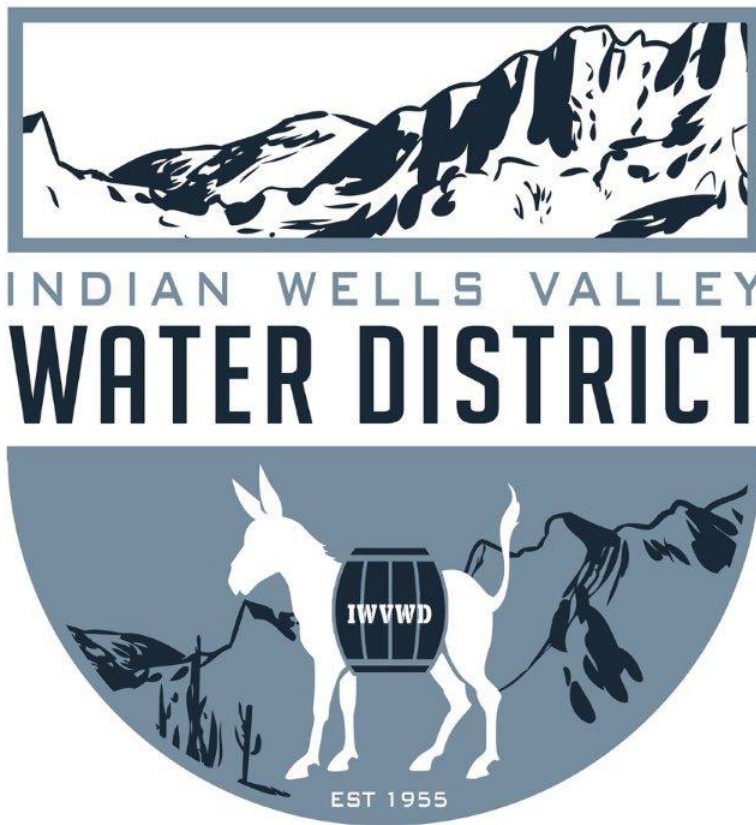


# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



**March 09, 2026**



# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 (GRIFFIN/KICINSKI)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director’s Manual. Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Conservation, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 (KICINSKI/BOYD)

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  
 (RAJTORA/ SAINT-AMAND)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, and Telemetry, Water Quality, Urban Water Management Plan, CalWEP, Title 22 Compliance, etc.

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

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

Monday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 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, MARCH 09, 2026  
**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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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. Real Property Negotiations  
District Negotiators: George Croll and Jim Worth  
Landowner Negotiator: Gary Arnold, Esq.  
Property Description: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
  
- D. Real Property Negotiations  
District Negotiators: George Croll and Jim Worth  
Landowner Negotiator: John Summers.  
Property Description: Butterworth Ranch.  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
  
- E. Personnel Matter  
One Position: General Manager  
Consider the appointment of the General Manager.  
(Pursuant to Governments Code Section 54957)
  
- 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 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. February 09, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
      - ii. February 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting
    - 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements.
  
  - B. Plant & Equipment Committee
    - 1. Stark Street Mutual Water Company Consolidation: Notice of Exemption  
**Description:** Staff to present Notice of Exemption

**Committee Recommends the Following:** Board approve filing the Notice of Exemption.

2. Vehicle Purchase: Two Vehicles

**Description:** Staff to request permission to purchase two new vehicles

**Committee Recommends the Following:** Defer to Board.

3. Grant Funding: Permission to seek grant funding for priority projects

**Description:** Staff to present list of high priority projects for grant funding

**Committee Recommends the Following:** Board approve seeking grant funding for the listed projects.

C. Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication

**Description:** Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudication.

D. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

**Description:** Report and discussion regarding meetings 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 March 11, 2026.

E. General Manager Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

**Description:** Water District Business

1. Significant WD events, service outages, emergencies etc.

2. Pertinent Legislative Updates

i. California Assembly Bill 35

**Description:** Board to discuss joining the support coalition for AB 35

3. Personnel safety and injury reports

4. Updates on Committee meeting topics not covered elsewhere

5. Public Outreach and Meeting/Conference attendance requests

i. Job Fair Participation

**Description:** Staff to present Job Fair details for Board consideration

6. Conservation as a Way of Life

**Description:** Staff will update the Committee on the “Conservation as a Way of Life” Compliance Summary dated February 23, 2026.

7. Review of Connection Fee Policy

**Description:** Board to review current connection fee policy and discuss potential changes and updates.

F. Engineering Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):

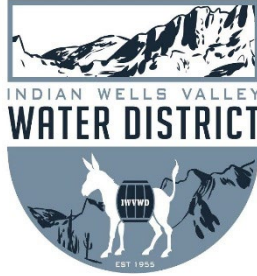
**Description:** Engineering updates

1. Update on District consolidations

i. Inyokern CSD

ii. Rademacher Way/Gordon St.

- iii. Dune 3 Mutual Water Company
    - iv. Stark Street Water System
    - v. Hometown Water Association
  - 2. Brady Street Transmission Pipeline Replacement
  
- G. Financial Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):  
**Description:** Report on the District’s current financial status
  - 1. Year to date water use
  - 2. Solar Site Security Update
  - 3. Financial Reports and status
  - 4. Water Smart notifications
  - 5. Turn-off/Turn on monthly data
  
- H. Operations Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):  
**Description:** Update on Operations
  - 1. Valve exercising
  - 2. Utility marking data (USA North and South)
  - 3. NO-DES Flushing
  - 4. After Hours Calls
  - 5. Service Lateral Repairs
  - 6. Lateral Replacements
  - 7. Hydrants Repairs / Replacements
  - 8. Mainline Repairs
  - 9. Water Supply
  
- 10. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items.
  
- 11. Date of next Regular Board meeting: **April 13, 2026.**
  
- 12. Adjournment.



# Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
  
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 – 3:00PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Stan Rajtora, John Svika, Ty Staheli, George Croll and Renee Morquecho.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Stark Street Mutual Water Company Consolidation: Notice of Exemption**

Staff presented the Notice of Exemption for the Stark Street Mutual Water Company Consolidation. The exemption is a Statutory Exemption Section 15282(k) for pipelines that do not exceed one mile in length and also under 14 Cal Code Reg §15269(s) for specific actions to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The District is working with the IWV Groundwater Authority to consolidate this system using grant funds the IWVGA has from the Department of Water Resources. The Committee recommended the Board approve filing the Notice of Exemption.

**4. Vehicle Purchase: Two Vehicles**

Recently the District purchased a skid steer and gooseneck trailer to haul the new equipment. Unfortunately, the engine failed on the truck designated to haul the trailer and needs to be replaced. Staff are requesting the use left over funds from the skid steer/trailer purchase, along with funds not being used at this time to purchase a vacuum truck and walk behind saw, to purchase two (2) class 3 vehicles (Ford F-350s). Class 3 vehicles are still exempt from replacement with an electric vehicle because there is no equivalent electric vehicle. With two vehicles, the District has what it needs to haul the skid steer/trailer and a new crew truck for the construction crew. After discussion, the Committee decided to defer this decision to the Board meeting and did not make a recommendation.

## 5. **Grant Funding: Permission to seek grant funding for priority projects**

Staff presented a list of six (6) high priority projects for which the District would like to seek grant funding. Staff is asking Board permission to seek funding for any of these projects that may qualify when future grant funding opportunities arise. The high priority projects (in no particular order) are:

- La Mirage area mainline replacements
- Cathodic Protection on CMCL transmission mains
- Old D-zone tank rehabilitation or replacement
- Second arterial from Northwest and/or Southwest into town
- Springer pipeline between Mahan and College Heights
- C-zone booster – boosts from C-zone tanks to College tanks

General Manager Croll mentioned that the State is now allocating funds from Proposition 4 and agencies are getting in line to qualify for funding. He would like to send this list to our consultant in Sacramento so that she may assist in advocating for funding on behalf of the District. The Committee recommended the Board approve seeking grant funding for the listed project.

## 6. **Solar Sites Security Upgrades and Solar System Repairs: Update**

Staff reported that all cameras have been installed and are operational. OPTERRA was at multiple sites the last few weeks performing repairs. They will be back on site the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> to complete repairs. Unfortunately, they found additional damage at Well 31. The District should have a cost for these additional repairs by the end of today. The leased security camera trailer at Well 30 will be removed this month.

## 7. **Water System Consolidations: Update**

- Inyokern CSD: Nothing new to report. The State may be planning the next public meeting in Inyokern for April.
- Dune 3: Legal counsel has finalized the agreement between Dune 3 and the District and sent it to Dune 3 for approval. The SWRCB expects approval to proceed with bidding in the next few weeks.

Stark Street: The District is working with the IWVGA on this project. The plan is to use the same contractor that is awarded the Dune 3 contract to also complete an extension to Stark Street via change order. The State has already given permission to continue with this plan. This project requires a new Notice of Exemption (CEQA) and permission from LAFCO. Legal counsel is working with LAFCO to obtain emergency connection permission.

- Rademacher Way (Phase 2): The IWVGA is moving forward with using a third-party company to obtain the last easements and also right-of-way for the Stark Street project. The SWRCB Division of Drinking Water sent official notice of plan approval.

- Hometown Water: The District has requested an extension of this project to February of 2029 that gives the SWRCB DDW time to determine if Hometown must consolidate with the District.

**8. Brady Street: Mainline Replacement Project Status**

The District's construction crew has installed 2520 L.F. of the 24-inch PVC transmission pipeline in Brady Street between Inyokern Rd and Ward Avenue. They will be working in the intersection of Ward and Brady over the next few days. The intersection will be closed during construction. Staff expects to complete this first phase of the project before the end of the month.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

- Future capital purchases

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026 – 3:00 PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Malory Boyd, George Croll, Ty Staheli, John Svika, and Renee Morquecho

**1. Call to Order**

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Fraud Risk Discussion**

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

Nothing to report.

**4. GA Imported Water Costs**

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

Mr. Croll reported that the Army Corp of Engineers are in the process of validating the pipeline project costs. Board member Kicinski is looking at information to verify GA approved invoices and audit expenditures. Information gathered to date show a large discrepancy which he is trying to verify.

**5. Brady Street Actual to Budget**

Description: Presentation to Committee of the Brady Street Project budget status

The construction crew has as of this date installed 2,520 feet of 24" pipe. The FY 2026 capital budget included \$1,330,000 for this project. To date, total expended is \$830,504.

**6. Fourth Quarter 2025 Investment Reports**

Description: Presentation to Committee of the quarterly investment earnings of the District's reserves in the Kern County Treasury and the State Treasury's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT  
 QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2025**

<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cash in Bank	\$ 4,312,296	0	
Local Agency Investment Fund	358,044		
Kern County Treasurer	7,294,455	149,296	
BNY Mellon 2024 Bond Project Fund		2,843,135	
Total Water District Investments	<u>\$ 11,964,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,992,431</u>	<u>\$ 14,957,225</u>

<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>DISTRICT DESIGNATED</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Capital Improvements & Replacements (Committed)	\$ 764,486		
Vehicle Replacement (Assigned)	355,411		
Computer Equipment Replacement (Assigned)	101,546		
Emergency Reserve (Committed)	3,448,256		
Alternate Water Supply/Future Source of Supply (Assigned)	2,258,849		
Miscellaneous Capital (Assigned for projects postponed)	20,850		
Customer Deposits & Credits (Nonspendable)	295,006		
Prepaid Connection Fees (Nonspendable)	434,329		
Post-Retirement Health Benefits - Kern County (Assigned)	345,056		
Emergency Reserve (Uncommitted)	3,941,005		
AD 87-1 Reserve Funds		76,403	
2024 Bond Project Funds		2,843,135	
Capital Facility Fees		<u>72,893</u>	
Total Water District Reserves	<u>\$ 11,964,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,992,431</u>	<u>\$ 14,957,225</u>

*In the event of an emergency, the District may be required to use any or all unrestricted funds in Mission Bank, Kern County Treasury and LAIF*

**7. Financial Statements February 28, 2026 (preliminary)**

Description: Presentation to Committee financial report depicting preliminary revenue and expense of the previous fiscal year.

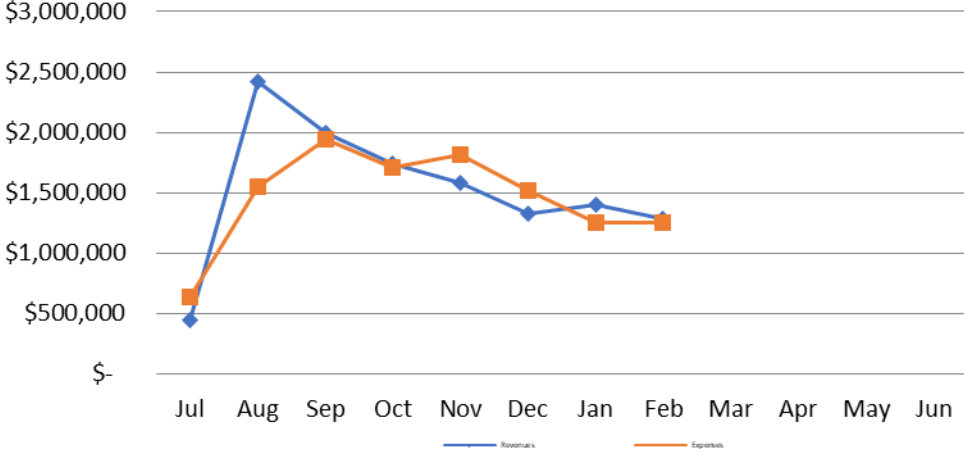
Estimated year-to-date revenues as of February 28, 2026, are \$12,172,284 and expenses are \$11,672,459, therefore revenues exceeded expenditures by \$499,825, which is better than budget by \$635,555.

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

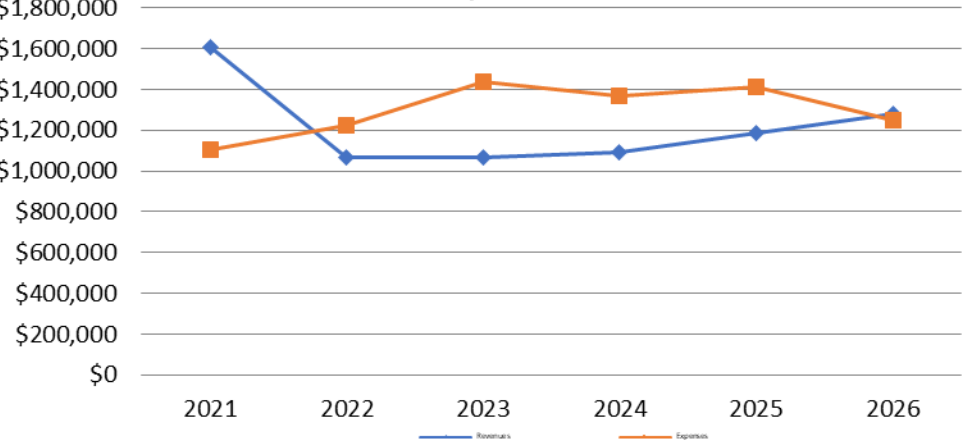
**Indian Wells Valley Water District**  
**Revenues vs. Expense**  
**Actuals & Budget through February 2026 (Preliminary)**

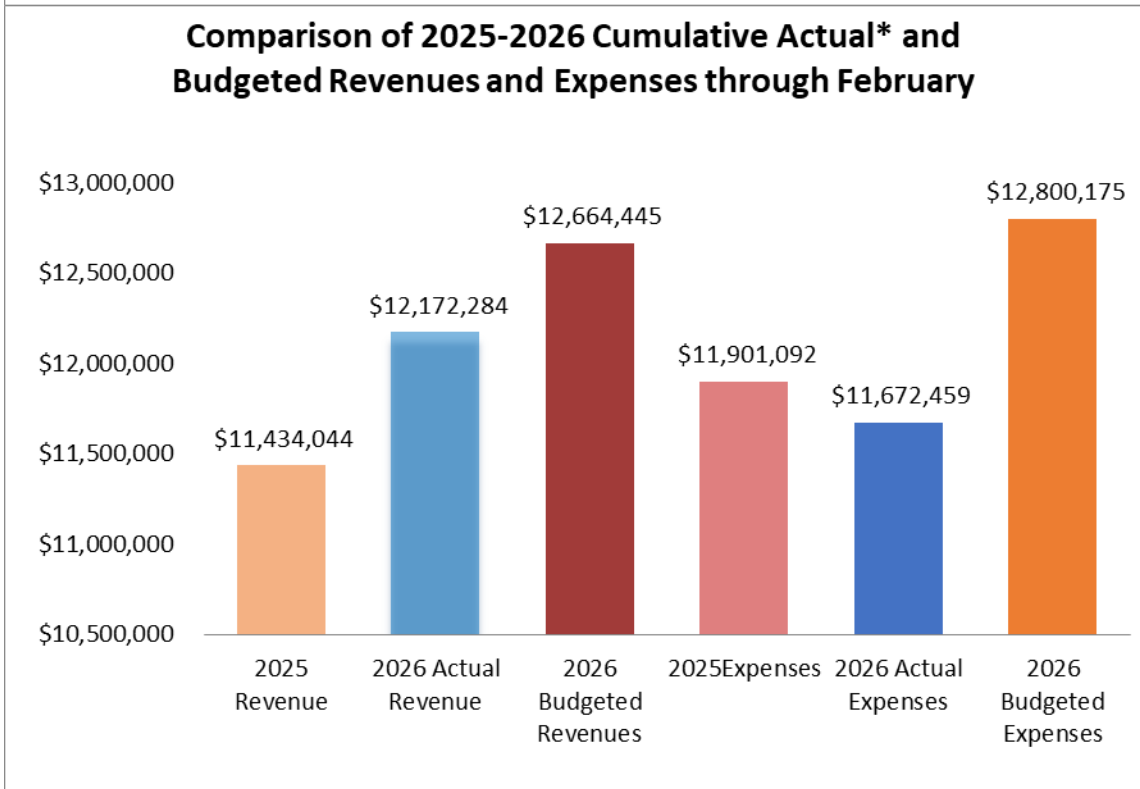
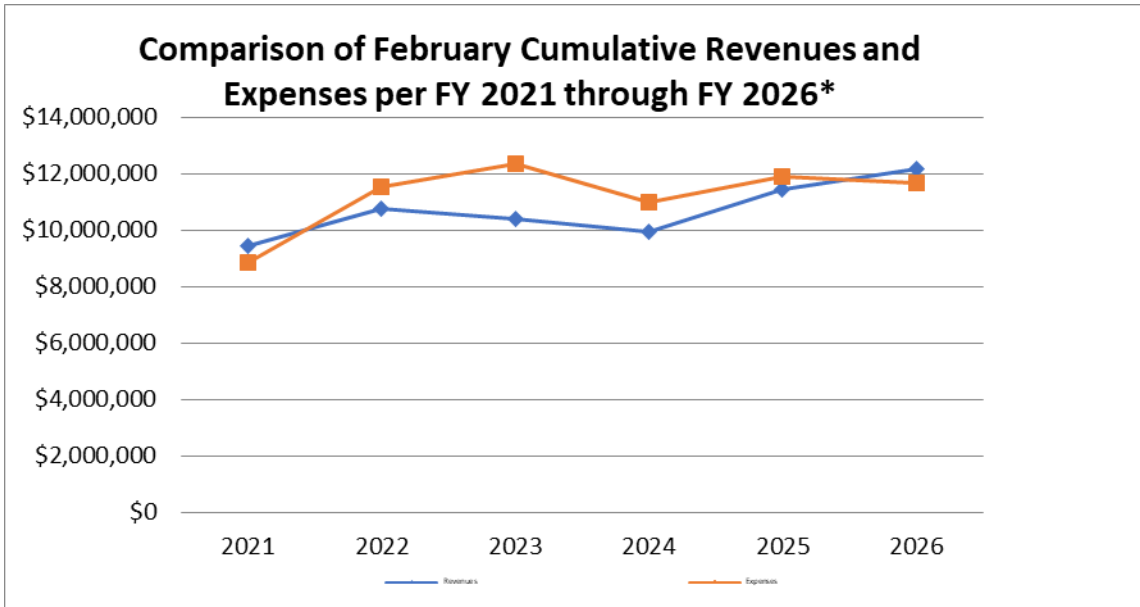
	2026 Budget	YTD Budget	Actuals	Δ
<b>Revenues</b>				
Total Water Sales	14,939,300	9,105,394	8,961,208	-144,186
GSA Fees	3,377,580	2,235,522	2,233,533	-1,989
Total Water Service Revenue	375,900	232,193	293,671	61,478
Total Non-Operating Income	172,400	106,491	99,738	-6,754
Capital Contributions	1,594,372	984,844	584,134	-400,710
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>20,459,552</b>	<b>12,664,445</b>	<b>12,172,284</b>	<b>-492,161</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Water Supply	1,907,557	1,266,236	1,095,444	-170,792
Arsenic Treatment Plants	462,519	307,020	114,238	-192,783
Transmission & Distribution	1,898,115	1,259,969	945,791	-314,178
Engineering	696,189	462,130	420,241	-41,889
Customer Service	566,939	376,334	236,164	-140,171
Field Services	600,408	398,551	344,111	-54,440
General & Administration	3,169,078	2,103,634	1,830,669	-272,965
Legal	1,500,000	995,700	912,309	-83,391
Legislative	107,100	71,093	72,197	1,104
Depreciation	3,300,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	0
Non-Operating, Interest	1,674,379	964,877	964,296	-581
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	437,500	290,413	469,806	179,393
GSA Fees	3,420,830	2,020,446	2,013,092	-7,354
Non-Operating, Conservation	34,200	22,702	12,644	-10,058
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	92,000	61,070	41,459	-19,611
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,866,814</b>	<b>12,800,175</b>	<b>11,672,459</b>	<b>-1,127,716</b>
<b>Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>592,738</b>	<b>-135,729</b>	<b>499,825</b>	<b>635,555</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			<b>1,550,589</b>	
-Bond or Grant Funded			560,357	
<b>Debt Service Principle</b>			<b>750,436</b>	
<b>Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid</b>			3,707,204	
<b>Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid</b>			15,803,170	
			<b>19,510,374</b>	

### Comparison of FY 2025-2026 Revenues and Expenses by Month



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





\*Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

**8. Accounts Payable Disbursements**

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

The Committee reviewed the accounts payable disbursements totaling \$877,884.43 as follows:

Checks through:	<u>2/12/26</u>	<u>2/26/26</u>
Prepaid	\$ 55,200.08	\$ 50,459.16
Current	<u>683,687.26</u>	<u>88,537.93</u>
Total	<u>\$ 738,887.34</u>	<u>\$ 138,997.09</u>

**9. Future Agenda Items**

-None

**10. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 3:46 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

**ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

3:00 PM

BOARDROOM OR [ZOOM ROOM](#)

500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Renee Morquecho, Ty Staheli, John Svika  
and Isabel Tejada

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Outstanding Public Record Requests (PRR)

No new public Records Request. District's legal council is still working on one outstanding PRR requesting information on the Adjudication.

4. Conference and Training Travel

Committee discussed potential conferences; nothing is scheduled as of now.

5. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Director Griffin highlighted the announcement of new IWVGA General Manager April Keigwin and expressed it may be good for there to be a local manager. The District's representative will be briefing the Board of the previous IWVGA regular meeting at the upcoming Board meeting.

6. Review of Connection Fee Policy

Ty Staheli reviewed fee policies that have resulted in loss of revenue. Staff is waiting on legal to review policies so they can be updated, committee suggested adding item to regular Board meeting agenda so they can discuss further.

7. Potential Support for AB 35

The committee reviewed the AB 35 and its supporters, will be discussing further with the Board.

8. Conservation as a Way of Life

George Croll reviewed the District's conservation efforts, currently the District is doing better than the objectives that the State requires.

9. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2026

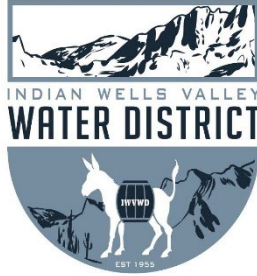
The committee reviewed Agenda and added two items.

10. Future Agenda Items

None.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM



# Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

February 09, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski 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 Mallory Boyd. **PLEDGE**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** President Ronald R. Kicinski  
Director Charles D. Griffin  
Director Stan G. Rajtora  
Director Mallory J. Boyd **ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand

**STAFF PRESENT:** George Croll, General Manager  
Jim Worth, Attorney  
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer  
John Svika, Operations Manager  
Isabel Tejada, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejada, reported that the agenda for today's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday, February 5, 2026. **AGENDA DECLARATION**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION**

None. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

Jim Worth announced that the District will be kicking off the recruitment for the new General Manager in the next 1-2 weeks.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the Minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, January 20, 2026, Special Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$575,793.11. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Boyd. Nays: None. Absent: Saint-Amand.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

**COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION**

Jim Worth reported on the District's reverse validation motion, the court ruled that the District does not have the authority to pursue the reverse validation action that was originally filed by Searles Valley Minerals.

**COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION**

For the adjudication, an Independent Discovery Conference was held on the issue of whether the District can take the deposition of Steve Johnson. The IWVGA objected on various grounds but the Judge agreed with the District and allowed the deposition without any additional restrictions on a future date to be determined. Trial is still set for June 1 and retained and non-retained expert depositions are ongoing. The mediation is set for February 18; all the primary pumpers will be involved as well as all other pumpers that have been actively involved in the process.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Judy Decker, and Renee Westa-Lusk.

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

George Croll reported on a reimbursement agreement with the District that is listed on the upcoming IWVGA Agenda for the Stark Street Consolidation. Renée Morquecho explained the agreement was based off the one for Rademacher and will need to be updated slightly by staff and legal. Board and staff discussed the project timeline, reimbursement process, and total price of project. Jim Worth explained that staff would like Board approval on the agreement now so that there is no delay in the process and clarified if there are any significant changes staff would bring the agreement back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

**IWVGA**

MOTION: was made by Director Rajtora and seconded by Director Griffin for authorization to enter into a reimbursement agreement for Stark Street Consolidation subject to staff and legal approval. Motion was carried unanimously, by the following roll call vote:

President Kicinski: Aye  
Vice President Saint-Amand: Absent

Director Boyd: Aye  
Director Griffin : Aye  
Director Rajtora: Aye

IWVGA

Director Rajtora turned to Jim Worth for a follow up on his previous assessment regarding the County being out of compliance. Jim Worth said he would prepare something to present to the Board regarding Director Rajtora's concerns. Ty Staheli presented information from the GA's 2024 Audit results, the Board expressed concerns and had a discussion about the information.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel, Renee Westa-Lusk and Judy Decker.

#### General Manager Update

GENERAL  
MANAGER  
UPDATE

George Croll reported he is tracking H.R.4553 in Washinton DC, this bill could potentially provide funding to the GA for the pipeline. Nothing significant to report for personal safety, and reported that the District will have a table at the Economic Outlook Conference. The Board discussed possible conference attendance.

#### Engineering Update

ENGINEERING  
UPDATE

Water Systems Consolidations:

- o Inyokern CSD: There is no official update at this time, still waiting on direction from the State for the next step.
- o Rademacher Way: Still in Phase 2, Renée Morquecho reported the GA is hiring a right-of-way consultant to assist with getting the last easements, which may take a few months. Construction crew can not move forward until those final easements are complete.
- o Dune 3: Mrs. Morquecho has final plans and will be reviewing changes that were made to the contract documents. Request has been submitted to the state to move forward with the bidding process.
- o Stark Street: Update was provided under the IWVGA Agenda Item.
- o Hometown Water Association: State Water Resource Control Board has requested that the District revise the contract to move the start date sooner and extend the end date to 2029 so that the funding does not expire.

Renée Morquecho presented some photos of the work being done on Brady Street. As of today, the crew has installed almost 1,500 linear feet. Mrs. Morquecho anticipates the project being complete sometime in March as long as everything continues to go well.

BRADY STREET

Mrs. Morquecho reviewed the tank inspection reports. There are four tanks that were recommended for recoating.

The Board heard public comment from Judy Decker and Renee Westa-Lusk.

#### Financial Update

FINANCIAL  
UPDATE

Ty Staheli reported on billable consumption for the fiscal year through January and year to date. Mr. Staheli gave an update on Solar Site security, all cameras except for one are up. Well 30 Solar Site repairs will be done sometime next week.

Mr. Staheli reported year-to-date revenue is just under \$10.9 million expenditures are just over \$10.4 million which is about \$600,000 better than budget. Capital expenditures are just over 1.1 million and about \$500,000 of that is funded by either bonds or grants. To date the

District has paid \$3.67 million in extraction fee and \$15,803,000 in replenishment fee to the GA.

Staff also provided an update on meter installations; delinquent account turn offs and WaterSmart alerts.

**Operations Update**

**OPERATIONS  
UPDATE**

John Svika reported the Water Supply Department has been performing maintenance on the well motors, they had to repair a coil on the Well 35 motor and continue to do State required water sampling.

For the last month there were 11 valves exercised which brings the total year to date 463. There were 293 USA North tickets which brings the total year to date to 2,126. There was no NO-DES flushing, 6 service lateral repairs, 12 service lateral replacements and 1 hydrant replacement. Staff also reported 17 after hour callouts which led to 3 service replacements. Mr.Svika announced the steel building that was previously approved will be arriving later this month.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

**BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

President Kicinski thanked staff for their hard work.

**DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE OF NEXT  
BOARD MEETING**

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 09,2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejada  
Recording Secretary

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

February 24, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 3:00 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 Charles D. Griffin. **PLEDGE**

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager  
Jim Worth, Attorney  
Renee Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
John Svika, Operations Manager  
Isabel Tejada, Recording Secretary **AGENDA  
DECLARATION**  
**CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST**

**AGENDA DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Isabel Tejada, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Monday, February 23, 2026. **PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 3:01 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 3:06 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 5:06 p.m.

Director Griffin announced that he is considering applying for the General Manager position and he removed himself from the closed session at the time of that discussion. **ANNOUNCEMENT**

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act

**DATE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 9, 2026.

**DATE OF NEXT  
BOARD MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

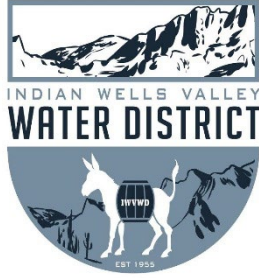
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Tejeda  
Recording Secretary

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



# 9.A.1.

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Indian Wells Valley Water District  
500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

County Clerk, County of Kern  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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**Project Title:**

Stark Street Mutual Water Company Mainline Extension Project and Consolidation

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**Project Location:**

The project will be located within Strecker Street, south of Drummond Avenue and along Stark Street in Kern County in the China Lake Acres area west of the City of Ridgecrest.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This Project will consist of the installation of 1650±L.F. of 12-inch PVC water pipe within Strecker Street south of the intersection with Drummond Avenue and 650±L.F. 8-inch PVC water pipe within Stark Street. The beneficiaries of the Project are the residents of the Stark Street Mutual Water Company whose well is no longer functional and for which the State has been paying for hauled water to serve the residents for approximately 2 years.

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**Public Agency Approving Project:**

Indian Wells Valley Water District

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**Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Indian Wells Valley Water District

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**Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The new pipeline is needed to prevent or mitigate the loss of a potable water supply for those residents impacted by the failed well.

**14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15269(c):** Specific actions to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** This is the installation of a new pipeline that does not exceed one mile in length.

