



# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



## HOW TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THE CROSS-COMPLAINT

### How Do I Participate in the Comprehensive Adjudication?

Those wanting to participate in the comprehensive adjudication may do so by: (A) completing and signing the Form Answer approved by the Court (a three-page document entitled "Answer to Adjudication Cross-Complaint"); (B) sending a copy of the completed and signed Answer to the Indian Wells Valley Water District's attorneys; and (C) filing a copy of the completed and signed Answer with the Orange County Superior Court.

- (A) Complete and sign the Answer to Adjudication Cross-Complaint form.
- (B) To send a copy to the Water District's attorneys, you may email or mail it as follows:

Email: [iwvwb@murphyevertz.com](mailto:iwvwb@murphyevertz.com)

Mail: Murphy & Evertz LLP  
650 Town Center Drive, Suite 550  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

- (C) There are three ways to file with the Orange County Superior Court:

1. Electronic Filing.

The Court strongly encourages e-filing through one of its approved electronic filing service providers. For information about electronic filing with the Court and to submit an electronic filing, please follow this link: <https://www.occourts.org/online-services/efiling/efiling-civil.html>. This link provides information about e-filing. At the bottom of the page, it lists several different electronic service providers who will handle the e-filing for you. You can click on any of those providers and follow its steps for submitting a document for the provider to e-file for you.

Jurisdiction / Court:	Orange County
Case Number:	30-2021-01187275
Case Name:	Mojave Pistachios LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District
Filing into an existing UNLIMITED case	
Your Role:	Cross-defendant
Document filing:	Answer to Adjudication Cross-Complaint
Document responding to:	Indian Wells Valley Water District's Cross-Complaint, ROA #155

2. Mail.

Documents to be filed, such as the Answer to Adjudication Cross-Complaint, may be filed by mail. Any mailing should be addressed as follows:

Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Attention: Civil Clerk/filings

When mailing documents to be filed, the original document plus a copy should be included so that the Court Clerk can return the copy to you stamped as filed. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should also be included for the Clerk to use to return your file-stamped document.

3. In Person.

Documents may be filed in person at the courthouse. The court's address:

Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Look for the window for Civil filings.

When filing a document in person, it is recommended to have the original document and a copy so that the Court Clerk can file stamp the copy and hand it back to you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As of Friday, 3/22/24, the Orange County Superior Court granted the Indian Wells Valley Water District's request to reinstate suspension of the Court's \$1,000 filing fee. This means that anyone who wants to file the form Answer and participate in the lawsuit no longer has to pay the \$1,000 filing fee. The waiver will expire on **June 30, 2024**.

### **How Do I View Documents that have been Filed with the Court?**

To view documents already filed in this lawsuit, you may go to <https://www.occourts.org>. Select "Online Case Access"; on the next page, select "Access Now" next to "Civil Case & Document Access," on the next page, select "Accept Terms;" on the final page, type in the case number and year filed. The "Case Number" to enter is "01187275" and the "Year Filed" to enter is "2021."

### **What are the Upcoming Court Dates and How Do I Participate?**

The Court set a Further Status Conference, Order to Show Cause Regarding Basin Boundary, and a hearing on Searles Valley Minerals' Motion for Phase 2 Trial for June 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in Department CX101 of the Orange County Superior Court, Civil Complex Center (751 West Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701), before The Honorable William Claster.

Those interested may listen to court hearings at no cost by going to the following link: <https://acikiosk.azurewebsites.us/advisement?dept=CX101>. Select "Accept;" on the next page, select "Check-in" for Case Number "30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC." Follow the prompts provided.

Here is a link for further guidelines and instructions on appearing remotely: <https://www.occourts.org/media-relations/aci.html>.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
ADJUDICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT AT  
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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER



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