

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Ron Kicinski, Don Zdeba, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

The Committee discussed the February 21, 2019, IWVGA Regular Board Meeting and actions taken. Specifically, that many of the financial responsibilities currently being handled by Kern County staff will be taken over by IWVWD staff.

4. Hydrological Conceptual Model (HCM)

Don Zdeba reported that the presentation has been postponed and is now tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2019. The draft final report is expected to be finished soon and will be presented to the TAC and Brackish Water Group (BWG) at the March 7th meeting for review and comment.

Cole Karr, the newly appointed Public Affairs Field Coordinator for IWV with the California Special District's Association (CSDA), met with Don Zdeba to become familiar with the IWVWD. From that interaction, Mr. Karr was informed of the SkyTEM project, which resulted in CSDA requesting Mr. Zdeba to write an article for the March/April edition of the Special District magazine. The article has been written and sent to CSDA staff for printing.

5. Brackish Water Study

The Grant Contract with the State currently remains un-signed. With transfer of the expenses associated with the SkyTEM work transferred to the Stanford Groundwater Architecture Project (GAP), there is now funding available for other project-related tasks. The revised project scope is almost completed and will be submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) for approval.

Stetson Engineers requested an extensive list of information from the BWG. The request stated the information is needed by March 20th in order to consider brackish water project in the final recommended management actions for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

(GSP). The BWG is currently working on providing as much information as they can by the requested March 20th deadline, however model runs are subject to GA priorities for Desert Research Institute. The BWG has been assured by the Water Resource Manager the Brackish Study will be included in the GSP as it is being funded through a Prop. 1 grant by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). It is reasonable to expect DWR would want to see the project in the GSP.

The BWG is also currently looking at a second location for a test well. The location is on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in the southwest area, where total dissolved solids (TDS) levels are low/high.

6. Alternate Water Sources

The Committee discussed the reclamation for sewer water project that the City has been discussing with the Navy. No further report available.

It was also discussed the options for San Bernardino and fresh water sources in Great Falls, Homeward Canyon, and Searles Valley.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.