

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 – 2:00PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Ron Kicinski, George Croll, John Svika, Ty Staheli, Renee Morquecho and Justin Thompson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Water Connection to APN 343-153-06 (Pickrell Street): Discussion**

John and Karin Auburn own APN 343-153-06 off Pickrell Street between Springer and Kendall Avenues. The parcel is land-locked since Pickrell Street does not extend completely through between Kendall and Springer. The pipeline in Pickrell was installed in the mid-1970s and, according to District records, did not extend to the parcel in question.

The Auburns are requesting water service to this parcel. Since there is no record of previous water service and the parcel does not front a water main, the District policy is to require the construction of “all water system facilities, including a water main line extension to and across the entire frontage of the parcel to be served” (Ordinance 109).

After discussion with the Auburn’s representative and engineer Mr. Travis Reed, the proposal was made to place a meter at Springer Avenue and run a lateral in the access easement to the parcel in question. There is precedent for this so District staff requested the Auburns update their request and submit it directly to the Board during the next meeting. Mr. Reed indicated he would discuss with the Auburns and make that request.

**4. Dune 3 Agreement: Updated agreement between District and Dune 3 Water Company**

This item was not available by meeting time and will be going directly to the Board.

**5. Purchase of Skid Steer: Bids**

The FY 2025-26 budget includes the purchase of a new Skid Steer with attachments and equipment trailer. Staff obtained several quotes for these items. The top three are listed below:

Model	Seller	Price
2025 JCB 3TS-8W TELESKID	Central California Power	\$85,599.77
2025 JCB 270 Skid Steer Loader	Central California Power	\$78,033.04
2025 Bobcat S86 T4 Skid Steer Loader	Berchtold Equipment Co.	\$94,899.36

Staff recommended purchase of the 2025 JCB #TS-8W TELESKID as it has the capability of adding several quick attachments and includes extra equipment.

**6. Notice of Exemption: Brady Street Mainline Replacement Project**

The Committee reviewed the Notice of Exemption for this project that covers from Hwy 178 to Bowman Road. The project is CEQA exempt due to replacing the existing pipe in the same location without and increase in capacity. The existing 30-inch CMLC pipe will be replaced with 24-inch PVC.

**7. Brady Street: Mainline Replacement Project Status**

Staff are working on ordering parts, scheduling surveying for updated base mapping and securing a traffic control plan. Once the traffic control plan is completed, an application for encroachment permit will be submitted to Kern County. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in November.

**8. Water System Consolidations: Update**

Inyokern CSD: The State has scheduled a meeting for October 2, 2025 at 6:00pm in Inyokern Town Hall to discuss the consolidation. This meeting is for ICSD customers.

- Dune 3: Staff sent the Right-of-Entry (ROE) agreement to all the property owners that are served by Dune 3. All property owners must sign the ROE agreement before the project can be bid. Out of 35, Staff is waiting for 11 to be returned. The District sent a new notice last week that expressed more urgency with a date of September 5<sup>th</sup> to return the agreement.

Legal counsel will bring the updated agreement between Dune 3 and the District to the next Board meeting.

- Hometown Water: No new update. This project is on hold. The State continues to push Hometown to consolidate. Meanwhile, Staff has submitted costs to date for reimbursement.

- Rademacher Way: Construction of Phase 1 has been completed. The Sanchez residence was connected last week. Staff discussed the easements for Phase 2 this morning with legal counsel.

**9. La Mirage Area Leak Repair Assistance: Update**

Staff are working with legal counsel to determine what, if anything, the District can do to assist homeowners with leaks that are under the street. Staff are also meeting with a representative Pro Residential which manages Desert Oasis and The Ridge tomorrow to discuss the water leaks serving their properties.

**10. Arsenic Plants: Update**

Both plants are online and running alternately. No issues at this time.

**11. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion**

There is no new information on this item.

**12. Future Agenda Items**

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.