

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

MAY 2, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ty Staheli. **PLEDGE**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** President Mallory J. Boyd  
Vice President Ronald R. Kicinski  
Director Charles D. Griffin  
Director Stan G. Rajtora  
Director David C.H. Saint-Amand **ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager  
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

**STAFF ATTENDING**  
**VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Isaac St. Lawrence, legal counsel

**AGENDA DECLARATION** **AGENDA DECLARATION**  
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Monday, May 1, 2023.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
Director Saint-Amand stated his opinions shared during this meeting are his own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of his employer, nor the Board.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION** **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None.

**AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION** **NOE FOR 2023 EMERG RELEASE MITIGATION PRJCT**  
The Board reviewed the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the 2023 Emergency Release Mitigation Project. (Draft included in packet.)  
The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the project and specifics of how it would proceed.  
Revisions made by the Board included removal of "to" under the "Description of Nature, Purpose, and beneficiaries of Project" on the First page of the NOE, to read: "The Project is intended to help protect

U.S. Navy Facilities..”

As well as the Navy to be listed under the second page of the NOE, to include the U.S. Navy under “The beneficiaries of the Project are the People of the Indian Wells Valley” portion.

Legal to review suggested revisions and finalize the NOE.

The Board heard public comment from Don and Judie Decker.

MOTION: was made by Director Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora to authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the 2023 Emergency Release Mitigation Project. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Boyd:	Aye
Vice President Kicinski:	Aye
Director Griffin:	Aye
Director Rajtora:	Aye
Director Saint-Amand:	Aye

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Smith  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED: May 8, 2023**