

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Peter Brown, Chuck Griffin, Don Zdeba, Renée Morquecho, Jason Lillion, and Tyrell Staheli
Teleconferencing in was Indian Wells Valley Water District's attorney James Worth

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

Mike Neel commented that there was lack of technical documents to support SkyTEM. Peter Brown offered to provide Mr. Neel with an email address so that he may contact SkyTEM for further supporting documents.

3. Current Watering Restrictions

The committee reviewed the current Ordinance No. 100 which permits three days a week to water landscaping with sprinklers. At the July 13th Board Workshop it was discussed the possibility of rescinding Ordinance No. 100 and proposing a new policy to allow every other day watering and no restrictions during the winter months.

Don Zdeba suggested allowing the current summer schedule, three days a week watering, to carry through the winter months and eliminate the one day watering schedule currently permitted through winter months.

Chuck Griffin suggested allowing 7 days a week watering with some sort of time restriction, e.g. watering permitted between 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Peter Brown suggested every other day watering and no time restrictions.

The committee directed staff to investigate options of educating the public on how to keep the current watering restrictions while still maintaining healthy trees and shrubs. All committee members were in favor of eliminating the winter watering schedule for more permissible days to water.

4. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Don Zdeba commented that he was volunteered at the last IWVGA meeting to facilitate the first IWVGA Technical Advisory (TAC) meeting. Mr. Zdeba sent out an email to all TAC members, alternates and IWVGA board members which included a Doodle Poll with time and date suggestions for the first meeting. Mr. Zdeba commented that due to the short time before the grant funding applications need to be submitted, he plans to focus the first meeting

on the list of prioritized projects from the IWVCGMG TAC that could be considered for grant funding. The list includes estimated project costs. Renee Morquecho commented that Tim Parker has an updated list provided by the IWVCGMG TAC which will be used in the first IWVGA TAC meeting.

Chuck Griffin asked James Worth for information with regards to the separate IWVCGMG TAC and IWVGA TAC meetings possibly violating the Brown Act.

Don Zdeba asked James Worth to gather information regarding if TAC members must file form 700s and take ethics training as is being required for voting Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) members.

5. Water Conservation

Tyrell Staheli reported that thus far for the month of July there have been four water waste reports, all concluded in either verbal or written contact, one concluded in a formal warning. No penalties were issued. Mr. Staheli updated the committee on Cash for Grass funds remaining (\$127,889) and added that there are 109 completed yards, 32 pending yards, and 33 approved applications. Total potential annual water savings once all yards are completed is 43.7 acre feet. There have been no XERIC[®] ambassador consultations for the month of July and a total of 5 for 2017.

Chuck Griffin asked if staff could possibly use the remaining Cash for Grass funds towards other conservation efforts, e.g. smart timers. Mr. Staheli answered that he does have a request in with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to speak on the possibility of redirecting the remaining funds and he hasn't heard back. Mr. Staheli plans to follow up on Friday, July 28, 2017.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.