

# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### A G E N D A

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

**Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.**

**Open Session – No earlier than 11:00 a.m.**

***NOTICE:*** *In accordance with the evolving public health declarations, we will continue to provide live stream video for those wishing to participate virtually. Please see the Public Comment Notice below for detailed instructions on submitting public comment as well as websites for livestream broadcasting. Telephonic participation by members of the Board and staff is expected.*

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#### Statements from the Public

*The public will be allowed to address the Board during Public Comments about subjects within the jurisdiction of the IWVGA Board and that are NOT on the agenda. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Questions posed to the Board may be answered after the meeting or at future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Board or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. All Public Comment portions of the meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Each person is limited to one comment during Public Comments.*

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND AB 361 FINDING**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

#### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS –  
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Jackson Ranch - Kings County  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers 048-010-016, 048-010-018, and 048-020-030; Agency  
Negotiator: Capitol Core Group; Negotiating Parties: Various; Under Negotiation: Price  
and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(c)): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Name of case: Searles Valley Minerals Inc v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et. al. - Orange County Superior Court 30-2022-01239487-CU-MC-CJC
  
- 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. - Orange County Superior Court 30-2022-0139479-CU-MC-CJC

**5. OPEN SESSION – No earlier than 11:00 a.m.**

- a. Report on Closed Session
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time is reserved for the public to address the Board about matters NOT on the agenda. No action will be taken on non-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments are limited to three minutes per person.

**7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

This time is reserved for comments by Board members and/or staff and to identify matters for future Board business.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting April 13, 2022
- b. Approve Expenditures
  - \*To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
  - i. \$105,262.85 – Stetson Engineers
  - ii. \$33,957.00 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
  - iii. \$12,243.75 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
  - iv. \$36,473.33 – California Rural Water Association – (SDAC)

**9. IWVGA SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant State Budget Request
- b. SB 1395 CAL-DCIP

**10. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ABANDONMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING**

**11. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT (SGMA IP) GRANT FUNDING AWARD**

**12. BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE RFP RELEASE FOR IMPORTED WATER PIPELINE ALIGNMENT STUDY**

**13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT**

- a. Grant Funding
  - i. Proposition 1

- ii. Proposition 68
- iii. SGMA Implementation Project Grant Funds
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
  - i. Recycled Water Program
- c. Miscellaneous Items
  - i. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Update
  - ii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
  - iii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan

#### 14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)
- c. Severely Disadvantaged Communities Program Update
- d. Update on 2020 Financial Audit Draft Working Papers

#### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – JUNE 8, 2022

#### 16. ADJOURN

### PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority is continuing to hold board meetings in order to conduct essential business. IWVGA meetings will be open to the public for physical attendance; However, for those who wish to continue using virtual alternatives please follow the directions below for access to live stream video as well as ways to submit public comment.

- **Watch meetings on-line:**  
All of our meetings are streamed live at <https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/369/Watch> (4 second streaming delay) or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofridgecrest/live> (22 second streaming delay) and are also available for playback after the meeting.
- **Call in for public comments:**  
If you wish to make verbal comment, *please call (760) 499-5010*. This phone line will allow only one caller at a time, so if the line is busy, please continue to dial. We will be allowing a 20-30 second pause between callers to give time for media delays and callers to dial in. Due to media delays, please mute your streaming device while making public comment. If you wish to comment on multiple items, you will need to call in as each item is presented.  
*\*Please Note – This process will be a learning curve for all, please be patient.*
- **Submit written comments:**  
We encourage submittal of written comments supporting, opposing, or otherwise commenting on an agenda item, for distribution to the Board prior to the meeting. Send emails to [akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov](mailto:akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov) written correspondence may be sent to April Keigwin, Clerk of the Board, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.
- **Large Groups:**  
If you are part of a large group that would like to comment on an agenda item, please consider commenting in writing. This will be as impactful to the Board as having a large group in attendance.

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# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 13, 2022

### IWVGA Members Present:

Chairman Phillip Peters, Kern County	Carol Thomas-Keefer, IWVGA General Manager
Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel
Stan Rajtora, IWVWD	Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers
John Vallejo, Inyo County	Commander Benjamin Turner, US Navy, DoD Liaison
Tim Itnyre, San Bernardino County	April Keigwin, Clerk of the Board
Thomas Bickauskas, Bureau of Land Management	

Attending via teleconference is Tim Itnyre, John Vallejo, and Steve Johnson.

Meeting recording and public comment letters submitted are made available at:  
<https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings/>

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Peters calls the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND AB-361 FINDING:

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Stan Rajtora to make a finding that health and safety risks as stated in AB-361 are still of concern.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Peters	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Rajtora	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

Chairman Peters calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m.

### 4. CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – (Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: State Water Project Importation; Agency Negotiator: Capitol Core Group; Negotiating Parties: Various; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) - Number of cases: (2)
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD.

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Closed Session adjourns at 10:57 a.m.

**5. OPEN SESSION – No earlier than 11:00 a.m.**

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:01 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports the Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP. No additional action was taken that would require disclosure under The Brown Act.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Peters
- c. Roll Call

Chairman Peters	Present
Vice Chair Hayman	Present
Director Itnyre	Present
Director Rajtora	Present
Director Vallejo	Present

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Board hears public comment from Tim Carroll and Judie Decker.

**7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

None.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 9, 2022
- b. Resolution 02-22 Appointing Donna Ogilvie as the Navy DOD Liaison TAC Representative
- c. Approve Expenditures

*\*To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*

- i. \$73,365.46 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$27,206.00 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$12,512.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
- iv. \$40,757.72 – California Rural Water Association – (SDAC)

Motion made by Stan Rajtora and seconded by Scott Hayman to approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 9, 2022, Resolution 02-22, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$73,365.46 to Stetson Engineers, \$27,206.00 to Regional Government Services, \$12,512.50 to Capitol Core Group, and \$40,757.72 to California Rural Water Association.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Peters	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Rajtora	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

**9. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22**

Counsel Lemieux provides staff report and executive order (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

**10. RESOLUTION 03-22 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO CONTINUE BANKING WITH ALTA ONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN PLACE OF MISSION BANK**

Gina Schuchard of Regional Government Services presents staff report and resolution (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Resolution 03-22 to continue banking with AltaOne Federal Credit Union in place of Mission Bank.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Peters	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Rajtora	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

**11. ABANDONMENT OF THE FALLOWING PROGRAM DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING**

April Keigwin presents staff report and letter to Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) requesting the Board discuss and come to a final decision on Fallowing Program funding at their next board meeting (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Josh Nugent, Judie Decker, and Tim Carroll.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Phillip Peters to send a letter to IWVWD requesting the Board discuss Fallowing Program funding at their next regular board meeting.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Peters	Aye
Vice Chair Hayman	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Rajtora	Nay
Director Vallejo	Aye

**12. PERMANENT TRANSFER OF TRANSIENT POOL ALLOTMENT – (Hickle)**

April Keigwin presents staff report and transfer form (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

**13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:**

Steve Johnson, and Jean Moran provide updates on the following grants/programs (documents made available on the IWVGA website):

- a. Grant Funding
  - i. Proposition 1
  - ii. Proposition 68
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
  - i. Recycled Water Program
- c. Miscellaneous Items
  - i. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Update
  - ii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
  - iii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan

**14. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:**

April Keigwin provides the Monthly Financial Report, and Technical Memorandum from Capitol Core Group

(documents made available on the IWVGA website).

