

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, November 8, 2023

Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

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

Pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1) two additional call-in locations have been established for Board Members who will attend this meeting via teleconference at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway Apple Valley, CA. 92307 and at 1360 N Main St Bishop, CA. 93514.

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.*

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Statements from the Public

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS –
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Purchase of Water Rights; Agency Negotiator: Jeff Simonetti; Negotiating Parties: Palmdale Municipal Water District; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD – Kern County Superior Court BCV-22-100281
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Name of case: Searles Valley Minerals Inc v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et. al. - Orange County Superior Court 30-2022-01239487-CU-MC-CJC
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Name of case: Mojave Pistachios, LLC, a California limited liability company, et.al. v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, a California Joint Powers Authority, et. al. - Orange County Superior Court 30-2022-0139479-CU-MC-CJC

5. OPEN SESSION – No earlier than 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 October 11, 2023
- b. Approve Expenditures
**To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
 - i. \$102,801.84 – Stetson Engineers
 - ii. \$24,162.93 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - iii. \$13,881.25 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
 - iv. \$235,682.97 – Provost & Pritchard – (SGMA IP Grant)
 - v. \$3,660.00 – TranSystems – (SGMA IP Grant)
 - vi. \$125,000.00 – City of Ridgecrest

9. RESOLUTION 07-23 AMENDING THE BYLAWS TO ADD A PURCHASING POLICY

10. SHALLOW WELLS IMPACT IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND MITIGATION PROGRAM UPDATE

11. IWVGA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (204-2026) AND 2024 WORK PLAN

12. APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CONTRACT WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP FOR CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTS

AND PERMIT DOCUMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE IMPORTED WATER PIPELINE

13. APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CONTRACT WITH PROVOST & PRITCHARD CONSULTING GROUP FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE IMPORTED WATER PIPELINE

14. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT

- a. Grant Funding
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Imported Water Project
 - ii. Shallow Well Mitigation Program
 - iii. GSP Update
 - iv. 2023 Annual Report
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
 - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
 - iv. Update on LADWP Releases

15. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. C&E Plan Update
- c. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 13, 2023

17. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

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, October 11, 2023

IWVGA Members Present:

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

Attending via teleconference is John Vallejo, Steve Johnson, and April Keigwin.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Chuck Griffin and seconded by Phillip Peters to approve adoption of the agenda. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:04 a.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – (Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Purchase of Water Rights; Agency Negotiator: Jeff Simonetti; Negotiating Parties: Palmdale Municipal Water District; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Government Code Section § 54956.9(d(4))) – 4 Cases.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Government Code Section § 54956.9(c)) – 1 Case.

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Closed Session adjourns at 11:08 a.m.

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

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:13 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports the Board acted by a unanimous vote to direct the Groundwater Authority to apply to serve as class counsel for de minimis pumpers in the Groundwater Adjudication. No additional reportable action was taken.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Hayman
- c. Roll Call

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Thomas Bickauskas, Bureau of Land Management Representative, announces the scoping period for the Environmental Impact Report for the Imported Water Pipeline Project is open until November 4, 2023.

Commander Turner states the IWVGA was not chosen for 2024 Coso Funding.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting September 13, 2023
- b. Approve Expenditures

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- i. \$175,732.44 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$26,604.00 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$16,850.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
- iv. \$222,224.90 – Provost & Pritchard – (SGMA IP Grant)
- v. \$3,240.50 – TranSystems – (SGMA IP Grant)
- vi. \$125,000.00 – City of Ridgecrest

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Chuck Griffin to approve Minutes of Board Meeting September 13, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$175,732.44 to Stetson Engineers, \$26,604.00 to Regional Government Services, \$16,850.00 to Capitol Core Group, \$222,224.90 to Provost & Pritchard, \$3,240.50 to TranSystems, and \$125,000.00 to City of Ridgecrest.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Hayman

Aye

Vice Chair Peters	Aye
Director Itnyre	Absent
Director Griffin	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

9. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGET:

Carol Thomas-Keefer presents 2024 budget.

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by John Vallejo to approve the 2024 budget.
Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

10. APPROVAL OF USBR TITLE XVI FEASIBILITY STUDY – WATER RECYCLING PLANT:

Michael McKinney presents staff report and report on USBR Title XVI Feasibility Study.

11. TRANSIENT POOL ALLOTMENT TRANSFER FORM – AMBER GLOW RANCH:

Carol Thomas-Keefer presents staff report and transfer form.

12. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR TRENCHLESS CROSSINGS:

Heather Steele presents staff report and application to Union Pacific Railroad.

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Phillip Peters to approve the application payment to Union Pacific Railroad.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

13. FIVE YEAR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINIBILITY PLAN UPDATE:

Heather Steele provides PowerPoint Presentation for five-year GSP update.

The Board hears public comment from Judie Decker.

14. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson provides updates on the following grants/programs:

- a. Grant Funding
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Recycled Water Project
 - ii. Imported Water Project
 - iii. Shallow Well Mitigation Program
 - iv. Schedule for 2023 Annual Report
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
 - iii. CMP Timeline
 - iv. Rose Valley Subflow Update
 - v. Update on LADWP Releases

15. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides C&E update and Shallow Well Emergency Assistance for the Halpin Residence. Michael McKinney of Capitol Core Group presents technical memorandum including legislative updates.

16. POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

David Janiec presents report from the September 28, 2023, meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2023

18. ADJOURN:

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 12:58 p.m. on October 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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Invoice

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

Invoice Number: 2652-74
Invoice Date: 11/03/23

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

Professional Services through 9/30/2023

Water Resources Management 2023

01 - Meetings & Prep

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	15.00	\$237.00	\$3,555.00
Supervisor I	17.25	\$206.00	\$3,553.50
Senior Associate	4.00	\$128.00	\$512.00
Associate III	5.00	\$111.00	\$555.00
Assistant I	52.00	\$98.00	\$5,096.00
Assistant II	6.00	\$93.00	\$558.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$13,829.50</u>
			<u>Charge</u>
Reimbursables			
Reproduction (Color)			\$20.47
Reproduction			\$0.45
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$20.92</u>
<i>Meetings & Prep Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$13,850.42</u>

02 - Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	1.00	\$128.00	\$128.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$128.00</u>
<i>Prop 1 / Prop 68 Grant Administration Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$128.00</u>

02.01 - SGMA IP Grant Administration

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	1.00	\$128.00	\$128.00
Assistant I	18.75	\$98.00	\$1,837.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,965.50</u>
<i>SGMA IP Grant Administration Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,965.50</u>

03 - Grant Review & Application Preparation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.50	\$237.00	\$355.50
Senior Associate	2.50	\$128.00	\$320.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$675.50</u>
<i>Grant Review & Application Preparation Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$675.50</u>

04 - Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.50	\$206.00	\$103.00



04 - Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior III	7.25	\$134.00	\$971.50
GIS Manager	0.25	\$122.00	\$30.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,105.00</u>
<i>Data Mgmt System Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,105.00</u>

05 - General Project Mgmt

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.00	\$237.00	\$237.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$237.00</u>
<i>General Project Mgmt Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$237.00</u>

06 - Model Transfer & Upgrade

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.50	\$237.00	\$355.50
Supervisor I	44.25	\$206.00	\$9,115.50
GIS Manager	4.50	\$122.00	\$549.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$10,020.00</u>
<i>Model Transfer & Upgrade Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$10,020.00</u>

07.01 - Imported Water: Planning/Design/Environmental

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	18.00	\$237.00	\$4,266.00
Supervisor I	40.00	\$206.00	\$8,240.00
Associate III	0.75	\$111.00	\$83.25
Assistant I	31.00	\$98.00	\$3,038.00
Assistant II	30.75	\$93.00	\$2,859.75
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$18,487.00</u>
<i>Imported Water: Planning/Design/Environmental Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$18,487.00</u>

07.02 - Imported Water: Engagement/Outreach

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	1.00	\$206.00	\$206.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$206.00</u>
<i>Imported Water: Engagement/Outreach Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$206.00</u>

09 - Recycled Water

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	1.00	\$237.00	\$237.00
Assistant II	0.50	\$93.00	\$46.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$283.50</u>
<i>Recycled Water Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$283.50</u>

11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	2.50	\$206.00	\$515.00
Supervisor II	2.00	\$191.00	\$382.00
Senior Associate	48.25	\$128.00	\$6,176.00
Associate I	8.75	\$122.00	\$1,067.50
GIS Manager	2.00	\$122.00	\$244.00



11 - Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Associate III	17.75	\$111.00	\$1,970.25
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$10,354.75</u>
Reimbursables			<u>Charge</u>
Car Rental			\$401.27
Equipment Rental Expense			\$872.35
Equipment Purchase			\$65.24
Lodging			\$726.73
Meals			\$54.93
Other Expenses			\$47.00
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$2,167.52</u>
Sub-Contractors			<u>Charge</u>
Miller Metals and Fabrication			\$1,147.87
<i>Sub-Contractors Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,147.87</u>
<i>Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$13,670.14</u>

12 - Shallow Well Consolidation Project

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
GIS Manager	1.00	\$122.00	\$122.00
Assistant II	1.50	\$93.00	\$139.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$261.50</u>
<i>Shallow Well Consolidation Project Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$261.50</u>

14 - Production Reporting, Transient Pool & Fee Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	0.50	\$128.00	\$64.00
Associate I	7.00	\$122.00	\$854.00
Associate III	4.00	\$111.00	\$444.00
Assistant I	5.50	\$98.00	\$539.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,901.00</u>
<i>Production Reporting, Transient Pool & Fee Support Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$1,901.00</u>

18.1 - Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	2.00	\$206.00	\$412.00
Associate I	0.50	\$122.00	\$61.00
GIS Manager	2.00	\$122.00	\$244.00
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$717.00</u>
<i>Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$717.00</u>

19 - Brackish Water Group: Data Review & Coordination

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Associate I	2.25	\$122.00	\$274.50
<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$274.50</u>
Reimbursables			<u>Charge</u>
Equipment Purchase			\$59.05
Field Supplies			\$53.73
<i>Reimbursables Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$112.78</u>
<i>Brackish Water Group: Data Review & Coordination Subtotal:</i>			<u>\$387.28</u>

20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation



20 - Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	9.50	\$237.00	\$2,251.50
Supervisor I	7.75	\$206.00	\$1,596.50
Associate III	0.25	\$111.00	\$27.75
Assistant I	37.25	\$98.00	\$3,650.50
Assistant II	0.50	\$93.00	\$46.50
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$7,572.75

Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach & Impacts Evaluation Subtotal: \$7,572.75

21 - General Engineering

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	13.00	\$206.00	\$2,678.00
Senior Associate	6.00	\$128.00	\$768.00
Associate I	4.00	\$122.00	\$488.00
Assistant I	10.00	\$98.00	\$980.00
Assistant II	5.75	\$93.00	\$534.75
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$5,448.75

General Engineering Subtotal: \$5,448.75

22 - GSP 5-Year Update

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	6.00	\$237.00	\$1,422.00
Supervisor I	7.25	\$206.00	\$1,493.50
Supervisor II	45.00	\$191.00	\$8,595.00
Senior Associate	10.50	\$128.00	\$1,344.00
Associate III	2.75	\$111.00	\$305.25
GIS Specialist I	19.00	\$101.00	\$1,919.00
Assistant II	36.75	\$93.00	\$3,417.75
Technical Illustrator	2.50	\$88.00	\$220.00
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$18,716.50

GSP 5-Year Update Subtotal: \$18,716.50

23 - Annual Report Preparation

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Senior Associate	14.25	\$128.00	\$1,824.00
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$1,824.00

Annual Report Preparation Subtotal: \$1,824.00

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

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	0.25	\$206.00	\$51.50
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$51.50

Allocation Plan & Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions Subtotal: \$51.50

26 - Budget Support

Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Supervisor I	1.75	\$206.00	\$360.50
Senior Associate	13.00	\$128.00	\$1,664.00
Associate III	1.00	\$111.00	\$111.00
			Professional Services Subtotal:
			\$2,135.50



	<i>Budget Support Subtotal:</i>		<u>\$2,135.50</u>
<u>27 - Litigation Support</u>			
Professional Services	<u>Bill Hours</u>	<u>Bill Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Principal	10.50	\$237.00	\$2,488.50
Supervisor I	3.25	\$206.00	\$669.50
	<i>Professional Services Subtotal:</i>		<u>\$3,158.00</u>
	<i>Litigation Support Subtotal:</i>		<u>\$3,158.00</u>
	<i>Water Resources Management 2023 Subtotal:</i>		<u>\$102,801.84</u>
	*** Invoice Total ***		<u>\$102,801.84</u>

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/30/2023	15677

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	10/30/2023	10/11/2023

Date	Description	Amount
9/30/2023	Contract Services for September - please see attached	23,793.50

Electronic Payment Information: Five Star Bank Routing: 121143037 Account: 003528782	Total \$23,793.50
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Indian Wells Valley

Month: **September, 2023**

Hours and Rates by Pay Period					
	1st -15th		16th - EOM		Monthly
Advisor	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Reg Hrs	Bill Rate	Total Billed
CT	31.50	\$ 134.00	20.50	\$ 134.00	\$ 6,968.00
AK	77.00	\$ 105.00	57.80	\$ 105.00	\$ 14,154.00
JK	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
GL	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
AM	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
GS	5.75	\$ 137.00	13.75	\$ 137.00	\$ 2,671.50
EF	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
RM	0.00	\$ -	0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sub Totals	114.25		92.05		\$ 23,793.50

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PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/30/2023	15787

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

P.O. No.	Due Date	Inv Sent
	11/15/2023	10/23/2023

Date	Description	Amount
9/30/2023	Reimbursable Expenses for Ridgecrest Monthly Rent & Keigwin (\$300+\$69.43) - please see attached	369.43

Electronic Payment Information: Five Star Bank Routing: 121143037 Account: 003528782	Total	\$369.43
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BILL TO

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

INVOICE 2023-055

DATE 11/01/2023 **TERMS** Net 45

DUE DATE 12/16/2023

VENDOR ID
195953

INVOICE PERIOD
October 2023

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
10/04/2023	Balance Forward	16,850.00
	Other payments and credits after 10/04/2023 through 10/31/2023	-16,850.00
11/01/2023	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	13,881.25
	Total Amount Due	13,881.25

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
Task1: Secure Water Supplies			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	2.50	275.00	687.50
Subtask A: Agency Seller 2 Re-engagement, meeting and discussion {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	2	250.00	500.00
Subtask A: Re-engagement Agency Seller #2 {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	275.00	275.00
Subtask A: Agency Seller #3 Meeting {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1.50	250.00	375.00
Subtask A: Agency Seller #3 follow-up {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	275.00	275.00
Subtask A: Private Seller #4 call {Tatum}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	1	250.00	250.00
Subtask C: Interconnection Agreement and Deliverables Follow-up {Simonetti}			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs	6	275.00	1,650.00
Subtask D: 2024 Water Marketing calls {Tatum}			
Task 1 Invoice Total: \$3,762.50 (15 hours)			
Task 2: Interconnection Project			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Government Relations:California Legislative: State Funding Request, Development, Advocacy, and internal strategy {McKinney}	4	275.00	1,100.00
Government Relations:California Agency: Interconnection Pipeline Project, Remaining Planning Funds -- Research and Memo to Client {McKinney}	2.50	275.00	687.50
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: Direct Advocacy -- WRDA-24 Sec. 219 (EI) {McKinney}	2	275.00	550.00
Government Relations:California Interconnection Project Planning Funds {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
Government Relations:California Legislative: 2024 State Funding Request {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
Government Relations:Federal Congressional: Graphic Design Modification WRDA-24 Request {Henderson}	1	175.00	175.00
Government Relations:California Legislative: Graphic Design/Layout -- State Funding Request {Henderson}	1.25	175.00	218.75
Task 2 Invoice Total: \$3,231.25 (12.75 hours)			
Task 3: Water Recycling Plant Project			
Government Relations:Federal Review of Title XVI staff report {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
Task 3 Invoice Total: \$250.00 (1 hour)			
Task 4: Wastewater Treatment Plant Project			
Government Relations:California Agency: Build America, Buy America (WWTP) regulations (split) {McKinney}	1.50	275.00	412.50
Government Relations:California AB 444 follow-up and 2024 Activities {Simonetti}	1.25	250.00	312.50
Task 4 Invoice Total: \$725.00 (2.75 hours)			
Task5: Other Projects Supporting the GSP			
Government Relations:California Subtask A: Shallow Well Mitigation: Constituent Service -- Agency Research, Client Report and constituent meeting {McKinney}	2	275.00	550.00
Government Relations:California Subtask B: Agency: Land Repurposing funding research {McKinney}	1.50	275.00	412.50
Government Relations:California Subtask B: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Follow-up {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
Government Relations:Federal Subtask B: REPI Seminar and follow-up {Simonetti}	2	250.00	500.00
Government Relations:California Subtask C: Assembly Bill 779 follow-up re: implementation {Simonetti}	0.50	250.00	125.00
Government Relations:California Subtask D: Legislative: 2024 Legislative Proposal {McKinney}	1.50	275.00	412.50
Task 5 Invoice Total: \$2,250.00 (8.5 hours)			
Task 6: Project Administration			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
General Business Items:Project Administration Board Meeting: Materials Preparation, October Meeting, Staff Meetings {McKinney}	3.50	275.00	962.50
General Business Items:Project Administration Milestone Reports: Legislative Agenda Development and Staff Report {McKinney}	3	275.00	825.00
General Business Items:Project Administration Board Meeting October {Tatum}	2.50	275.00	687.50
General Business Items:Project Administration Board Mtgs: Materials Preparation and Board Meeting {Simonetti}	2	250.00	500.00
General Business Items:Project Administration Milestone Reports: Graphic Design/Layout -- 2024 Legislative Agenda {Henderson}	2.50	175.00	437.50
Invoice Total Task 6: \$3,412.50 (13.5 hours)			

Compliance Reporting Notes:			
Invoice Total IWVGA Federal Reporting: \$1,475.00			
Invoice Total City of Ridgecrest Reporting: \$0.00			
Invoice Total IWVGA State Reporting: \$4,256.25			
Invoice Total City of Ridgecrest Reporting: \$725.00			

Thank you for your business. Please make checks payable to Capitol Core Group, Inc.		TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES	13,881.25
		TOTAL DUE	\$13,881.25

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April Keigwin
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

October 27, 2023
Project No: 04101-23-002
Invoice No: 104792

Project Name: IWVGA Imported Water Conveyance Design Services

Client Project #:

See Monthly Progress Report attached to the front of this invoice.

Professional Services from September 25, 2023 to October 22, 2023

Phase: 121P Coordination Meetings

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	.50	178.00	89.00	
Senior Engineer	19.70	195.00	3,841.50	
Assistant Engineer	3.50	126.00	441.00	
Associate Engineer	5.50	156.00	858.00	
Principal Engineer	12.20	207.00	2,525.40	
Principal Engineer	.50	227.00	113.50	
Project Administrator	.10	94.00	9.40	
Project Administrator	2.00	108.00	216.00	
Senior GIS Specialist	7.00	147.00	1,029.00	
Associate Technician	.50	119.00	59.50	
Associate Biologist	2.30	130.00	299.00	
Totals	53.80		9,481.30	
Total Labor				9,481.30
			Total this Phase:	\$9,481.30

Phase: 131P P&P General PM

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	8.00	186.00	1,488.00	
Senior Engineer	23.00	195.00	4,485.00	
Principal Engineer	2.40	217.00	520.80	
Principal Engineer	2.90	227.00	658.30	
Principal Engineer	33.10	238.00	7,877.80	
Project Administrator	9.30	101.00	939.30	
Senior Technician	9.50	150.00	1,425.00	
Associate GIS Specialist	2.30	105.00	241.50	
Travel Time	6.10	80.00	488.00	
Totals	96.60		18,123.70	
Total Labor				18,123.70
			Total this Phase:	\$18,123.70

Phase: 231P Surveying

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Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage			357.05	
	Total Reimbursables		357.05	357.05
		Total this Phase:		\$357.05

Phase: 252G SEI Geotechnical Services

Consultants

Consultants			994.75	
	Total Consultants		994.75	994.75
		Total this Phase:		\$994.75

Phase: 262C FW Yeager CP Design

Consultants

Consultants			9,660.00	
	Total Consultants		9,660.00	9,660.00
		Total this Phase:		\$9,660.00

Phase: 272P CalTrans Encroachment Permit

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	8.50	178.00	1,513.00	
Senior Engineer	3.00	195.00	585.00	
Principal Engineer	20.60	207.00	4,264.20	
Totals	32.10		6,362.20	
	Total Labor			6,362.20
		Total this Phase:		\$6,362.20

Phase: 273P City of California City Permit

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	9.00	178.00	1,602.00	
Senior Engineer	1.20	195.00	234.00	
Principal Engineer	1.40	238.00	333.20	
Totals	11.60		2,169.20	
	Total Labor			2,169.20
		Total this Phase:		\$2,169.20

Phase: 274P Kern Roads Agreement/Encroachment Permit

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	13.50	178.00	2,403.00	
Senior Engineer	3.00	195.00	585.00	
Totals	16.50		2,988.00	
	Total Labor			2,988.00
		Total this Phase:		\$2,988.00

Phase: 275P SCE Encroachment Permit

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	18.50	178.00	3,293.00	
Senior Engineer	2.70	195.00	526.50	
Assistant Engineer	2.50	126.00	315.00	
Principal Engineer	4.00	207.00	828.00	
Totals	27.70		4,962.50	
Total Labor				4,962.50

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage			38.42	
Total Reimbursables			38.42	38.42

Total this Phase: \$5,000.92

Phase: 281P P&P Preliminary Design Report

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	6.30	195.00	1,228.50	
Associate Engineer	2.20	140.00	308.00	
Assistant Engineer	13.50	112.00	1,512.00	
Associate Engineer	.50	156.00	78.00	
Principal Engineer	4.80	227.00	1,089.60	
Totals	27.30		4,216.10	
Total Labor				4,216.10

Total this Phase: \$4,216.10

Phase: 282D P&P Drafting Preliminary Design

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Technician	2.00	150.00	300.00	
Associate Technician	5.00	119.00	595.00	
Totals	7.00		895.00	
Total Labor				895.00

Total this Phase: \$895.00

Phase: 311P P&P 30% Submittal

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Engineer	50.20	178.00	8,935.60	
Senior Engineer	67.70	195.00	13,201.50	
Associate Engineer	21.90	140.00	3,066.00	
Assistant Engineer	5.60	112.00	627.20	
Assistant Engineer	2.40	105.00	252.00	
Senior Technician	7.70	143.00	1,101.10	
Assistant Engineer	46.40	126.00	5,846.40	
Associate Engineer	.50	156.00	78.00	
Principal Engineer	10.40	207.00	2,152.80	
Principal Engineer	15.00	227.00	3,405.00	
Principal Engineer	2.80	248.00	694.40	
Project Administrator	3.50	101.00	353.50	
Senior Technician	.60	158.00	94.80	
Senior Technician	22.00	150.00	3,300.00	

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Associate Technician		1.50	119.00	178.50
Totals		258.20		43,286.80
Total Labor				43,286.80
Total this Phase:				\$43,286.80

Phase:	312D	P&P Drafting 30% Submittal		
Labor				
		Hours	Rate	Amount
Assistant Engineer		1.70	105.00	178.50
Senior Technician		13.10	143.00	1,873.30
Assistant Engineer		96.80	126.00	12,196.80
Principal Engineer		1.50	217.00	325.50
Principal Engineer		2.50	227.00	567.50
Senior Technician		7.40	158.00	1,169.20
Senior Technician		37.30	150.00	5,595.00
Associate Technician		28.00	119.00	3,332.00
Totals		188.30		25,237.80
Total Labor				25,237.80
Total this Phase:				\$25,237.80

Phase:	31T3	Pipeline Calculations TM - 30%		
Labor				
		Hours	Rate	Amount
Senior Engineer		1.70	164.00	278.80
Assistant Engineer		27.60	112.00	3,091.20
Assistant Engineer		16.50	126.00	2,079.00
Principal Engineer		.80	238.00	190.40
Totals		46.60		5,639.40
Total Labor				5,639.40
Total this Phase:				\$5,639.40

Phase:	31T4	Pipeline Facilities TM - 30%		
Labor				
		Hours	Rate	Amount
Senior Engineer		10.40	195.00	2,028.00
Associate Engineer		7.60	140.00	1,064.00
Principal Engineer		4.40	207.00	910.80
Principal Engineer		26.30	227.00	5,970.10
Totals		48.70		9,972.90
Total Labor				9,972.90
Total this Phase:				\$9,972.90

Phase:	31T5	Blending Tank Design - 30%		
Labor				
		Hours	Rate	Amount
Senior Engineer		8.50	178.00	1,513.00
Senior Engineer		1.70	195.00	331.50
Assistant Engineer		7.80	105.00	819.00
Principal Engineer		.30	227.00	68.10
Totals		18.30		2,731.60
Total Labor				2,731.60

Total this Phase: \$2,731.60

Phase: 31T9 Preliminary Permitting Reqs - 30%

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Principal Engineer	2.00	207.00	414.00	
Totals	2.00		414.00	
Total Labor				414.00
Total this Phase:				\$414.00

Phase: 421P P&P Water Quality Bench Testing

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Assistant Engineer	17.00	126.00	2,142.00	
Associate Engineer	25.00	156.00	3,900.00	
Travel Time	9.00	80.00	720.00	
Totals	51.00		6,762.00	
Total Labor				6,762.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage			201.12	
Other Direct Reimb Expenses			1,181.77	
Total Reimbursables			1,382.89	1,382.89
Total this Phase:				\$8,144.89

Billing Limits

	Current	Prior	To-Date	
Total Billings	155,675.61	1,515,778.06	1,671,453.67	
Budget			3,770,969.00	
Budget Remaining			2,099,515.33	
Total this Invoice				<u><u>\$155,675.61</u></u>

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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

October 24, 2023
Project No: 04101-23-001
Invoice No: 104718

Project Name: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority-CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation

Client Project #:

TSK 1 Initial Coordination: Initial Coordination tasks with staff and agencies to keep project schedule on track. Weekly coordination meetings and tasks for project progression. Prepare scope and cost for amendment for additional tasks. Meetings and discussion for additional alternatives to current described project. Internal management meetings for project progression discussions.

TSK 2 Geotechnical Studies: Preparations and discussions for geotechnical survey field work. Discuss bore sites with survey team. Review documents from sub consultant and jurisdictional features. Review maps, discuss revisions, and revise. Email correspondence with BLM and IWVGA staff regarding borings. Reimbursable expenses - travel time to California City for field surveys and site construction monitoring on geotechnical investigation work, rental car expense gas, mileage, and lodging for boring survey.

TSK 3 Technical Studies: Biological - Review and address comments on biological technical reports. Biological, cultural, and Air Quality staff coordination for updating reports and additional field visits. Cultural - Meeting with cultural sub about extended buffer for survey. Scope amendment discussion with subs. Coordination and discussion with BLM regarding project description and field work requirements around tribal areas of concern. Email correspondence with all sub consultant on needs and status of reports for project. Correspondence with BLM on comments for technical reports and ETA of receipt. Invoice for sub consultant field work, research, report preparation, and correspondence. Email and phone calls with Kern Valley Indian Community regarding project and cultural monitoring.

TSK 4 Public Outreach: Update administrative records with comment letters received. Email correspondence with BLM, IWVGA staff, and sub consultant on scoping tasks and BLM comment period. Discuss assistance for BLM comment period. Final check on CEQAnet at closing of comment period.

TSK 5 Regulatory Compliance and Permitting: Discuss ITP and review documents. Review and discuss waters of the state and requirements. Data revisions with GIS team. Prepare and revise permit packages and email correspondence with agencies. Internal meetings and discussions on permitting requirements and next steps.

TSK 6 CEQA/NEPA Documentation: Weekly check-in meeting for CEQA & NEPA tasks and coordination. Research and continued drafting sections for CEQA and NEPA reports, Environmental Justice, and Alternatives Analysis. Drafting and revising exhibits for reports based on engineering updates. Email correspondence and coordination amongst staff for alternatives and other environmental documentation tasks.

Professional Services from September 01, 2023 to September 30, 2023

Phase: TSK1 Initial Coordination

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Principal Engineer	1.50	217.00	325.50	
Administrative Assistant	.10	76.00	7.60	
Project Administrator	13.10	108.00	1,414.80	
Principal Planner	12.30	188.00	2,312.40	
Totals	27.00		4,060.30	
Total Labor				4,060.30

Consultants

Consultants			697.19	
Total Consultants			697.19	697.19

Total this Phase: \$4,757.49

Phase: TSK2 Geotechnical Studies

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Project Administrator	5.10	108.00	550.80	
Senior GIS Specialist	10.00	147.00	1,470.00	
Principal Planner	3.60	188.00	676.80	
Associate GIS Specialist	1.00	105.00	105.00	
Associate Biologist	30.90	130.00	4,017.00	
Totals	50.60		6,819.60	
Total Labor				6,819.60

Consultants

Consultants			1,825.63	
Total Consultants			1,825.63	1,825.63

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage			87.53	
Total Reimbursables			87.53	87.53

Total this Phase: \$8,732.76

Phase: TSK3 Technical Studies

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Project Administrator	5.60	108.00	604.80	
Assistant Envir. Spec.	.30	120.00	36.00	
Principal Planner	8.20	188.00	1,541.60	
Associate Biologist	5.10	130.00	663.00	
Principal Biologist	.80	165.00	132.00	
Totals	20.00		2,977.40	
Total Labor				2,977.40

Consultants

Consultants			9,165.50	
Total Consultants			9,165.50	9,165.50

Total this Phase: \$12,142.90

Phase: TSK4 Public Outreach

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Project Administrator	.30	94.00	28.20	

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Project	04101-23-001	CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documenta	Invoice	104718
Project Administrator		23.60	108.00	2,548.80
Principal Planner		6.30	188.00	1,184.40
Totals		30.20		3,761.40
Total Labor				3,761.40
Consultants				
Consultants				19,675.37
Total Consultants				19,675.37
Reimbursable Expenses				
Travel & Mileage				1,262.10
Other Direct Reimb Expenses				281.37
Total Reimbursables				1,543.47
			Total this Phase:	\$24,980.24

Phase: TSK5 Regulatory Compliance and Permitting

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Project Administrator	.30	94.00	28.20	
Assistant Envir. Spec.	.20	120.00	24.00	
Principal Planner	3.80	188.00	714.40	
Associate Biologist	5.70	130.00	741.00	
Principal Biologist	1.90	165.00	313.50	
Totals	11.90		1,821.10	
Total Labor				1,821.10

Consultants

Consultants			10,933.63	
Total Consultants			10,933.63	10,933.63
			Total this Phase:	\$12,754.73

Phase: TSK6 CEQA/NEPA Documentation

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Project Administrator	6.00	108.00	648.00	
Assistant Planner	47.10	110.00	5,181.00	
Assistant Planner	26.90	90.00	2,421.00	
Principal Planner	10.30	188.00	1,936.40	
Senior Planner	.60	173.00	103.80	
Associate Biologist	21.80	116.00	2,528.80	
Associate Biologist	28.90	130.00	3,757.00	
Totals	141.60		16,576.00	
Total Labor				16,576.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage			63.27	
Total Reimbursables			63.27	63.27
			Total this Phase:	\$16,639.27

Total this Invoice \$80,007.39

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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Attn: April Keigwin - Clerk of the Board
100 W California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Reference:

Invoice Date: 09/30/2023
Project No: P601230025
Invoice Number: 0004256632

Project: IWV - Imported Water Pipeline

For professional services rendered September 1, 2023 through September 3, 2023 for above referenced project

Labor	Name	Rate	Hours	Amount
Industry Specialist IV	Mia J. Garcia	150.00	0.80	\$120.00
Project Consultant 3	April C. Harvey	250.00	2.50	\$625.00
Project Consultant 3	Donald M. Anderson	150.00	6.10	\$915.00
Total Labor			9.40	\$1,660.00
Reimbursables				
Title Services				
Commonwealth Land Title				\$2,000.00
Invoice Total				<u>\$3,660.00</u>

Donald M. Anderson - SR/WA
Senior Project Manager

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REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF RIDGECREST OBLIGATION

PAYMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2023

125,000

SEPTEMBER PAYMENT

EST PMT DATE	PAYMENT	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	TOTAL
8/23/2023	Payment 1	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
9/13/2023	Payment 2	-	125,000	-	-	125,000
10/11/2023	Payment 3	-	-	125,000	-	125,000
11/8/2023	Payment 4	-	-	-	125,000	125,000
	SUBTOTAL	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

REMAINING PAYMENTS

EST PMT DATE	PAYMENT	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	TOTAL
N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
	SUBTOTAL	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ADOPTED 2023 OBLIGATION REPAYMENTS

	Kern County	City of Ridgecrest	Augmentation Fund	Total
Advance Agreements				
Advance of Funds-Est. Repayment 12/31/2022	-	-	-	-
In-Kind Services				
Attorney Services/IT/Council Chambers	-	500,000	-	500,000
Financing				
Water Purchase related Financing- TBD	-	-	-	-
	-	500,000	-	500,000

Upon repayment of Obligations, an inter-fund loan will be created between the Extraction Fund and Augmentation Fund for amount not funded by the Extraction Fund.

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board of Directors **DATE:** November 8, 2023
FROM: Keith Lemieux, General Counsel
SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9 – Resolution 07-23 - Adoption of Purchasing Policy

Background

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority adopted bylaws on May 18, 2017 and reserved Article 11 thereof for future adoption of a purchasing policy. Direction was provided to the General Counsel to develop and present a purchasing policy based primarily on the purchasing regulations adopted by the Indian Wells Valley Water District.

Key provisions of the draft purchasing policy include:

1. Delegation of authority to the General Manager to make purchases and execute contracts valued at up to \$50,000.00 without board approval.
2. Provide procurement procedures for formal bidding, informal bidding, negotiated purchases, direct purchases and emergency purchases.
3. Provide direction on formal bid procedures including, bid notices and invitations, bid security, bid opening, award by Board, and bid resolution.
4. Procedures for the acquisition and disposition of real property in accordance with the Surplus Land Act.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

The Board should review and consider the adoption of Resolution No. 07-23, adopting an amendment to the Authority Bylaws to add a new Article 11 addressing the Authority purchasing policy or provide suggested modifications and revisions for future adoption.

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 07-23

AMENDING THE BYLAWS TO ADD A PURCHASING POLICY

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Clerk of the Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- (a) The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority adopted bylaws on May 18, 2017 and reserved Article 11 thereof for future adoption of a purchasing policy.

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. That Article 11 of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Bylaws is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“ARTICLE 11. PURCHASING POLICY

11.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

A. The Authority's General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to purchase services, supplies, equipment, materials and other real or personal property on behalf of the Authority and to sell such of the same as is declared surplus by the Authority's Board of Directors in accordance with the policies and procedures hereinafter set forth.

B. Except in the event of an emergency, the General Manager shall make purchases pursuant to Section 11.3 only when a Board approved budget line against which the purchase is to be charged exists or necessary budget adjustments have first been duly authorized by the Board of Directors.

11.2 DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions shall govern the construction of this Article:

A. Bidders List. A source from which the Authority may select vendors for bid/quote solicitations.

B. Change Order. Any alteration in specifications, period of performance, quantity or other provisions of any purchase order or contract.

C. Continuing Contract. An ongoing contract for repetitively used goods or services required from time to time, which is bid at one time and which shall be entered into for terms not exceeding the fiscal year into which the contract is entered.

D. Direct Purchase. A purchase from a particular supplier or a limited number of suppliers not requiring a quote/bid procedure.

E. Emergency. A sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

F. Local Bidder. A bidder whose principal place of business address is located in and primarily conducts business from the City Ridgecrest, California.

G. Lowest Responsible Bidder. The lowest bidder whose offer best responds in quality, fitness, and capacity to the particular requirements of the proposed work. The use of this phrase is deemed to vest the Board of Directors with discretionary power as to which is the lowest responsible bidder, having regard to the quality and adaptability of the material or article to the particular requirements of its use.

H. Materials. Any and all items helpful to or necessary for the maintenance

and repair of Authority property or facilities.

I. Open Space Purposes. The use of land for public recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, or conservation of use of natural resources.

J. Purchase. Any transaction by which the Authority acquires ownership or obtains services. Purchases shall also include leases and rentals. In the case of a lease, the total amount of all the payment(s) according to the terms of the lease will constitute the total amount of the purchase. In the case of a rental, the total amount of all the payment(s) according to the terms of the rental agreement will constitute the total amount of the purchase.

K. Responsible Bid. An offer submitted by the Responsible Bidder to furnish equipment, materials, supplies or services in conformity with the specifications, delivery terms and conditions and other requirements included in the invitation for bids.

L. Responsible Bidder. A Bidder who submits a Responsible Bid and who is not only financially responsible, but is possessed of the resources, judgment, skill, ability, capacity and integrity requisite and necessary to perform the contract according to its terms. In addition, the Authority may consider past business dealings with a particular bidder to determine whether a bidder is responsible.

M. Services. Any and all nonprofessional services including, but not limited to, the construction, maintenance and repair of equipment, machinery and other Authority-owned property. This term does not include work performed by Authority Officers or Employees, nor does it include professional services which are in their nature unique.

N. Supplies. Any and all items that are to be used in the normal operation of the Authority to carry on its general operations including, but not limited to, the following: office supplies, lumber, meters, gasoline, oil, welding supplies, pipes, valves, etc.

O. Surplus Land. Land that is determined by the Board of Directors to be no longer needed for Authority use.

11.3 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A. General Manager's Authority to Purchase on Behalf of the Authority.

1. The General Manager is permitted to authorize expenditures for goods and services, excluding vehicles, up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) without prior board approval as prescribed in Section 11.3(B), Direct Purchase Procedure, so long as prudent judgment and sound business practices are utilized to protect the best interest of the Authority.

2. The General Manager is permitted to authorize expenditures for goods and services for more than \$50,000 and up to \$100,000 with prior Board approval as prescribed in Section 11.3(C), Open Market Procedure.

3. The General Manager shall initiate and conduct formal contract procedures for goods and services for more than \$100,000 according to Section 511.3(D), Formal Contract Procedure.

4. The General Manager or designee, is authorized to approve change orders that result in a price increase as long as the cumulative total of all change orders approved by the General Manager or designee for a single contract does not exceed \$50,000.

5. The General Manager may develop and utilize a Bidders List of vendors for use in the Open Market and Formal Contract processes. If utilized, the Bidders List should be periodically updated.

B. Direct Purchase Procedure.

1. The Direct Purchase Procedure may be used in any of the following situations and under the following terms and conditions:

a. When the General Manager determines more than one (1) bid would not be possible or practical and the expenditure does not exceed Fifty - Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), excluding vehicles.

b. When purchasing items or services in minor undetermined quantities for which competitive bidding is not practical.

c. When the General Manager orders work under a continuing contract for purchase of repeatedly used items or services.

d. When standardization is important and equipment and spare parts required for expansion or repair of existing equipment must be procured from the original supplier or from a supplier of identical goods and the expenditure does not exceed Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

e. When the equipment is proprietary in character and is obtainable only from one supplier and the expenditure does not exceed Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

f. When the works to be undertaken or services to be performed are a natural extension of an earlier or ongoing job and the engagement of the same contractor or service provider will be economical and will ensure compatibility of quality of work.

2. Any expenditures made under the Direct Purchase Procedure shall be included in the monthly listing of Accounts Payable. The Board's approval of this listing shall constitute report and ratification for purposes hereof.

C. Open Market Procedure.

1. Open Market Procedure shall be used in the following situations and under the following terms and conditions:

a. When the purchase exceeds \$50,000 and is less than \$100,000, unless specifically authorized under Section 11.3(G), Emergency Purchase Procedure; or

b. When the purchase is for any vehicle, regardless of cost.

2. Wherever reasonably possible, bids from a minimum of three sources shall be solicited by written request (either hard copy, electronic or facsimile).

3. Bids shall be submitted in writing.

4. The award shall be made to the Lowest Responsible Bidder. Notwithstanding this, the following shall apply to the purchase of all vehicles:

a. A Local Bidder(s) that has submitted a vehicle bid shall be given the opportunity to match the lowest responsible bid and thereby awarded the bid, provided the lowest responsible bid was not given by a Local Bidder, if applicable.

b. In the event there are two or more bids for the same amount, the bid shall be awarded to the Local Bidder.

c. In the event there are two or more bids for the same amount submitted by Local Bidders, the Board may award the bid by coin toss or lot.

5. The General Manager shall direct staff to keep a record of all purchases made according to this Open Market Procedure for a period of at least four (4) years.

D. Formal Contract Procedure. Continuing contracts and purchases of an estimated value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or more, shall be made by formal written contract, negotiated and entered into in accordance with the following prescribed procedure.

1. Notice Inviting Bids.

a. A Notice Inviting Bids shall be published once a week for two weeks, with the first publication at least ten (10) days prior to the date designated herein for opening of bids in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published within the County;

b. Bid documents shall be sent to all responsible prospective suppliers whose names appear on any Bidders List, or who have requested that their names be added thereto; and

c. The Notice Inviting Bids shall be advertised in appropriate trade journals, if practical.

2. Form and Content of Notice.

a. No particular form of Notice Inviting Bids shall be required, but the Notice shall clearly set forth:

i. A general description of the articles to be purchased,

ii. That bid blanks and specifications may be obtained at the Authority office or other location,

iii. The time and place by which bids shall be received, and

iv. The time and place for public opening of the bids.

c. Bids received after the time specified for receipt shall be returned unopened.

3. Bidders Security. Where deemed necessary or appropriate, bidder's security may be required, in which case the Notice Inviting Bids shall set forth the details in regard thereto.

4. Opening Bids.

a. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Authority's General Manager, or designee.

b. A sealed bid submitted for consideration shall be identified as "bid" on the envelope.

c. All bids submitted shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the Notice Inviting Bids or as such time may be extended.

d. The General Manager, or designee, shall tabulate all bids received.

e. All opened bids shall be kept available for public inspection during regular business hours for a period of not less than thirty (30) calendar days after the bid opening.

5. Presentation to Board of Directors.

a. At the next meeting of the Board of Directors following the opening of bids, the General Manager shall present the tabulation of bids to the Board of Directors.

b. At its discretion, the Board may postpone the decision, reject any or all bids and re-advertise in any manner it deems appropriate. Following rejection of all bids, should the Board determine not to re-advertise, it may contract for such supplies, equipment, materials and/or services through negotiated contract provided the negotiated purchase price does not exceed the Lowest Responsible Bid.

c. In the event that all bids have not been rejected, the Board shall award the contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder from those remaining.

6. Tie Bids. If two or more bids are for the same total amount or unit price, quality, service and all other things being equal, the Board may:

a. re-advertise; or

b. award the bid by coin toss or lot; or

c. accept the lowest bid made by negotiation with the tie bidders at the time of the opening. Nothing contained in this subparagraph shall relieve the Board of its obligation in the first instance to award the contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder.

7. Contract Requirements. The Board of Directors shall have authority to require:

a. Contractor licenses where appropriate,

b. Insurance and bonds in such amounts as it shall deem necessary, and

c. Any other matter deemed necessary to protect the interest of the Authority.

d. If the Board of Directors requires insurance or bonds, the form and amount shall be described in the Notice Inviting Bids.

E. Emergency Purchase Procedure.

1. In the event of an emergency when it is reasonably necessary that an expenditure in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars(\$50,000) be made prior to the Board's ability to meet and authorize said expenditure, the General Manager may purchase necessary items without prior authorization of the Board of Directors through the use of the Open Market Procedure.

a. The purchase shall be at the lowest obtainable price considering all relevant circumstances at the time, except that in no event shall the amount exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in each instance or occurrence.

b. Whenever reasonably possible, the General Manager should attempt to secure the verbal consent of two Directors of an appropriate committee.

c. If it is not possible to obtain the consent of two Directors of an appropriate committee, the verbal consent of any two Directors should be attempted.

2. A full report of the circumstances surrounding each expenditure shall be filed by the General Manager with the Board of Directors at its next meeting following the transaction. Upon approval of the purchase, the Board shall ratify said expenditure.

F. Purchases by the Authority's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also make any or all of the purchases described herein. Purchases by said Board of Directors shall be made as prescribed in the policies and procedures set forth herein governing purchases by the General Manager, but with the following exceptions:

1. Direct Purchases - shall be made by the Board of Directors as prescribed in Section 11.3(B), Direct Purchase Procedure, except that there shall be no monetary limit applicable to such purchases and no report shall be required.

2. Emergency Purchases - shall be made by the Board of Directors as prescribed in Section 11.3(E), Emergency Purchase Procedure, except that there shall be no monetary limit applicable to such purchases and no report shall be required.

G. Inspection and Testing.

The General Manager, or General Manager's designee, shall inspect goods delivered, and contractual services performed, to determine their conformance with the specifications set forth in the order of contract. The General Manager, or General Manager's designee, shall have authority to require chemical and physical samples submitted with bids and samples of deliveries which are necessary to determine their quality and conformance with specifications.

H. Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property.

1. The Authority shall comply with the Surplus Land Act (Government Code Section 54220, et seq.) in selling surplus land which is not defined as exempt surplus land.

2. The Authority shall comply with Government Section 65402 when acquiring real property by dedication or otherwise for public purposes, when disposing, vacating or abandoning real property, or when constructing or authorizing the construction of a public building/structure in areas governed by a general plan.

a. The Authority shall notify the planning agency of the city or county having jurisdiction of the location, as to the purpose and extent of such proposed acquisition, disposition, or construction.

b. The planning agency shall report to the Authority if the proposed acquisition, disposition or construction is in conformity with the adopted general plan of the county/city within forty (40) days after the Authority has submitted the matter. Failure to report within forty (40) days shall be conclusively deemed a finding of conformity with the general plan.

c. Disapproval by the planning agency as to location, purpose or extent of the proposed acquisition, disposition or construction may be overruled by the Authority.

3. All acquisitions and dispositions of real property by the Authority shall be subject to the formal contract procedure as detailed in Section 11.3(D), to the greatest extent possible. Section 11.3(B) Direct Purchase Procedure, Section 11.3(C) Open Market Procedure and Section 11.3(E) Emergency Purchase Procedure are deemed inapplicable.

I. Professional Services.

1. For general ongoing consulting or other professional services, the following process shall be adhered to:

a. The General Manager shall, on his/her own initiative, or as

otherwise directed by the District Board of Directors, (1) review existing consultant qualifications, including price of services to ensure competitiveness, or (2) prepare and submit to appropriate applicants, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering, legal, and other professional consulting services. The RFQ shall require the applicant to provide appropriate information, including information pertaining to the following:

1. Objectives and goals
2. Recommended approach
3. Background, experience, knowledge, and skills
4. Financial responsibility
5. Firm, and individual resumes
6. Schedule of completion (if applicable)
7. Costs, including retainer and non-retainer charges
8. Other pertinent information

b. The results of the RFQ process shall be referred to a committee of the Board of Directors who shall select those candidates believed to be qualified for the type of services requested ("Qualified Consultants"). From the list of Qualified Consultants, the committee shall select a "Short List" of the most qualified candidates. Thereafter, the committee shall refer the Short List to the Board of Directors for final selection. The Board of Directors may delegate the selection process as they deem necessary.

c. Upon selection of a candidate or candidates from the Short List by the Board of Directors, the General Manager may require a Request for Proposal (RFP) or may enter into negotiations with the selected candidate concerning terms, including price and reporting responsibilities.

2. For consulting services relating to specific projects, the following process may be adhered to:

a. The General Manager or his designee will prepare and submit to the Qualified Consultants, or other consultants deemed qualified by the General Manager or by a committee of the Board, a Request for Proposal which will include sufficient detail to elicit proposals containing specific information. The proposals will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Nature and scope of project, including a description of all services to be rendered
2. Proposed completion schedule
3. Insurance requirements
4. Detailed cost
5. A requirement that the finished project must meet accepted industry and professional standards
6. Reporting Responsibilities

7. Other pertinent information

b. The results of the RFP process will be referred to a committee of the Board of Directors or a designee of the Board of Directors, who will select a "Short List" of the most qualified candidates. Thereafter, the committee or designee will refer the "Short List" to the Board of Directors for final selection. The Board of Directors may delegate the selection process as they deem necessary.

c. Upon final selection by the Board of Directors or their designee(s), the General Manager will enter into negotiations with the selected candidate concerning terms, including price. The final contract negotiated and recommended by the General Manager will be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

3. For professional consulting services regarding lesser, noncontinuous projects, the General Manager may qualify and select consultants and may approve new contracts for consulting services and fund work orders regarding said contracts where the amount of the individual contract does not exceed the amount set forth herein for purchasing authority and where the expenditure is made pursuant to an approved budget.

4. General legal services will be negotiated and contracted for under a suitable written general retainer agreement. Specific legal services will be negotiated and contracted for under a suitable written agreement, which may be a special retainer agreement.

5. Engineering and other consultant services will be procured either by (a) entering into a master contract stating hourly rates with the work to be ordered for specific tasks on a work order basis or (b) the generation of a specific consultant services agreement for a specific project on a "not to exceed" basis. As applicable, legal, engineering, and other consultant service contracts and agreements shall require a monthly summary of the charges and description of services provided including dates thereof. Additional documentation may be required by the Board of Directors or General Manager substantiating the charges.

6. Pursuant to California Government Code section 4526, selection of private architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, or construction project management firms shall be on the basis of demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performances of the services required, and shall be at fair and reasonable prices.

7. Except for No.5 as above, emergency purchases will not be affected by any provisions of this section.

J. State or Federal Surplus Property. The Authority may acquire from the United States or State of California any surplus real or personal property in any manner and without regard to any law relating to notice, bids or delivery prior to payment.

1. The Board may authorize an offer to make a down payment, or payment in full, in the bidding and sale.

2. Any statute, resolution or other provision inconsistent with this requirement is suspended, to the extent it is inconsistent.

K. Sale, Exchanges or Trade-Ins. Whenever the General Manager has authority to purchase an item of supplies, equipment or materials designed to replace a similar item which can no longer be used by the Authority, or to replace an item which has become unsuitable for Authority use, the General Manager shall also have the authority to sell, exchange or trade-in the item to be replaced.

1. Such sale, exchange or trade-in shall be made in connection with the purchase of the replacement item, and shall be subject to the same policies or procedures, terms and conditions, and monetary limitations as applied to the purchase of the replacement item.

2. The amount realized on any sale, exchange or trade-in shall not be considered in determining the value of the replacement item for purposes of ascertaining the rule applicable to the purchase thereof.

3. This provision shall also be applicable to the sale of the above-described items which have become unsuitable for Authority use, and for which no replacement is sought.

L. Auctions.

1. If it is determined to be in the Authority's best interest, the Board may authorize the General Manager to utilize the services of a public or private auction to sell supplies, equipment, materials or other items no longer suitable for Authority use.

2. Notice provide by the auctioning agency shall be deemed adequate, so long as it complies with the minimum requirements set forth in Section 11.3(D)(1), Notice Inviting Bids."

3. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this policy is held unconstitutional, for any reason, or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the

fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

- 4. That the General Manager, or the General Manager’s designee, is instructed to file and/or record a Notice of Exemption from CEQA, consistent with this Resolution, with any and all appropriate public agencies or entities.
- 5. The General Manager is hereby authorized to do all things that are necessary to give effect to and comply with the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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

SIGNED:

President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** November 8, 2023

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 10 – Shallow Wells Impact Identification, Evaluation and Mitigation Program Update**

BACKGROUND

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been in overdraft for several decades, resulting in a significant lowering of groundwater elevations and reduction in the amount of useable water in groundwater storage. Most impacted wells have been shallow wells (domestic and rural).

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Basin sustainability must be achieved by 2040. Groundwater levels will continue to decline until the management actions and projects in the California Department of Water Resources approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Basin are fully implemented. The GSP includes a program to help mitigate impacts to shallow wells during implementation of the GSP.

The Shallow Well Mitigation Program (Program) was approved by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Board at its February 10, 2021 meeting. The Program is implemented and managed by the Authority staff, under the direction of the Authority Board, on a “case-by-case” basis. The Program is essentially an “evaluation and potential mitigation reimbursement” process. The Program is dependent upon well owners voluntarily submitting information on their impacted wells for Authority consideration.

IWVGA has received two primary shallow well mitigation applications since the start of the program. One application was authorized funding of \$31,821 based on the “market value” of the well plus the incremental cost of drilling a deeper well.

Two impacted well owners recently contacted IWVGA regarding the Program.

DISCUSSION

Currently, there are two impacted well owners that are in the process of submitting an application for the Primary Shallow Well Mitigation Program. Staff are waiting to receive the Well Driller’s Report from both applicants to complete the applications. After notifying the Well Owner of a complete Report Form submittal, the Water Resources Manager (WRM) will complete an

independent evaluation and prepare a draft Staff Report. The WRM draft evaluation report will be provided to the Well Owner for review and comment, prior to finalizing the Staff Report and presenting it to the Authority Board for action.

Additionally, Staff has been informed of another potential impacted well owner on Rademacher Way that has been trucking water in. The area is known to have poor water quality and dry well conditions. Staff has reached out and informed the well owner of the Shallow Well Mitigation Program and that IWVGA is in the process of executing an agreement with DWR for financial assistance for “consolidation” of wells/small systems into municipal water systems.

Provided below is a summary table of the impacted shallow wells identified through the Shallow Well Mitigation Program.

Impacted Shallow Wells	Evaluation Status
Stark Street	Application approved for partially funding. Completed
Heritage	Application Declined. Completed
Byerly	Awaiting Well Driller Report. After Application is complete, Staff have 45 days to draft staff report, Stetson internal review, and go through GA Staff Review. Following the 45 days, Staff will provide draft staff report to applicant for review.
Halpin	Awaiting Well Driller Report. After Application is complete, Staff have 45 days to draft staff report, Stetson internal review, and go through GA Staff Review. Following the 45 days, Staff will provide draft staff report to applicant for review.
Rademacher	Water Quality. Directed to the Shallow Well Mitigation Program and Capital Core. Kern County researching funding. Possible use of new DWR Consolidation Grant.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

This is an informational item. No Board Action is required.

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board of Directors **DATE:** November 1, 2023

FROM: Carol Thomas-Keefer, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item No. 11 – IWVGA Legislative Agenda (2024-2026) and 2024 Work Plan**

Background

At its July meeting, the IWVGA Board directed staff to develop a Legislative Agenda providing the Authority's public policy principles, goals, and objectives. The attached Legislative Agenda establishes the public policy principles for IWVGA, provides a three-year outlook, establishes goals and objectives, and provides directives to staff and the government relations team for 2024. Capitol Core has developed a proposed work plan for 2024 based on the goals, objectives, and directives.

From 2019-2023, IWVGA has established goals, priorities, and objectives for government relations activities through an annually adopted work plan. Increased government relations activities by IWVGA, SGMA implementation for designated “Critically Overdrafted Basins (CODs),” and inquiries by the Basin’s residents have necessitated a coordinated longer-term approach that provides greater transparency concerning public policy items. Legislative actions are occurring quickly, necessitating action by IWVGA staff to meet established goals and objectives. The Legislative Agenda authorizes IWVGA staff to act upon matters within the approved directives. Regular reports will continue to be made during monthly board meetings.

The attached Legislative Agenda outlines the Authority’s principles, goals, and objectives for three (3) years. This covers the remainder of the 118th Congressional Session, the second year of the 2023-2024 California Legislative Session, the 119th Congressional Session, and the 2025-2026 California Legislative Session. It provides specific directives to IWVGA staff for 2024, which support those goals and objectives. This document should be updated annually and presented to the Board for approval to reflect changing goals/priorities and provide annual directives.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

The Board should review and consider the adoption of the Legislative Agenda and proposed 2024 Work Plan

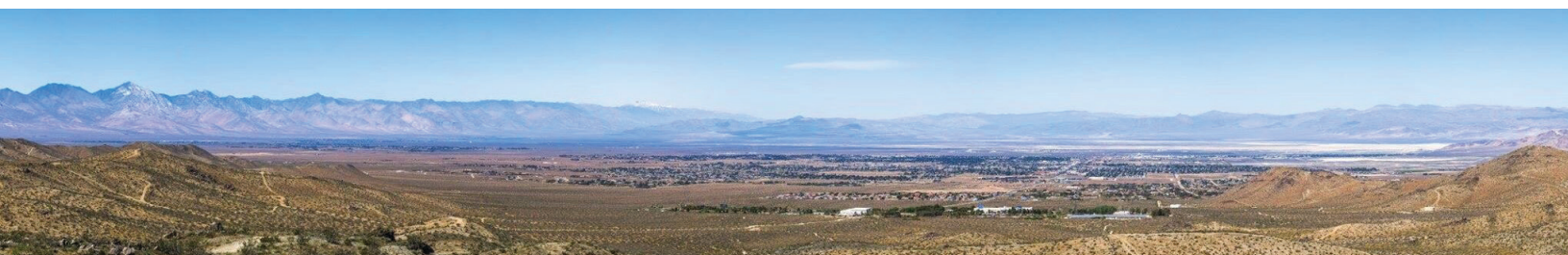
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Legislative Agenda 2024

2nd Year 118th Congressional Session,
2024 California Legislative Session

119th Congressional Session and
2025-2026 California Legislative Session





Background and Goals

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority's (IWVGA or the Authority) Legislative Agenda reflects the Authority's priority to bring the groundwater basin into sustainability prior to 2040 through efficient and cost-effective means that foster the Indian Wells Valley's continued prosperity and resilience.

The IWVGA Legislative Agenda requires the development and active engagement with multiple local/regional, the State of California, and the federal government to achieve the goals established herein. To that end, IWVGA has adopted certain objectives and authorized senior staff and the Authority's professional government affairs team to actively seek funding to assist in developing groundwater resiliency infrastructure. Further, the Authority has directed senior staff and the government relations team to protect interests critical to water resiliency consistent with the established goals below.

Since 2019, IWVGA's Legislative Agenda has been approved within the annual scope of work and direction provided to the Authority's professional government affairs team (Capitol Core Group). As the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) implementation continues and in the interest of additional transparency to the residents of the groundwater basin, the Authority has adopted this three-year Legislative Agenda.

A Legislative Agenda provides a program to engage government and provides direction to influence public policy. The government relations team for IWVGA is primarily tasked with procuring permanent right water supplies from outside agencies (known as "Table A") and engaging the government to support the requirements of the GSP. The Legislative Agenda will address the engagement with government at all levels and serve as the 2024 scope of work for Capitol Core Group. A Legislative Agenda is a living document requiring annual updates but providing for a long-term outlook to achieve the goals of the Authority. The senior staff and professional government affairs team will provide regular updates to the Board of Directors and request the ability to take specific public actions as required.

Government Affairs

The interaction with government, including legislative bodies, Executive branches, and regulatory agencies for the purpose of influencing public policy at all levels of governance. The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority engages in government relations efforts on the interagency, local, State of California, and federal levels to accomplish stated goals.

Local.

Interagency governmental affairs efforts include interaction with state water contractors and other water agencies to obtain imported water supplies and negotiate required agreements for imported water. They also include other local regulatory agencies for potential grant funding opportunities. Local governmental affairs efforts include obtaining the legislative/ministerial approvals, coordination, and environmental approvals from county, city, LAFCO, and other local agencies required to effectuate the implementation of groundwater sustainability measures.



State of California.

State government affairs efforts include interaction with the Legislature, Executive Branch, and State agencies+ for three purposes. First, government funding must be obtained to effectuate the implementation of groundwater sustainability measures. Second, to influence public policies that support the mission goals of the Groundwater Authority. Third, to protect and/or reduce ratepayer/taxpayer funding associated with groundwater sustainability.

Federal.

Federal government affairs efforts include interaction with Congress, the White House, and federal agencies for three purposes. First, government funding must be obtained to effectuate the implementation of groundwater sustainability measures. Second, to influence public policies that support the mission goals of the Groundwater Authority. Third, to protect and/or reduce ratepayer/taxpayer funding associated with groundwater sustainability.

IWVGA Government Affairs Goals and Objectives

GOAL: Identify and secure government funding for groundwater sustainability measures included within the GSP.

OBJECTIVE: Reduce/minimize financial impact to ratepayers/taxpayers associated with California Sustainable Groundwater Act (SGMA) compliance.

GOAL: Achieve necessary approvals to effectuate imported water supplies and complete infrastructure required to achieve groundwater sustainability.

OBJECTIVE: Assist Authority staff in obtaining needed permits, approvals, and regulatory requirements associated with water transfers/conveyance, water storage, and needed infrastructure development.

GOAL: Preserve and protect the Indian Wells Valley's current and future water resources.

OBJECTIVE: Support legislation and regulation that assist the Authority in achieving the requirements within the GSP. Support State/federal legislation/regulation that promotes groundwater sustainability measures, drought protection, and water infrastructure development.

GOAL: Defeat public policies that endanger groundwater sustainability or risk ratepayer/taxpayer investment in groundwater resilience.

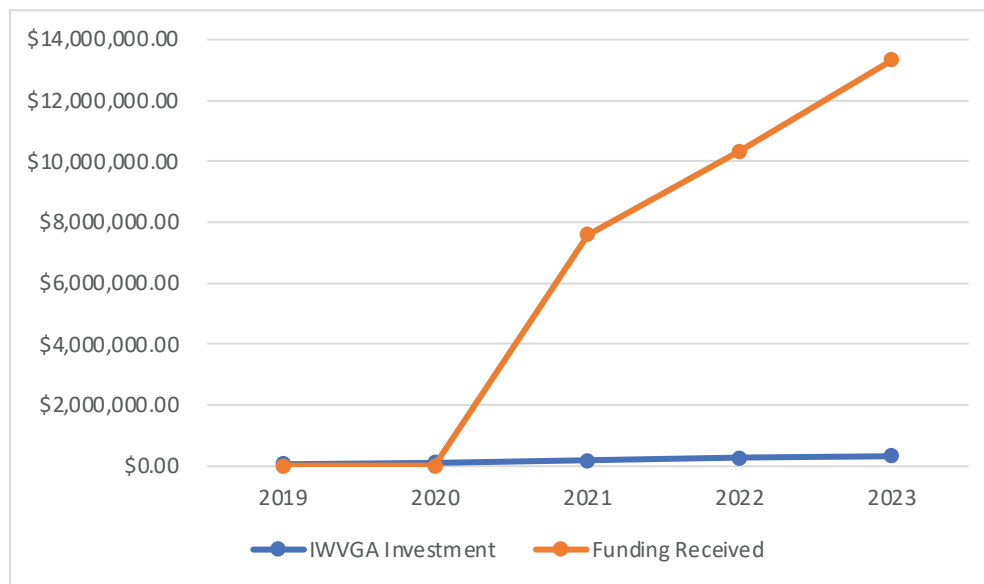
OBJECTIVE: Oppose legislation and regulation that substantively risks ratepayer/taxpayer investment in groundwater sustainability measures. Oppose legislation and regulations that would impede the implementation of the GSP.

Return on Investment

All government affairs engagements, including public agencies, should measure their return on investment (ROI). Quorum's® measurement methodology for ROI on government affairs engagements, used by Capitol Core Group, is based upon the following criteria:

- The financial impact of the engagement: This is generally measured in terms of revenue enhancement or revenue protection.
- The correlation between engagement and positive legislative/regulatory activity based on,
 - Stakeholder scoring
 - Meeting tracking-to-outcome
- The preferred rate of legislative/regulatory outcomes in the engagement.

Since 2019, the Authority has invested \$334,548.75 in government affairs activities related to government funding.



ROI Calculation (Equation)

$$\text{ROI} = \frac{\text{Gain from Investment} - \text{Cost of Investment}}{\text{Cost of Investment}}$$

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (Financial) ROI

$$\$12,995,452.00 - \$334,548 / \$334,548 = 3,884\%$$

126.74% annual gain over 4.501 years

Funding Obtained:

Year	Program	Notes	Amount
2021	DWR: SGMA-IP	Budget Item “plus-up” and allocation methodology FY2021-2022 State Budget Act.	\$7,600,000.00
2022	SWRCB: Reclamation	State Budget Request (earmark) for the water recycling plant	\$2,500,000.00
2022	USACE: Planning Assistance	Directive language WRDA-22 and “plus-up” for assistance program. The “validation studies.”	\$230,000.00
2023	DWR: UCDP	Urban Community Drought Program pre-qualified and obtained for well mitigation and consolidations.	\$3,000,000.00

The Authority has invested an additional \$155,520.75 in government affairs activities related to project approvals and public policy issues. Since 2019, the Authority has engaged in several “policy” issues, from project approvals to legislative policy issues.





Legislative Agenda

118th Congressional Session 2nd Year, 2024 California Legislative Session, the 119th Congressional Session, and the 2025-2026 California Legislative Session

Identify and Secure Government Funding for Groundwater Sustainability Measures

OBJECTIVE: Reduce/minimize financial impact to ratepayers/taxpayers associated with California Sustainable Groundwater Act (SGMA) compliance.

Since 2019, the Authority has sought State and federal funding opportunities to offset the financial impact of State-required sustainability measures contained within the GSP. The Authority’s focus has been to seek funding for required infrastructure while establishing a volumetric charge to cover the purchase of required imported water supplies. The government affairs scope of work approved by the Board has included the infrastructure required to achieve groundwater sustainability as identified in the GSP. The Board has prioritized the “Interconnection Pipeline Project” while looking for potential funding sources for the other GSP-related infrastructure projects. Funding priorities have included the following page:

Phase	Amount Requested	Amount Received	In-Progress
Interconnection Pipeline Project			
Planning/Environmental Permitting	\$11,000,000.00	\$7,820,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Construction	\$201,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000,000.00
City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Plant			
Construction	\$5,000,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00
Water Recycling Plant			
Planning/Environmental Permitting	\$5,300,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,325,000.00
Construction	Not Eligible at this point		
Well Mitigation Program			
Implementation	\$3,000,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00
	Total Requested	Total Received	Total In-Progress
	\$224,300,000.00	\$13,320,000.00	\$152,325,000.00

The Authority’s efforts to date have resulted in all infrastructure expenditures covered by grant, programmatic, or legislatively-directed funding sources.



Directives

2024 Activities:

- **Seek and obtain passage of a \$200 million Congressional Authorization for construction-related costs associated with the Interconnection Pipeline Project within the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 pursuant to Section 219 (Environmental Infrastructure Projects).**

The Authority anticipates construction of the Interconnection Pipeline will begin in the first quarter of 2027. In September of 2023, the Board provided direction to the government affairs team to prepare and apply for Congressional Authorization of construction funding. That application was submitted and is pending approval for inclusion in the 2024 legislation. The government affairs team is directed to support and take all necessary steps to support the passage of this Congressional Authorization.

- **Seek and obtain a \$25 million line item in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 State Budget Act for construction activities related to the Interconnection Pipeline Project.**

The Authority anticipates construction of the Interconnection Pipeline will begin in the first quarter of 2027. In September 2023, Vice Chair Phillip Peters was requested by the State Legislative delegation to submit a Budget Request in the amount of \$25 million. The government affairs team has prepared and submitted this Budget Request. The government affairs team is directed to support and take all necessary steps to support the passage of this State Budget Request.

- **Assist the City of Ridgecrest in obtaining a \$5 million DCIP-Grant**

The Authority has provided legislative support services to the City of Ridgecrest to develop the water infrastructure needed to support the GSP requirements. This includes construction funding for the City's wastewater treatment plant, which becomes the feedwater for recycled water efforts. 2024 the City anticipates applying for federal Department of Defense funding under the DCIP. The government affairs team is directed to support the City's efforts to seek federal DCIP funding for the wastewater treatment plant.

- **Identify and seek funding for other GSP-related projects.**

The Authority anticipates funding needs relative to recycled water efforts, well mitigation, land repurposing, and environmental mitigation. The government relations team is directed to identify and provide recommendations to the staff/Board on funding for these GSP-related projects.

- **Seek and obtain necessary appropriation of funding through the Energy and Water Development Act for Fiscal Year 2027.**

Passage of the Congressional Authorization for the Interconnection Pipeline Project is only the first step in achieving funding. Construction commencement for the project is anticipated to be in the 1st quarter of 2027. The government affairs team is directed to take all necessary steps to prepare legislatively directed spending requests to seek funding as authorized in the WRDA-24 legislation.

- **Assist Authority staff with all necessary Agency requirements associated with the FY2024-2025 Budget Line Item.**

Construction commencement for the project is anticipated to be in the 1st quarter of 2027. The government affairs team is directed to take all necessary steps to work with the Department of Water Resources and/or State Water Resources Control Board to effectuate receipt of the Budget Request.

- **Support legislation that provides financial assistance for high-priority security, resilience, and sustainability-related water, reclamation, and wastewater projects and maintaining water, reclamation, and wastewater infrastructure.**
- **Support legislation that funds increased resilience of communities in the face of climate and environmental, economic, and/or social shocks and stressors.**

Achieve Approvals for Imported Water Supplies and Infrastructure.

OBJECTIVE: Assist Authority staff in obtaining needed permits, approvals, and regulatory requirements associated with water transfers/conveyance, water storage, and needed infrastructure development.

The purchase of imported water requires ancillary agreements, local government approvals, and regulatory approvals.

2024 Directives:

- **Seek all necessary local government and local agency approvals in support of the construction of the Interconnection Pipeline Project.**
- **Seek all necessary State regulatory approvals in support of the construction of the Interconnection Pipeline Project**

Preserve and Protect Current and Future Water Resources

OBJECTIVE: Support legislation and regulation that assist the Authority in achieving the requirements within the GSP. Support State/federal legislation/regulation that promotes groundwater sustainability measures, drought protection, and water infrastructure development.

2024 Directives:

- **Identify and provide analysis of all legislation modifying SGMA or water sustainability requirements.**

With the implementation of SGMA, several interest groups have sought to modify the statute, which may impact the Authority's requirements or operations. The government affairs team is directed to take all necessary steps to identify such legislation, provide analysis, and request direction from the Board on legislative items that may impact SGMA or water sustainability requirements.



- **Support legislation and regulation that assist the Authority in achieving the GSP.**

In 2023, the Authority broadened its legislative agenda to take a public position on policies directly impacting GSP requirements. The implementation of SGMA has renewed policymakers' interest in sustainability requirements, and modifications to the law may affect the Authority. The government affairs team is directed to provide recommendations to senior staff and the Board on legislation/regulations that may assist the authority in its goals to achieve groundwater sustainability.

- **Support legislation that provides a comprehensive water policy supporting sustainability and resiliency requirements.**

In 2022, the Governor released the State Water Strategy, providing recommended policy steps for the implementation of drought, sustainability, resiliency, water recycling, and water storage requirements necessary for the State to maintain water supplies. The Water Strategy requires legislative authorization of the programs needed to achieve the stated goals. The government affairs team is directed to analyze and provide recommendations supporting policy priorities to assist the Authority in achieving water sustainability within the region.

Preserve and Protect Current and Future Water Resources

In 2023, legislation was introduced that would prohibit specific water transactions in the State of California. That legislation would have harmed the overall ability of the Authority to import water and would have been detrimental to the investments already made by Indian Wells Valley ratepayers and property owners.

2024 Directives:

- **Oppose legislation that places Indian Wells Valley ratepayers/taxpayers with the burden of paying for State mandates.**
- **Oppose any legislation that would restrict the Authority's ability to purchase imported water supplies or would risk current investment in groundwater sustainability.**
- **Oppose any legislation that would expand the review of the GSP by any court or regulatory authority beyond what is allowed under current law.**





2024 Capitol Core Group Scope of Work

Capitol Core's proposed 2024 work plan continues a project-oriented focus. We will create a more integrated focus surrounding the project tasks associated with imported water, the interconnection pipeline project, the water recycling plant, the wastewater treatment plant, and other identified projects. For lobbying activities, this creates a Legislative Agenda-style approach to our work plan that is more consistent with most California public agencies.

Milestone 1: Imported Water Supplies

In support of Authority Goal #2:

Goal: Identify and secure 3,000-5,000-acre feet of imported water supplies. Objectives:

- Complete negotiations with existing identified water sellers.
- Obtain needed regulatory approvals for water purchase.
- Successfully negotiate water storage, transfer/conveyance, and other agreements as necessary.
- Complete negotiations concerning interconnection to allow for imported water supplies.
- Identify new waters for sale and negotiate for completion of sale.

Task A: Complete negotiations with existing identified water sellers

Two potential sellers of Table A water supplies remain under negotiation with IWVGA. Under this subtask, Capitol Core seeks to complete negotiations with each seller during 2024.

Task B: Regulatory Approvals of Water Purchases

As with all water purchases, approvals are not limited to contractual arrangements and may require both local agency and state agency approval. This subtask focuses on the regulatory affairs that need to be accomplished in order to obtain approval of the water purchase transaction and subsequent transfer. Regulatory approvals are dependent upon the parties transacting the water sale/purchase and may include, but not be limited to, local water agencies, DWR, and WRCB.

Deliverables for this sub-task will include:

- Collateral and support material development for needed regulatory approvals.
- Direct advocacy with State Agencies, including but not limited to DWR and SWRCB.
- Direct advocacy, as needed, with other local agencies.



Task C: Other Required Agreements

Water purchases are not limited to sales agreements alone. The ability to transfer/convey, store, and/or lease water supplies is anticipated. In this subtask, Capitol Core will provide strategic counsel, develop terms, and successfully negotiate other agreements needed for purchased water supplies.

During 2024, many of the tasks associated with the interconnection pipeline will move from federal/state government relations activities to inter-agency governmental discussions between AVEK and IWVGA. This subtask will also focus on those negotiations/discussions and planning activities. While “covered actions” will be contained within Task 2 and reported appropriately, the discussions between AVEK and IWVGA are not considered “covered actions” under either the federal Lobbying Disclosure Act or the California Political Reform Act will be achieved within this subtask. However, Capitol Core’s work under this subtask will not be reimbursed through the SGMA-IP Grant program per State requirements.

Task D: 2024 Water Identification and Sales

While Capitol Core has identified both private and agency sellers of Table A water, it may be necessary to continue the search for permanent water supplies. Capitol Core will continue to look for new permanent water supplies during 2024. Should further water supplies be necessary, and if the IWVGA has funding sources available to purchase further water, we will provide recommendations to IWVGA on the availability of permanent water for sale. Deliverables for this subtask will include:

- Identification of permanent water supplies for sale
- Negotiation with potential sellers
- Development of Term Sheets and Negotiation Material

Milestone 2: Interconnection Pipeline Project

In Support of Authority Goal #1.

Goal: Obtain between \$600,000 and \$1 million in grant funding to complete planning phases for the project.

Goal: Pass the Congressional Authorization for construction activities related to the project.

Goal: Pass the State Budget request of \$25 million for construction activities related to the project.

Objectives (Tasks 1-Task 5):

- Seek passage of the Congressional Authorization in the WRDA-24 legislation
- Seek passage of the State Budget Request in the FY2024-2025 State Budget Act
- Identify and obtain grant funding sufficient to complete planning activities.
- Finalize USACE support under the Planning Assistance to States Program
- Continue to support planning activities as required.

In 2023, Capitol Core had three main goals associated with the interconnection project.

1. Seek federal funding opportunities for the construction phases of the project.
2. Assist with federal/State permitting activities relative to the right-of-way for the project.
3. Assist with near-term planning and environmental permitting activities for the project.

During the course of the year, an extensive policymaker education effort on the interconnection pipeline project was undertaken. In March, members of the Board of Directors engaged with Members of Congress on the project and the importance to the sustainability of the region. In addition, Senior Pentagon officials were briefed on the progress of the project and the sustainability measures. Over the course of 2023, Capitol Core identified federal funding opportunities and presented them to the Board for direction. In September, a decision to pursue Authorization pursuant to Section 219 of WRDA was made, and subsequent applications were provided to Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Alex Padilla for consideration.

In late September, the Authority was asked by State Senator Shannon Grove and Assembly Member Vince Fong to prepare a legislative request package in the amount of \$25 million for construction activities related to the project. The packet was prepared and approved by the Board in October. It was then submitted for the California Legislature's consideration.

In August of 2023, revised cost estimates for planning activities revealed an additional \$600,000 to \$1 million requirement. Capitol Core is actively seeking such planning funds through State and federal grant programs.

In 2024, consistent with the Authority's goal #1, Capitol Core will engage in activities supporting the directives the Board established.

Milestone 3: Other Projects Supporting the GSP

In Support of Authority Goal #1.

Goal: Support the Authority's needs regarding recycled water measures.

Goal: Assist the City of Ridgecrest in preparing a federal DCIP grant of \$5 million to \$7 million.

Goal: Identify and secure State/federal funding for well mitigations and systems consolidations.

Goal: Identify and secure State/federal funding for land repurposing.

Objectives:

- Identify and assist in the preparation of applications under Title XVI of the WIIN Act for \$5.3 million in planning activities for the water recycling plant.
- Obtain \$5 million to \$7 million in federal DCIP funds of the City's wastewater treatment plant.
- Identify and secure an unspecified amount of grant funding for continuing well mitigation programs and potential system consolidations as required.
- Seek passage of the Agricultural Land Repurposing Act of 2023 (Padilla, D-CA)

In Support of Authority Goals #3 and #4.

Goal: Seek passage of a comprehensive State Water Strategy.

Goal: Seek passage of legislation positively modifying the evidentiary process in groundwater adjudications.

Goal: Identify and take appropriate action (Support or Oppose) on all groundwater bills impacting the Authority.

Task A: Water Recycling Plant

Capitol Core will support IWVA staff on modifications to the use of water recycling and support water recycling efforts to be included in the GSP update.

Task B: Federal DCIP – Wastewater Treatment Plant

Construction activities on the City of Ridgecrest wastewater treatment plant are scheduled to begin in 2024. The Defense Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2024 provided \$140 million to the federal DCIP. The City will require support activities in preparing and obtaining the grant. In this task, Capitol Core will assist the City in the preparation and coalition building needed to obtain federal DCIP funding.

Tasks C: Well Mitigation and Consolidation Programs

In 2023, the Authority received \$3 million from DWR in Urban Community Drought Management grant funding for the purpose of well failure mitigation/system consolidation. In 2023, several well failures occurred, and the potential consolidation of small systems was identified. These failures and consolidations may exceed the grant funding provided by DWR. Additional funds may be required. In this task, Capitol Core will identify potential funding sources for such activities and provide them to the Board for consideration.

Task D: Land Repurposing

As SGMA is implemented, repurposing land is an option for well owners to allow for groundwater savings and avoid the cost of purchasing needed imported water supplies. This repurposing sometimes facilitates the sale of groundwater rights, which may be in excess of sustainability requirements. In 2023, both California and Congress advanced bills providing financial assistance in land repurposing situations. In this task, Capitol Core will seek the passage of policies that facilitate appropriate repurposing of agricultural and other lands to support groundwater savings.

