

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Cordell, Don Zdeba, Renée Morquecho, Jennifer Keep, and Jason Lillion

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**

Don Zdeba reported that the IWVGA approved Article 5 of the Bylaws which defines committees and their responsibilities. Also approved at the May 18<sup>th</sup> IWVGA Meeting were five appoints to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC):

- Steve Godard - Wholesaler and Industrial User - Searles Valley Minerals
- Donna Thomas - Eastern Kern County RCD - EKCRCD
- Brian Longbottom - Department of the Navy - Navy (non-voting)
- Don Zdeba - Indian Wells Valley Water District - IWVWD (non-voting)
- Ryan Klausch - Bureau of Land Management - BLM (non-voting)

The IWVGA Board unanimously agreed to hold off on appointing the “business interest” seat of the PAC due to the deadline for accepting applications being set to June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board wanted to allow all applicants a fair chance to apply for the “business interest” seat. An ad was placed in The Daily Independent’s May 23<sup>rd</sup> edition asking for volunteers to apply for the IWVGA PAC. The IWVGA Board appointed Vice-chair Breeden and Chair Gleason to a committee to review all applications for the PAC after the deadline. Appointments for the remaining seats on the PAC will be voted on at the June 15<sup>th</sup> IWVGA meeting.

Public suggested that staff recommend to the IWVGA Board that the PAC and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) begin meeting as soon as possible.

**4. Water Conservation**

Jennifer Keep reported that the District completed the Conservation contest between 3<sup>rd</sup> graders within the Valley. Gateway Elementary and Ridgecrest Charter classes were participants. The winner of the contest had their drawing displayed on a billboard which was unveiled on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and is also featured with other contestants’ drawings in a

2017-2018 16 month calendar displaying different conservation messages. The winning entry is also featured on a quarterly postcard to be sent to all customers with messaging concentrating on efficient use of evaporative coolers. Ms. Keep reported on the Water District's conservation efforts stating that for the month of April there were seven leak reports received. Seven contacts were made which concluded in two formal warning actions sent and two penalty fees being issued. The Cash for Grass program is still in effect and 100 yards have been converted which potentially adds up to 18.7 acre feet of water saved. There was one consultation today with a Water District XERIC<sup>®</sup> Ambassador and no other consultations are currently pending. Ms. Keep stated that Customer Accounts has been contacting all customers that show up on the AMI leak report.

**5. Future Agenda Items**

Tribal Representation on the IWVGA.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.