INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

November 09, 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 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. 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))

B. 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)

C. 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)

D. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Landowner Negotiator: Joey Dosen, Dosen Realty
Property Description: Vacant Parcel
APN: 341-082-42
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

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. October 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting.
    ii. October 21,2026, Special Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements.

B. Administration / Executive Committee
1. Customer Leak Assistance
Description: Board to discuss the possibility of a formal policy that outlines how staff can assist customers with leaks.
Committee Recommendation: Committee recommended discussing with the Board.

C. Cybersecurity Update
Description: Report on District's cybersecurity practices and updates.

D. End of fiscal year financial reporting format
Description: Board to discuss the District's current end of fiscal year financial reporting format.

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 November 11, 2026.

G. Letter to Senator Kennedy re Congressionally Directed Spending
Description: Board to review and approve letter to Senator Kennedy opposing the IWVGA's request for Congressionally Directed Spending funds for the Imported Water Pipeline

H. 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

I. 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 Department

J. 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

K. 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: **December 14 ,2026**

12. Adjournment.

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	Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Finance	Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Administration/Executive	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, November 2, 2026 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, David Saint-Amand, 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 comments.

3. Remote Site Security

Justin Thompson reported that the contract is under review with legal.

4. Water System Consolidations: Update

- Inyokern CSD: Staff reported no news from the State regarding consolidation with the Inyokern CSD.

  Dune 3: Pipe was delivered to Arsenic Treatment Plant 2 for staging and will begin potholing this week.

- Stark Street: Easements in progress, being handled by subcontractor for the Groundwater Authority. Dr Morquecho reported staff has talked with the Grant manager for dune 3 and that he has requested to make an adjustment to existing Dune 3 contract for the additional funding.

- Rademacher Way (Phase 2): Construction commenced on October 26th**.** Working on Gordon Street and will move to Rademacher once completed.

5. Potential Grant-Funded Projects: Update

George Croll reported that he has completed a first draft of the Storm Water Resource Plan, which is required before applying for stormwater grant funding. K&S will review the draft. The Board must

then complete a certification checklist, to be signed by the Board President. Projects will then be solicited from the District and other regional agencies and ranked. The application is anticipated to be due between December 2026 and March 2027, pending the State's notice, and the District appears on track to submit it.

La mirage is a priority project that the district will continue to pursue available funding for. George commented that we are waiting to see how much money will flow to the state revolving fund as an opportunity to seek funding for the district priority projects. The amount of money available could potentially be up to $30 billion dollars for both groundwater and surface water projects.

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6. Future Agenda Items

Director Rajtora requested when LAFCO discussions start that they be added to the consolidation update.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2026 – 3:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinksi, 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.

   Ty Staheli reported that the Auditors were on site last week to work on the final audit.

4. **Financial Statements October 31, 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 October 31, 2026, are $6,717,499 and expenses are $6,291,688, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by $425,811, which is better than budget by $1,190,384.

   To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority $21,812,848 in fees.

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

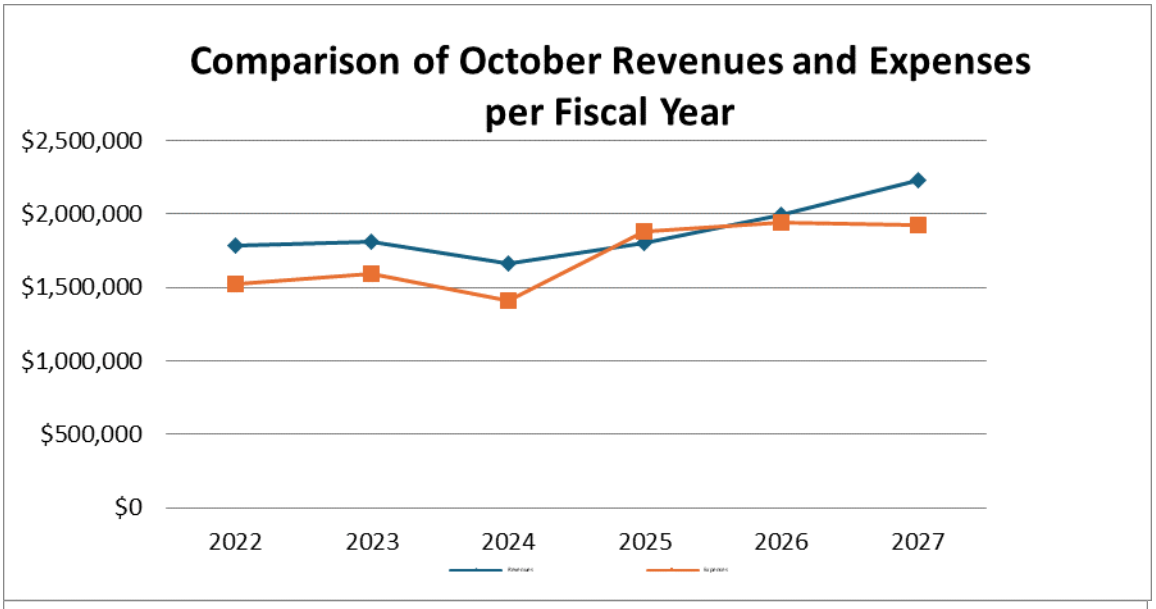
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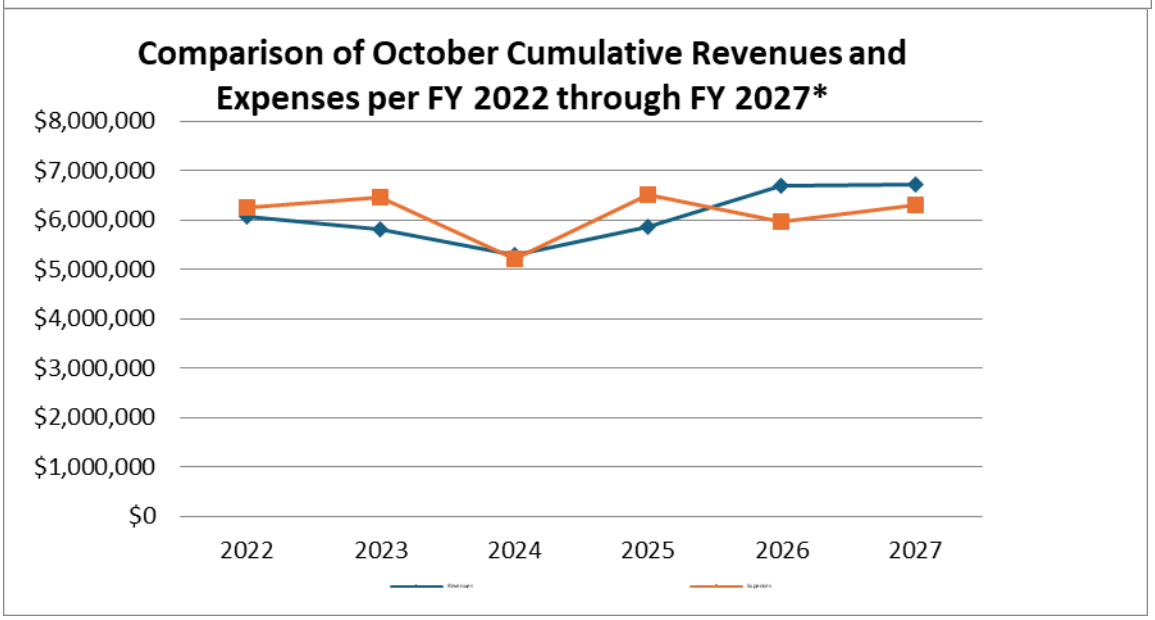
Revenues vs. Expense

Actuals & Budget through October 2026 (Preliminary)

	2027 Budget	YTD Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues				
Total Water Sales	16,464,300	4,963,851	4,784,326	-179,525
GSA Fees	2,962,200	1,075,999	1,528,338	452,339
Total Water Service Revenue	410,900	135,926	162,370	26,444
Total Non-Operating Income	591,000	195,503	63,984	-131,519
Capital Contributions	215,000	71,122	178,482	107,360
Total Revenues	**20,643,400**	**6,442,400**	**6,717,499**	**275,099**
Expenses				
Water Supply	2,040,696	695,061	511,171	-183,890
Arsenic Treatment Plants	413,231	140,746	115,211	-25,535
Transmission & Distribution	1,929,167	657,074	458,650	-198,424
Engineering	615,404	209,607	189,189	-20,417
Customer Service	652,104	222,107	125,417	-96,690
Field Services	696,494	237,226	176,188	-61,038
General & Administration	3,750,556	1,277,439	1,020,801	-256,638
Legal	1,680,000	572,208	273,501	-298,707
Legislative	125,900	42,882	36,509	-6,372
Depreciation	3,300,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,614,366	515,420	514,670	-751
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	497,500	169,449	205,846	36,398
GSA Fees	3,166,617	1,340,097	1,509,549	169,452
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	11,649	193	-11,455
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	47,000	16,008	54,792	38,783
Total Expenses	**20,563,235**	**7,206,973**	**6,291,688**	**-915,284**
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	**80,165**	**-764,573**	**425,811**	**1,190,384**

Capital Expenditures	**479,970**
-Bond or Grant Funded	210,476
Debt Service Principle	**338,349**
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid	4,136,841
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid	17,676,007
	21,812,848





**Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated*

The Committee discussed proposed changes to the year-end reporting proposed by Board Member Rajtora. The Committee discussed the challenges with year-end reporting due to the accruals and the whether the proposed changes are necessary.
The Committee recommended Director Rajtora bring his item regarding year-end financial reporting to the Board for discussion.

5. Accounts Payable Disbursements

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

The Committee reviewed the accounts payable disbursements totaling $1,136,275.41 as follows:

Checks through	10/8/2026	10/22/2026
Prepaid	54,947.02	55,190.61
Current	360,718.33	665,419.45
Total	415,665.35	720,610.06

6. Future Agenda Items

Unanticipated Use Claim Program
Purchasing Policy Update
Reserve Policy Review

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:23 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026
3:00 PM
BOARDROOM OR ZOOM ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinksi, Chuck Griffin, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika, and Justin Thompson

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

   None.

3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)

   Renee Morquecho reported there are no outstanding PRR

4. Customer Leak Assistance

   Ty Staheli reported that the District's current Sales and Service Policy prohibits our employees from working on private property and making repairs to customer lines. Director Griffin would like to staff to be more involved in finding and providing information for fixing those leaks. President Kiciniski recommended this discussion be continued at the next Board meeting with the full Board.

5. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

   The IWVGA agenda has not been published yet, there is nothing new to report. Committee discusses the fact that the next IWVGA meeting is scheduled for November 11th which is Veteran's Day, and may be rescheduled.

6. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2026

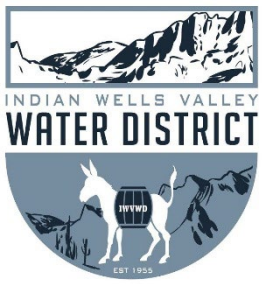
   The Committee reviewed and approved the draft Agenda

7. Future Agenda Items

   None.

8. Adjournment

   Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

October 15,2026

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. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stan Rajtora. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	President Ronald R. Kicinski Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand Director Mallory J. Boyd Director Stan G. Rajtora	**ROLL CALL**
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Director Charles D. Griffin	
STAFF PRESENT:	Renée Morquecho, General Manager Jim Worth, Attorney Justin Thompson, Chief Engineer Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer John Svika, Operations Manager Isabel Tejeda, Recording Secretary	
STAFF ATTENDING REMOTELY:	George Croll, Special Projects Coordinator	

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejeda, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Tuesday, October 13,2026.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

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

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Minutes of the September 14,2026, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling $1,348,979.23. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Saint-Amand, Rajtora, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: Griffin.)

Administration / Executive Committee

Isabel Tejeda informed the Board that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is updating their bylaws and is requiring Agencies to nominate an authorized voter by October 30,2026.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora nominating Director Boyd as the authorized voter for ACWA. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Kicinski: Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye
Director Boyd: Aye
Director Griffin : Absent
Director Rajtora: Aye

Plant and Equipment Committee

Justin Thompson introduced Caleb Richard and Johnathan Ratliff from AMAROK. The AMAROK team gave a presentation that covered how the system works, how liability is handled, maintenance and safety for humans and wildlife. The pricing for 5-6 sites would be $87,924 annually, this would include the solar field at Well 35. The pricing if the full permitter of Well 35 was covered would be $92,976 annually.

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

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand approving a 3 Year Contract with AMAROK. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Saint-Amand, Rajtora, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: Griffin.)

Surplus Property Resolution

Renee Morquecho explained to the Board that the Resolution is required in order to officially declare the Grant Airport and Stine Ranch properties surplus as they were announced last month. Jim Worth informed the Board if the Resolution is approved he will be adding the written findings that would justify the Staff's decision to surplus the properties.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand approving Resolution 26-03. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Kicinski: Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye

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Director Boyd:	Aye
Director Griffin :	Absent
Director Rajtora:	Aye

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported that the District has a hearing with the court on October 30, 2026 to give an update on the selection of the Special Master. There is currently 1 candidate recommended by the State and 3 others that the technical working group has recommended. The closing trial briefs will be due 5 days after the Special Master is selected.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUSDICATION

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk and Mike Sinnott.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

Vice President Saint-Amand reported that the IWVGA Board was in closed session for almost 2 hours and the District was only present for 2-3 minutes of that time. The IWVGA Board reported out of closed session that they would be filing litigation against an unnamed party. There was also a settlement with the Inyokern Community Services District for the full amount due for replenishment fees, pumping fees and late fees for a total of $62,968.92. Vice President Saint-Amand asked the IWVGA Board to move the closed session to the end of their meetings in order to foster public engagement. Vice President Saint-Amand summarized the discussion regarding the IWVGA Budget and reported that ultimately, he voted no to approving the budget.

IWVGA

President Kicinski would like to see invoices for RWG Law because at this time he has not seen any approved by the Board. Vice President Saint-Amand will be asking at the next IWVGA meeting.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk and Mike Sinnott.

General Manager Update

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Renee Morquecho reported there was no significant events since the last Board meeting. There are also no legislative updates to report on. There was nothing significant to report in regards to personal safety or injuries. Dr. Morquecho informed the Board there was a minor incident with a District vehicle, no injuries and minor damage. The District was able to file a claim with insurance for the minor damage.

Justin Thompson shared photos of an Arsenic Plant tour that was given to students from Vieweg STEM Academy. The Water Supply department created educational posters and set up activities for the students to teach them about ground water and arsenic.

The Board heard public comment from Lindsey Stephens.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Engineering Update/Water Supply Update

Water Systems Consolidations:

- o Inyokern CSD: Nothing to report at this time.
- o Rademacher Way/Gordon St: The surveying was completed and construction will be starting on October 26,2026.
- o Dune 3: Mobilization scheduled for October 26,2026.
- o Stark Street: Easement paperwork is being sent out to property owners.

Justin Thompson reported that Water Supply Department is waiting on a flow meter for Arsenic Treatment Plant 1. The Arsenic Treatment Plant 2 is also waiting on multiple parts. There was a site walk conducted on

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October 14th for College Booster Upgrade. Mr. Thompson also gave an update that Water Supply department is preparing to hire a new operator. Well 35 was down briefly due to motor issues that have now been repaired and everything is back up and running.

FINANCIAL UPDATE **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Ty Staheli reported total billed consumption for the month of September. Mr. Staheli reported year-to-date current revenues are $4.7 million which is about equal to budget. Mr. Staheli reported expenditures are at $4.3 million which is $900,000 below budget. Capital expenditures spent to date is $411,000. The District has paid $21,466,646 to the IWVGA in replenishment and extraction fees. Staff also provided an update on meter installations; delinquent account turn offs and WaterSmart alerts.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Operations Update **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

John Svika reported there were 124 valves exercised. There were 397 USA locates. Staff reported 27 after-hour calls. Mr. Svika updated the Board that the Construction Crew is preparing for the second phase of the Brady line replacement.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Boyd expressed gratitude towards staff for their hard work and effort towards updating the public.

Vice President Saint-Amand praised the staff for their professionalism and hard work, he also thanked the public for participating and emphasized the importance of involvement.

President Kicinski made an announcement to the public that the fair is coming to town and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Kicinski clarified that the District has an A+ credit rating and is dedicated to transparency, he reminded everyone that the District had a public vote on AB 1413 in April of 2025.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING **DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, November 9,2026.

ADJOURNMENT **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejeda
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

October 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

PLEDGE

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

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	President Ronald R. Kicinski Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand Director Mallory J. Boyd Director Stan G. Rajtora
DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Director Charles D. Griffin
STAFF PRESENT:	Renée Morquecho, General Manager Justin Thompson, Chief Engineer Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer John Svika, Operations Manager Isabel Tejeda, Recording Secretary
STAFF ATTENDING REMOTELY:	Jim Worth, Attorney

AGENDA DECLARATION

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Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejeda, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Monday, October 19, 2026.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comment from Mike Sinnott.

Organization Chart Revisions

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Renee Morquecho presented the Board with an updated Organizational Chart that includes additional positions. Dr. Morquecho explained to the Board there is an immediate need for an additional Customer Service Representative and after speaking with President Kicinski he instructed staff to put together an Organizational Chart that includes any other additional positions that staff believes may be necessary in the near future. Ty Staheli informed the Board that the District has seen an increase in customer assistance over the phone and in person which has resulted in less time available for Customer Service staff to complete their day-to-day tasks. Staff has mitigated these struggles by cross departmental assistance and overtime. The need for additional staff has become more urgent due to the Customer Service department being understaffed until an employee returns from an extended leave. The Department had a temporary employee filling the position however they

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Were unable to complete the work assignment and it would be more practical to hire a permanent employee rather than a short-term temporary. The position would be funded with the savings from the credit card fees.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to approve the Organizational Chart as presented by staff. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Saint-Amand, Rajtora, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: Griffin.)

President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 2:09 p.m.

2026-2027 BUDGETS

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 2:11 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:48 p.m.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

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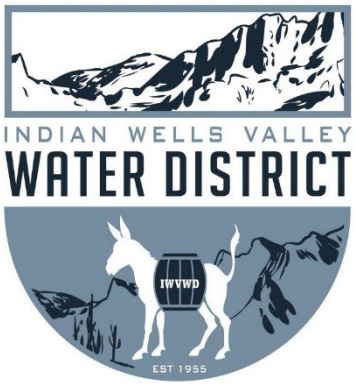
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejeda
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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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