

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

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

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli, Justin Thompson and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Recycled Water Feasibility Study: Discussion

The District requested access to the City's wastewater effluent during the last City Council meeting. Since the City still has an agreement with the IWV Groundwater Authority until November, the Council directed the District to speak to the GA. Meanwhile, staff is looking for direction from the Board on whether to move ahead with a feasibility study and cost estimate by Krieger & Stewart or a study by Parker Groundwater on the best areas in the valley for injection and/or percolation of recycled water and other captured water. The Committee indicated they are not in a hurry to make a recommendation since the wastewater effluent is tied up with the GA until at least November. Staff indicated they would bring a proposal to the Committee next month.

4. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

The contractor has completed the fence repairs and those repairs were witnessed by Navy security. The District has negotiated a plan to find the trash bag that was sucked into the pipe during a flushing event. The SWRCB Division of Drinking Water (DDW) has agreed to the plan which will involve accessing the pipe at two locations and placing a camera in the pipe to locate the bag. If it is not located, the DDW has agreed that the District has done its due diligence and can proceed with finishing the project.

5. **Brady Street Pipeline Break: Update**

Staff will be welding on flanges tomorrow in order to do the repair. The original break was approximately 2-ft in size, but it was necessary to remove over 45 feet of pipe in order to find steel in good condition that can be used to connect to the flanges. Once the flanges are installed, they will be connected to 24-inch PVC and the pipe pressure tested and disinfected. If all goes well, the entire pipeline on Brady will be put back in service. The District has purchased the 5000± L.F. of 24-inch PVC that was approved during the last Board meeting.

Staff has requested a cost from Nicholas Construction to put in new pipe under Highway 178 at Brady to prepare for future replacement of the entire line in Brady from Highway 178 to the tanks on Bowman Road.

6. **Water System Consolidations: Update**

Hometown Water: Potholing to finish the Hometown design was completed and the design should be done within 2 weeks for Division of Drinking Water approval as required by the grant.

Rademacher Way: Potholing has been completed for Phase 2 design of the Rademacher project and Krieger & Stewart sent a preliminary pipeline alignment for staff to review. Staff will be following up on the easement documents since only two of the five have been signed.

Dune 3: Legal is working on the language of the agreement between Dune 3 and the District. He expects to have a draft for State review by the end of this week. Meanwhile, staff will be meeting with GHD on Wednesday for a virtual kick-off meeting for the construction phase of the project. The State is also reviewing the right of entry agreement that will be needed for both Dune 3 and the Hometown projects.

7. **Arsenic Plants: Update**

The media has been removed from the vessels at Plant 2. Staff is expecting a lift truck to arrive this week to install the new media. Last month, staff gave a tour to a local charter homeschool group.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

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

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.