

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, April 13, 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.*

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact April Keigwin at (805) 764-5452. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. Documents and material relating to an open session agenda items that are provided to the IWVGA Board of Directors prior to a regular meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, or online at <https://iwvga.org/>.

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 – ANTICIPATED 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: Mojave Pistachios, LLC, a California limited liability company, et.al. v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, a California Joint Powers Authority, et. al.

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 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)

9. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

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

11. ABANDONMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING

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

13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT

- 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

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)

15. PAC/TAC REPORT

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MAY 11, 2022

17. 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, March 9, 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, Carol Thomas-Keefer, Steve Johnson and Thomas Bickauskas.

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 10:03 a.m.

2. AB-361 FINDING:

Motion made by Stan Rajtora 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

*Counsel Lemieux reports an invoice from CalMutuals JPRIMA in the amount of \$12,930.00 was delivered to IWVGA Staff yesterday and requires payment by March 25 for insurance renewal. For this reason, the invoice needs to be added to today's Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Tim Itnyre to add the CalMutuals JPRIMA invoice in the amount of \$12,930.00 as agenda item 7.f.

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 10:06 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Closed Session adjourns at 10:58 a.m.

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

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports there was no reportable action 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 Joshua Nugent.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting February 9, 2022
- b. Approve Minutes of Special Board Meeting February 24, 2022
- c. Shallow Well Mitigation Policy
- d. Letter of Support for City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant State Budget Request
- e. Approve Expenditures
- f. CalMutuals JPRIMA Invoice in the amount of \$12,930.00 for insurance renewal.

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

- i. \$78,367.77 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$30,216.25 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$17,187.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
- iv. \$100.00 – California Association of Mutual Water Companies – (Extraction)
- v. \$125,000.00 – Kern County Repayment – (Extraction)
- vi. \$1,680.00 – WellIntell – (Extraction)

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Minutes of Board Meeting February 9, 2022, Minutes of Special Board Meeting February 24, 2022, Shallow Well Mitigation Policy, Letter of Support for City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant State Budget Request, and the following expenditures in the amount of \$12,930.00 to CalMutuals JPRIMA, \$78,367.77 to Stetson Engineers, \$30,216.25 to Regional Government Services, \$17,187.50 to Capitol Core Group, \$100.00 to California Mutual Association of Mutual Water Companies, \$125,000.00 to Kern County, and \$1,680.00 to WellIntell.

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. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson, Joseph Montoya, Heather Steele and Jean Moran provide updates on the following grants/programs:

- a. Grant Funding
 - i. Proposition 1
 - ii. Proposition 68
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Recycled Water Program
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Annual Report for Water Year 2021
 - ii. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Update
 - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update

The Board hears public comment from Don Decker, Michael Sinnott, Pat Quist, Judie Decker, and Renee Westa-Lusk.

10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides the Monthly Financial Reports for January and February 2022, Technical Memorandum from Capitol Core Group and an update on the Communication and Engagement Plan.

The Board hears public comment from Joshua Nugent, and Renee Westa-Lusk.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – APRIL 13, 2022

12. ADJOURN:

Chairman Peters adjourns the meeting at 12:54 p.m. on March 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

April Keigwin
 Clerk of the Board
 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 02-22

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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 13th day of April 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Clerk of the Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

RESOLUTION

Section 1. **WHEREAS:**

(a) The Bylaws of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority provide that individuals shall be appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) by Resolution;

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 the recited facts are true and that it has the jurisdiction to consider, approve, and adopt this Resolution.

2. This Board hereby appoints the individuals on the attached Exhibit “A” to the TAC.

EXHIBIT A

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Member Names

<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>
Large Agriculture	Eddy Teasdale
Large Agriculture	Open
Small Agriculture	Open
Kern County Water Agency	Michelle Anderson
Business Interests	Open
Business Interests	Open
Residential Customers of Public Water Agency	Open
Residential Customers of Public Water Agency	Open
Domestic Well Owners	Don Decker
Domestic Well Owners	Open
Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District	Open
District Wholesaler and Industrial User	Steven Kourakos
Indian Wells Valley Water District*	Tim Parker
Department of the Navy*	Donna Ogilvie
Bureau of Land Management*	Open

*Non-voting Members

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION
1 ADMINISTRATION CIRCLE
CHINA LAKE CA 93555-6100

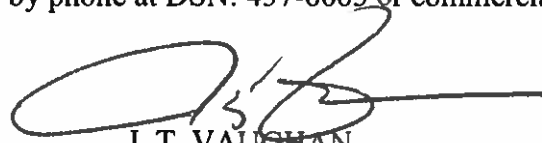
IN REPLY REFER TO:
5400
Ser N00J/125
17 Mar 22

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake
To: Ms. Donna J. Ogilvie, NAVFAC Southwest, China Lake

Subj: APPOINTMENT AS DOD LIAISON TO INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY

Ref: (a) DoD 5500.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation, Section 3-201
(b) Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), you are hereby appointed to serve as a Department of Defense (DoD) liaison to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA).
2. This appointment will continue in effect until your detachment from the position of Installation Environmental Program Director, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, unless earlier withdrawn.
3. Per reference (a), as a DoD liaison, you officially represent the DoD in matters of mutual interest for the IWVGA, but may not:
 - a. Be involved in the management or control of the Board of Directors (e.g., vote) of the IWVGA, but you may serve on committees;
 - b. Fundraise on behalf of the Board of Directors of the IWVGA;
 - c. Promote, nor endorse, the Board of Directors of the IWVGA; or
 - d. Offer, solicit, or accept gifts on behalf of the Board of Directors of the IWVGA.
4. If your name will be listed on the website or letterhead of the IWVGA or next to the names of members of the Board of Directors of the IWVGA, you must ensure that the term "DoD Liaison" is placed next to your name. You must also make clear to the IWVGA that the opinions you may express do not bind DoD or the Navy to any action. Finally, DoD liaisons may not participate in, nor provide advice concerning, any efforts by the Board of Directors of the IWVGA to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before the U.S. Congress.
5. My point of contact is LT Kevin Morris, JAGC, USN, who can be reached by email at kevin.r.morris32.mil@us.navy.mil and by phone at DSN: 437-6065 or commercial: (760) 939-6065.



J. T. VAUGHAN

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Invoice

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

Invoice Number: 2652-55
Invoice Date: 03/31/22

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

Professional Services through 2/28/2022

Water Resources Management 2022

01 - Meetings & Prep

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	16.50	\$237.00	\$3,910.50
Supervisor I	26.75	\$206.00	\$5,510.50
Senior Associate	3.50	\$128.00	\$448.00
Associate III	35.75	\$111.00	\$3,968.25
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$13,837.25</u>
Reimbursables			<u>Charge</u>
Reproduction (Color)			\$89.89
Reproduction			\$0.60
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$90.49</u>
<i>Meetings & Prep Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$13,927.74</u>

02 - Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	11.00	\$237.00	\$2,607.00
Associate III	25.00	\$111.00	\$2,775.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$5,382.00</u>
<i>Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$5,382.00</u>

03 - Grant Review & Application Preparation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	7.75	\$206.00	\$1,596.50
Supervisor II	2.50	\$191.00	\$477.50
Associate III	53.00	\$111.00	\$5,883.00
GIS Specialist I	3.50	\$101.00	\$353.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$8,310.50</u>
<i>Grant Review & Application Preparation Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$8,310.50</u>

04 - Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	1.00	\$206.00	\$206.00
Associate I	4.50	\$122.00	\$549.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$755.00</u>
<i>Data Mgmt System Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$755.00</u>

05 - General Project Mgmt

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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05 - General Project Mgmt

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	4.50	\$206.00	\$927.00
Senior Associate	2.50	\$128.00	\$320.00
Associate III	2.25	\$111.00	\$249.75

Professional Services Subtotal: \$1,496.75
General Project Mgmt Subtotal: \$1,496.75

06 - Model Transfer & Upgrade

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	9.00	\$206.00	\$1,854.00
Associate III	1.50	\$111.00	\$166.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$2,020.50
Model Transfer & Upgrade Subtotal: \$2,020.50

07 - Imported Water: Engineering & Analysis

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	3.50	\$237.00	\$829.50
Associate III	1.00	\$111.00	\$111.00
GIS Specialist I	6.75	\$101.00	\$681.75

Professional Services Subtotal: \$1,622.25
Imported Water: Engineering & Analysis Subtotal: \$1,622.25

09 - Recycled Water

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	6.50	\$237.00	\$1,540.50
Associate III	9.50	\$111.00	\$1,054.50
Assistant II	4.00	\$93.00	\$372.00

Professional Services Subtotal: \$2,967.00
Recycled Water Subtotal: \$2,967.00

11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	23.50	\$206.00	\$4,841.00
Associate I	18.00	\$122.00	\$2,196.00
GIS Manager	3.50	\$122.00	\$427.00
GIS Specialist I	2.00	\$101.00	\$202.00
Assistant I	22.75	\$98.00	\$2,229.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$9,895.50

Sub-Contractors

	<u>Charge</u>
Horizon Environmental, Inc.	\$960.00
Tetra Tech, Inc	\$8,078.72

Sub-Contractors Subtotal: \$9,038.72

Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps Subtotal: \$18,934.22

12 - Prop 1 SDAC Program Support

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Associate III	0.50	\$111.00	\$55.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$55.50

Prop 1 SDAC Program Support Subtotal: \$55.50

15 - TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support



15 - TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	4.50	\$206.00	\$927.00
Associate I	8.00	\$122.00	\$976.00
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$1,903.00
			<i>TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support Subtotal:</i> \$1,903.00

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	12.75	\$206.00	\$2,626.50
GIS Manager	4.00	\$122.00	\$488.00
Contract Management	0.50	\$103.00	\$51.50
Assistant I	0.25	\$98.00	\$24.50
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$3,190.50
			<u>Sub-Contractors</u> <u>Charge</u>
Horizon Environmental, Inc.			\$390.00
			<u>Sub-Contractors Subtotal:</u> \$390.00
			<i>Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY21 Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Support & Dr</i> \$3,580.50

20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	4.00	\$237.00	\$948.00
Associate III	2.50	\$111.00	\$277.50
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$1,225.50
			<i>Shallow Well Mitigation Program Outreach & Impacts Evaluation Subtotal:</i> \$1,225.50

21 - General Engineering

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	2.00	\$237.00	\$474.00
Associate III	6.00	\$111.00	\$666.00
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$1,140.00
			<u>General Engineering Subtotal:</u> \$1,140.00

22 - Coordination with DWR on GSP Review

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	5.00	\$128.00	\$640.00
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$640.00
			<i>Coordination with DWR on GSP Review Subtotal:</i> \$640.00

23 - Annual Report Preparation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	2.50	\$237.00	\$592.50
Supervisor I	14.00	\$206.00	\$2,884.00
Senior Associate	6.00	\$128.00	\$768.00
GIS Manager	3.25	\$122.00	\$396.50
Assistant I	12.75	\$98.00	\$1,249.50
			<u>Professional Services Subtotal:</u> \$5,890.50
			<i>Annual Report Preparation Subtotal:</i> \$5,890.50

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

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	5.50	\$237.00	\$1,303.50



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

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.50	\$206.00	\$103.00
Associate III	0.50	\$111.00	\$55.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$1,462.00

Allocation Plan & Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions Subtotal: \$1,462.00

26 - Budget Support

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	4.00	\$128.00	\$512.00

Professional Services Subtotal: \$512.00

Budget Support Subtotal: \$512.00

27 - Litigation Support

Professional Services

	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	6.50	\$237.00	\$1,540.50

Professional Services Subtotal: \$1,540.50

Litigation Support Subtotal: \$1,540.50

***Water Resources Management 2022 Subtotal:* \$73,365.46**

***** Invoice Total *** \$73,365.46**

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
2/28/2022	13138

Bill To:

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	3/30/2022	3/11/2022

Date	Description	Amount
2/28/2022	Contract Services for February - please see attached	26,630.00

	Total	\$26,630.00
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Indian Wells Valley

Month: **Feb, 2022**

Advisor	Hours and Rates by Pay Period				Monthly Total Billed
	1st -15th		16th - EOM		
	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	
CT	22.00	\$ 130.00	10.75	\$ 130.00	\$ 4,257.50
AK	80.50	\$ 105.00	55.20	\$ 105.00	\$ 14,248.50
JK	0.50	\$ 137.00	0.25	\$ 137.00	\$ 102.75
GL	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
GS	29.00	\$ 137.00	29.25	\$ 137.00	\$ 7,980.25
RM	0.25	\$ 164.00	0.00	\$ -	\$ 41.00
Totals	132.25		95.45		\$ 26,630.00

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
2/28/2022	13258

Bill To:

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	4/15/2022	3/22/2022

Date	Description	Amount
2/28/2022	Reimbursable Expenses for City of Ridegecrest Monthly Rent and Squarespace (\$300 +\$216 + \$60) - please see attached	576.00

		Total	\$576.00
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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 2022-012**DATE** 03/29/2022 **TERMS** Net 45**DUE DATE** 05/13/2022**VENDOR ID**

195953

INVOICE PERIOD

March 2022

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
03/02/2022	Balance Forward	17,187.50
	Other payments and credits after 03/02/2022 through 03/28/2022	0.00
03/29/2022	Other invoices from this date	0.00
03/29/2022	Other payments from this date	-17,187.50
	New charges (details below)	12,512.50
	Total Amount Due	12,512.50

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
Task 1 -- Secure Imported Water Supplies			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	3	250.00	750.00
Task 1D: 2022 Water Supplies {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	12.50	250.00	3,125.00
Negotiations Private Seller 2, development of terms, clarification and research materials {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	3	225.00	675.00
Subtask 1D: 2022 Water Supplies calls w/ various agencies and research {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	4	225.00	900.00
Negotiations Private Seller 2 {Simonetti}			
Total Task 1 = \$5,450.00 (22.5 hours)			
Task 2 -- Secure Federal Funding Source			
Government Relations: Federal	1.50	250.00	375.00
Agency: Wastewater Treatment Plant -- USEPA SRF Updated Guidelines and Implementation Memorandum (Split) {McKinney}			
Government Relations: Federal	0.75	250.00	187.50
Agency: Water Recycling Plant -- Follow-up and HQ discussions re: Western Waters programs (split) {McKinney}			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Government Relations:Federal Legislative: Various -- follow-up on letter request and advocacy for letter requests re: Agency 1 {Simonetti}	3.25	225.00	731.25
Government Relations:Federal Legislative: FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act, DCIP Amendments (wastewater treatment plant) {Simonetti}	2	225.00	450.00
Total Task 2 = \$1,743.75 (7.5 hours)			
Task 3 -- Secure State Funding Sources			
Government Relations:California Agency: SGMA-IP Application -- Lobbyist Certification Memorandum (Application Compliance) {McKinney}	0.75	250.00	187.50
Government Relations:California Legislative: Wastewater Treatment Plant -- Finalize State Budget Request and send to Legislators; follow-up {McKinney}	3.50	250.00	875.00
Government Relations:California Legislative: All Infrastructure Projects -- State Budget advocacy; SGMA-IP (COD Round 2); Multi-Benefit Program; SRF implementation {McKinney}	6	250.00	1,500.00
Government Relations:California Agency: DWR -- SGMA-IP/Multi-benefit Program follow-up {McKinney}	1.50	250.00	375.00
Government Relations:California Legislative: Wastewater Treatment Plant -- State Budget Request and State Budget Legislation {Simonetti}	4	225.00	900.00
Total Task 3 = \$3,837.50 (15.75 hours)			
Task 4 -- Administrative			
Administrative Board Meeting (Open Session) {McKinney}	1.25	250.00	312.50
Administrative Ad Hoc Reporting: Staff Reporting Request and Modification {McKinney}	1.25	250.00	312.50
Administrative IWVGA Board Meeting {Tatum}	0.50	250.00	125.00
Administrative Board Meeting, Materials Preparation, Ad-hoc reports {Simonetti}	3.25	225.00	731.25
Total Task 4 = \$1,481.25 (6.25 hours)			

