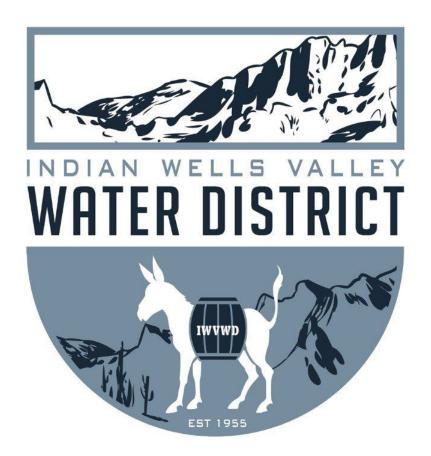
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting



August 12, 2024



INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



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2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Personnel, Legal Matters, General Plan, Community Relations, Board Meeting Agendas, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Customer Service, Variances, Director's Manual, etc.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> (KICINSKI/SAINT-AMAND)

Rates, Cost-of-Service, Budget, Audits, Cost Allocation, Investments, Financial Services, Insurance, Loans/Grants, Water Sales & Service Policy Manual, Accounting, Assessment Districts, Billing, etc.

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE (BOYD/RAJTORA)

Transmission/Distribution System, Vehicles & Equipment, Wells, Reservoirs, Real Property Management, Telemetry, etc.

WATER MANAGEMENT (BOYD/GRIFFIN)

Groundwater Sustainability Act, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, Water Management, Water Policy, Water Quality, Conservation, Urban Water Management Plan, California Urban Water Conservation Council, Title 22 Compliance, Alternative sources for water supply including Blending, Importation, Reuse, etc.

Committee Meetings are generally scheduled on a regular day and time.

Committee Meetings are subject to change.

Administration/Executive Finance Plant & Equipment Water Management Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday before the Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday before the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m..

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' HEARING ROOM 500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Posting of Agenda Declaration
- 5. Conflict of Interest Declaration
- 6. Public Questions and Comments on Closed Session
- 7. Closed Session
 - A. Potential Litigation

Conference with Legal Counsel

2 Matters

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(4))

B. Existing Litigation

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al. Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

C. Existing Litigation

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al. Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

D. Existing Litigation

Conference with Legal Counsel

Searles Valley Minerals Inc., v Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et al. Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

8. Public Questions and Comments

(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda and over which the Board has jurisdiction. However, no action may be taken by the Board of Directors on any item not appearing on the agenda. Non-agenda speakers are asked to limit their presentation to five minutes. Public questions and comments on items listed on the agenda will be accepted at any time the item is brought forth for consideration by the Board. When you are recognized by the chairperson, please state your name for the record.)

9. July Workshop Deferred Items:

- 1. WaterView Update
- 2. Report on Water Losses, Consumption, and Production
- A. General Discussion of Goals and Priorities

Description: Discussion on any Board, Staff, and General Manager goals.

10. Current Business/Committee Reports

A. Consent Calendar

Description: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Accounts Payable Disbursements.

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. July 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. July 18, 2024, Special Board Workshop
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable Disbursements
- B. Plant & Equipment Committee
 - 1. Drinking Water Administrator Program: Request for Qualifications **Description:** Staff to discuss with the Board the prospect of the District becoming a Drinking Water Administrator through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

- 2. Rademacher Way Mainline Extension: Notice of Exemption **Description:** Staff to present the Board with Notice of Exemption for possible Rademacher Way pipeline project to be funded by the IWV Groundwater Authority (IWVGA).
- C. Administration Executive Committee
 - 1. Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) Discussion

Description: Discussion on CCW Policy and actions moving forward. **Committee Recommends the Following:** Legal to provide a report to the Board.

2. Request for Office Closure

Description: Board to review request to close the District on Thursday, December 26th and Thursday, January 2nd, as the office will already be closed the Wednesdays before in observance of Christmas and New Years.

Committee Recommends the Following: Discussion deferred to Board meeting.

- D. Resolution No. 24-05: Opposing the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority's Proposed Water Pipeline from AVEK to Ridgecrest **Description:** Board discussion and consideration of adopting Resolution No. 24-05: Opposing the IWVGA's Proposed Pipeline from AVEK to Ridgecrest.
- E. Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Plan

 Description: California Occupational Safety and Health Standards requires
 employers to develop and implement a "Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Pla

employers to develop and implement a "Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment" to establish required safety measures for indoor places of employment to prevent employee exposure to the risk of heat illness.

- F. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority **Description:** Report and discussion regarding the July 10, 2024, meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). Including, Board discussion and consideration of issues of importance requiring action by the IWVGA. Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024.
- G. Comprehensive Adjudication

Description: Report and discussion regarding the status of the Comprehensive Adjudication.

- H. General Manager and Staff Update (The Board will consider and may act on the following items):
 - 1. Water Production, New Services, and Personnel Safety Record **Description:** Water produced from all District wells, report of the new services installed in the District, and personnel safety record for the preceding month.
 - 2. Public Outreach

Description: Public Outreach Report.

3. NW Transmission Pipeline

Description: Update on this Project.

4. Dune 3 and Hometown Water Consolidations Update **Description**: Update on these Projects.

5. Financial Status

Description: Report on the District's current financial status.

6. Conservation

Description: Update on the Conservation Program and discussion on water conservation related items.

7. Arsenic Treatment Facilities

Description: Staff will update the Board on maintenance issues and production.

8. Operations

Description: Staff report on operations.

- 11. Board Comments/Future Agenda Items
- 12. Adjournment



Committee Reports

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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. Drinking Water Administrator Program: Request for Qualifications

Staff presented the Committee with information regarding the Drinking Water Administrator Program and the requirement to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). The State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Program has requested that the District submit an SOQ in preparation for possible request to become the Administrator of the Inyokern Community Services District. The Committee discussed their concerns and will be continuing the discussion at the next Board meeting. Staff is looking for direction from the Board.

4. Rademacher Way Mainline Extension: Notice of Exemption

The Committee reviewed a Notice of Exemption for Phase 1 of the Rademacher Way Mainline Extension Project. The District is working with the Groundwater Authority to fund this approximately 1000 ft 8-inch pipeline extension as a Phase 1 that will eventually see all homes in the area off of wells with high TDS and arsenic. The second phase will continue north on Rademacher and loop to Gordon Street. Well destruction will be included in Phase 2 of the project. Plans for the first phase were approved by the District several years ago but the pipeline was not installed. The GA has received grant funding that will pay for these types of projects.

5. Lead Service Line Inventory: Update

All public water systems in California are required to inventory their service lines from the main to the meter and from the meter to the home by October 24, 2024. There are many ways to do this. The District has around 12,000 service connections and was able to narrow down those that have to be

visited in person by eliminating the connections installed after 1986 when lead was no longer allowed in plumbing supplies. For the remaining connections, staff is visiting each one, opening the meter box, and taking a look at the material connected to the meter on both the District and customer side. So far, the District has inventoried around 8000 connections and approximately 4000 remain. Staff is working overtime to get this accomplished and has made great progress in only a few weekends. It is expected that the inventory can be completed in 3-4 more weekends.

6. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update

Nicholas Construction has been removing the old 30-inch CMLC pipe and has completed removal up to Primavera where you can see the Navy's water tanks on the north side of the fence. Tomorrow they will have a second crew begin installation of the new 24-inch PVC pipe at Victor Street. During pipeline removal/potholing, it appears as though some of the existing 24-inch CMLC pipe along Victor Street may also need to be replaced. After further investigation, a decision was made to also replace the CMLC pipe in Victor up to Well 30 (the closest to Hwy 178). This is approximately 700 additional feet of 24-inch PVC. The cost is approximately \$213,000 but Nicholas has submitted a request to use native soil for backfill which will give the District a credit of \$200,000. In addition, at Jacks Ranch Rd, additional fusible PVC will be needed to cross under the road so as not to tear up the new intersection/light there. That additional cost is about \$80,000 but the District will be receiving yet another credit for eliminating 6 of the 10 planned blow offs along the pipeline (cost \$14,000 each). In the contract there is a line item of \$100,000 for "unforeseen conditions" and ultimately after accounting for all deductions/credits, about \$16,000 of the credit will be used.

7. Dune 3 and Hometown Water Consolidations: Update

Last week the District received a draft general counsel opinion letter and request for a letter designating the authorized representative from the District to sign documents for the Hometown Water System consolidation funding. Staff and legal are reviewing them at this time. Staff expects to receive the same type of request soon for the Dune 3 consolidation. In addition, the staff will be reviewing a proposal from GHD consulting engineers for handling the bidding and project management/inspections for the project. GHD is the consultant that has done all the planning and design for this project with all costs paid by the State. The agreement will be between the District and GHD but will be covered by the grant funding.

8. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

The new media has been installed at Plant 1 and staff is running through the testing of the plant in order to bring it online in the next few days. Plant 2 is offline due to a metering error. The cause of the error is being investigated.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Lead service line inventory update
- La Mirage Housing Area Grant Funding
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection

- Springer Ave pipeline schedule
- Imported pipeline infrastructure upgrades

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024 – 2:30 PM BOARD ROOM 500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

ATTENDEES: Mallory Boyd, Ron Kicinski, George Croll, Ty Staheli, Jason Lillion, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:44 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Fraud Risk Discussion

Description: Discuss potential or actual fraud risks within the organization.

None to report.

4. GA Imported Water Costs

Description: Discuss imported water costs and potential impact to customers' bills

Committee discussed several questions regarding the GA's imported water pipeline project, including; the discrepancy in House vs Senate funding of the GA's pipeline project, \$50 million vs. \$5 million, the required matching funds, how the GA plans to collect those funds, possibly through a prop 218 property assessment, and whether there is a requirement to secure all funding before the project can commence construction.

Further information to follow as received.

5. Financial Statements July 31, 2024 (preliminary)

Description: Presentation to Committee financial reports and graphs depicting current revenue and expense trends compared to budget and previous fiscal year actuals.

Estimated year-to-date revenues as of July 31, 2024, are \$518,204 and expenses are \$769,660, therefore expenditures exceeded revenues by \$251,456, which is better than budget by \$627,945. Additional accruals are expected as the fiscal year is closed.

To date, the District has paid the Groundwater Authority \$14,493,119 in fees.

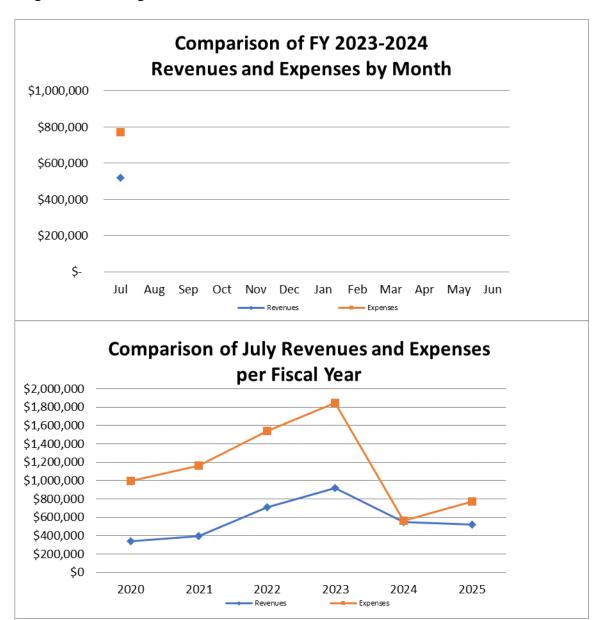
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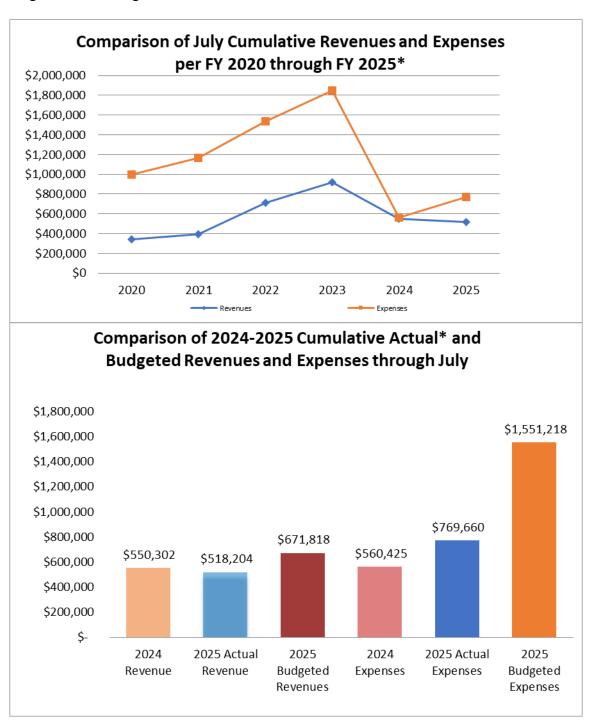
Staff presented the following spreadsheet, which compares July year-to-date actual to budgeted revenues and expenses by category:

Indian Wells Valley Water District

Revenues vs. Expense Actuals & Budget through July 2024 (Preliminary)

	Budget	Actuals	Δ
Revenues			
Total Water Sales	519,969	301,651	-218,318
GSA Fees	123,877	131,501	7,624
Total Water Service Revenue	14,961	36,669	21,708
Total Non-Operating Income	6,149	10,253	4,104
Capital Contributions	6,862	38,130	31,268
Total Revenues	671,818	518,204	-153,613
Expenses			
Water Supply	127,218	31,706	-95,512
Arsenic Treatment Plants	35,807	7,212	-93,512
Transmission & Distribution	174,850	46,835	-128,015
Engineering	56,689	19,335	-120,013
Customer Service	40,500	16,991	-23,508
Field Services	44,704	17,315	-23,300
General & Administration	216,289	118,387	-97,903
Legal	148,960	0	-148,960
Legislative	9,361	6,194	-3,167
Depreciation	275,000	275,000	-3, 107
Non-Operating, Interest	145,596	145,596	0
Non-Operating, Miscellaneous	22,422	84,476	62,053
GSA Fees	243,927	04,470	-243,927
Non-Operating, Conservation	2,681	613	-2,068
Non-Operating, Alternate Water	7,213	0	-7,213
Total Expenses	1,551,218	769,660	-781,558
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Net Revenue Increase (Decrease)	-879,401	-251,456	627,945
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Capital Expenditures		35,913	
Debt Service Principle		92,639	
Total GSA Extraction Fee Paid		2,721,761	
Total GSA Replenishment Fee Paid		11,771,358	
		14,493,119	





^{*}Actual Revenues and Expenses are Estimated

6. Accounts Payable Disbursements

Description: Presentation to Committee of Accounts Payable Disbursements reports for Board approval.

The Committee recommended approval of accounts payable disbursements totaling \$908,908,48 as follows:

Checks through:	7/3/24 7/18/24	
Prepaid	\$ 52,904.95	\$ 73,447.68
Current	686,699.01	95,856.84
Total	<u>\$ 739,603.96</u>	\$ 169,304.52

7. Future Agenda Items

None

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:04 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM 500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Jason Lillion, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) Discussion

Staff reported there is reference of firearms being prohibited on District property, potentially resulting in disciplinary action. Legal to review Personnel Manual and provide a report at the Board meeting.

4. Request for Office Closure

Staff requests the office to be closed on Thursday, December 26th and Thursday, January 2nd, as the office will already be closed on the Wednesdays prior in observance of Christmas and New Years holidays.

Committee deferred discussion to the Board meeting.

5. Draft Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2024

The Committee reviewed the agenda and made minor changes.

6. Future Agenda Items

A standing item to address any outstanding Public Records Requests (PRR).

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

BOARD ROOM 500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Mallory Boyd, Stan Rajtora, Jason Lillion, Tyrell Staheli, and Renee Morquecho

1. Call to Order

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

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Director Griffin is not present to give his report on the last IWVGA Board Meeting, held on July 10, 2024.

Director Rajtora reports that the IWVGA staff has requested to use the remaining Consolidation Grant money (\$2.5 – \$3 million) on planning. Director Rajtora believes that the money should be used on more physical projects.

The next IWVGA Board meeting, scheduled for August 14th.

a. Discuss feasible alternatives to the pipeline project.

There are no updates to report at this time.

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

Director Rajtora states that the City of Ridgecrest has plans to build a Waste Water Treatment Plant but there have not been any efforts to work with the District on how to utilize the processed water. Director Boyd states that the IWVGA should look at shifting from the Imported Water Pipeline to adding in a Recycled Water Treatment to the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. This could include looking into utilizing the \$50 million funding that the IWVGA has received for the pipeline towards a recycled water project instead. There are not yet any plans nor funding to move forward with a Recycled Water Treatment Plant which would require more extensive treatment of the water.

5. Alternate Water Sources

a. Exploration of sub-basins within the valley

The board is interested to see if the El Paso sub-basin will be reclassified as new water in the upcoming updates being made to the GSP.

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6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.



Approval of Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JULY 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley **CALL TO ORDER** Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Parker.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski

Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand

Director Charles D. Griffin Director Stan G. Rajtora

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Mallory J. Boyd

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager

Jim Worth, Attorney

Jason Lillion, Operations Manager Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer

Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION

AGENDA

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's **DECLARATION** Regular Board Meeting was posted on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

CONFLICT OF

Vice President Saint-Amand stated he has retired from the Naval Air **INTEREST** Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake Base as of June 30, 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

SESSION

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:06 p.m.

No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker and Renee Westa-Lusk. COMMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONSENT

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by CALENDAR Director Griffin approving the Minutes of the June 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, and Payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$857,379.03. Motion was carried, unanimously. (Ayes: Griffin, Kicinski, Rajtora, Saint-Amand. Nays: None. Absent: Boyd.)

ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ADMIN/EXEC

The amendment would allow employees to rollover governmental, pre-tax, CM: AMENDMENT voluntary funding from previous 457 Plans of a past eligible employer. TO MOA 457 Amendment to be approved by way of Resolution No. 24-04.

PLANS

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the amendment to the District's 457(b) Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan through Mutual of America. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

> President Kicinski: Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye Director Boyd: Absent Director Griffin: Aye Director Rajtora: Aye

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (IWVGA)

IWVGA

The Board discussed action items from the June 12th meeting, including: > Public workshop on the period review of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

George Croll reviewed slides from the June 12th IWVGA meeting and statements made, as well as pumping scenarios. (Included in PowerPoint for tonight's meeting available on IWVWD website.)

The next IWVGA meeting is scheduled for July 10th.

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk and Judie Decker.

COMPREHENSIVE ADJUDICATION

COMPREHENSIVE

Jim Worth stated the next Adjudication Hearing is scheduled for Monday, ADJUDICATION August 5^{th} at 1:30 p.m.

At the June 14^{th} Hearing, the Judge set the basin boundary consistent with the Bulletin No. 118, and also agreed with the case management order which sets the deadlines and timeframes for when pre-discovery actions must take place. The Judge was also receptive of the Phase 2 trial Searles Valley Minerals motion to set the Phase 2 trial regarding safe yield, but no trial date was set.

The Board heard public comment from Judie Decker and Renee Westa-Lusk.

After much deliberation, the Board asked for a presentation regarding water supply solutions in the IWV to be discussed and reviewed at the upcoming Board Workshop.

George Croll provided a presentation on the review of estimated projected costs of the Imported Water Pipeline to ratepayers. (Available on the IWVWD website.)

The Board discussed the possibility of creating a Resolution to officially oppose the pipeline project.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

GENERAL. AND

Mr. Croll reported the monthly water data for June. Water produced: MANAGER 193,329,000 gallons, water consumed: 167,316,000 gallons (11% STAFF UPDATE commercial, 4% other, 85% residential), and estimated loss 9,148,275 gallons (which is water lost to meter inaccuracy, flushing, and theft, etc.)

Mr. Croll commented on the Grand Jury report regarding the Inyokern CSD. INYOKERN CSD He further reported on the recent complete water loss that Inyokern CSD UPDATE experienced. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will make a presentation to the Board at the upcoming July Workshop on steps going forward for reorganization of the water services for Inyokern.

Mr. Croll and Lauren Smith to compile topics discussed at this meeting MID-YEAR and in previous communications for the Workshop agenda scheduled for BOARD Thursday, July 18, 2024; 8:00 a.m.

WORKSHOP

A preconstruction meeting was held June 20th with the Nicholas NW TRANSM. Construction and Caltrans. Nicholas has notified the District it will PIPELINE be mobilizing Monday July 15th. A class on protected species will be held that morning as required by Caltrans as a condition of the encroachment permit. Nicholas's master schedule indicates completion of the project, including punch list items, by the first week of December 2024.

All requested documents have been provided to the State and/or uploaded CONSOLIDATION to the FAAST (Financial Assistance Application Tool) system. The PROJECTS estimate is an agreement with the State for both projects by the end of July. Staff has reviewed the draft agreement between the District and Dune 3. Once a final draft is complete, it will be forwarded to District legal counsel for review. The agreement language will be the same for Hometown Water.

Staff provided the solar production for July 2023 through June 2024. ANNUAL Production was slightly higher than the guarantee for the year.

SOLAR PRODUCTION

The estimated year-to-date revenues as of June 30, 2024, are \$16,275,284 FINANCIAL and expenses are \$16,642,810. Expenditures exceeded revenues by STATUS \$367,526, which is better than budget by \$314,303. To date, the District has paid \$14,126,632 in GA Fees to the Groundwater Authority.

Mr. Staheli reported on the following conservation items: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Water Waster Report - there have been 12 water waste reports received with 12 contacts made. There has been one formal Second Notice and one penalty issued.

CONSERVATION

Plant 2 is online at half capacity. District has received Pureflow ARSENIC media on July 1st, and is currently staging to begin installation TREATMENT tomorrow, July 9th.

Mr. Lillion reported for the month of June, 11 services were repaired OPERATIONS and 44 were replaced. The NO-DES truck made three runs in June. Since inception, the NO-DES truck has filtered 9,428,891 gallons. 33 valves were exercised.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD

The Board collectively thanked the staff for their quick response to **COMMENTS** the Inyokern CSD situation. They also thanked Garrison and Bertrand for their help, as well as the City of Ridgecrest.

Vice President Saint-Amand commented on the pipeline study and the lack of an economic study being done.

President Kicinski thanked Christopher Camp for his letter to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:	 ecording	Seci	retary

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JULY 18, 2024

The Special Board Meeting Workshop of the Board of Directors of the CALL TO ORDER Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Kicinski at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Krieger.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Ronald R. Kicinski

Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand

Director Charles D. Griffin Director Stan G. Rajtora

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Mallory J. Boyd

STAFF PRESENT: George Croll, General Manager

Jim Worth, Attorney

Chuck Krieger, Consulting Engineer Tim Parker, Consulting Hydrogeologist Jason Lillion, Operations Manager Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer

Tyrell Staheli, Chief Financial Officer Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's DECLARATION Special Board Meeting Workshop was posted on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

CONFLICT OF

None.

None.

INTEREST

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Worth commented there is need to add a Closed Session at the end of this workshop.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Griffin to add a Closed Session item to the Workshop agenda. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

> President Kicinski: Aye Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye Director Boyd: Absent Director Griffin: Aye Director Rajtora: Aye

BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board discussed the possibility of employees carrying firearms if WORKSHOP they hold a Concealed Carry Weapon permit. Jim Worth reviewed California OPTIONS FOR laws regarding the matter. The Board agreed to not create a policy CCW regarding CCWs, and to permit firearms in accordance with state law pertaining to CCWs.

BOARD

Amanda Rodriguez, legal counsel, provided an overview on the Brown Act. BROWN ACT (Presentation available online.)

The Board heard public comment from Tom Thompson and Rene Westa-Lusk.

Jim Worth provided an overview on "Review of Elections: dos and don'ts". REVIEW (Presentation available online.)

