

# 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, December 8, 2021; 11:00 a.m.

**IWVGA Members Present:**

Chairman Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Carol Thomas-Keefer, IWVGA General Manager
Phillip Peters, Kern County	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 and John Vallejo, Steve Johnson.

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 11:02 a.m.**

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

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

**2. AB-361 FINDING:**

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by Phillip Peters 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 Hayman	Aye
Vice Chair Rajtora	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Peters	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Board hears public comment from Nick Panzer and Judie Decker.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting November 10, 2021.
- b. Approve 2022 Regular Board Meeting Dates
- c. Approve Expenditures

*\*To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>*

- i. \$77,753.84 – Stetson Engineers

- ii. \$28,558.75 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$15,281.25 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)

Vice Chair Rajtora requests to pull agenda item 4.c.i for further discussion.

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Minutes of Board Meeting November 10, 2021, 2022 Regular Meeting Dates and the following expenditures in the amount of \$28,558.75 to Regional Government Services, and \$15,281.25 to Capitol Core Group.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion made by Stan Rajtora and seconded by Phillip Peters to approve agenda item 4.c.i in the amount of \$77,753.84 to Stetson Engineers.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**5. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:**

Steve Johnson and Joseph Montoya 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 Josh Nugent, West Katzenstein, Judie Decker, Mike Sinnott, Don Decker, and Renee Westa-Lusk.

**6. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides staff report and agreement (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Josh Nugent, Don Decker, West Katzenstein, Judie Decker,

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by John Vallejo to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Regional Government Services.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Hayman	Aye
Vice Chair Rajtora	Nay
Director Itnyre	Aye

Director Peters	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

**7. BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO.4 TO AGREEMENT WITH CAPITOL CORE GROUP:**

Jeff Simonetti provides technical memorandum, 2022 Scope of Work, budget and amendment (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Josh Nugent,

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Stan Rajtora to approve Amendment No.5 (typo on agenda item description) to Agreement No. 01-19 with Capitol Core Group.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**8. 2022 BOARD ROTATION:**

Counsel Lemieux provides staff report and Resolution 09-21 (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

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

Motion is made by John Vallejo and seconded by Phillip Peters to approve Resolution 09-21 removing Indian Wells Valley Water District from the 2022 Chairperson rotation.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**9. UPDATE FROM WULFF HANSEN ON BOND PROGRESS:**

Roy Nelson of Wulff Hansen provides an update on the bond progress and introduces Nikki Tallman of Brandis Tallman as the recommended bond agency (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Josh Nugent.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Carol Thomas-Keefer provides the Monthly Financial Report (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

The Board hears public comment from Josh Nugent.

**11. PAC/TAC REPORT:**

PAC Chair, David Janiec gives a report from the November, PAC Meeting (document made available on the IWVGA website). No TAC update at this time.

The Board hears public comment from Judie Decker.

**12. CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Commander Benjamin Turner requests the board consider adding a conservation study to the project list.

Vice Chair Rajtora expresses disappointment in board approval of Resolution 09-21. He further asks staff to prioritize completing the 2020 audit.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2022**

**14. ADJOURN:**

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 2:15 p.m. on December 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



*April Keigwin*

Clerk of the Board

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority