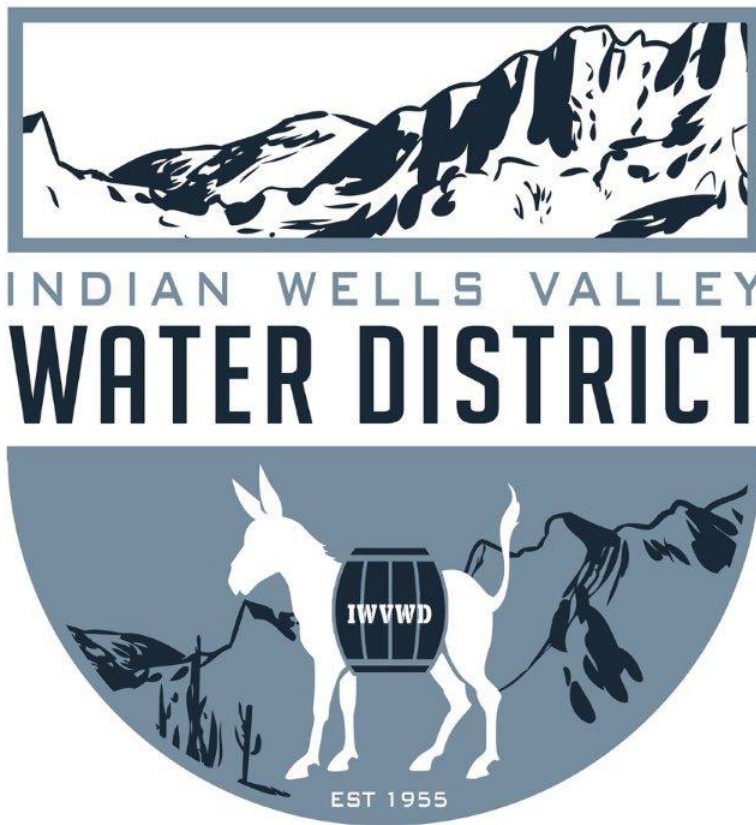


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



July 14, 2025



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2025 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GRIFFIN/SAINT-AMAND)

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/RAJTORA)

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 (BOYD/KICINSKI)

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
Finance
Administration/Executive

Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025
CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

All District meetings are streamed live through Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/9649549487>
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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. Potential Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
1 Matter
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

- B. 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))

- C. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- D. Existing Litigation
Conference with Legal Counsel
Searles Valley Minerals Inc., v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- E. Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: George Croll and Jim Worth
Employee Organizations: Exempt and Non-Exempt
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

- 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.)

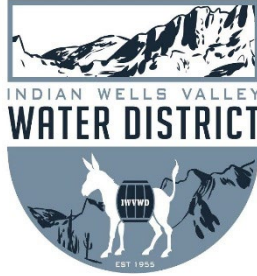
- 9. Current Business/Committee Reports
 - A. Consent Calendar
Description: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable Disbursements.
 - 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. June 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. June 24, 2025, Special Board Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements

 - B. Comprehensive Adjudication
Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.

 - C. Quitclaim Kern County APN 478-030-34 to the Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation
Description: Update on Quitclaim status.

- D. Revised Organizational Chart
Description: Board to review proposed Organizational Chart revisions and addition of position which is unfunded until FY '27.
- E. 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 August 13, 2025.
- F. General Manager and Staff Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
1. Water Production, New Services, etc.
Description: Pertinent Legislative Updates, and personnel safety record for the preceding month. Update on leaks on rental and leased properties potential action against landlords.
 2. Committee Meeting Updates
Description: Staff to provide updates from the monthly Committee Meetings that are not currently on the agenda.
 3. Public Outreach
Description: Public Outreach Report.
 4. Inyokern Community Services District (CSD)
Description: Update on Inyokern CSD Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings.
 5. Mid-Year Board Workshop
Description: Board to review draft Workshop Agenda.
 6. NW Transmission Pipeline/Crossing at Brady St.
Description: Update on this Project.
 7. Brady Street Transmission Pipeline Break
Description: Update on pipeline break.
 8. Water System Consolidations Update
Description: Update on these Projects.
 9. Financial Status
Description: Report on the District's current financial status.
 10. Arsenic Treatment Facilities
Description: Staff will update the Board on maintenance issues and production.
 11. Operations
Description: Staff report on operations.

10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
11. Date of next Regular Board meeting: **August 11, 2025.**
12. Adjournment



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY JULY 8, 2025 – 3:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Stan Rajtora, George Croll, 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.

None to report.

4. GA Imported Water Costs

Description: Discuss imported water costs and potential impact to customers' bills

Nothing new to report.

5. Financial Statements June 30, 2025 (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 June 30, 2025, are \$20,228,636 and expenses are \$18,502,890, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,725,746, which is better than budget by \$3,076,485. Accruals, both expenditure and revenue, are pending.

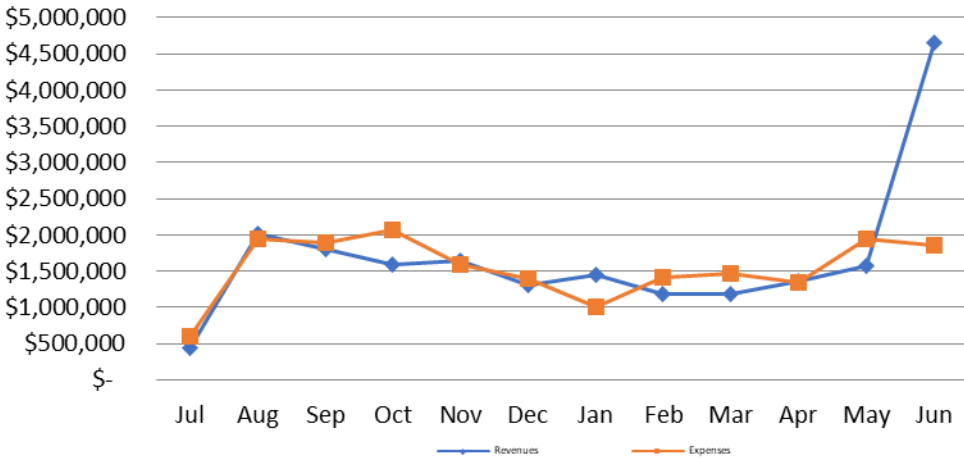
To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority \$17,388,823 in fees.

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

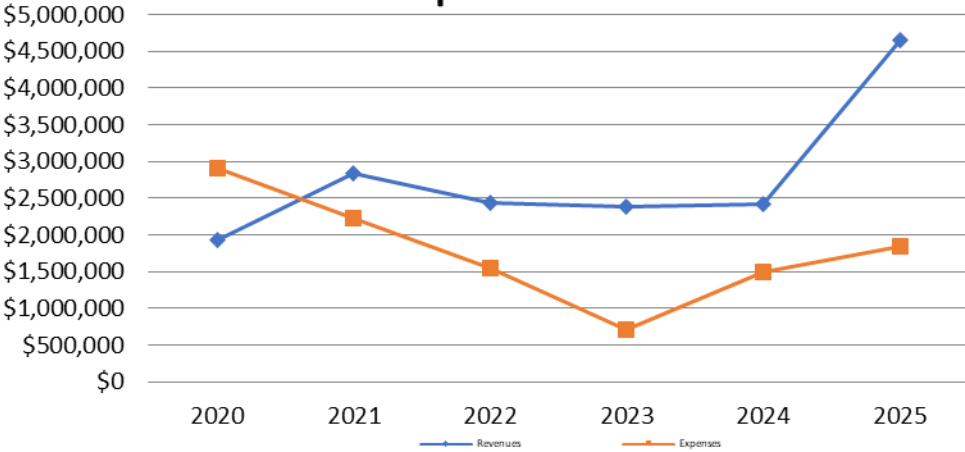
Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through June 2025 (Preliminary)

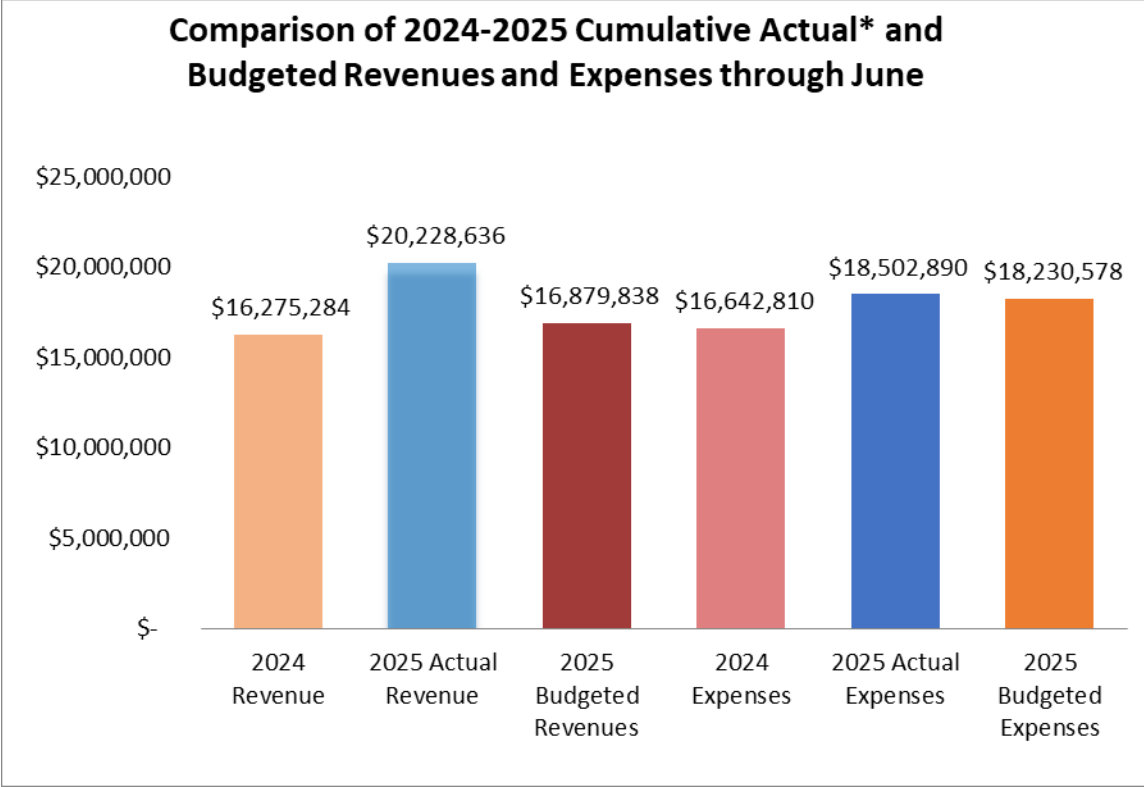
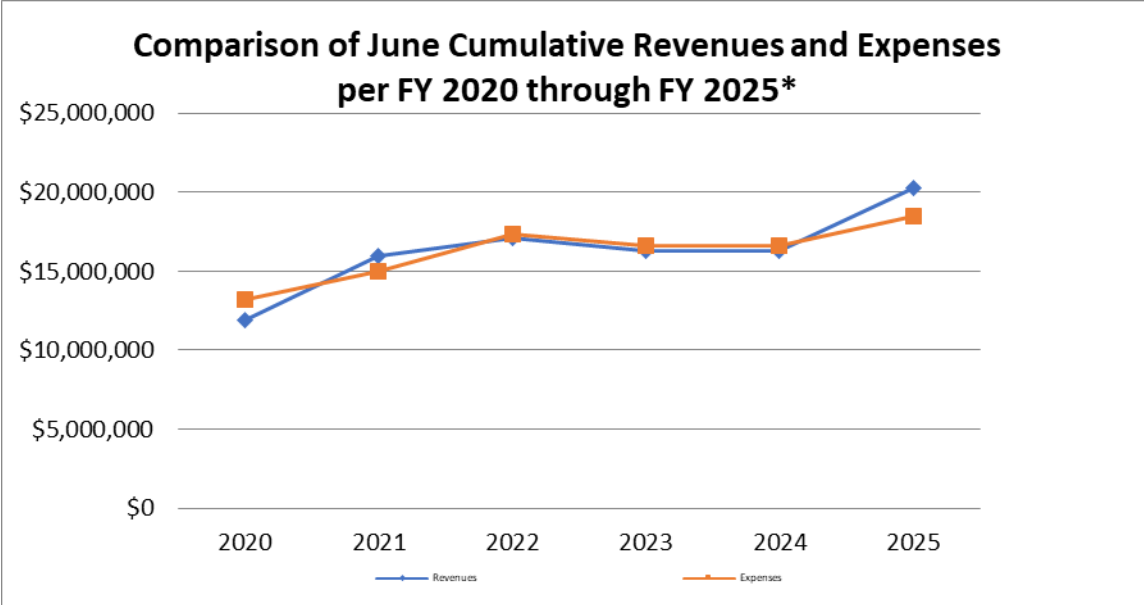
	2025 Budget	YTD Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues				
Total Water Sales	13,064,552	13,064,552	12,814,474	-250,078
GSA Fees	3,112,486	3,112,486	3,294,473	181,987
Total Water Service Revenue	375,900	375,900	446,851	70,951
Total Non-Operating Income	172,400	172,400	241,127	68,727
Capital Contributions	154,500	154,500	3,431,711	3,277,211
Total Revenues	16,879,838	16,879,838	20,228,636	3,348,798
Expenses				
Water Supply	1,622,677	1,622,677	1,648,900	26,223
Arsenic Treatment Plants	456,719	456,719	258,142	-198,577
Transmission & Distribution	1,861,515	1,861,515	1,707,498	-154,017
Engineering	544,019	554,019	599,548	45,529
Customer Service	516,579	516,579	446,662	-69,917
Field Services	570,208	570,208	563,773	-6,435
General & Administration	2,758,794	2,758,794	2,802,575	43,781
Legal	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,226,182	176,182
Legislative	119,400	119,400	99,952	-19,448
Depreciation	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,747,156	1,747,156	1,746,104	-1,052
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	436,000	436,000	431,771	-4,229
GSA Fees	3,111,310	3,111,310	3,610,852	499,542
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	34,200	17,712	-16,488
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	92,000	92,000	43,219	-48,781
Total Expenses	18,220,578	18,230,578	18,502,890	272,313
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-1,340,740	-1,350,740	1,725,746	3,076,485
Capital Expenditures			8,009,008	
-\$3 mil grant, 555k AD, balance bond			6,391,501	
Debt Service Principle			1,235,611	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid			3,291,719	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid			14,097,103	
			17,388,823	

Comparison of FY 2024-2025 Revenues and Expenses by Month



Comparison of June Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





*Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

6. Accounts Payable Disbursements

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

The Committee reviewed the accounts payable disbursements totaling \$1,666,386.33 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>6/6/25</u>	<u>6/19/25</u>
Prepaid	\$ 53,800.17	\$ 67,050.07
Current	<u>634,556.57</u>	<u>910,979.52</u>
Total	<u>\$ 688,356.74</u>	<u>\$ 978,029.59</u>

7. Future Agenda Items

Future Year-End Update

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:16 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY JULY 7, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project/Crossing at Brady Street: Update

The contractor has completed all contract work and the outstanding corrective work items. The NW Transmission pipeline and the entire pipeline in Brady Street were brought online and have been in service since June 25th. Staff plans to bring this item to the Board for Acceptance of Contract Work next month.

- Engineering to consider alternatives and develop a plan for installation next winter.

4. Water System Consolidations: Update

- Hometown Water: The State continues to push Hometown to consolidate. Meanwhile, the DDW has approved the final plans and staff is putting together expenses to date for reimbursement.
- Rademacher Way: Construction of Phase 1 has been completed. Staff has not been able to obtain signatures on the three remaining easements and will be consulting legal counsel.
- 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. As of last Wednesday, 10 out of 35 ROE agreements had been returned. The agreement between the District and Dune 3 was approved by the Board last month but still

needs to be signed by Dune 3. The owner of Dune 3 has indicated he wanted to consult his own legal counsel before signing the agreement.

- Inyokern CSD: The SWRCB Division of Drinking Water issued a letter on June 6, 2025 strongly recommending that the CSD consolidate with the district and provided a six-month period during which both systems are to negotiate voluntary managerial and physical consolidation.
- Board wants clarification who has service and which properties have wells.
- Well location map to be provided for board meeting.

5. **Arsenic Plants: Update**

Plant 1 and Plant 2 are both up and running as of the 25th of June.

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

- District would like to share K&S water sample results/study with SVM.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

- 2025 Public Health Goals Report
- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding – Add to Agenda.
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- ~~Springer Ave pipeline schedule~~ – Remove from Agenda
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Justin Thompson, and John Svika

- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
- 2. Committee/Public Comments**
President Saint-Amand read a letter from Mike Neel into the record. (Attached to minutes.)
- 3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)**
No outstanding PRRs.
- 4. Destruction of Wells**
Committee discussed if the District should require well owners to destroy their wells if They connect to the District system. The Committee agreed to not require well-owners to destroy their wells.
- 5. Identifying “green areas” in the Indian Wells Valley**
Currently there is no State funding for removal of grass and converting to xeriscape. The Committee agreed the focus should be on converting from swamp coolers to A/C. Staff will continue researching available funding and grants for both removal of grass/lawns, and conversion of swamps to A/C.
- 6. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**
The June IWVGA meeting was cancelled. The July meeting was postponed until July 16th.

No further update at this time.
- 7. Alternate Water Sources**
No update at this time.
- 8. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2025**
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made no changes. Discussion regarding leaks on rental and leased properties and potential action against landlords, or next steps to fix leaks will be held at the July Board Meeting.
- 9. Future Agenda Items**
None.
- 10. Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Sirs,

As I cannot be present I am sending this comment via email concerning item 5- identifying green areas.

I continue to advocate for trying to reduce grass acreage in the District boundary for two reasons. The existing need to reduce cost of GA fees and the future severe limits on water use imposed by California upcoming laws. Without significant use reductions, we will likely fall into fines from the California bureaucracy.

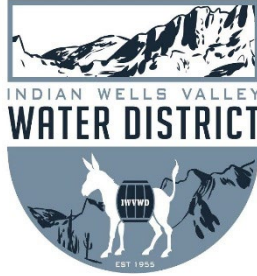
As example, my usage typically runs about 12 hcf per mmonth, which equals 151.6 gallons per day per person in my house. I have no grass,, with about 7 large .

pinces and misc shrubs. This is far more than 45 gallons per day and I have no grass. It appears impossible to get close to even 60 gallons per day per capita, but clearly the effort must be made. Reducing grass acreage seems to me to be the lowest hanging fruit.

Using the available software and aerial data should make identifying possible properties for grass reduction easy enough, then a long term plan needs to be formulated to get each household to voluntarily participate in reducing grass area. This may take a while, so an early start is advisable.

Please enter this comment in the record of the Committee meeting.

Thank You,
mike neel



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JUNE 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Saint-Amand 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 Mallory Boyd. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President David C.H. Saint-Amand
Vice President Charles D. Griffin
Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Ronald R. Kicinski
Director Stan G. Rajtora **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing was posted on Friday, June 6, 2025.

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 Saint-Amand 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 4:35 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

Staff was authorized to respond to the IWVGA's letter regarding

mediation. Letters will be made available on the IWVWD website.

MOTION: made by Vice President Griffin and seconded by Vice President Boyd to move up agenda item 10.I.: Comprehensive Adjudication. Motion was carried, unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

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Jim Worth and the Board responded to public comments regarding the Comprehensive Adjudication.

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker, Renee Westa-Lusk, Mike Neel, Skip Gorman, Mike Sinnott, and April Keigwin.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: AB 2561

President Saint-Amand opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Jim Worth introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 2561 which requires a public agency to present the status of vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts at a public hearing at least once per fiscal year, prior to adoption of a budget.

Lauren Smith reported there is currently one vacancy, and explained the process of hiring at the District.

