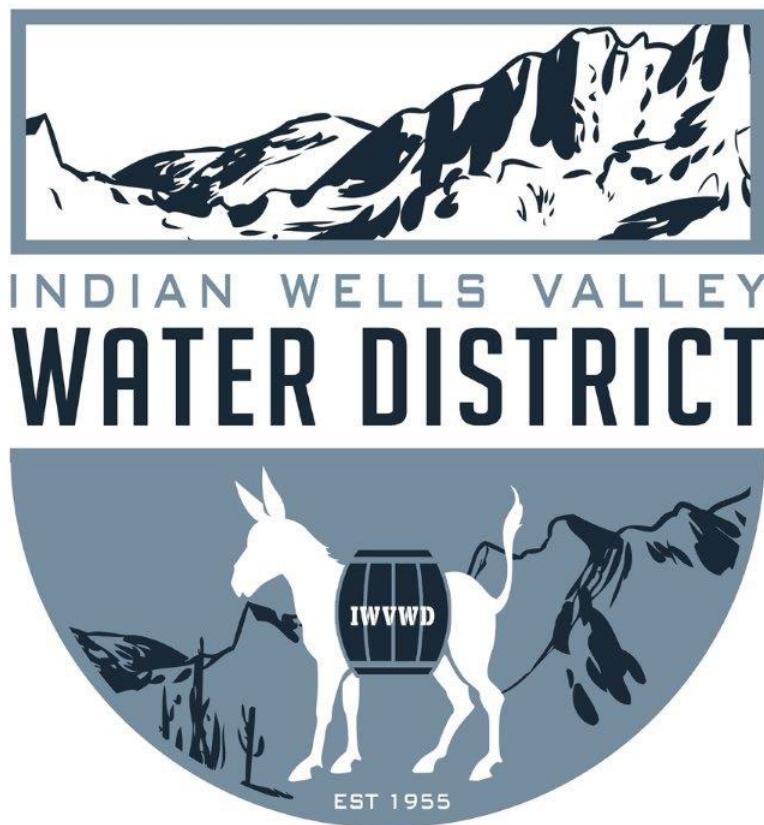


INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



October 15 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026
CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

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

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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. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Landowner Negotiator: Gary Arnold, Esq.
Property Description: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
- D. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Property Description: Butterworth Ranch
APN: 033-110-12 & APN: 033-110-19
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
- E. Real Property Negotiations
District Negotiators: Renee Morquecho and Jim Worth
Landowner Negotiator: Joey Dosen, Dosen Realty
Property Description: Vacant Parcel
APN: 341-082-42
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

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. September 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
 - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements.
- B. Administration / Executive Committee
 - 1. Designate voting representative for Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Description: Committee to discuss and designate a voting representative for ACWA's proposed Bylaws Amendments.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee recommends the full Board discuss and nominate.

C. Plant & Equipment Committee

1. Remote Site Security

Description: Staff will discuss implementing perimeter electrical fencing at District facilities to mitigate trespassing and theft.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee recommended staff present information to the full Board for further discussion.

D. Surplus Property Resolution

Description: Board to review Resolution declaring Grant Airport and Stine Ranch Properties as Surplus Land.

E. Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication

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

F. 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 November 11, 2026.

G. General Manager Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Water District Business

1. Significant WD events, service outages, emergencies etc.
2. Pertinent Legislative Updates
3. Personnel safety and injury reports

H. Engineering/Water Supply Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Engineering updates

1. Update on District consolidations
 - i. Inyokern CSD
 - ii. Rademacher Way/Gordon St.
 - iii. Dune 3 Mutual Water Company
 - iv. Stark Street Water System
2. Water Supply Department

I. Financial Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Report on the District's current financial status

1. Year to date water use
2. Financial Reports and status
3. Water Smart notifications
4. Turn-off/Turn on monthly data

- J. Operations Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

Description: Update on Operations

1. Valve exercising
2. Utility marking data (USA North and South)
3. NO-DES Flushing
4. After Hours Calls
5. Service Lateral Repairs
6. Lateral Replacements
7. Hydrants Repairs / Replacements
8. Mainline Repairs

10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items.
11. Date of next Regular Board meeting: **November 9,2026**
12. Adjournment.



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald R. Kicinski, President
David C. H. Saint-Amand, Vice President
Mallory J. Boyd
Charles D. Griffin
Stanley G. Rajtora

George D. Croll
General Manager
Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated
Engineers
McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence
Attorneys-at-Law

2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GRIFFIN/KICINSKI)

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/BOYD)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

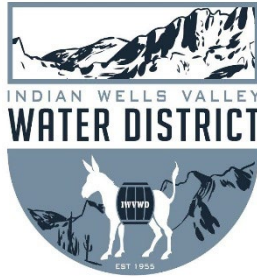
PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (RAJTORA/ SAINT-AMAND)

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.



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

Monday, October 5, 2026 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, David Saint-Amand, John Svika, Ty Staheli, Renee Morquecho and Justin Thompson.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

Renee Westa-Lusk commented on long range planning for District staffing. Dr. Morquecho responded that personnel planning falls under her purview and that staff is planning for upcoming retirements; she offered to speak with Renee directly.

3. Remote Site Security

Justin Thompson reported that repeated thefts, including a recent one at Well 30 despite newly installed cameras, led staff to evaluate a vendor, Amarok, for monitored perimeter electric fencing at the solar fields. The vendor installs the fencing inside existing district fencing, monitors it 24/7 and assumes liability. The fence delivers a non-lethal pulse; an intrusion triggers lights and an alarm, and the monitoring center notifies the Sheriff and then District staff. The system does not include cameras, and staff have noted the existing cameras have not deterred theft or led to arrests.

In response to questions from Director Saint-Amand, staff reported theft-related repair costs of about \$170,000 over the past year, with the most recent theft expected to bring the total above \$200,000. Director Saint-Amand noted the District has video of the suspects going to a residence, but no arrest has been made. Staff reported the proposed service would cost \$87,000 to \$92,000 per year for all six solar sites under a minimum three-year contract (\$264,000 to \$279,000 total). Pump houses are already alarmed and are not included.

Director Rajtora stated the fencing should be a last resort and suggested the General Manager and Board President first ask the Kern County Board of Supervisors for better law enforcement response, including cooperation between the Sheriff and Ridgecrest Police Department. Dr. Morquecho stated the fencing is intended as a deterrent, since damage occurs before any

response; Ridgecrest Police lacks jurisdiction, and the Highway Patrol handles after-hours calls. Staff described a recent incident in which the Sheriff did not respond, and noted online reports have gone unanswered. Director Rajtora stated he was not convinced of the expense but agreed the full Board should decide.

The Committee directed staff to place the item and vendor materials in the Board packet in advance, invite the vendor to give a short presentation, have Ty Staheli prepare a budget explanation, and mention the item to the Administrative Committee.

Renee Westa-Lusk asked about the fence design, risk to wildlife, after-hours law enforcement response and the scope of the cost. Staff stated it is a second fence inside the existing one; the shock is non-lethal, existing fencing has tortoise mesh, and the vendor will address wildlife in its presentation. Staff stated after-hours emergency calls (about 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) go to the Highway Patrol, and that the annual cost covers all six sites, with details and maps to be included in the Board packet.

4. Water System Consolidations: Update

- Inyokern CSD: Staff reported no news from the State regarding consolidation with the Inyokern CSD.
- Dune 3: Encroachment permit application submitted. Contractor applying for rider permit and construction tentatively beginning week of Oct. 19
- Stark Street: Easements in progress, being handled by subcontractor for the Groundwater Authority. Funding application in progress to target second half of 2027.
- Rademacher Way (Phase 2): Parts are on order. Staking tentatively week of Oct. 12 and construction to begin week of Oct. 19

5. Potential Grant-Funded Projects: Update

George Croll reported that the Storm Water Resource Plan draft is well along and that the State Water Board was expected to approve final Proposition 4 guidelines the following day. The plan requires coordination with the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program, the Groundwater Authority and other agencies, and must include projects solicited from other entities (Inyo-Mono, the City, the Groundwater Authority). Mr. Croll asked whether the Board wants a formal presentation and schedule at its next meeting; Director Saint-Amand referred the question to the Administrative Committee.

The Senate's 2027 Energy and Water appropriations proposal includes roughly \$30 billion (about \$15 billion each) for the drinking water and clean water State Revolving Funds. No new SRF money has been added yet; little is expected until after the continuing resolution expires December 11. If funded, the district would be well positioned to apply.

Staff stated the listed projects are in priority order, with La Mirage the highest priority. The agenda description will be revised to an update on potential grant-funded projects.

Director Rajtora asked about the previously deferred CMLC testing program. Staff confirmed it is still needed and still unfunded. Continuity testing on the Bowman line costs about \$30,000 and must precede cathodic protection, which will cost \$1,000,000. Staff intends to pursue budgeting the testing and cathodic protection.

6. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were added.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2026 – 3:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika, and Justin Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

Nothing to report.

4. Year-end Financial Reporting

Description: Discuss the format of year-end reporting

The Committee discussed proposed changes to the year-end reporting proposed by Board Member Rajtora. The Committee discussed the challenges with year-end reporting due to the accruals and the whether the proposed changes are necessary.

Committee recommends bringing the item to the Board in November for discussion.

5. Financial Statements September 30, 2026 (preliminary)

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

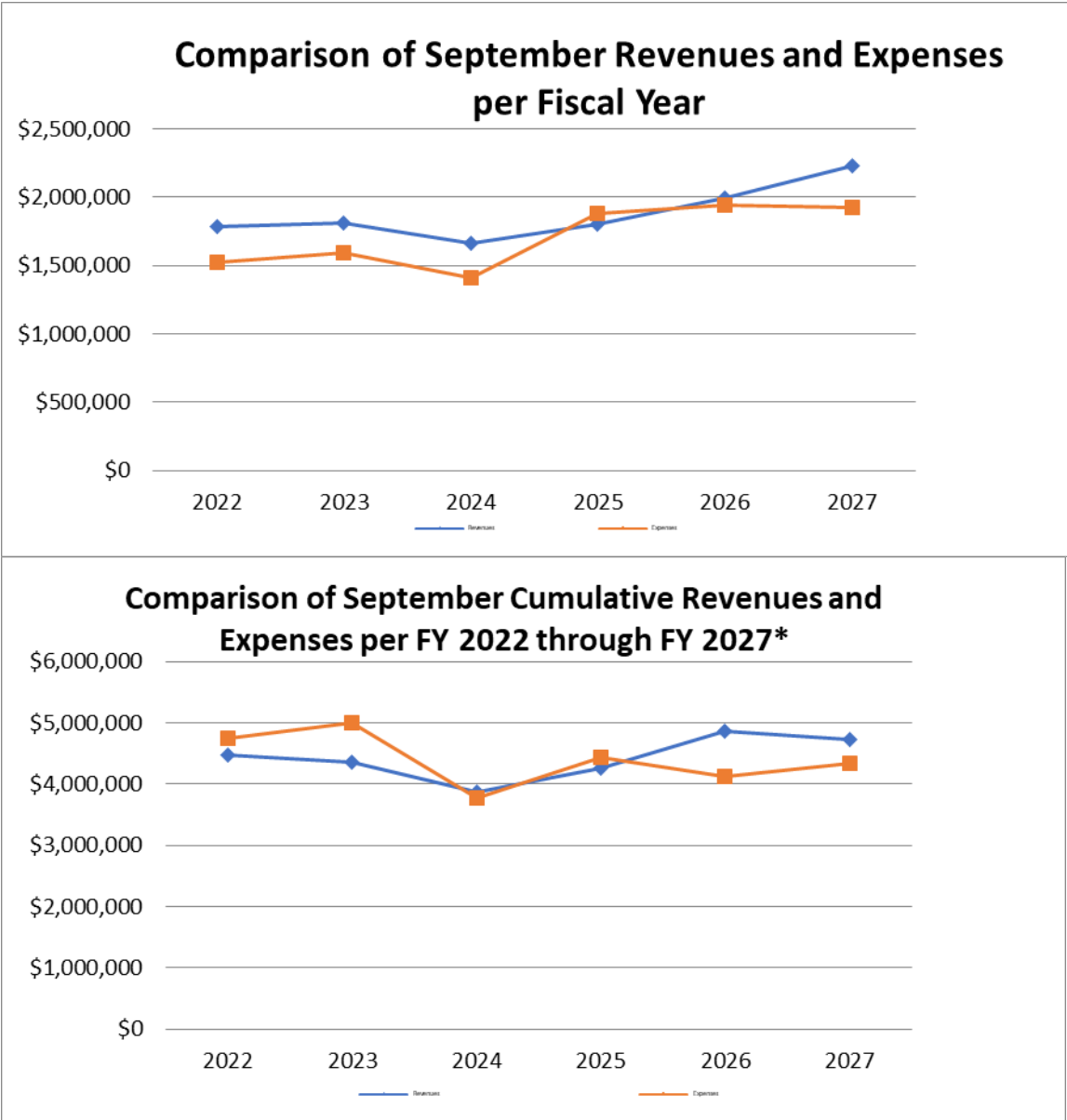
Estimated year-to-date revenues as of September 30, 2026, are \$4,719,475 and expenses are \$4,328,787, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by \$390,688, which is better than budget by \$997,129.

To date, the District rate payers have paid the Groundwater Authority \$21,466,647 in fees.

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

Indian Wells Valley Water District
Revenues vs. Expense
Actuals & Budget through September 2026 (Preliminary)

	2027 Budget	YTD Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues				
Total Water Sales	16,464,300	3,541,499	3,292,155	-249,345
GSA Fees	2,962,200	794,711	1,066,019	271,308
Total Water Service Revenue	410,900	99,849	118,215	18,366
Total Non-Operating Income	591,000	143,613	91,917	-51,696
Capital Contributions	215,000	52,245	151,169	98,924
Total Revenues	20,643,400	4,631,917	4,719,475	87,558
Expenses				
Water Supply	2,040,696	509,970	330,915	-179,055
Arsenic Treatment Plants	413,231	103,266	102,458	-808
Transmission & Distribution	1,929,167	482,099	297,372	-184,726
Engineering	615,404	153,789	144,320	-9,470
Customer Service	652,104	162,961	83,915	-79,046
Field Services	696,494	174,054	95,928	-78,126
General & Administration	3,750,556	937,264	683,717	-253,547
Legal	1,680,000	419,832	159,624	-260,208
Legislative	125,900	31,462	26,072	-5,390
Depreciation	3,300,000	825,000	825,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,614,366	266,743	266,355	-389
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	497,500	124,325	136,764	12,439
GSA Fees	3,166,617	1,027,301	1,163,347	136,047
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	8,547	0	-8,547
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	47,000	11,745	13,000	1,255
Total Expenses	20,563,235	5,238,359	4,328,787	-909,571
Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	80,165	-606,442	390,688	997,129
Capital Expenditures			411,156	
-Bond or Grant Funded			169,374	
Debt Service Principle			253,416	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid			4,078,627	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid			17,388,019	
			21,466,647	



**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 \$1,348,979.23 as follows:

Checks through	9/10/2026	9/24/2026
Prepaid	53,844.23	53,922.67
Current	430,165.72	811,046.61
Total	484,009.95	864,969.28

7. Future Agenda Items

Unanticipated Use Claim Program
Purchasing Policy Update

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:29 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2026

3:00 PM

BOARDROOM OR [ZOOM ROOM](#)

500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, David Saint-Amand, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika, Justin Thompson and Isabel Tejada

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)

Renee Morquecho reported there is one outstanding PRR that legal is working on.

4. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

The IWVGA agenda has not been published yet, there is nothing new to report on or discuss, there will be a full report at the next Board meeting.

5. Designate voting representative for Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Committee discussed nominating Director Boyd as the voting representative, he has represented the District in the past. The committee defers to the full Board for the final nomination.

6. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2026

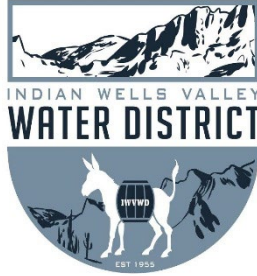
The Committee reviewed and approved the draft Agenda

7. Future Agenda Items

Vice President Saint-Amand stated that he would like to see the IT Technician position that was approved by the Board in next years budget.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

September 14, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Saint-Amand.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

ROLL CALL

STAFF PRESENT: Renée Morquecho, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Justin Thompson, Chief Engineer
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
John Svika, Operations Manager
Isabel Tejeda, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING
REMOTELY: George Croll, Special Projects Coordinator

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejeda, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

**AGENDA
DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:36 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:06 p.m.

