

# INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVISED AGENDA

Thursday, March 19, 2020

**Open Session 10:00 a.m.**

***NOTICE:*** In accordance with the evolving Public Health Declarations, we are temporarily encouraging the public to strongly consider the alternatives to attending the meeting in person. Telephonic participation by some Board Members and staff is expected and the meeting will be broadcast at the websites highlighted below. Detailed alternative options for commenting are provided in the Public Comment Notice below.

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 Nordenstrom at (760) 384-5511. 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 Indian Wells Valley Water District, 500 Ridgecrest Blvd, 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. The Public Comments portion 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. OPEN SESSION - **10:00 a.m.**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting February 20, 2020
- b. Approve Minutes of Special Board Meeting March 13, 2020
- c. Approve Expenditures
  - i. \$7,302.50 - RWG Law
  - ii. \$83,384.06 - Stetson Engineers
  - iii. \$2,000.00 – Brown Armstrong

- iv. \$3,925.00 – Capitol Core Group
- v. \$9,993.00 – California Association of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority (JPRIMA)
- vi. \$934.36 - The Daily Independent

**5. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 01-20 – REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF, USE OF, AND REPORTING ON METERING EQUIPMENT FOR GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FACILITIES IN THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**6. RESOLUTION 02-20 – ADOPTING GROUNDWATER WELL FLOWMETER STANDARDS FOR THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**7. AGREEMENT WITH PARCELQUEST FOR ASSESSORS DATA FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

**8. INDEPENDENT IWVGA STAFF INCLUDING GENERAL MANAGER POSITION**

Description: Staff seeks discussion and direction from Board on staffing the Authority independent current of in-kind services.

**9. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER (WRM) REPORT**

- a. Report on Proposition 1 Grant Status
- b. Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC) Programs Update
- c. Proposition 68 Grant Status Update
- d. Groundwater Pumping Verification
- e. Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Report

**10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Report on IWVGA’s Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)
- c. Well Registration Update

**11. CLOSING COMMENTS**

This time is reserved for comments by Board members and/or staff and to identify matters for future Board business.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREATENED LITIGATION  
(Government Code Sections 54956.9(e)(3) and (e)(5), Number of cases 3: Parties making threat: Meadowbrook Dairy *et al*, Mojave Pistachio *et al*, and Searles Valley Mineral *et al*.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) Number of cases: 3 or more: Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board of Directors, on the advice of legal counsel, is meeting to decide whether, and when, to initiate litigation for failure to properly provide well registration and reporting.

**13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – April 16, 2020**

**14. ADJOURN**

## PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, 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. However, as suggested by the Center for Disease Control, we are temporarily encouraging the public to consider the following alternatives to attending the meetings in person:

- **Watch meetings on-line:**

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

- **Call in for public comments:**

If you do not wish to attend in person but would like to participate with verbal comments, *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 delay between callers to give time for media delays and callers to dial in. 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:**

For those limiting attendance to public gatherings, 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 [apriln@iwvwd.com](mailto:apriln@iwvwd.com) written correspondence may be sent to April Nordenstrom, Clerk of the Board, 500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., **Ridgecrest, CA 93555**. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates. All communication, whether it is a formal letter or an online informal email, is read by the City Council.

- **Large Groups:**

If you are part of a large group that would like to comment on an agenda item, please consider commenting in writing or sending one spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group. This will be as impactful to the Council as having a large group in attendance.

For those members of the public who still wish to attend the Board meeting in person, please note that efforts have been made to allow adequate social distancing and we will adhere to the recommended limit of 50 or less in chambers.