

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Contract Approval: District Contract with Dune 3 Mutual Water Company

Committee reviewed the draft agreement with Dune 3. Legal counsel is working on verifying information about the corporate entity (LLC). Once completed, the draft will be sent to the State for approval. Once approved, the Agreement will be presented to the entire Board.

4. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

General Manager Croll reported that he has given the go-ahead to Krieger & Stewart to sample and test the wastewater effluent for all “constituents of concern” in order to prepare for a full future feasibility study.

5. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

The plastic trash bad was successfully removed from the pipeline on March 10th. The camera located it fairly quickly as it had not travelled far and was caught on a butterfly valve near where it had entered the pipeline. The contractor was provided a Corrective Work List a few weeks ago. They continue to work on the list, including some items for Caltrans.

6. Brady Street Pipeline Break: Update

The repair has been completed and the pipeline is back in service. Onstott completed the repair of the road last week. Staff is waiting for a schedule from Nicholas for the pipe installation under Hwy 178 at Brady Street.

7. Water System Consolidations: Update

Hometown Water: 95% design plans under review by staff. Will soon go to the State for approval.

Rademacher Way: Staff reviewed the alignment for Phase 2 with Krieger & Stewart. K&S is now working on draft plans. Staff will send follow up letters for the needed easements this month. Preliminarily, staking of Phase 1 and mobilization will occur April 14th with tie-in to Springer on the 15th.

Dune 3: The State is still reviewing the right of entry agreement that will be needed for both Dune 3 and the Hometown projects.

Inyokern Community Services District: General Manager Croll reported that he stopped by ICSD and spoke to their general manager last week regarding his concern over the amount of money they still owed the District. The GM committed to increasing the monthly payment to the District. Mr. Croll also offered to provide any advice the District can provide.

8. Arsenic Plants: Update

The support media has been installed in the filter vessels at Plant 2. Unfortunately, the manways all need new gaskets and when they arrive, the remaining media layers will be installed and work will begin to bring the plant online.

9. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.