

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Ridgecrest City Hall 100 W California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 760-499-5002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS A G E N D A

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

Open Session – No earlier than 10:30 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(d)(1)): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD – Kern County
Superior Court BCV-22-100281

- 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 10:30 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 December 14, 2022
- b. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
 - i. \$140,641.55 – Stetson Engineers
 - ii. \$21,017.75 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - iii. \$9,725.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)

9. RESOLUTION 01-23 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE URBAN COMMUNITIES DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

10. 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
 - ii. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Funding Feasibility Study
 - iii. Draft Annual Report
 - iv. Shallow Well Mitigation Update
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
 - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)
- c. Well Permit Approval for Residential Well in Inyo County

12. PAC UPDATE

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2023

14. 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 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, December 14, 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 April Keigwin.

Meeting recording, public comment letters submitted, and all board meeting related documents are made available at:
<https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings/>

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Peters calls the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND AB-361 FINDING:

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Scott Hayman 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:

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Chairman Peters calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:16 a.m.

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.
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Closed Session adjourns at 10:56 a.m.

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

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:04 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports no 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 Renee Westa-Lusk.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting November 9, 2022
- b. 2023 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting Schedule
- c. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>
 - i. \$173,826.96 – Stetson Engineers
 - ii. \$30,744.25 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - iii. \$15,387.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
 - iv. \$58,201.91 – Provost & Pritchard (SGMA IP Grant)

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Minutes of Board Meeting December 14, 2022, 2023 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting Schedule, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$173,826.96 to Stetson Engineers, \$30,744.25 to Regional Government Services, \$15,387.50 to Capitol Core Group, and \$58,201.91 to Provost & Pritchard
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. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Carol Thomas-Keefer presents budget amendments for 2022.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve 2022 budget amendments.
Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

10. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING 2023 BOARD ROTATION:

Counsel Lemieux presents Resolution 10-22 and staff report.

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Scott Hayman to approve Resolution 10-22 removing IWVWD representative as 2023 vice chair.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

11. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CAPITOL CORE GROUP:

Carol Thomas-Keefer and Michael McKinney of Capitol Core Group present 2023 proposed work plan for contract renewal.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve contract renewal with Capitol Core Group.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

The board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk

12. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Carol Thomas-Keefer presents contract renewal for Regional Governments Services.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by John Vallejo to approve contact renewal with Regional Government Services.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

13. REVIEW OF BROWN ARMSTRONG REQUEST FOR AUDIT FEE INCREASE:

Carol Thomas-Keefer presents fee increase request from Brown Armstrong.

Item tabled until January meeting, per board members request that Brown Armstrong present this item themselves.

14. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTED WATER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT ITEMS:

Jeff Helsley of Stetson Engineers and Jeff Davis of Provost and Pritchard present the following items:

- a. Presentation of Preferred Pipeline Alignment
- b. Release of Request for Proposals for environmental documents (California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act) and permitting services
- c. Release of Request for Proposals for Pipeline Right-of-Way Services
- d. Release of Request for Proposals for pipeline design services

The Board hears public comment from Joshua Nugent and Judie Decker.

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Scott Hayman to release of 1) Release of Request for Proposals for environmental documents (California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act) and permitting services, 2) Release of Request for Proposals for Pipeline Right-of-Way Services and 3) Release of Request for Proposals for pipeline design services.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

15. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY FOR MONITORING AND STUDYING SUBSURFACE GROUNDWATER FLOW IN SUPPORT OF NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE:

Steve Johnson and Jeff Helsley present Cooperative Agreement and supporting documents.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve cooperative agreement for monitoring wells in support of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

16. APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION GRANT ROUND TWO – PROJECTS LIST:

Heather Steele presents project list.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve implementation grant round two projects list.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

Director Vallejo

Aye

17. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson, Jeff Helsley, Mayra Lopez, Bianca Cabrera and Jean Moran provide presentations on the following grants/programs:

- 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
 - ii. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Funding Feasibility Study
 - iii. Draft Annual Report
 - iv. Shallow Well Mitigation Update
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
 - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update

The Board hears public comment from Don Decker.

18. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides updates on the following items:

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)
- c. Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) Update

The Board hears public comment from Mike Neel.

19. PAC/TAC Report:

Dave Janiec provides report from PAC meeting held Wednesday, November 30, and Tuesday, December 6.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 11, 2023

21. ADJOURN:

Chairman Peters adjourns the meeting at 1:47 p.m. on December 14, 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: 2652-64
Invoice Date: 01/05/23

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

Professional Services through 11/30/2022

Water Resources Management 2022

01 - Meetings & Prep

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	18.50	\$237.00	\$4,384.50
Supervisor I	23.75	\$206.00	\$4,892.50
Senior Associate	8.25	\$128.00	\$1,056.00
Associate III	4.25	\$111.00	\$471.75
Assistant I	7.75	\$98.00	\$759.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$11,564.25

Reimbursables

	<u>Charge</u>
Reproduction	\$8.10

Reimbursables Subtotal: \$8.10

Meetings & Prep Subtotal: \$11,572.35

02 - Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
Senior Associate	8.50	\$128.00	\$1,088.00
Associate III	1.00	\$111.00	\$111.00
Assistant I	13.25	\$98.00	\$1,298.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$2,549.00

Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration Subtotal: \$2,549.00

02.01 - SGMA IP Grant Administration

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	8.00	\$128.00	\$1,024.00
Assistant I	66.50	\$98.00	\$6,517.00

Professional Services Subtotal: \$7,541.00

SGMA IP Grant Administration Subtotal: \$7,541.00

03 - Grant Review & Application Preparation

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	6.50	\$237.00	\$1,540.50
Supervisor I	2.00	\$206.00	\$412.00
Supervisor II	46.00	\$191.00	\$8,786.00
Senior Associate	10.25	\$128.00	\$1,312.00
GIS Specialist I	2.25	\$101.00	\$227.25

Professional Services Subtotal: \$12,277.75



Grant Review & Application Preparation Subtotal: \$12,277.75

04 - Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
Associate I	36.25	\$122.00	\$4,422.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$4,474.00

Data Mgmt System Support Subtotal: \$4,474.00

05 - General Project Mgmt

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	10.50	\$206.00	\$2,163.00
Senior Associate	3.00	\$128.00	\$384.00
Assistant I	0.25	\$98.00	\$24.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$2,571.50

General Project Mgmt Subtotal: \$2,571.50

06 - Model Transfer & Upgrade

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	3.00	\$237.00	\$711.00
Supervisor I	15.00	\$206.00	\$3,090.00
Supervisor II	26.00	\$191.00	\$4,966.00

Professional Services Subtotal: \$8,767.00

Sub-Contractors

	<u>Charge</u>
Board of Regents	\$7,258.47

Sub-Contractors Subtotal: \$7,258.47

Model Transfer & Upgrade Subtotal: \$16,025.47

07 - Imported Water: Engineering & Analysis

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.00	\$237.00	\$237.00
Supervisor I	0.75	\$206.00	\$154.50
Associate III	2.50	\$111.00	\$277.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$669.00

Imported Water: Engineering & Analysis Subtotal: \$669.00

07.01 - 01 Imported Water: Planning/Design/Environmental

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	18.50	\$237.00	\$4,384.50
Supervisor I	26.75	\$206.00	\$5,510.50
Assistant I	56.75	\$98.00	\$5,561.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$15,456.50

01 Imported Water: Planning/Design/Environmental Subtotal: \$15,456.50

09 - Recycled Water

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	7.75	\$206.00	\$1,596.50
Assistant I	67.00	\$98.00	\$6,566.00

Professional Services Subtotal: \$8,162.50

Recycled Water Subtotal: \$8,162.50

11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps



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Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	6.00	\$206.00	\$1,236.00
Supervisor II	63.00	\$191.00	\$12,033.00
Senior II	6.00	\$149.00	\$894.00
Associate I	16.25	\$122.00	\$1,982.50
GIS Manager	10.75	\$122.00	\$1,311.50
Associate III	1.00	\$111.00	\$111.00
Senior Assistant	5.75	\$103.00	\$592.25
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$18,160.25</u>
Reimbursables			<u>Charge</u>
Laboratory / Testing			\$3,440.00
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$3,440.00</u>
<i>Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$21,600.25</u>

12 - Prop 1 SDAC Program Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
Assistant I	1.00	\$98.00	\$98.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$149.50</u>
<i>Prop 1 SDAC Program Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$149.50</u>

16 - TSS: General Coordination/Application Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Associate I	0.50	\$122.00	\$61.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$61.00</u>
<i>TSS: General Coordination/Application Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$61.00</u>

17 - Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop FY23 Projects & Secure Funding

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	3.50	\$237.00	\$829.50
Supervisor I	3.50	\$206.00	\$721.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,550.50</u>
<i>Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop FY23 Projects & Secure Funding Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,550.50</u>

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

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.75	\$206.00	\$154.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$154.50</u>
<i>Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY21 Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Support & Dr</i>			<u>\$154.50</u>

20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	3.00	\$237.00	\$711.00
Supervisor I	3.25	\$206.00	\$669.50
Assistant I	9.50	\$98.00	\$931.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$2,311.50</u>
<i>Shallow Well Mitigation Program Outreach & Impacts Evaluation Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$2,311.50</u>

21 - General Engineering

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Assistant I	6.00	\$98.00	\$588.00



21 - General Engineering

<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$588.00</u>
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22 - Coordination with DWR on GSP Review

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	13.50	\$206.00	\$2,781.00
Supervisor II	9.00	\$191.00	\$1,719.00
Senior Associate	3.50	\$128.00	<u>\$448.00</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$4,948.00</u>

Coordination with DWR on GSP Review Subtotal: \$4,948.00

23 - Annual Report Preparation

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	7.00	\$237.00	\$1,659.00
Supervisor I	24.50	\$206.00	\$5,047.00
Supervisor II	37.50	\$191.00	\$7,162.50
Senior Associate	26.50	\$128.00	\$3,392.00
Associate I	25.00	\$122.00	\$3,050.00
GIS Manager	8.00	\$122.00	\$976.00
Associate III	1.00	\$111.00	\$111.00
Senior Assistant	5.50	\$103.00	<u>\$566.50</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$21,964.00</u>

Annual Report Preparation Subtotal: \$21,964.00

27 - Litigation Support

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	6.00	\$237.00	\$1,422.00
Supervisor I	19.75	\$206.00	\$4,068.50
Contract Management	4.00	\$103.00	<u>\$412.00</u>
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$5,902.50</u>

Reimbursables

	<u>Charge</u>
Field Supplies	\$57.09
Overnight Mail	\$54.07
Reproduction	<u>\$1.57</u>
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>	<u>\$112.73</u>

Litigation Support Subtotal: \$6,015.23

Water Resources Management 2022 Subtotal: \$140,641.55

***** Invoice Total ***** \$140,641.55

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/30/2022	14387

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	1/31/2023	12/27/2022

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2022	Reimbursable Expenses for November - City of Ridgecrest Monthly Rent - please see attached	300.00
Total		\$300.00

**AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OF
100 W. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, RIDGECREST, CA**

by and between

**THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AND
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

AGREEMENT:

Premises: For and in consideration of the terms, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement, City leases to RGS, and RGS leases from City, an approximate 210 square foot office space located along with the monthly use of the City's conference room located at 100 W. California Avenue., Ridgecrest, County of Kern, State of California, depicted on the floor plan attached as **Exhibit "A"** ("**Premises**").

Term: The initial term of this Agreement ("**Term**") shall commence on the Execution Date and terminate one year (12 months) thereafter, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided in this Agreement.

Option to Extend Term: Provided RGS is not in default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement, RGS shall have one option to request an extension of the initial Term for a two-year period ("**Option Term**"). RGS may exercise the option by giving the City's City Manager ("**CM**") written notice of RGS's desire to extend, not less than 60 days prior to expiration of the initial Term. The CM, at the CM's sole discretion, may accept or reject the request to extend.

4. Right to Terminate: Either Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by providing a 60-day prior written notice to the other Party.

5. Hold Over: If RGS holds over after the expiration of the Term, with the express or implied consent of City, such holding over shall be a tenancy only from month to month and shall be governed by the terms, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement.

6. Rental Consideration:

a. In General: As consideration for the lease of the Premises during the Term, RGS shall pay to City in lawful money of the United States, to CM at 100 W. CALIFORNIA AVENUE, RIDGECREST, CA, or to such persons and at such places as may be designated from time to time by City. The first rental payment shall be paid within 30 days of the Execution Date, and thereafter for the balance of the Term, shall be paid on or before the first of each month. In the event RGS occupies the Premises for a partial month at any time, RGS shall only be responsible for a prorated portion of the Rent.

b. Fair Market Rental Value: The fair market rental rate of the facility is determined to be \$300 per month (\$1.43 per square foot).

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/30/2022	14315

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	12/30/2022	12/16/2022

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2022	Contract Services for November - please see attached	20,717.75
		Total \$20,717.75

Indian Wells Valley

Month: **Nov, 2022**

Hours and Rates by Pay Period						
		1st -15th		16th - EOM		Monthly
Advisor	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Total Billed	
CT	19.25	\$ 130.00	17.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 4,712.50	
AK	68.40	\$ 105.00	51.50	\$ 105.00	\$ 12,589.50	
JK	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
GL	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
AM	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
GS	9.50	\$ 137.00	8.25	\$ 137.00	\$ 2,431.75	
EF	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
RM	3.00	\$ 164.00	3.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 984.00	
Totals	100.15		79.75		\$ 20,717.75	

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 205 Cartwheel Bend (Operations Dept.)
 Austin, TX 78738 US
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BILL TO

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

INVOICE 2022-062**DATE** 01/06/2023 **TERMS** Net 45**DUE DATE** 02/20/2023**VENDOR ID**

195953

INVOICE PERIOD

December 2022

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
12/05/2022	Balance Forward	15,387.50
	Other payments and credits after 12/05/2022 through 01/05/2023	0.00
01/06/2023	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	9,725.00
	Total Amount Due	25,112.50

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
Task 1: Secure Imported Water Supplies			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	250.00	250.00
Subtask A: Jackson Ranch and RRG Meeting {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	250.00	250.00
Subtask A: Agency Seller-1 meeting {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1.50	250.00	375.00
Subtask B: Dudley Ridge Transfer Negotiations {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1.50	250.00	375.00
Subtask D: New water meetings {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1.50	250.00	375.00
Subtask C: Alignment Discussion {McKinney}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	3	225.00	675.00
Subtask C: Weekly Alignment Call {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	2.50	225.00	562.50
Subtask D: New Water Supplies (Private Seller-4) {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	225.00	225.00
Subtask D: New water supplies {Simonetti}			
Invoice Total Task 1: \$3,087.50 (11.5 hours)			
Task 2: Secure Federal Funding Sources			
Government Relations: Federal	1.50	250.00	375.00
Agency: USACE Meeting w/ client and prep. {McKinney}			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: Combined NDAA and WRDA Bill, Press Release {McKinney}	3.25	250.00	812.50
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Bill (split) {McKinney}	3	250.00	750.00
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: Senate (Sen. Padilla) Briefing {McKinney}	1	250.00	250.00
Government Relations:Federal Congress: NDAA Lobbying House/Senate {Simonetti}	2	225.00	450.00
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: Project Briefing House (Rep. Obernolte) {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
Government Relations:Federal Agency: USACE Meeting w/ client {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
Government Relations:Federal Agency: Client meetings on Title XVI Study {Simonetti}	1.50	225.00	337.50
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: WRDA Follow-up {Simonetti}	0.50	225.00	112.50
Invoice Total Task 2: \$3,762.50 (15.75 hours)			
Task 3: Secure State Funding Sources			
Government Relations:California Legislative: Project Briefing Senate (Sen. Grove) {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
Total Task 3: \$225.00 (1 hour)			
Task 4: Administrative and Reports			
Administrative Milestone Reports -- 2022 Annual Report {McKinney}	2	250.00	500.00
Administrative Board Meeting December {McKinney}	2	250.00	500.00
Administrative Meetings: December Board (Open and Closed Session) {Tatum}	3	250.00	750.00
Administrative Board Preparation: Monthly Reports and Updates {Simonetti}	1	225.00	225.00
Administrative Board Meeting/Preparation December {Simonetti}	3	225.00	675.00
Invoice Total Task 4: \$2,650.00 (11 hours)			

Compliance Reporting Notes:			
4th Quarter State of California Lobbying Financial Disclosures are due to the Secretary of State by January 20, 2023			
Reportable Federal Amounts IWVGA on Invoice: \$2,275.00			
4th Quarter Federal Totals IWVGA: \$11,943.00			
Reportable Federal Amounts City of Ridgecrest on Invoice: \$1,487.50			
4th Quarter Federal Totals City of Ridgecrest: \$3,649.50			
Reportable State Amounts IWVGA on Invoice: \$225.00			
4th Quarter State Totals IWVGA: \$4,375.00			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE AMOUNT
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Reportable State Amounts City of Ridgecrest on Invoice: \$0.00

4th Quarter State Totals City of Ridgecrest: \$725.00

Thank you for your business. Please make checks payable to
 Capitol Core Group, Inc.

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES 9,725.00

TOTAL DUE \$25,112.50

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: IWVGA Board Members

DATE: January 11, 2023

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 9 - **AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE URBAN COMMUNITIES DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM**

DISCUSSION

The *FY2022/2023 State Budget Act* (Chapter 45 Statutes of 2022) reauthorized and appropriated \$285 million to the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) "Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program" (UCDRG). This program was formerly known as the "Urban and Multi-Benefit Project Program" which was allocated \$400 million in the *FY2021/2022 State Budget Act* and primarily focused on emergency relief aid to drought-stricken areas that met specific conditions. The FY2022/2023 program was expanded to include the "construction or installation of recycled water projects that provide immediate relief to potable water supplies" and broadened "new wells or rehabilitation of existing wells to provide emergency relief."

Staff is recommending the following applications for grant funding with minimum funding amounts of \$5 million under the UCDRG. The UCDRG program requires a minimum non-state cost share of 25% of the total application costs unless a waiver is granted. The IWVGA may be eligible for a waiver based on the proposed projects benefiting underrepresented communities. The Board adopted a resolution authorizing preparation and submittal of grant applications for the following projects at the October 12, 2022 meeting:

Application/Project No. 1 - Water Recycling Plant

The scope includes planning activities including all preliminary design, engineering, property acquisition requirements, and environmental permitting (CEQA/NEPA) for the development of an advanced treatment water recycled plant.

Application/Project No. 2 - Well Mitigation/Rehabilitation

The scope includes planning and implementation activities including the design, engineering, environmental permitting, and construction of water distribution systems to consolidate impacted shallow well systems into larger public systems.

The minimum funding amounts under the UCDRG is \$3million per application. The Recycled Water Plant application is being finalized and may be for as much as \$5.3 million. The UCDRG program requires a minimum non-state cost share of 25% of the total application costs unless a waiver is granted. The IWVGA may be eligible for a waiver based on the proposed projects benefiting underrepresented communities.

The resolution adopted by the Board in October did not include authorizing the General Manager to sign funding agreements, if the projects are selected for funding. This is a requirement for a complete grant application. The attached resolution includes authorizing the General Manger to sign the funding agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached Resolution No. 01-23 authorizing the submittal of the grant application to UCDRG and authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with DWR if grant funding is awarded.

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 01-23

**AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT
GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IF
AWARDED FUNDING.**

I, _____, Clerk of the Board of Directors for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, do certify that the following resolution, on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at an official meeting this ____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Clerk of the Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- (a) The Board’s adoption and submission of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) to the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) by no later than January 31, 2020, was a requirement of the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”); and
- (b) The stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code Section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, and sub-basins, as defined by DWR at a local level by providing local water supply, water management and land use agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and
- (c) DWR has available Grants pursuant to its Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program (UCDRGP); and

- (d) The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (“IWVGA”) is eligible to receive funding for the “construction or installation of recycled water projects that provide immediate relief to potable water supplies” and broadened “new wells or rehabilitation of existing wells to provide emergency relief”; and
- (e) The UCDRGP grant program Application requires submittal of a Resolution adopted by the IWVGA authorizing a representative to enter into an agreement with DWR to receive grant funding.

Section 2. **THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, as follows:

- 1. This Board finds that recited facts are true and that it has the jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution.
- 2. The General Manager of IWVGA, or their designee, is authorized to submit applications with the DWR for Grant opportunities under the UCDRGP for planning activities related to the development of a water recycling plant and for well remediation and/or consolidation.
- 3. The General Manager of IWVGA, or their designee, is authorized to enter into an agreement with DWR to receive a grant. The General Manager of the IWVGA, or their designee, is hereby further authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with DWR.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority this ____ day of _____, 2023.

SIGNED:

President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** January 11, 2023
FROM: IWVGA Water Resources Manager
SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 10 – WATER RESOURCES MANAGER’S REPORT**

Presented below are brief updates on the status of grant funding, GSP Implementation Projects and Management Actions, and Miscellaneous Items.

AGENDA ITEM 10a – GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Proposition 1 Update

- Invoice #14a
 - Covers January 2022 through March 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$64,941.88**
 - Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice #15a
 - Covers April 2022 through June 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$17,532.41**
 - Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice #16a
 - Covers July 2022 through September 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$21,049.59**
 - Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice 17a:
 - Covers October 2022 through December 2022
 - Status: In progress

Proposition 68 Update

- Invoice #14b
 - Covers January 2022 through March 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$1,885.36**
 - Status: Approved, currently awaiting payment
- Invoice #15b
 - Covers April 2022 through June 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$21,932.28**
 - Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice #16b

- Covers July 2022 through September 2022
- Total requested payment after retention: **\$6,380.65**
- Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice 17b:
 - Covers October 2022 through December 2022
 - Status: In progress

Proposition 1/68 Grant Closeout

- Upcoming Submittal
 - Final Completion Report due by January 29th

SGMA Implementation Round 1 Update

- Invoice #1
 - Covers January 2022 through September 2022
 - Total requested payment: **\$102,689.73**
 - Status: Under DWR Review
- Invoice #2
 - Covers October 2022 to December 2022
 - Due to DWR on February 28, 2023
 - Status: In progress

SGMA Implementation Round 2 Update

- Application submitted on December 15, 2022
- Status: Under DWR Review

AGENDA ITEM 10b – GSP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS / MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UPDATE

Recycled Water Program

- Recycled Water Alternatives Analysis
 - Provided Draft Final Tech Memo for Alternatives Analysis to the Working Group
 - Analysis has determined that advanced treatment and injection into the Basin of the available recycled water is the most feasible project.
- Next Steps
 - Review/incorporate comments from Working Group into the Draft Final Tech Memo for Alternatives Analysis and provide to TAC
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Feasibility Study
 - Board authorized Water Resource Manager to proceed with Title XVI Feasibility Study during July 22,2022 Special Board Meeting

- Received treatment and cost evaluations from Trussell on December 27, 2022
- Several draft sections of the Title XVI Feasibility Study have been prepared
- Currently incorporating Trussell’s treatment and cost evaluations into the Title XVI Feasibility Study as well as estimating the cost of the conveyance facilities for each alternative discussed
- Continuing to write sections of Title XVI Feasibility Study
 - Cost estimates will be used to write sections regarding Economic Analysis and Selection of Preferred Alternative (i.e. Full Advanced Treatment with Deep Injection)

Imported Water Project

- Imported Water Pipeline Alignment Study
 - Provost & Pritchard
 - Conducted Weekly Progress Meetings on December 16 and December 21, 2022
 - Provost & Pritchard have submitted a draft Technical Memorandum on the Development of the Preferred Alignments for Staff review
 - Staff has submitted comments on Provost & Pritchard’s Draft Technical Memorandum Deliverables for Pipeline Capacity, Delivery and Connection Points, and Preliminary Pipeline Alignments for an updated draft
 - On December 12, 2022, the Board approved the Central Alignment for further Environmental, Right-of-Way, and Design review
 - Next Steps
 - Continue ongoing coordination with Capital Core and other Resource Agencies to maintain dialogue with U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Southern California Edison, etc.
 - Provost & Pritchard expect to provide a Draft Final Report for Staff review by late January/early February
- Overall Imported Water Pipeline Project
 - On December 12, 2022, the Board approved the release of Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Design, Environmental, and Right-of-Way Consultants
 - The RFP’s were advertised online, including the IWVGA website, starting on December 19, 2022
 - Non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Meetings for each RFP were conducted for interested Respondents on January 4, 2023
 - Over 50 interested Respondents attended
 - Addendum 1 to the RFP’s have been posted on the IWVGA website to include
 - Updated Map Books to show more accurate delineations of the 3 preferred alignments
 - Responses to Questions made at the Pre-Proposal Meetings
 - Responses to Questions on the Design RFP made in writing prior to January 4, 2023
 - Respondents have until 3:00 PM on January 25, 2023 to submit Proposals

- Next Steps
 - Staff will respond to all Pre-Proposal Questions from Respondents by January 16, 2023
 - Respondents can submit questions until January 11, 2023
 - Staff will form a Review Committee to review all Proposals for the selection of Consultants for each RFP
 - Staff expect to propose one selected Consultant for each RFP at the February Board Meeting for approval

Shallow Well Mitigation Program

- Current Applications
 - Stark St
 - Reported dry well located on Stark Street, west of Ridgecrest
 - Well stopped producing water in June 2022
 - Self-Help Enterprise provided water quality records on October 26, 2022
 - Staff call with Garrison Brothers on November 29, 2022
 - Currently awaiting well evaluation from Garrison Brothers
 - Heritage Village Master Community Association (HVMCA)
 - Reported dry well located on Heritage Dr in Ridgecrest
 - Well stopped producing water in Spring 2022 and pulled up sand and other debris
 - HVMCA provided information from Garrison Brothers on November 2, 2022
 - Application was determined complete on November 4, 2022
 - WRM provided Draft Evaluation Report to GA Staff for review prior to providing Draft Report to HVMCA
 - Investigating additional dry wells reported to DWR

Annual Report

- WY 2022 Draft Annual Report distributed to Committees/Staff/Board on November 11, 2022
- Comment period from November 11, 2022 through January 13, 2023
 - No comments received to date
- February 8: Revised Draft Annual Report to be presented to Board
- April 1, 2023: Submittal to DWR

AGENDA ITEM 10c – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Data Collection and Monitoring

- Groundwater Measurements and Water Quality Sampling (WY 2023, Fall 2022):
 - KCWA developed depth and elevation contours in December
 - Data posted on DMS/SGMA websites in mid-December
 - End of Jan 2023 – send field summary to TAC for review

- Navy Real Estate (NRE) Access Agreements for Telemetry at 5 GSP Key Wells
 - NRE received approval on Legal Descriptions and Plats
 - NRE waiting for Environmental documents from NAWSCCL
 - WRM received NAWSCCL Environmental Contact for fieldwork coordination

- USBR Region 8 (Boulder City, NV) Coordination w.r.t. 6 nested wells drilled in 1990's
 - Working with BLM on Groundwater Monitoring Program (GWMP) well access agreements
 - On-site meeting planned in February 2023 with USBR

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

There are no actions required by the Board.

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BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- December

		ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION						(B)	(A-B)	(B/A)
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%
		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1; Prop.68 SDAC	SGMA IP Grant	Navy/COSO Fund	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED
(A)	BUDGET									
1	REVENUE									
2	Extraction Fee	1,245,105	1,117,189	-	-	-	-	1,117,189	127,916	90%
3	Transfer In/Loan from Augmentation Fund	762,745	500,000	-	-	-	-	500,000	262,745	66%
4	Augmentation Fee	4,069,625	-	3,510,433	-	-	-	3,510,433	559,192	86%
5	Transfer In/Loan Repayment from Extraction Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
6	Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	195,250	-	-	127,499	-	-	127,499	67,751	65%
7	Department of Water Resources (DWR) Grants	7,938,500	-	-	-	289,538	-	289,538	7,648,962	4%
8	Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	0%
9										
10	TOTAL REVENUES	14,511,225	1,617,189	3,510,433	127,499	289,538	-	5,544,658	8,966,567	38%
11	EXPENSES									
12	Administration									
13	Administration (RGS)	333,000	145,788	145,788	-	-	-	291,576	41,424	88%
14	Office Rent	3,600	1,350	1,350	-	-	-	2,700	900	75%
15	Office Supplies	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%
16	Postage and Delivery	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	0%
17	External Audit (Brown & Associates)	24,000	11,500	11,500	-	-	-	23,000	1,000	96%
18	Council Chambers/IT Services	8,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	0%
19	General Counsel (Aleshire & Wynder)	150,000	2,529	-	-	-	-	2,529	147,471	2%
20	Insurance Premium (Insurica)	13,160	12,930	-	-	-	-	12,930	230	98%
21	Legal Notices (Daily Independent)	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	0%
22	Memberships (Cal. Assoc. Mutual Water Co)	100	100	-	-	-	-	100	-	100%
23	Website (IWVWD)	300	276	-	-	-	-	276	24	92%
24	Printing and Reproduction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
25	Bank Service Charges	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	(4)	0%
26										
27	Non-Departmental									
28	Other Legal Services (RWG Law)	500,000	-	233,035	-	-	-	233,035	266,965	47%
29	Lobbying Services (Capitol Core)	175,000	-	162,191	-	-	-	162,191	12,809	93%
30	Other Professional Services	20,350	20,350	-	-	-	-	20,350	-	100%
31	Reimb to Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	0%
32	Shallow Well Mitigation Emergency Assistance Program	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	0%
33	Repayment of Kern County Advance	500,000	375,000	-	-	-	-	375,000	125,000	75%
34	Repayment of City of Ridgecrest In-Kind Services	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	0%
35	Transfer Out/ Loan Repayment to Augmentation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
36	Transfer Out/Loan to Extraction Fund	762,745	-	500,000	-	-	-	500,000	262,745	66%

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- December

		ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION						(B)	(A-B)	(B/A)
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%
(A)		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1; Prop.68 SDAC	SGMA IP Grant	Navy/COSO Fund	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED
BUDGET										
37										
38	Community & Engagement									
39	Design Services	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	0%
40	Printing and Reproduction	10,000	12,860	-	-	-	-	12,860	(2,860)	129%
41	Website Services	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	0%
42										
43	Conservation Programs									
44	Outreach & Technical Services (Cal Rural Water Assoc & Water Wise)	306,500	-	-	110,257	-	-	110,257	196,243	36%
45										
46	Basin Management Administration									
47	Production Reporting, Transient Pool, and Fee Support	11,650	643	-	-	-	-	643	11,007	6%
48	Meetings and Prep	120,000	111,143	-	-	-	-	111,143	8,857	93%
49	Budget Support	10,000	6,942	-	-	-	-	6,942	3,058	69%
50	Stakeholder Coordination	10,000	192	-	-	-	-	192	9,808	2%
51	Litigation Support	30,000	27,909	-	-	-	-	27,909	2,091	93%
52										
53	Basin Management									
54	POAM No. 20 Data Management System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
55	POAM No. 56 Monitoring Wells - Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
56	POAM No. 78 Aquifer Tests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
57	Review of Ramboll Report (Task began in 2020)	8,210	237	-	-	-	-	237	7,973	3%
58	Prop 1 SDAC Program Support	15,000	-	-	12,143	-	-	12,143	2,857	81%
59	General Engineering	35,000	39,700	-	-	-	-	39,700	(4,700)	113%
60	TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support	10,000	4,321	-	-	-	-	4,321	5,679	43%
61	TSS: General Coordination/Application Support	30,000	366	-	-	-	-	366	29,634	1%
62	Coordination with DWR on GSP Review	45,000	9,657	-	-	-	-	9,657	35,343	21%
63	Annual Report Preparation	30,000	94,600	-	-	-	-	94,600	(64,600)	315%
64	Data Management System Support	20,000	31,172	-	-	-	-	31,172	(11,172)	156%
65	Allocation Plan: Allocation Process & Transient Pool Support	-	356	-	-	-	-	356	(356)	0%
66	Allocation Plan and Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions	10,000	9,913	-	-	-	-	9,913	87	99%
67	Allocation Plan: Fallowing & Transient Pool Transfer Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
68	Conservation Efforts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
69	General Project Management	30,000	29,639	-	-	-	-	29,639	362	99%
70	Model Transfer and Upgrade	130,000	76,108	-	-	-	-	76,108	53,892	59%
71	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop Projects & Secure Funding	10,000	5,896	-	-	-	-	5,896	4,104	59%
72	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Spt & Drillin	300,000	-	-	-	-	30,750	30,750	269,250	10%
73	Data Collection, Monitoring, and Data Gaps	134,000	132,804	-	-	-	-	132,804	1,196	99%
74	Imported Water: Planning/Design/Environmental	-	-	-	-	4,123	-	4,123	(4,123)	0%
75	Imported Water: Negotiations and Coordination	35,000	-	5,567	-	-	-	5,567	29,434	16%
76	Imported Water: Engineering and Analysis	118,000	54,919	-	-	-	-	54,919	63,081	47%
77	Recycled Water	180,000	-	70,993	-	-	-	70,993	109,007	39%

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- December

		ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION						(B)	(A-B)	(B/A)	
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%	
		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1; Prop.68 SDAC	SGMA IP Grant	Navy/COSO Fund	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED	
(A)	BUDGET										
78	EXPENSES (Cont'd)										
79	Basin Management (cont'd)										
80	Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Plan Development	-	-	1,115	-	-	-	1,115	(1,115)	0%	
81	Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach and Impacts Evaluation	20,000	-	22,169	-	-	-	22,169	(2,169)	111%	
82	Brackish Water Group: Data Review and Coordination	7,500	237	-	-	-	-	237	7,263	3%	
83	Well Monitoring Services (WellIntel Inc.)	2,100	1,680	-	-	-	-	1,680	420	80%	
84	Weather Station Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	
85											
86	Grant Management										
87	Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration	70,000	43,472	-	-	-	-	43,472	26,528	62%	
88	SGMA IP Grant Administration	300,000	-	-	-	1,764	-	1,764	298,236	1%	
89	Grant Review and Application Preparation	50,000	54,071	-	-	-	-	54,071	(4,071)	108%	
90	Planning/Design/Environmental	7,030,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,030,000	0%	
91	Engagement /Outreach-Other Professional Services (Provost & Pritchard)	270,000	-	-	-	59,165	-	59,165	210,835	22%	
92	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,282,075	1,318,663	1,135,423	23,284	122,400	65,052	30,750	2,695,572	9,586,503	22%
93											
94	Surplus (Deficit)	2,229,150	298,526	2,375,010	104,215	167,138	(65,052)	(30,750)	2,849,086		

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

	Revenue	Transfer In*	Transfer Out*	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Extraction Fund	1,117,189	500,000	-	1,318,663	298,526
Augmentation Fund	3,510,433	-	500,000	635,423	2,375,010
Shallow Well Mitigation Fund	127,499	-	-	23,284	104,215
Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Grants Fund	289,538	-	-	187,451	102,087
Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	-	-	-	30,750	(30,750)
Total	5,044,658	500,000	500,000	2,195,572	2,849,086

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

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

	Kern County	City of Ridgecrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
Advance Agreements				
Advance of Funds	500,000	-	-	500,000
Advance Repayment: 3 of 4	(500,000)	-	-	(500,000)
In-Kind Services				
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY22 thru 10/30		200,686		200,686
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY 21	-	325,235	-	325,235
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY's16-20		366,982		366,982
Inter-Fund Loans				
Estimated 2022 Loan to Extraction Fund*	-	-	762,745	762,745
Repayment of Adv. Of Funds to IWVWD**	-	-	500,000	500,000
Estimated 2021 Loan to Extraction Fund-TBD***	-	-	-	-
Postponed Invoice Payments				
None	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>892,903</u>	<u>1,262,745</u>	<u>2,155,648</u>

* Included in Adopted Budget and Amended.

** 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 Ridgecrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
Advance Agreements				
\$125,000 scheduled in March, Aug, Sept, Dec	500,000	-	-	500,000
In-Kind Services				
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 Ridgecrest 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.

IWVGA
As of December 31, 2022

CASH BALANCE

December 2022 Activity

<u>Cash Receipts (Receipts over \$50,000 and all grants are detailed)</u>	
Dec Receipts to be Deposited in Jan	\$ -
All Other Cash Receipts	-
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ -</u>

<u>Cash Disbursements (Obligation payments are detailed)</u>	
Warrants - Dec Approved Warrants to be issued in Jan	-
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>

Cash Balance

Prior Month to Current Month Ending Balance Reconciliation

<u>November Cash Balance By Investment</u>	
Kern County Treasurer	\$ 5,760,291.54
AltaOne Credit Union	-
Total Cash Balance as of November 30	<u>\$ 5,760,291.54</u>

<u>December Activity</u>	
Cash Receipts	\$ -
Cash Disbursements	-
EROD Sent Nov 30; Voided Dec 7; Due to Dup Chk Stop	(432,390.00)
EROD Sent Dec 28 less Dup Check and Fees	430,216.74
Total December Activity	<u>\$ (2,173.26)</u>

December Ending Cash Balance	\$ 5,758,118.28
Less: Outstanding Warrants In Transit on 12/31	(482,157.74)
Total Available Cash By Activity as of December 31	<u>\$ 5,275,960.54</u>

<u>December Cash Balance by Investment</u>	
Kern County Treasurer	\$ 5,758,118.28
AltaOne (EROD in Transit on 12/31)	-
Total December Balance	\$ 5,758,118.28
Less: Outstanding Warrants	(482,157.74)
Total Available Cash by Investment as of December 31	<u>\$ 5,275,960.54</u>

Cash Receipts are deposited in AltaOne Credit Union 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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Date: January 5, 2022

Subject: Project Update Memorandum – December 2022 Activities

The following will serve as our project update memorandum for activities during the month of December 2022.

Task 1: Secure Imported Water Supplies

Update: Subtask A – Existing Negotiations

The IWVGA is moving forward on the agreement between the Authority and the seller of water rights in the Dudley Ridge Water District. We continue the permitting and transfer discussions with the relevant districts and regulatory authorities. The seller has completed further steps to move the transfer process forward and Capitol Core anticipates that the seller will bring forward the transfer request to the Dudley Ridge Board of Directors this month. Further steps to move forward the agreement will take place during the month of January.

Update: Subtask B – Storage, Transfer and Other Agreements

During December, Capitol Core continued to assist Provost and Pritchard to receive the necessary documentation that they needed to complete the initial tasks in the pipeline alignment study. We also completed a series of briefings with the region's elected officials delegation at both the State and Federal levels. The outcome of these meetings were addressed in a separate memo delivered in December.

Task 2: Secure Federal Funding

The United States Congress came back from recess in mid-November after the 2022 elections. There are a few consequential pieces of legislation that we continued to monitor into December.

Updated Report: Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (HR 7776)

On December 23, 2022, President Biden signed into law the provisions of the *Water Resources Development Act of 2022* (WRDA-22) as reported in our November update memorandum. Of interest to IWVGA is the House Committee Report's directive language concerning studies of the Interconnection Project.

Updated Report: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (HR 7776)

Also included in the President's actions were inclusion of the annual *National Defense Authorization Act* in HR 7776. Two key provisions of interest to the City of Ridgecrest and IWVGA are the authorization of \$129 million for the 2023 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), an increase over what the Administration requested and DCIP eligibility amendments that will allow the City of Ridgecrest's wastewater treatment plant to make an application to the program in 2024.

Updated Report: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Water Reclamation & Reuse (Title XVI programs) – Feasibility Study

In December, Capitol Core assisted the Authority in initial submittal meetings for the Title XVI Feasibility Study seeking project eligibility for the Water Recycling Plant. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation estimates that it will need eight months to complete review of the Study and provide a determination. This timeframe will move the Authority into the future FY2024 funding cycle. The Feasibility Study will be submitted in February to the USBR for consideration.

New/Action Required: Planning Assistance to States, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Letter of Interest

In November 2022, IWVGA began discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) concerning study requirements obtained in the *WRDA-22* bill. USACE informed the Authority of potential funding availability through its Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program. To seek funding under this program, a Letter of Interest (LOI) is required to be submitted to the LA Division Commanding Officer.

New Report: Congressional, Fiscal Year 2024 Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Appropriations Act – State Revolving Fund

Capitol Core is raising a concern which may impact the City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant and has received direction from the City. Over the course of the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 appropriations cycles, a growing trend has been to legislatively-direct State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan amounts through the Community Project Funding Request (aka "earmark") process. The "Clean Water" and "Drinking Water" SRF loan programs are normally formula-based programmatic funding appropriated to the states for administration (State Water Resources Control Board in California). Legislatively-directing SRF loan funding bypasses the normal state-formula allocation process thereby reducing the amounts available through discretionary application process which SWRCB oversees. Further, it pushes projects ahead of

other projects by designating a specific fiscal year funding. Projects which may be application-ready through the normal process are now pushed into future fiscal years because of the designations. The record \$43 billion in mandatory appropriations to the SRF is causing this trend which will to remain available from FY2021 through FY2025. FY2023 was the last of the large tranches of SRF funding provided through the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021*. Smaller amounts are available in FY2024 and FY2025.

The recent *FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act* directed one-half of the \$2.76 billion in SRF appropriations to specific projects. We are concerned the trend creates smaller amounts available for projects going through the normal SRF loan application process. Capitol Core is working with the City to determine an appropriate course of action which will include seeking a FY2024 Community Project Funding Request to designate the loan for funding. The City would still be required to submit the normal application to determine eligibility.

New Report: FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act

On December 27, 2022, President Biden signed into law the *Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act* providing an omnibus spending bill for the government. The \$1.78 billion spending bill included \$54.65 billion in spending between the Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for energy and water projects. The FY2023 cycle marks the 3rd year of *IJA* spending and 2nd year of *WRDA*, and Western Waters provisions of the *IRA*. Spending requests under the program (both mandatory provisions and discretionary provisions) for water programs were fully funded within the bill. 2023 and early 2024 will mark the last tranches of large amounts under the *IJA* programs. *WRDA* and *IRA* funding will peak next year but are subject to the discretion of the Congress and pending a normal appropriations process.

New Report: The 118th Congressional Session

Congress convened the 118th Congressional Session on January 3, 2023. In anticipation of the new Congress, Capitol Core is currently working with staff to develop potential legislative priorities for the Authority during 2023. These priorities potentially include:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant – CWSRF Community Project Funding Request (City of Ridgecrest) – *FY 2024 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Act*
- Water Recycling Plant – Title XVI Project Authorization and Community Project Funding Request – *FY2024 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Act*
- Interconnection Project – *WRDA 2024* project authorization and appropriation
- Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Recycling Plant – Defense Community Infrastructure Program Funding; *FY2024 Defense Appropriations Act*

Task 3: Secure State Funding

Updated Report: DWR: Urban Community Drought Relief Program

The Department of Water Resources “Round-2 – Urban Community Drought Relief Program (UCDRP)” applications are due January 31, 2023. In November the board approved staff develop an application on behalf of specific funding requirements in three main areas. The application is being prepared and will be submitted by Stetson Engineers. The Round-2 funding provides \$285 million, expands the program to more permanent drought resiliency projects as well. The funding also may provide assistance to drilling new or rehabilitating existing public wells that have either gone dry or are experiencing problems related to the drought. The implementation guidance can be found [here](#).

New Report: 2023-2024 Budget Draft

The *Fiscal Year 2023-2024 California State Budget Act* draft will be released in early January. Expectations are that a \$25 billion deficit will be reflected in the State’s spending plan. How that plays into the requirements of the Governor’s **State Water Strategy** are yet to be seen. The Strategy calls for billions in water infrastructure spending over the course of the next five years and how that gets reconciled with a budget deficit remains in question.

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