

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, May 12, 2021

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 are temporarily limiting public attendance to virtual alternatives only. Please see the Public Comment Notice below for detailed instructions on submitting public comment as well as websites for livestream broadcasting. Telephonic participation by the majority of Board Members 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.

Due to the length of the agenda, one or more recesses should be expected.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

3. 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. Frank Bellino (BCV-21-100415)

- 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.

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting April 14, 2021
- b. Approve Minutes of Special Board Meeting May 6, 2021
- c. Approve Expenditures
**To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
 - i. \$17,768.75 – Regional Government Services – (Extraction Fee / Replenishment Fee)
 - ii. \$11,787.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment Fee)
 - iii. \$5,350.00 – WaterWise Consulting – (Prop. 1 Grant – SDAC)
 - iv. \$22,893.07 – California Rural Water Association (Prop. 1 – SDAC)

7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT

- a. Proposition 1 Grant Status Update
- b. Proposition 68 Grant Status Update
- c. Recycled Water Program Update
- d. Navy/COSO Royalty Fund 2021 Project(s)
- e. GSP Planned Projects – Project No. 4 Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Program Update
- f. GSP Planned Projects – Project No. 1 Surface Percolation Replenishment Update
- g. Introduction of Ordinance 01-21 – Water Conservation

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA’s Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)
- c. Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) Programs Update
- d. Delinquent Accounts

9. CLOSING COMMENTS

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

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – JUNE 9, 2021

11. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, 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. However, as suggested by the Center for Disease Control and set forth in the Executive Order, we are temporarily limiting public attendance through the following virtual alternatives:

- **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, April 14, 2021; 10:00 a.m.

IWVGA Members Present:

Chairman Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Carol Thomas-Keefer, IWVGA General Manager
Phillip Peters, Kern County	Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel
Stan Rajtora, IWVWD	Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers
John Vallejo, Inyo County	Commander Peter Benson, 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, Keith Lemieux, Commander Peter Benson, and Thomas Bickauskas.

Meeting recording and public comment letters submitted are made available at:

<https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings/>

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Chairman Hayman at 10:02 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:02 a.m.

3. 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.
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Closed Session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

4. OPEN SESSION:

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session:
 - Counsel Lemieux reports no action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Hayman
- c. April Keigwin calls the following roll call:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 12, 2021
- b. Approve Minutes of Special Board Meeting March 31, 2021
- c. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
 - i. \$142,134.41 – Stetson Engineers (February & March) (Prop. 1 Grant)
 - ii. \$2,320.00 – Regional Government Services (Extraction Fee / Replenishment Fee)
 - iii. \$23,831.25 – Capitol Core Group (February & March) (Replenishment Fee)
 - iv. \$5,250.00 – WaterWise Consulting – (Prop. 1 Grant – SDAC)
 - v. \$24,443.66 – California Rural Water Association (Prop. 1 – SDAC)

Carol Thomas-Keefer requests the Board make a finding to add an additional invoice to this meeting’s Consent Agenda in the amount of \$11,441.00 payable to Insurica to cover the cost for the insurance plan through CalMutuals JPRIMA. The invoice was received after the agenda was posted but needs to be approved as it requires payment by April 30.

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by John Vallejo to make a finding that the additional invoice payable to Insurica in the amount of \$11,441.00 be added to the Consent Agenda for approval.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 10, 2021, Minutes of Special Board Meeting March 31, 2021, and the following expenditures in the amount of \$142,134.41 to Stetson Engineers, \$2,320.00 to Regional Government Services, \$23,831.25 to Capitol Core Group, \$5,250.00 to WaterWise Consulting, \$24,443.66 to California Rural Water Association, and \$11,441.00 to Insurica

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson, Joseph Montoya, Heather Steele, and Steve Reich provide updates on the following grants/programs: Prop. 1 Grant Status, Prop. 68 Grant Status, New Prop 68 Grant Funding Application, Recycled Water Program, Navy/COSO Royalty Fund 2021 Project(s), GSP Planned Projects – Project No. 4 Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Program, GSP Planned Projects – Project No. 1 Surface Percolation Replenishment Update, Preliminary CY 2021 Sustainable Yield Allotments, and GSP Annual Reports (presentations made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Judie Decker, Don Decker and Kimberley Leefatt.

Chairman Hayman calls for a recess at 12:47 p.m.
Meeting reconvenes at 1:00 p.m.

8. BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SHALLOW WELL IMPACT MITIGATION REPORT FORM:

Steve Johnson provides a staff report and presentation for the Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Report Form (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Judie Decker, Don Decker and West Katzenstein.

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve the Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Report Form.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides updates on the following: Monthly Financial Update, Report on IWVGA’s Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group), Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) Program, and Delinquent Accounts (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Rajtora expresses desire to return to in person meetings.

Director Vallejo highlights the recent denial for grant money was due to a lack of having a shovel ready project. Vallejo states the Board needs to identify a partner for the pipeline project.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2021

12. ADJOURN:

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 2:26 p.m. on April 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 6, 2021; 10:00 a.m.

IWVGA Members:

Chairman Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Carol Thomas-Keefer, IWVGA General Manager
Phillip Peters, Kern County	Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel
Stan Rajtora, IWVWD	Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers
John Vallejo, Inyo County	Commander Peter Benson, 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, Phillip Peters, Carol Thomas-Keefer, and Steve Johnson.

Meeting recording and public comment letters submitted are made available at:

<https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings/>

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

2. OPEN SESSION:

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ORDER ON SEARLES VALLEY MINERALS FOR FAILURE TO REPORT AND PAY REPLENISHMENT FEES (Does not include domestic water service provided through Searles Domestic Water):

Special Counsel Markman presents a staff report and Resolution 04-21 (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Jeff Dunn, legal counsel for Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) and Burnell Blanchard, Vice President of Operations, speak on behalf of SVM.

The Board hears public comment from Priscilla Vinigon, Renee Westa-Lusk, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Regina Progalin, Ray Becker, and Tyler Montoya.

Motion is made by John Vallejo and seconded by Phillip Peters to 1) Continue the Public Hearing to the June 9th, 2021 Regular IWVGA Board Meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and 2) IWVGA Staff to seek additional information regarding the infrastructure of SVM's pipeline that feeds Searles Domestic Water.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

5. CLOSING COMMENTS:

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2021

7. ADJOURN:

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 12:34 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
3/31/2021	11920

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	4/30/2021	4/13/2021

Date	Description	Amount
3/31/2021	Contract Services for March - please see attached	17,768.75

		Total \$17,768.75
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Indian Wells Valley

Month: **March, 2021**

Advisor Name	Hours and Rates by Pay Period				Total Billed
	1st -15th		16th - EOM		
	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	
Carol Thomas-Keefer	13.75	\$ 125.00	11.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,093.75
April Keigwin	68.20	\$ 100.00	68.70	\$ 100.00	\$13,690.00
Jefferson Kise	4.50	\$ 135.00	1.50	\$ 135.00	\$ 810.00
Sandra Strong	0.00	\$ -	1.75	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
Totals	86.45		82.95		\$17,768.75

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**CAPITOL
CORE
GROUP**

Capitol Core Group, Inc.
205 Cartwheel Bend (Operations Dept.)
Austin, TX 78738 US
949.274.9605
operations@capitolcore.com
www.capitolcore.com

BILL TO

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

INVOICE 2021-028

DATE 05/03/2021 **TERMS** Net 45

DUE DATE 06/17/2021

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
04/05/2021	Balance Forward	23,831.25
	Other payments and credits after 04/05/2021 through 05/02/2021	-23,831.25
05/03/2021	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	11,787.50
	Total Amount Due	11,787.50

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
Task 1 --			
Strategic Communications:Water Procurement Assistance Water Supplier Calls April 2021 (various) {Tatum}	4.50	250.00	1,125.00
Strategic Communications:Water Procurement Assistance Water Purchase Call, IWVGA and staff {Tatum}	2	250.00	500.00
Strategic Communications:Water Procurement Assistance Internal Water Supply Call {Tatum}	0.50	250.00	125.00
Strategic Communications:Water Procurement Assistance Water Supplies Calls April 2021 {Simonetti}	10	225.00	2,250.00
Total Task 1 =			
Task 2 -- Federal Funding Source			
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Congressional Calls, House Appropriations Community Project Funding Request/Authorization Request briefing w/ staff {McKinney}	1.25	250.00	312.50
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Senate Water Infrastructure Bill, S. 917, monitor, analyze and follow-ups w/ various Senate Natural Resource Committee staff, Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla Offices on floor action {McKinney}	2	250.00	500.00
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Follow-up w/ Rep. McCarthy's staff on final NDAA 2022 language {McKinney}	1	250.00	250.00

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Follow-up and Monitoring Senate Appropriations staff Legislatively-directed spending requests {McKinney}	0.75	250.00	187.50
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Finalization of NDAA language {McKinney}	1.50	250.00	375.00
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Briefing Documents and conf. call w/ Sen. Padilla {Simonetti}	3	225.00	675.00
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Briefing and follow-up w/ Rep. Obernolte {Simonetti}	2.50	225.00	562.50
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs WWTP: Research, grant search, collateral development, scheduling update, various calls {Simonetti}	7.50	225.00	1,687.50
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Rep. McCarthy Office call and authorization development {Simonetti}	2	225.00	450.00
Total Task 2 =			
Task 3 -- Department of Defense Liaison			
Government Relations:Federal Legislative Affairs Coordination U.S. Navy on funding request, various internal calls {Simonetti}	3	225.00	675.00
Total Task 3 =			
Task 4 -- State Funding Source			
Government Relations:California Legislative Affairs Department of Water Resources, Natural Resources Agency and State Water Resources Control Board strategy development, communications materials development and internal calls {McKinney}	2.50	250.00	625.00
Total Task 4 =			
Task 5 -- Board Meetings and Reporting			
Administrative Board Meeting and Closed Session Presentation on Water Supply {Tatum}	1	250.00	250.00
Administrative Board Meetings, Monthly Status Updates, and Reporting {Simonetti}	5.50	225.00	1,237.50
Total Task 5 =			

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

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES

11,787.50

TOTAL DUE

\$11,787.50

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WaterWise Consulting, Inc.

"Conserving our natural resources for future generations"

1751 S. Grand Ave.
Glendora, CA 91740

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/30/2021	6740

Customer
Indian Wells Groundwater Authority Attn: Accounts Payable 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Contract No.	Due Date	Terms
02-19	7/29/2021	Net 90

Item	Description	Amount
Rebate Administration	Indian Wells Groundwater Authority Water Conservation Rebate Program Service Period: April 2021 Task: Monthly Administration - \$5,000.00 x 1 = \$5,000.00 Task: Website Development - \$4,000.00 x 0 = \$0.00 Task: Program Manager - \$125.00 x 0 = \$0.00 Task: Design, Marketing & Outreach - \$80.00 x 0 = \$0.00 Task: Customer Rebates - \$350.00 TOTAL THIS INVOICE: \$5,350.00	5,350.00

Please Make Check Payable To: WaterWise Consulting, Inc.

Total	\$5,350.00
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Phone #	Fax #	E-Mail	Web Site
(626) 335-7888	(626) 628-0311	info@waterwise-consulting.com	www.waterwise-consulting.com

Indian Wells Groundwater Authority

Water Conservation Rebate Program

Service Period: April 2021

Fixed Labor Cost Breakdown

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Staff Name(s)</i>	<i>Service Date(s)</i>	<i>Item Qty.</i>	<i>Fixed Rate</i>	<i>Total Billed</i>	<i>Labor Summary</i>
Monthly Administration	Rebecca Shields Moose Blanca Cortez	4/1/2021 to 4/30/2021	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	* Customer Service Representative Staffing * Assist customers via phone and email
					\$ 5,000.00	

Hourly Labor Cost Breakdown

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Staff Name</i>	<i>Service Date(s)</i>	<i>Qty. Hours</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>	<i>Total Billed</i>	<i>Labor Summary</i>
			0		\$ -	
					\$ -	

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Staff Name</i>	<i>Service Date(s)</i>	<i>Qty. Hours</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>	<i>Total Billed</i>	<i>Labor Summary</i>
			0	\$ 80.00	\$ -	
					\$ -	

Customer Rebates

<i>Customer Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Rebate Amount</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Cheryl Cooper	4325 Ward Ave.	Ridgecrest	CA	93555	\$ 350.00	1 Clothes Washer, 1 Dishwasher
					\$ 350.00	

Invoice Total: \$ 5,350.00

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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 #: SVWD-FSLD-A-006
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 SVWD-FSLD-A

IWVGA-Searles Valley Water District			
Work Plan/AR #	Description of work	Date	Cost
ADMIN	Admin and project support	Invoice period	\$ 918.75
Technician	Pioneer Point Survey	Invoice period	\$ 10,520.00
Technician	Travel	Invoice period	\$ 4,352.50
Travel Expenditures			
Name	Description of Travel	Cost	
Michael Sims	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,813.83
Abel Silva	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,352.42
Mark Hardison	Meals, Lodging, Milage	\$	1,423.28
Equipment			
Name	Description of Equipment	Cost	
Suvey supplies (Invoice ID #562882)	Survey Equipment	\$	102.29
INVOICE TOTAL:			\$ 20,483.07

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

Signature

5/7/2021

Date



California

Rural Water Association

Expenditure Tracking

Invoice #	Amount
SVWD-FSLD-A-001	\$1,295.00
SVWD-FSLD-A-002	\$11,164.64
SVWD-FSLD-A-003	\$20,116.25
SVWD-FSLD-A-004	\$22,658.66
SVWD-FSLD-A-005	\$22,060.53
SVWD-FSLD-A-006	\$20,483.07
Total	\$97,778.15

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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



California

Rural Water Association

Expenditure Tracking

Invoice #	Amount
RSDAC-FSLD-A-001	\$230.00
RSDAC-FSLD-A-002	\$2,410.00
Total	\$2,640.00

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IWVGA Board Meeting May 12, 2021

Proposition 1 Status Update

- Invoice #8a
 - Covers July through September 2020
 - Total payment after retention: \$137,765.72
 - Status: Submitted November 30, 2020
 - Progress Reports combined for Prop 1 & Prop 68 submitted November 30, 2020
 - On March 16, DWR requested environmental and site clearance documents and an updated Environmental Information Form for Prop 1 monitoring wells, stream gages, and weather stations.
 - Certain documents were in the possession of the Navy
 - Environmental and site clearance documents were submitted on April 19, and are currently being reviewed by DWR.
 - Updated Environmental Information Form currently being prepared with attorneys
- Invoice #9a
 - Covers October through December 2020
 - Total payment after retention: \$127,787.67
 - Status: Submitted February 26, 2021
 - DWR requested clarification on data charges for weather stations; response provided on May 3
 - Progress Reports combined for Prop 1 & Prop 68 submitted February 26, 2021
- Invoice #10a
 - Covers January through March 2021
 - Current estimated amount: ~\$100,000
 - Due by May 30, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 7a



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IWVGA Board Meeting May 12, 2021

Proposition 68 Status Update

- Invoice # 9b
 - Covers October through December 2020
 - Total payment after retention: \$4,348.28
 - Submitted February 26, 2021
 - Status: Approved on March 26; currently awaiting payment
- Invoice # 10b
 - Covers January through March 2021
 - Current estimated amount: ~\$3,500
 - Due by May 30, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 7b



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IWVGA Board Meeting May 12, 2021

Recycled Water Program Update

- Recycled Water Use Alternatives Analysis was authorized at January 2021 Board meeting
 - Evaluate the potential uses of recycled water in the Basin and identify those uses that achieve the highest and most cost-effective benefits towards sustainable Basin management and reduction of imported water requirements
- Alternatives Analysis Update
 - Recycled Water White Paper was prepared during week of April 19 with Krieger & Stewart and Capitol Core Group to pursue state funding via Congressman McCarthy
 - IWVGA Staff met with City and IWVWD on April 28 to discuss IWVWD's recycled water use alternatives analysis outline prepared by Krieger & Stewart
 - Stetson met with Krieger & Stewart on May 4 to coordinate preparation of a joint scope of work
 - Recycled Water Working Group to be assembled, including technical staff from IWVGA (Stetson), City (MKN), and IWVWD (Krieger & Stewart)
 - Joint scope of work to be released to Working Group during week of May 10, released to TAC after Working Group review and revision

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Rose Valley Monitoring Well FY 2021 COSO Project Status

- Archeological survey was required - sites cleared on April 29.
- Archeological report in process, to be completed and submitted to BLM on May 7th
- This completes BLM's SF 299 submittal process
- BLM performing NEPA
- Final package submitted to Navy upon BLM completion of SF 299

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FY 2022 COSO Project Status

- Two-year investigation to characterize and quantify mountain-front recharge
 - Year 1 (FY 22) – Geophysical and Geologic Study to define geometry and structure of mountain-front recharge areas along basin margin along Sierra Nevada Mountains. Focus will be on Indian Wells Canyon.
 - Year 2 (FY 23) – Installation of monitoring wells to measure water level gradient and perform geochemical analyses for isotopes and trace elements. Quantify mountain front recharge to support sustainability.
- Scope of work and total cost of FY 22 ready for submittal to Navy during week of May 16th.

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GSP Planned Projects – Project No. 4 Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Program Update

- Progress underway for developing evaluation criteria and documenting program requirements
 - Draft intended to be brought to TAC/PAC in June for comments
- Analysis will include the following:
 - Nature and cause of well failure
 - Historical and current groundwater levels
 - Water quality
 - Evaluation of owner vs IWVGA responsibility for repair

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Infiltration Study

- Two-year investigation to characterize and quantify mountain-front recharge
 - Year 1 (FY 22) – Geophysical and Geologic Study to define geometry and structure of mountain-front recharge areas along basin margin along Sierra Nevada Mountains. Focus will be on Indian Wells Canyon.
 - Year 2 (FY 23) – Installation of monitoring wells to measure water level gradient and perform geochemical analyses for isotopes and trace elements. Quantify mountain front recharge to support sustainability.
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Introduction of Ordinance 01-21

Emergency Water Conservation Mandatory Restrictions

- A. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority is the only water resources and supply management agency that covers the entire IWV Basin.
- B. Under Water Code section 10725, the Authority "...may restrict the use of groundwater during an emergency caused by drought, or other threatened or existing water shortage, and to prohibit the wastage of groundwater or the use of groundwater during such periods, for any purpose other than household uses or such other restricted uses as may be determined to be necessary by IWVGA and may prohibit use of such water during such periods for specific uses which IWVGA may from time to time find to be nonessential..."
- C. The Authority is considering this Ordinance to establish a drought conservation plan to reduce water consumption in residential, commercial, agricultural, public and industrial landscape, and the hotel/motel, and restaurant industry and implement a more efficient use of water.

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Introduction of Ordinance 01-21

Emergency Water Conservation Mandatory Restrictions

- D. Prohibition against “waste” of water
 - Landscape irrigation runoff
 - Hard scape wash down
 - Known leaks
 - Vehicle washing
- E. Restrict Irrigation Year-Round
- F. Notices and Penalties
- G. General Managers Authority to Extend Ordinance
- H. Effective Date

Release Draft Ordinance to Policy Advisory Committee During May 2021

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YEAR TO DATE: 1/1/21-3/31/21

	Administration		GSP Development		Replenishment Fee		Transient Pool (Mitigation)		TOTAL	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
REVENUE										
Pumping Fee			199,578	1,959,673	50,500	8,356,306	10,489	69,381	260,566	10,385,360
Allocation to Admin: Extraction Fee Revenue		911,050							-	911,050
Allocation to Admin: Replenishment Fee Revenue		910,401							-	910,401
Rose Valley Reimbursement by Navy		300,000							-	300,000
Prop 1 Grant -GSP Preparation @ \$1,500,000			3,412	324,494					3,412	324,494
Prop 1 Grant -SDAC Reimburse @ \$646,000				389,051					-	389,051
Prop 68				283,918					-	283,918
IWVWD Credit @ \$615,082.87					615,083				615,083	-
TOTAL REVENUE	-	2,121,451	202,990	2,957,136	665,583	8,356,306	10,489	69,381	879,062	13,504,274
EXPENSES										
Beginning balance position		119,190		(156,525)						
Contract Administration(RGS)		225,000							-	225,000
Insurance		10,000							-	10,000
Audit		7,000	1,000						1,000	9,000
Public Ed/Outreach		5,000							-	5,000
Legal - GSP Implementation		100,000							-	100,000
Legal - Special Counsel		250,000							-	250,000
Meetings & Prep		12,000							-	12,000
General Engineering		50,000							-	50,000
Production Reporting Support		36,000							-	36,000
TSS Coordination: Drilling Support		30,000							-	30,000
TSS Coordination: Coordination/Application Supp		30,000							-	30,000
Coordination w/DWR on GSP Review		50,000							-	50,000
Annual Report		30,000							-	30,000
Data Management System		26,000							-	26,000
Allocation Plan for Sustainable Yield:									-	
Allocation Plan for Sustainable Yield: Allocation Process and Pool Supp		30,000							-	30,000
Allocation Plan for Sustainable Yield: Rules/Regs on Pumping/restrictions		10,000							-	10,000

Actual vs Budget

	Administration		GSP Development		Replenishment Fee		Transient Pool (Mitigation)		TOTAL	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Expenses not aligned with budget expense items									-	
Website Fees			266						266	
Publishing			1,421						1,421	
Well Monitoring			1,680						1,680	
									-	
									-	
Other	100								100	
TOTAL EXPENSES	100	2,076,604	57,825	2,747,001	329,408	1,536,900	-	70,000	387,332	7,235,571
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(100)	44,847	145,165	210,135	336,175	6,819,406	10,489	(619)	491,729	6,268,702

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To: Carol Thomas-Keefer, General Manager – IWVGA

From: Jeff Simonetti, Senior Vice President

cc: Michael McKinney
Todd Tatum
Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineering
Members of the IWVGA Board of Directors

Date: May 12, 2021

Subject: Project Update Memorandum for April 2021 activities

The following memo will serve as Capitol Core's update for activities that we completed in April:

2021 NDAA Timing

Last month, we reported that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would begin markups in either April or May. However, NDAA markups are delayed as a result of waiting on President Biden's budget. The Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jack Reed (D-RI) stated in a hearing in late April that he does not expect to begin work on this year's NDAA until July once the President's budget has been released. As we have discussed, we submitted three priorities to Representative McCarthy's office for consideration in this year's policy bill. We will circle back with Rep. McCarthy's staff as well as Armed Services Committee staff later this month to confirm the timing on the NDAA hearings.

Federal Legislation We are Monitoring – WIIN ACT Renewal

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (S.612, 114th Congress, Cornyn R-TX) passed in 2016. The bill provided for a host of infrastructure projects in California including funding for major water storage projects. The bill did not include programmatic funding, and as such the departments that received funds expended most all of them. In February, California Congressmen Mike Garcia (R-Santa Clarita) and David Valadao (R-Hanford) introduced new legislation to extend authorization of the WIIN Act. The bill number is HR 737. The bill is awaiting a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee. All of the Republican members of the California delegation including Minority Leader McCarthy and Rep. Obernolte are bill cosponsors. We are reviewing the bill and its process to see if there are opportunities to pursue programmatic funding within this bill, particularly for the wastewater treatment plant.

Federal Legislation We are Monitoring – Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act (DWWIA)

Another piece of legislation that is moving through Congress currently is the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021 (S. 914). The bill passed out of the Senate on an 89-2 vote on April 28th and is headed

to the House shortly. Among the provisions of the bill, it has potential areas of funding for the wastewater treatment plant including:

- Drinking water State Revolving Loan Funds
- Clean water State Revolving Loan Funds
- Wastewater efficiency grant pilot program
- Clean water infrastructure resiliency and sustainability program
- Water infrastructure financing reauthorization

We are reviewing the details of each of these proposed programs and will flag specific areas that may be able to provide funding resources in the future for the Authority's projects. We will also monitor the bill's progress in the House.

Federal Legislation We are Monitoring – Infrastructure Bill and Potential Wastewater Funding

The status of the infrastructure bill remains in flux. As of now, the Biden Administration and Congressional Leadership continue to push for a \$2 trillion infrastructure funding bill. House and Senate Republicans indicate that they would like to see the infrastructure bill pared back to \$621 billion in spending. They contend that much of the infrastructure projects that President Biden proposed do not follow the traditional definition of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, transit improvements, etc. President Biden has indicated that he is willing to negotiate with Republicans, but he is also not ruling out the use of the Reconciliation process to pass this bill (as he did with the last round of stimulus).

As such, the bill remains in a holding pattern until leadership makes a decision on how they want to proceed and what will be included in the bill. The appropriations cycle has also slowed. While the House Appropriations Committee accepted Community Project Funding Requests (CPFRs, the new term for “earmarks”), it remains uncertain whether there will be a full budget/appropriations cycle rather than a Continuing Resolution. The infrastructure bill remains stalled, and as we mentioned in the opening paragraph, President Biden has not yet submitted his budget to Congress for this year. In addition, Congress will have to address the issue of the debt ceiling limit by the end of July or face another potential government shutdown. These items likely will have to be resolved before further infrastructure spending moves forward.

State Programs We are Monitoring – State Infrastructure Budget Line Items

Capitol Core had a productive meeting with the Department of Water Resource's Legislative Affairs team. As a follow-up to our discussions with the Governor's Office from last month. DWR staff reacted positively towards the wastewater treatment plant project, and offered three potential areas of funding at the state level:

California Water Commission Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP): As we mentioned back in February, the California Water Commission is determining what to do with \$171 million that the Temperance Flat Dam project turned back to the program due to project infeasibility. They are accepting applications for consideration of re-programming these funds. Applications are due by October 22, 2021. In order to be considered under this program, the project would have to complete the following by January 1, 2022:

- Complete a feasibility study
- Have draft environmental documentation ready for public review
- Have commitments for at least 75% of the non-public benefit cost share of the project and
- The Commission must find the project feasible

While Capitol Core is not certain whether completing these requirements is feasible in the timeframe necessary, if they are, there is no cost to submit a feasibility review application to the CWC for review. We are working with Stetson and IWVGA staff to determine whether any of the infrastructure projects will be eligible for this funding by the application deadline.

Prop. 68 Infrastructure Grants: The IWVGA has applied for Prop. 68 grants related to GSP planning. However, Prop. 68 also has a pool of money for infrastructure projects related to drinking water supplies that critically overdrafted groundwater basins are causing negative effects. DWR just released \$26 million in funding for infrastructure projects associated through this program. See the press release [here](#) for details on the 2021 winners. **There is going to be a \$70 million second round of funding in Spring 2022 for this program.**

Federal Funding Programming for Infrastructure: The State of California received significant amounts of funding from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The State will need to determine how these funds get programmed. Our discussion with DWR said that there is no set process for how these funds will get programmed. We will continue to monitor the budget process to determine when and how these funds get programmed and whether there are opportunities for the projects that we are working on.

Other Activities in April

In addition to the items discussed above, we attended parts of the April Board meeting and continued to assist staff with determining and monitoring potential water supplies for the Groundwater Authority.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at 909-568-5645.

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California

Rural Water Association

IWVGA April 2021 Report- Michael Sims (Lead Leak Detection Specialist-CRWA)

April 6: Onsite full day system leak audit at South desert Mutual Water Company

April 7: Onsite full day system leak audit at Pioneer Point. Team Strategy Dinner Meeting

April 8: Onsite half day system leak audit at Pioneer Point

April 19: Revised mapped boundaries for the additional six SDAC System on Diamond Maps

April 20: Onsite full day system leak audit at Pioneer Point

April 21: Onsite full day system leak audit at Pioneer Point. Team Strategy Dinner Meeting

April 22: Onsite half day system leak audit at Pioneer Point

April 23: Jacob & Michael to discuss IWVGA program overview via cell

April 26-30: Gathering data from team and inputting into Pioneer Point folder

I have been communicating with Kurt Weisbrich at West Valley Mutual Water Company via cell and email. He is very helpful and excited this is happening. They need much with their system and with our assistance they are hoping for the best. I have sent him a Prop 1 TA Request as well. I have scheduled this survey for May 3rd.

I spoke with Mrs. Fisher at China Lake Acres MWC and she said they were not interested, but I asked if she could relay and ask John to contact me, nothing yet.

Continued outreach to the other three systems: East Inyokern, Sweetwater CO-OP, and Owens Peak West. Voicemail and Email sent to the remaining systems, Jacob will make contact and verify the scheduling date with the system's point of contact.

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WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Monthly Report

April 2021

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Month Ten Summary

Overview

In June 2020 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) and WaterWise Consulting (WWC) entered into a contract to provide a rebate program to Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDACs) within the IWVGA area. This water conservation program provides rebates to both residential and commercial sites for the installation of high-efficiency water devices. The program is funded for 10 months of administration, and is set to conclude in May 2021. In April work focused on wrapping up the program, and managing the program's single successful applicant.

Marketing and Outreach

Marketing and outreach for the program has concluded, as the program is coming to a close.

Program Applicants and Customer Service

No further calls or applications were received. The eligible applicant from March completed their application and was sent a Notice to Proceed. The applicant submitted final materials showing purchase and installation of eligible devices – a washing machine and a dishwasher - and was approved for rebate. Staff were available during business hours Monday through Friday for incoming calls and emails.

Budget

Total costs in April were \$5,350. This consisted of the \$5,000 monthly administration fee and rebates for a dishwasher and clothes washer. Remaining program budget at the end of March was \$85,400.

In Closing

Month Ten

The deadline for applications at the end of March left the program with one eligible customer in process, who successfully completed their application and has been approved to receive rebates. The intent of our service in April was to assist any further interested customers apply and receive rebates if possible during the month, and no further applications were received.

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