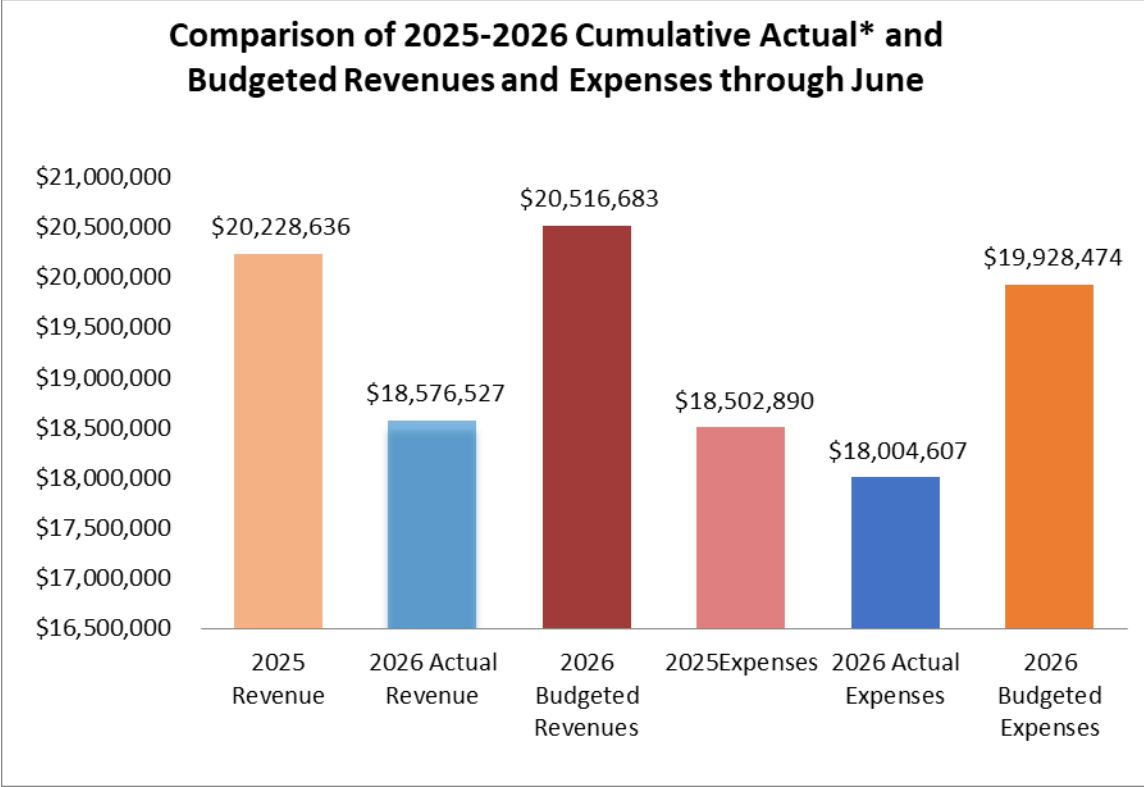
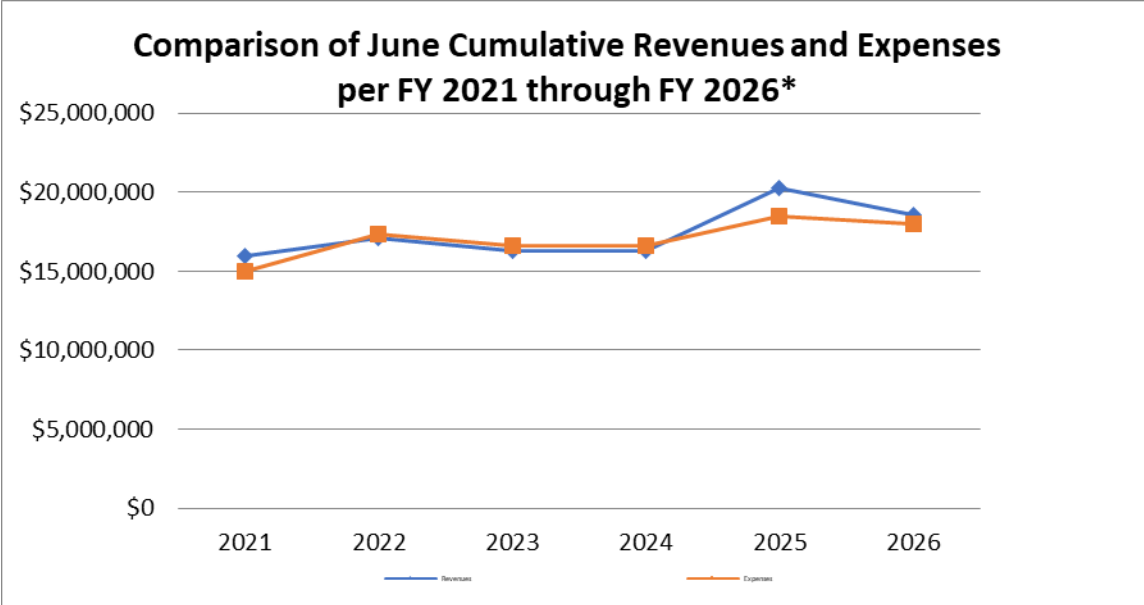
	FY2026 Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	14,939,300	14,054,085	-885,215
GSA Fees	3,377,580	3,121,405	-256,175
Total Water Service Revenue	375,900	433,007	57,107
Total Non-Operating Income	172,400	256,027	83,627
Capital Contributions	1,594,372	712,002	-882,370
Total Revenues	20,459,552	18,576,527	-1,883,025
Expenses			
Water Supply	1,907,557	1,697,789	-209,768
Arsenic Treatment Plants	462,519	179,663	-282,856
Transmission & Distribution	1,898,115	1,505,510	-392,605
Engineering	696,189	676,545	-19,644
Customer Service	566,939	459,430	-107,509
Field Services	600,408	577,145	-23,263
General & Administration	3,169,078	2,900,098	-268,980
Legal	1,500,000	1,736,591	236,591
Legislative	107,100	115,604	8,504
Depreciation	3,300,000	3,300,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,674,379	1,746,104	71,725
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	437,500	560,611	123,111
GSA Fees	3,420,830	2,492,466	-928,364
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	15,594	-18,606
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	92,000	41,459	-50,541
Total Expenses	19,866,814	18,004,607	-1,862,207
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	592,738	571,919	-20,819
Capital Expenditures		2,848,031	
-Bond or Grant Funded		1,712,048	
Debt Service Principle		1,235,611	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid		3,876,430	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid		16,113,228	
		19,989,658	

