

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, 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

None.

3. Acceptance of Contract Work: Canyon Springs Enterprises – Construction of 1.0MG Gateway Reservoir, 1.0MG C-zone Reservoir, and 0.55MG College Reservoir

The Committee reviewed a recommendation to accept the Contract Work completed by Canyon Springs Enterprises (CSE) on October 24, 2023. The project to construct three new reservoirs was completed nearly five months ahead of the Contract Completion Date for an adjusted Contract Amount of \$4,753,933.19. There were six Change Orders totally \$52,433.19, which is approximately 1.1% of the original Contract Amount. The Committee recommended the Board accept the completed Contract Work by CSE in the amount of \$4,753,933.19.

4. Dedication of Facilities: Townplace Suites by Marriott

The Committee reviewed dedication paperwork for water facilities installed to serve the Townplace Suites by Marriott at the corner of Ward Ave and Chelsea Street. The developer and contract is Klassen Corporation. The Committee noted that the construction cost needs to be updated to include all facilities installed. Staff will reach out to the project engineer and contractor to obtain and updated cost by the Board meeting. The Committee recommended the Board accept dedication of the new water facilities.

5. Well 33 Update

Well 33 has been online since October 17th. Staff continues to sample the well for coliforms each week and will do so for 1 month. There is a knocking sound coming from the well since the pump

installation. Best Drilling and Pump sent a technician to make some adjustment. The knocking lessened, but is not gone. Best has been informed that the knocking continues.

6. Inyokern Rd Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

Krieger & Stewart is working on revising the plans and bidding documents. The plan is to be out to bid at the end of this month with award by the Board in February. Staff is working with CalMuni for financing of this project, as well as the new Springer pipeline. The schedule provided by CalMuni shows final funding to be received by the District in February.

7. Booster Station and Tanks Project: Update

CSE continues working on disinfection and flushing of the pump cans and piping. At this time this project is scheduled to complete the first week of December, but delays in disinfection of the facility may move the completion date.

8. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

The roof of Plant 2 was recoated and staff has begun the same recoating at Plant 1. Staff is also preparing to take Plant 2 offline for the winter. A new screen has been installed in the shaker and staff continues screening the filter media for use next spring at Plant 1.

9. Cost/Operations Impact of Receiving Imported Water: Discussion Only

Staff and Committee discussed the imported water pipeline project and conceptual costs of the project moving forward. The Committee reviewed draft preliminary cost estimates developed by Krieger & Stewart for the design and construction of the AVEK pipeline to the Indian Wells Valley. Mr. Croll advised the Committee that he continues to try and engage the groundwater authority in discussions about this project and possible alternatives, but has not been successful in setting up a meeting with IWVGA staff and/or consultants.

10. Future Agenda Items

Transmission pipeline(s) inspection

From last month:

- La Mirage area infrastructure (grant funding?)
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.