

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Chuck Griffin, Don Zdeba, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renée Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Authorization to File Notice of Exemption: Dune 3 Mutual Water Company Consolidation

Committee reviewed the prepared Notice of Exemption for the consolidation with the Dune 3 Mutual Water Company. The project is exempt under Section 15302 and 15303. This is a replacement/reconstruction project and will not result in an increase in the number of customers served at this time. The Committee recommended the Board authorize staff to file the Notice of Exemption once it is reviewed by legal counsel.

4. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

After repair of the first section of pipe that was leaking, a new leak developed about ¼ mile west of the original leak location. After potholing east and west, staff determined that a second repair would not be possible. Staff is considering different replacement options, gathering quotes and is communicating with local banks regarding the feasibility of financing the replacement of the Inyokern Rd. section of this pipeline.

5. Well 31 Rehabilitation: Project Update

Layne will be back at Well 31 next week to get this well back in service. Staff is waiting for an exact date.

6. Booster Station and Tanks Project: Update

Electrical work continues at the booster station. The new MCC and pumps are scheduled to ship this month. The new C-zone tank was put into service last week, March 29th. At the College tank site, construction of the new tank began the week of March 20th.

7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Staff is working on getting Plant 2 ready for production. Coliform testing came back clean and Hach will be here next week to commission the new iron analyzer. Once that is functional, the plant will be put on line as needed. At Plant 1, Pureflow will be installing the new stainless steel underdrains the end of this month. Staff was able to locate a sieve that will allow re-use of much of the old filter media that was removed from the filter vessels.

8. Solar Production: Report

The Committee reviewed the Phase 1 report provided by ENGIE Services for July 2022 through March 2023. For March, the actual savings was \$50,926.72 and the guaranteed savings was \$47,914.37. The total savings this fiscal year is \$404,056.64. At the Well 35 site (Phase 2), actual savings for March was \$2,085.60 and the guaranteed savings was \$1,977.02. The total savings at the Well 35 site this calendar year is \$4,686.61.

9. Future Agenda Items

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.