

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Stan Rajtora, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Solar Facilities Security: Options

The District has recently experienced an increase in theft at the solar production sites. The estimates to repair the damaged facilities are approximately \$100,000. Before spending funds to repair the damage, the District is planning to look at some security measures to prevent theft. Staff explained that they will be renting surveillance equipment to test the effectiveness of the system for a time. The equipment comes with alarms, motion sensors, camera and even a speaker. If the system proves to be effective, then Staff will return to the Board with a recommendation and cost for a full-scale system.

4. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

Phases 1 and 2 have been pressure tested and disinfected. Bacteriological sampling was performed yesterday. Phase 2 is currently being pressure tested and disinfected. The contractor expects tie-ins and grading of the right-of-way to be completed before Thanksgiving.

5. Water System Consolidations: Update

The District is waiting for final notification from the State for Hometown and the agreement for Dune 3. The grant manager with the State indicated last week she would check on the status.

The District and IWV Groundwater Authority both agreed on funding the Rademacher Way project last month. The agreement has been signed by the GA and will be signed by the District's Board President this afternoon. Staff has been in communication with Stetson Engineers to begin submitting invoices for reimbursement once the agreement is signed. The project will most likely be

started after the New Year since the Springer transmission pipeline will be out of the service while the two tie-ins are completed.

No word yet from the State regarding the Inyokern Community Services District. The District is aware that they have hired a third-party wastewater operator.

6. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Both treatment plants are offline and being prepared for the winter.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Recycled Water Feasibility Study
- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.