

**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY
GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Inyo County, Kern County, San Bernardino County

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 29, 2020; 12:00 p.m.**

IWVGA Members Present:

Chairman Mick Gleason, Kern County	John Vallejo, Inyo County
Vice Chair Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Phillip Hall, Legal Counsel
Ron Kicinski, IWVWD	Don Zdeba, IWVGA General Manager
April Keigwin, Clerk of the Board	Steve Johnson, IWVGA Water Resources Manager

Attending via Teleconference is Phillip Hall, John Vallejo, and Steve Johnson.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Chairman Gleason at 12:01 p.m.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Scott Hayman.
- b. April Keigwin calls the following roll call:

Director Vallejo	Present
Vice Chair Hayman	Present
Director Kicinski	Present
Director Page	<i>Absent</i>
Chairman Gleason	Present

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

3. DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Jeff Simonetti of Capitol Core Group provides a staff report and supporting documents (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Motion made by Ron Kicinski and seconded by Scott Hayman to approve signing a Letter of Support for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Implementation Schedule.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Director Vallejo	Aye
Director Kicinski	Aye
Chairman Gleason	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Page	<i>Absent</i>

4. BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE TABLE A ENTITLEMENT FROM MONTECITO WATER:

Don Zdeba provides a staff report and supporting documentation (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Ron Kicinski directing staff to proceed with submitting an Expression of Interest (XOI) for the Table A Entitlement offered from Montecito Water District so long as the XOI states water will be purchased at “fair market value”.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Director Vallejo	Aye
Director Kicinski	Aye
Chairman Gleason	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Page	<i>Absent</i>

5. CLOSING COMMENTS:

None.

Chairman Gleason adjourns for recess at 12:43 p.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

Meeting reconvenes into closed session at 12:48 p.m.

- a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)) Title: General Manager
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PUBLICALLY THREATENED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(e)(3)) Number of cases: (1) – Board of Directors on the advice of legal counsel is meeting to discuss public statements made by Searles Valley Minerals that it intends to file suit but no complaint has been provided.
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Name of case: Mojave Pistachios, LLC, a California limited liability company, et.al. v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, a California Joint Powers Authority, et. al.

Chairman Gleason adjourns Closed Session at 3:21 p.m.

7. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 3:21 p.m.

Chairman Gleason reports no action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2020

9. ADJOURN:

Chairman Gleason adjourns the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "April Keigwin".

April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority