

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Inyo County, Kern County, San Bernardino County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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
Thomas Bickauskas, Bureau of Land Management	

Attending via teleconference is Tim Itnyre, John Vallejo, and Steve Johnson.

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Peters calls the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND 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 ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

Chairman Peters calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – (Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: State Water Project Importation; Agency Negotiator: Capitol Core Group; Negotiating Parties: Various; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) - Number of cases: (2)
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Name of case: Searles Valley Minerals Inc. v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, et. al.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Name of case: Mojave Pistachios, LLC, a California limited liability company, et.al. v. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, a California Joint Powers Authority, et. al.

Closed Session adjourns at 10:57 a.m.

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

Meeting reconvenes into Open Session at 11:01 a.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports the Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP. No additional action was taken that would require disclosure under The Brown Act.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Peters
- c. Roll Call

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board hears public comment from Tim Carroll and Judie Decker.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 9, 2022
- b. Resolution 02-22 Appointing Donna Ogilvie as the Navy DOD Liaison TAC Representative
- c. Approve Expenditures

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- i. \$73,365.46 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$27,206.00 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$12,512.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
- iv. \$40,757.72 – California Rural Water Association – (SDAC)

Motion made by Stan Rajtora and seconded by Scott Hayman to approve Minutes of Board Meeting March 9, 2022, Resolution 02-22, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$73,365.46 to Stetson Engineers, \$27,206.00 to Regional Government Services, \$12,512.50 to Capitol Core Group, and \$40,757.72 to California Rural Water Association.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

9. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

Counsel Lemieux provides staff report and executive order (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

10. RESOLUTION 03-22 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO CONTINUE BANKING WITH ALTA ONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN PLACE OF MISSION BANK

Gina Schuchard of Regional Government Services presents staff report and resolution (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Resolution 03-22 to continue banking with AltaOne Federal Credit Union in place of Mission Bank.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

11. ABANDONMENT OF THE FALLOWING PROGRAM DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING

April Keigwin presents staff report and letter to Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) requesting the Board discuss and come to a final decision on Fallowing Program funding at their next board meeting (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk, Josh Nugent, Judie Decker, and Tim Carroll.

Motion made by Scott Hayman and seconded by Phillip Peters to send a letter to IWVWD requesting the Board discuss Fallowing Program funding at their next regular board meeting.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

12. PERMANENT TRANSFER OF TRANSIENT POOL ALLOTMENT – (Hickle)

April Keigwin presents staff report and transfer form (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

13. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Steve Johnson, and Jean Moran provide updates on the following grants/programs (documents made available on the IWVGA website):

- a. Grant Funding
 - i. Proposition 1
 - ii. Proposition 68
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Recycled Water Program
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Update
 - ii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
 - iii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan

14. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

April Keigwin provides the Monthly Financial Report, and Technical Memorandum from Capitol Core Group

(documents made available on the IWVGA website).

15. PAC/TAC REPORT:

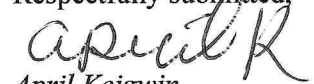
Dave Janiec presents a report from the March 24, 2022 PAC meeting (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 11, 2022

17. ADJOURN:

Chairman Peters adjourns the meeting at 12:30 p.m. on April 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



April Keigwin

Clerk of the Board

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority