

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Mallory Boyd, John Svika, 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. Metal Storage Building: Purchase

The Committee reviewed quotes for a metal storage building for storing pipe and parts in the District yard. The current budget includes \$250,000 for the purchase and installation of the building.

Model	Seller	Price
40'Wx200'Lx18'H Open Front	Fortify Building Solutions	\$83,899.33
40'Wx200'Lx20'H Open Front	Armstrong Steel Building Systems	\$113,533.00
40'Wx200'Lx18'H Open Front	Titan Steel Structures	\$128,489.00

Staff recommended purchasing the building from Fortify Building Solutions. In addition to providing the lowest price, the company has been very responsive to staff. The Committee recommended purchasing the new steel building from Fortify Building Solutions in the amount of \$83,899.33.

4. Solar Sites Security Upgrades: Review

Staff presented to the Committee the plan for providing cameras at several remote solar locations to increase security. Recent theft will cost over \$108,000 to repair. The District's insurance provider will cover the cost of repair which allows the District to use the budgeted funds for repair to increase security at the Well 30, 31, 33 and 34 sites. The cost of the camera, mounting poles, electrical, and

labor will be \$103,539.00. The Committee agreed with the plan and asked staff to clarify a few slides for the Board presentation.

5. Dune 3 Water Company Consolidation: Approval to Proceed to Bid

Staff presented a draft Notice Inviting Bids for the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company consolidation project. A request to proceed to bidding was sent to the State. Once this is approved, the project will be sent to bid with possible bid opening in January. This is an estimated \$4.5M project being funded by the State Water Resources Control Board. The Committee recommended the Board authorize proceeding to bid this project.

6. Brady Street: Mainline Replacement Project Status

This project is in the design phase for the first section between Inyokern Rd and Ward Ave. New base mapping was performed a few weeks ago and will soon be verified on site by Krieger & Stewart. Design should be completed in the next month. Parts have been ordered and the pipe is in the yard. It is possible the old pipe may not be removed and instead abandoned in place with the new pipe running parallel to the old one. This would speed up the project and lower the cost.

7. Water System Consolidations: Update

Inyokern CSD: The State held a meeting on October 2, 2025 at Inyokern Town Hall to discuss the consolidation. Director Boyd attended the meeting and provided a summary to the Committee.

- Dune 3: Staff has obtained all but three of the right-of-entry agreements from parcel owners in Dune 3. The State is allowing the project to move forward to bid. The request has been made to the State to proceed to bid the project. Approval will take approximately 4 weeks. Legal counsel expects to have the agreement between the District and Dune 3 ready for signature this week.
- Hometown Water: This project is officially being ended by the SWRCB. Staff has submitted all costs to the State for reimbursement.
- Rademacher Way: Staff discussed the easements for Phase 2 with legal counsel again last week and will have further discussions on Thursday.

8. La Mirage Area Leak Repair Assistance: Update

Staff drafted an agreement to be used when property owners in the La Mirage area are unable to afford repair of water lines that cross under the street. The property owner would agree to the District making the repair and dividing the cost of the repair up over a maximum 12 month period. The draft agreement is being reviewed by legal counsel.

9. Arsenic Plants: Update

Now that the weather is getting colder, the plants do not run as often and only one is used at a time.

10. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

There is no new information on this item.

11. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection and/or corrosion control installation.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.