NOTE: Compliance Reporting -- State of California: 1st Quarter Financial Disclosures (Form 365) are due to the CA-SOS prior to April 30, 2022			
Total Amount for Quarter = \$10,101.25			

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

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES 12,512.50

TOTAL DUE \$12,512.50

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California Rural Water Association

California Rural Water Association
 Invoice Time Period: March 1 2021- March 31 2021

INVOICE

To: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
 Attn: Don Zdeba
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

Invoice #: RSDAC-FSLD-A-001
Invoice Date: 4/12/2021
Terms: Net 30 Days

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

Project Name: IWVGA Work Plan RSDAC-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Inyokern CSD			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
Technician	Inyokern FSLD-Reporting	Invoice period	\$ 230.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
	N/A		
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
	N/A		
INVOICE TOTAL: \$			230.00

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

Signature

4/12/2021

Date

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California Rural Water Association

California Rural Water Association
 Invoice Time Period: March 1 2021- March 31 2021

INVOICE

To: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
 Attn: Don Zdeba
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

Invoice #: ICSD-FSLD-A-007
Invoice Date: 4/12/2021
Terms: Net 30 Days

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

Project Name: IWVGA Work Plan ICSD-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Inyokern CSD			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
Technician	Inyokern FSLD-Reporting	Invoice period	\$ 1,035.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
	N/A		
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
	N/A		
INVOICE TOTAL:			\$ 1,035.00

Submitted by:
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 California Rural Water Association

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4/12/2021

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California Rural Water Association
 Invoice Time Period: March 1, 2021- March 31, 2021

INVOICE

To: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
 Attn: Don Zdeba
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

Invoice #: SVWD-FSLD-A-005
Invoice Date: 4/12/2021
Terms: Net 30 Days

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

Project Name: IWVGA Work Plan SVWD-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Searles Valley Water District			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
ADMIN	Admin and project support	Invoice period	\$ 912.00
Technician	Trona Suvey	Invoice period	\$ 11,432.50
Technician	Travel	Invoice period	\$ 4,820.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
Michael Sims	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,868.33
Abel Silva	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,367.44
Mark Hardison	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,429.15
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
Magnetic Pipe Locator (Invoice ID #516760)	Survey Equipment	\$	231.11
Traffic Cones x 2 (Invoice ID #519700)	Safety equipment	\$	75.00
Pricing Adjustment (Invoice ID #524328)	Refund for pricing adjustment	\$	(20.46)
Traffic Cones x 10 (Invoice ID #530688)	Safety equipment	\$	123.77
INVOICE TOTAL:			\$ 22,060.53

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

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4/12/2021

Date

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Searles Valley Work Plan Narrative Report Completion

INVOICE

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

Invoice #: SVWD-FSLD-A-010
Invoice Date: 3/15/2022
Terms: Net 30 Days

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

Project Name: IWVGA Work Plan SVWD-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Searles Valley Water District			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
SVWD-ADMIN	Admin and project support	Invoice period	\$ 4,288.05
SVWD-Technicians	Pioneer Point Survey	Invoice period	\$ 5,460.00
SVWD- Technician Travel	Pioneer Point Survey	Invoice period	\$ 1,677.50
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
Michael Sims	Travel to and from Pioneer point in SVWD	\$	829.12
Abel Silva	Travel to and from Pioneer point in SVWD	\$	638.53
Mark Hardison	Travel to and from Pioneer point in SVWD	\$	628.00
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
Abel Silva Equipment (Boots)	Boots replaced for On site work on SVWD LD	\$	171.17
R1 GPS/Mapping device	Field equipment used for mapping SVWD	\$	873.25
North American Embroidery	Jacket for on-site LD surveying	\$	76.04
North American Embroidery	Vests and shirts for LD surveying	\$	230.50
USA Bluebook	Meter equipment maintenance	\$	150.03
INVOICE TOTAL:			\$ 15,022.19

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

Signature

3/15/2022

Date

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California Rural Water Association

California Rural Water Association
 Invoice Time Period: April 1 2021- April 30 2021

INVOICE

To: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
 Attn: Don Zdeba
 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd
 Ridgecrest CA, 93555

Invoice #: RSDAC-FSLD-A-002
Invoice Date: 5/7/2021
Terms: Net 30 Days

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

Project Name: IWVGA Work Plan RSDAC-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Inyokern CSD			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
Technician	South Desert Surveying	Invoice period	\$ 1,645.00
Travel Hours	Drive to System	Invoice period	\$ 765.00
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
	N/A		
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
	N/A		
INVOICE TOTAL:			\$ 2,410.00

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

Signature

5/7/2021

Date

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Attorney Work Product

TO: Keith Lemieux
Steve O'Neill

FROM: Alex Lemieux

DATE: April 8, 2022

RE: Memo re: Executive Order N-7-22

Executive Summary

Under Executive Order N-7-22, local governments must now obtain written approval from the relevant Groundwater Sustainability Agency before approving a permit for a groundwater well or alteration of an existing well.

Discussion

On March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-7-22, directing cities and counties to implement new water conservation measures following the driest first three months of a calendar year in California's recorded history.

The Executive Order (EO) requires that local water suppliers move to "Level 2" of their water shortage contingency plans, meaning a reduction of 10-20% within a district. The EO also urges urban water suppliers to conserve based on a shortage of level of up to 30%. However, this EO did not mandate urban restrictions along the lines of the 25% conservation rate implemented statewide in 2015.

The EO includes a new local well permitting regulation that expands the role of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's). Under the EO, counties, cities, or other public agencies must obtain written approval from the GSA before approving a permit for a groundwater well or alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high- priority. Domestic and small wells are excluded from the order.

The GSA must determine that the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by the GSA and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin.

Before issuing a permit for a new well or alteration of an existing well, the public agency must also determine that the well is not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and not likely to cause subsidence that would impact nearby infrastructure.

The new responsibilities assigned to GSA's by the EO are self-executing and are not subject to further rulemaking. The EO is an emergency measure and accordingly remains in effect only for the duration of the declared emergency, though it may presage permanent rules that outlast the end of the current drought. For example, Assembly Bill 2201, now pending, proposes new restrictions on the issuance of well permits in critically over-drafted basins.

Indian Wells Valley is a high-priority groundwater basin, and therefore falls within the scope of the EO creating a new review process for the issuance of permits for wells in medium and high-priority groundwater basins.

Thus, Counties, Cities, and other public agencies may not issue a permit for new agricultural groundwater well or alteration of an existing agricultural well located within the basin without a written approval from the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The public agency must also determine that the proposed groundwater well is both (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells and (2) not likely to cause subsidence, i.e., the caving or sinking of land that lowers the ground surface elevation.

Conclusion

The local public agencies should work with the Indian Wells Valley Sustainability Agency to establish and implement a review process that is compliant with the EO.

/s/

Alex Lemieux

Enc.: Executive Order N-7-22 (well regulation p. 4-5).

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

WHEREAS on April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a third consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in continuing drought in all parts of the State; and

WHEREAS the 21st century to date has been characterized by record warmth and predominantly dry conditions, and the 2021 meteorological summer in California and the rest of the western United States was the hottest on record; and

WHEREAS since my October 19, 2021 Proclamation, early rains in October and December 2021 gave way to the driest January and February in recorded history for the watersheds that provide much of California's water supply; and

WHEREAS the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS the two largest reservoirs of the Central Valley Project, which supplies water to farms and communities in the Central Valley and the Santa Clara Valley and provides critical cold-water habitat for salmon and other anadromous fish, have water storage levels that are approximately 1.1 million acre-feet below last year's low levels on this date; and

WHEREAS the record-breaking dry period in January and February and the absence of significant rains in March have required the Department of Water Resources to reduce anticipated deliveries from the State Water Project to 5 percent of requested supplies; and

WHEREAS delivery of water by bottle or truck is necessary to protect human safety and public health in those places where water supplies are disrupted; and

WHEREAS groundwater use accounts for 41 percent of the State's total water supply on an average annual basis but as much as 58 percent in a critically dry year, and approximately 85 percent of public water systems rely on groundwater as their primary supply; and

WHEREAS coordination between local entities that approve permits for new groundwater wells and local groundwater sustainability agencies is important to achieving sustainable levels of groundwater in critically overdrafted basins; and

WHEREAS the duration of the drought, especially following a multiyear drought that abated only five years ago, underscores the need for California to redouble near-, medium-, and long-term efforts to adapt its water management and delivery systems to a changing climate, shifting precipitation patterns, and water scarcity; and

WHEREAS the most consequential, immediate action Californians can take to extend available supplies is to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels by implementing the commonsense measures identified in operative paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-10-21 (July 8, 2021); and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those Proclamations and herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
2. To help the State achieve its conservation goals and ensure sufficient water for essential indoor and outdoor use, I call on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and out. The statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at SaveOurWater.com provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives. Furthermore, I encourage Californians to understand and track the amount of water they use and measure their progress toward their conservation goals.
3. By May 25, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall consider adopting emergency regulations that include all of the following:
 - a. A requirement that each urban water supplier, as defined in section 10617 of the Water Code, shall submit to the Department of Water Resources a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section 10632.1 of the Water Code no later than June 1, 2022, and submit a final annual water

supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources no later than the deadline set by section 10632.1 of the Water Code;

- b. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, the shortage response actions adopted under section 10632 of the Water Code for a shortage level of up to twenty percent (Level 2), by a date to be set by the Water Board; and
- c. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has not submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions established by the Water Board, which shall take into consideration model actions that the Department of Water Resources shall develop for urban water supplier water shortage contingency planning for Level 2, by a date to be set by the Water Board.

To further conserve water and improve drought resiliency if the drought lasts beyond this year, I encourage urban water suppliers to conserve more than required by the emergency regulations described in this paragraph and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements based on a shortage level of up to thirty percent (Level 3).

4. To promote water conservation, the Department of Water Resources shall consult with leaders in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors to develop strategies for improving water conservation, including direct technical assistance, financial assistance, and other approaches. By May 25, 2022, the Water Board shall consider adopting emergency regulations defining "non-functional turf" (that is, a definition of turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks) and banning irrigation of non-functional turf in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors except as it may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.
5. In order to maximize the efficient use of water and to preserve water supplies critical to human health and safety and the environment, Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended, with respect to the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order and any other projects and activities for the purpose of water conservation to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought, and any permits necessary to carry out such projects or activities. Entities that desire to conduct activities under this suspension, other than the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order, shall first request that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. The Secretary shall use sound discretion in applying this Executive Order to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating conservation projects that are necessary to address impacts of the drought, while at the same time

protecting public health and the environment. The entities implementing these directives or conducting activities under this suspension shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

6. To support voluntary approaches to improve fish habitat that would require change petitions under Water Code section 1707 and either Water Code sections 1425 through 1432 or Water Code sections 1725 through 1732, and where the primary purpose is to improve conditions for fish, the Water Board shall expeditiously consider petitions that add a fish and wildlife beneficial use or point of diversion and place of storage to improve conditions for anadromous fish. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 1064, subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)-(ii) are suspended with respect to any petition that is subject to this paragraph.
7. To facilitate the hauling of water for domestic use by local communities and domestic water users threatened with the loss of water supply or degraded water quality resulting from drought, any ordinance, regulation, prohibition, policy, or requirement of any kind adopted by a public agency that prohibits the hauling of water out of the water's basin of origin or a public agency's jurisdiction is hereby suspended. The suspension authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to the hauling of water by truck or bottle to be used for human consumption, cooking, or sanitation in communities or residences threatened with the loss of affordable safe drinking water. Nothing in this paragraph limits any public health or safety requirement to ensure the safety of hauled water.
8. The Water Board shall expand inspections to determine whether illegal diversions or wasteful or unreasonable use of water are occurring and bring enforcement actions against illegal diverters and those engaging in the wasteful and unreasonable use of water. When access is not granted by a property owner, the Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this directive.
9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:
 - a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability

Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

- b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

10. To address household or small community drinking water shortages dependent upon groundwater wells that have failed due to drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall work with other state agencies to investigate expedited regulatory pathways to modify, repair, or reconstruct failed household or small community or public supply wells, while recognizing the need to ensure the sustainability of such wells as provided for in paragraph 9.
11. State agencies shall collaborate with tribes and federal, regional, and local agencies on actions related to promoting groundwater recharge and increasing storage.
12. To help advance groundwater recharge projects, and to demonstrate the feasibility of projects that can use available high water flows to recharge local groundwater while minimizing flood risks, the Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall prioritize water right permits, water quality certifications, waste discharge requirements, and conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water right priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. For the purposes of carrying out this paragraph, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, and Chapter 3 (commencing with section 85225) of Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. This suspension applies to (a) any actions taken by state agencies, (b) any actions taken by local agencies where the state agency with primary responsibility for the implementation of the directives concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.
13. With respect to recharge projects under either Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge or the Department of Water Resources Sustainable

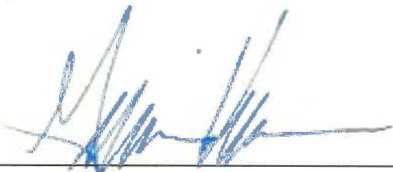
Groundwater Management Grant Program occurring on open and working lands to replenish and store water in groundwater basins that will help mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by drought, for any (a) actions taken by state agencies, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Department of Water Resources concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

14. To increase resilience of state water supplies during prolonged drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall prepare for the potential creation and implementation of a multi-year transfer program pilot project for the purpose of acquiring water from willing partners and storing and conveying water to areas of need.
15. By April 15, 2022, state agencies shall submit to the Department of Finance for my consideration proposals to mitigate the worsening effects of severe drought, including emergency assistance to communities and households and others facing water shortages as a result of the drought, facilitation of groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protection of fish and wildlife, mitigation of drought-related economic or water-supply disruption, and other potential investments to support short- and long-term drought response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of March 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** April 13, 2022

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item No. 10 – Resolution 03-22 Authorizing Staff to Continue Banking with AltaOne Federal Credit Union in Place of Mission Bank**

DISCUSSION

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA or the Authority) has utilized banking services at the Mission Bank Branch located at 1450 N. Norma Street in Ridgecrest, for deposits and pass through electronic transfers to Kern County Auditor-Controller since 2018. Last fall, the parent company of Mission Bank agreed to sell the Ridgecrest Branch operations to AltaOne Federal Credit Union (AltaOne). The banking operations will transition on May 2nd, 2022.

AltaOne Federal Credit Union was chartered in Ridgecrest in 1947 and serves customers in Inyo, Kern and Mono counties with branches in Bakersfield, Bishop, Boron, California City, China Lake, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lone Pine and Tehachapi. AltaOne provides a variety of banking services including business banking.

IWVGA staff recommends AltaOne Federal Credit Union to provide deposit and pass through electronic transfers for the Authority. IWVGA does not require check writing services; only deposit and transfer services. The Authority maintains sufficient balances to have all fees waived. At this time, no documentation is required for continuation of banking services from Mission Bank to AltaOne.

In the coming months, IWVGA staff will return to the Board with recommendations or updates for account and contract signers and administrator designation.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

Staff recommends the Board consider and approve the banking transition from Mission Bank to AltaOne Federal Credit Union.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact anticipated with the transition to AltaOne Federal Credit Union as the Authority maintains sufficient balances to have all fees waived.

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 03-22

**AUTHORIZING STAFF TO CONTINUE
BANKING WITH ALTAONE FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION IN PLACE OF MISSION
BANK.**

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 13th day of April, 2022, 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) Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) has been using the banking services at the Mission Bank Branch at 1450 N. Norma Street in Ridgecrest for deposits and pass through electronic transfers to Kern County Auditor-Controller since 2018; and
- (b) The parent company of Mission Bank has agreed to sell its Ridgecrest branch, to AltaOne, a Federal Credit Union, and will transition the Mission Bank Ridgecrest Branch staff and operations to AltaOne Federal Credit Union on May 2nd, 2022; and
- (c) AltaOne Federal Credit Union was chartered in Ridgecrest in 1947 and serves customers in Inyo, Kern, and Mono counties with branches in Bakersfield, Bishop, Boron, California City, China Lake, Kernville, Lake

- Isabella, Lone Pine and Tehachapi; and
- (d) IWVGA does not utilize check writing services at Mission Bank, only deposit services and electronic transfers; and
 - (e) IWVGA requires uninterrupted local banking services for deposits and electronic transfers; and
 - (f) IWVGA anticipates continuing account services with waived fees due to account balance status with AltaOne Federal Credit Union; and
 - (g) AltaOne Federal Credit Union does not require updated account documentation for the transition; and
 - (h) IWVGA staff will bring forward a resolution in the coming months which will update signers, assign an Administrator, and complete a new Contract for Deposit upon full transition of new programs and processes for AltaOne Federal Credit Union; and
 - (i) IWVGA staff will revisit the banking relationship with AltaOne Federal Credit Union after the transition to determine if the business account relationship continues to be beneficial to the IWVGA and;
 - (j) IWVGA staff recommends AltaOne Federal Credit Union provide deposit and pass through electronic transfers for the Authority;

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. Resolved by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, will have banking services provided by AltaOne Federal Credit Union at 1450 N. Norma Street in Ridgecrest.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority this 13th day of April, 2022.

SIGNED:

President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Memorandum

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** April 13, 2022

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11 – Abandonment of the Fallowing Program due to Lack of Funding

BACKGROUND

At the August 20, 2020 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting, the Authority unanimously approved Resolution 05-20 Regarding a Transient Pool and Fallowing Program. Thereafter, seven agricultural pumpers within the Indian Wells Valley Basin (Basin) joined the Transient Pool. The basic concept of the Transient Pool is a “one time” right to use a certain quantity of water to allow for the equitable sunsetting of agricultural operations as the Basin transitions into subsisting on imported water.

DISCUSSION

The total amount of water in the Transient Pool (51,000 AF) for agricultural operations is roughly equivalent to the total amount of groundwater that will be overdrafted from the Basin by the long-term import water users during the time they are obtaining and bringing their needed import water into the Basin. The Fallowing Program was as an opportunity for those agricultural users to sell their Transient Pool allotment in lieu of pumping their pool water. The major benefit of the Fallowing Program to long term basin users such as Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD) and Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) was the amount of time in which the required imported water supply needed to be obtained could have been extended with the purchase of Transient Pool allocations.

The Fallowing Program, which was unanimously adopted by the Board, was to be funded by the Replenishment Fee which is why they were adopted at the same meeting. Since that time, IWWVD has changed its opinion of the Fallowing Program and has expressed no desire to fund the program using Replenishment Fee dollars. Although the Transient Pool members have expressed interest in the program, the lack of a funding source has rendered the program ineffective.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approve the attached letter herein to be sent to the IWWVD Board for a final discussion and decision as to whether they wish to approve Fallowing Program funding using Replenishment Fee dollars.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Legal Counsel

April 13, 2022

RE: FALLOWING PROGRAM FUNDING

To the Board Members of the Indian Wells Valley Water District,

At the August 20, 2020 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting, the Authority unanimously approved Resolution 05-20 Regarding a Transient Pool and Fallowing Program. Thereafter, seven agricultural pumpers within the Indian Wells Valley Basin (Basin) joined the Transient Pool.

Those who joined the Transient Pool were given a limited quantity of water to allow for the equitable sunsetting of agricultural operations as the Basin transitions into subsisting on imported water. The Fallowing Program (Program) was as an opportunity for those agricultural users to sell their Transient Pool allotment in lieu of pumping their pool water. The major benefit of the Fallowing Program to long term basin users such as the Indian Wells Valley Water District was the amount of time in which the required imported water supply needed to be obtained could have been extended with the purchase of Transient Pool allocations. The Program, which was unanimously adopted by the Board, was to be funded by the Replenishment Fee which is why they were adopted at the same meeting.

Since that time, the Indian Wells Valley Water District has changed its opinion of the Fallowing Program and has expressed no desire to fund the program using Replenishment Fee dollars. Although the Transient Pool members have expressed interest in the program, the lack of a funding source has left the program ineffective.

Given the current circumstances of the funding issues, the Authority asks the IWVWD Board to make a final determination as to whether they wish to see the Fallowing Program continue using Replenishment Fee dollars or confirm that the aforementioned opinions of the IWVWD Board remain unchanged.

Thank you,

Chairman Peters
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Memorandum

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** April 13, 2022

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 12 – Permanent Transfer of Transient Pool Allotment

BACKGROUND

At the January 21, 2021 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting, the Authority approved Resolution 01-21 Revising the Transient Pool and Fallowing Program. The revision to the Transient Pool Program provided Transient Pool members one of three choices:

- 1) Reject the Transient Pool allotment and continue pumping in accordance with the Basin Replenishment Fee and any other applicable fees; or,
- 2) Accept the Transient Pool allotment and the associated mitigation fee; or,
- 3) Accept the Transient Pool allotment and negotiate a sell of their allotment to the Groundwater authority through the Fallowing Program.

Resolution 05-21 also acknowledges the allowance of a transfer of Transient Pool Water to other parties under certain circumstances.

DISCUSSION

On March 23, 2022, IWVGA staff received a Permanent Transfer Form for the Hickle property in the amount of 588 AF. The property has been sold and the 588 AF will transfer to the new property owners. Hickle agriculture operations ceased before entering the Transient Pool Program and have not resumed. IWVGA staff will make contact with the new owners to obtain updated well registration documents and discuss the monthly reporting and payments required of them as a member of the Transient Pool.

No Board action required.

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

PERMANENT TRANSFER OF TRANSIENT POOL ALLOTMENT

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ARTHUR J. HICKLE, ("Transferer") does hereby assign and transfer to CARL + JANICE HILL, ("Transferee") all rights to the quantity of 588 acre-feet of the Transient Pool Allotment to Transferee or their predecessor, as described in the Amended Transient Pool and Fallowing Program, dated January 21, 2021, and as adopted by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority by Resolution No. 01-21. Transferee's Transient Pool Acceptance Agreement, fully executed, must be attached.

DATED: _____

TRANSFERER

ARTHUR J. HICKLE

[Signature]
(Signature) [Signature]

Name of Designee (of Transferer) to receive service of Processes and Notices:

ARTHUR J. HICKLE

Address

Telephone No.: _____

TRANSFEEE

CARL + JANICE HILL

DocuSigned by: Carl Hill
BA4F025CA789419-e (Signature) 3/15/2022
DocuSigned by: Janice Hill
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Name of Designee (of Transferee) to receive of Processes and Notices:

Carl & Janice Hill

Address

Telephone No.: _____

To be executed by both Transferer and Transferee and, if separately requested by the Authority be accompanied by a map of the service area where the water was extracted by the Transferee and a map of the service area where the water is intended to be used by the Transferer.

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IWVGA Board Meeting
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Grant Funding

Proposition 1 Status Update

- Invoice #12a
 - Covers July through September 2021
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$1,843.88**
 - Status: Revisions submitted on February 18
- Invoice #13a
 - Covers October through December 2021
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$299.70**
 - Status: Submitted on February 28
 - Progress report #13 submitted on February 28, including both Prop 1 and Prop 68 reports
- Status Update on CRWA Conservation Pilot Project
 - Amendment signed in late March, funds are now available to request for additional conservation work to be completed by October 31, 2022
 - CRWA-IWVGA call on April 4 to discuss project goals and work schedule

AGENDA ITEM 13a.i



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IWVGA Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

Grant Funding

Proposition 68 Status Update

- Invoice # 10b
 - Covers January through March 2021
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$2,865.04**
 - Status: Payment received
- Invoice # 12b
 - Covers July through September 2021
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$3,158.82**
 - Status: Currently awaiting payment
- Invoice # 13b
 - Covers October through December 2021
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$272.09**
 - Status: Submitted on February 28
- Additional \$30,000 in grant funds has been made available for award
 - Amendment signed in late March, funds are now available to request by new end date of October 31, 2022

AGENDA ITEM 13a.ii



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IWVGA Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates

Recycled Water Program Update

- Call with Technical Team held on April 6
 - Comments received on Section 4 (disinfection for GRRPs, nitrate removal, assimilative capacity, SNMP update, and Direct Potable Reuse timelines)
 - Section 5 screening process for alternatives
- **Injection to be pursued as the most technically practical and feasible project**
- Next Steps
 - Schedule meeting with Regional Board for input on injection projects and water quality needs/concerns
 - Prepare Section 5 discussing results of screening process
 - Define injection project in terms of injection locations, additional non-City treatment needs & sites, storage needs, and other information for preliminary design

AGENDA ITEM 13b.i



IWVGA Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

Miscellaneous Items

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE)

- Navy biologist evaluated GDE sites first week of March 2022
- Next step: determine if new sites will provide GDE monitoring

AGENDA ITEM 13c.i



IWVGA Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

Miscellaneous Items

Subflow from Rose Valley to IWV

- 4/7 April received 'cage code' from SAMS.gov
- Next steps:
 - Navy contracting approval
 - drafting subcontractors bid packages

AGENDA ITEM 13c.ii



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IWVGA Board Meeting
April 13, 2022

Miscellaneous Items

GSP Model CMP

- 3/17 Navy's new appointment to TAC, Donna Ogilvie
- 4/18 initial technical meeting with WRM, Navy, and DRI

AGENDA ITEM 13c.iii



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IWVGA Board Meeting April 13, 2022

Miscellaneous Items

Spring Groundwater Level Measurements

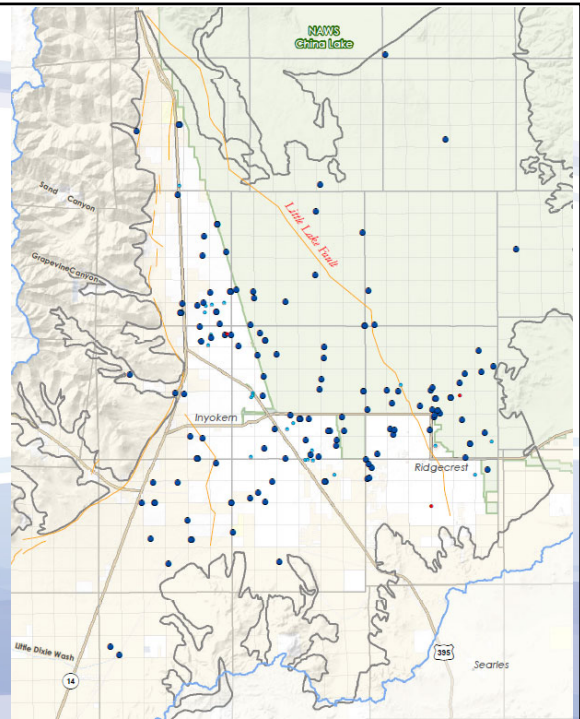
154 Spring 2022 DTW Measurements

		<u># msrmnts</u>
WY 2020	Fall 2019:	143
	Spring 2020:	55
WY 2021	Fall 2020:	88
	Spring 2021:	113
WY 2022	Fall 2021:	109
	Spring 2022:	154

Next Steps:

- Review data and post on SGMA portal
- Develop contour maps for WY 2022 Annual Report
- Post data and contour maps on DMS

AGENDA ITEM 13



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BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- MARCH

		ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION					(B)	(A-B)	(B/A)		
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	\$	\$	%		
		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1 SDAC	Prop. 1/68	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED		
		(A)									
		BUDGET									
1	REVENUE									1	
2	Extraction Fee	1,245,105	184,266	-	-	-	184,266	1,060,839	15%	2	
3	Transfer In/Loan from Augmentation Fund	1,062,745	125,000	-	-	-	125,000	937,745	12%	3	
4	Augmentation Fee	4,069,625	-	527,956	-	-	527,956	3,541,669	13%	4	
5	Transfer In/Loan Repayment from Extraction Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	5	
6	Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	195,250	-	-	6,554	-	6,554	188,696	3%	6	
7	Department of Water Resources (DWR) Grants	338,500	-	-	-	147,676	151,228	187,272	45%	7	
8										8	
9	TOTAL REVENUES	6,911,225	309,266	527,956	6,554	147,676	995,004	5,916,221	14%	9	
10	EXPENSES									10	
11	Administration									11	
12	Administration (RGS)	333,000	43,429	43,429	-	-	86,859	246,141	26%	12	
13	Office Rent	3,600	300	300	-	-	600	3,000	17%	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	-	-	-	-	-	300	0%	22	
23	Printing and Reproduction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	23	
24	Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	24	
25										25	
26	Non-Departmental									26	
27	Other Legal Services (RWG Law)	500,000	-	20,617	-	-	20,617	479,383	4%	27	
28	Lobbying Services (Capitol Core)	175,000	-	44,406	-	-	44,406	130,594	25%	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	Transfer Out/ Loan Repayment to Augmentation Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	33	
34	Transfer Out/Loan to Extraction Fund	1,062,745	-	125,000	-	-	125,000	937,745	12%	34	

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(A)		Extraction	Augmentation	Shallow Well Mitigation	Prop. 1 SDAC	Prop. 1/68	ACTUAL	REMAINING	COMPLETED	
BUDGET										
35										35
36	Conservation Programs									36
37	Outreach & Technical Services (Cal Rural Water Assoc & Water Wise)	306,500	-	-	-	-	-	306,500	0%	37
38										38
39	Basin Management Administration									39
40	Production Reporting, Transient Pool, and Fee Support	34,000	-	-	-	-	-	34,000	0%	40
41	Meetings and Prep	120,000	24,995	-	-	-	24,995	95,005	21%	41
42	Budget Support	10,000	64	-	-	-	64	9,936	1%	42
43	Stakeholder Coordination	10,000	64	-	-	-	64	9,936	1%	43
44	Litigation Support	40,000	1,422	-	-	-	1,422	38,578	4%	44
45										45
46	Basin Management									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	-	-	333	-	333	14,667	2%	51
52	General Engineering	35,000	12,349	-	-	-	12,349	22,651	35%	52
53	TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%	53
54	TSS: General Coordination/Application Support	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	0%	54
55	Coordination with DWR on GSP Review	45,000	3,566	-	-	-	3,566	41,435	8%	55
56	Annual Report Preparation	30,000	35,876	-	-	-	35,876	(5,876)	120%	56
57	Data Management System Support	20,000	7,309	-	-	-	7,309	12,691	37%	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	711	-	-	-	711	9,289	7%	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	9,477	-	-	-	9,477	20,523	32%	62
63	Model Transfer and Upgrade	150,000	6,289	-	-	-	6,289	143,711	4%	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	5,404	-	-	-	5,404	294,596	2%	65
66	Data Collection, Monitoring, and Data Gaps	134,000	26,453	-	-	-	26,453	107,547	20%	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	11,112	-	-	-	11,112	106,888	9%	68
69	Recycled Water	180,000	-	38,029	-	-	38,029	141,971	21%	69

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT- MARCH

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(A)	BUDGET									
70	EXPENSES (Cont'd)									70
71	Basin Management (cont'd)									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	-	1,115	-	-	1,115	18,886	6%	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	Grant Management									78
79	Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration	70,000	3,573	-	-	-	3,573	66,427	5%	79
80	Grant Review and Application Preparation	50,000	27,932	-	-	-	27,932	22,068	56%	80
81										81
82	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,982,075</u>	<u>360,390</u>	<u>274,918</u>	<u>2,230</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>637,870</u>	<u>4,344,205</u>	<u>13%</u>	82
83										83
84	Surplus (Deficit)	<u>1,929,150</u>	<u>(51,123)</u>	<u>253,038</u>	<u>4,325</u>	<u>147,343</u>	<u>357,135</u>	<u>1,572,015</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

	Revenue	Transfer In*	Transfer Out*	Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
Extraction Fund	184,266	125,000	-	360,390	(51,123)
Augmentation Fund	527,956	-	125,000	149,918	253,038
Shallow Well Mitigation Fund	6,554	-	-	2,230	4,325
Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Grants Fund	151,228	-	-	333	150,895
Total	870,004	125,000	125,000	512,870	357,135

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

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

	Kern County	City of Ridgcrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
Advance Agreements				
Advance of Funds	500,000	-	-	500,000
Advance Repayment: 1 of 4	(125,000)	-	-	(125,000)
In-Kind Services				
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY22 thru 2/28		44,311		44,311
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY 21	-	326,915	-	326,915
Attorney Srvcs./IT/Chambers -FY's16-20		349,759		349,759
Inter-Fund Loans				
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***	-	-	-	-
Postponed Invoice Payments				
None	-	-	-	-
Total	375,000	720,985	1,562,745	2,658,730

* 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
Advance Agreements				
\$125,000 scheduled in March, June, Sept, Dec	500,000	-	-	500,000
In-Kind Services				
Attorney Services/IT/Council Chambers	-	300,000	-	300,000
	500,000	300,000	-	800,000

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

March 2022 Activity

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

Jan - IWVWD Augmentation/Extraction/SWM w/ True-Up	\$	106,220.05
Feb - IWVWD Augmentation/Extraction/SWM		237,791.93
All Other Cash Receipts		41,487.64
Total Cash Receipts	\$	<u>385,499.62</u>

Cash Disbursements (Obligation payments are detailed)

Warrants - 3/23/22: Repymt of Adv. 1 of 4 -Kern County	\$	(125,000.00)
Warrants - 3/23/22		(110,265.27)
Warrants - 3/30/22		(42,184.75)
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	<u>(277,450.02)</u>

Cash Balance

Prior Month to Current Month Ending Balance Reconciliation

February Cash Balance By Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$	3,294,939.27
Mission Bank		-
Total Cash Balance as of February 28	\$	<u>3,294,939.27</u>

March Activity

Cash Receipts	\$	385,499.62
Cash Disbursements		(277,450.02)
Total March Activity	\$	108,049.60
March Ending Cash Balance	\$	3,402,988.87
Less: Outstanding Warrants		(187,221.78)
Total Available Cash By Activity as of March 31	\$	<u>3,215,767.09</u>

March Cash Balance by Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$	3,165,196.94
Mission Bank		237,791.93
Total March Balance	\$	3,402,988.87
Less: Outstanding Warrants		(187,221.78)
Total Available Cash by Investment as of March 31	\$	<u>3,215,767.09</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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RE: RGS/IWVGA: City of Ridgecrest & IWVGA Prior Year Obligations for 2020 Audit

Ronald Strand <rstrand@ridgecrestca.gov>

Tue 4/5/2022 11:03 AM

To: Gina Schuchard <gschuchard@rgs.ca.gov>

Cc: 'Keith Lemieux' <klemieux@awattorneys.com>

Gina,

The City is agreeable to extending the Prior Costs reimbursement until December 31, 2022.

Thanks,

Ron Strand
City Manager

From: Gina Schuchard [mailto:gschuchard@rgs.ca.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 4:02 PM

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Subject: Re: RGS/IWVGA: City of Ridgecrest & IWVGA Prior Year Obligations for 2020 Audit

Thank you Keith for pointing us in the right direction.

This is all we need for the 2020 audit but we may need an email indicating an extension of the December 31, 2021 payment of prior costs for the 2021 audit process.

1.2 Consideration. As consideration for the Option granted under this Agreement, Authority affirms its agreement to pay City's past administrative costs incurred as a result of formation of the Authority and adoption of the GSP in the amount of \$375,000 as set forth in the materials supplied to support the most recent budget of the Authority ("Prior Costs"). As further consideration, Authority agrees to reimburse the City for its current and future, administrative costs incurred in connection with the operation of the Authority including, but not limited to, the Recycled Water Project ("Future Costs"). Collectively, the Prior Costs and Future Costs constitute the "Option Fee." **The payment of Prior Costs portion of the option Fee will occur on or before December 31, 2021.** Thereafter the Option Fee will be paid on Quarterly basis within 30 days of invoice being submitted by the City and will continue after the Term Option until terminated by mutual agreement of both Parties

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To: Carol Thomas-Keefer, General Manager IWVGA

From: Michael W. McKinney, President Capitol Core Group

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Todd Taum, Sr. Client Advisor CCG

Date: April 13, 2022

Subject: Project Update Memorandum – March Activities

The following will serve as a project update by task for the activities in March 2022.

Task 1: Secure Imported Water Supplies

Active negotiations with “Private Seller 2” began in earnest during March regarding a potential water supply for the Authority. Details of the discussions were provided in Closed Session per Brown Act requirements. Discussions and negotiations with the seller remain ongoing. March saw the continuation of development of requested items from “Agency 1” and a carryover of late-February activities. Completion of the requested items is expected in mid- April 2022.

In addition, the State of California continues to suffer one of the driest January-March weather pattern on record. At the time of writing this memo, the California statewide snowpack sits at 26% of normal for this date. As such, the California State Water Project decreased an already meager allocation from 15% to 5% on March 18th through Notice to State Water Contractors 22-03 (link [here](#)).

Task 2: Secure Federal Funding Sources

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Most of March’s work centered around implementation guidance of the various federal programs that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA” or “Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation”) will create. This included direct guidance from USEPA concerning the State Revolving Fund which may have a direct impact on the City of Ridgecrest’s current application and future applications from either the Authority or the Water District. Capitol Core provided an analysis of the Guidance Memorandum to staff and we continue to seek direction concerning potential impacts.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Discussions with Washington D.C. personnel at U.S. Bureau of Reclamation clarified some guidance/ eligibility for IWVGA projects but directed the Authority to Region 10 personnel for final scoping. We are experiencing some frustration with Region 10 personnel due to lack of sufficient staffing to handle local water condition issues. The Bureau of Reclamation, like the State Department of Water Resources, is facing an unprecedented

lack of water supplies that is curtailing water deliveries through the Central Valley Project across the state. As such, the CVP staff has spent all of its time on water operations and asked us to schedule meetings with them once the water delivery targets are sorted out. We continue to work with the Region to get through these issues and schedule appropriate scoping meetings.