ELECTIONS

OF

PRESENTATIONS

Representatives from State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and SWRCB & LAFCO Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) provided a status on Inyokern Community Services District (CSD) and potential steps going forward, including a rough timeline.

The Board heard public comment from Tom Thompsons and Kristi Merrifield.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Tim Parker presented an Assessment of groundwater storage for the Indian TWG: Wells Valley Groundwater Basin prepared by the Technical Working Group ASSESSMENT OF (TWG). (Presentation available online.)

STORAGE FOR IWV

The Board heard public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

George Croll reviewed Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668. BOARD (Presentation available online.) Including a status of the regulation WORKSHOP and timeline for implementation, regulatory compliance categories for (CONT) personal, outdoor, and commercial use. The overall goal is to reduce SB 606 & AB consumption by almost 30% by 2040 statewide.

1668

Due to time constraints the Board deferred items #C.5 - G until the next Board meeting.

MOTION: was made by Director Griffin and seconded by Vice President Saint-Amand to defer the remaining Workshop agenda items to the next Board meeting agenda. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

> President Kicinski: Aye Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye Director Boyd: Absent Director Griffin: Aye Director Rajtora: Aye

With no further Board or Public comments, President Kicinski recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 11:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

CLOSED SESSION The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at	: 11:35 a.m.	CLOSED SESSION		
The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 3	12:02 p.m.			
No action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.				
ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the adjourned at 12:03 p.m.	Board, the meeting was	ADJOURNMENT		
	Respectfully submitted,			

Lauren Smith

Recording Secretary



10.B.1.



ADMINISTRATOR POLICY HANDBOOK

September 2019

Prepared by:

THE DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I. INTRODUCTION

This Administrator Policy Handbook's (Policy) purpose is to provide further direction to State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff and persons and entities considering becoming or are appointed as administrators of designated water systems as authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 116686. Along with the provision of financial assistance to water systems, the funding of technical assistance to aid water systems, and the consolidation of water systems pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116682, the appointment of an administrator is an authority that the State Water Board will consider when it is necessary to provide an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water to disadvantaged communities, voluntary participants, and public water systems and to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Administrators may be assigned broad duties, such as overseeing all activities of a designated water system and acting as its general manager, or specific duties, such as managing an infrastructure improvement project on behalf of the designated water system. Administrators may be individual persons, businesses, non-profit organizations, local agencies, and other entities. Although only one person or entity may be appointed as an administrator for a particular designated water system, an administrator may utilize other service providers, such as forensic accountants, human resources professionals, attorneys, engineers and other operators, and administrative staff, as necessary.

The State Water Board recognizes the significance and potentially disruptive effect ordering a designated water system to accept an administrator may have on the water system and community served. The State Water Board intends to use its administrator authority carefully and only following community engagement. Generally, the State Water Board will seek to first utilize tools which maintain the existing governing structure of the subject water system, such as direct financial assistance or the funding of technical service providers, before considering the appointment of an administrator. Additionally, the State Water Board envisions situations where the subject water system and community served voluntarily seek the appointment of an administrator, such as for overseeing and managing a particular infrastructure project.

This Policy is the first version of a new programmatic approach and as such future revisions are anticipated in relatively short order as lessons are learned from the initial experiences.

II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

This Policy is adopted for the State Water Board's implementation of Assembly Bill 2501 (AB 2501), which was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of

State on September 28, 2018.¹ Among other things, AB 2501 amended Health and Safety Code section 116686 to require the State Water Board to develop standards, terms and procedures for the following:

- (a) Ensuring compliance with subdivision (f) of section 116686,
- (b) Providing opportunity for public comment on selection of an administrator and the services to be provided,
- (c) Providing public access to budgets, financial information, and other documents and records related to the provision of water service to the designated water system or affected residences and to the management of the designated water system by the administrator,
- (d) Providing regular public meetings, notifications, opportunities for public comment, and other forms of engagement with customers of the designated water system for significant decisions or actions made on behalf of the designated water system, including, but not limited to, establishing operating budgets, altering water rates, adopting system policies, entering into long term contracts or financing commitments, and developing system projects or plans,
- (e) Formal requests to the State Water Board to reverse or modify a decision of an administrator or to request substitution of an administrator, and
- (f) Ensuring the administrator acts in the best interests of the community served,
- (g) Development and approval of a post-administrator drinking water service plan to ensure compliance with subdivision (e). Development of the plan shall include, but is not limited to, an evaluation of long-term public governance or community ownership options. (Health & Saf. Code, § 116686, subd. (g).)

This Policy fulfills that legislative mandate. This Policy does not address areas outside the scope of the legislative directive.

III. HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER

Section 106.3 of the Water Code provides that it is the policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water adequate to human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This section requires the State Water Board to consider this state policy when adopting policies. The State Water Board has considered the provisions of Section 106.3 of the Water Code in establishing this Policy.

¹ Senate Bill 200 (SB 200), which was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary State on July 24, 2019, further amended section 116686. None of the amendments contained in SB 200 changed the requirements for the development and adoption of the Policy.

IV. CLIMATE CHANGE

The State Water Board seeks to reduce the effects of climate change and to promote sustainable water resources for future generations. In 2017 the State Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-0012 specifying a range of actions the State Water Board's divisions and offices will take to implement its climate change program. This Policy is designed to support those efforts.

V. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this Policy shall have the meaning as Health and Safety Code sections 116681 and 116686.

"Limited-scope administrator" is defined as an administrator who is not appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over all aspects of the designated water system, but rather is appointed for the specific purposes and only with the authorities granted in the appointing order.

"Full-scope administrator" is defined as an administrator who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system.

"Administrator" is defined the same as in section 116686, subd. (m)(1), and includes both a limited-scope and full-scope administrator.

VI. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR

- A. A candidate for administrator shall have all necessary licenses and certifications for the scope of the appointment and nature of the assignment.
- B. A candidate for administrator shall have sufficient experience for the scope of the appointment and nature of the assignment.
- C. Each candidate shall be subject to a background check.

VII. SELECTION OF ADMINISTRATOR

A. Selection of Administrator

- a. Prior to the selection of an administrator to provide administrative, technical, operational, legal, and/or managerial services to a designated water system, the State Water Board shall make reasonable efforts to provide notice to all ratepayers, renters and property owners who receive water service from the designated water system of the following:
 - The name and qualifications of the administrator being considered by the State Water Board;

- ii. The scope of the appointment and the particular services to be provided by the administrator being considered by the State Water Board; and
- iii. The disclosure of any conflicts of interest, as defined in Title 2, Division 6, Chapter 7 of the California Code of Regulations.
- b. The State Water Board shall provide an opportunity to submit comments by mail or electronically for at least 30 days after the notice in subd. (a) is provided.
- c. The notice and comment period required by this section may be provided as part of the public hearing process required by Health and Safety Code section 116686, subd. (b)(2).

B. Selection of Administrator in Emergency Situations

- a. In an emergency situation, the State Water Board can appoint an administrator without following the process set forth in section VII.A. to provide immediate administrative, technical, operational, and/or managerial services to a designated water system as determined by the State Water Board for as long as the emergency exists.
- b. Following the appointment of an administrator in an emergency situation, the State Water Board shall initiate the process set forth in section VII.A.
- c. For purposes of this section, an emergency situation is defined as a situation involving an imminent threat of serious harm to the customers of a public water system under circumstances that render any delay caused by solicitation of public comment prior to selection of the administrator likely harmful and/or otherwise unreasonable.
- d. Emergency solutions, such as bottled water, can be provided during the public selection process.

C. Provision of Technical Assistance

a. The State Water Board may provide a public water system with administrative, technical, legal, operational and/or managerial assistance (technical assistance) without appointing an administrator. The State Water Board is not required to follow the processes set forth in this handbook when providing technical assistance. Technical assistance may be provided to a designated water system that has an administrator.

VIII. OBLIGATIONS OF ADMINISTRATORS

A. Conflicts of Interest

a. All actions taken by an administrator shall be in the best interests of the community served and are intended to ensure the designated water system has adequate technical, managerial, and financial capacity to deliver an adequate supply of affordable, safe drinking water so that the services of the administrator are no longer necessary.

- b. Prior to taking an action or participating in a decision which could create a conflict of interest as defined in Title 2, Division 6, Chapter 7 of the California Code of Regulations, the administrator shall identify the potential conflict and disclose that information in writing 30 days prior to taking the action or participating in the decision as follows:
 - i. To the State Water Board;
 - ii. In the case of a limited-scope administrator, to the governing body and/or general manager of the designated water system;
 - iii. In the case of a full-scope administrator, to the ratepayers, renters and property owners who receive water service from the designated water system

B. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- a. The administrator shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- b. The administrator shall provide public notice of violations of notification levels in the method and manner required by Health and Safety Code section 11450, subd. (a).

C. Public Access to Records

- a. A full-scope administrator shall make copies of the following documents, if available, accessible for review and copying by the public during regular business hours:
 - i. The current operating budget;
 - ii. An organization chart of all designated water system employees and management;
 - iii. Ownership information for the designated water system:
 - iv. Any reports by auditors or other financial professionals regarding the budget or finances of the designated water system;
 - v. Any current contracts for professional services;
 - vi. All complaints regarding water system service to customers; and
 - vii. Any approved Post-Administrator Drinking Water Plan.
- b. If feasible, a full-scope administrator shall make the documents specified in subd. a of this section available on the designated water system's website.
- c. A limited scope administrator shall make the following documents available to the governing body and/or general manager of the designed water system and, if feasible, available on the designated water system's website:
 - The current budget for the project(s) managed by the administrator;
 and
 - ii. Any contracts for professional services related to the project(s) managed by the administrator;
- d. This section does not require the production or disclosure of any documents which are privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

- D. Community Accountability and Engagement Plan
 - a. Within 90 days of appointment, the administrator shall develop and implement a Community Accountability and Engagement Plan.
 - b. The administrator may be required to coordinate with the State Water Board and/or a technical service provider in the development and implementation of the Community Accountability and Engagement Plan.
 - c. The Community Accountability and Engagement Plan shall be tailored to the specific services the administrator is appointed to provide, and shall contain the following:
 - Description of the actions and activities the administrator shall undertake to meaningfully engage with the community regarding the administrator's duties;
 - ii. Description of how the administrator will incorporate input from the community in the provision of services to designated water system;
 - iii. Description of means of communication the administrator will utilize to engage with the community; and
 - iv. Timeline for implementing the Community Accountability and Engagement Plan.
 - d. The administrator may be required to seek State Water Board approval of the Community Accountability and Engagement Plan.
- E. Local Workforce Development
 - a. To the extent technically and economically feasible, the administrator shall use local suppliers, contractors, and service providers.
 - b. To the extent technically and economically feasible, the administrator shall provide training and other opportunities for local workforce development.

IX. OBLIGATIONS OF FULL-SCOPE ADMINISTRATORS

A. Public Meetings

- a. The administrator shall hold public meetings as required by the applicable designated water system's bylaws and/or policies, and all applicable laws and regulations. At a minimum, public meetings shall be held once every three months. At each public meeting, the administrator shall provide the community served with the following:
 - i. An update on the performance of the designated water system;
 - ii. An overview of the designated water system's financial health;
 - iii. An update on major projects or plans;
 - iv. An update on any changes to water rates; and
 - v. An update on any other significant matters related to the designated water system.
- b. The administrator shall hold a public meeting prior to taking any of the following actions:
 - Establishing a final operating budget;

- ii. Entering into significant long-term contracts;
- iii. Approving and/or entering into contracts for significant planning projects or infrastructure improvements,
- iv. Entering into significant financing commitments, including any financing contracts with the State Water Board,
- v. Adoption of final system policies, and
- vi. Altering water rates, as set forth in Health and Safety Code section 116686, subd. (d)(2).
- c. The administrator shall take reasonable efforts to provide a ten-day notice of the public meeting to all affected ratepayers, renters, and property owners, unless applicable law requires a longer public noticing period.
- d. The administrator shall provide an opportunity for public comment at each public meeting.
- e. Translation services shall be provided in a language other than English if it is known that more than ten percent (10%) of the community speaks that language.
- f. As appropriate, the administrator shall provide regular updates to the community served through newsletters, emails, the designated water system's website, billing flyers, and other similar means of communication about the performance of the designated water system, an overview of the designated water system's financial health, updates on major projects or plans, updates on any changes to water rates, and updates on any other significant matters related to the designated water system.
- g. All written communications shall be provided in a language other than English if it is known that more than ten percent (10%) of the community speaks that language.
- B. Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan
 - a. Within twelve months of commencing duties as an administrator, the administrator shall submit to the State Water Board a Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan. The timeframe for submittal may be extended upon written approval by the State Water Board.
 - b. The Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan shall contain each of the following elements:
 - Identification and evaluation of the technical, managerial, and financial issues preventing the designated water system from serving its customers with an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water;
 - ii. Identification and evaluation of significant future issues the designated water system may encounter that may impact the water system's ability to supply its customers with an adequate supply of safe and affordable drinking water;

- iii. A detailed plan for developing the necessary technical, managerial, and financial competencies, in the shortest timeframe possible, so that the services of the administrator would no longer be required;
- iv. The additional resources that will be needed to implement the Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan;
- v. An evaluation of the feasibility of long-term public governance or community ownership options for the designated water system; and
- vi. An evaluation of the feasibility of connecting to or consolidating the designated water system with another public water system.
- c. The administrator shall hold at least one public meeting prior to the submission of the Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan to the State Water Board.
 - i. The public meeting shall comply with the notice and public comment requirements set forth in subd. (A)(c)-(d) above.
 - ii. This public meeting may be combined with other public meetings.
- d. Upon receipt of the Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan, the State Water Board shall have 60 days to deem the plan complete or reject it as incomplete.
- e. If the State Water Board rejects the Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Service Plan as incomplete, then the administrator will have 60 days to resubmit the plan.
- f. If the State Water Board deems the Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Plan complete, then the administrator shall take reasonable efforts to provide notice of the State Water Board's consideration of approval of the plan to all ratepayers, renters, and property owners served by the water system.
 - i. The notice shall provide at least 30 days for the submission of comments by mail or electronically.
- g. The State Water Board may hold a public hearing to solicit additional public comment prior to considering approval of the Draft Post-Administrator Drinking Water Plan.
 - The State Water Board shall make reasonable efforts to provide a 30day notice of the public meeting to all affected ratepayers, renters, and property owners.
 - ii. The State Water Board shall provide an opportunity for public comment at the public meeting.
- h. Once approved by the State Water Board, the Post-Administrator Drinking Water Plan shall be posted on the State Water Board's website.
- The administrator shall contact the State Water Board regarding the need to update the Post-Administrator Drinking Water Plan.

X. COSTS

- A. The State Water Board shall be responsible for the following costs:
 - a. Salary and any benefits for the Administrator;
 - b. Administrative costs attributed solely to the Administrator, including, but not limited to, additional computers, phones, furniture, and working space requirements.
 - c. Extraordinary legal, accounting, and other similar administrative and managerial fees that cannot be paid for by the designated water system's rates, fees, charges, and existing accounts.
- B. The designated water system shall be responsible for all ordinary costs associated with operating and maintaining the water system including, but not limited to, all planning and construction projects required to meet applicable water standards and requirements.
- C. Subject to fund availability and project eligibility, the State Water Board may provide funding for construction and planning projects, and ongoing operation and maintenance costs, as set forth in applicable funding guidelines and policies.

XI. CHALLENGES TO SELECTION OF ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR DECISIONS

- A. Any ratepayer, renter, or property owner who receives water from a designated water system which receives services from an administrator may submit a petition to the State Water Board for the reversal or modification of a decision of an administrator or substitution of the administrator.
- B. The filing of a petition does not stay or in any way void or limit the decision or action of the administrator being challenged in the petition.
- C. Any such petition shall include the following information:
 - Contact information, including name and address, of the petitioner;
 and
 - Identification of the reason(s) the petitioner seeks substitution of the administrator or reversal or modification of the administrator's decision.
- D. A petition seeking modification or reversal of an administrator decision must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the date of the administrator's decision. A petition seeking substitution of an administrator may be submitted at any time.
- E. Upon receipt of a timely-filed petition, the Office of Chief Counsel of the State Water Board shall review the petition and make recommendations relative to its final resolution, which will be provided to the State Water Board's Executive Director and each State Water Board Member. Upon the motion of any State Water Board Member, the State Water Board will review and take action on the petition in the manner determined by the State Water Board. The State Water

Board shall notify the petitioner in writing if the State Water Board will review and take action on the petition. A petition will be deemed dismissed if the State Water Board does not notify the petitioner within 90 days of the receipt of the petition that the State Water Board will review and take action on the petition.



10.B.2.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From:

Indian Wells Valley Water District 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

To:

County Clerk, County of Kern 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301								
Project Title:								
Rademacher Way Mainline Extension Project Phase 1								
Project Location:								
The project will be located within Rademacher Way, south of Springer Avenue in Kern County just outside the City of Ridgecrest.								
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Bo	eneficiaries of Project:							
Way to include service to two abutting	1000±L.F. of 8-inch PVC water pipe within Rademacher g parcels and installation of two fire hydrants. The nts of Rademacher Way that currently are served water water.							
Public Agency Approving Project:	Agency Carrying Out Project:							
Indian Wells Valley Water District	Indian Wells Valley Water District							
Exempt Status:								
Statutory Exemption: State CEQA Guide	elines Section 15282(k)							
Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This one mile in length.	is the installation of a new pipeline that does not exceed							
repair, restoration, removal, or demol	The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, ition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section e, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in							
Agency Contact Person:	Telephone							
George Croll	(760) 375-5086							
Date:	Signature:George Croll, General Manager							



10.C.1.

- (20) Use of District mobile radio system for personal business (except in the case of emergency).
- (21) Failure to maintain driving record or license acceptable to the District or it's insured if a valid California driver's license is required for the employee's position.
- (22) Possession or use of firearms or alcohol while on duty or at any District facility.
- (23) Any threat of physical violence toward another.
- (24) Theft or Dishonesty.
- (25) Allowing the presence of unauthorized persons in unauthorized District areas.
- (26) Allowing the presence of unauthorized persons in District vehicles or to use District vehicles.

Causes Relating to Personal Conduct Detrimental or Prejudicial to Public Service:

- (l) Guilty of gross misconduct, or conduct unbecoming a District employee, which tends to discredit the District or District service.
- (2) Guilty of immoral conduct or criminal act.
- (3) Falsified job information.
- (4) Addiction to use of alcohol or controlled substance.
- (5) Engaging in incompatible employment. Any employee who directly or indirectly engages in incompatible employment or who provides services to a conflicting interest shall be subject to suspension, demotion or termination of employment.

DETERMINING DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS OF OFFENSE

The decision to suspend, demote, or dismiss depends on the seriousness of the offense and rests in the sole discretion of the General Manager. In determining the seriousness of an offense which is a cause for suspension, demotion, or termination of employment, the General Manager shall consider:

- a. The nature and extent of the specific act in terms of its effect upon the functions or reputation of the District.
- b. Damage to public interest or welfare.
- c. Whether or not a reasonable period of time has elapsed since a prior offense.
- d. Whether or not the employee's continued presence on the job creates a hazard to themself, their co-workers, and/or the public.
- e. The following offenses are grounds for immediate termination. The list is not an all-inclusive list and the General Manager may use their discretion on whether or not an offense is grounds for immediate termination:
 - (l) Intoxication while on duty, while on property owned or used by the District, or while in possession of District property.
 - (2) The possession or use of any controlled substance without valid medical authorization while on property owned or used by the District or while on duty or in possession of District property. (A controlled substance is one whose distribution is controlled by federal, state or local law, rule, regulation or ordinance, including, but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, heroin, opium, hashish, cannabis, crack, PCP, LSD, and other narcotics, depressants, stimulants, and hallucinogens by whatever name known).
 - (3) Absent without management-approved leave.
 - (4) Improper use of sick leave.
 - (5) Loss or restriction of driving privileges where possession of a valid California Driver's License is a requirement of the position.



10.C.2.

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	2:00pm P&E CM 2:30pm Finance CM	2:00pm Admin/Exec CM 3:00pm Water Management CM	5	6	7
8	9 4:30pm Board Meeting	10	11 10:00am IWVGA	12	13 FLEX	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS	REQUESTING OFFICE CLOSURE	27 FLEX	28
29	30	31	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS	REQUESTING OFFICE CLOSURE	3	4



10.E.

Indian Wells Valley Water District Heat Illness Prevention Plan

Responsibility

The General Manager has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this program in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the Heat Illness Prevention Program in their assigned work areas and for ensuring workers receive answers to questions about the procedures in a language they understand.

All workers are responsible for using safe work practices; following all directives, policies, and procedures; and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

This plan is maintained at our worksite at 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555. It is available to all employees or their representatives upon request from the Human Resources Department.

Procedures for the Provision of Water:

- 1. Fresh, pure, suitably cool water will be provided to workers free of charge.
- 2. Supervisors will ensure that the water is fresh, pure, and suitably cool. During hot weather or high indoor heat work conditions, the water will be cooler than the ambient temperature, but not so cool as to cause discomfort.
- 3. All worksites will have a vehicle that has a 5 gallon insulated cooler, provided with ice, and filled with potable water prior to the start of each work day. Workers will be reminded and encouraged to frequently consume small quantities of water throughout their shift.
- 4. All water containers will be kept in a sanitary condition. Water from non-approved or non-tested water sources (e.g., untested wells) is not acceptable. If hoses or connections are used, they must be approved for potable drinking water systems, as shown on the manufacturer's label.
- 5. For outdoor work locations, when the temperature equals or exceeds 95 degrees Fahrenheit, or during a heat wave, pre-shift meetings will be conducted before the commencement of work to both encourage workers to drink plenty of water and to remind workers of their right to take a cool-down rest when necessary. Additionally, the number of water breaks will be increased. Supervisors/foremen will lead by example and remind workers throughout the work shift to drink water.

Procedures for Access to Cool-Down Areas for Indoor Places of Employment

- 1. Cool-down areas(s) are located in the Warehouse offices, and the District Main Office. The temperature in the indoor cool-down areas will be maintained at less than 82 degrees Fahrenheit by use of air conditioning.
- 2. The cool-down area(s) will be available at the site to accommodate all of the workers who are on a break at any point in time and will be large enough so that all workers on break can sit in a normal posture fully in the cool-down area(s) without having to be in physical contact with each other.
- 3. Workers will be informed of the location of the cool-down area(s) and will be encouraged and allowed to take cool-down breaks in the cool-down area(s) whenever they feel they need a break. A worker who takes a preventative cool-down rest break will be monitored and asked if they are experiencing symptoms of heat illness. In no case will the worker be ordered back to work until signs or symptoms of heat illness have abated (see the section on Emergency Response for additional information). If a worker exhibits signs or symptoms of heat illness while on a preventative cool-down rest, then appropriate first aid or emergency response will be provided. Preventative cool-down rest periods will be at least 5 minutes, in addition to the time needed to access the cool-down area.



Procedures for Access to Shade for Outdoor Places of Employment

1. Shade will be as close as practicable to the workers when the outdoor temperature equals or exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit. When the temperature is below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, access to shade will be provided promptly, when requested by a worker.

Note: The interior of a vehicle will not be used to provide shade unless the vehicle has a working air conditioner and is cooled down ahead of time.

- 2. Enough shade will be available at the site to accommodate all of the workers who are on a break at any point in time. During meal periods, there will be enough shade for all workers who choose to remain in the general area of work or in areas designated for recovery and rest periods. To ensure that the provided shade will be enough, we will rotate workers in and out of breaks, including meal periods, and recovery and rest periods, if the number of workers in the crew is higher than the number that can fit comfortably under the shade.
- 3. Workers will be informed of the location of the shade and will be encouraged to take a five-minute cool-down rest in the shade. Such access will be permitted at all times. A worker who takes a preventative cool-down rest break will be monitored, encouraged to remain in the shade, and asked if they are experiencing symptoms of heat illness. In no case will the worker be ordered back to work until signs and symptoms of heat illness have abated, and in no event less than 5 minutes in addition to the time needed to access the shade. See the section on Emergency Response for additional information.
- 4. As crews move, shade structures will be relocated to be placed as close as practicable to the workers so that access to shade is provided at all times. To ensure this is done, supervisors are required to verify the location of the provided shade at each jobsite. All workers on a recovery, rest break, or a meal period will have full access to shade so they can sit in a normal posture without having to be in physical contact with each other.
- 5. Before trees or other vegetation are used to provide shade (such as in orchards), the thickness and shape of the shaded area will be evaluated to ensure that sufficient shadow is cast to protect workers throughout the workday, as the shade moves
- **6.** In situations where it is not safe or feasible to provide access to shade (e.g., during high winds), the unsafe or unfeasible conditions will be documented, and alternative procedures will be used to provide access to shade that provides equivalent protection.

Procedures for Temperature Assessment for Indoor Places of Employment

1. A wall mounted thermostat will be used throughout the workplace to monitor temperature. Monitoring instruments will be maintained according to manufacturer's recommendations and the instruments used to measure the temperature shall be based on the heat index chart in Appendix A of Section 3396. The locations for the temperature measurements will be:

Front Office

- A. Customer Accounts
- B. Reception
- C. Board Room
- D. Accountant Office
- E. Chief Engineer Office
- F. Server Room

Warehouse Offices

- A. Maintenance Office
- B. Water Supply Office

Thermometers will be used in the following locations.

- A. Warehouse Main Area
- B. Welding Shop
- C. Fox Building
- D. Well Houses
- The temperature or heat index will be measured and recorded by Department Supervisors or Technicians.
 Workers will be actively involved in the planning, conducting, and recording of measurements of temperature or heat index. Employees who are working in the monitored area will initial their acknowledgement of the temperature that has been recorded.
- 3. Records of the temperature or heat index measurements, whichever value is greater, will be retained for 1 year or until the next measurements are taken, whichever is later, and made available in the Operations Manager's office to employees upon request. The records will include the date, time, and specific location of all measurements.
- 4. Initial temperature or heat index measurements shall be taken where workers work and at times during the work shift when worker exposures are expected to be the greatest and when it is suspected to equal or exceed 82 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 5. Measurements will be taken again when they are reasonably expected to be 10 degrees Fahrenheit or more above the previous measurements where workers work and at times during the work shift when worker exposures are expected to be the greatest.
- 6. Employees will be actively involved in identifying and evaluating any other environmental risk factors for heat illness that may exist in the workplace.

Procedures for Monitoring the Weather for Outdoor Places of Employment

- 1. The supervisor will be trained and instructed to check the extended weather forecast in advance. The supervisors are able to obtain the extended forecast through any reliable internet weather source, weather.com, forecast.weather.gov, or accuweather.com for example.
- 2. Prior to each workday, the supervisor will monitor the weather at the worksite by the method described above. This critical weather information will be taken into consideration to evaluate the risk level for heat illness and when it will be necessary to make modifications to the work schedule (e.g., stopping work early, rescheduling the job, working at night or during the cooler hours of the day, increasing the number of water and rest breaks).
- 3. The supervisor will use a thermometer throughout the job site and throughout the work shift to monitor for an increase in outdoor temperature and to ensure that once the temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, shade structures will be opened and made available to the workers. In addition, when the temperature equals or exceeds 95 degrees Fahrenheit, additional preventive measures, such as high-heat procedures, will be implemented. See the high-heat procedures section for additional information.



Procedures for Control Measures for Indoor Places of Employment

Control measures will be implemented when either of the following occurs:

- Indoor temperature or heat index is 87 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Indoor temperature is 82 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and employees are required to either:
 - Wear clothing that restricts heat removal or
 - Work in an area with high radiant heat.
- 1. Feasible engineering controls will be implemented first to reduce the temperature and heat index to below 87°F (or temperature to below 82°F for workers working in clothing that restricts heat removal or working in high radiant heat areas). Administrative controls will be added if feasible engineering controls are not enough to comply with the standard. If both feasible engineering and administrative controls are not enough to decrease the temperature and minimize the risk of heat illness, then personal heat-protective equipment will be provided.
- 2. The following engineering controls will be implemented to lower the indoor temperature, heat index, or both to the lowest possible level. These controls help make the work environment cooler or create a barrier between the worker and the heat:
 - Evaporative Coolers
 - Air Conditioners
 - Increased natural ventilation, such as open windows and doors when the outdoor temperature or heat index is lower than the indoor temperature and heat index
 - Local exhaust ventilation at points of high heat production or moisture.
- 3. The following administrative controls will be implemented once all feasible engineering controls have been implemented. These controls are modified work practices that can reduce heat exposure by adjusting work procedures, practices, or schedules:
 - Modify work schedules and activities to times of the day when the temperature is cooler or schedule shorter shifts, especially during heat waves. Heat wave means any day in which the predicted high temperature for the day will be at least 80 degrees Fahrenheit and at least 10 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average high daily temperature in the preceding five days. For newly hired workers and unacclimatized existing workers, gradually increase shift length over the first one to two weeks.
 - Require mandatory rest breaks in a cooler environment, such as a shady location or an air-conditioned building. The duration of the rest breaks should increase as heat stress rises.
 - Schedule work at cooler periods or times of day, such as early morning.
 - Rotate job functions among workers to help minimize exertion and heat exposure. If workers must be in proximity to heat sources, mark them clearly, so they are aware of the hazards.
 - Require workers to work in pairs or groups during extreme heat so they can monitor each other for signs of heat illness.

- 4. The following personal heat-protective equipment will be provided if feasible engineering controls do not decrease the temperature enough and administrative controls do not minimize the risk of heat illness. This personal heat-protective equipment consists of special cooling devices that the worker wears on their body that can protect them in hot environments:
 - Water and/or air-cooled garments, cooling vests, jackets, and neck wraps. The cooling source
 can be reusable ice packs or cooled air connected to an external source.
 - Supplied air personal cooling systems



High-Heat Procedures for Outdoor Places of Employment

High-Heat Procedures are additional preventive measures that this company will use when the temperature equals or exceeds 95 degrees Fahrenheit in outdoor places of employment.

- 1. Effective communication by voice will be maintained so that workers at the worksite can contact a supervisor when necessary. If the supervisor is unable to be near the workers (to observe them or communicate with them), then cell phone calls or text will be used for this purpose.
- 2. Frequent communication will be maintained with workers working by themselves or in smaller groups by cell phone call or text to be on the lookout for possible symptoms of heat illness. The worker(s) will be contacted regularly and as frequently as possible throughout the day since a worker in distress may not be able to summon help on their own.
- 3. Effective communication and direct observation for alertness and signs and symptoms of heat illness will be conducted frequently. When the supervisor is not available, an alternate responsible person will be designated by the supervisor ahead of time and the responsible person must be assigned to observe and look for signs and symptoms of heat illness. The department Tech will be the designated alternate responsible person. If a supervisor, designated responsible person, or any worker reports any signs or symptoms of heat illness in any worker, the supervisor or designated person will take immediate action commensurate with the severity of the illness (see Emergency Response Procedures).
- 4. Workers will be reminded throughout the work shift to drink plenty of water and take preventative cool-down rest breaks when needed.
- 5. Pre-shift meetings will be held before the commencement of work to review the high-heat procedures, encourage workers to drink plenty of water, and remind workers of their right to take a cool-down rest when necessary.

Procedures for Handling a Heat Wave for Outdoor Places of Employment

Heat wave is defined as any day in which the predicted high temperature for the day will be at least 80 degrees Fahrenheit and at least 10 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average high daily temperature in the preceding five days.

- 1. During a heat wave, all workers will be closely observed by a supervisor or designee. Employees will be monitored for monitoring of heat related illness, hydration, breaks, and utilization of cooling areas.
- 2. During a heat wave or heat spike, the workday will be cut short or rescheduled (e.g., conducted at night or during cooler hours).
- 3. During a heat wave or heat spike and before starting work, tailgate meetings will be held to review the company Heat Illness Prevention Procedures, the weather forecast, and emergency response procedures. Additionally, if schedule modifications are not possible, workers will be provided with an increased number of water and rest breaks and observed closely for signs and symptoms of heat illness.
- 4. Each worker will be assigned a fellow employee to be on the lookout for signs and symptoms of heat illness and to ensure that emergency procedures are initiated when someone displays possible signs or symptoms of heat illness.



Procedures for Acclimatization:

Acclimatization is the temporary adaptation of the body to work in the heat that occurs gradually when a person is exposed to it. The body needs time to adapt when temperatures rise suddenly, and a worker risks heat illness by not taking it easy when a heat wave or heat spike strikes, or when starting a new job that exposes the worker to heat to which the worker's body hasn't yet adjusted. Inadequate acclimatization can be significantly more perilous in conditions of high heat and physical stress. The following are additional protective procedures that will be implemented when conditions result in sudden exposure to heat that workers are not accustomed to.

- The weather will be monitored daily. The supervisor will be on the lookout for heat waves, heat spikes, or temperatures to which workers haven't been exposed for several weeks or longer.
- 2. New workers and those who have been newly assigned to a high-heat area will be closely observed by the supervisor or designee for the first 16 working days.
- 3. The intensity of the work will be lessened during a two-week break-in period by using procedures such as scheduling slower paced, less physically demanding work during the hot parts of the day and the heaviest work activities during the cooler parts of the day (early morning or evening). Steps taken to lessen the intensity of the workload for new workers will be documented.
- 4. For indoor work areas, this 16 working day observation period applies when the temperature or heat index equals or exceeds 87 degrees Fahrenheit, or when the temperature or heat index equals or exceeds 82 degrees Fahrenheit when a worker wears clothing that restricts heat removal or when a worker works in a high radiant heat area.
- 5. Workers and supervisors will be trained in the importance of acclimatization, how it is developed, and how these company procedures address it.

Procedures for Emergency Response:

- 1. Effective means of bringing emergency services to the worker in need, or the worker in need to emergency services will be ensured by:
 - A. For outdoor places of employment, when a crew is assigned to a particular worksite, the workers and the supervisor will be provided with the address of the site that will allow them to give clear and precise directions to the worksite (e.g., street or road names, distinguishing features, and distances to major roads) to avoid a delay of emergency medical services.]
 - B. The supervisor will designate another employee to physically go to the nearest road or highway where emergency responders can see them. If daylight is diminished, the designated worker(s) shall be given reflective vests or flashlights to direct emergency personnel to the sick worker's location, which may not be visible from the road or highway.]
 - 2. Effective communication will be ensured by voice and will be maintained so that workers can contact a supervisor when necessary. If the supervisor is unable to be near the workers (to observe them or communicate with them), then cell phone calls or text may be used for this purpose.
 - 3. To ensure that emergency medical services can be called, all supervisors will have access to or carry communication devices, such as cell phones. These communication devices will be checked prior to each shift to ensure that they are functional.
 - 4. When a worker shows signs or symptoms of severe heat illness, emergency medical services (911) will be called, and steps will immediately be taken to keep the stricken worker cool and comfortable to prevent the progression to more serious illness. Under no circumstances will the affected worker be left unattended.
 - 5. During a heat wave, heat spike, or hot temperatures, workers will be reminded and encouraged to immediately report to their supervisor any signs or symptoms they are experiencing.
 - 6. Workers and supervisors will be trained in these written procedures for emergency response.

Procedures for Handling a Sick Worker:

- 1. When a worker displays possible signs or symptoms of heat illness, the employee with rest in the predetermined shaded area or cool down area and drink cool water.
- 2. Emergency service providers (911) will be called immediately if a worker displays signs or symptoms of severe heat illness (e.g., decreased level of consciousness, staggering, vomiting, disorientation, irrational behavior, incoherent speech, convulsions, red and hot face), does not look okay, or does not get better after drinking cool water and resting in the shade. While the ambulance is en route, first aid will be initiated (e.g., cool the worker by placing the worker in the shade, removing excess layers of clothing, placing ice packs in the armpits and groin area, and fan the victim). An employee will not be allowed to go home if they are experiencing signs or symptoms of a heat related illness until they have been evaluated and released by emergency service or medical providers.



Procedures for Worker and Supervisor Training:

To be effective, training must be understood by workers. Therefore, it must be given in a language and vocabulary the workers understand. Training records will be maintained and will include the date of the training, who performed the training, who attended the training, and the subject(s) covered. Training records will be maintained in the Operations Manager's office.

- Supervisors will be trained prior to being assigned to supervise other workers. Training will include this
 company's written procedures and the steps supervisors will follow when workers exhibit symptoms consistent
 with heat illness.
- 2. Supervisors and workers will be trained as it is the supervisor's responsibility to provide water, access to cooldown areas or shade, and preventative cool-down rests, as well as the workers' right to exercise their rights under this standard without retaliation.
- 3. Supervisors and workers will be trained in appropriate emergency response to different types of heat illness and made aware that heat illness may progress quickly from mild signs and symptoms to a serious, life-threatening illness.
- 4. Supervisors will be trained on how to track the weather at the job site (by monitoring predicted temperature or heat index highs and periodically using a thermometer). Supervisors will be instructed on how weather information will be used to modify work schedules, increase the number of water and rest breaks, or cease work early if necessary.
- 5. All workers and supervisors will be trained prior to working. Training will include all aspects of implementing this company's written procedures, including access to sufficient water and cool-down areas, cool down rests, high-heat procedures, emergency response procedures, control measures, importance of frequent consumption of water, different types of heat illness, common signs and symptoms of heat illness, and acclimatization procedures. Workers and supervisors will also be trained on the environmental and personal risk factors of heat illness, as well as the burden of heat load on the body caused by exertion, clothing, and personal protective equipment. The importance of immediately reporting signs and symptoms of heat illness will be especially emphasized.
- 6. In addition to initial training, workers will be retrained annually.
- 7. Workers will be trained on the steps for contacting emergency medical services, including how they are to proceed when there are non-English speaking workers, how clear and precise directions to the site will be provided, how to transport ill workers to a point where they can be reached by an emergency responder, and the importance of making visual contact with emergency responders at the nearest road or landmark to direct them to their worksite, if necessary.
- 8. When the temperature is expected to exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit, short "tailgate" meetings will be held to review the weather report, reinforce heat illness prevention with all workers, provide reminders to drink water frequently, inform them that shade or cool-down areas will be available, and remind them to be on the lookout for signs and symptoms of heat illness.
- 9. New workers will be assigned an experienced co-worker, to ensure that they understand the training and follow company procedures.



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SWRCB Water Waster Report

	# of water waste reports received	# of contacts made (written or verbal)	# of formal warning actions	# of penalties issued		
Jan-24	0	0	0	0		
Feb-24	2	2	0	0		
Mar-24	4	4	1	1		
Apr-24	1	1	0	0		
May-24	1	1	0	0		
Jun-24	4	4	0	0		
Jul-24	0	0	0	0		
Aug-24						
Sep-24						
Oct-24						
Nov-24						
Dec-24						
SUBTOTAL 2015	378	376	40	10		
SUBTOTAL 2016	406	399	28	3		
SUBTOTAL 2017	70	68	10	4		
SUBTOTAL 2018	60	58	7	4		
SUBTOTAL 2019	56	56	8	1		
SUBTOTAL 2020	42	42	8	2		
SUBTOTAL 2021	131	131	12	4		
SUBTOTAL 2022	106	106	6	0		
SUBTOTAL 2023	64	64	24	7		
SUBTOTAL 2024	12	12	1	1		
TOTAL	1313	1300	143	35		
TOTAL PENALTIES BILLED				\$3,450		
TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED	\$3,050					



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