

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Chuck Griffin, Ron Kicinski, Jason Lillion, Renée Morquecho, and Ty Staheli

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)**

Director Griffin discussed the previous Groundwater Authority meeting. The GA is looking for direction on 1 of 2 funding options at the Federal level. One being a 75% reimbursement and a shorter timeline. The other is 100% covered but comes with a longer time frame.

The committee also would like to Kreiger and Stewart to reengage in the Recycled Water Project.

The District received a letter from the GA in response to the District's letter asking for clarifying information and additional data related to the imported water project. Further discussion to be had after the Board and Staff have reviewed the response.

**4. Future LADWP Aqueduct Water Release**

Committee wants to continue working on a long-term project for capture of future LADWP Aqueduct releases. Staff will resume the discussions after Mr. Croll is here.

**5. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water**

The Board has expressed interest in restarting discussions with the City of Ridgecrest and Stetson Engineering concerning recycled water. Director Griffin mentions the possible uses of both the waste water and the treated recycled water for different venues and events in the valley; watering hay, wetting the race track for View Finders. The Board feels that the IWVGA has decided that this project is not feasible due to the cost of treating the water and the limited uses.

**6. Brackish Water Study**

There is nothing to report on this subject. Director Kicinski believes that this is a discussion that the District has with the Navy base because the majority of the brackish water is under the base.

**7. Alternate Water Sources**

Director Griffin notes that there could be discussions regarding water banking and the possibility of trading Los Angeles Department of Water and Power aqueduct water for the Districts' water in Inyo county.

**a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley**

Despite the IWVGA's opinion of this area's water not being considered as new water, Director Griffin feels that the exploration of this area is important. He would like to see a production well drilled at some point so that we can see what kind of flow and draw down that area has.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

Director Griffin would like to discuss the possibility of moving this meeting to a later time of the day, possibly 3pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm