

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Chuck Griffin, Don Zdeba, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

Renee Morquecho mentioned that the Well 33 update was left off this agenda but will be on the Board meeting agenda. The well has been pulled and Best is working on modifying the discharge case for connection to the re-bult pump from Well 34 that will be installed.

3. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

The application packet for funding from the Defense Communities Infrastructure Pilot Program (“DCIP”) was submitted June 21st with an estimated cost of \$16.9M. The District just received notification before this meeting that the project was not chosen for funding. Mr. Zdeba has reached out to David Janiec with the China Lake Alliance as well as Captain Jeremy Vaughan, NAWS Commanding Officer, for possible funding from the earthquake recovery funds being used on Base. This pipeline serves the emergency interconnection with the Navy and was likely damaged during the 2019 earthquakes.

4. Booster Station and Tanks Project: Update

The contractor expects delivery of the motor control center (“MCC”) for the Booster Station this month. Meanwhile, the pumps and motors have been installed and the electrical installation continues.

The new College tank is online and the old tank has been drained. The contractor is working on the pipe modifications to the old tank at this time. A punch list site walk is planned for tomorrow with the project manager from Krieger & Stewart.

5. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Staff continues to work on sifting the filter media. The process has been much slower and labor intensive than first anticipated. It is expected that there is enough media to fill two filter vessels which will enable the plant to be put online.

6. Solar Production: Report

The Committee reviewed the solar report provided by ENGIE Services for July 2022 through July 2023. There is no longer a guaranteed savings listed for Phase 1 since that part of the contract has ended. Staff will continue to review the solar production at each site. At the Well 35 site (Phase 2), actual savings for July was \$2,396.86 and the guaranteed savings was \$2,054.98. The total savings at the Well 35 site this calendar year is \$14,427.61.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Well 33
- Springer Ave pipeline

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.