

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025 – 3:00PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

CFO Ty Staheli commented that the District's updated Cross Connection Control Policy will be on the Board Agenda for Monday. The District must adopt a new policy prior to July 1st.

3. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project/Crossing at Brady Street: Update

The contractor has completed the pipeline installation under Hwy 178 at Brady Street. In the next few weeks there will be some road repair needed on the south side on Brady Street and staff will perform a final walkthrough and review of all the corrective and outstanding work items. Once the repair to the pipeline in Brady are complete, staff will be flushing and disinfecting the new NW transmission pipeline to bring it online.

4. Brady Street Pipeline Break: Update

The construction crew has completed a second repair on this transmission line and will be flushing and chlorinating the pipe this week.

5. Water System Consolidations: Update

Hometown Water: The State continues to push Hometown to consolidate. Meanwhile, the DDW has approved the final plans and staff will be billing the State for expenses to date.

Rademacher Way: Construction of Phase 1 has begun. Most of the pipe has been placed. The Construction Crew will complete construction once the repairs on Brady Street have been completed. The State DDW approved the plans for Phase 2 with the addition of one more control valve. Staff sent follow up letters to the out-of-town owners for the remaining easements.

Dune 3: The State approved the Right-of-Entry agreement. Staff will be sending the agreement to all the property owners that are served by Dune 3. All property owners must sign the ROE agreement before the project can be bid. The agreement between the District and Dune 3 was approved by the Board last month but still needs to be signed by Dune 3. Staff is reviewing the bid packet/project specifications.

6. Arsenic Plants: Update

Plant 1 is up and running. Plant 2 is ready, but not being used until the Brady Street transmission line is back online.

7. Senate Bill 496 (Hurtado): Discussion

SB 496: Safe and Clean Fleet bill would have added flexibility for local agencies seeking to comply with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) regulations concerning medium and heavy-duty vehicle fleet electrification. The measure would have exempted vehicles used to respond to emergency situations or support those efforts. Although the bill did not move out of the Appropriations Committee, it had received unanimous votes in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and Senate Transportation Committee. This Committee agreed this is something the District needs to keep an eye on. Most District vehicles respond to emergency situations and should be exempt for the requirement for electrification.

8. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

Operations Manager Jason Lillion stated that is still waiting on data from recycled water projects in El Paso, TX, Orange County, and San Diego. The District continues to explore the best use for recycled water in this valley. The use of recycled water for groundwater recharge is a proven technology that is used throughout the State. The facility in Orange County has been recycling wastewater since the 1970s. El Paso recently broke ground on an advanced water purification plant that will convert treated wastewater into drinking water. It will be the first of its kind in the nation.

9. Future Agenda Items

- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.