

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Chuck Griffin, George Croll, Jason Lillion, Tyrell Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin reported that the August IWVGA Board Meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

The IWVGA board has asked the District to attend their board meeting in order to discuss any feasible alternatives to the proposed pipeline project. The committee feels that it is important to provide the public with all of the information that is available. This decision shall be taken to the board for discussion and approval at next week's board meeting.

4. Potential Impact of Recycled Water on District's Need for Imported Water

With all of the future limitations that are being placed on the District by the State of California, it would be very beneficial for the basin to have a recycled water plant. Director Griffin feels that the District should reopen the lines of communication with the City of Ridgecrest so that the two entities can work together to find a solution. Mr. Croll will reach out to the City Manager with regards to setting up a meeting. Director Boyd suggests that an Ad hoc committee would be advantageous as it would open more discussions and focus directly on the possibilities, research, and costs.

5. Alternate Water Sources

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

The committee discussed the possibility of drilling more monitoring wells in the future and the financial cost of doing so.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.