Jim Worth reported the Board declared the real property identified as the Grant Airport and Stine Ranch as surplus property and authorized staff to explore options for selling the properties.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk and Mike Sinnott.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving the Minutes of the August 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$1,339,363.38. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Kicinski, Rajtora, Griffin, Boyd, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: None.)

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

October Board Meeting Date

President Kicinski explained to the Board and Public that the October Regular Board Meeting date falls on a holiday and there will be community forums for local candidates the same week. President Kicinski would like the Board to keep those events in mind when choosing the alternative date for the next Board Meeting. The Board and staff discussed their schedules and decided October 15, 2026 will be the date for the October Board Meeting.

**OCTOBER BOARD
MEETING DATE**

ADMINISTRATION / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Renee Morquecho presented a resolution that authorizes the General Manager to request and apply for funding on behalf of the District for the Stark Street Consolidation construction. Dr. Morquecho explained that this was recommended by the District's grant manager as the first step in the process. The same resolution was passed for the Dune 3 consolidation.

**STARK STREET
CONSOLIDATION
RESOLUTION**

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd approving the resolution as presented by staff. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Director Griffin informed the Board there was a discussion in the Administration / Executive committee about adding an Agenda item that addresses how the District can assist customers with leaks.

Finance Committee

Ty Staheli informed the Board of payment processing costs that have increased from an average of \$60,000 per year to \$250,000 per year. Mr. Staheli explained there has been an industry-wide movement to push card fees onto customers. The District's current payment processing company offers the option to pass the card processing fees directly to the customer, the fee would be \$3 minimum or 3.5% of the payment. Cash, check, electronic check, ACH, and bank BillPay payments would continue to be accepted at no cost to the customer. Mr. Staheli estimates the District would save approximately \$110,000. The District will provide at least a two months' notice to customers.

**CREDIT CARD
FEES**

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Rajtora approving staff's recommendation of passing payment processing fees for card payments to customers. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

Jim Worth reported that the District is still working with all the involved parties to select a Special Water Master that everyone is comfortable with. Mr. Worth also informed the Board that there was a name provided by the State Board as a potential Special Water Master. There is a hearing set for September 24th with the court and if there is not a Special Master selected during the hearing, then there may be a process decided by the Judge to follow in order to make a decision. Mr. Worth informed the public and the Board that the Phase 2 closing trial brief is due on September 21st and confirmed it will be filed on time. The brief will be made available on the District's website once it is filed.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Mike Sinnott and Mike Neel.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

Vice President Saint-Amand reported that the closed session at the last IWVGA meeting went until 12:30 pm which resulted in seven out of the twelve people that were in attendance to leave before open session began. Mr. Saint-Amand requested that the closed session be moved to the end of the meeting in order to facilitate public participation. Vice President Saint-Amand reported there was a review of the draft 2027 budget for the IWVGA and he did request some clarification on a few of the items in the budget that he expects to be cleared up at the October meeting. There was also discussion on a potential unanticipated water loss program that would assist customers in paying for increased bills caused by leaks.

Special Projects Coordinator, George Croll, gave a presentation on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funding for the Imported Water Pipeline Project.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Mike Sinnott and Renee Westa-Lusk.

General Manager Update

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Renee Morquecho reported there was only one significant event in August which was already reported on at the last Board meeting. Dr. Morquecho also reported that SB1125 (State rate assistance fund), AB 2739 (Community Water Affordability Program), AB 2469 and 2619 (water use by data centers) are all waiting on the Governor's signature. There was nothing significant to report in regards to personal safety or injuries.

Engineering Update/Water Supply Update

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Water Systems Consolidations:

- o Inyokern CSD: Nothing to report at this time.
- o Rademacher Way/Gordon St: There will be a meeting this week for a last attempt at getting the final easement. If staff is unable to get the final easements the Construction crew will move forward and complete the project with two dead ends.

- o Dune 3: The contractor has been given the Notice to Proceed on August 31st which starts their 250 days to complete, which would be May 8, 2027. No start day has been scheduled as of today.
- o Stark Street: Final design was received from Krieger and Stewart. Staff will continue working on obtaining easements for the project.

George Croll gave an update on the potential Prop 4-funded storm water capture project. He continues to meet with different agencies to gather support the project. Mr. Croll explained the District would like to capture storm water as it heads down Little Dixie Wash. Mr. Croll continues to work on the Storm Water Resource Plan which is required to apply for the grant.