Comparison of FY 2025-2026 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of June Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





*Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

6. Accounts Payable Disbursements

Description: Presentation to Committee of Accounts Payable Disbursements reports for Board approval.

The Committee reviewed the accounts payable disbursements totaling \$1,065,929.30 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>6/4/26</u>	<u>6/18/26</u>
Prepaid	\$ 51,151.03	\$ 50,132.63
Current	<u>274,989.39</u>	<u>689,656.26</u>
Total	<u>\$ 326,140.42</u>	<u>\$ 739,788.89</u>

7. Future Agenda Items

Credit Card Fees

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:22 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

3:00 PM

BOARDROOM OR [ZOOM ROOM](#)
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Griffin, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika, Justin Thompson and Isabel Tejada

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

2. Committee/Public Comments

The Committee heard comments from Renee Westa-Lusk.

3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)

Renee Morquecho reported there is one outstanding PRR that legal is still working on.

4. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

The IWVGA held a meeting today so there will be a full report at the regular Board meeting.

5. Salary Survey

Isabel Tejada informed the Committee there were two positions that were not included in the salary survey that was approved by the Board in June. The Committee reviewed new salary ranges for the MRC 1 and Field Services Representative 1. Both entry level salaries need to be increased and the maximum salary for the MRC 1 should be increased. The Committee recommended the Board approve the new salary ranges.

6. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of July 13, 2026

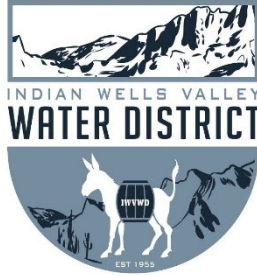
The Committee reviewed and approved the draft Agenda.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

June 08,2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Griffin.

