

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 – 2:00 PM  
BOARD ROOM  
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

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Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Stan Rajtora, George Croll, Ty Staheli and Renee Morquecho.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Committee/Public Comments**

None.

**3. Acceptance of Contract Work: Onstott Construction – Temporary Pavement Replacement**

The Committee reviewed the Staff recommendation to accept Contract Work performed by Onstott Construction. Onstott has completed several lists of areas where temporary pavement was replaced from November 2022 to August 2024 for the total amount of \$402,489.15. Staff will be verifying completion of work before the Board meeting. The District is currently withholding retention in the amount of \$20,124.46. The Committee recommended the Board accept the Contract Work performed by Onstott Construction of the amount of \$402,489.15.

**4. Approval to Purchase 1500 Ultrasonic Meters for Services within AD-87-1 Boundary**

Assessment District 87-1 was formed in the Ridgecrest Heights area to replace all the infrastructure back in the late 1980s. Those assessments have been paid and are no longer being collected. Excess funds collected can only be used for the AD-87-1 area. Currently, there are enough funds to purchase 1500 ultrasonic water meters. That will allow the District to replace almost all the meters in the AD 87-1 area with the newest technology. These new meters have no moving parts that can wear out and come with a 20-year warranty. The quote of \$555,126.56 to purchase the new meters was presented to the Committee. The Committee recommended the Board approve the purchase of the ultrasonic meters at a price of \$555,126.56 to replace current meters in the Assessment District 87-1 area.

**5. Surplus Equipment: List**

Staff presented a list of many miscellaneous items for surplus. These items have been accumulating for several years and are no longer useful by the District. These items must be surplus to see if anyone wants to purchase them before being either given away or landfilled/recycled. The Committee recommended the Board approve the list of items presented for surplus.

**6. NW Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project: Update**

Contractor Nicholas Construction is currently filling the pipeline to pressure test and disinfect Phases 1 and 2 (Victor to Pinto and Pinto to Primavera). They also continue installing pipe in Phase 3 (Primavera to Brady) and will complete installation in approximately 10 days. This project is on schedule and budget.

**7. Lead Service Line Inventory: Update**

The District is required to inventory all service lines between the main in the street and the residence/business by October 16, 2024. This is a requirement by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and being enforced by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water. The District has 3.5 meter reading routes remaining to inventory and these will be completed this weekend.

**8. Water System Consolidations: Update**

The District has received the funding agreement for Hometown and is waiting for the one for Dune 3. The Agreement will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for approval.

Staff has submitted the Statement of Qualifications for the Drinking Water Administrator Program. Staff also continues to work with the IWVGA on the Rademacher Way project. The agreement between the District and the IWVGA will go before the Board at the next meeting and be presented to the IWVGA Board this Wednesday.

Staff presented an update on the status of the Inyokern Community Services District that included the status of their potable water and wastewater systems. A more comprehensive update will be presented at the Board meeting.

**9. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update**

Plant 1 is still online until the end of the month. Plant 2 is offline and will soon be prepared for winter.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

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

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm.