

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 – 1:30 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Cordell, Don Zdeba, and Jason Lillion

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

Donna Thomas suggested the Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan developed by the IWVGA Policy Advisory Committee have a separate link for easier access on the IWVGA website. Ms. Thomas also suggested a change to the C&E Plan to include a footnote stating the date when the basin went from a medium priority basin to a high priority.

Sophia Merk provided a handout of the definition of a “de-minimis” user distributed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR)

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

The Committee discussed the June 21, 2018 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting.

Stan Rajtora suggested the IWWVD recommend to the IWVGA to hold off on any pumping fees and instead conduct an agency assessment or fee, so that the amount would be divided amongst each County dependent on how much water it pumped.

Don Zdeba commented the City of Ridgecrest may delay their reimbursement until after the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is adopted.

4. Hydrogeological Conceptual Model

Don Zdeba reported on the presentation and interpretation of the SkyTEM geophysical data which took place on June 22, 2018. The data is being used by Ramboll to develop the Hydrological Conceptual Model (HCM) of the basin. A conference call took place the morning of June 28th to plan for presenting the HCM.

A presentation on the HCM will take place on July 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m. in Ridgecrest City Chambers for comments and feedback.

Mr. Zdeba also commented that they have approached Stetson Engineers, who has an agreement with Desert Research Institute (DRI), requesting the grid layers from the

model that DRI has done to incorporate with the HCM.

5. Brackish Water Study

Mr. Zdeba reported the Brackish Water Feasibility Study is ongoing and the contract with DWR has not been signed yet. The group did receive over \$1.1 million through DWR, Proposition 84 Grant Funding. The target time frame for completion of the study is the middle of 2019.

6. Future Agenda Items

Repeat of the current agenda items.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.