

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, January 12, 2022; 11:00 a.m.

IWVGA Members Present:

Chairman Phillip Peters, Kern County	Carol Thomas-Keefer, IWVGA General Manager
Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel
Stan Rajtora, IWVWD	Steve Johnson, Stetson Engineers
John Vallejo, Inyo County	Commander Benjamin Turner, US Navy, DoD Liaison
Tim Itnyre, San Bernardino County	April Keigwin, Clerk of the Board

Attending via teleconference is Tim Itnyre, John Vallejo, Steve Johnson, Keith Lemieux and Carol Thomas-Keefer.

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 11:07 a.m.

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

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

2. AB-361 FINDING:

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Stan Rajtora to make a finding that health and safety risks as stated in AB-361 are still of concern.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board hears public comment from Harold Manos, Joshua Nugent, Renee Westa-Lusk, and Mike Neel.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting December 8, 2021.
- b. Approve Expenditures

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- i. \$62,271.17 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$26,702.98 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$13,312.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Minutes of Board Meeting December 8, 2021, and the following expenditures in the amount of \$62,271.17 to Stetson Engineers, \$26,702.98 to Regional Government Services, and \$13,312.50 to Capitol Core Group.
Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

5. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson and Heather Steele provide updates on the following grants/programs:

- a. Grant Funding
 - i. Proposition 1
 - ii. Proposition 68
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Recycled Water Program
 - ii. Project No. 1 – Surface Percolation Replenishment
 - iii. Project No. 4 – Shallow Well Impact Mitigation Program Update
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Policy on Temporary Use
 - ii. Annual Report for Water Year 2021

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

6. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides the Monthly Financial Report and an update from Wulff Hansen (documents made available on the IWVGA website). Michael McKinney of Capitol Core Group provides a Technical Memorandum (document made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Judie Decker.

7. PAC/TAC REPORT:

PAC Chair, David Janiec, states the committee did not meet in December but updates the Board on what will be discussed at the January meeting. Steve Johnson provides a verbal update on the January 6, 2022 TAC meeting.

The Board hears public comment from Judie Decker.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS:


Director Rajtora announces the Water District will be hosting a meeting on January 26 at 6:00 pm at Ridgecrest City Hall to discuss the Groundwater Adjudication. Rajtora encourages the public to attend.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2022

10. ADJOURN:

Chairman Peters adjourns the meeting at 12:22 p.m. on January 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board

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