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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Board of Directors
100 West California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Re: Conduct at IWVGA Board Meeting of December 8, 2021

Members of the Board of Directors

The Indian Wells Valley Water District (“District”) Board of Directors (“Board”) sends this letter in response to not only the profanity directed at Stan Rajtora, the District’s IWVGA representative, but also the lack of an adequate response by the IWVGA.

Specifically, Director Rajtora was questioning the lack of a budget for the proposed RGS work in 2022. After Director Rajtora commented that it was “fiscally irresponsible” to approve the Contract without a budget, someone can be heard telling Director Rajtora to “F__ You”. Equally troubling is the undisputable fact that the comment came from a restricted phone line reserved for IWVGA Directors, staff and consultants. The comment should have been addressed by the IWVGA Board at the time of the comment, yet it was not. Instead, members of the public were left to raise and comment on the unprofessional conduct of someone with the IWVGA.

The timing of the profanity could not have come at a worst time as the District, City, Kern County and the IWVGA have been working hard to improve relations. The comment demonstrates a lack of respect for the District by the IWVGA, and not surprisingly, was made by a person who doesn’t have the courage to admit they made the comment. This type of unprofessional conduct at an IWVGA open and public meeting only erodes the trust the IWVGA is trying to establish with the public.

We hope the IWVGA will take appropriate steps in the future to prevent this type of behavior so the District can continue to work with the IWVGA to address the serious water issues facing the community.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Don Zdeba at (760) 384-5555.

Respectfully,

Chuck Griffin
President, Board of Directors