

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Peter Brown, Don Zdeba, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

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

The Committee discussed the November 17, 2018 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the future of the IWVGA Board with the Indian Wells Valley Water District as chair. Peter Brown hopes for the TAC to have more say, to have the chance to validate data, and evaluate costs and budgets. The Committee discussed the possibility of bringing down costs as much as possible and re-directing some of the Proposition 1 funds to be used in different ways. Don Zdeba, Ron Strand, and Lauren Duffy will be meeting with Stetson Engineers on December 18, 2018 to discuss administration issues going forward.

**4. Hydrological Conceptual Model (HCM)**

Don Zdeba reported that a presentation on aspects of the HCM was made at the ACWA Fall Conference last week. A draft final report is expected to be finished sometime in December. A presentation is intended to be made in mid-late January 2019 at Ridgecrest City Hall. Staff is hoping to conduct another SkyTEM flight to collect data in the El Paso basin. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is interested in banking water in this area and an additional SkyTEM flight may be advantageous for them to participate in and possibly fund.

**5. Brackish Water Study (BWG)**

The Grant Contract with the State currently remains un-signed. An amendment to an agreement between Desert Research Institute (DRI) and the IWVGA was approved at the November 17<sup>th</sup> IWVGA Regular Board meeting. The amendment states “DRI Proposal for Simulation of Water Extraction Scenarios for the Brackish Water Group,” outlining nine model scenarios requested by the BWG along with the budgetary cost associated. The additional work by DRI will require an increased budget estimated at \$53,000. The costs are to be reimbursed by the BWG. Exhibit A, referenced in the agreement, is being

amended to include the statement provided by the Brackish Water Group and agreed to by DRI.

The BWG is working with Stetson Engineers, mainly Jean Moran, to find locations for monitoring wells to fill data gaps. DWR has agreed to fund the drilling of one well, maybe two. The drilling was originally scheduled to commence in November, however that deadline was unable to be met. The contract with the driller has been extended or renewed so the timing is no longer an issue. The Group is working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to locate an area for the well, preferably undisturbed land.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.