With no further questions or comments, President Saint-Amand Closed the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the Minutes of the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, May 28, 2025, Special Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$850,672.47. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

ORDINANCE No. 110: CONTROL OF BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 110

Legal announced staff recommends the item be tabled for a future Special Board meeting to accommodate publishing requirements.

Board unanimously agrees to table agenda item.

QUITCLAIM KERN COUNTY APN 478-030-34

QUITCLAIM - APN 478-030-34

Renee Morquecho commented the District has owned a parcel that runs through the middle of Saint-Ann's Catholic School since 1956. Somehow, the paperwork was not properly filed with the County. Staff recommends quitclaiming the parcel to the Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation to resolve the issue.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Griffin and seconded by Director Rajtora to quitclaim APN 478-030-34.

Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

President Saint-Amand requested a follow up on the status at the next meeting.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT REPRESENTATIVES

JPA REPS

President Saint-Amand opened nominations for primary and alternate representatives for the Joint Powers Agreement related to the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority for a two-year term.

Director Kicinski nominated President Saint-Amand as primary representative Joint Powers Agreement related to the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority for a two-year term (remainder of 2025 and 2026).

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Vice President Griffin, appointing President Saint-Amand as primary representative for the Joint Powers Agreement related to the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority for a two-year term as noted above. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Kicinski, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None.)

The Board unanimously agreed for Director Boyd to remain the alternate IWVGA Representative for 2025 and 2026.

2025-2026 GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS

2025-2026 BUDGETS

Ty Staheli briefly reviewed the 2025-2026 General Fund and Capital Projects Budget with the Board.

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Boyd approving the 2025-2026 General Fund and Capital Projects Budgets as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

MCMURTREY, HARTSOCK, WORTH & ST. LAWRENCE LEGAL FEES

ATTORNEY FEES

The Board of Directors reviewed the proposed fees (included in the Board Packet) as presented by McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence. Last increase took effect three years ago on July 1, 2022.

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Griffin to approve the McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence fees as presented in letter dated May 23, 2025 effective July 1, 2025. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ADMIN/EXEC:

Staff requests Board to consider and approve additional temporary position for an MRC employee. Costs associated with the additional position for a six-month term have been included in the recently approved General Budget.

TEMP MRC POSITION

MOTION: was made by Director Rajtora and seconded by Director Kicinski approving an additional Temp MRC position to be created. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Abstain: None.)

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

Director Griffin updated the Board on actions taken at the May 14th IWVGA meeting, including: discussion of potential mediation between the IWVGA and the IWVWD. The June IWVGA meeting was cancelled. **IWVGA**

The next IWVGA Board meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

George Croll provided a IWVGA Imported Water Pipeline Cost refresher. (slides available on website.)

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

**GENERAL
MANAGER AND
STAFF UPDATE**

George Croll reported on monthly water data, including water produced and consumed, and conservation outreach. Staff gave an update on AB 1413 and AB 1466, and outreach efforts.

Mr. Croll summarized the topics of discussion on the Committee agendas, including 2025-2026 Budgets, recent PRR received and responded, and a historical injury report. **COMMITTEE
MEETING
UPDATES**

George Croll provided a status update on the Inyokern CSD Consolidation. A letter from State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) was received by District staff (letter included in packet). The letter outlines the current and future operations of the Inyokern CSD and the six-month period for voluntary consolidation. **INYOKERN CSD
UPDATE**

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Boyd ratifying to create an ad-hoc committee consisting of Vice President Griffin and Director Boyd to address the Inyokern CSD Consolidation process. Motion was carried unanimously, by the following roll call vote:

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

The Board unanimously agreed to schedule the mid-year Board Workshop on July 21, 2025; 9:00 a.m. Agenda item requests to be submitted to President Saint-Amand, George Croll, and Lauren Smith no later than July 15th. **MID-YEAR
BOARD
WORKSHOP**

Renee Morquecho reported staff met with the Contractor to review last corrective/outstanding items. There was a leak at a valve last week that was repaired on Friday. The Contractor has completed the work at Highway 178/Brady Street. They are restoring conditions for local businesses impacted by the work. **NW TRANSM.
PIPELINE**

Brady Transmission pipeline is back in service as of Thursday of last week. **BRADY TRANSM.
PIPELINE
BREAK**

Water Systems Consolidations:

Dune 3: Staff is working on sending right of entry agreement to all property owners. Legal is working to arrive at an agreement with the Owner(s). **CONSOLIDATION
PROJECTS**

Hometown: Plans are complete. Staff is waiting to hear from Department of Drinking Water (DDW) if project will move forward. Meanwhile, staff will submit costs to date to the State for reimbursement.

Rademacher: Construction crew finished the installation of Phase 1 last week. They will be filling the line, and pressure testing this week. Chlorinating/sampling is scheduled to take place next week.

Ty Staheli reported the estimated year-to-date revenues as of May 31, 2025, are \$15,567,885 and expenses are \$16,650,437. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,082,552, which is better than budget by \$915,627. To date, the District has paid \$17,255,799 in GA Fees to the Groundwater Authority. FINANCIAL STATUS

Jason Lillion reported Plant 1 is online, and Plant 2 is in standby pending completion of the Northwest Transmission Line. ARSENIC TREATMENT

For the month of May, 26 services were repaired and seven were replaced. The NO-DES truck made no runs in May. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,509,704 gallons. 85 valves were exercised. OPERATIONS

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board collectively thanked Jason Lillion for his commitment to the District. Mr. Lillion has accepted a position as General Manager at another Water District.

President Saint-Amand asked for an item to be added to the next Plant & Equipment Committee meeting to discuss identifying lawns in the valley and converting them to Xeriscape.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, July 14, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JUNE 24, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Saint-Amand at 9:01 a.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Lillion.

PLEDGE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President David C.H. Saint-Amand
Vice President Charles D. Griffin
Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Ronald R. Kicinski
Director Stan G. Rajtora

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
John Svika, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING
REMOTELY: Jim Worth, Attorney

AGENDA DECLARATION

**AGENDA
DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Monday, June 23, 2025.

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 Saint-Amand recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 9:02 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

**CLOSED
SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 9:06 a.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 10:07 a.m.

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act

ORDINANCE NO. 110: FOR THE CONTROL OF BACKFLOW AND CROSS-CONNECTIONS **ORDINANCE NO 110**
Board discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 110 rescinding Ordinance No. 87 and adopting a revised Cross-Connection Control Plan. The revised Plan meets state standards and has been reviewed by staff and legal.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd adopting Ordinance No. 110: Cross-Connection Control Plan, and rescinding Ordinance No. 87. Motion was carried unanimously, by the following roll call vote:

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

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board collectively thanked Jason Lillion and wished him the best as he resigns. The Board also collectively welcomed John Svika, Jason's successor.

BOARD COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

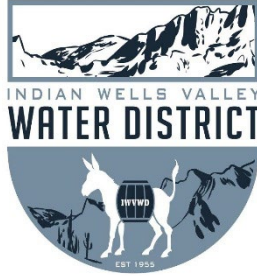
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

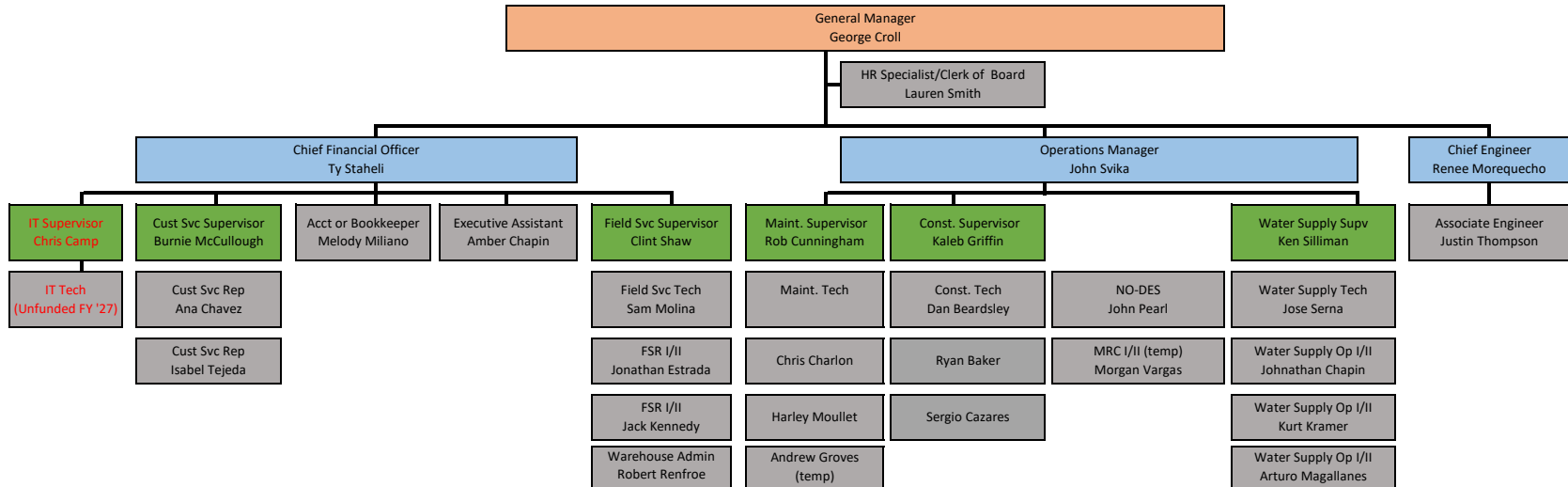
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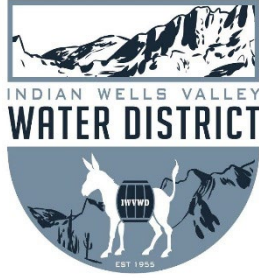
9.D.



Organizational Chart



WS, Maintenance, Construction, IT: 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Admin, Field Services, Customer Accounts: 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 All Departments are on a 4/10 Schedule



9.F.5.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

WORKSHOP AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

➤ **Watch meetings on-line:**

All District meetings are streamed live on the District's YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz6pnsZsIFy9yTFVmGH2Trg>
Recordings will be available for viewing after the meeting on the District's YouTube page.

➤ **Call in for public comments:**

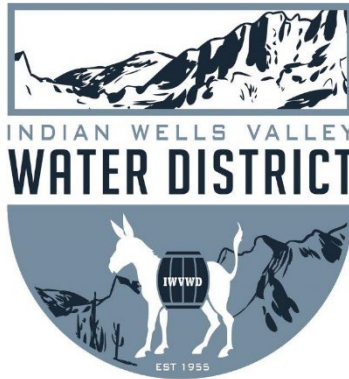
To make a public comment, please call: (760) 375-7548.
Callers will be placed in a queue and answered in the order they were received. If a member of the public wishes to comment on multiple items, they will need to call in as each item is presented to the Board.

(In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Lauren Smith at (760) 384-5502. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.5, any materials relating to an open session item on this agenda, distributed to the Board of Directors after the distribution of the agenda packet, will be made available for public inspection at the time of distribution at the following location: Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA).

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

(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).

7. **Board Workshop**
(This meeting is a planning session for the IWV Water District Board of Directors and the Water District Staff to discuss, consider, and prioritize present and/or future operations and projects for the year, which may also include but not be limited to matters relating to finances, management, and those items listed below. The intent of this meeting is to set forth a plan and a schedule to keep all of us on track. The goal is to have the agreed upon projects assigned to the appropriate committee with an assigned chairperson).
 - A. **Workshop Issues, Goals, and Priorities**
 1. Swamp Cooler Conversion Estimated Costs and Discussion
 2. Annual Water Loss Discussion
 - B. **Staff Goals**
Description: General Manager will Present Update on Goals for Calendar Year 2025:
 1. Conservation
 2. Capital Improvements
 3. Finance
 4. Engineering
 5. Operations
 6. IT/Software
 7. Admin/Personnel/HR
 8. Outreach
 9. Maintenance/Sustainment
 - C. **Board of Director Goals**
Description: Discussion on any Board of Director Goals.
 - D. **Review any Outstanding Issues**
Description: Review and Discussion on Outstanding Issues.
8. **Board Comments/Future Agenda Items**
9. **Adjournment**



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