

## **Closing Comments from DOD Liaison, Commander Peter Benson**

- Providing attached letters appointing DOD liaisons members to the PAC, TAC, and IWVGA Board
- Updated at recent change of command
- Provides CDR Benson as the Navy's voice to the IWVGA on matters pertaining to groundwater
- Authority stems from section 3-201 of DoD 5500.07-R, Joint Ethics Regulation
- CDR Benson is appointed by the Installation Commanding Officer
- The Installation Commanding Officer is appointed by Commander, Navy Region Southwest



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10 Aug 20

**From:** Commanding Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake  
**To:** Ms. Charlotte F. Baldwin, NAVFAC Southwest, China Lake

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

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

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from the position of Head – Compliance & Engineering Branch, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, unless earlier withdrawn.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

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GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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2. This appointment will continue in effect until your detachment from the position of Public Works Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, unless earlier withdrawn.
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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake  
To: Mr. John D. Kersey, NAVFAC Southwest, China Lake

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

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

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), you are hereby appointed to serve as a Department of Defense (DoD) liaison to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA).
2. This appointment will continue in effect until your detachment from the position of Community Planning & Liaison Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, unless earlier withdrawn.
3. Per reference (a), as a DoD liaison, you officially represent the DoD in matters of mutual interest for the IWVGA, but may not:
  - a. Be involved in the management or control of the Board of Directors (e.g., vote) of the IWVGA, but you may serve on committees;
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4. If your name will be listed on the website or letterhead of the IWVGA or next to the names of members of the Board of Directors of the IWVGA, you must ensure that the term "DoD Liaison" is placed next to your name. You must also make clear to the IWVGA that the opinions you may express do not bind DoD or the Navy to any action. Finally, DoD liaisons may not participate in, nor provide advice concerning, any efforts by the Board of Directors of the IWVGA to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before the U.S. Congress.
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From: Commander, Navy Region Southwest  
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake  
Subj: APPOINTMENT AS DOD LIAISON TO THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY  
Ref: (a) DoD 5500.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation of 30 Nov 11

1. In accordance with reference (a), you are hereby appointed to serve as the Department of Defense (DoD) liaison to the Indian Well Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA).

2. As a DoD liaison you will officially represent the DoD in matters of mutual interest and may serve on the Board of Directors (BoDs) of IWVGA. However, you may not:

- a. Be involved in the management or control of the IWVGA (e.g. vote);
- b. Fundraise on behalf of the IWVGA;
- c. Promote nor endorse the IWVGA; or
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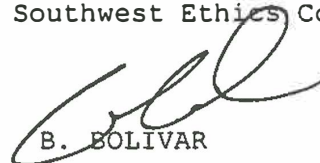
3. If your name will be listed on the IWVGA website or on letterhead of the IWVGA, or next to the names of the BoDs of the IWVGA, the term "DoD Liaison" must be placed next to your name.

4. You must make clear to the IWVGA leadership that the opinions you express as a DoD liaison do not bind DoD or the Navy to any specific action.

5. You may not participate in, nor provide advice concerning, any efforts by the IWVGA to influence congressional action on legislation or appropriation matters pending before the U.S. Congress.

6. This appointment is effective immediately and will remain in effect until your detachment from this command, unless sooner rescinded.

7. Finally, I encourage you to review sections 3-201 through 3-205 of reference (a) with the Navy Region Southwest Ethics Counselor.

  
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