**14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15282(k):** The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

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**Agency Contact Person:**

George Croll

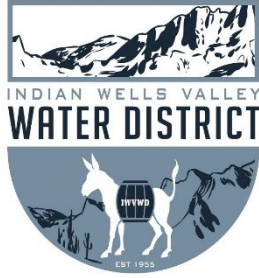
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**Telephone**

(760) 375-5086

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
George Croll, General Manager



**9.A.2.**

	REG CAB FB 4x4 DRW	Crew Cab UFB 4x4 DRW	TOTAL
Jim Chalon Ford	\$71,852	\$87,651	\$159,503
Jim Burke Ford	\$78,097	\$86,457	\$164,554
Fritts Ford	\$77,635	\$91,242	\$168,877

<b>BUYER</b>	<b>CO-BUYER</b>
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**Deal #:**  
**Deal Type:** Retail  
**Deal Date:** 03/02/2026  
**Print Time:** 02:22pm

**Work #:**  
**Email:**

**Salesperson:**

<b>VEHICLE</b>
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<b>New</b>	<b>Stock #:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>VIN:</b>	<b>Mileage:</b>
<b>Used</b>		2026 FORD F350 DRW		
<b>Demo</b>				

<b>TRADE</b>
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<b>AFTERMARKETS</b>
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FLATBED	\$	5,800.00
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<b>Total Aftermarkets:</b>	\$	<b>5,800.00</b>
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Rate:		
Amount Financed:	\$	71,852.49

<b>Sale Price:</b>	\$	<b>59,850.00</b>
Total Financed Aftermarkets:	\$	5,800.00
Total Trade Allowance:	\$	0.00
<b>Trade Difference:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>65,650.00</b>
Doc Fee:	\$	85.00
State & Local Taxes:	\$	6,080.49
Total License and Fees:	\$	37.00
<b>Total Cash Price:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,852.49</b>
Total Trade Payoff:	\$	0.00
<b>Delivered Price:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,852.49</b>
Cash Down Payment + Deposit:	\$	0.00
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,852.49</b>
Service Agreement:	\$	0.00
Maintenance Agreement:	\$	0.00
GAP Insurance:	\$	0.00
Credit Life, Accident & Health:	\$	0.00
Other:	\$	0.00
<b>Amount Financed:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,852.49</b>

- CC with gooseneck utility bed.

<b>BUYER</b>	<b>CO-BUYER</b>	<b>Deal #:</b>
		<b>Deal Type:</b> Retail
<b>Work #:</b>		<b>Deal Date:</b> 02/18/2026
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Salesperson:</b>	<b>Print Time:</b> 10:38am

VEHICLE				
<b>New</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stock #:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>VIN:</b>	<b>Mileage:</b>
<b>Used</b>		2026 FORD F350 <i>DRW 4x4</i>		
<b>Demo</b>				
TRADE				

AFTERMARKETS			
CM TRUCK BED	\$ 14,300.00	MSRP:	\$ 71,030.00
<i>Installed window box</i>		Discount:	\$ 5,219.00
		<b>Sale Price:</b>	<b>\$ 65,811.00</b>
		Total Financed Aftermarkets:	\$ 14,300.00
		Total Trade Allowance:	\$ 0.00
		<b>Trade Difference:</b>	<b>\$ 80,111.00</b>
		Doc Fee:	\$ 85.00
		State & Local Taxes:	\$ 7,418.13
		Total License and Fees:	\$ 37.00
		<b>Total Cash Price:</b>	<b>\$ 87,651.13</b>
		Total Trade Payoff:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Aftermarkets:</b>	<b>\$ 14,300.00</b>	<b>Delivered Price:</b>	<b>\$ 87,651.13</b>
		Cash Down Payment + Deposit:	\$ 0.00
		<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$ 87,651.13</b>
		Service Agreement:	\$ 0.00
		Maintenance Agreement:	\$ 0.00
Rate:	0.00%	GAP Insurance:	\$ 0.00
Amount Financed:	\$ 87,651.13	Credit Life, Accident & Health:	\$ 0.00
		Other:	\$ 0.00
		<b>Amount Financed:</b>	<b>\$ 87,651.13</b>

CNGP530

VEHICLE ORDER CONFIRMATION

03/04/26 13:17:46

Dealer: F71439

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2026 F-SERIES SD

Order No: 0001 Priority: E2 Ord FIN: QX291 Order Type: 5B Price Level: 645

Ord PEP: 640A Cust/Flt Name: INDIANWELLSVA PO Number:

RETAIL

RETAIL

F3H	F350 4X4 CHAS/C	\$55530	188	PLAT RUNNING BD	\$320
	145" WHEELBASE			14000# GVWR PKG	
Z1	OXFORD WHITE		425	50 STATE EMISS	NC
A	VNYL 40/20/40			JOB #1 BUILD	
S	MED DARK SLATE		652	AFT AXLE TANK	NC
640A	PREF EQUIP PKG		794	PRICE CONCESSN	
	.XL TRIM			REMARKS TRAILER	
572	.AIR CONDITIONER	NC			
	.AMFM/MP3/CLK			TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS	69640
99T	6.7L V8 DIESEL	10995		TOTAL	69640
44G	10-SPD AUTOMATC	NC		*THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE*	
TDB	.LT245 BSW AS 17	NC		*TOTAL PRICE EXCLUDES COMP PR	
X37	3.73 REG AXLE	NC		* MORE ORDER INFO NEXT PAGE *	
	FLEET SPCL ADJ	NC		F8=Next	
	FRT LICENSE BKT	NC			

F1=Help

F2=Return to Order

F3/F12=Veh Ord Menu

F5=Add to Library

F9=View Trailers

5806 - MORE DATA IS AVAILABLE.

QD05471

SELL PRICE:	\$62,757.00
FLAT BED:	\$8,600.00
DOC FEE:	\$85.00
SALES TAX 9.25%:	\$6,608.39
DMV FILING FEE:	\$37.00
STATE TIRE FEE:	\$10.50
TOTAL:	\$78,097.89



Preview Order 1234 - W3D 4x4 Crew Cab DRW: Order Summary Time of Preview: 03/04/2026 14:07:56 Receipt: NA

Dealership Name: Jim Burke Ford

Sales Code : F71439

Dealer Rep.	Michael Underwood	Type	Fleet	Vehicle Line	Superduty	Order Code	1234
Customer Name	INDIAN WELLS	Priority Code	E2	Model Year	2026	Price Level	645

DESCRIPTION	MSRP	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
F350 4X4 CREW CAB PU DRW/176	\$55980	14000# GVWR PACKAGE	\$0
176 INCH WHEELBASE	\$0	50 STATE EMISSIONS	\$0
TOTAL BASE VEHICLE	\$55980	TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER	\$300
OXFORD WHITE	\$0	JACK	\$0
VINYL 40/20/40 SEATS	\$0	UPFITTER SWITCHES	\$250
MEDIUM DARK SLATE	\$0	190AMP(GAS)/250AMP(6.7L) ALTR	\$0
PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PKG.620A	\$0	PRICE CONCESSION INDICATOR	\$0
.XL TRIM	\$0	REMARKS TRAILER	\$0
.AIR CONDITIONING -- CFC FREE	\$0	DUAL BATTERY	\$0
.AM/FM STEREO MP3/CLK	\$0	CONN PKG: 1 YR INCL W/FORD APP	\$0
6.7L POWER STROKE V8 DIESEL	\$11495	SPECIAL DEALER ACCOUNT ADJUSTM	\$0
10-SPEED AUTO TORQSHIFT	\$0	SPECIAL FLEET ACCOUNT CREDIT	\$0
.LT245/75R17E BSW ALL-SEASON	\$0	FUEL CHARGE	\$0
3.55 RATIO LIMITED SLIP AXLE	\$385	NET INVOICE FLEET OPTION (B4A)	\$0
JOB #1 ORDER	\$0	PRICED DORA	\$0
FORD FLEET SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT	\$0	ADVERTISING ASSESSMENT	\$0
FRONT LICENSE PLATE BRACKET	\$0	DESTINATION & DELIVERY	\$2795
PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS	\$445		
TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS			MSRP \$71650
DISCOUNTS			NA
TOTAL			\$71650

SELL PRICE: \$63,809.00  
 TRADESMAN BED: \$15,200.00  
 DOC FEE: \$85.00  
 SALES TAX 9.25%: \$7,316.20  
 DMV FILING FEE: \$37.00  
 STATE TIRE FEE: \$10.50  
 TOTAL: \$86,457.70



FEBRUARY/24/2026

QUOTE # F350RCOR

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
500 WEST RIDGECREST BLVD  
RIDGECREST, CA 93555

DRW

2026 FORD F350 REGULAR CAB XL CHASSIS, DIESEL 4WD  
CM TRUCK BEDS, RD 9'4" GOOSENECK FLAT BED (NO TOOL BOXES)

VIN # ORDER

PRICE.....	\$71,018.48
TIRE FEE.....	\$10.50
TAX.....	\$6,569.21
DMV ELECT.....	\$37.00
DMV.....	EXEMPT
OUT THE DOOR.....	\$77,635.19

FRITTS FORD / JORGE APONTE

8000 AUTO DRIVE

RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

OFFICE-951-353-8800-EXT-508, CELL-909-641-1306



MARCH/4/2026

QUOTE # F350CC4X4

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
500 WEST RIDGECREST BLVD  
RIDGECREST, CA 93555

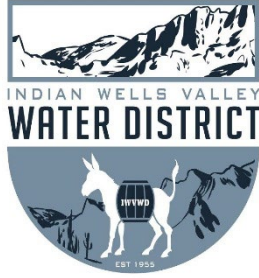
2026 FORD F350 CREW CAB XL CHASSIS, DIESEL 4WD  
CM TRUCK BEDS, TM DELUX STEEL TRADESMEN BODY, 9'.4" LENGTH  
VIN # ORDER  
PRICE.....\$83,473.48  
TIRE FEE.....\$10.50  
TAX.....\$7,721.30  
DMV ELECT.....\$37.00  
DMV.....EXEMPT  
OUT THE DOOR.....\$91,242.28

FRITTS FORD / JORGE APONTE

8000 AUTO DRIVE

RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

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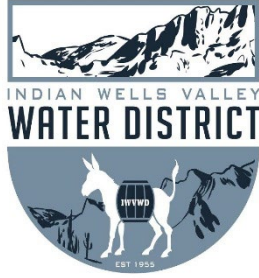


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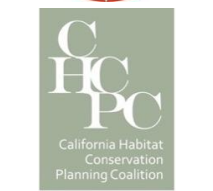
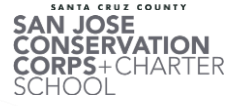


## High Priority Projects

- La Mirage area mainline replacements
- Cathodic protection on our CMLC transmission mains (Bowman and Springer)
- Old D-zone tank rehab or replacement
- 2<sup>nd</sup> arterial from Northwest and possible from the Southwest into town
- Springer pipeline between Mahan and College Heights
- C-zone booster – boosts from C-zone tanks to College tanks



**9.E.2.**



January 23, 2026

**FLOOR ALERT – SUPPORT  
AB 35 (Alvarez)**

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in strong support of AB 35 (Alvarez), which would exempt Proposition 4 spending from the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). The signatures below represent a broad community of stakeholders, including many environmentally focused organizations that played a critical role in advocating for Proposition 4's passage on the November 2024 ballot.

Exempting Proposition 4 funding from the APA is consistent with long standing precedent for natural resource bonds, including Proposition 84 and Proposition 68. A full exemption would enable funds to be deployed more quickly and efficiently, ensuring that protracted administrative processes do not hold up vital community projects. Agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Food and Agriculture have noted that a standard process, complete with review by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), could result in delays of 12 to 18 months before communities receive awards. These delays run counter to overwhelming support of the voters for Proposition 4 and their desire to see needed projects start in a timely manner. In fact, there are pressing issues such as border rivers, groundwater recharge, water recycling, and wildfire prevention that require immediate funding. Existing programs were created using the processes dictated by prior bonds. Hence, the programs most able to spend funds quickly will be forced to needlessly restructure them to meet the regulatory requirement established by the September Appropriations bill. For example, the SWRCB's drinking water funding program will be adversely impacted since under the current rules, all funding sources within the program are covered under the SWRCB's Intended Use Plan (IUP), which allows flexibility in which sources of funding are used for different projects, and the IUP includes Proposition 4 funds. Without the exemption from the APA process, the Prop 4 funding would have to be backed out of the IUP and limit the ability to use a broad mix of funding to achieve the State's goals of providing a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

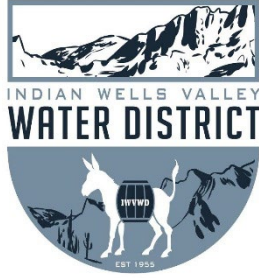
Importantly, an exemption from the APA does not eliminate transparency, consultation, or public engagement. Agencies will continue to follow robust fiscal, reporting, and oversight requirements. Many agencies have already gone through extensive public processes for these existing programs. Instead, the exemption will streamline implementation, maintain consistency across programs, and avoid creating barriers to delivering critical funding where it is most needed. Without an APA exemption, the delays already emerging threaten the success of essential projects across the state, including many that are shovel ready. Providing this exemption will accelerate timelines, reduce administrative burdens, and honor the commitment voters made to California's communities.

For these reasons, we strongly support a full exemption from the APA for all Proposition 4 funding.

Agricultural Institute of Marin  
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)  
Bay Area Council  
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council  
Bay Planning Coalition  
Big Sur Land Trust  
Bolsa Chica Land Trust  
CA Local Conservation Corps Foundation  
CalDesal  
California Association of Local Conservation Corps  
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)  
California Central Valley Flood Control Association  
California Climate and Agriculture Network  
California Council of Land Trusts  
California Fire Chiefs Association  
California Habitat Conservation Planning Coalition  
California Invasive Plant Council  
California Mountain Biking Coalition  
California Municipal Utilities Association  
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)  
California State Parks Foundation  
California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)  
California Water Association  
Calleguas Municipal Water District  
Carbon Cycle Institute  
Central California Environmental Justice Network  
Cesar Chavez Environmental Corp (CCEC)  
City of Roseville  
City of Sacramento  
Civicorps  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Resolve  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Coastal Corridor Alliance  
Collaborate Action Program  
Community Nature Connection  
Community Water Center  
Conservation Corps North Bay  
Conservation Corps of Long Beach  
County of San Diego  
Crescenta Valley Water District  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Ducks Unlimited  
East Bay Regional Park District  
East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Dorado Water Agency  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Endangered Habitats League  
Fire District Association of California  
Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps  
Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks  
Greater Valley Conservation Corps  
Hi-Desert Water District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Jurupa Community Services District  
Kern County Water Agency  
Kings River Conservation District  
Kings River Water Association  
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County  
Latino Outdoors  
League of California Cities  
Living Classroom  
Los Angeles Conservation Corps  
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust  
Mesa Water District  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District  
Mission Springs Water District  
Monterey One Water  
Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District  
Northern California Water Association  
Orange County Conservation Corps  
Otay Water District  
Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)  
Pathways for Wildlife  
Peninsula Open Space Trust  
Petaluma River Park  
Placer County Water Agency  
Rails to Trails Conservancy

Rancho California Water District  
RCD of Greater San Diego County  
Rural County Representatives of California  
(RCRC)  
Sacramento Area Sewer District  
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps  
Salted Roots  
San Diego County Water Authority  
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance  
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority  
San Geronimo Pass Water Agency  
San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative  
Action Program  
San Jose Conservation Corps  
San Juan Water District  
San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Save Mount Diablo  
Save the Redwoods League  
Sempervirens Fund  
Sequoia Community Corps  
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District  
Sonoma County Ag + Open Space  
Sonoma Land Trust  
Sonoma Water  
Soquel Creek Water District  
Southern California Mountains Foundation  
Southern California Water Coalition  
Stockton East Water District  
Sweetwater Authority  
Tahoe City Public Utility District  
TEAMRCD  
The Conservation Fund  
The Freshwater Trust  
The Nature Conservancy  
The San Diego Natural History Museum  
The Wilderness Society  
The Wildlands Conservancy  
TreePeople  
United Water Conservation District  
Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation  
District  
Urban Corps of San Diego County  
Valley Water

Walnut Valley Water District  
Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley  
Advocacy Fund  
Wildlife Conservation Network  
Western Municipal Water District  
West Valley Water District



**9.E.5.**



STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

“Conservation as a Way of Life” Compliance Summary:  
Indian Wells Valley Water District (ORG ID 1234)

Report prepared by State Water Resources Control Board staff on February 23, 2026

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# 1 Executive Summary

The “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” regulation establishes unique efficiency goals for each urban retail water supplier in California and provides those suppliers flexibility to implement locally appropriate solutions. The regulation seeks to cultivate long-term practices that help communities adapt to California’s ongoing water challenges.

