

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 – 2:00 PM

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Chuck Griffin, Chuck Cordell, Jason Lillion, Don Zdeba, Renée Morquecho, and Ty Staheli.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

Staff reported annual testing of the intertie connections with Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) and the Navy will occur over the next two weeks; SVM on April 4th and the Navy on April 11th.

3. Review of Distribution System Fees Purpose and Applicability

Recently staff began to review the applicability of charging a distribution system fee for undeveloped lots in several Assessment Districts (AD), mainly AD 87-1 and AD 91-1. Plans on file for AD 87-1 are dated 1988 or 1989 and the District's Sales & Service Policy allows for the charging of distribution system fees for PVC and asbestos cement pipes after 30 yrs. After further research, the construction of facilities for both ADs 87-1 and 91-1 were completed and accepted by the District in 1993. Therefore, the District will not charge distribution system fees until after the dates of the Notice of Completion. Staff will also begin looking at some of the agreements the District signed when it purchased some smaller water systems over 40 years ago. The terms of those agreements may no longer be applicable and will be reviewed.

4. Well 18 Repair: Update

Best Drilling and Pump has placed the liner and is now putting in the gravel pack around the liner. Once the gravel pack is in place, it will be consolidated via swabbing and then a cement seal put in place at the top of the liner. Once liner installation is complete, the well will be re-developed.

5. WSIP Update: Upgrades to Well 34 and New Well 35

Well 34: The well has been scrubbed, airlifted, disinfected and installation of new equipment began this morning. Staff expects the well to be back online by the end of next week.

Well 35: No update.

6. AMI Pilot Project: Update

After incorporating comments from District's legal counsel, the RFP for the customer portal will be released this week.

7. Solar Power Project: Update

The last system to go online will be at Well 34. The upgrades must be completed before the system can be energized. Well 34 is expected to be online by the end of next week.

8. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

The filter effluent tanks have been cleaned and disinfected. Leaky O-rings on the caustic chemical tanks must be replaced before putting the systems online. Staff expects the new O-rings to be installed and the arsenic plants up and running before the end of the month.

9. Future Agenda Items

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.