Task E: State Water Strategy

In 2022, the Governor released a comprehensive State Water Strategy designed to increase water storage, conveyance, and water recycling activities. The State's FY 2023 situation necessitated the deferral of many of the goals and objectives contained in the State Water Strategy. These included programmatic Agency priorities to achieve water resilience in the State. Those programs may benefit storage, conveyance, the interconnection pipeline project, the water recycling plant, and other aspects of the GSP. In this task, Capitol Core will support legislative activities that seek to enact a comprehensive State Water Strategy that supports GSP requirements and assists in sustainability.

Task F: California Defense Community Infrastructure Program (Cal-DCIP)

The City of Ridgecrest, the Indian Wells Valley Water District, IWVGA, and the County of Kern are defense support agencies to the United States Navy, providing various public services in support of the mission at the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. The federal-DCIP requires a state-local match of 25% on all grant funds received through the program. The State of California does not have a mechanism to meet the matching fund requirements. Texas, Virginia, and Florida have enacted matching programs making them more competitive for federal-DCIP funding.

In 2023, the Authority sponsored AB 444, enacting Cal-DCIP. The bill was held in the Senate Committee on Appropriations due to the State's financial condition and based on concerns that enactment, without appropriation, subjected the State to an unfunded mandate. The Legislature and Governor have no policy issues with Cal-DCIP and have suggested enactment with a small appropriation.

In 2024, Capitol Core proposes to finish what it started with AB 444 and seek enactment, with a modest State Budget request, of Cal-DCIP. The bill passed all policy committees in both Houses by Unanimous Consent. Support for a Cal-DCIP is evident, the financial situation is complicating its passage.

Task G: Congressional and State Legislative Actions

Throughout the Congressional and California Legislative Sessions, there are key pieces of legislation of interest to IWVGA. These range from annual budget/appropriations bills to other infrastructure spending and water policy legislation. In this task, Capitol Core will identify, monitor, and advise the Authority on federal/state legislative, budgetary, and intergovernmental matters that could have a significant impact on fiscal, operational, and environmental health for the region. Most importantly, Capitol Core will serve as IWVGA's advocate and liaison, helping foster and maintain strong bipartisan working relationships between the Authority and its representatives in the United States Congress, State Legislature, various Committees of jurisdiction, and Executive branches of government.



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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** November 8, 2023

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 12 – Approval of Change in Scope of Work and Budget for Contract with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation Services for the Imported Water Pipeline**

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2023, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) executed a Contract Services Agreement (CSA) with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) for CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation services for the Imported Water Pipeline Project. A Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant through the California Department of Water Resources is providing \$7.6 million for planning and design-level activities, including CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation services for the Imported Water Pipeline Project, which will bring imported water supplies into the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin through an imported water connection from Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency’s California City pipeline to the Indian Wells Valley Water District water system.

The CSA’s original scope of work for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$1,013,722.00 includes Task 1 (Initial Coordination), Task 2 (Geotechnical Investigations Initial Coordination), Task 3 (Technical Studies), Task 4 (Public Outreach), Task 5 (Regulatory Compliance Permitting) and Task 6 (CEQA/NEPA). On August 23, the Board approved a change order request from P&P to include additional items in the scope of work and an increase in the budget of \$58,876.00 for a total not-to-exceed fee in the CSA of \$1,072,598.00.

DISCUSSION

P&P has requested a change order for additional costs under Task 1 (Initial Coordination), Task 2 (Geotechnical Studies), Task 3 (Technical Studies), Task 4 (Public Outreach), and Task 6 (CEQA/NEPA). P&P has requested a change order for the following: Task 1, addition of weekly management meetings with U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ; Task 2, preparation of a Plan of Development (POD) for geotechnical work as required by BLM; Task 3, biological and cultural surveying due to the reconfiguration of the pipeline alignment from private lands to California State Park lands and addition of a tribal monitor for field work; Task 4, reviewing additional public comment letters as a result of a request to extend the public comment period as well as assisting BLM with their 30-day scoping meeting; and Task 6, preparation of a POD for the overall project to meet BLM requirements and mitigation measures as requested by BLM for

compliance with the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Disturbance Cap Exceedance spreadsheet.

The change in cost is \$103,000.00 compared to the prior amended fee amount of \$1,072,598.00. Therefore, an amendment of the not-to-exceed fee in the CSA to \$1,175,598.00 is needed. P&P's Change Order Request has been included in the Board Packet as an attachment to this Staff Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Board approve the change in Scope of Work and a Contract Sum increase of \$103,000.00 for the Contract Services Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group, for CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation Services for the Imported Water Pipeline.

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SCOPE & BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2

To:	Bianca Cabrera, Stetson Engineers Inc.	Email:	BiancaC@stetsonengineers.com
From:	Dena Giacomini, Principal Planner	Date:	September 29, 2023
Subject:	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Imported Pipeline Project CEQA/NEPA and Permitting Documentation: Contract Amendment No. 2		

An amendment is hereby submitted to Stetson Engineering Inc. for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWWGA) Imported Pipeline Project California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Permitting Documentation Project (Job No. 4101-23-001) to incorporate the following changes to the scope and budget and is discussed in the phases below:

TSK1 – Initial Coordination

BLM has required the environmental team to participate in a weekly management meeting in addition to the bi-monthly meetings. The purpose of this meeting is to keep BLM staff on track with review, comments, and deliverable items.

TSK2 – Geotechnical Studies

BLM has required the design/environmental teams to prepare a Plan of Development (POD) for the Geotechnical Work as well as the overall project (added to TSK6 below). The environmental team has been asked to assist with the preparation of the PODs that thoroughly describes the project from the initial construction phase through termination and rehabilitation of the public land. It should also describe any temporary or short-term use areas as needed.

TSK3 – Technical Studies

The current alignment has been reconfigured to avoid private lands and will now run through Indian California State Park easements. This change warrants additional surveys to be conducted by biological and cultural staff that were not included in the current scope of work. Additionally, negotiations have continued with IWWVD for permission to survey their property. Biological and cultural staff will need to survey their land to complete the biological and cultural reports.

Biological Resource tasks will include the following:

- Survey the new alignment along the State Park easement and add the information to the biological BE/BA report
- Update Biological maps and mitigation measure accordingly

Cultural Resource tasks will include the following:

- The addition of a tribal monitor for all fieldwork (survey, site recording, and testing) for an estimated 3 weeks;
- Additional meetings with BLM and tribes that have happened and are still occurring;

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- Preparation of a work plan and Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) permit request (including curation agreement [does not include curation if artifacts are collected]);
- Presence/absence testing at specific areas (to be determined) along the alignment; and,
- Reporting on presence/absence testing.

This work does not include:

- Tribal or archaeological monitoring of ground disturbing activities (including geotechnical work and project construction).

TSK4 – Public Outreach

During the scoping meeting in Ridgecrest, there was a request to extend the public comment period. As a result of this request, the public comment period was extended an additional 20 days. Several comment letters were received during this extension period which resulted in staff time reviewing and added viable content from the letters into the draft EA/EIS and additional time spent on the comment tracking spreadsheet, as well as the Scoping Meeting Report.

Further, BLM has committed to a federal 30-day scoping meeting and will require assistance from the environmental staff for appropriate documents and comment submittal review. Any comments received will need to be addressed by the environmental staff and included in the draft EA/EIS analysis discussion.

TSK6 – CEQA/NEPA Documentation

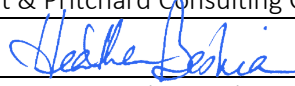
BLM has agreed to the preparation of a joint CEQA/NEPA document. BLM will receive the combined document for their review and comment before it can be finalized and sent out for public review and comment. BLM controls the scope of the NEPA document, which could lead to tasks beyond our current scope of work.

BLM has required the design team to prepare a Plan of Development (POD) for the overall project to meet BLMs requirements under their Land Use Plan. The environmental team has been asked to assist with the preparation of the PODs that thoroughly describes the project from the initial construction phase through termination and rehabilitation of the public land. It should also describe any temporary or short-term use areas as needed. This POD is needed prior to BLM implementing their scoping meeting for the NEPA EA portion of the project.

In addition, BLM is requiring compliance with the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Disturbance Cap Exceedance spreadsheet, which will result in additional efforts and analysis to provide more mitigation for exceedances as they occur. These additional mitigation measure will be added to the overall EA/EIS once approved by BLM.

Budget Amendment			
Phase Name	Current Budget	Increase in Budget	Revised Total Fee
Phase TSK1: Coordination	\$124,055	\$15,700	\$139,755
Phase TSK2: Geotechnical Studies	\$146,480	\$4,000	\$150,480
Phase TSK3: Technical Studies	\$305,040	\$50,000	\$355,040
Phase TSK4: Public Outreach	\$85,735	\$12,500	\$100,235
Phase TSK5: Regulatory Compliance and Permitting	\$249,142	\$0	\$249,142
Phase TSK6: CEQA/NEPA Documentation	\$162,146	\$20,800	\$182,946
New Total Budget for Affected Phases:	\$1,072,598	\$103,000	\$1,175,598
<i>Note: Current Budget includes increases from Amendment No. 1 previously executed. Phase TSK 5 is not requesting an increase in budget.</i>			

In acknowledgement of this amendment in scope and fee, please sign, date and return to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group by emailing dgiacomini@ppeng.com.

<p>Client: Stetson Engineers Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>By:</p> <hr/> <p>Name/Title:</p> <hr/> <p>Date Signed:</p> <hr/>	<p>Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. dba Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group</p> <hr/> <p>By: </p> <hr/> <p>Name/Title: Heather Bashian, PE Director of Operations</p> <hr/> <p>Date Signed: September 29, 2023</p> <hr/>
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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** November 8, 2023

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 13 – Approval of Change in Scope of Work and Budget for Contract with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for Design Services for the Imported Water Pipeline**

BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2023, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) executed a Contract Services Agreement (CSA) with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group (P&P) for design services for the Imported Water Pipeline Project. A Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Grant through the California Department of Water Resources is providing \$7.6 million for planning and design-level activities, including design services, for the Imported Water Pipeline Project, which will bring imported water supplies into the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin through an imported water connection from Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency’s (AVEK) California City pipeline to the Indian Wells Valley Water District water system.

The CSA’s original scope of work for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$6,440,000.00 includes Task 1 (Project Management), Task 2 (Preliminary Design), and Task 3 (Final Design). On August 23, 2023, the Board approved a change order request from P&P to include additional items in the scope of work and a contract sum increase of \$120,051.00 for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$6,560,051.00.

DISCUSSION

P&P has requested a change order for additional costs for Task 3 (Final Design). P&P requested a change order to include scope and budget for incurred and potential work, requested by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to develop a Plan of Design (POD) to demonstrate that the project adheres to the applicable Conservation Management Actions (CMAs) associated with the BLM’s land use plan that encompasses the project area. The BLM has indicated that PODs are living documents that will continue to be revised as potential impacts continue to be evaluated. Additionally, per BLM’s request, P&P has conducted bi-weekly management meetings with the BLM to discuss outstanding issues, deliverables, and review of deliverables. These bi-weekly meetings began on August 28, 2023 and are projected to end by March 2025.

The change in cost is \$73,543.00 compared to the revised CSA fee amount of \$6,560,051, per Scope and Budget Amendment No. 1. Therefore, an amendment of the not-to-exceed fee in the CSA to \$6,633,594.00 is needed. P&P’s Scope and Budget Amendment No. 2 has been included in the Board Packet as an attachment to this Staff Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Board approve the change in Scope of Work and a Contract Sum increase of \$73,543.00 for the Contract Services Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for Design Services for the Imported Water Pipeline.

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CONTRACT SCOPE ADJUSTMENT

To:	Jeff Helsley Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Email:	jhelsley@stetsonengineers.com
From:	Mike McGovern	Date:	10/30/2023
Subject:	Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Agency-Imported Water Conveyance System- Budget Amendment No. 2		

Comments:

On September 27, 2023, we discussed the need for Provost & Pritchard to perform the following services for Task 271P-BLM Special Use Permit:

1. Preparation of Plan of Design (POD) for BLM
2. Additional bi-weekly coordination meetings BLM managers.

After reviewing our contract, we believe the services listed above are outside the present scope. To keep the project moving, we will begin work on the listed tasks as we agreed in our conversation.

Since this work constitutes a substantial impact on our work effort, we believe it will not be possible to complete this work in addition to our original scope within the previously agreed budget. Therefore, we request an adjustment of **\$73,543** to our original contract budget to accommodate this additional work, as detailed below.

TASK 271P (BLM SPECIAL USE PERMIT)

- Item 1-Preparation of the Plan of Design (POD)- The effort expended by our Team on the BLM's Plan of Design (POD) was not in our original scope of work, as it is not related to the NEPA process or related to any specific permit. The POD is required to demonstrate that the project adheres to the applicable Conservation Management Actions (CMAs) associated with the BLM's land use plan that encompasses our project area. Completion of the POD was necessary for BLM to post its Notice of Intent and initiate the 30-day comment period to continue the NEPA process. BLM has indicated that PODs are living documents that will continue to be revised as we learn more about potential impacts of the project; thus, our Team will continue collaborating with BLM over the next few months as the design progresses. This item includes the work completed to date and the estimated work over the next several months to finalize the POD. The work will be performed on a time and materials basis. Work effort to date: **\$21,695**. Estimated effort to complete: **\$30,000**. Total effort for this item: **\$51,695**.

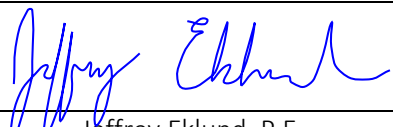
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- Item 2-Coordination Meetings with BLM Field Office Managers- In late August, BLM field office management staff requested to have bi-weekly meetings with the project managers on Provost & Pritchard’s team to discuss outstanding issues, deliverables, and review of deliverables. This is in addition to the bi-weekly meeting that is held between Provost & Pritchard’s key project team members and BLM’s staff assigned to the project. This item includes drafting meeting agendas, holding the meeting, and preparing meeting notes. This item will be paid on a time and material basis and includes meetings held from August 28, 2023 to the completion in March 2025. Work effort to date: **\$2,750**. Estimated effort to complete: **\$19,098**. Total effort for this item: **\$21,848**.

Budget Amendment				
Task Number	Current Fee	Reduction in Budget	Increase in Budget	Revised Total Fee
Item 1- Preparation of the Plan Design (POD)	--		\$51,695	
Item 2-Coordination meeting with BLM Field Office Managers	--	--	\$21,848	
Total Task 271P-BLM Special Use Permit	\$59,888	--	\$73,543	\$133,431

The overall project budget of \$6,560,051 is increased to \$6,633,594 with the task changes noted above. No other tasks are impacted by this amendment.

In acknowledgement of this reduction in scope and fee, please sign, date and return to Jeff Davis at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group by emailing jdavis@ppeng.com. Please do not hesitate to contact Jeff or myself if you have any questions regarding this amendment.

<p>Client: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority</p> <hr/> <p>By:</p> <hr/> <p>Name/Title:</p> <hr/> <p>Date Signed:</p> <hr/>	<p>Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. dba Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group</p> <hr/> <p>By: </p> <hr/> <p>Name/Title: Jeffrey Eklund, P.E. Director of Operations</p> <hr/> <p>Date Signed: 10/30/2023</p> <hr/>
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TO: IWVGA Board Members

DATE: November 8, 2023

FROM: IWVGA Water Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 14 – WATER RESOURCES MANAGER’S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 14a – GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Proposition 1 Update

- Invoice #16a
 - Covers July 2022 through September 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$21,049.59**
 - Status: Under DWR review – preliminary approval received.
- Invoice #17a:
 - Covers October 2022 through December 2022
 - Total requested payment after retention: **\$7,817.63**
 - Status: Under DWR review – preliminary approval received.

Proposition 68 Update

- Final invoice payments received. Waiting for approval of retention invoice.

Proposition 1/68 Grant Closeout

- Retention invoices for Proposition 1 and Prop 68 in the amount of \$187,678.87 and \$32,941.39, respectively, were submitted to DWR on February 28, 2023. The Proposition 1 retention invoice was revised on May 18 per DWR’s request.

SGMA Implementation Round 1 Update

- Invoice #3
 - Covers January 2023 through March 2023
 - Total requested payment: **\$435,887.19**
 - Status: Under final DWR review.
- Invoice #4
 - Covers April 2023 to June 2023
 - Total requested payment: **\$1,062,552.46**
 - Status: Under DWR review
- Invoice #5
 - Covers July 2023 to September 2023
 - Status: Due November 30, 2023

Urban Community Drought Relief Program Update

- The IWVGA has been awarded \$3,345,000 to consolidate shallow well system(s) into a public water system.
- Preliminary grant management tasks and coordination with DWR are underway.
- DWR is currently reviewing the draft grant agreement and finalizing it for signature/execution.

2023 Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

- Staff submitted an application for federal funding on November 6, 2023 for approximately \$2.8 million to fund planning, design, environmental, and right-of-way tasks for the Imported Water Project.
- Funding awards are anticipated to be announced in Spring 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 14b – GSP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS / MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UPDATE

Imported Water Project

- Imported Water Pipeline Design Services
 - Coordination Meetings:
 - October 23: Bi-weekly with Staff, Environmental and Right-of-Way Consultants
 - Bi-weekly meetings with BLM
 - Pending BLM review of resubmitted SF-299 Application
 - Coordinating Plan of Design as part of their process to meet their land use goals defined in the BLM's Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan
 - Ongoing coordination with State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW), Caltrans, United Pacific Rail Road, and Southern California Edison (SCE)
 - Received Board approval for SCE Method of Survey Study Agreement
 - Received Board approval for payment of the application fee for a High Voltage Transmission Line Crossing Consent Agreement with SCE for crossing all lines 33 Kilovolt (kV) and less.
 - Pending receipt of United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) waiver letters
 - Preparing submittal of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake and Streambed Alternation Agreement (LSA)
 - Executed a Reimbursement Agreement with California City as approved by the Board
 - Received approval from Caltrans on permit for geotechnical borings and met with Caltrans to discuss permanent access for construction
 - Coordinating with California State Parks to prepare an Encroachment Permit
 - Coordinating an Application for Union Pacific Railroad trenchless crossing at Neuralia Road and Cantil Road

- Met with IWVWD at the Rosamond Treatment Plant on October 17 to initiate coordination for geotechnical borings and collection of water quality samples to allow evaluation introducing water from AVEK into the IWVWD water system.
 - Ongoing coordination with AVEK to analyze the connection point from AVEK's system
 - Continuing soils borings in California City and Kern County right-of-way
 - Continuing restaking geotechnical boring sites along Redrock Randsburg Road due to Hurricane Hilary
 - Continuing coordination with Kern County Roads Department on updates of repairing severe damage to Redrock Randsburg Road from Hurricane Hilary
 - Projected to receive soil boring results mid to late February
 - Continuing utility research and trenchless crossing identification
 - Finalized the Sub-Regional Power Availability and Coordination with SCE Technical Memorandum based on Staff comments
 - Finalized the Pipe Optimizations and Refinements Technical Memorandum based on Staff comments
 - Finalized the draft Preliminary Design Report based on Staff comments
 - The final Preliminary Design Report is available on the GA website and has been submitted to stakeholders
 - Staff is drafting a Notice to Proceed pursuant to Change Order 1 which was approved by the Board at the September meeting
 - Started collecting water quality samples of groundwater and surface water at AVEK's Rosamond Treatment Plant for analysis of compatibility with IWVWD's system
 - Next Steps:
 - Start geotechnical borings in BLM land after cultural surveys are completed
 - Provide 30% Design Submittal by mid-November 2023
 - Next Milestones
 - Provide 60% Design Submittal by March 2024
- Imported Water Pipeline Environmental Services
 - Coordination Meetings
 - October 23: Bi-weekly coordination meetings with Staff, Design and Right-of-Way Consultants
 - Weekly meetings with BLM
 - Continuing coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and State Water Resources Control Boards
 - Continue aquatic delineations
 - Continuing cultural surveys on BLM land, to be followed by geotechnical surveys
 - Coordinating cultural monitoring by the Kern Community Tribe during geotechnical surveys
 - Continue finalizing the draft Wildlife Survey Report and Rare Plant Survey
 - Continue finalizing the draft Biological Evaluation/Biological Assessment and Energy Impact Assessment Technical Studies per comments received from BLM
 - Finalized draft Alternatives Analysis for Staff review
 - Staff reviewed the Noise & Groundborne Vibration Impact Analysis Technical Study
 - Staff is reviewing the Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Impact Analysis Technical

Study

- Staff is drafting a Notice to Proceed pursuant to Change Order 1 which was approved by the Board at the September meeting
- BLM has initiated NEPA Public Scoping Period, completed on November 4
- Next Steps:
 - Begin geotechnical and biological monitoring on BLM lands
 - Provide permit packages for Staff review
 - Finalize draft Environmental Impact Report, and BLM Environmental Assessment
 - Next Milestones:
 - Finalize NEPA compliance for geotechnical borings and environmental surveys/ studies within BLM property
 - Conduct technical analyses/ Special Studies within BLM land by November 2023
- Imported Water Pipeline Right-of-Way Services
 - Coordination Meetings:
 - October 23: Bi-weekly coordination meetings with Staff, Design and Environmental Consultants
 - Obtained 50 Right-of-Entry agreements from property owners for 48 parcels along the alignment to allow performance of biological/technical studies and geotechnical borings
 - Coordinating with California Fish and Wildlife regarding County Right of Way
 - Staff is drafting a Notice to Proceed pursuant to Change Order 1 which was approved by the Board at the September meeting
 - Next Steps:
 - Continue obtaining Rights of Entry from property owners along the pipeline alignment to allow performance of biological/technical studies and geotechnical borings
 - Next Milestone:
 - Provide a Right of Way Acquisition Plan by June 2024
- Submittals to DWR
 - Submit final Preliminary Design Report due March 31, 2024
 - Documentation of Surveying, Geotechnical and Utility Research due January 1, 2024
- US Army Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program
 - Staff is coordinating the project scope with USACE Staff
 - Next Steps:
 - Execute an agreement with Army Corps by January 2024
- Additional Funding Opportunities
 - Staff has applied for a federal grant from the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program for additional funding for planning the Imported Water Project

Shallow Well Mitigation Program

- Current Applications
 - Byerly Well
 - Received application from Mr. Byerly for the Primary Program on 9/19/2023.
 - Requesting financial assistance due to reduced water levels.
 - Notified applicant of additional information needed to complete application. Currently awaiting a response from applicant.
 - Halpin Well
 - Approved for \$6,000 for emergency assistance.
 - Received application from Mr. Halpin for the Primary Program on 9/29/2023.
 - Notified applicant of additional information needed to complete application. Currently awaiting a response from applicant.

GSP 5 Year Update

- GSP Update tasks are currently underway.
- DWR provided a guidance document on October 30, 2023 addressing SGMA Annual Reports, Periodic DWR Evaluations of GSPs, and GSP Amendments. Staff is currently reviewing the guidance document.

2023 Annual Report

- Draft is currently being prepared.
- DWR provided a guidance document on October 30, 2023 addressing SGMA Annual Reports, Periodic DWR Evaluations of GSPs, and GSP Amendments. Staff is currently reviewing the guidance document.

AGENDA ITEM 14c – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Data Collection and Monitoring

October 14-20	Fall 2023 bi-annual basin-wide groundwater level measurements and datalogger downloads. GWMP wellhead maintenance. Annual water quality sampling of 19 groundwater monitoring wells and 3 domestic wells.
January 2024	Additional groundwater level monitoring and datalogger download for wet year conditions (DWR supplemental monitoring). GWMP wellhead maintenance.

GSP Model Configuration Management Plan (CMP)

- Continued discussions with DRI and WRM regarding model updates
- Data provided to DRI regarding the following:
 - Basin hydrogeologic zones
 - Historical pumping
 - Basin hydraulic properties

Subflow from Rose Valley to IWV

- Drilling anticipated in beginning of 2024.
- Continued processing of BLM permit for alternative RVS monitoring well site.
- Cultural Review for BLM perming of RVS-2 monitoring scheduled for 14 November

LADWP Emergency Releases

	<u>Total Volume</u>	<u>September 28 to October 9</u>
El Paso Subarea:	11,591 AF	0 AF
Main Basin:	1,001 AF	0 AF
Total Indian Wells Valley Basin:	12,592 AF	

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

There are no actions required by the Board.

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To: Carol Thomas-Keefer, General Manager Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

From: Jeff Simonetti, SVP Capitol Core Group

cc: Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers
Michael W. McKinney, President Capitol Core Group
Todd Tatum, SCA Capitol Core Group

Date: November 8, 2023

Subject: Project Update Memorandum – October 2023 Activities

The following will provide activities and updates for the month of October 2023.

Task 1: Imported Water Supplies

Subtask B:

Capitol Core continued to work with P&P to secure right-of-way permits from federal agencies to move forward the interconnection project studies. In addition, we continue to support Authority staff with AVEK on matters related to the Interconnection Pipeline Project.

Subtask D:

Capitol Core continued discussions with potential water suppliers regarding imported water supplies. We also had further discussions with our proposed transfer partners and conducted meetings in coordination with IWVGA's engineering consultants on these matters. Capitol Core has sought Board direction on continued discussion.

Task 2: Interconnection Pipeline Project

Nothing new to report.

Task 3: Water Recycling Plant

Nothing new to report.

Task 4: Wastewater Treatment Plant

Federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP): Due to the lack of a House Speaker for a large portion of October, Congress has not yet passed the National Defense Authorization Act nor the related spending bills that would appropriate monies to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program. Nonetheless, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) is still suggesting that

communities interested in applying in 2024 begin to assemble application materials in anticipation of a hopeful appropriation of funding for the program in 2024.

Task 5: Other Projects Supporting the GSP

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

New Report/Watch Bill Added: S. 2250 (Bennett, D-CO)/ HR 4902 (Caraveo, D-CO) – *Groundwater Conservation Easement Act of 2023*

Introduced 10/11/2023.

S. 2250 referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
HR 4902 was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Amends the *Food Security Act* to allow for the creation of federal groundwater conservation easements.

No position is recommended at this time. It may be amended into the expected Farm Bill.

New Report/Watch Bill Added: S.3147 (Ricketts, R-NE) – *Flood Protection and Infrastructure Resilience Act of 2023*

Introduced 10/26/2023.

Referred to Senate Committee Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Amends the *Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act* to increase programs under the “Regional Conservation Partnerships” for groundwater conservation.

No position is recommended at this time. It may be amended into the expected Farm Bill. Likely support if the bill moves during the legislative process.

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