

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JULY 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting 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 Ron Kicinski. **PLEDGE**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Mallory J. Boyd

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

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, July 10, 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 4:33 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Vice President Griffin approving the Minutes of the June 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, June 24, 2025, Special Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,666,386.33. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported the closing trial briefs for the Phase 1 trial to quantify the federal reserve water rights have been filed. Awaiting Judge Claster's final ruling. More information to come.

**COMPREHENSIVE
ADJUDICATION**

Phase 2 trial for the determination of the Basin's Safe Yield - has a trial date of June 1, 2026. The IWVGA and District successfully exchanged their model files on April 21st. Expert reports and designations will occur during August.

The District has responded to the IWVGA's letter regarding mediation (letters available on the District website), and are waiting a response from the IWVGA.

Staff continues to monitor the status of AB 1413 and AB 1466.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

QUITCLAIM STATUS UPDATE

Quitclaim for the parcel to the Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation has been filed with Kern County. No other updates available.

**QUITCLAIM
STATUS - APN
478-030-34**

REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Organizational Chart (included in the Board packet). The proposed changes include moving the IT position under the management of the Chief Financial Officer, and changing the title to "IT Supervisor", this does not affect the current budget or pay range for this position. The revisions also include an additional "IT Tech" position, which is unfunded until FY '27.

**REVISED ORG
CHART**

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the proposed revisions of the Organizational Chart as presented. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

The June IWVGA meeting was cancelled.

IWVGA

The next IWVGA Special Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

No further updates at this time.

For the month of June, 57 services were repaired and 19 were replaced. OPERATIONS
The NO-DES truck made one run in June. Since inception, the NO-DES
truck has filtered 9,522,204 gallons. 26 valves were exercised.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

The Board collectively thanked staff for their on-going hard work.

Director Rajtora commented he is excited about the prospect of a mediation between the IWVGA and District.

Vice President Griffin and President Saint-Amand both commented the District strongly supports the Navy, and are eager to pursue mediation with the IWVGA.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, August 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith

Recording Secretary

APPROVED: August 11, 2025