CALL TO ORDER

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand
Director Stan G. Rajtora
Director Charles D. Griffin
Director Mallory J. Boyd

PLEDGE

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

ROLL CALL

STAFF PRESENT: Renée Morquecho, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Justin Thompson, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
John Svika, Operations Manager
Isabel Tejada, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING
REMOTELY: George Croll, Special Projects Coordinator

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejada, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing was posted on Thursday, June 04,2026.

**AGENDA
DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Judy Decker and Renee Westa-Lusk.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

PUBLIC HEARING

President Kicinski opened the Public Hearing and introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 2561 which requires a public agency to present the status of vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts at a public hearing at least once per fiscal year, prior to adoption of a budget.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Isabel Tejeda reported there are currently two vacancies, and explained the process of hiring at the District.

With no further questions or comments, President Kicinski Closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Minutes of the May 11,2026, Regular Board Meeting, Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,102,361.06. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand, Griffin, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Data Center Presentation

Special Projects Coordinator, George Croll, gave a presentation on the history of Data Centers and the information available on how they operate. The full PowerPoint is available on the Districts website.

**DATA CENTER
PRESENTATION**

The Board heard public comment from Lindsey Stephens, Nina Sunseri, Jennifer Slayton, Brita Reed, Mike Bady, Rana Daniels, Barbara Bane, Anthony Hanson, Sandra Van Scotter, Kelly Cutts, Mike Neel, Lorraine Horne, Judie Decker, Nicholas Hua, Tammy Pounds, Renee Westa-Lusk, Alissa Reed, Bon DeRosa, Tammy Bouyer, Mike Sinnott, and Emily Flack.

ADMINISTRATION/ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ty Staheli presented the annual Salary Survey and explained this analysis is done to compare salary ranges to other water districts and adjust for cost of living. There are a few ranges that will see an increase due to cost-of-living factor not being adjusted for a few years, this will be done yearly going forward.

SALARY SURVEY

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Salary Survey as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand, Griffin, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported the Phase 2 trial began today. It is expected to last 10 - 15 days and will take place Monday to Wednesday each week. The trial will be available to view online; the link is on the District's website. Mr. Worth announced there will be members of the Board as well as executive staff attending the trial.

**COMPREHENSIVE
ADJUDICATION**

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker, Mike Neel, Renee Westa-Lusk.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

Vice President Saint-Amand reported there were discussions about the Data Center at the last IWVGA meeting. There were also requests for a presentation on the approval process for Data Centers as well as requests to change the time of IWVGA meetings. Vice President Saint-Amand summarized some of the action items from the IWVGA meeting and reported the auditors are close to having the 2025 audit complete. The next meeting is June 10, 2026 and Director Boyd will be attending in place of Vice President Sain-Amand.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Judie Decker, Jennifer Slayton, Lindsey Stephens, Mike Sinnott and Renee Westa-Lusk.

General Manager Update

**GENERAL
MANAGER
UPDATE**

Renee Morquecho reported there is no significant events to report on and all pertinent legislative updates were included with the Data Center presentation. There are no personnel safety or injury reports.

Engineering Update/Water Supply Update

ENGINEERING

Water Systems Consolidations:

- o Inyokern CSD: No official update at this time.
- o Rademacher Way/Gordon St: The right of way specialists for the IWVGA are still working on obtaining the final easements.
- o Dune 3: Bid opening was open June 3, the bids are currently being reviewed and will have results to staff before the Special Board Meeting on June 11.
- o Stark Street: Staff completed potholing and will be completing a final review before sending to Krieger and Stewart who will most likely have the 95% drawings back within the week. The IWVGA's consultant is still working on getting easements.

Justin Thompson reported staff has completed the paving on Brady and Ward, they also filled the old pipeline as required by Kern County. Mr. Thompson reported staff is still working with homeowners and Kern County to repair the private driveways.

BRADY STREET

The Board and staff had discussions on whether Dune 3 and Stark Street should be done by the District's construction crew or if they should go out to bid. Dr. Morquecho stated it is no longer an option to complete Dune 3 in house however it is a possibility for Stark Street. Staff will be collecting more data to determine the best option. Both projects are being funded by grants.

Mr. Thompson reported the Water Supply department is prepping Arsenic Plant 1 to be up and running as well as performing maintenance on Arsenic Plant 2 in case it is needed. Water Supply is also preparing to install additional security cameras at the District's well sites. Staff has continued to follow up with Kern County Sherriff regarding the recent theft and has still not received an update.

WATER SUPPLY

The Board heard public comment from Lindsey Stephens and Renee Westa-Lusk.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

**FINANCIAL
UPDATE**

Ty Staheli reported total billed consumption for the month of May was 444 acre feet which brings the total for the year to 4,701 acre feet. Mr. Staheli reported year-to-date actual revenue of \$16,929,000 which is about \$500,000 below budget. Mr. Staheli reported expenditures are just under \$16 million which is \$1,272,000 below budget. The District's net to date is \$1 million positive which is \$772,000 better than anticipated. Capital expenditures spent to date is \$2,354,000 of that \$1.7 million is funded by grant or bond funding. The District has paid \$19,742,841 to the IWVGA in replenishment and extraction fees. Staff also provided an update on meter installations; delinquent account turn offs and WaterSmart alerts.

Operations Update

**OPERATIONS
UPDATE**

John Svika reported there were 18 valves exercised which puts the year-to-date total to 528 valves. There was 457 USA North locates and 0 USA South. Mr.Svika reported there were 0 flushes therefore the total water saved by the NO-DES truck year-to-date remains just under 10 million gallons. Staff reported 33 after hour calls which resulted in 14 lateral repairs. For the month there were 27 service lateral repairs, 8 lateral replacements, 1 hydrant replacement, and 1 valve repair.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS/FUTU
RE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Director Boyd thanked staff for all their hard work.

Director Rajtora thanked the public for their participation and for speaking up. Mr.Rajtora once again asked that an Agenda item be added so the Board may discuss sending a letter to Kern County regarding the JPA.

Director Griffin thanked the public for participating and encouraged everyone to continue showing up for meetings.

Vice President Saint-Amand thanked the public for showing up and congratulated Justin Thompson on his new role as Chief Engineer.

President Kicinski also thanked the public for their participation and congratulated Justin Thompson

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**DATE OF NEXT
BOARD MEETING**

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, July 13,2026.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejada
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

June 11, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Saint-Amand. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand
Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Charles D. Griffin **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Stan G. Rajtora

STAFF PRESENT: Renée Morquecho, General Manager
Justin Thompson, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Kaleb Griffin, Construction Supervisor
Amber Chapin, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING
REMOTELY: Jim Worth, Attorney

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Amber Chapin, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS **PUBLIC COMMENT**
The Board heard public comment from Jim Worth.

Dune 3 Mutual Water Company: Award of Contract **AWARD OF CONTRACT**
Justin Thompson presented the recommendation for award of contract from GHD. GHD is the engineering consulting firm that has been handling the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company consolidation project. They recommend the District award the contract for the Dune 3 consolidation project to Pyramid Building and Engineering Inc for \$3,395,479.83. The Board had questions about pricing and the services included in the price that were answered by the GHD representative.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd to award the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company consolidation contract. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes:

Kicinski, Saint-Amand, Griffin, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: Rajtora.)

2026-2027 GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS **2026-2027**
Ty Staheli reviewed the 2026-2027 General Fund and Capital Projects Budgets with the Board. **BUDGETS**

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving the 2026-2027 General Fund and Capital Projects Budgets as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Rajtora.)

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING **DATE OF NEXT**
The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, July 13, 2026. **BOARD MEETING**

ADJOURNMENT **ADJOURNMENT**
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejada
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____



9.B.1.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 30, 2026

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JUSTIN THOMPSON

SUBJECT: DEDICATION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – TRACT 6221 UNIT C
“CALLE DE CASA AVE & VISTA DEL CAMPO” 8 INCH PVC PIPELINE

The water system, consisting of 8-inch PVC pipeline along Calle De Casa Ave and Vista Del Campo, was constructed by JSS Construction on behalf of developer Jeremy Smith to serve Tract 6221, Unit “C”, in accordance with plans and specifications filed with the District. The improvements were built for public use and, upon Board acceptance, will become part of the District’s water system.

All required testing and disinfection have been completed and confirmed by District staff, with satisfactory laboratory results received April 28, 2026. The owner/Developer has also executed the District’s standard dedication and guarantee form, guaranteeing the water system and appurtenances for a period of two (2) years from the date of the District’s acceptance. Supporting documentation is attached.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board accept the 8-inch PVC pipeline and appurtenances constructed along Calle De Casa Avenue and Vista Del Campo, referred to as Tract 6221 UNIT “C”, for dedication.

Attachments:

- Signed Dedication and Agreement
- Construction Timeline
- Engineering estimate

Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Post Office Box 1329
500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard
Ridgecrest, California 93555

I, Jeremy Smith, being the owner(s) and/or developer(s) of, Tract 6221 Unit C hereby declare that the water system and appurtenances constructed by a private contractor, namely JSS Construction in accordance with Plans and Specifications filed with the Indian Wells Valley Water District, identified as Tract 6221 Unit "C" 8" PVC Pipeline, were built for public use, and upon their acceptance by the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District, all rights, title and interest of the undersigned in and to said water system and appurtenances shall vest in the Indian Wells Valley Water District. The undersigned fully guarantees all said water system and appurtenances listed herein for a period of two (2) years from the Water District's acceptance thereof and agrees to either make repairs or to pay for repairs of failure to said water system and appurtenances during said two-year period, which result from original installation or materials used therein.

Dated: 6-30-24


(Signature of Owner and/or Developer)

(Signature of Owner and/or Developer)

Listed below, or attached hereto, is a listing of the total cost of the work done, the date completed, and a listing of the number of fittings, footages of pipe, valves, etc.



Tract 6221 Unit “C” 8 inch PVC Pipelines

DEVELOPER: Jeremy Smith

CONTRACTOR: JSS Construction

6/02/25	Construction begins.
3/26/26	Hydrostatic pressure testing successfully completed.
4/14/26	Chlorination of pipeline(s) verified.
4/15/26	Pipeline flushed.
4/16/26	Sample collected for coliform testing
4/28/26	Laboratory results received.

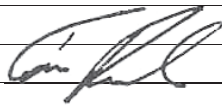
Contingencies

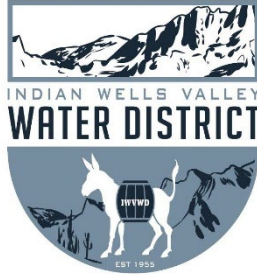
- Complete connection tie-in to district system
- Complete Service Lateral Installations.
- Provide as-builts to the district.

Tract 6221 - Unit C, Water Line Improvement Engineers Estimate.

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
8" C900 PVC Pipeline	1,320	LF	\$65.00	\$85,800.00
Fire Hydrant Assembly	3	LS	\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00
Connection Detail 3	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Connection Detail 4	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Service Installation	18	LS	\$2,000.00	\$36,000.00

Total				\$138,300.00
10% Contingency				\$13,830.00
Grand Total				\$152,130.00



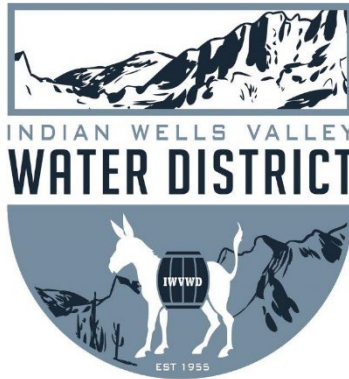



9.C.1.

2026 Salary Ranges

Proposed 2027 Salary Ranges

Position	Current Entry	%	Current Max	%	New Entry	New Max
FS Rep I	\$39,993.00	17.4%	\$66,290.00	-9.9%	\$46,952.22	\$66,290.00
FS Rep II	\$58,323.00	8.4%	\$76,149.00	4.7%	\$63,194.17	\$76,149.00
MRC I	\$47,923.00	25.1%	\$65,957.00	15.7%	\$59,935.40	\$76,316.07
MRC II	\$64,522.00	6.7%	\$88,067.00	-0.9%	\$68,842.92	\$88,067.00



The Mission of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to deliver the highest quality water at the best possible price while continuing to serve as respectful stewards of the environment.

The Vision of the

Indian Wells Valley Water District

is to provide for self-sustaining water resources now and for generations to come.

Board of Directors