

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: David Saint-Amand, Don Zdeba, Tyrell Staheli, and Renée Morquecho

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Proposed Temporary Staff Position**

Don Zdeba reviewed the Staff Report regarding a proposed temporary Maintenance/Repair/Construction (MRC) employee.

The Indian Wells Valley has experienced an increase in construction and installation of new underground infrastructure this year, resulting in the District being inundated with utility locate requests, currently being performed by the Associate Engineer. This increase has resulted in a great deal of his time being spent on locate requests, which has limited the engineering tasks he can undertake and the training opportunities he needs.

Staff proposes dedicating a senior MRC position to perform utility locates and hiring a temporary MRC employee to keep the Maintenance crew full staffed, until such time the senior MRC can return to the Maintenance crew.

Vice President Saint-Amand is in favor of hiring a temporary MRC employee and deferred to the Board for further discussion.

**4. Discussion on Senate Bill (SB) 606 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1668**

Don Zdeba commented the Water Use Efficiency Standards have not been formally approved. These standards are currently scheduled to be established by July 2022.

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has submitted a letter with comments on Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposed Outdoor Residential Water Use Standard Draft Recommendation. ACWA expressed concerns with some of the factors DWR is using to establish standards, which aren't achievable. For example, the proposed 0.8 Evapotranspiration Factor does not support healthy and existing landscapes, including trees.

Mr. Zdeba has been informed by Senator Groves that DWR is working on a variance for evaporative cooler use, but no specifics are available at this time.

5. **Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2021**  
The Committee reviewed the agenda and made no changes.

6. **Future Agenda Items**  
None.

7. **Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.