

# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, May 6, 2021; 10:00 a.m.**

### IWVGA Members:

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 Peter Benson, 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, Phillip Peters, Carol Thomas-Keefer, and Steve Johnson.

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

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

### 2. OPEN SESSION:

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

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ORDER ON SEARLES VALLEY MINERALS FOR FAILURE TO REPORT AND PAY REPLENISHMENT FEES (Does not include domestic water service provided through Searles Domestic Water):

Special Counsel Markman presents a staff report and Resolution 04-21 (documents made available on the IWVGA website).

Jeff Dunn, legal counsel for Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) and Burnell Blanchard, Vice President of Operations, speak on behalf of SVM.

The Board hears public comment from Priscilla Vinigon, Renee Westa-Lusk, Shirley Kirkpatrick, Regina Progalin, Ray Becker, and Tyler Montoya.

Motion is made by John Vallejo and seconded by Phillip Peters to 1) Continue the Public Hearing to the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular IWVGA Board Meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and 2) IWVGA Staff to seek additional information regarding the infrastructure of SVM's pipeline that feeds Searles Domestic Water. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**5. CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 12, 2021**

**7. ADJOURN:**

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 12:34 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



*April Keigwin*  
Clerk of the Board  
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority