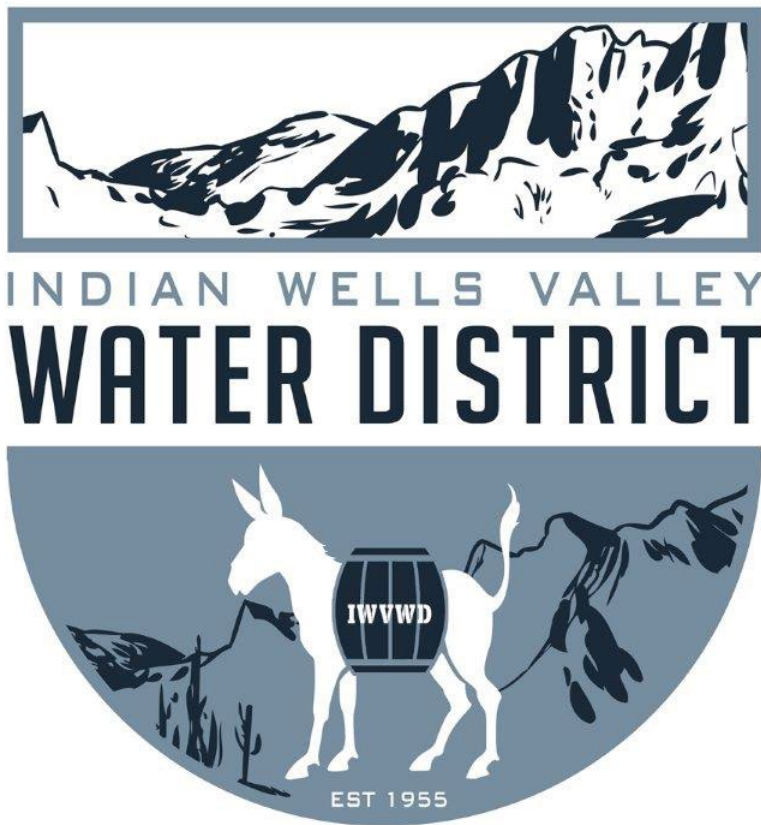


# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



**July 8, 2024**



# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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## 2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual, etc.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

### PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (BOYD/RAJTORA)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, Telemetry, etc.

### WATER MANAGEMENT (BOYD/GRIFFIN)

Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Water Quality, Conservation, Urban Water Management Plan, California Urban Water Conservation Council, Title 22 Compliance, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

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Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.  
Committee Meetings are subject to change.

**Administration/Executive**  
**Finance**  
**Plant & Equipment**  
**Water Management**

Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m..

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024  
**CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.**  
**OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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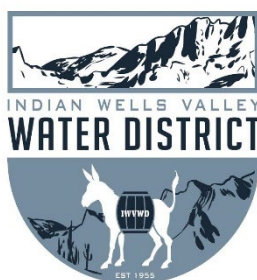
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments on Closed Session
7. Closed Session
  - A. Potential Litigation  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
2 Matters  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

- B. Existing Litigation  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
*Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al.*  
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
  - C. Existing Litigation  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
*Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.*  
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
  - D. Existing Litigation  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
*Searles Valley Minerals Inc., v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al.*  
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
8. Public Questions and Comments  
*(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name and address for the record.)*
9. Current Business/Committee Reports
- A. Consent Calendar  
**Description:** Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable Disbursements.
    - 1. Approval of Minutes:
      - i. June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
    - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements
  - B. Administration Executive Committee
    - 1. Mutual of America 457 Plan Amendment  
**Description:** Amendment to the District’s 457 Plan to allow for rollovers from previous 457 Plans of a past eligible employer.  
**Committee Recommends the Following:** Approve amendment to the District’s 457(b) Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan.
  - C. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
**Description:** Report and discussion regarding the June 12, 2024, meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA. Next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024.
  - D. Comprehensive Adjudication  
**Description:** Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive

Adjudication.

- E. General Manager and Staff Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
1. Water Production, New Services, and Personnel Safety Record  
**Description:** Water produced from all District wells, report of the new services installed in the District, and personnel safety record for the preceding month.
  2. Public Outreach  
**Description:** Public Outreach Report.
  3. Inyokern Community Services District (CSD)  
**Description:** Status of District efforts to assist Inyokern CSD.
  4. Mid-Year Board Workshop Agenda  
**Description:** Board to review draft Board Workshop agenda.
  5. NW Transmission Pipeline  
**Description:** Update on this Project.
  6. Dune 3 and Hometown Water Consolidations update  
**Description:** Update on these Projects.
  7. Annual Solar Production Update  
**Description:** Update on annual solar production.
  8. Financial Status  
**Description:** Report on the District's current financial status.
  9. Conservation  
**Description:** Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.
  10. Arsenic Treatment Facilities  
**Description:** Staff will update the Board on maintenance issues and production.
  11. Operations  
**Description:** Staff report on operations.
10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
11. Adjournment



# Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024 – 2:00 PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Stan Rajtora, George Croll, Ty Staheli and Renee Morquecho.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

General Manager Croll updated the Committee on the status of the Inyokern CSD and the assistance that is being provided by the District.

**3. Review of Solar Production: Annual Update**

Staff presented the solar production report for July 2024 through June 2024. Production was slightly higher than the guarantee for the year.

**4. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update**

A preconstruction meeting was held June 20<sup>th</sup> with the Nicholas Construction and Caltrans. Nicholas has notified the District it will be mobilizing Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>. A class on protected species will be held that morning as required by Caltrans as a condition of the encroachment permit. Nicholas's master schedule indicates completion of the project, including punch list items, by the first week of December 2024.

**5. Dune 3 and Hometown Water Consolidations: Update**

All requested documents have been provided to the State and/or uploaded to the FFAST (Financial Assistance Application Tool) system. The estimate is an agreement with the State for both projects by the end of July. Staff has reviewed the draft agreement between the District and Dune 3. Once a final draft is complete, it will be forwarded to District legal counsel for review. The agreement language will be the same for Hometown Water.

**6. La Mirage Housing Area: DWSRF for Pipeline Replacements**

No updates on this item. This item will be on a future agenda.

**7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update**

Plant 2 is still online and running with one well. Filter media from PureFlow for Plant 1 was received yesterday. It will take several weeks for Staff to load the media and start up the plant.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

- Lead service line inventory update
- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades (will be added to July 18<sup>th</sup> Board workshop agenda)

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY JULY 2, 2024 – 2:30 PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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ATTENDEES: David Saint-Amand, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

**1. Call to Order**

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:42 pm.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Fraud Risk Discussion**

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

Mr. Croll discussed some of the issues Inyokern CSD is facing with finances.

**4. GA Imported Water Costs**

Description: Discuss imported water costs and potential impact to customers' bills

Staff has been working with Clean Energy Capital on a concise written report detailing the findings of the cost study associated with the proposed pipeline design. Rate payer impact is being finalized and will be discussed at the July 8 Board meeting.

**5. Financial Statements June 30, 2024 (preliminary)**

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

Estimated year-to-date revenues as of June 30, 2024, are \$16,275,284 and expenses are \$16,642,810, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$367,526, which is better than budget by \$314,303. Additional accruals are expected as the fiscal year is closed, likely shrinking the net revenue delta between budget and actual.

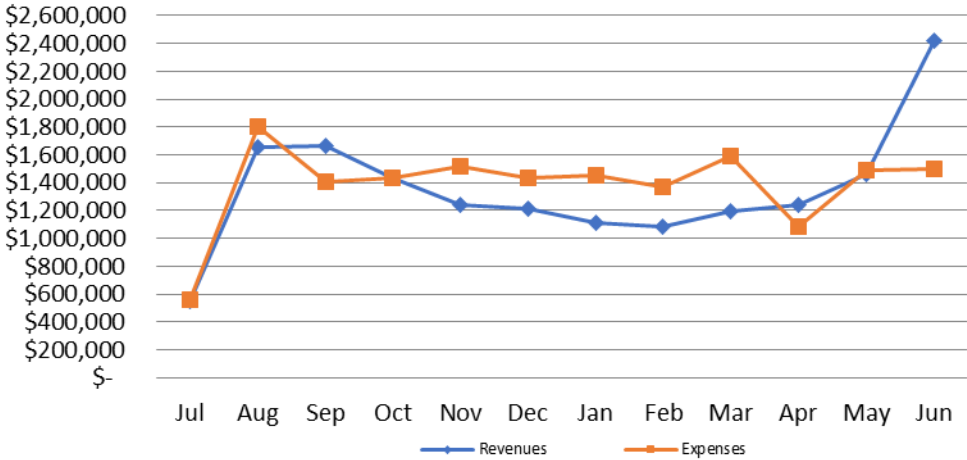
To date, the District has paid the Groundwater Authority \$14,126,632 in fees.

Staff presented the following spreadsheet, which compares June year-to-date actual to budgeted revenues and expenses by category:

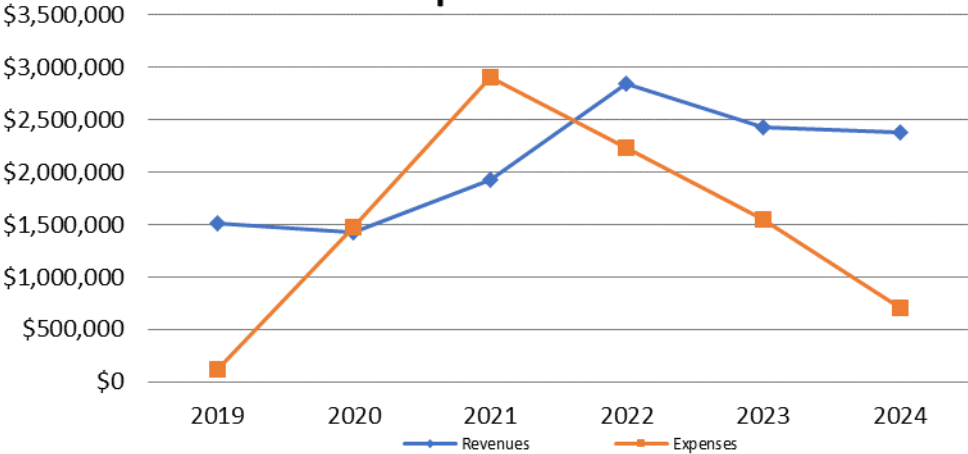
**Indian Wells Valley Water District**  
**Revenues vs. Expense**  
**Actuals & Budget through June 2024 (Preliminary)**

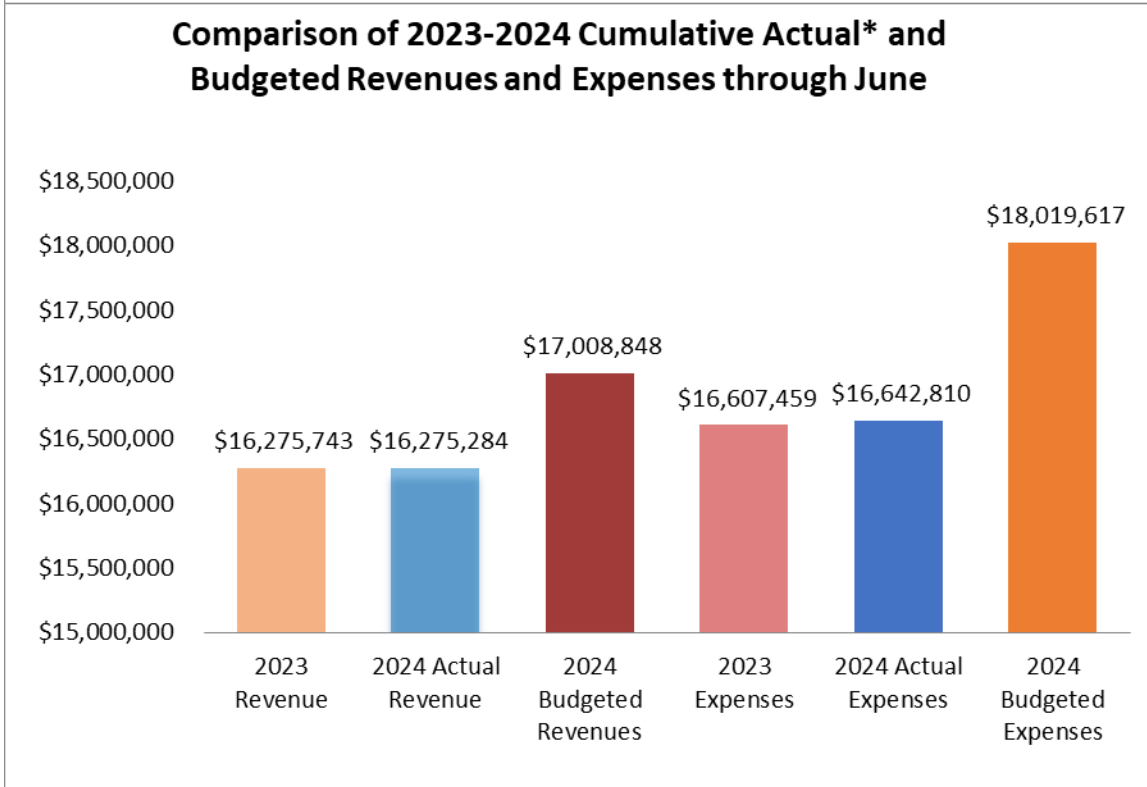
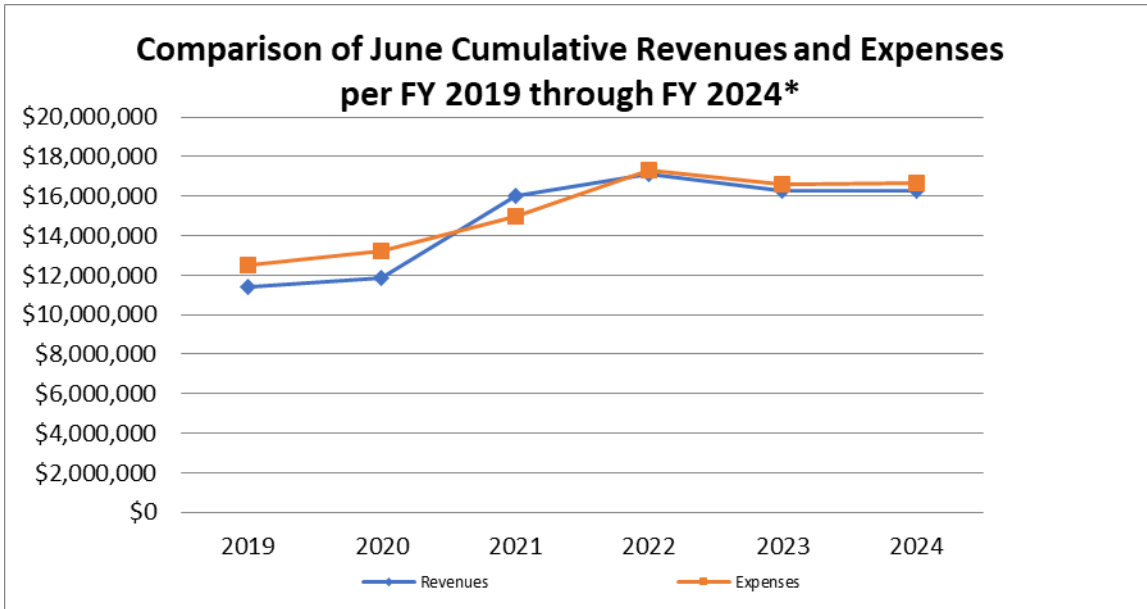
	Budget	Actuals	Δ
<b>Revenues</b>			
Total Water Sales	12,326,548	12,318,680	-7,868
GSA Fees	3,859,500	2,877,616	-981,884
Total Water Service Revenue	375,900	404,175	28,275
Total Non-Operating Income	274,500	250,900	-23,600
Capital Contributions	172,400	423,913	251,513
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>17,008,848</b>	<b>16,275,284</b>	<b>-733,564</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Water Supply	1,211,200	1,406,365	195,165
Arsenic Treatment Plants	413,500	248,594	-164,906
Transmission & Distribution	2,062,700	1,727,529	-335,171
Engineering	496,700	539,677	42,977
Customer Service	484,900	380,588	-104,312
Field Services	517,250	559,214	41,964
General & Administration	2,604,195	2,561,418	-42,777
Legal	800,000	1,308,697	508,697
Legislative	95,800	87,777	-8,023
Depreciation	3,300,000	3,300,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,371,232	1,171,143	-200,089
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	270,000	283,283	13,283
GSA Fees	3,937,000	2,973,388	-963,612
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	31,408	-2,792
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	92,000	63,729	-28,271
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17,690,677</b>	<b>16,642,810</b>	<b>-1,047,867</b>
<b>Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>-681,829</b>	<b>-367,526</b>	<b>314,303</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		<b>2,483,572</b>	
<b>Debt Service Principle</b>		<b>1,111,663</b>	
<b>Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid</b>		2,659,378	
<b>Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid</b>		11,467,255	
		<b>14,126,632</b>	

### Comparison of FY 2023-2024 Revenues and Expenses by Month



### Comparison of June Revenues and Expenses per Fiscal Year





\*Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

**6. Accounts Payable Disbursements**

Description: Presentation to Committee of Accounts Payable Disbursements reports for Board approval.

The Committee recommended approval of accounts payable disbursements totaling \$857,379.03 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>6/6/24</u>	<u>6/20/24</u>	<u>6/26/24</u>
Prepaid	\$ 48,458.57	\$ 51,084.76	\$ 48,525.14
Current	<u>211,001.41</u>	<u>449,752.58</u>	<u>48,556.57</u>
Total	<u>\$ 259,459.98</u>	<u>\$ 500,837.34</u>	<u>\$ 97,081.71</u>

**7. Future Agenda Items**

None

**8. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2:51 pm.

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ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

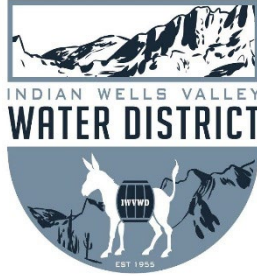
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Mallory Boyd, David Saint-Amand, George Croll, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Committee/Public Comments**  
None.
3. **Mutual of America 457 Plan Amendment**  
The amendment would allow employees to rollover governmental, pre-tax, voluntary funding from previous 457 Plans of a past eligible employer.  
  
The Committee recommended the Board approve the amendment to the District's 457(b) Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan.
4. **Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2024**  
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made no changes.
5. **Future Agenda Items**  
None.
6. **Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



# Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JUNE 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by Vice President Saint-Amand at 4:30 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 Chuck Griffin. **PLEDGE**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager  
Jim Worth, Attorney  
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager  
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer  
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA DECLARATION** **AGENDA DECLARATION**  
Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
Vice President 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.

With no further Board or Public comments, Vice President Saint-Amand recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION** **CLOSED SESSION**  
The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:36 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.



**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

**PRESENTATION BY CLEAN ENERGY CAPITAL (CEC)**

Clean Energy Capital provided a presentation on estimated costs for the imported water pipeline. (Available on District’s website.)

**PRESENTATION  
BY CEC**

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Renee Westa-Lusk, and Donna Hocker.

Director Griffin directed staff to provide a study based off this report regarding the fiscal impact to rate payers and provide at the July Board meeting.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd to submit the final CEC report and groundwater shortage report to the IWVGA. The safe yield report to also be submitted if ready. Staff to also upload reports to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Authority (SGMA) online portal. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd approving the Minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, May 14, 2024, Special Board Meeting, May 22, 2024, Special Board Meeting, June 4, 2024, Special Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$752,641.87. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

**CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

**PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Staff presented dedication documents to the Board for a new pipeline installed on E. Kendall Avenue and Lumill Street to serve APN 343-200-26. The developer installed 666± L.F. of 12-inch PVC and 50± L.F. of 8-inch PVC along with a fire hydrant to serve their parcel. The total value of the new facilities is \$85,476.00.

**P&E CM:  
DEDICATION OF  
FACILITIES**

MOTION: was made by Director Rajtora and seconded by Director Griffin accepting the dedication of the new facilities on E. Kendall Avenue and Lumill Street, total value of \$85,476.00. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE CM:**  
2024-2025  
BUDGETS

The 2024-2025 General Fund and Capital Improvements and Projects budget proposals were presented to the Board. The District’s financial goals are to have a balanced budget in which revenues exceed expenses, have positive cash flow, meet debt service obligations. Due to leveling revenues outside of the GA Fees, inflationary cost increases of operating expenses, and significant capital projects, the District will not meet the first of these goals. The District will meet its debt service obligation and has incurred new debt or grant funding for capital projects. The proposal projects revenues at \$16,879,838 and expenses at \$18,230,578 for a difference in which expenses exceed revenues by \$1,350,740. Mr. Staheli reviewed specific budget changes compared to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget with the Board.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Boyd approving the 2024-2025 General Fund and Capital Projects Budget as presented. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

The Board reviewed a proposal for migrating bill payment processing from Springbrook’s CivicPay to Springbrook’s third-party partner, Xpress Bill Pay, to provide a more robust payment platform for minimal cost increase. PAYMENT  
PROCESSOR

Mr. Staheli discussed the benefits available to the customers through Xpress Bill Pay.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving switching the District’s payment processor to Xpress Bill Pay. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

**ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**ADMIN/EXEC  
CM: ORG CHART**

The Board reviewed the proposed organizational chart revisions. The revisions include changing the title of the Executive Secretary to Executive Assistant and moving the position under the management of the Chief Financial Officer. The other suggested revision is a title change to the Administrative Assistant title to HR Specialist/Clerk of the Board.

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving the changes made to the District’s Organizational Chart as presented. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the job descriptions for the Associate Engineer, Warehouse Administrator, and the SCADA/IT Administrator. The Associate Engineer and SCADA/IT Administrator job descriptions included random drug screening; however, non-DOT (Department of Transportation) employees are not legally allowed to be subjected to random screenings without probable cause. The Warehouse Administrator is a DOT employee and requires random drug screening per the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration). JOB  
DESCRIPTIONS

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving the changes made to the aforementioned job descriptions as presented. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

Per Senate Bill (SB) 553, employers under the California Division of Occupations Safety and Health's (Cal/OSHA) jurisdiction must develop and implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) by July 1, 2024. The Board reviewed the draft WVPP.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

The Board discussed the option for employees and a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW). Topic to be added to the July Workshop agenda for discussion.

MOTION: was made by Director Boyd and seconded by Director Griffin approving the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) as presented, to be implemented by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Ayes: Boyd, Griffin, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Kicinski.)

#### **INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)**

The Board discussed action items from the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, including:

- Report on Board Member referral regarding Little Lake
- Public Service Announcement regarding the groundwater adjudication lawsuit filed by the IWVWD and the impact on small domestic well owners in the IWV

**IWVGA**

The next IWVGA meeting and Public Hearing is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The IWVGA was provided with the draft Cost Analysis report from CEC and feedback was requested, none received.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION**

Jim Worth stated the next Adjudication Hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The Judge will hear and consider the following items:

**COMPREHENSIVE  
ADJUDICATION**

- Searles Valley Minerals to set the Phase 2 trial regarding safe yield
- Case Management Order with respect to Phase 1, which will set all the pre-trial dates and deadlines
- Order to show cause, if anyone wants to object to the Board setting the boundary of the basin

IWVGA's preliminary injunction against Mojave Pistachios is set to be heard on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE**

George Croll reported the monthly water data for May. Water produced: 152,685,400 gallons, water consumed: 174,134,00 gallons (11% commercial, 4% other, 85% residential), and estimated loss 9,148,275 gallons (which is water lost to meter inaccuracy, flushing, and theft, etc.)

**GENERAL  
MANAGER AND  
STAFF UPDATE**

The Board unanimously agreed to schedule the mid-year Board Workshop on July 18, 2024; 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**MID-YEAR  
BOARD  
WORKSHOP**

No updates provided.

BOARD  
W.S. UPDATES

A pre-construction meeting with both the contractor and CalTrans is being scheduled for the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The contractor expects to mobilize mid-July.

NW TRANSM.  
PIPELINE

All requested documents have been provided to the State and/or uploaded to the FAAST (Financial Assistance Application Tool) system. The estimate is an agreement with the State for both projects by the end of July.

CONSOLIDATION  
PROJECTS

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of May 31, 2024, are \$13,741,845 and expenses are \$14,979,519. Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,237,673, which is over budget by \$171,535. To date, the District has paid \$14,018,816 in GA Fees to the Groundwater Authority.

FINANCIAL  
STATUS

Mr. Staheli reported on the following conservation items: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Water Waster Report - there have been eight water waste reports received with eight contacts made. There has been one formal Second Notice and one penalty issued.

CONSERVATION

Plant 2 is online at half capacity. District has received the delivery of the Filtronics media. Pureflow has a offered a variation to the media currently spec'd to be replaced, the District is evaluating the efficacy of the proposed media.

ARSENIC  
TREATMENT

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of April & May, eight services were repaired and 53 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made four runs in May. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,323,601 gallons. 47 valves were exercised.

OPERATIONS

**BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

Director Boyd thanked CEC for their expert advice. He also thanked the operational staff for their hard-work responding to the recent large leak in the early hours of the morning.

Jason Lillion and Vice President echoed the comments regarding the operational and water supply staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

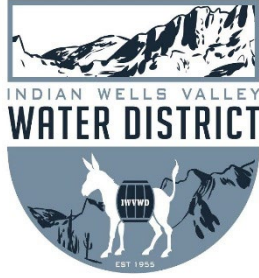
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Smith  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_



**9.B.1.**

**Amendment to the 457(b) Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan**

of

**Indian Wells Valley Water District**

In accordance with Section 10 of the Plan, the Employer hereby amends its Plan, effective as of July 1, 2024. The Plan is amended as follows:

(1) **Section 7.5(d)** is changed to read as follows:

(d) This Plan will accept a rollover by or on behalf of a Participant of amounts attributable to compensation originally deferred together with earnings thereon, under a plan that is an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code and maintained by a government employer described in Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Code. Amounts rolled over, by, or on behalf of, a Participant to this Plan which are attributable only to deferrals under an Eligible Retirement Plan that is an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code and maintained by a government employer described in Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Code, must be remitted in cash and, following remittance to the Plan, shall be allocated to the Participant's Account, shall not be subject to any separate accounting requirements under Section 402(c)(10) of the Code and shall be held, accounted for, administered, distributed and otherwise treated as an Amount Deferred under the Plan except for purposes of determining the maximum deferral under Section 3.

In addition, this Plan will accept the following rollover contributions from an Eligible Retirement Plan on behalf of any Participant who is an Employee:

- (i) An eligible rollover distribution from a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Code, excluding after-tax employee contributions.
- (ii) An eligible rollover distribution from an arrangement described in Section 403(b) of the Code, excluding after-tax employee contributions.
- (iii) An eligible rollover distribution from an individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or (b) of the Code (other than a Roth IRA described in Section 408A of the Code).

Separate individual accounts will be maintained for each Participant reflecting any rollover contributions made to the Plan on his behalf from an Eligible Retirement Plan that is not an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code and maintained by a government employer described in Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Code.

**Indian Wells Valley Water District**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, KERN AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA, AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Indian Wells Valley Water District (the Employer) has assembled in a meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the Employer established the Eligible 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan) for Governmental employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employer has the right to amend the Plan pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1) This attached Plan Amendment is approved;
- 2) All other provisions and conditions of the Plan remain unchanged; and
- 3) The authorized representative is hereby directed to take such further action as may be necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors at the meeting referenced herein, and that the documents attached are the true copies of the documents referenced in those resolutions.

All the foregoing being on the motion of Director and seconded by Director, and authorized by the following vote, namely:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of Indian Wells Valley Water District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors at a legally convened meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of said Board of Directors this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Ronald R. Kicinski  
President, Board of Directors  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:

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George D. Croll  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

(SEAL)





**9.E.4.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

WORKSHOP AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024 – 8:00 A.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
6. Public Questions and Comments

*(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name and address for the record.)*

7. Board Workshop

*(This meeting is a planning session for the IWV Water District Board of Directors and the Water District Staff to discuss, consider, and prioritize present and/or future operations and projects for the year, which may also include but not be limited to matters relating to finances, management, and those items listed below. The intent of this meeting is to set forth a plan and a schedule to keep all of us on track. The goal is to have the agreed upon projects assigned to the appropriate committee with an assigned chairperson.)*

A. Workshop Issues, Goals and Priorities

**Board discussion on the following items:**

1. WaterView Update (Rajtora)
2. Water losses, consumption, and production (Rajtora)
3. Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW)

B. General Manager Goals and Priorities

**Description:** Update and discussion on General Manager goals and priorities.

i. Goals and Projects Tracking

C. Board of Director Goals and Priorities

**Description:** Discussion on any Board of Director goals.

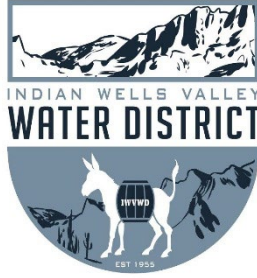
D. Prioritize Projects and Goals/Develop Action Plans

**Description:** Recap of priorities and plan of action.

E. Review any Outstanding Issues

**Description:** Review and discussion on outstanding issues.

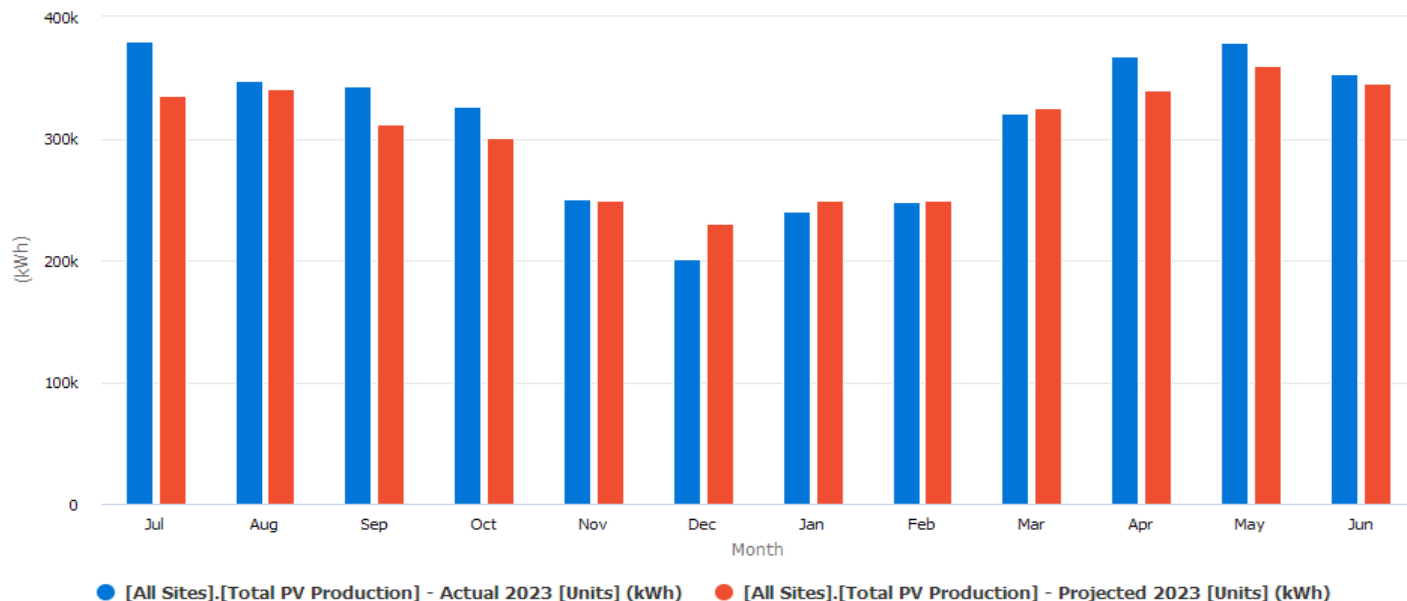
8. Adjournment



**9.E.7.**

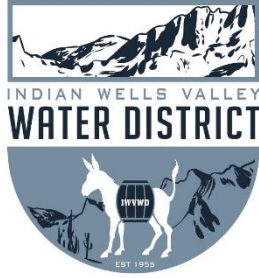
## Monthly Photovoltaic Production

### Year to Date Actual Production Compared to Projected Production



Period : 7/1/2023 12:00 AM - 6/30/2024 11:59 PM

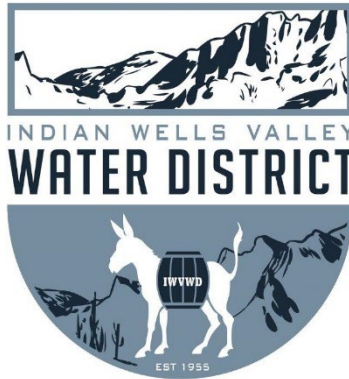
Month	Total Production Actual (kWh)	Total Production Cumulative (kWh)	Total Production Projected (kWh)	Total Production Projected Cumulative (kWh)	Gross Variance	Relative Variance (%)	Cumulative Gross Variance	Cumulative Relative Variance (%)
Jul	379,561.00	379,561.00	335,325.00	335,325.00	44,236	13.19	44236	13.19
Aug	347,153.00	726,714.00	340,611.00	675,936.00	6,542	1.92	50778	7.51
Sep	342,951.00	1,069,665.00	312,085.00	988,021.00	30,866	9.89	81644	8.26
Oct	325,935.00	1,395,600.00	300,240.00	1,288,261.00	25,695	8.56	107339	8.33
Nov	249,893.00	1,645,493.00	249,421.00	1,537,682.00	472	0.19	107811	7.01
Dec	201,480.00	1,846,973.00	229,641.00	1,767,323.00	(28,161)	-12.26	79650	4.51
Jan	239,964.00	2,086,937.00	249,032.00	2,016,355.00	(9,068)	-3.64	70582	3.50
Feb	248,142.00	2,335,079.00	248,760.00	2,265,115.00	(618)	-0.25	69964	3.09
Mar	320,892.00	2,655,971.00	325,287.00	2,590,402.00	(4,395)	-1.35	65569	2.53
Apr	368,099.00	3,024,070.00	339,338.00	2,929,740.00	28,761	8.48	94330	3.22
May	378,253.00	3,402,323.00	360,041.00	3,289,781.00	18,212	5.06	112542	3.42
Jun	353,279.00	3,755,602.00	345,600.00	3,635,381.00	7,679	2.22	120221	3.31



**9.E.9.**

### SWRCB Water Waster Report

	# of water waste reports received	# of contacts made (written or verbal)	# of formal warning actions	# of penalties issued
Jan-24	0	0	0	0
Feb-24	2	2	0	0
Mar-24	4	4	1	1
Apr-24	1	1	0	0
May-24	1	1	0	0
Jun-24	4	4	0	0
Jul-24				
Aug-24				
Sep-24				
Oct-24				
Nov-24				
Dec-24				
SUBTOTAL 2015	378	376	40	10
SUBTOTAL 2016	406	399	28	3
SUBTOTAL 2017	70	68	10	4
SUBTOTAL 2018	60	58	7	4
SUBTOTAL 2019	56	56	8	1
SUBTOTAL 2020	42	42	8	2
SUBTOTAL 2021	131	131	12	4
SUBTOTAL 2022	106	106	6	0
SUBTOTAL 2023	64	64	24	7
SUBTOTAL 2024	12	12	1	1
TOTAL	1313	1300	143	35
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,450
TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED				\$3,050



The Mission of the

## **Indian Wells Valley Water District**

is to deliver the highest quality water at the best possible price while continuing to serve as respectful stewards of the environment.

The Vision of the

## **Indian Wells Valley Water District**

is to provide for self-sustaining water resources now and for generations to come.

**Board of Directors**