The regulation requires suppliers to:

- Annually calculate urban water use objectives for a subset of urban water uses: residential indoor water use, residential outdoor water use, real water loss, and commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) landscapes with dedicated irrigation meters (DIMs)
- Carry out performance measures for CII water use
- Annually report to the State Water Board

This report summarizes the supplier’s compliance with annual reporting requirements under the “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” regulation for the state fiscal year 2024-2025. This report was due on January 1, 2026.

## 1.1 Key Highlights from the Report

The following points are a summary of Sections 3 through 7.

- The report was submitted **on time**, on December 23, 2025.
- The supplier has **met** its calculated objective for fiscal year 2024-2025.<sup>1</sup>
- The supplier has no approved variances or temporary provisions for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- The report contains 0 data quality flags.

## 1.2 Objectives Calculated with Future Standards

The water use objectives will become progressively smaller as standards change through 2040. The following table compares the current water use objective and reported water use (shown in million gallons) to future efficiency requirements, assuming that the irrigable-not-irrigated (INI) buffer is utilized when applicable; the full summary, which also contains a table of projected objectives absent the INI buffer, can be found in Section 8. While this table does not capture how future water use objectives will be influenced by changes in local climatology, service area population, square footage of irrigated landscapes, and other data that will factor into future water use efficiency objectives, it is provided as a tool for local planning purposes.

Year	FY 24-25 Use (MG)	Calculated/Projected Objective (MG)	Current use lower than objective?
Current	1,615.5	1,925.9	Yes
FY25-26	1,615.5	1,864.6	Yes
FY30-31	1,615.5	1,680.8	Yes
FY35-36	1,615.5	1,779.9	Yes
FY40-41	1,615.5	1,653.0	Yes

Table 1: Simplified version of Table 6. Objectives calculated using the values and standards specified in Table 5 (with the exception of CII DIMs due to lack of data). See Section 8 for more information on the calculations and assumptions made.

<sup>1</sup>The State Water Board will begin formally assessing compliance with the objective for the report due on January 1, 2027.

## 2 Introduction

The “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” regulation went into effect on January 1, 2025. Pursuant to the regulation, urban retail water suppliers are annually required to submit a reporting form to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) by January 1 of each year. This document is intended to provide the supplier with a high-level summary of its compliance with reporting requirements for the state fiscal year 2024-2025, as well as some supplemental information that may help to inform future decision-making. Sections 3 through 7 summarize the information that the supplier provided on the required reporting form, as well as data quality issues identified by State Water Board staff. Section 8 calculates what the objective for fiscal year 2024-2025 would look like if future water use efficiency standards were applied.

Note: This is the second year that water use and water use objectives were required to be reported and calculated pursuant to the State Water Board’s regulation, and State Water Board staff are identifying errors in the submitted data and reporting form as review is ongoing; these errors may impact the values shown throughout this report. Staff are taking steps to identify the more common errors so that they are corrected by suppliers and are resolved by the time water use objective compliance is assessed (i.e., for reports submitted January 1, 2027).

This report was generated by the State Water Board on February 23, 2026.

## 3 Report Submittal Date

The fiscal year 2024-2025 report was due on January 1, 2026. The version first reviewed by the State Water Board was submitted on December 23, 2025. The version reviewed for this version of the report was resubmitted on January 5, 2026.

## 4 Comparing the Objective to Reported Water Use

The supplier has **met** its calculated objective for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The final urban water use objective and corresponding reported water use, as calculated in the reporting workbook, is summarized in Table 2 in both million gallons (MG) and acre-feet (AF). Please note that compliance with the objective will first be formally assessed for the fiscal year 2025-2026, based on the report due January 1, 2027.

Quantity	Value (MG)	Value (AF)
Objective	1,925.9	5,910.2
Actual Water Use	1,615.5	4,957.9

Table 2: Objective and reported water use for fiscal year 2024-2025

As of the report due January 1, 2026, the SBx7-7 backstop volumes for process and recycled water are no longer equivalent to the values reported in the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Instead, they are based on values calculated in the SBx7-7 Backstop section of the reporting form. If the supplier had previously reported process and/or recycled water in the 2020 urban water management plan and did not include it in this year’s report, this may lower the volume of the SBx7-7 backstop relative to that shown in the fiscal year 2023-2024 report, and result in a lower objective volume. Please refer questions about these changes to State Water Board staff at [waterconservation@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:waterconservation@waterboards.ca.gov).

If you have any questions about how the objective was calculated, please refer to Appendix A.

## 5 Summary of Data Quality Flags for Objective Calculations

Table 3 summarizes objective data-related issues as identified by State Water Board staff.

Section	Data Checked	Reporting Issues Flagged
Objective	Calculated Final Volume	None
Objective	Intermediate Calculations	None
Residential Indoor	Calculated Volume	None
Residential Indoor	Required Cells Left Blank	None
Residential Outdoor	Calculated Volume	None
Residential Outdoor	LAM Data	None
Residential Outdoor	Required Cells Left Blank	None
Bonus Incentive	Calculated Volume	None
Water Loss Budget	Calculated Volume	None
Water Loss Budget	Service Connections/ Length of Mains	None
Actual Water Use	Calculated Volume	None
Actual Water Use	Missing/ Zero Potable Deliveries	None
Actual Water Use	Required Cells Left Blank	None
Real Water Loss	Reported Volume	None
Real Water Loss	Reporting Method	None
SBx7-7 Backstop	Required Cells Left Blank	None

Table 3: Data quality flags for the objective-related data

## 6 Summary of Data Quality Flags for Variance Calculations

As of the fiscal year 2024-2025 reporting period, variances and temporary provisions are reviewed by State Water Board staff; approved variances and temporary provisions are prefilled into the report. This has removed the need for variance data quality flags.

The supplier has no approved variances or temporary provisions for fiscal year 2024-2025.

## 7 CII Performance Measures

Table 4 summarizes Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial (CII) Performance Measures data-related issues as identified by State Water Board staff. The table summarizes flags for the CII Classification, Dedicated Irrigation Meters (DIMs) and In-Lieu Technologies, and Best Management Practices (BMPs) sections in the reporting form.

Section	Data Checked	Reporting Issues Flagged
CII Classification (972)	Required Cells Left Blank	None
CII Classification (972)	Number of Service Connections	None
DIMs and In-Lieu Tech (973)	Large Landscapes Identification Method	None
DIMs and In-Lieu Tech (973)	Required Cells Left Blank	None
BMPs (974)	CII BMP Identification Method	None
974(c)(1)	Required Cells Left Blank	None

Table 4: Data quality flags for the CII BMP sections

## 8 Objectives Calculated with Future Standards

The current and future standards for the urban water use objective calculations are summarized in Table 5.

Year	Residential Indoor	Residential Outdoor	CII DIMs	Water Loss Budget
FY23-24	55 GPCD	0.8 LEF	Volume as Reported	Reported or Budget
FY25-26	47 GPCD	0.8 LEF	Volume as Reported	Reported or Budget
FY30-31	42 GPCD	0.8 LEF	0.8 LEF (starts July 1, 2028)	Budget (starts July 1, 2027)
FY35-36	42 GPCD	0.63 LEF	0.63 LEF	Budget
FY40-41	42 GPCD	0.55 LEF	0.45 LEF	Budget

Table 5: Summary of the standards that inform objective calculations

Using the standards in Table 5 and the calculation steps explained in Appendix A, as well as the data provided in the fiscal year 2024-2025 report, State Water Board staff generated objective volume estimates as shown in Tables 6 and 7.

Please note that these values do **not** represent the final calculated budgets for the corresponding years; they are intended to show what an objective for the fiscal year 2024-2025 would look like if future standards, rather than the standards in effect at the time, were applied to the reported data. Compliance with the regulation is a long-term process, but programs or actions implemented to reduce service area demand may also take time to implement and produce intended outcomes. State Water Board staff have provided these numbers as a starting point for considerations of which actions, if any, may need to be taken.

The budget associated with irrigable-not-irrigated landscapes (INI) is conditionally included or not included in the budget as noted in the “INI Included?” column of the table (see item 6 in the list of assumptions below for details). Future water use objectives will be influenced by changes in local climatology, service area population, and square footage of irrigated landscapes, as well as other data points that are not yet available, such as the square footage of CII landscapes with DIMs.

Please note that issues with missing or incorrect data from the fiscal year 2024-2025 report may also affect these values.

Year	INI Included?	Capped?	Objective (MG)	Objective (AF)	FY 24-25 use lower than objective?
Current	No	No	1,925.9	5,910.2	Yes
FY25-26	No	No	1,864.6	5,722.4	Yes
FY30-31	No	No	1,680.8	5,158.2	Yes
FY35-36	Yes	No	1,779.9	5,462.4	Yes
FY40-41	Yes	No	1,653.0	5,072.9	Yes

Table 6: Objectives calculated using the values and standards specified in Table 5 (with the exception of CII DIMs due to lack of data; see point 3 below)

Year	INI Included?	Capped?	Objective (MG)	Objective (AF)	FY 24-25 use lower than objective?
Current	No	No	1,925.9	5,910.2	Yes
FY25-26	No	No	1,864.6	5,722.4	Yes
FY30-31	No	No	1,680.8	5,158.2	Yes
FY35-36	No	No	1,493.8	4,584.3	No (objective is 7.5% lower)
FY40-41	No	No	1,403.2	4,306.4	No (objective is 13.1% lower)

Table 7: Similar to Table 6 but no INI after current reporting period. INI will not be included in the objective if residential landscape area is updated according to Section 968(b)(3)

While Table 6 follows all of the listed assumptions below, Table 7 does not include the 20% INI buffer past the current reporting period.

These values were generated using some or all of the following assumptions:

1. For all years, reported quantities such as population, irrigated residential landscapes, and excluded demands remained constant.
2. For all years, the volume of requested variances (with the exception of the seasonal population variance, if applicable) remained the same as the volumes requested in this year's submitted report.
3. For all years, the CII with DIMs budget was assumed to be equivalent to the reported actual water use for CII with DIMs, since the landscape area data is not yet available. Variances for CII with DIMs are therefore assumed to be 0.
4. The water loss budget prior to FY2030-2031 was equivalent to the value selected by the reporter in this year's submitted report. The water loss budget for FY2030-2031 onwards was set as either (A) the water loss budget calculated using the standards; or (B) the reported water loss, if one or more necessary components for the water loss budget calculation were missing.
5. The volume of the bonus incentive, if applicable, was capped according to the reported method and calculated objective for the corresponding year.
6. The 20% INI was included if actual water use exceeded the pre-"capped" objective for the corresponding year.
7. Before 2040, if the "no backsliding" provision was applicable and the supplier was part of a regional alliance that met its regional target, the pre-"capped" objective was used in place of the "capped" objective.

## A Steps to Calculate Objective

Table 8 summarizes the initial budget components as determined within the submitted workbook, in both million gallons (MG) and acre-feet (AF).

Budget Component	Equation Symbol	Budget Value (MG)	Budget Value (AF)
Residential Indoor	$RI_B$	774.5	2,376.9
Residential Indoor Variances and Provisions	$RI_V$	0.0	0.0
Residential Outdoor	$RO_B$	958.5	2,941.6
Residential Outdoor Variances and Provisions	$RO_V$	0.0	0.0
CII with DIMs	$DIM_B$	0.0	0.0
Real Water Loss	$RWL_B$	192.8	591.7
Bonus Incentive	$BI$	0.0	0.0
Sum (before INI)	$OBJ$	1,925.9	5,910.2

Table 8: Individual budgets within the objective for fiscal year 2024-2025

The following section describes the step-by-step calculations that produced the final objective for fiscal year 2024-2025. All calculations are shown in million gallons.

1. The initial water use objective (not including INI, the bonus incentive, or the “no backsliding” provision) was calculated as follows:

$$Obj_{init} = RI_B + RI_V + RO_B + RO_v + DIM_B + RWL_B$$

$$OBJ_{init} = 774.5 + 0.0 + 958.5 + 0.0 + 0.0 + 192.8$$

$$OBJ_{init} = 1,925.9 \text{ Million Gallons}$$

2. The bonus incentive was reported as 0 or not calculated. Therefore,

$$OBJ = OBJ_{init}$$

$$OBJ = 1,925.9 \text{ Million Gallons}$$

If you think the bonus incentive should be greater than 0, please review the values that were entered in the “Bonus Incentive” tab of the reporting form.

3. The calculated objective was greater than actual water use for FY 2024-2025, so the 20% INI buffer was not added to the objective.

Volume	Equation Symbol	Value (MG)	Value (AF)
Objective without INI	$OBJ$	1,925.9	5,910.2
Actual Water Use	$AWU$	1,615.5	4,957.9
20 pct INI Volume (if applicable)	$RO_{INI}$	363.3	1,115.0
Excluded Demands	$EXCL$	322.4	989.4

Table 9: Summary of volumes used in steps 3 and 4 to compare to the SBx7-7 target volume

$$OBJ_{ADJ} = OBJ$$

$$OBJ_{ADJ} = 1,925.9 \text{ Million Gallons}$$

4. The “no backsliding” provision was assessed.

SBx7-7 Component	Equation Symbol	Value (MG)	Value (AF)
SBx7-7 Target Volume	$SBX_V$	3,247.8	9,967.2
Process Water	$PW$	0.0	0.0
Indirect Recycled	$IR$	0.0	0.0
Total No Backsliding Volume	$SBX_{TOT}$	3,247.8	9,967.2

Table 10: Summary of supplier's individual SBX7-7 target volume, plus any additional demands excluded from the original target

The sum of the objective plus excluded demands ( $OE$ ) is as follows:

$$OE = OBJ_{ADJ} + EXCL$$

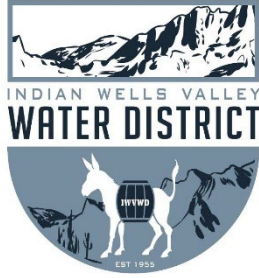
$$OE = 1,925.9 + 322.4$$

$$OE = 2,248.2 \text{ Million Gallons}$$

$OE$  was less than the no backsliding volume,  $SBX_{TOT}$ . Therefore, the final objective remains as calculated in the prior step.

$$OBJ_{FINAL} = OBJ_{ADJ}$$

$$OBJ_{FINAL} = 1,925.9 \text{ Million Gallons}$$



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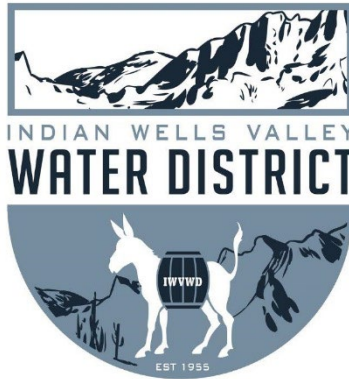
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