Justin Thompson reported that Arsenic Treatment Plant 1 is active and running. General maintenance will be performed regularly during the pumping season. There is still maintenance to complete at Arsenic Treatment Plant 2. Staff is waiting on a flow sensor to be delivered. Mr. Thompson also reported the final camera installation is being completed at Arsenic Treatment Plant 2 and Well 31.

**WATER SUPPLY
UPDATE**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

**FINANCIAL
UPDATE**

Ty Staheli reported total billed consumption for the month of August. Mr. Staheli presented an update to the June 2026 Financial Report. Total revenues are just over \$20 million, expenditures at \$18.7 million which is \$1.1 million below budget, this results in a net of \$1.774 million. Mr. Staheli informed the Board additional year-entries have yet to be made that will impact the net revenue. Estimated year-to-date revenues as of August 31, 2026, are \$2,562,261 and expenses are \$2,268,010, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by \$294,000 which is better than budget by \$840,589. The District ratepayers have paid \$20,791,956 to the IWVGA in replenishment and extraction fees. Staff also provided an update on delinquent account turn offs and WaterSmart alerts.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Operations Update

**OPERATIONS
UPDATE**

John Svika reported there were 54 valves exercised. There were 240 USA locates. Staff reported 28 after-hour calls. For the month there were 35 service lateral repairs, 17 lateral replacements, 93 valves were turned and 30 customer assists.

Mr. Svika also gave an update to the Board that the District's metal building foundation is out of the engineering stage.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS/
FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Director Boyd thanked the staff for their hard work and gave praise to George Croll for his well-informed WRDA presentation.

Director Rajtora reiterated to staff that he would also like to see an Agenda item in November that addresses how the District can assist customers with leaks. He also asked staff if there is a better process so that the financial reports are more accurate throughout the year instead of waiting for end of year reports.

Director Griffin thanked the Board agreeing to get an Agenda item that addresses how the District can assist customers with leaks, He also

expressed he would like the District to create a new position for a governmental affairs or grant writer.

Vice President Saint-Amand thanked the staff for their dedication to transparency and praised them on their efforts that have resulted in District Transparency and District of Distinction awards. He also reassured the public that he will continue to advocate for the IWVGA to have their Board meetings at a more convenient time for the public.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2026.

**DATE OF NEXT
BOARD MEETING**

ADJOURNMENT

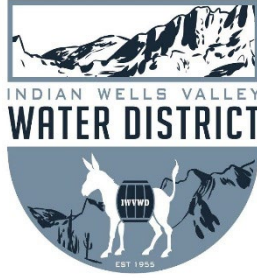
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejeda
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____



9.B.1.

Via U.S. Electronic Mail

TO: ACWA Member Agency Board Presidents and General Managers
CC: ACWA Board of Directors
FROM: Karla Nemeth, ACWA Executive Director
DATE: September 28, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to ACWA's Bylaws by Written Ballot

ACWA will conduct a vote of the membership by electronic ballot on proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws, as recommended by the Board of Directors on September 25, 2026.

The voting will be conducted by electronic ballot consistent with the voting process used by members to elect Board Officers and region boards. Conducting the vote electronically provides all members an opportunity to participate, rather than limiting voting to members attending an ACWA conference, thereby promoting broader member participation and engagement.

Each member agency is entitled to one vote that will be cast by its authorized voting representative. Member agencies must designate their voting representative by submitting the attached Voting Representative Form by **Friday, October 30**.

Important Next Steps

- 1. Designate voting representative:** Fill out the attached Voting Representative Form by Friday, October 30. Note: ACWA will also use this designee as the voting representative in next year's election for ACWA's Board Officers and region boards for the 2028-'29 term. You will have the opportunity to change the designation prior to the deadline for nominating candidates if desired.
- 2. Review proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws:** These are available online at <https://www.acwa.com/2026-bylaws/> as well as attached.
- 3. Have designated voter prepare for the electronic voting:** Your designated voter will receive an email directly from Simply Voting on November 9. Have them add (vote@simplyvoting.com) to their safe-senders list to ensure delivery of the ballot. **Ballots must be submitted by December 18.**

More information on the proposed Amended & Restated Bylaws, voting process, and next steps is available at <https://www.acwa.com/2026-bylaws/>. For additional questions regarding the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws or the voting process, please contact ACWA's General Counsel Joshua Nelson at 916-951-2859 or joshua.nelson@bbklaw.com or Senior Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at 916-669-2425 or donnap@acwa.com.



Attachments (Also see website [link](#) for these materials.):

1. Authorized Voting Representative Form
2. Proposed Amendments to ACWA's Bylaws Summary Table
3. Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws (redline version)
4. Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws (clean version)

ACWA members will vote by electronic ballot on proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Key Details:

- **Electronic Voting:** Voting will be conducted electronically by each member agency's designated voter.
- **Designated Voter:** Each agency must **designate one voting representative by October 30**. To designate your agency's voter, please submit this **Authorized Voting Representative Form** by the deadline.
Note: ACWA will also use the person designated below as the voting representative in next year's election for ACWA's Board Officers and region boards for the 2028-'29 term. You will have an opportunity to change the designation prior to the deadline for nominating candidates, if desired.
- **Default Voter:** If no representative is designated by the deadline, your agency's **General Manager** will be the authorized voter by default.
- **Ballot Distribution:** Authorized voters will receive an electronic ballot on November 9.

For more information about ACWA's elections, visit: www.acwa.com/elections.

The person designated below will cast our agency's vote for the proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws process in 2026 and the election of ACWA's President, Vice President and Region Board for the 2028-'29 term.

Member Agency's Name		Agency's Phone No.
Authorized Voting Representative's Name	Authorized Voting Representative's Email	Authorized Voting Representative's Phone No.

Print Name of Member Agency's Authorized Signatory

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Authorized Signatory Signature

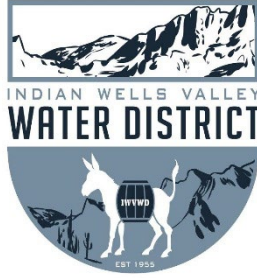
Date

SUBMIT YOUR FORM

To: Donna Pangborn, Senior Clerk of the Board
Email: donnap@acwa.com
Mail: 980 9th Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

OCT. 30, 2026



9.C.1.

IWVWD - System cost summary

EGD electric fencing | Six-site solar-only selection | Quoted 5-6+ site discounted rates

Site name	Site address (as quoted)	Monthly cost
ARP 2 Solar	35.642778, -117.711667 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$1,198.00
Well 30 Solar	35.649472, -117.775417 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$1,832.00
Well 31 Solar	35.638094, -117.778197 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$1,091.00
Well 33 Solar	35.600300, -117.805156 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$1,328.00
Well 34 Solar	35.606261, -117.797992 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$964.00
Well 35 Solar	35.607194, -117.789589 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$914.00
TOTAL - SIX SITES		\$7,327.00

WELL 35 ALTERNATIVE - substitute for the solar-only option above; do not add both.

Well 35 Solar - alternate	35.607194, -117.789589 Ridgecrest, California 93555	\$1,335.00
TOTAL WITH ALTERNATE		\$7,748.00

Commercial terms

Construction / installation \$0.00

First invoice After installation; no payment due until then.

Minimum contract years 3 years (36 months)

Annualized cost basis Monthly rate x 12. This is not a confirmed multi-year contract to

Included: 24/7 technical and customer support, preventive maintenance, reporting, onsite tech s

Annualized cost	Monthly concession vs. 1-2-site rate	Annualized concession	Minimum contract years
\$14,376.00	\$343.00	\$4,116.00	3 years (36 months)
\$21,984.00	\$524.00	\$6,288.00	3 years (36 months)
\$13,092.00	\$312.00	\$3,744.00	3 years (36 months)
\$15,936.00	\$380.00	\$4,560.00	3 years (36 months)
\$11,568.00	\$276.00	\$3,312.00	3 years (36 months)
\$10,968.00	\$261.00	\$3,132.00	3 years (36 months)
\$87,924.00	\$2,096.00	\$25,152.00	
\$16,020.00	\$381.00	\$4,572.00	3 years (36 months)
\$92,976.00	\$2,216.00	\$26,592.00	

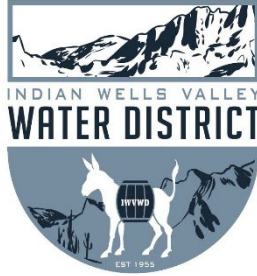
IWVWD - Three-tier pricing

All three pricing tiers are quoted monthly discounted rates.

Site name / quote option	Site address (as quoted)	EGD fence (linear ft)	1-2 sites / month
ARP 2 Solar	35.642778, -117.711667 Ridgecrest, California 93555	1,110	\$1,541.00
Well 30 Solar	35.649472, -117.775417 Ridgecrest, California 93555	1,649	\$2,356.00
Well 31 Solar	35.638094, -117.778197 Ridgecrest, California 93555	975	\$1,403.00
Well 33 Solar	35.600300, -117.805156 Ridgecrest, California 93555	1,014	\$1,708.00
Well 34 Solar	35.606261, -117.797992 Ridgecrest, California 93555	815	\$1,240.00
Well 35 Solar	35.607194, -117.789589 Ridgecrest, California 93555	734	\$1,175.00
Well 35 Solar - alternate	35.607194, -117.789589 Ridgecrest, California 93555	1,113	\$1,716.00

Annualized cost = Monthly rate x 12. This is not a confirmed multi-year contract total.

3-4 sites / month*	5-6+ sites / month	5-6+ annualized cost	Minimum contract years
\$1,369.00	\$1,198.00	\$14,376.00	3 years (36 months)
\$2,094.00	\$1,832.00	\$21,984.00	3 years (36 months)
\$1,247.00	\$1,091.00	\$13,092.00	3 years (36 months)
\$1,518.00	\$1,328.00	\$15,936.00	3 years (36 months)
\$1,102.00	\$964.00	\$11,568.00	3 years (36 months)
\$1,044.00	\$914.00	\$10,968.00	3 years (36 months)
\$1,525.00	\$1,335.00	\$16,020.00	3 years (36 months)



9.D.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BORAD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT DECLARING
CERTAIN DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY "SURPLUS"
PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54221(b) (1)

WHEREAS, the Surplus Land Act, codified in California Government Code Section 54220 et seq., ("SLA") defines "surplus land" as land owned in fee by any local agency for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency's use; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2020, Assembly Bill (AB) 1486 amended the SLA to require the District to formally declare District-owned properties as "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land" prior to taking actions to dispose of such properties; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of surplus land, and the issuing of notices of availability required by the SLA, is a process adopted in State law, with the intent of ensuring prioritization of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the District may satisfy the SLA by declaring multiple parcels as "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land" on an annual basis; however, such a declaration does not obligate the District to subsequently dispose of these properties or require the District to move forward with disposition of any property; and

WHEREAS, District staff has identified 2 properties that total approximately 724.73 acres, which are not needed for the District's operations ("Surplus Properties") as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, this declaration of Surplus Properties does not obligate the District to subsequently dispose of the land and the District may in the future determine that these properties are necessary for district use and not move forward with any disposition of any specific property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District as follows:

1. Based on the above recitals and its independent review of Exhibit A, the Board hereby declares the properties listed in Exhibit A to be "Surplus" Properties.
2. The Board finds and determines that this action results in no binding commitment by the District to authorize or advance the disposition of any of the Surplus Properties; will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and does not constitute an "approval" of a "project" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15004 and 15352.

All the foregoing being on the motion of _____ and seconded by _____, and authorized by the following vote, namely:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of Indian Wells Valley Water District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at a legally convened meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Board of Directors this ____ day of _____, 2026..

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Ronald R. Kicinski
President, Board of Directors
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

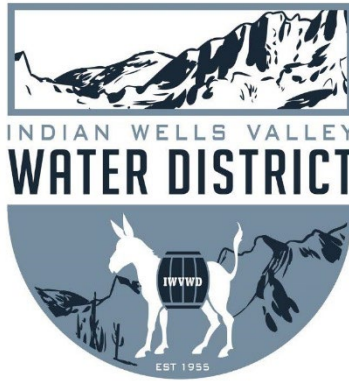
ATTEST:

Renee Morquecho
Secretary, Board of Directors
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

SURPLUS PROPERTIES				
The following properties have been identified as surplus land in accordance with Government Code Section 54221.				
Address	APN	Size		Intended Use
Walker Creek Road, Olancho	033-490-03	364.73 Ac	Grant	OS-40/RR-5.0
701 East Walker Creek Road, Olancho	033-060-020 & 021	360 Ac	Stine	OS-40



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