Wastewater Treatment Plant and NDAA:

Advocacy strategies concerning the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) were developed and launched in February and continued with discussions with key Congressional staff in March. This activity would amend the current DCIP to allow projects sited upon federal lands, but otherwise owned, operated and maintained by a “defense community,” to be eligible under the program. Capitol Core is working through the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) to prioritize this amendment and develop a supporting stakeholder coalition of similarly situated defense communities. In addition, we are advocating for increases in appropriations to the program and continued reauthorization of DCIP for future use by the interconnection project. The advocacy package is attached.

Under existing guidelines, the interconnection project is eligible for DCIP for construction funding within 18-months of completion of the project. The water recycling plant is eligible under the “resiliency” criteria. However, discussions over that project’s “military value,” which are prioritized under the statute, need to be explored.

Task 3: Secure State Funding Sources

Capitol Core formally submitted the City of Ridgecrest’s State Budget Request in March for consideration by Assembly Member Fong and Senator Grove. Assembly Member Fong’s staff got back to us in early April to let us know that he will be sponsoring the budget request for the wastewater treatment facility. **This is a positive development that, if passed as proposed, may lead to a \$5 million appropriation for the facility.** We will continue discussions with Assembly Member Fong and staff as we move the request forward into the budget cycle.

March also marked the *kick-off* of the FY2022/2023 State Budget discussions in Sacramento. At issue is the proposed \$5.1 billion in water infrastructure funding contained within the Governor’s Budget Request. Major priorities for IWVGA include:

- SGMA-IP “Round 2” funding for CODs
- DWR Multi-Benefit program funding (Water Recycling Plant)
- SWRCB Water Recycling program funding (Water Recycling Plant)

A large debate within the Executive Branch and Legislature has begun over the DWR’s handling of SGMA-IP funding requests during Round 1. The push by many is to ensure a more *competitive grant process* for SGMA-IP funding. We recommend the Authority oppose such efforts and maintain *funding priorities* methodology used during the Round 1. This will help to ensure that projects identified within the various GSPs, as approved by DWR, are being funded. A staff meeting is currently being scheduled to determine funding priorities for SGMA-IP Round 2 funding should it be appropriated by the Legislature.

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Client: IWV – Indian Well Valley
Groundwater Authority
Project: 2022 Project Assignment
Report: Cost Report, Detail
Period: 01/01/2022 to 03/30/2022
Project Mgr.: Jeff M. Simonetti
Report Date: 04/05/2022
Fields: PO By Tasks w/ sub-amounts
Client PO:
Vendor ID: 195953

Task	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	Remaining Amount
Total Purchase Order				\$174,375.00
1: Secure Imported Water				\$51,625.00
	2022-001	02/01/2022	\$2,707.50	\$48,917.50
	2022-007	03/02/2022	\$6,515.25	\$42,402.25
	2022-012	04/05/2022	\$5,450.00	\$36,952.25
Total Task 1			\$14,297.75	\$36,952.25
2: Secure Federal Funding Source				\$54,425.00
	2022-001	02/01/2022	\$2,375.00	\$52,050.00
	2022-007	03/02/2022	\$2,688.75	\$49,361.25
	2022-012	04/05/2022	\$1,743.75	\$47,617.75
Total Task 2			\$6,807.50	\$47,617.75
3: Secure State Funding Source				\$40,125.00
	2022-001	02/01/2022	\$6,543.75	\$33,581.25
	2022-007	03/02/2022	\$1,495.00	\$32,086.25
	2022-012	04/05/2022	\$3,837.50	\$28,248.75
Total Task 3			\$8,901.25	\$28,248.75
4: Administrative				\$28,200.00
	2022-001	02/01/2022	\$2,050.00	\$26,150.00
	2022-007	03/02/2022	\$2,662.50	\$23,487.50
	2022-012	04/05/2022	\$1,481.25	\$22,006.25
Total Task 4			\$6,568.75	\$22,006.25
Total Project Costs			\$36,575.25	\$137,799.75

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Item 1. Call to Order

Voting members Ed Imsand, David Janiec, Renee Westa-Lusk, Regina Troglin, West Katzenstein, Lyle Fisher, Judie Decker, and Camille Anderson were in attendance. Tim Carrol was attending on-line, but did not have audio to vote. Non-voting members Don Zdeba, Tom Bickauskas, and John Kersey were present. Not present was non-voting member Lorelei Oviatt.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance**Item 3. Open Public Comment (Not Related to Other Agenda Items)**

None received.

Item 4. Approve Minutes of the January PAC Meeting

Judie Decker moved to approve the minutes with one minor correction, seconded by West Katzenstein. The motion was approved 8-0.

Item 5. Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan Review and Update Per Recommended Corrective Action No. 1 of DWR Groundwater Sustainability Plan Approval

Chair David Janiec presented the GA (Groundwater Authority) staff's understanding of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) comments and Recommended Corrective Action No. 1 included in the DWR approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). These included the California Water Code section referenced in the Recommended Corrective Action. In summary, the recommendation from DWR was to update the Communication and Engagement (C&E) Plan focusing on three areas: 1. The key elements for public communication and engagement, and 2. How to engage all stakeholders, both specific user/pumper and diverse social, cultural and economic groups, and 3. Update for GSP implementation and execution rather than GSP development (most specifically, sections 5. Projects and Management Actions, and 6. Implementation Plan). The C&E Plan would likely require periodic review and update as the Implementation progresses and evolves.

PAC Member Comment - Some PAC members questioned whether the GA would actually use an updated plan, while some others noted that DWR has documented this expectation for future GSP status reports, that the GA board members have changed, and that the current GA board have asked us to provide recommendations.

Don Zdeba suggested the PAC review the other seven approved GSPs C&E Plans for insight and potential items we may not have considered. Rene Westa-Lusk suggested that we again look at the Owens Valley Basin C&E Plan, most specifically the localized outreach and engagement strategies section and the secondary conditional strategies section that they included, but was not included in our plan. Tom Bickauskas suggested we review the top five methods that the IWVGA used for the GSP development period and build on that.

All members noted that the recommendations the PAC provided out of the January meeting were relevant to this task. They comprise a great start to improving GA communication and engagement efforts, especially the fact sheets for key elements and the integrated overall schedule.

Regina Troglin noted that the Trona resident stakeholders present a somewhat unique challenge in communication and engagement for the GA.

Public Comment – Don Decker noted that the domestic well owners association has been active for many years providing communications that have included fact sheets, primarily email and general

posting at the Inyokern hardware store, which serves as a de-facto general store of old. The hardware store remains one of the most effective means of communication for the domestic well owners. Facebook seems to be the primary community electronic forum and unfortunately contains much false information. The distrust in the community will be very difficult to overcome.

PAC Action – PAC members agreed that six weeks would be necessary to review and consider all the relevant documentation and begin full PAC development of recommendations. The PAC members will:

1. Provide individual member comments in two page summary form to the Chair for full PAC distribution and review, not later than 11 May. Recommendations should include:
 - a. How can and should stakeholders be involved in the GSP implementation process and be informed of implementation progress? Primarily address this from the perspective of key elements and stakeholder engagement regarding GSP Sections:
 - i. Projects and Management Actions (Section 5), and
 - ii. Implementation Plan (Section 6)
 - b. What changes are recommended to the C&E Plan to incorporate and instantiate these?
 - c. What should be the PAC timetable to periodically re-evaluate stakeholder engagement needs based on GA tasks and projects being implemented
2. Discuss, focus and begin developing full PAC recommendations at the regular PAC meeting, May 26.

Item 6. Member Comments

Tom Bickauskas, West Katzenstein, and Judie Decker noted the PAC has an important task advising the GA in something that is critical to the public and to our future. Getting and maintaining public trust is very difficult and important.

Rene Westa Lusk noted that many people are upset and angry about all the changes and challenges in our society recently and the PAC should focus on providing solid recommendations to address DWR Recommended Corrective Action No.1.

Item 7. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: David Janiec, IWVGA PAC Chair, April 8, 2022

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