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May 27, 2025

Dear President David C.H. Saint-Amand,

As Chair of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA), I am writing to formally request your board act on the request for mediation between the IWVGA and Indian Wells Valley Water District in accordance with the terms provided in the Joint Powers Agreement.

As you are probably aware, the IWVGA has offered this process on several occasions but for unknown reasons the District did not avail itself of the opportunity. Prior to our last Board meeting, this matter was discussed yet again with your representatives and during the last Board meeting, the District's representative, Chuck Griffin, indicated that he believed the District and the IWVGA were not that far apart, and mediation would be an effective pathway toward resolving any ongoing issues. He also stated that he planned to bring this to your Board at the May 28, 2025 meeting.

Likewise, the Authority firmly believes that engaging in mediation will enable both parties to collaboratively address our differences in a constructive and beneficial manner, ultimately achieving outcomes that support sustainable groundwater management and serve the best interests of our communities. Your ongoing adjudication has only drained the resources of the local community without meaningfully addressing our water issues.

Please confirm your agreement to proceed with mediation and your availability for scheduling an initial mediation session. We look forward to your prompt response so that we can arrange mutually agreeable dates and times.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Scott Hayman
Chair, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
CC/ George Croll