

# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS A G E N D A

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

**Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.**

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

***NOTICE:*** *In accordance with the evolving public health declarations, we will continue to provide live stream video for those wishing to participate virtually. Please see the Public Comment Notice below for detailed instructions on submitting public comment as well as websites for livestream broadcasting. Telephonic participation by members of the Board and staff is expected.*

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

### Statements from the Public

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

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND AB 361 FINDING**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS –  
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Jackson Ranch - Kings County  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers 048-010-016, 048-010-018, and 048-020-030; Agency  
Negotiator: Capitol Core Group; Negotiating Parties: Various; Under Negotiation: Price  
and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – 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 November 9, 2022
- b. 2023 IWVGA Regular Board Meeting Schedule
- c. Approve Expenditures
  - \*To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*
  - i. \$173,826.96 – Stetson Engineers
  - ii. \$30,744.25 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
  - iii. \$15,387.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
  - iv. \$58,201.91 – Provost & Pritchard (SGMA IP Grant)

**9. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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

**11. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CAPITOL CORE GROUP**

**12. CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

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

**14. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTED WATER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT ITEMS**

- a. Presentation of Preferred Pipeline Alignment
- b. Release of Request for Proposals for environmental documents (California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act) and permitting services

- c. Release of Request for Proposals for Pipeline Right-of-Way Services
- d. Release of Request for Proposals for pipeline design services

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

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

**17. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT**

- a. Grant Funding
  - i. Proposition 1
  - ii. Proposition 68
  - iii. SGMA Implementation Project Grant Funds
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
  - i. Recycled Water Program
  - ii. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Funding Feasibility Study
  - iii. Draft Annual Report
  - iv. Shallow Well Mitigation Update
- c. Miscellaneous Items
  - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
  - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
  - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update

**18. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

**19. PAC/TAC REPORT**

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2023**

**21. ADJOURN**

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE**

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority is continuing to hold board meetings in order to conduct essential business. IWVGA meetings will be open to the public for physical attendance; However, for those who wish to continue using virtual alternatives please follow the directions below for access to live stream video as well as ways to submit public comment.

• **Watch meetings on-line:**

All of our meetings are streamed live at <https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/369/Watch> (4 second streaming delay) or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofridgecrest/live> (22 second streaming delay) and are also available for playback after the meeting.

• **Call in for public comments:**

If you wish to make verbal comment, *please call (760) 499-5010*. This phone line will allow only one caller at a time, so if the line is busy, please continue to dial. We will be allowing a 20-30 second pause between callers to give time for media delays and callers to dial in. Due to media delays, please mute your streaming device while making public comment. If you wish to comment on multiple items, you will need to call in as each item is presented.

\*Please Note – This process will be a learning curve for all, *please be patient*.

- **Submit written comments:**

We encourage submittal of written comments supporting, opposing, or otherwise commenting on an agenda item, for distribution to the Board prior to the meeting. Send emails to [akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov](mailto: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.