

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Chuck Griffin, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin reported on the December 13th IWVGA Board meeting.

- Board Rotation – the District’s representative was next in rotation to be the Vice-Chair on the IWVGA Board, however, the IWVGA board elected to skip the District this year. Director Griffin did oppose this decision but was out voted.
- The Board elected to renew its contract for one more year with Regional Government Services (RGS), which provides administrative and managerial staffing.
- The Board approved an amendment (not a change order) to last year’s contract with Capital Core, increasing the budget
- The Board authorized the General Manager to sign documents for agreements with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- The Board approved a rate increase requested by Stetson Engineering.
- There were some comments made regarding the District’s news release regarding recharge to the Valley. Stetson stated that they would review the new science that has been introduced by this report.
- There was a court hearing on Friday, December 22, regarding the Adjudication. The judge did make a ruling regarding further notification of the small pumpers, legal representation, and non-legal representation.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

There are no updates to report at this time.

4. Future LADWP Aqueduct Water Release

There are no updates to report at this time and this topic will be discussed further at the board workshop on January 12, 2024.

- 5. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District’s Need for Imported Water**
There are no updates to report at this time and this topic will be discussed further at the board workshop on January 12, 2024.
- 6. Brackish Water Study**
There are no updates to report at this time and this topic will be discussed further at the board workshop on January 12, 2024.
- 7. Alternate Water Sources**
 - a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley**
There are no updates to report at this time and this topic will be discussed further at the board workshop on January 12, 2024.
- 8. Future Agenda Items**
Director Griffin would like to discuss changing the date and time of this committee meeting at the next Regular Board Meeting on January 8, 2024.
- 9. Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.