

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 – 2:00 PM

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Stan Rajtora, Don Zdeba, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli and Jason Lillion.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Well 30 Repairs: Update**

Best Drilling & Pump began work at Well 30 on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. No obvious damage was seen to the casing, but virtually all equipment in the well including the pump and motor needs to be replaced. All parts have been ordered and Best began brushing to clean the well yesterday. Best expects to be finished by the end of the month.

**4. Hometown Town Water Association Consolidation: Update**

Staff participated in a call yesterday between the California Rural Water Association (CRWA), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and the Hometown Water Association. The goal of the call was to determine who would be the applicant for funding and what type of application would be necessary (planning or construction). The CRWA had used census data to determine the water association's eligibility for grant funding, but the SWRCB found that insufficient and demined that an income survey was necessary. The SWRCB has assigned the income survey to Self-Help Enterprises who will assist the water association.

**5. Public Health Goals Report: Comments**

The Committee had no comments on the report and recommended the Board accept the report.

**6. Bulk Water Station Upgrades: Update**

Communication issues continue to be a problem, but staff is working with the manufacturer so that the lack of communication with the server does not keep the station from functioning and allowing

customers to pump water. Staff will continue to work with the manufacturer on this issue. The Board will be updated on the request for monthly billing at the Board meeting.

**7. WSIP/Well 35: Update**

Staff is currently reviewing 90% plans and specifications for the project. As soon as Staff has completed its review, they will meet with Krieger & Stewart to finalize the bid package.

**8. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update**

The level indicator was replaced at Plant 2 a few weeks ago and has been running without issues since. Both plants are online.

**9. SCADA System Upgrade Project: Update**

ATSI is in the process of ordering parts and programming the system. Staff expects the project to be finished by Thanksgiving.

**10. Evaporative Cooler Study: Update**

Staff will be collecting more data this week and will present it to the Board on Monday. Based on the first month's data, the average water use is around 8 gallons per hour.

**11. AMI Pilot Project: Update**

Staff continues to install the AMI registers. There are some connection issues in outlying areas but staff and Neptune are aware of the issues and have been working on locating more collector sites around town. Neptune will be here next week to do a field visit and look at potential sites for installation of additional collectors.

**12. Solar Production: Report**

The Committee reviewed the report provided by ENGIE Services for July 2018 to July 2019. The guaranteed savings during that time was \$531,296.75 and actual savings was \$554,561.71.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- WellIntel for WSIP monitoring wells
- Potable water tank inspections/repairs

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.