

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, David Saint-Amand, Don Zdeba, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli, and
Renée Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Discussion of actions taken at the January 11, 2023, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Regular Board meeting:

- The IWVGA Board authorized their staff to begin the application process for a grant from the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program for Shallow Well Mitigation and Water Recycling Treatment Plant.
- There will be discussion regarding the compensation for the repairs made to the Heritage Village well at the next IWVGA in February.
- At the next meeting, there will also be discussion of Brown Armstrong's request for additional funds requested to finish the auditing process.
- There will be a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting this evening, January 26th at 5:00pm.
- The next IWVGA Regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023

Public Comment regarding the IWVGA –

- Mike Neel requested that the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD) Board reiterate his request to the IWVGA Board for an updated project cost for the Imported Water Pipeline Project be available to the public.

4. Brackish Water Study

Don Zdeba reported that the Brackish Study Group's last meeting was January 27, 2022.

Annual reports have been submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for 2019, 2020, and 2021. The 2019 annual report was submitted to DWR on December 9th, and the 2020 and 2021 reports were uploaded to GRanTS on January 17th. Payment for the fifth invoice package in the amount of \$8,521.53 was received January 11th. The grant agreement has been amended to change the project completion date from March 30, 2023, to December 30, 2023. Recent work has involved developing draft treatment

methods and costs for four scenarios. The scenarios are being reviewed and the costs for additional system components such as extraction wells, pipelines, reservoirs, etc. are currently being estimated. Also, the draft 2022 annual report is being prepared.

5. Alternate Water Sources

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

At the January 19, 2022, workshop, the Board approved up to \$200,000 to obtain and reprocess additional remote sensing/seismic data collected during the 1980's within the El Paso sub-basin area and update the Hydrological Conceptual Framework.

The acquisition and interpretation of the 104 miles of seismic data has been completed by John Jansen with Collier Geophysical. John drafted a final report, but after a discussion with Tim Parker and Don Zdeba, it was decided John would include determination of net clay percentages along with the net sand percentages he had already completed for each HG zone since clays can contain groundwater as well. This work is in progress.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm