

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Open Session – 10:00 a.m.

Closed Session to follow.

Pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1) two additional call-in locations have been established for Board Members who will attend this meeting via teleconference at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA. 92307 and 1360 N Main St Bishop, CA. 93514.

NOTICE: *In accordance with the evolving public health declarations, we will continue to provide live stream video for those wishing to participate virtually. Please see the Public Comment Notice below for detailed instructions on submitting public comment as well as websites for livestream broadcasting.*

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 Keigwin at (805) 764-5452. 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 Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W California Ave, 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 a future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Board or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. All Public Comment portions 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

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting May 14, 2025
- b. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>.*
 - *Due to cancellation of the June meeting, invoice totals are for multiple months.*
 - i. \$411,750.29 – Provost & Pritchard – (SGMA IP)
 - ii. \$349,774.09 – City of Ridgecrest
 - iii. \$222,722.68 – Stetson Engineers
 - iv. \$66,868.56 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - v. \$35,516.50 – Westbound Communication – (Extraction)
 - vi. \$22,625.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Paid using GM authority on 6/25/25)
 - vii. \$19,400.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment)
 - viii. \$14,790.50 – Transystems (SGMA IP)

6. WESTBOUND COMMUNICATION SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

7. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT

- a. Grant Funding
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Imported Water Project
 - ii. Shallow Well Mitigation Program
- c. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan
 - iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
 - iv. Rademacher Consolidation Update

8. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. C&E Plan Update
- c. Report on IWVGA’s Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

10. CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Purchase of Water Rights; Agency Negotiator: Jeff Simonetti; Negotiating Parties: Renewable Resources Group; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- 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. - Orange County Superior Court 30-2022-01239487-CU-MC-CJC
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (§ 54956.9)
Name of Case: Searles Valley Minerals, Inc v. IWVGA [Case Number 30-2025-01457804-CU-WM-CJC]

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Name of case: Mojave Pistachios, LLC v Indian Wells Valley Water District, et al. Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJ

11. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2025

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PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

IWVGA meetings will be open to the public for physical attendance; However, for those who wish to continue using virtual alternatives please follow the directions below for access to live stream video as well as ways to submit public comment.

- **Watch meetings on-line:**
All of our meetings are streamed live at <https://ridgecrest-ca.gov/369/Watch> (4 second streaming delay) or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofridgecrest/live> (22 second streaming delay) and are also available for playback after the meeting.
- **Call in for public comments:**
If you wish to make verbal comment, *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 pause between callers to give time for media delays and callers to dial in. Due to media delays, please mute your streaming device while making public comment. If you wish to comment on multiple items, you will need to call in as each item is presented.
- **Submit written comments:**
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 akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov written correspondence may be sent to April Keigwin, Clerk of the Board, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.
- **Large Groups:**
If you are part of a large group that would like to comment on an agenda item, please consider commenting in writing. This will be as impactful to the Board as having a large group in attendance.