**15. PAC/TAC REPORT:**

Dave Janiec presents a report from the March 24, 2022 PAC meeting (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 11, 2022**

**17. ADJOURN:**

Chairman Peters adjourns the meeting at 12:30 p.m. on April 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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**Invoice**

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
 Mr. Alan Christensen  
 100 W. California Ave.  
 Ridgecrest, CA 93555

**Invoice Number: 2652-56**  
**Invoice Date: 04/26/22**

Project #: 2652      **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**

Professional Services through 3/31/2022

**Water Resources Management 2022**

**01 - Meetings & Prep**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	16.00	\$237.00	\$3,792.00
Supervisor I	15.25	\$206.00	\$3,141.50
Senior Associate	24.50	\$128.00	\$3,136.00
GIS Manager	3.25	\$122.00	\$396.50
Associate III	8.00	\$111.00	\$888.00
Assistant I	2.75	\$98.00	\$269.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$11,623.50</u>

<b>Reimbursables</b>	<u>Charge</u>
Reproduction (Color)	\$30.26
Overnight Mail	\$163.05
Reproduction	\$0.90
Telephone - Conference Call	\$55.48
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$249.69</u>

*Meetings & Prep Subtotal:*      \$11,873.19

**02 - Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.00	\$237.00	\$237.00
Associate III	2.00	\$111.00	\$222.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$459.00</u>

*Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration Subtotal:*      \$459.00

**03 - Grant Review & Application Preparation**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
Associate III	6.25	\$111.00	\$693.75
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$745.25</u>

*Grant Review & Application Preparation Subtotal:*      \$745.25

**04 - Data Mgmt System Support**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	4.00	\$206.00	\$824.00
Associate I	31.00	\$122.00	\$3,782.00
GIS Manager	0.50	\$122.00	\$61.00
Assistant I	0.50	\$98.00	\$49.00



**04 - Data Mgmt System Support**

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,716.00</u>
<i>Data Mgmt System Support Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,716.00</u>

**05 - General Project Mgmt**

**Professional Services**

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.50	\$237.00	\$355.50
Supervisor I	8.50	\$206.00	\$1,751.00
Supervisor II	9.00	\$191.00	\$1,719.00
Senior Associate	3.75	\$128.00	\$480.00
Associate III	3.00	\$111.00	\$333.00
Contract Management	2.00	\$103.00	<u>\$206.00</u>

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,844.50</u>
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<i>General Project Mgmt Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,844.50</u>
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**06 - Model Transfer & Upgrade**

**Professional Services**

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.50	\$237.00	\$355.50
Supervisor I	7.00	\$206.00	\$1,442.00
Supervisor II	22.00	\$191.00	\$4,202.00
Contract Management	1.00	\$103.00	<u>\$103.00</u>

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$6,102.50</u>
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<i>Model Transfer &amp; Upgrade Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$6,102.50</u>
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**07 - Imported Water: Engineering & Analysis**

**Professional Services**

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	4.50	\$237.00	\$1,066.50
Supervisor I	3.00	\$206.00	\$618.00
Associate III	29.00	\$111.00	\$3,219.00
Senior Assistant	4.50	\$103.00	\$463.50
GIS Specialist I	4.25	\$101.00	\$429.25
Assistant II	3.00	\$93.00	\$279.00
Administrative I	1.25	\$72.00	<u>\$90.00</u>

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$6,165.25</u>
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<i>Imported Water: Engineering &amp; Analysis Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$6,165.25</u>
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**09 - Recycled Water**

**Professional Services**

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	2.50	\$237.00	\$592.50
Supervisor I	3.75	\$206.00	\$772.50
Associate III	22.50	\$111.00	\$2,497.50
Assistant II	3.00	\$93.00	<u>\$279.00</u>

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,141.50</u>
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<i>Recycled Water Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$4,141.50</u>
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**11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps**

**Professional Services**

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	18.50	\$206.00	\$3,811.00
Associate I	54.75	\$122.00	\$6,679.50
GIS Manager	20.25	\$122.00	\$2,470.50
Associate III	0.25	\$111.00	\$27.75



**11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Assistant I	74.25	\$98.00	\$7,276.50
Administrative I	0.50	\$72.00	\$36.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$20,301.25</u>
<b>Reimbursables</b>			<u>Charge</u>
Car Rental			\$1,461.27
Equipment Purchase			\$2,779.32
Field Supplies			\$307.44
Lodging			\$323.74
Meals			\$118.76
Mileage			\$9.77
Reproduction			\$179.96
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$5,180.26</u>
<b>Sub-Contractors</b>			<u>Charge</u>
Horizon Environmental, Inc.			\$9,078.75
<i>Sub-Contractors Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$9,078.75</u>
<i>Data Collection, Monitoring &amp; Data Gaps Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$34,560.26</u>

**12 - Prop 1 SDAC Program Support**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	2.00	\$206.00	\$412.00
Associate III	3.50	\$111.00	\$388.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$800.50</u>
<i>Prop 1 SDAC Program Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$800.50</u>

**14 - Production Reporting, Transient Pool & Fee Support**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
GIS Manager	2.00	\$122.00	\$244.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$244.00</u>
<i>Production Reporting, Transient Pool &amp; Fee Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$244.00</u>

**15 - TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	3.00	\$206.00	\$618.00
Associate I	3.50	\$122.00	\$427.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,045.00</u>
<i>TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,045.00</u>

**18 - Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY21 Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Support & Dr**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	5.75	\$237.00	\$1,362.75
Supervisor I	4.00	\$206.00	\$824.00
Associate I	1.00	\$122.00	\$122.00
Contract Management	1.00	\$103.00	\$103.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$2,411.75</u>
<i>Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY21 Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Support &amp; Dr</i>			<u>\$2,411.75</u>

**20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	11.50	\$237.00	\$2,725.50
Supervisor I	4.00	\$206.00	\$824.00



**20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	1.50	\$128.00	\$192.00
Associate III	10.75	\$111.00	\$1,193.25
Assistant II	6.75	\$93.00	\$627.75
			<u>\$5,562.50</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			\$5,562.50
<i>Shallow Well Mitigation Program Outreach &amp; Impacts Evaluation Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$5,562.50</u>

**21 - General Engineering**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	7.50	\$237.00	\$1,777.50
Supervisor I	2.50	\$206.00	\$515.00
Supervisor II	31.00	\$191.00	\$5,921.00
Senior Associate	11.50	\$128.00	\$1,472.00
Associate III	3.50	\$111.00	\$388.50
			<u>\$10,074.00</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			\$10,074.00
<i>General Engineering Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$10,074.00</u>

**22 - Coordination with DWR on GSP Review**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
Senior Associate	2.50	\$128.00	\$320.00
			<u>\$371.50</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			\$371.50
<b>Reimbursables</b>			<u>Charge</u>
Postage			\$29.40
			<u>\$29.40</u>
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			\$29.40
<i>Coordination with DWR on GSP Review Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$400.90</u>

**23 - Annual Report Preparation**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	10.50	\$237.00	\$2,488.50
Supervisor I	11.75	\$206.00	\$2,420.50
Senior Associate	15.50	\$128.00	\$1,984.00
GIS Manager	2.75	\$122.00	\$335.50
Associate III	1.50	\$111.00	\$166.50
Assistant I	13.25	\$98.00	\$1,298.50
			<u>\$8,693.50</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			\$8,693.50
<i>Annual Report Preparation Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$8,693.50</u>

**25 - Allocation Plan & Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.00	\$237.00	\$237.00
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
			<u>\$288.50</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			\$288.50
<i>Allocation Plan &amp; Rules &amp; Regs on Pumping/Restrictions Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$288.50</u>

**26 - Budget Support**

<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.50	\$237.00	\$355.50
Senior Associate	1.25	\$128.00	\$160.00
Associate III	9.25	\$111.00	\$1,026.75



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**26 - Budget Support**

*Professional Services Subtotal:* \$1,542.25

*Budget Support Subtotal:* \$1,542.25

**27 - Litigation Support**

**Professional Services**

Principal

Bill Hours      Bill Rate      Charge

2.50      \$237.00      \$592.50

*Professional Services Subtotal:* \$592.50

*Litigation Support Subtotal:* \$592.50

***Water Resources Management 2022 Subtotal:*** **\$105,262.85**

**\*\*\* Invoice Total \*\*\*** **\$105,262.85**

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# Invoice

PO Box 1350  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Date	Invoice #
3/31/2022	13279

**Bill To:**

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
100 W California Ave  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	4/30/2022	4/15/2022

Date	Description	Amount
3/31/2022	Contract Services for March - please see attached	33,657.00

	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,657.00</b>
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**Indian Wells Valley**

Month: **Mar, 2022**

Advisor	Hours and Rates by Pay Period				Monthly Total Billed
	1st -15th		16th - EOM		
	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	
CT	12.00	\$ 130.00	8.15	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,619.50
AK	73.40	\$ 105.00	69.20	\$ 105.00	\$ 14,973.00
JK	0.75	\$ 137.00	0.50	\$ 137.00	\$ 171.25
GL	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
GS	64.00	\$ 137.00	35.25	\$ 137.00	\$ 13,597.25
RM	13.00	\$ 164.00	1.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 2,296.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>163.15</b>		<b>114.10</b>		<b>\$ 33,657.00</b>

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PO Box 1350  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
3/31/2022	13378

Bill To:
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority 100 W California Ave Ridgecrest, CA 93555

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	5/15/2022	4/26/2022

Date	Description	Amount
3/31/2022	Reimbursable Expenses for City of Ridegecrest Monthly Rent (\$300) - please see attached	300.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>

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**Capitol Core Group, Inc.**  
 205 Cartwheel Bend (Operations Dept.)  
 Austin, TX 78738 US  
 512.568.3084  
 operations@capitolcore.com  
 www.capitolcore.com

**BILL TO**

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater  
 Authority  
 500 West Ridgecrest Blvd.  
 Ridgecrest, California 93555  
 USA

**INVOICE 2022-017**

**DATE** 05/02/2022 **TERMS** Net 45

**DUE DATE** 06/16/2022

**VENDOR ID**

195953

**INVOICE PERIOD**

April 2022

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
03/29/2022	Balance Forward	12,512.50
	Other payments and credits after 03/29/2022 through 05/01/2022	0.00
05/02/2022	Other invoices from this date	0.00
05/02/2022	Other payments from this date	-12,512.50
	New charges (details below)	12,243.75
	Total Amount Due	12,243.75

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Charges</b>			
Task 1: Secure Imported Water Supplies			
<b>Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	3	250.00	750.00
Sub-Task 1D: 2022 Water Supplies (supplier meeting establishment and various other) {Tatum}			
<b>Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	5	250.00	1,250.00
Negotiations w/ Private Seller 2: follow-up, internal meetings, clarifications, call w/ counsel {Tatum}			
<b>Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	2.50	250.00	625.00
Negotiations w/ Agency Seller 1: Ongoing negotiation {Tatum}			
<b>Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	3.50	225.00	787.50
Subtask 1D: FY2022 Water Supply inquiries {Simonetti}			
Total Task 1 = \$3,412.50 (14 hours)			
Task 2: Secure Federal Funding			
<b>Government Relations: Federal</b>	3	250.00	750.00
Congressional: WRDA analysis, amendment development, and background {McKinney}			
<b>Government Relations: Federal</b>	3	250.00	750.00
Congressional; FY2023 NDAA -- DCIP Amendment briefings Senator Feinstein, Senator Padilla, Representative Garamendi {McKinney}			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Government Relations:Federal</b> Legislative: FY2023 NDAA; DCIP Amendment follow-up and lobbyist coordination {Simonetti}	1.50	225.00	337.50
<b>Government Relations:Federal</b> Legislative: WRDA-2022 reauthorization, Rep. McCarthy, Language development and calls {Simonetti}	5.25	225.00	1,181.25
Total Task 2 = \$3,018.75 (12.75 hours)			
Task 3: Secure State Funding			
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Agency: Response to DWR on SGMA-IP application {McKinney}	1	250.00	250.00
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Legislative: General Budget Issues (SGMA-IP/Round 2, MBP, Water Recycling) FY2022/2023 State Budget -- Asm. Budget Cmte/Sub-committee (split) {McKinney}	2	250.00	500.00
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Wastewater Treatment Plant: Assembly/Senate Secure Budget Request, draft letters, legislative staff calls, strategy development {McKinney}	5	250.00	1,250.00
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Legislative: SB 1395 (Bates) -- Cal-DCIP; analysis, letters, strategy development, amendment development {McKinney}	3	250.00	750.00
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Agency: DWR, SWRCB, Dept. of Natural Resources (SGMA-IP response, land-fallowing program, Multi-benefit program) {Simonetti}	3.50	225.00	787.50
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Legislative: FY2022/2023 State Budget programs (Asm. and Sen. Leadership) {Simonetti}	2	225.00	450.00
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Legislative: State Budget Request documents {follow-up w/ Sen. Fong, document preparation and review} {Simonetti}	2.50	225.00	562.50
<b>Government Relations:California</b> Legislative: SB 1395 (Bates) -- Cal-DCIP, coordination/coalition development, Sen. Appropriations Committee staff {Simonetti}	1.50	225.00	337.50
Total Task 3 = \$4,887.50 (20.5 hours)			
Task 4: Meetings, Administration, and Reporting			
<b>Administrative</b> Project Update Memorandum development March {McKinney}	1	250.00	250.00
<b>Administrative</b> Monthly report preparation {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
<b>Administrative</b> April Board Meeting {Simonetti}	2	225.00	450.00
Total Task 4 = \$925.00 (4 hours)			
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Compliance Reporting Notes:			
- Wastewater Treatment Plant (City) \$1,812.50			
- Federal Reporting this Invoice \$3,018.75			
- State Reporting this Invoice \$3,075.00			
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Thank you for your business. Please make checks payable to  
Capitol Core Group, Inc.

TOTAL OF NEW  
CHARGES

12,243.75

TOTAL DUE

**\$12,243.75**

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# California Rural Water Association

California Rural Water Association  
 Task #6 Additional Conservation and Drought Mngmt Planning  
 Jan. 2022 - Apr. 2022

## INVOICE

**To:** Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
 Attn: Carol Thomas-Keefer  
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd  
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

**Invoice #:** IWVGA-Task#6-002  
**Invoice Date:** 5/5/2022  
**Terms:** Net 30 Days

**Pay:** California Rural Water Association  
 1234 North Market Blvd.  
 Sacramento, CA 95834

**Project Name:** IWVGA Task #6 Agreement 03-19 Addendum No. 1

IWVGA-Searles Valley Water District			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
Task 6	Admin and project support	Invoice period	\$ 652.50
Task 6	Technician Admin suport	Invoice period	\$ 12,115.00
Task 6	Technician Travel Hours	Invoice period	\$ 3,885.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
Michael Sims	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ 1,250.94	
Abel Silva	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ 1,027.25	
Mark Hardison	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ 774.14	
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
N/A	No Equipment purchased	\$ -	
<b>INVOICE TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 15,819.83</b>

Submitted by:  
 Dustin Hardwick, Deputy Director  
 California Rural Water Association

Signature

5/5/2022

Date

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# California Rural Water Association

California Rural Water Association  
 Task #6 Additional Conservation and Drought Mngmt Planning  
 Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2021

## INVOICE

**To:** Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
 Attn: Carol Thomas-Keefer  
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd  
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

**Invoice #:** IWVGA-Task#6-001  
**Invoice Date:** 5/5/2022  
**Terms:** Net 30 Days

**Pay:** California Rural Water Association  
 1234 North Market Blvd.  
 Sacramento, CA 95834

**Project Name:** IWVGA Task #6 Agreement 03-19 Addendum No. 1

IWVGA-Searles Valley Water District			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
Task 6	Admin and project support	Invoice period	\$ 1,063.50
Task 6	Technician Admin suport	Invoice period	\$ 19,590.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
Michael Sims	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ -	
Abel Silva	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ -	
Mark Hardison	No Travel for this Invoice period	\$ -	
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
N/A	No Equipment purchased	\$ -	
<b>INVOICE TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 20,653.50</b>

Submitted by:  
 Dustin Hardwick, Deputy Director  
 California Rural Water Association

Signature

5/5/2022

Date

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To: Members of the Board of Directors, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

From: Michael W. McKinney and Jeff Simonetti, Capitol Core Group

cc:

Date: April 27, 2022

Subject: Support for City of Ridgecrest State Budget Request – Wastewater Treatment Plant

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In early April 2022, Senator Grove (R-Bakersfield) and Assembly Member Fong (R-Bakersfield) forwarded a State Budget Request in the amount of \$5 million for the City of Ridgecrest wastewater treatment facility. The request is now pending consideration with Senate/Assembly Leadership and the Chairs of the respective Budget Committees. As a bicameral request, the item may be included in the Senate and/or Assembly FY2022/2023 State Budget Act.

### Recommendation

**SUPPORT:** Provide a support letter to the respective Chairs of the Senate/Assembly Budget Committees. Authorize Capitol Core Group to update the letters to meet advocacy effort requirements in both the California Senate and Assembly.

### Discussion

Construction of the City of Ridgecrest wastewater treatment plant has a budget shortfall of \$5 million. Grant opportunities and programmatic funding to provide for this funding are minimal. To meet construction timelines, the City made a State Budget Request for the FY2022/2023 legislation. The request has been sponsored by Senator Grove and Assembly Member Fong and is pending consideration. The effort will require significant advocacy efforts with Leadership and the Committee.

The City's wastewater treatment plant provides the needed effluent (secondary treated water) for the proposed IWVGA water recycling plant. Construction of the wastewater treatment plant is necessary to meet water recycling requirements contained within the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Without this funding request, increases to the City's requested State Revolving Fund loan may be required thereby increasing repayment obligations (\$5 million principle and additional interest) on City residents for a 30-year period.

Advocacy on behalf of City's State Budget Request falls within the 2022 Scope of Work provided to Capitol Core under Task 2 "Secure State Funding," no budget impact or increases to current scope.

For the reasons above we recommend supporting the City's State Budget request.

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To: Members of the Board of Directors, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

From: Michael W. McKinney and Jeff Simonetti – Capitol Core Group

cc:

Date: April 27, 2022

Subject: Senate Bill 1395 (Bates and Melendez): California Defense Communities Infrastructure Program

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Senate Bill 1395 as amended April 25, 2022, establishes the *California Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (Cal-DCIP)* and provides \$50 million in first-year appropriations. Cal-DCIP follows the federal DCIP program in providing “defense communities” a grant opportunity for local agencies to develop infrastructure projects that provide military value, create resiliency, or enhance quality of life. The program differs from the federal guidelines in two main areas:

- It is only open to “disadvantaged communities” defined as communities that are at less than 80% of the median statewide household income
- The program is open to planning activities which are considered a precursor to federal DCIP application for construction activities

The program is closed to all projects which have previously received a federal DCIP award. The intent language contained within the bill’s preamble indicates the Cal-DCIP qualifies as State-matching funds for federal DCIP applications.

SB 1395 passed the Senate Committee on Governance and Financial Review (policy) by a vote of 5-0 and is currently pending hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee (fiscal). The bill is authored by Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) and Senator Melissa Melendez (R-Murietta) and is co-sponsored by Senators Grove (R-Bakersfield), Dahle (R-Redding), Jones (R-El Cajon), Nielsen (R-Roseville), Ochoa-Bogh (R-Redlands), and Wilk (R-Lancaster). The primary sponsor of the bill is the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance. There are no opponents on record.

## Discussion

Under SB 1395 the IWVGA interconnection and water recycling plant projects are likely eligible. This provides an opportunity to seek much needed planning funds for the water recycling plant as a precursor to potential funding applications under the federal DCIP. The program would be administered through the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) within the Governor’s Defense Council. The Governor’s Defense Council has been previously briefed on both IWVGA infrastructure projects.



The Cal-DCIP program is structured similarly to the federal DCIP already supported by IWVGA. The program creates the first *defense community* funding program dedicated solely to infrastructure projects that meet military value, resiliency and quality of life criteria.

The City of Ridgecrest wastewater treatment plant is ineligible under the Cal-DCIP due to adoption of the current federal criteria prohibiting on-installation projects from applying. This section apparently codifies current federal DCIP Implementation Guidance which is currently the subject of proposed amendments within the *FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act*. The City is currently considering offering amendments to SB 1395 to bring the legislation into consistency with the proposed federal DCIP amendments.

Advocacy on behalf of SB 1395 falls within the 2022 Scope of Work provided to Capitol Core under Task 2 “Secure State Funding,” so there is no budget impact or increases to current scope.

### Recommendation

**Support:** Provide a support letter to the Chair and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Authorize Capitol Core Group to update the letter to meet advocacy requirements for further consideration by the California Senate and/or Assembly.

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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2022  
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 28, 2022  
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 16, 2022

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1395**

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**Introduced by Senators Bates and Melendez**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Dahle, Grove, Jones, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh,**  
**and Wilk)**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Smith)

February 18, 2022

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An act to add Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 65052) to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code, relating to state government, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1395, as amended, Bates. California Defense Community Infrastructure Program.

Existing law establishes within state government the Office of Planning and Research as the comprehensive state planning agency for long-range planning and research. Existing law, until January 1, 2026, establishes within state government a Governor's Military Council that serves under the direction of the Military Department to advise the Governor on efforts to retain military installations and operations within this state that are necessary for the defense of the nation, and to coordinate and focus those efforts.

This bill would establish the California Defense Community Infrastructure Program, which would require the Office of Planning and Research, with input and assistance from the Governor's Military Council, to grant funds to local agencies to assist with matching fund

requirements in applications for funds from the federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program and to fund community projects with a similar purpose as the federal program. *Program.*

This bill would require the office to use project criteria similar to the criteria in the federal program in awarding funds, and would *specified project criteria, define an eligible project, and* require the Military Council to rank the projects, as specified, and forward their recommendations to the office to award the grants, or, if the Military Council is abolished, would require the office to rank the projects based on the available criteria and funds.

This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 for the purposes of the program. The bill would authorize the office to award these grants without regard to fiscal year and would require funds unencumbered after 3 years to revert to the General Fund.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 65052) is  
 2 added to Chapter 1.5 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government  
 3 Code, to read:

4  
 5 Article 5.5. California Defense Community Infrastructure  
 6 Program

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 8 65052. ~~(a)~~The California Defense Community Infrastructure  
 9 Program is hereby established and shall be administered by the  
 10 office in accordance with this article.

11 65052.1. The office, with input and assistance from the  
 12 Governor’s Military Council, shall ~~grant funds to local agencies~~  
 13 ~~for all~~ *develop and administer the California Defense Community*  
 14 *Infrastructure Program to issue grants for either of the following*  
 15 purposes:

16 (a) To provide a full or partial grant to assist a community with  
 17 any matching fund requirement in its application for funds from  
 18 the federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program, as  
 19 authorized by Section 2809 of the National Defense Authorization  
 20 Act of 2019 (10 U.S.C. Sec. 2391).

1 ~~(b) To provide funding for a community infrastructure project~~  
2 ~~with a similar purpose as one submitted under the federal Defense~~  
3 ~~Community Infrastructure Program that is designed to directly~~  
4 ~~affect the military value and the resiliency of a California-based~~  
5 ~~United States Department of Defense installation.~~

6 ~~(e)~~

7 ~~(b) To provide grant funds to a local government to aid in~~  
8 ~~identifying, planning, analyzing, or performing *environmental*~~  
9 ~~*review or other activities, as defined by the office, to assist in*~~  
10 ~~*identifying or securing grant funding for potential community*~~  
11 ~~*infrastructure projects that may qualify for funding under*~~  
12 ~~*subdivision (a) or (b). (a).*~~

13 ~~(d) The office may determine the appropriate number and timing~~  
14 ~~for soliciting and awarding grants.~~

15 ~~65052.2. (a) In establishing eligibility criteria for awarding~~  
16 ~~funds, the office shall use project criteria similar to the project~~  
17 ~~criteria used for the federal Defense Community Infrastructure~~  
18 ~~Program (10 U.S.C. Sec. 2391).~~

19 ~~(b) Projects may include, but are not limited to,~~  
20 ~~telecommunications, energy infrastructure, environmental~~  
21 ~~infrastructure, schools, transportation infrastructure, utilities, joint~~  
22 ~~services, and public safety.~~

23 ~~(e) Each project shall demonstrate a benefit to the local~~  
24 ~~community and the Department of Defense installation proposed~~  
25 ~~in the application.~~

26 ~~65052.2. (a) The office shall develop guidelines for the~~  
27 ~~program pursuant to this article in consultation with the~~  
28 ~~Governor's Military Council. The guidelines shall not be subject~~  
29 ~~to the requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section~~  
30 ~~11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2.~~

31 ~~(b) A project shall be eligible only if the project meets all of the~~  
32 ~~following requirements:~~

33 ~~(1) The proposed project is located in a disadvantaged~~  
34 ~~community. For the purposes of this paragraph, "disadvantaged~~  
35 ~~community" means a community with an annual median household~~  
36 ~~income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median~~  
37 ~~household income.~~

38 ~~(2) For a project pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 65052.1:~~

39 ~~(A) The proposed project is not located on a military~~  
40 ~~installation.~~

1 (B) *The applicant has site control over the area for the proposed*  
2 *project.*

3 (C) *The proposed project has a letter of support from the*  
4 *applicable military installation commander.*

5 (D) *The proposed project is any of the following:*

6 (i) *A transportation project.*

7 (ii) *A school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other*  
8 *community support facility.*

9 (iii) *A water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or*  
10 *other utility infrastructure project.*

11 (E) *The proposed project demonstrates a benefit to the local*  
12 *community and the United States Department of Defense*  
13 *installation proposed in the application.*

14 (c) *The office shall determine the appropriate number and timing*  
15 *for soliciting and awarding grants.*

16 65052.3. (a) *The Military Council shall rank proposed projects*  
17 *based on criteria established by the program and shall forward*  
18 *those recommendations to the office to award grants based on the*  
19 *funds available.*

20 (b) *If the Military Council is abolished, the office shall rank the*  
21 *projects based on criteria established by the program and award*  
22 *grants based on the funds available.*

23 65052.4. (a) *The office may, upon approval by the Department*  
24 *of Finance, award grants pursuant to this article without regard to*  
25 *fiscal year only for the purposes specified in this article.*

26 (b) *The office shall not distribute grant funds for a project*  
27 *pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 65052.1 prior to the*  
28 *awarding of grant funds from the federal Defense Community*  
29 *Infrastructure Program.*

30 65052.5. *The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is*  
31 *hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the office for*  
32 *purposes of the program. Any funds remaining unencumbered*  
33 *after three years shall revert to the General Fund.*

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May 11, 2022

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SB 1395 (as amended 4/25/2022)  
California Defense Community Infrastructure Program

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) supports SB 1395 and its provisions to provide infrastructure funding for the defense communities in the state. Defense Communities face unique challenges in providing infrastructure, and this bill will help us to ensure that our bases have the tools they need to provide safe and resilient infrastructure for years to come.

IWVGA is one of 21 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) formed to manage groundwater supplies in critically overdrafted groundwater basins. Our GSA serves parts of Kern, Inyo and San Bernardino Counties and the US Navy is an ex-officio member of our Board. The China Lake Naval Weapons Air Station is a critical component of our economic base in the area, and safe and resilient water supplies are vitally important for the long-term sustainability of our basin. As part of the region's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), we are looking to implement a series of infrastructure projects including an interconnection project to deliver imported water supplies and a water recycling plant to return water back into the basin. All of these projects are necessary to maintain water resiliency in a parched area of the state, and for the long-term support of the mission at the base.

As the civilian groundwater authority serving the area that includes the U.S. Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake in Ridgecrest, California (NAWSCL), we fully understand the importance of achieving water sustainability and resiliency at military installations. We have worked closely over the past few years with NAWSCL to develop water solutions that will positively affect the region. Water scarcity continues to be an increasing factor within our region impacting our residents, those military families living off-installation, and NAWSCL has deemed water scarcity as an encroachment issue on its mission status.

The DCIP is critical to those communities and agencies adjacent to military installations. It enhances the opportunity to create regional solutions through public-public partnerships with the Department of Defense which, in turn, enhance the quality of life for military personnel and assist in achieving sustainability or resilience on the installation. For example, IWVGA has proposed a water interconnection project that would allow for the delivery of imported water supplies to our area and potentially create water storage opportunities. Approximately 80% of the personnel that work at the base live off the installation. Having a safe and reliable water supply that supports both on and off-base functions is critically important, and these projects are vital to provide long-term water sustainability. The project would enhance the quality of life for military personnel living off-installation, thereby continuing to



support the mission of the base. The projects that we are proposing for SGMA implementation would be eligible for DCIP funding in future years based upon its FY2024 construction commencement.

As with many other basins working to implement SGMA needs, we face unique challenges. Although we only have approximately 30,000 residents in the City of Ridgecrest, we face infrastructure needs of up to \$300 million to address the SGMA requirements without significant adverse impacts to quality of life. The GSA is pursuing a variety of funding sources for these projects including the federal DCIP program. The monies authorized in SB 1395 if passed will allow communities such as Ridgecrest to apply for funding for important infrastructure projects that will support both the mission of the base and the communities that support them. For these reasons, we fully support SB 1395 and urge your consideration of its passage.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Phillip Peters  
Chairman, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority  
Supervisor, County of Kern

cc: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Patricia Bates, Senator  
The Honorable Melissa Melendez, Senator  
The Honorable Shannon Grove, Senator

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May 6, 2022

Ms. Carmel Brown, P.E.  
Manager, Financial Assistance Branch  
Division of Regional Assistance  
California Department of Water Resources

Via email to [SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov)

**Subject:** Award Acceptance  
Budget Act of 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program  
SGMA Implementation – Round 1 Grant

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your April 28 letter notifying the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) of Award under the subject Grant solicitation. Pursuant to your letter, the IWVGA submits this Award Acceptance Letter with information confirming the logistics of funding receipt and grant communications and correspondence.

The IWVGA is confirmed as the Grantee to accept the Grant award in the amount of \$7.6 million. The IWVGA's billing address to receive reimbursement checks is as follows:

**100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555**

As IWVGA General Manager, I provide consent for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to use DocuSign to process signatures electronically to expedite all grant-related documents requiring a signature. I also provide consent to the use of DocuSign for all transactions related to this Grant award.

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Per your April 28 letter, the IWVGA is also required to submit a resolution authorizing the IWVGA's representative to enter into (and amend) the Grant funding agreement and to submit Grant-related invoices and

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100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(805)764-5452  
[www.IWVGA.org](http://www.IWVGA.org)

deliverables to DWR. It is our understanding that the resolution attached to the IWVGA's application package satisfies this requirement. For this reason, the IWVGA does not plan to submit an additional authorizing resolution, but please let us know if any additional information is needed to fulfill this requirement.

We look forward to working with DWR and implementing this much-needed project that will substantially move the Indian Wells Valley groundwater basin towards sustainable operations.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [cthomaskeefer@rgs.ca.gov](mailto:cthomaskeefer@rgs.ca.gov), or April Keigwin at (805) 764-5452 or at [akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov](mailto:akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Carol Thomas-Keefer  
General Manager  
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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# IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

*STAFF REPORT*

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**TO:** IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** May 11, 2022

**FROM:** IWVGA Staff

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 12 – Board to Review and Approve RFP Release for Imported Water Pipeline Alignment Study**

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In a letter dated April 28, 2022, the IWVGA was provided notice of award of \$7.6 million in grant funding from the California Budget Act of 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program SGMA implementation Round 1 grant solicitation (SGMA-IP). The grant funding will be primarily used for additional planning for the IWVGA's imported water interconnection project: Design, environmental compliance, right-of-way acquisition, and other permitting and coordination with partnering agencies. The award is contingent on the execution of a grant funding agreement between the IWVGA and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). DWR is currently in the process of preparing a draft funding agreement for Staff review.

At this time, the grant schedule provides that all work must be completed by June 30, 2025. Due to this accelerated schedule, Staff recommends that the IWVGA immediately commence eligible grant activities. DWR has given indication that work occurring as far back as mid-December 2021 is eligible for reimbursement, so upcoming grant activities may also be claimed for reimbursement in an invoice submittal to DWR.

As indicated in the IWVGA's grant application, the first grant task involves preparation of a pipeline alignment study (Study) that will make recommendations for potential imported water pipeline routes and alignments for design. The recommendations will be made based on a review and evaluation of possible connection points, distance, topography, environmental issues, land acquisition requirements, right-of-way, cost, etc. The recommendations will allow for the IWVGA to immediately thereafter commence design, environmental compliance (CEQA and NEPA), and right-of-way negotiations and acquisition.

For the purpose of expediting the Study and moving into design and subsequent tasks, Staff recommends that the IWVGA procure an engineering consultant to prepare the Study. A Request for Proposals (RFP), which was prepared by Staff and is included in your Board packet, would be advertised online to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms for preparation of the Study. Staff anticipates advertising the RFP online and accepting proposals over approximately one (1) month. Proposals received in response to the RFP will be reviewed and ranked promptly by Staff, and the most qualified firm will be recommended to the Board for award at a future Board meeting.

As included in the IWVGA's grant application, Staff has estimated that the consultant's total fee for preparation of the Study will be approximately \$170,000. The consultant's work, as well as Staff's time dedicated to providing engineering support to the consultant, are both eligible activities that may be reimbursed under the grant.

### **ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD**

Staff recommends that the Board consider and approve advertisement of the RFP for the imported water project pipeline alignment Study.

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**Grant Funding**

**Proposition 1 Status Update**

- **Invoice #12a**
  - Covers July through September 2021
  - Total requested payment after retention: **\$132,693.95**
    - Includes costs from Invoices 8a & 9a totaling \$130,850.07 after retention
  - Status: Approved, currently awaiting payment
- **Invoice #13a**
  - Covers October through December 2021
  - Total requested payment after retention: **\$299.70**
  - Status: Approved, currently awaiting payment
- **Invoice #14a and Progress Report #14 due by May 30**
  - Covers January 2022 through March 2022

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**Grant Funding**

**Proposition 68 Status Update**

- **Invoice # 12b**
  - Covers July through September 2021
  - Total requested payment after retention: **\$3,158.82**
  - Status: Approved, currently awaiting payment
- **Invoice # 13b**
  - Covers October through December 2021
  - Total requested payment after retention: **\$272.09**
  - Status: Approved, currently awaiting payment
- **Invoice #14b and Progress Report #14 due by May 30**
  - Covers January 2022 through March 2022

AGENDA ITEM 13a.ii



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## IWVGA Board Meeting May 11, 2022

### Grant Funding

#### SGMA-Implementation Grant Overview

- Awarded to IWVGA on April 28, award ceremony on May 4 at ACWA conference
- \$7.6 million in funding for the “imported water interconnection project”
- Eligible grant activities that may be reimbursed include:
  - Additional planning and design
  - Environmental compliance (CEQA and NEPA)
  - Permitting and right-of-way negotiations and acquisition
  - Coordination with partnering agencies
  - Grant administration and management
- Tentative grant work start date of December 2021 and end date of June 2025
  - To be confirmed in funding agreement
- Draft funding agreement from DWR to be received and reviewed by Staff
- Current work tasks
  - Advertise RFP for pipeline alignment study consultant
  - Prepare RFPs for CEQA/NEPA consultant and design/engineering consultant
  - WRM internal planning and coordination (meeting on May 3)
  - GA Staff Team coordination meeting currently being scheduled

AGENDA ITEM 13a.iii



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### GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates

#### Recycled Water Program Update

- Section 5
  - Planned for release to Technical Team during week of May 16
- Next Steps
  - Schedule meeting with Regional Board for input on injection projects and water quality needs/concerns
  - Define injection project in terms of injection locations, additional non-City treatment needs & sites, storage needs, and other information for preliminary design
  - Ongoing coordination with Capitol Core on potential grant funding opportunities
  - Draft final tech memo planned for late 2022

AGENDA ITEM 13b.i



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Miscellaneous Items

*Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE)*

- Navy biologist evaluated GDE sites first week of March 2022
- May 20th Navy Biologist plans to submit findings on two potential monitoring sites
- Next step: determine if new sites will provide GDE monitoring

AGENDA ITEM 13c.i



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Miscellaneous Items

*Subflow from Rose Valley to IWV*

- Preparing Subcontractor Bid Package for GA Lawyer Review
- Navy contracting
- Monitoring well drilling/construction postponed to Fall 2022

AGENDA ITEM 13c.ii




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**Miscellaneous Items**

**GSP Model CMP**

- April 19<sup>th</sup> first technical meeting/call with WRM, Navy, and DRI
  - Introductions
  - Background of IWV Model used for the GSP
  - Review Configuration Management Plan, Roles, and Responsibilities
  - GSP Model development for 5-year GSP Report (Jan 2025)
- May 6<sup>th</sup> second technical meeting/call with WRM, Navy, and DRI
  - CMP - Prioritize Technical Document Review

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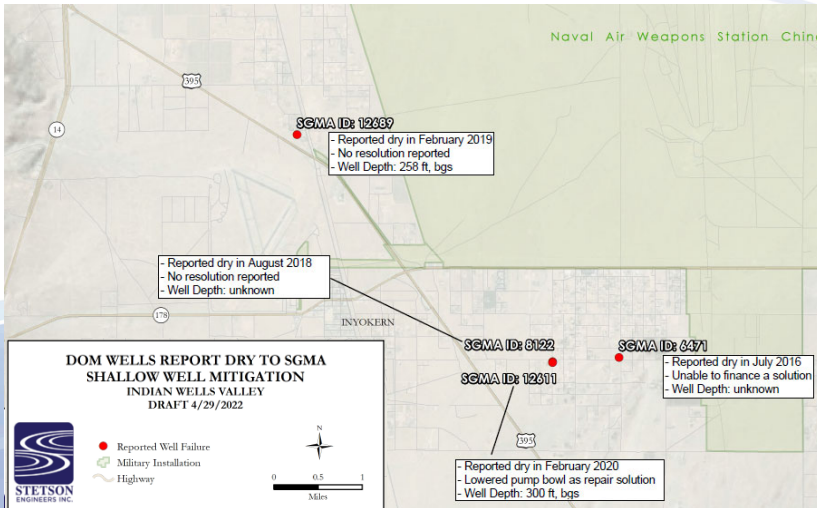
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**Miscellaneous Items**

**Dry Shallow Wells**  
**(SGMA Website)**

- 4 domestic wells reported by others and posted on SGMA website
  - July 2016 to Feb 2020
  - Well Depth:
    - 2 unknown depth
    - 258 feet bgs
    - 300 feet bgs

**DOM WELLS REPORT DRY TO SGMA**  
**SHALLOW WELL MITIGATION**  
**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY**  
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# BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- APRIL

		ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION					(B)	(A-B)	(B/A)		
		(A)	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%		
		BUDGET	Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1 SDAC	Prop. 1/68	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED	
1	<b>REVENUE</b>										1
2	Extraction Fee	1,245,105	263,642	-	-	-	-	263,642	981,463	21%	2
3	<b>Transfer In/Loan from Augmentation Fund</b>	1,062,745	125,000	-	-	-	-	125,000	937,745	12%	3
4	Augmentation Fee	4,069,625	-	790,249	-	-	-	790,249	3,279,376	19%	4
5	<b>Transfer In/Loan Repayment from Extraction Fund</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	5
6	Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	195,250	-	-	18,893	-	-	18,893	176,357	10%	6
7	Department of Water Resources (DWR) Grants	338,500	-	-	-	147,676	3,552	151,228	187,272	45%	7
8											8
9	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	6,911,225	388,642	790,249	18,893	147,676	3,552	1,349,012	5,562,213	20%	9
10	<b>EXPENSES</b>										10
11	<b>Administration</b>										11
12	Administration (RGS)	333,000	56,744	56,744	-	-	-	113,489	219,511	34%	12
13	Office Rent	3,600	450	450	-	-	-	900	2,700	25%	13
14	Office Supplies	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%	14
15	Postage and Delivery	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	0%	15
16	External Audit (Brown & Associates)	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	0%	16
17	Council Chambers/IT Services	8,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	0%	17
18	General Counsel	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	0%	18
19	Insurance Premium (Insurica)	13,160	12,930	-	-	-	-	12,930	230	98%	19
20	Legal Notices (Daily Independent)	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	0%	20
21	Memberships (Cal. Assoc. Mutual Water Co)	100	100	-	-	-	-	100	-	100%	21
22	Website (IWVWD)	300	276	-	-	-	-	276	24	92%	22
23	Printing and Reproduction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	23
24	Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	24
25											25
26	<b>Non-Departmental</b>										26
27	Other Legal Services (RWG Law)	500,000	-	53,997	-	-	-	53,997	446,003	11%	27
28	Lobbying Services (Capitol Core)	175,000	-	56,919	-	-	-	56,919	118,081	33%	28
29	Other Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	29
30	Shallow Well Mitigation Emergency Assistance Program	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	0%	30
31	Repayment of Kern County Advance	500,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	125,000	375,000	25%	31
32	Repayment of City of Ridgecrest In-Kind Services	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	0%	32
33	<b>Transfer Out/ Loan Repayment to Augmentation Fund</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	33
34	<b>Transfer Out/Loan to Extraction Fund</b>	1,062,745	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000	937,745	12%	34

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		(A)	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%		
		BUDGET	Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1 SDAC	Prop. 1/68	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED	
35											35
36	<b>Conservation Programs</b>										36
37	Outreach & Technical Services (Cal Rural Water Assoc & Water Wise)	306,500	-	-	-	40,758	-	40,758	265,742	13%	37
38											38
39	<b>Basin Management Administration</b>										39
40	Production Reporting, Transient Pool, and Fee Support	34,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,000	0%	40
41	Meetings and Prep	120,000	38,923	-	-	-	-	38,923	81,077	32%	41
42	Budget Support	10,000	576	-	-	-	-	576	9,424	6%	42
43	Stakeholder Coordination	10,000	64	-	-	-	-	64	9,936	1%	43
44	Litigation Support	40,000	2,963	-	-	-	-	2,963	37,038	7%	44
45											45
46	<b>Basin Management</b>										46
47	POAM No. 20 Data Management System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	47
48	POAM No. 56 Monitoring Wells - Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	48
49	POAM No. 78 Aquifer Tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	49
50	Review of Ramboll Report (Task began in 2020)	8,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,210	0%	50
51	Prop 1 SDAC Program Support	15,000	-	-	-	389	-	389	14,612	3%	51
52	General Engineering	35,000	13,489	-	-	-	-	13,489	21,511	39%	52
53	TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support	10,000	1,903	-	-	-	-	1,903	8,097	19%	53
54	TSS: General Coordination/Application Support	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	0%	54
55	Coordination with DWR on GSP Review	45,000	4,206	-	-	-	-	4,206	40,795	9%	55
56	Annual Report Preparation	30,000	41,766	-	-	-	-	41,766	(11,766)	139%	56
57	Data Management System Support	20,000	8,064	-	-	-	-	8,064	11,936	40%	57
58	Allocation Plan: Allocation Process & Transient Pool Support	-	356	-	-	-	-	356	(356)	0%	58
59	Allocation Plan and Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions	10,000	2,173	-	-	-	-	2,173	7,827	22%	59
60	Allocation Plan: Flowing & Transient Pool Transfer Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	60
61	Conservation Efforts	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	0%	61
62	General Project Management	30,000	10,974	-	-	-	-	10,974	19,026	37%	62
63	Model Transfer and Upgrade	150,000	8,310	-	-	-	-	8,310	141,690	6%	63
64	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop Projects & Secure Funding	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	0%	64
65	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Spt & Drillii	300,000	8,984	-	-	-	-	8,984	291,016	3%	65
66	Data Collection, Monitoring, and Data Gaps	134,000	45,388	-	-	-	-	45,388	88,612	34%	66
67	Imported Water: Negotiations and Coordination	35,000	-	3,137	-	-	-	3,137	31,864	9%	67
68	Imported Water: Engineering and Analysis	118,000	12,734	-	-	-	-	12,734	105,266	11%	68
69	Recycled Water	180,000	-	40,996	-	-	-	40,996	139,004	23%	69

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		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%	
		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1 SDAC	Prop. 1/68	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED	
(A)	BUDGET									
70	<b>EXPENSES (Cont'd)</b>									70
71	<b>Basin Management (cont'd)</b>									71
72	Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Plan Development	-	-	1,115	-	-	1,115	(1,115)	0%	72
73	Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach and Impacts Evaluation	20,000	-	2,340	-	-	2,340	17,660	12%	73
74	Brackish Water Group: Data Review and Coordination	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	0%	74
75	Well Monitoring Services (WellIntel Inc.)	2,100	1,680	-	-	-	1,680	420	80%	75
76	Weather Station Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	76
77										77
78	<b>Grant Management</b>									78
79	Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration	70,000	8,955	-	-	-	8,955	61,045	13%	79
80	Grant Review and Application Preparation	50,000	36,243	-	-	-	36,243	13,757	72%	80
81										81
82	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>4,982,075</u>	<u>443,248</u>	<u>337,242</u>	<u>3,455</u>	<u>41,146</u>	<u>825,092</u>	<u>4,156,983</u>	<u>17%</u>	82
83										83
84	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u>1,929,150</u>	<u>(54,606)</u>	<u>453,007</u>	<u>15,438</u>	<u>106,530</u>	<u>523,921</u>	<u>1,405,229</u>		84

Budget to Actual Report includes all revenues and expenditures during the calendar year and is on a cash basis. Accruals will be finalized during the year-end reconciliation and audit process and presented in a separate report. Billing and receipt of reimbursement grant program revenue may cross over fiscal years with revenue received for prior year programs. Separate reconciliation will be completed for grant programs.



## MONTH TO DATE REVENUES & EXPENDITURES EXCLUDING TRANSFERS

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	Revenue	Transfer In*	Transfer Out*	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Extraction Fund	263,642	125,000	-	443,248	(54,606)
Augmentation Fund	790,249	-	125,000	212,242	453,007
Shallow Well Mitigation Fund	18,893	-	-	3,455	15,438
Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Grants Fund	151,228	-	-	41,146	110,082
Total	1,224,012	125,000	125,000	700,092	523,921

*\* The Extraction Fund Budget will be balanced through a loan from the Augmentation Fund.*

## OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

	Kern County	City of Ridgcrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
<b>Advance Agreements</b>				
Advance of Funds	500,000	-	-	500,000
Advance Repayment: 1 of 4	(125,000)	-	-	(125,000)
<b>In-Kind Services</b>				
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY22 thru 4/30		68,228		68,228
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY 21	-	326,915	-	326,915
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY's16-20		366,982		366,982
<b>Inter-Fund Loans</b>				
Estimated 2022 Loan to Extraction Fund*	-	-	1,062,745	1,062,745
Repayment of Adv. Of Funds to IWVWD**	-	-	500,000	500,000
Estimated 2021 Loan to Extraction Fund-TBD***	-	-	-	-
<b>Postponed Invoice Payments</b>				
None	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>375,000</u>	<u>762,125</u>	<u>1,562,745</u>	<u>2,699,870</u>

\* Included in Adopted Budget.

\*\* IWVWD used restricted Augmentation Revenue to repay the Advance Agreement.

Repayment of the IWVWD Advance requires a transfer from the Extraction Fund to the Augmentation Fund.

\*\*\* Review of prior year use of Augmentation Revenue is on-going. Additional inter-fund loans will be presented in a future financial update. Amendment to the budget will be necessary to schedule a revised repayment.

## ADOPTED 2022 OBLIGATION REPAYMENTS

	Kern County	City of Ridgcrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
<b>Advance Agreements</b>				
\$125,000 scheduled in March, June, Sept, Dec	500,000	-	-	500,000
<b>In-Kind Services</b>				
Attorney Services/IT/Council Chambers	-	300,000	-	300,000
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800,000</u>

Upon repayment of the 2022 Obligations, an inter-fund loan of \$800,000 will be created between the Extraction Fund and Augmentation Fund and added to Outstanding Obligations under Inter-Fund Loans.

City of Ridgcrest In-Kind Services Repayment for prior years is included in the Outstanding Obligation Schedule. Currently \$300,000 is budgeted for repayment in the Adopted 2022 Obligation Repayments Schedule. Amendment to the budget will be required to schedule a revised repayment and loan from the Augmentation Fund.

## CASH BALANCE

### April 2022 Activity

#### Cash Receipts (Receipts over \$50,000 and all grants are detailed)

March -IWVWD Augmentation/Extraction/SWM	\$	306,771.67
All Other Cash Receipts		47,236.10
Total Cash Receipts	\$	<u>354,007.77</u>

#### Cash Disbursements (Obligation payments are detailed)

Warrants - 4/28/22	\$	(187,221.78)
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	<u>(187,221.78)</u>

### Cash Balance

#### Prior Month to Current Month Ending Balance Reconciliation

#### March Cash Balance By Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$	3,165,196.94
Mission Bank		237,791.93
Total Cash Balance as of March 31	\$	<u>3,402,988.87</u>

#### April Activity

Cash Receipts	\$	354,007.77
Cash Disbursements		(187,221.78)
Total April Activity	\$	166,785.99

April Ending Cash Balance	\$	3,569,774.86
Less: Outstanding Warrants		(223,233.81)
Total Available Cash By Activity as of April 30	\$	<u>3,346,541.05</u>

#### April Cash Balance by Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$	3,248,985.43
Mission Bank		320,789.43
Total April Balance	\$	3,569,774.86
Less: Outstanding Warrants		(223,233.81)
Total Available Cash by Investment as of April 30	\$	<u>3,346,541.05</u>

*Cash Receipts are deposited in Mission Bank and sent electronically to Kern County Treasurer. Cash in Transit at month end will be reflected in the Kern County Treasurer balance. Warrants are approved by IWVGA Board and administratively processed by IWVGA staff. Warrants are executed by Kern County staff. Outstanding Warrants are vendor invoices received and not yet paid. Outstanding Obligations are detailed in a separate attached report.*

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To: Carol Thomas-Keefer, General Manager IWVGA

From: Michael W. McKinney, President Capitol Core Group

cc: Jeff Simonetti, Sr. Vice President Capitol Core Group  
Todd Tatum, Sr. Client Advisor Capitol Core Group

Date: April 27, 2022

Subject: Project Update Memorandum – April 2022 Activities

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This memorandum will provide project updates for activities conducted during April 2022.

### Secure Imported Water Supplies

Capitol Core continues to pursue water supplies from multiple potential resources. We held discussions with potential suppliers during the month of April and plan to bring forward more potential resources as appropriate during the month of May to the Board's attention.

### Secure Federal Funding Sources

Activities over the month of April focused in on securing amendments to the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP) through the *FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)* and seeking federal assistance through the *Water Resource Development Act of 2022 (WRDA-22)*. Legislative priorities for both NDAA and WRDA-22 were due to the respective Committee Chairs and Ranking Members during April. The draft legislation (known as the Chairman's Mark) is expected for both bills in late-May or early-June and will not be considered by the Committee until the Summer portion of the Session. IWVGA is supporting a proposed amendment to the DCIP which would provide for eligibility of projects located on leased lands. The amendment is sponsored by the Association of Defense Communities. If accepted, the City's wastewater treatment plant would be eligible for DCIP application in FY2024. Within WRDA-22, Representative McCarthy's office submitted directive language to the Army Corps of Engineers to study interconnection.

### Secure State Funding

In April, Capitol Core focused largely on State funding activities due to ongoing FY2022/2023 Budget negotiations. As reported in our last monthly report, Assembly Member Fong and Senator Grove agreed in early April to submit the City of Ridgecrest's \$5 million budget request for the wastewater treatment plant. Significant lobbying activity occurred during the month of April to advance the request into the FY2022/2023 State Budget Act. Initial lobbying activities will focus on Assembly/Senate Leadership as well

as Budget Chairs/Vice Chairs. Additional discussions concerning SGMA-IP, Multi-Benefit Project Program, and Water Recycling Program funding also occurred. Within the programs, Capitol Core is working with legislators to ensure sufficient funding opportunities to seek the \$5.3 million in needed planning funds for the water recycling plant as well as look at potential opportunities for interconnection project funding.

As previously reported, SB 1395 (Bates, R-Laguna Niguel and Melendez, R-Murieta) establishes the California Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (CDCIP). This program would be administered through the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) through the Governor's Military Council. The program is administered in a similar manner to the federal DCIP process and mirrors the priorities for applicant projects. The IWVGA Interconnection Project and Water Recycling Project would be eligible under the legislation's guidelines. A similar DCIP amendment to the proposed FY2023 NDAA would be required in order for the City's wastewater treatment plant to be eligible. The City is in the process of requesting an amendment to §65025.2(b)(1)(A) of SB 1395 in order to ensure eligibility of the wastewater treatment plant. The bill is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee (fiscal committee) for consideration.

Attached for the Board's consideration is a letter of support for SB 1395. The legislation is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee (fiscal review) after unanimously passing the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance (jurisdictional committee). The bill is sponsored by the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance.

Finally, the IWVGA received notification in late April that it gained approval for the submitted infrastructure funding plan through the Department of Water Resources' SGMA Implementation Program. Capitol Core and Board members attended the check ceremony in early April in Sacramento and met with DWR representatives during that time.

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## **IWVGA March 2022 Report**

March 7 Prepping documents for meeting with team and water systems. I have been communicating with the four systems that would like to meet and discuss further information to this IWVGA consulting extension.

Each of these four systems have been very helpful and excited in what's happening. They are in need of much with their systems and with our assistances they are hoping for the best.

March 8 Onsite Inyokern Community Service District- came together with GM and Office Mgr. providing help in putting these important plans together for the system. Water Conservation, Drought Management and Meter Change-out Program. Gathering much needed information on meters sizes, boxes, lids, valves, location, etc.

March 9 Onsite China Lake Acres Mutual Water Company-meet with John & Rhonda Fisher, providing help in putting these important plans together for the system. Water Conservation, Drought Management and Meter Change-out Program. Gathering much needed information on meters sizes, boxes, lids, valves, location, etc.

March 10 Onsite East Inyokern Mutual Water Company- meet with Mike Pierce, providing help in putting these important plans together for the system. Water Conservation, Drought Management and Meter Change-out Program. Gathering much needed information on meters sizes, boxes, lids, valves, location, etc.

March 14-25 Gathering much information with iFlow-Gene McMillian on Zenner. Found out that each smart meter needs a composite meter box lids or both are recommended. Getting really rough estimate per meter install from iFlow installer.

Aubrey Sanders New Board President and former board president Kurt Weisbrich at West Valley Mutual Water Company via cell and email.

March 29 Team Strategy Dinner Meeting

March 30 Onsite West Valley Mutual Water Company-meet with Aubrey Sanders /Kurt Weisbrich, providing help in putting these important plans together for the system. Water Conservation, Drought Management and Meter Change-out Program. Gathering much needed information on meters sizes, boxes, lids, valves, location, etc.

March 31 IWVGA Catchup Call with Jacob

As for the other systems in the area, they are not interested, due to IWVGA law suit with Searles Mineral Domestic Water Company not interested: Sweetwater CO-OP not interested, Owens Peak West just left messages and emails, no response.



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**Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**  
**Groundwater Conservation Pilot Project for SDACs**  
**May 2022 Status Update**

- Prop 1 agreement amendment was executed in March 2022
  - Extended CRWA work schedule through October 2022.
  - Amendment also added a new work task for water conservation planning, drought management/resilience planning, and customer-side meter replacements
  - Deliverables include:
    - Planning documents for water conservation measures and drought management/resilience
    - Meter replacement program guidelines
    - Proof of meter replacement (e.g. photographic documentation)
- Original water audit and leak detection tasks are nearing close-out.
  - Three (3) work plans were submitted by CRWA:
    - Inyokern CSD
      - Deliverable submitted to DWR in June 2021
    - Searles Domestic Water Company
      - Additional leak detection surveying activities occurred in Pioneer Point during January 2022
      - Draft deliverable provided to Staff in April 2022
      - Staff to provide additional comments to CRWA for revision before final submittal to DWR
    - Miscellaneous SDAC water systems
      - Draft deliverable provided to Staff in December 2021
      - Staff to provide additional comments to CRWA for revision before final submittal to DWR
- Staff has provided CRWA with authorization to proceed with new work task.
  - CRWA has been contacting interested SDAC water systems to gage participation

**Commented [JM1]:** These include:

-South Desert Mutual Water Company  
-West Valley Mutual Water Company

- Staff has worked with CRWA in selecting appropriate meter vendors and models for purchase

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