

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Ridgecrest City Hall 100 W California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 760-499-5002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

Open Session no earlier than 11:30 a.m.

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.*

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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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Purchase of Water Rights; Agency Negotiator: Jeff Simonetti; Negotiating Parties: Westside Ag; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
(Government Code Section 54956.8) - Property: Purchase of Land; Agency Negotiator: April Keigwin / Phillip Hall; Negotiating Parties: Fremont Valley Properties; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): IWVGA v. Inyokern CSD – Kern County Superior Court BCV-22-100281
- 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

5. CALL TO ORDER – No earlier than 11:30 a.m.

- a. Report on closed session
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

6. 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.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting July 8, 2026
- b. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>.*
 - i. \$106,529.97 – Stetson Engineers
 - ii. \$37,292.50 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - iii. \$23,100.00 – Blue Mountain Development – (SGMA IP / EPA)
 - iv. \$16,281.25 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - v. \$11,025.00 – Westbound Communication – (Extraction)
 - vi. \$2,007.50 – GFT Infrastructure – (SGMA IP / EPA)
 - vii. \$715.92 – Hamner & Jewell Associates – (Consolidation)

9. AUTHORIZE MODIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

10. BOARD TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT

11. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT

- a. Grant Funding
- b. GSP Implementation Projects/Management Action Updates
 - i. Imported Water Project
 - ii. Shallow Well Mitigation Program
- c. Consolidation Projects
 - i. Rademacher Way
 - ii. Stark Street
- d. Miscellaneous Items
 - i. Data Collection and Monitoring
 - ii. IWVGA Basin Model Configuration Management Plan

- iii. Rose Valley Subflow Update
- iv. Data Center Comment Letter Submission

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Outreach Update
- c. Report on IWVGA's Water Marketer (Capitol Core Group)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

14. ADJOURN

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.

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 8, 2026

IWVGA Members Present:

Chairman Scott Hayman, City of Ridgecrest	Commander Strausbaugh, United States Navy
Phillip Peters, Kern County	Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel
David Saint-Amand, Indian Wells Valley Water District	April Keigwin, General Manager
John Vallejo, Inyo County	Steve Johnson, Water Resources Manager
Tim Itnyre, San Bernardino County	

Attending via teleconference is Steve Johnson.

Meeting recording, public comment letters submitted, and all board meeting related documents are made available at:
<https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings/>

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by John Vallejo to approve adoption of the agenda.
Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Chairman Hayman	Aye
Vice Chair Peters	Aye
Director Saint-Amand	Aye
Director Itnyre	Absent
Director Vallejo	Aye

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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

4. CLOSED SESSION:

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Phillip Hall; Negotiating Parties: Fremont Valley Properties; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

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Closed Session adjourns at 12:02 p.m.

5. OPEN SESSION – no earlier than 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes in Open Session at 12:10 p.m.

- a. Report on Closed Session – Counsel Lemieux reports no reportable action was taken that would require disclosure under The Brown Act.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance is led by Chairman Hayman
- c. Roll Call

Chairman Hayman	Present
Vice Chair Peters	Present
Director Saint-Amand	Present
Director Itnyre	Present
Director Vallejo	Present

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting June 10, 2026
- b. Appointment of United States Navy DOD Liaison, Commander Kyle P. Strausbaugh
- c. Approve Expenditures

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

- i. \$127,123.81 – Stetson Engineers
- ii. \$39,789.09 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iii. \$18,450.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- iv. \$12,787.50 – Blue Mountain Development – (SGMA IP / EPA)
- v. \$11,191.28 – Westbound Communication – (Extraction)
- vi. \$9,965.60 – Provost & Prichard (SGMA IP / EPA)
- vii. \$3,086.68 – Hamner & Jewell Associates – (Consolidation)
- viii. \$537.50 – GFT Infrastructure – (SGMA IP / EPA)

Motion made by John Vallejo and seconded by David Saint-Amand to approve Minutes of Board Meeting June 10, 2026, Appointment of Commander Kyle Strausbaugh, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$127,123.81 to Stetson Engineers, \$39,789.09 to Regional Government Services, \$18,450.00 to Capitol Core Group, \$12,787.50 to Blue Mountain Development, \$11,191.28 to Westbound Communications, \$9,965.60 to Provost & Pritchard, \$3,086.68 to Hamner & Jewell Associates and \$537.50 to GFT Infrastructure.

Motion carries by the following vote:

Chairman Hayman	Aye
Vice Chair Peters	Aye
Director Saint-Amand	Aye
Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Vallejo	Aye

9. COMPREHENSIVE GROUNDWATER ADJUDICATION – PHASE 2 SUMMARY:

Counsel Lemieux provides summary update.

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

10. WATER RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Jeff Helsley provides updates on the following items:

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

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

April Keigwin presents monthly financial report and updates on public outreach. Michael McKinney provides legislative update.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2026

13. ADJOURN:

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 12:56 p.m. on July 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

April Keigwin
Clerk of the Board
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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Stetson Engineers

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
100 W. California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Invoice number 2652-107
Date 07/22/2026

Project **2652 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**

Professional services through 06/30/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:01 Meetings & Prep

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	11.00	244.00	2,684.00
Supervisor I	3.25	212.00	689.00
Associate II	38.75	119.00	4,611.25
Associate III	3.00	114.00	342.00
Assistant I	7.50	101.00	757.50

Reimbursables

	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Reproduction (Color)			
Non Vendor Reimbursables	128.00	0.89	113.92
Reproduction (Black and White)			
Non Vendor Reimbursables	86.00	0.15	12.90
Phase subtotal			9,210.57

2652-2026:02.02 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Administration

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior I	0.50	170.00	85.00
Associate II	6.00	119.00	714.00
Assistant I	2.50	101.00	252.50
Phase subtotal			1,051.50

2652-2026:02.03 EPA Resiliency Grant Administration

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	26.00	119.00	3,094.00

2652-2026:03 Grant Review & Application Preparation

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	3.50	244.00	854.00



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Project 2652 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Invoice number 2652-107

Date 07/22/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:03 Grant Review & Application Preparation

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor I	1.75	212.00	371.00
Supervisor II	2.00	197.00	394.00
Associate II	46.00	119.00	5,474.00
Phase subtotal			7,093.00

2652-2026:04 Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor II	18.50	197.00	3,644.50
Senior III	7.50	138.00	1,035.00
GIS Manager	7.50	126.00	945.00
Phase subtotal			5,624.50

2652-2026:05 General Project Mgmt

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	5.00	244.00	1,220.00
Supervisor I	1.25	212.00	265.00
Supervisor II	22.00	197.00	4,334.00
Senior I	0.75	170.00	127.50
Phase subtotal			5,946.50

2652-2026:06 Model Transfer & Upgrade

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor II	34.50	197.00	6,796.50

2652-2026:07.03 Resiliency Grant: Design

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	3.50	244.00	854.00
Supervisor I	2.75	212.00	583.00
Associate II	32.75	119.00	3,897.25
GIS Manager	1.50	126.00	189.00
Phase subtotal			5,523.25

2652-2026:07.04 Resiliency Grant: Environmental

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	2.00	244.00	488.00
Supervisor II	6.50	197.00	1,280.50



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Date 07/22/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:07.04 Resiliency Grant: Environmental

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior III	2.75	138.00	379.50
Senior Associate	12.75	132.00	1,683.00
Associate II	2.50	119.00	297.50
GIS Manager	18.75	126.00	2,362.50
Reimbursables			
	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Laboratory/Testing			
Weck Laboratories, Inc.			290.00
Phase subtotal			6,781.00

2652-2026:07.05 Resiliency Grant: Right of Way

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor I	1.00	212.00	212.00
Associate II	1.00	119.00	119.00
Phase subtotal			331.00

2652-2026:08 Imported Water: Negotiations & Coordination

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor I	2.75	212.00	583.00

2652-2026:10 Stakeholder Coordination

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior III	13.75	138.00	1,897.50

2652-2026:11 Data Collection, Monitoring & Data Gaps

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor II	31.50	197.00	6,205.50
Senior III	4.25	138.00	586.50
Senior Associate	4.25	132.00	561.00

Reimbursables

	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Storage Fee			
Non Vendor Reimbursables			105.60
Phase subtotal			7,458.60



STETSON
ENGINEERS INC.

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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Northern California

• Southern California

• Arizona

• Oregon

Invoice number 2652-107

Date 07/22/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:12 Shallow Well Consolidation Project

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor I	0.75	212.00	159.00
Associate II	7.50	119.00	892.50
Associate III	2.50	114.00	285.00
Phase subtotal			1,336.50

2652-2026:13 Planning Assistance to States: Army Corps Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	2.50	119.00	297.50

2652-2026:14 Production Reporting, Transient Pool & Fee Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior I	5.50	170.00	935.00
Assistant I	10.25	101.00	1,035.25
Phase subtotal			1,970.25

2652-2026:18 Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY21 Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid Doc Support & Drilli

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior Associate	0.25	132.00	33.00

2652-2026:18.1 Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	0.25	119.00	29.75

2652-2026:21 General Engineering

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Supervisor I	0.50	212.00	106.00
Supervisor II	25.00	197.00	4,925.00
Phase subtotal			5,031.00

2652-2026:26 Budget Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	3.00	119.00	357.00



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Project 2652 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Invoice number 2652-107
Date 07/22/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:27 Litigation Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	23.00	244.00	5,612.00
Special Project Director	85.00	244.00	20,740.00
Supervisor I	0.50	212.00	106.00
Supervisor II	32.50	197.00	6,402.50
Senior I	0.50	170.00	85.00
Associate II	13.00	119.00	1,547.00
GIS Manager	0.50	126.00	63.00

Reimbursables

	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Lodging			
Jean Moran			635.71
			625.77
Subtotal			1,261.48
Subtotal			1,261.48

Meals

Stephen Johnson 19.41

Mileage

Non Vendor Reimbursables 54.00 0.725 39.15
54.00 0.725 39.15

Subtotal 78.30

Jean Moran 103.00 0.725 74.68
103.00 0.725 74.68

Subtotal 149.36

Subtotal 227.66

Parking

Stephen Johnson 20.00

Phase subtotal 36,084.05

Water Resources Management 2026 subtotal 106,529.97

Invoice total **106,529.97**

Thank you for your business!

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INVOICE

Regional Government Services
PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
AR@rgs.ca.gov
(650) 587-7300 x2

**Revised**

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
April Keigwin
akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov

June 30, 2026

Invoice No: 21484 - R

Total This Invoice \$36,992.50

Project 04014.C210200000-40 Indian Wells Valley GA -Professional Employer Services

Professional Services from June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Phase IWVGA General Administration

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Advisor	166.80	150.00	25,020.00	
Totals	166.80		25,020.00	
Total Labor				25,020.00

Additional Fees

Technology Fee			600.00	
Total Additional Fees			600.00	600.00
Total this Phase				\$25,620.00

Phase IWVGA Finance

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Advisor	64.50	140.00	9,030.00	
Senior Finance Manager	15.50	140.00	2,170.00	
Technical Specialist	1.50	115.00	172.50	
Totals	81.50		11,372.50	
Total Labor				11,372.50

Total this Phase \$11,372.50

Total this Invoice \$36,992.50

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Regional Government Services
PO Box 1350
Carmel Valley, CA 93924
AR@rgs.ca.gov
(650) 587-7300 x2



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
April Keigwin
akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov

June 30, 2026
Invoice No: 21559
Total This Invoice \$300.00

Project 04014.C210200000-40 Indian Wells Valley GA -Professional Employer Services
Professional Services from June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Phase IWVGA General Administration

Reimbursable Expenses

Miscellaneous Expense (Client)	300.00	
Total Reimbursables	300.00	300.00
Total this Phase		\$300.00
Total this Invoice		<u>\$300.00</u>

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INVOICE

2423 Sebalde Ave
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
Phone 310.993.9555

DATE: June 30, 2026
INVOICE # IWVGA 09
FOR: Imported Water Project

CLSB 982332 - A & B

Bill To:

IWVGA

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

Attn: April Keigwin, Agency Executive

DESCRIPTION	DURATION	RATE	AMOUNT
IMPORTED WATER PROJECT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT			
6/1/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting, File Organization, USACE Preparation	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
6/2/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, Caltrans Planning	3.5	\$ 275.00	\$962.50
6/3/26 Project File Organization, IWVGA Staff Call, HWY 395	4.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,237.50
6/4/26 Scour Analysis Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/5/26 Project Planning, Program Schedule Planning Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
6/8/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting, Scour Analysis Review	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/9/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, Caltrans Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/10/26 Scour Analysis Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
6/11/26 USACE Coordination	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
6/12/26 Project Planning	5.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,375.00
6/15/26 Scour Analysis Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/16/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, ROW Planning Meeting	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/17/26 PDT Meeting Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/18/26 Monthly PDT Meeting	3.5	\$ 275.00	\$962.50
6/19/26 P&P Engineering Planning Meeting, GIS Planning Meeting	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/22/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting, Scour Analysis Planning,	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/23/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
6/24/26 Project Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/25/26 BLM Planning Meeting, GIS Planning Meeting	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
6/26/26 Project Planning, Program Schedule Planning Meeting	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
6/29/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
6/30/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, Caltrans Permit Planning Meeting	2.5	\$ 275.00	\$687.50
TOTAL HOURS	50.0		

See enclosed task detail for the work effort for the month of June 2026

AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE \$ **13,750.00**

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT	AMOUNT BILLED THROUGH THIS BILLING CYCLE	% COMPLETE THROUGH THIS BILLING CYCLE	AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE
TASK 1 - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 108,487.00	49.3%	\$ 13,750.00
TOTAL: \$ 220,000.00 \$ 108,487.00 49.3%				

INVOICE PAYMENTS PAST DUE OVER 30 DAYS:

Make all checks payable to **Blue Mountain Development, Inc.**
If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Nick Biro at 310-993-9555

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



INVOICE

2423 Sebalde Ave
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
Phone 310.993.9555

DATE: July 31, 2026
INVOICE # IWVGA 10
FOR: Imported Water Project

CLSB 982332 - A & B

Bill To:

IWVGA

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

Attn: April Keigwin, Agency Executive

DESCRIPTION	DURATION	RATE	AMOUNT
IMPORTED WATER PROJECT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT			
7/1/26 Project Scour Planning, Caltrans Planning	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
7/2/26 Project Planning - General	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/6/26 ROW Planning Meeting, Pipeline Planning	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
7/7/26 IWVGA Staff Call, Technical Document Review	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
7/8/26 Project ROW / Caltrans Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/10/26 Project Planning Team Meeting, BLM Plat Planning, Schedule	5.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,512.50
7/13/26 Project Planning - General	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/14/26 BLM Plat Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/15/26 Environmental Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/17/26 Team Meeting, Caltrans Permit Planning	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
7/20/26 IWVGA Staff Call, Scour Planning Meeting	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
7/22/26 EIR Project Description Planning Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/23/26 BLM Planning Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/24/26 Project PDT Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/27/26 BLM Meeting Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/28/26 Environmental Coordination	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/29/26 Environmental and Project Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
7/30/26 PDT Meeting, Caltrans Planning	3.5	\$ 275.00	\$962.50
7/31/26 Environmental Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00

TOTAL HOURS 34.0

See enclosed task detail for the work effort for the month of July 2026

AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE \$ 9,350.00

CONTRACT SUMMARY:

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	CONTRACT AMOUNT	AMOUNT BILLED THROUGH THIS BILLING CYCLE	% COMPLETE THROUGH THIS BILLING CYCLE	AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE
TASK 1 - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 113,437.00	51.6%	\$ 9,350.00

TOTAL: \$ 220,000.00 \$ 113,437.00 51.6%

INVOICE PAYMENTS PAST DUE OVER 30 DAYS:

Make all checks payable to **Blue Mountain Development, Inc.**
If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Nick Biro at 310-993-9555

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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Capitol Core Group
205 Cartwheel Bend (Operations Dept.)
Austin, TX 78738 US
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operations@capitolcore.com
www.capitolcore.com

BILL TO

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater
Authority
500 West Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, California 93555
USA

INVOICE 2026-062**DATE 08/06/2026 TERMS Net 45****DUE DATE 09/20/2026****VENDOR ID**

19553

INVOICE PERIOD

July 2026

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
07/01/2026	Balance Forward	59,493.75
	Other payments and credits after 07/01/2026 through 08/05/2026	-41,043.75
08/06/2026	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	16,281.25
	Total Amount Due	34,731.25

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
PROJECT 1: IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES			
P1-A: Negotiations			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs A: Water Cost Analysis (development) {McKinney}	1.75	275.00	481.25
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs A: Water Cost Analysis and Report {Tatum}	10.50	275.00	2,887.50
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs A: Water Cost Analysis development {Simonetti}	3	250.00	750.00
P1-B: Other Required Agreements			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs B: AVEK/IWVGA Term Sheet	2.50	250.00	625.00
P1-C: Regulatory Approvals			
P1-D: 2026 Water Marketing			
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 1: \$4,143.75 (17.75 hours)			
PROJECT 2: WATER REPLENISHMENT PIPELINE			
P2-A: FY2027 Energy and Water Development Act			
Government Relations: Federal A: Congressional: Senate Appropriations and CR issues {McKinney}	2	275.00	550.00
Government Relations: Federal A: Senate Appropriations Follow-up {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
P2-B: Other State and Federal Requirements			
P2-C: Regulatory Support (Pipeline)			
P2-D: USACE Transition			
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 2: \$800.00 (3 hours)			
PROJECT 3: OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE GSP			
P3-A: Well Mitigation			
P3-B: Land Repurposing			
P3-C Other Infrastructure Requirements			
P3-D: Groundwater Adjudication Legislation			
P3-E: General Governmental Affairs			
Government Relations:California E: Agency: Review and comment of CEC filing {McKinney}	2	275.00	550.00
Government Relations:California E: Legislature: Legislative Tracking and Data Center Legislation (general) {Simonetti}	3.50	250.00	875.00
Government Relations:Federal E: Draft language for IWVGA Gen. Manager, Navy {Simonetti}	0.50	250.00	125.00
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 3: \$1,550.00 (6 hours)			
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION			
PA-A: Monthly Board Meetings			
General Business Items:Project Administration A: July Board Meeting {Tatum}	3	275.00	825.00
General Business Items:Project Administration A: July Meeting -- Materials Preparation and Meeting {Simonetti}	3	250.00	750.00
PA-B: Ad Hoc Reports			
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Fremont Valley Analysis development/review/legal review (internal) {McKinney}	7.50	275.00	2,062.50
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Internal Client Meetings {McKinney}	3	275.00	825.00
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Land-Use Analysis/Due Diligence Report Fremont Valley {Tatum}	14	275.00	3,850.00
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Fremont Valley Analysis Review and staff call {Simonetti}	1.50	250.00	375.00
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Fremont Valley and Water Cost Analysis Review {Peterson}	2	250.00	500.00
PA-C: Milestone Reports			
PA-D: Communications Review			
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: \$9,187.50 (34 hours)			

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE NOTES:			
State Reporting for Invoice: \$1,425.00			
Federal Reporting for Invoices: \$925.00			

On behalf of the entire Capitol Core Group Team, thank you so much for being our client.

SUBTOTAL	16,281.25
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	16,281.25
TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES	16,281.25
TOTAL DUE	\$34,731.25

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3649 Mission Inn Ave., First Floor Rotunda
Riverside, CA 92501 US
951-462-1106
tmoran@westboundcommunications.com
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BILL TO

April Keigwin
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
100 W California Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

INVOICE 6136

DATE 07/22/2026 **TERMS** Net 30

DUE DATE 08/21/2026

P.O. NUMBER

June 2026

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Professional fees for public relations counsel and services in support of Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority. Period of Service: June 2026	44.25	240.00	10,620.00
			Subtotal: 10,620.00
Reimbursable expenses for the billing period:			
Technology Access Fee	1	395.00	395.00
			Subtotal: 395.00
060826 Maven's Notebook target media outlet monthly subscription ref# 3020857522 (06/01/26 - 06/30/26)			10.00

TOTAL DUE

\$11,025.00

We appreciate your business and look forward to helping you again soon.

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Check Payment Information:

GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
PO Box 829160, Philadelphia, PA 19182-9160 Federal EIN: 25-1613591

ACH/EFT Payment Information:

Account Name: GFT Infrastructure, Inc.
ABA: 031312738 Account No.: 5003165655 Wire Routing No.: 043000096
SWIFT: PNCCUS33 (required for international payments)

Send Remit Info: AccountsReceivable@gftinc.com
Send Audit Inquiries: GovtContractAudit@gftinc.com
All Other Inquires Contact the Project Team

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
100 W California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

July 22, 2026

Invoice No: 5012302

Due Date: August 21, 2026

A0230025.601 IWW-Imported Water Pipeline Acq

Professional Services from June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026

	Total Fee	Billed To Date	Remaining Fee	Percent Complete	Previous Billings	Current Billings
Task: ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES	703,595.00	241,846.25	461,748.75	34.37%	239,838.75	2,007.50
Total:	703,595.00	241,846.25	461,748.75	34.37%	239,838.75	2,007.50

Current Billings 2,007.50

Amount Due This Bill **USD** **2,007.50**

Project	A0230025.601	IWV-Imported Water Pipeli	Invoice	5012302
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Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Cook, Victoria	2.00	250.00	500.00	
Guinaldo, Roy	5.50	165.00	907.50	
Kinnett, William	4.00	150.00	600.00	
Totals	11.50		2,007.50	
Total Labor				2,007.50
			Amount Due This Bill	2,007.50

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
5008371	5/27/2026	1,187.50
5010497	6/25/2026	537.50
Total		1,725.00

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Fee	0.00	228,011.50	228,011.50
Labor	2,007.50	10,004.75	12,012.25
Totals	2,007.50	238,016.25	240,023.75

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3183 Duncan Road, Suite E

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Indian Wells Groundwater Authority
Helena Chu
100 W. California Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Invoice number 205784
Date 07/08/2026

Project Indian Wells Waterline Easements

Professional Services from June 01, 2026 through June 30, 2026

Consolidation Projects Easement Acquisition Services

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Ashley Borlodon			
Transaction Assistant	1.75	85.00	148.75
Updated project diary			
File management			
Updated project diary			
File management			
Updated project diary			
Search for property owner contact information			
Reviewed files for current status			
Started follow up letter to owner			
Emails with project team regarding owner letter			
Reviewed files for current status			
Checked on tracking of letter to owner (Moore)			
Updated project diary			
Brent Staple			
Clerical/Assistant	0.75	75.00	56.25
Data entry for General folder.			
Printed, created Certified mailing for intro letter to owner (Moore). Data entry to owner diary.			
Lillian Jewell			
Managing Sr Associate	1.75	288.00	504.00
Receive and review emails re Rudamacker team,mtg 6/9.			
receive parcel list for Start and prompt transaction asst to set up folders for each owner.			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES subtotal	4.25		709.00

OTHER DIRECT COSTS

	Units	Billed Amount
Copies & Printing	2.00	0.28
Intro letter Moore (cert)		
Postage - SLO	1.00	6.64
Intro letter Moore (cert)		
OTHER DIRECT COSTS subtotal		6.92

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Indian Wells Groundwater Authority

Project **Indian Wells Waterline Easements**

Invoice number 205784

Date 07/08/2026

Invoice total **715.92****Project Tracking**

Description	Contract Amount	Prior Billed	Current Billed	Total Billed	Remaining
RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES	50,000.00	4,205.75	709.00	4,914.75	45,085.25
PRELIMINARY TITLE REPORTS	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
REAL PROPERTY APPRAISALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	1,500.00	2.18	6.92	9.10	1,490.90
Total	59,500.00	4,207.93	715.92	4,923.85	54,576.15

Aging Summary

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Outstanding	Current	Over 30	Over 60	Over 90	Over 120
205495	04/02/2026	1,121.25				1,121.25	
205573	05/11/2026	1,405.00		1,405.00			
205660	06/09/2026	1,681.68	1,681.68				
205784	07/08/2026	715.92	715.92				
Total		4,923.85	2,397.60	1,405.00	0.00	1,121.25	0.00

Mail all payments to address shown above. Questions regarding this invoice may be directed to Accounting at 805-773-1459 or to accounting@hamner-jewell.com. Thank you. EIN# 77-0551695

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members

DATE: August 12, 2026

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 9 – Authorize Modification of Cooperative Agreement with Department of the Navy

BACKGROUND

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) previously submitted a prioritized list of water security projects for potential funding from the Navy-Coso Royalties funds. The project selected for funding included the installation and acquisition of groundwater monitoring resources to collect hydrogeologic data regarding subsurface groundwater flow from the Rose Valley Basin into the Indian Wells Valley Basin. The purpose of this effort is to improve understanding of basin conditions and provide additional data to support updates to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

In December 2022, the Board authorized execution of a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) for Transfer of Funds to Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority for Monitoring and Studying Subsurface Groundwater Flow in Support of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (NAWSCL). The Agreement allows for the Navy to provide the Navy-Coso Royalty (Energy Support Budget funds under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 2916) to the IWVGA for the project and provides up to \$300,000.00 as payment to IWVGA to install two (2) groundwater monitoring wells and acquire access to one (1) existing groundwater monitoring well, for the purpose of collecting and publishing groundwater levels, and study subsurface groundwater flow

DISCUSSION

The IWVGA has been coordinating with NAWSCL, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest (NAVFAC SW) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement the Rose Valley groundwater monitoring project. Installation of the first monitoring well was completed in 2023. Installation of the second monitoring well has been delayed due to relocation of the proposed well site and the associated need to complete additional environmental and cultural reviews. Processing of the required BLM work authorizations was further delayed because of staffing shortages and personnel changes within the agency. The IWVGA has recently received authorization to conduct the required field investigations and anticipates proceeding with drilling of the second monitoring well in the coming months.

The original Agreement established an 11-month period of performance beginning on December 14, 2022. Due to project delays associated with permitting, site access, and coordination among

the participating agencies, the Agreement has been extended twice through no-cost modifications. The first modification, executed in February 2024, extended the completion date to February 8, 2025. The second modification, executed on July 8, 2025, extended the completion date to August 31, 2025.

Additional time is required to complete the remaining project activities. Staff therefore has coordinated with the Navy to request a third no-cost modification to the Agreement extending the period of performance to December 31, 2027. The proposed Agreement modification is included in the Board packet.

The Rose Valley area was identified as a data gap within the 2020 IWVGA GSP. Improving the understanding of subsurface groundwater flow between the Rose Valley Basin and the Indian Wells Valley Basin is important for refining groundwater model assumptions, evaluating recharge and interbasin flow, and supporting informed groundwater management decisions. Collecting reliable hydrogeologic data in this area will strengthen the technical basis for the GSP.

IWVGA staff have evaluated available groundwater monitoring data from existing wells in the Rose Valley area to determine whether the necessary information can be obtained without duplicating efforts or unnecessarily expending public funds. IWVGA staff became aware that the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) had drilled groundwater monitoring wells in the Rose Valley area and met with the District's previous General Manager to confirm the existence of the wells and determine whether the groundwater monitoring data could be shared with IWVGA. During that discussion, IWVGA staff were informed that any information related to the wells or associated data would need to be requested through the California Public Records Act. Accordingly, IWVGA submitted a public records request in April 2026, seeking records related to all wells drilled by IWVWD within the past ten years. In response, IWVWD provided one well completion report and subsequent data for their Well 35, a production/distribution well.

While IWVWD did not provide documentation in response to the request confirming the existence or details of those wells, well completion reports were obtained through Inyo County confirming that wells had been drilled in the area of interest in the summer of 2024. IWVGA Staff is interested in obtaining and evaluating available monitoring data from these wells to determine whether existing information can contribute to the understanding of subsurface groundwater flow conditions.

IWVGA Staff is committed to working collaboratively with the IWVWD, NAWS China Lake, NAVFAC Southwest, and other project partners to improve the understanding of subsurface groundwater flow in the Rose Valley area. IWVGA supports utilizing the best available science and existing groundwater data to address this critical data gap while ensuring public funds are used responsibly and efficiently.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Agreement provides up to \$300,000 in Navy-Coso Royalty funding to support the drilling of two (2) groundwater monitoring wells for subsurface flow investigations. Execution of the agreement will allow IWVGA to access these funds for eligible project activities. To date,

\$146,669.09 of Navy-Coso Royalty funding has been expended for drilling of the first well. The remaining funding is allocated to the drilling of the second well. Staff time provided by Stetson Engineers for project management, technical review, coordination, and other activities are not eligible for reimbursement under the Agreement and will be funded through Extraction Fee revenues. To date, Stetson Engineers has incurred approximately \$120,000 in project-related costs since 2021, with an estimated \$75,000 in additional Stetson costs anticipated for completion of the project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board approve execution of the Cooperative Agreement Modification for a no cost extension to extend the period of performance to a completion date of December 31, 2027.

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MODIFICATION P00003

United States Navy
750 Pacific Highway
NAVFAC Southwest
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

Cooperative Agreement No: N62473-23-2-0001
Modification No. P00003
Effective Date: Upon Signature of Grants Officer

AWARDEE: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Attn: April Keigwin
100 W California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555
CAGE: 9AAN8 UEI: QUDFZNUF3Z26

AUTHORITY: 16 USC §670c-1

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

Specific portions of the Cooperative Agreement are hereby amended as follows, and all other portions remain in full force and effect:

1. The purpose of this modification is to extend the period of performance to a completion date of 31 December 2027.
2. Total funding remains unchanged at \$300,000.00.
3. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby the parties to the Cooperative Agreement, by their authorized representatives, hereby cause this Agreement modification to be executed.

Signature of representative for Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority:

April Keigwin
General Manager
IWVGA General Manager

DATE

For the United States of America: Signature of Awarding Grants Officer:

Kevin Magennis
Grants Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Southwest

DATE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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April Keigwin
General Manager
Keith Lemieux
Legal Counsel

April 16, 2026

Subject: Public Records Act Request – Well Drilling Reports and Associated Data

Indian Wells Valley Water District
500 W Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA. 93555

Dear President Kicinski and Directors,

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code sections 7920.000 et seq., the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority respectfully requests access to and copies of the following public records:

All records, documents, and data in the possession, custody, or control of the Indian Wells Valley Water District related to groundwater wells for the period January 1, 2016 through the present, including but not limited to:

1. Well drilling reports, well completion reports, drilling logs, and construction details;
2. All data collected from such wells, including but not limited to groundwater level measurements, water quality data, pumping test results, and monitoring data;
3. Records identifying the location (including maps or GIS data), depth, and purpose of each well;
4. Permits, applications, and approvals associated with the drilling or installation of such wells;
5. Contracts, invoices, or agreements with consultants, subconsultants or contractors related to the installation, monitoring, or analysis of such wells;
6. Any technical memoranda, reports, or studies incorporating or relying upon data from these wells.
7. All communications with LADWP and any other parties related to use of the LA aqueduct.
8. Any communications with Inyo County regarding the purchase of and importing of groundwater or surface water from Inyo County.

As provided in Government Code section 7922.535(a), the District is required to determine within ten (10) days whether the requested records are disclosable and to promptly notify the requester of its determination.

To the extent any responsive records are withheld, please provide a written response identifying the specific legal basis for each withholding, including citation to the applicable exemption(s), as required under Government Code section 7922.540. If any portion of a record is exempt, please redact only the exempt portion and produce the remainder.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

April Keigwin

April Keigwin

General Manager

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov

(805) 764-5452

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

June 20, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Monitoring Well Construction Conditions for Permit Application Numbers
IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W**

Dear Gary Arnold,

This letter is to inform you of the permit conditions in place for Well Permit Application numbers IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W. The following conditions must be met:

1. The scope of work outlined in the permit application is approved as proposed. Written notification must be provided to this office prior to initiation of any work that substantially deviates from what is proposed herein.
2. A minimum 20-foot seal of annular space (minimum 2 inches thick) is required and must be witnessed by qualified staff from this Department. Please schedule a sanitary seal construction inspection with this office 48 hours in advance. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding county-observed holidays.
3. The driller must take all necessary steps to ensure control of all byproducts of the drilling and well development processes. All byproducts must be maintained on site and at no point may be permitted to escape the property boundary, create a public nuisance, or safety hazard. Cuttings or other excavated materials may be dispersed on site, though must be placed in such a way to not to impact the surrounding environment.
4. A Well Driller's Log shall be submitted to this Department within 30 days of the completion of the well.
5. If during the construction process it is decided that well development will not move beyond the drilling phase, please contact our office regarding well destruction requirements.
6. A concrete pad shall be placed around the well casing that extends at least two feet laterally in all directions measured from the outside of the well boring and is a minimum of 4 inches thick. The pad must be sloped away from the well casing.
7. The intended use of the well shall not change without written approval from the Health Officer.

Failure to adhere to the conditions outlined above will constitute a violation punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. Such person(s) shall be deemed guilty of a separate offence for each and every day or portion thereof during which any such violation is committed, continued, or permitted, and shall be subject to the same punishment as for the original offence.

Thank you,

Sarah Petersen, R.E.H.S.

Cc: BC2 Environmental, LLC via email at straub@bc2env.com
Charles Krieger, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at ckrieger@kriegerandstewart.com
Travis Romeyn, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at tromeyn@kriegerandstewart.com
David Scriven, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at dscriven@kriegerandstewart.com
Timothy Parker via email at tim@pg-tim.com

PERMIT NUMBER: 1024-010W**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us · (760) 878-0238

OWNER INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-230-17	
Phone Number: (805) 988-9886 Ext. 102	Email: garnold@atozlaw.com	
Mailing Address: 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100	City, State: Oxnard, CA	Zip: 93036
Project Site Address: 8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395	City, State: Little Lake, CA	Zip: 93542

WELL DRILLER INFORMATION		
Name of Driller: BC2 Environmental, LLC	C-57 License Number: (Well drilling)	OR C-61/D-9 License Number: (Drilling, blasting, oil field work)
Phone Number: (714) 744-2990	#1051275	
Business Mailing Address: 1150 W. Trenton Avenue		
City: Orange, CA	Zip: 92867	Email: straub@bc2env.com

TYPE OF WELL	
☐ Domestic/Private (1 connection) ☐ Domestic (2-4 connections) ☐ State Small Water System (5-14 connections) ☐ Public Water System (15+ connections or 25+ people served)	☐ Test hole (drill and destroy) ☐ Cathodic protection ☒ Monitoring/Vadose/Observation ☐ Agricultural/Industrial
☐ Other: _____	

GROUNDWATER BASIN PRIORITY (Provide basin name)	
☒ Very low priority: <u>Rose Valley Basin 6-056</u>	☐ Low priority: _____
☐ Medium priority: _____	☐ High priority: _____

TYPE OF WORK	EQUIPMENT	PITLESS ADAPTER USE
☒ Construct New ☐ Modification	☐ Rotary ☐ Cable tool ☐ Drill and Destroy ☐ Destruction	☐ Pitless adapter will be used ☐ Pitless adapter will NOT be used
	☒ Other Describe other: <u>Hollow Stem Sonic Drill</u>	☒ Not applicable

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-010W

PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		
ANNULAR SEALING MATERIAL (Check all that apply)	ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME	CASING SPECIFICATIONS
☐ Neat cement ☒ Bentonite clay ☒ Cement grout ☐ Clean Fill	Start date: <u>7/8/2024</u> Completion date: <u>7/12/2024</u>	Material: <u>Sch 40 PVC</u> Diameter (in.): <u>2 inches</u>
PROPOSED SEALING DEPTH	PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH	Wall/Gauge: <u>Sch 40</u>
From <u>0</u> to <u>35</u> feet	From <u>0</u> to <u>50</u> feet	
SURFACE SLAB		CONDUCTOR CASING SPECIFICATIONS
Surface slab to be constructed by: <u>BC2 Environmental, LLC</u>		☒ N/A ☐ Conductor to remain permanently
DESCRIPTION OF WORK (Well modification only)		Material: _____
N/A		Diameter (in.): _____
		Wall/Gauge: _____
SITE MAP		
All well permit applications must be accompanied by a Site Map (ICC 14.24.040). The Site Map must indicate the exact location of the well with respect to each of the following items within a radius of two hundred feet of the proposed well site: • Animal or fowl enclosure(s) • Existing wells • Property lines • Cesspool or seepage pits • Access roads • Sewage disposal systems, or works carrying or containing sewage, industrial or storm waters • All intermittent or permanent, natural or artificial water bodies or watercourses • drainage pattern of the property		

I hereby agree to comply with all regulations of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department and with all ordinances and laws of Inyo County and the State of California pertaining to well construction, repair, modification, and destruction at the time of commencement of work.

Scott Traub
 Licensed Driller's Signature
Sandy D Arnold
 Property Owner's Signature

06/20/2024
 Date
6/20/24
 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Permit fee: \$ <u>170.⁰⁰</u>	<u>Sarah Peters</u>	<u>06/20/2024</u>
Date paid: <u>05/07/2024</u>	Site approval/permit application approval	Date
Receipt number: <u>online-20032076</u>	<u>Sarah Peters</u>	<u>07/22/2024</u>
Indemnification signed: <u>04/25/2024</u>	Annular seal construction inspection	Date
	<u>Sarah Peters</u>	<u>01/13/2025</u>
	Surface slab construction inspection	Date
	<u>Sarah Peters</u>	<u>07/17/2025</u>
	Well driller's log received	Date
PERMIT EXPIRATION: <u>06/19/2025</u>		



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-010W

PLOT PLAN

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

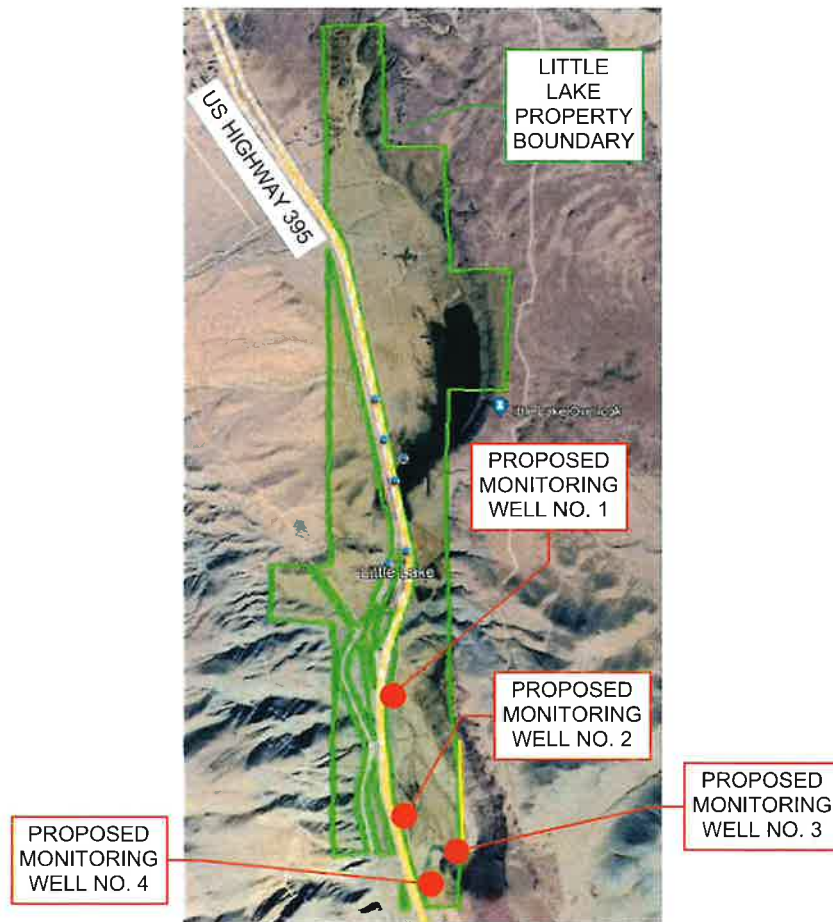
InyoEHD@inyocounty.us · (760) 878-0238

Application Type:

☐ Sewage Disposal/Septic System

☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH OVERALL MONITORING WELL SITE PLAN



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Sole Residence in Area is 1.8 Miles North
of Monitoring Well #1



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-010W

PLOT PLAN

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us · (760) 878-0238

Application Type:

☐ Sewage Disposal/Septic System

☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH PROPOSED MONITORING WELL NO. 1



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8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

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Latitude/Longitude Locations:

Little Lake - Monitoring Well #1: 35.929197, -117.907489

Note: Adjustment of the final well location may be required in the field due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions (e.g., shallow rock).



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16

State of California
Well Completion Report
Form DWR 188 Submitted 07/17/2025
WCR2025-007298

Owner's Well Number: SB01/MW01

Date Work Began: 07/15/2024

Date Work Ended: 07/16/2024

Local Permit Agency: Inyo Environmental Health Services Department

County: Inyo

Secondary Permit Agency:

Permit Number: 1C24-010W

Permit Date: 07/03/2024

Well Owner (must remain confidential pursuant to Water Code 13752)

Name: Little Lake Ranch Inc Little Lake Ranch Inc

Address: 300 Esplanade Drive
Suite 2100

City: Oxnard State: California Zip: 93036

Planned Use and Activity

Activity: New Production or Monitoring Well

Planned Use: Monitoring

Well Location

Address: 8148 N U.S. Hwy 395 HWY

City: LITTLE LAKE Zip: 93542

Latitude: 35 Deg. 57 Min. 22.428 Sec. N

Dec. Lat. : 35.95623

Vertical Datum:

Location Accuracy:

Longitude: -117 Deg. 54 Min. 28.8108 Sec. W

Dec. Long. : -117.908003

Horizontal Datum:

Location Determination Method:

APN: 037-230-17

Township: 23S Range: 38E

Section: 6 BM: Mount Diablo

Ground Surface Elevation:

Elevation Accuracy:

Elevation Determination Method:

Borehole Information

Orientation: Vertical # of casings (Specify): 1

Drilling Method: Sonic Drilling Fluid: Water

Total Depth of Boring: 100 Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: 100 Feet

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: 74 (Feet below surface)

Depth to Static Water Level: 72 (Feet)

Date Measured: 07/16/2025

Estimated Yield*: (GPM) Test Type:

Test Length*: (Hours) Total Drawdown: (Feet)

*May not be representative of a well's long term yield.

Geologic Log - Free Form

Depth from Surface
(Feet to Feet)

Description

0 100 See attached boring log for information

Casings

Annular Material

Other Observations:

Borehole Specifications

Certification Statement

BC2 ENVIRONMENTAL LLC

Name: _____
Person, Firm or Corporation

1150 W TRENTON AVE ORANGE California 92867

Address	City	State	Zip
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Signed: electronic signature received 07/17/2025 1051275

Signed: _____ Date Signed _____ License Number _____
C-57 Licensed Water Well Contractor

DWR Use Only

CSG #	State Well Number	Site Code	Local Well Number
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APN:

Attachments

- **Ramboll-SB02-MW01- Well Log- Little Lake.pdf** - Geologic Log
- **Ramboll-Permit- Little Lake Ranch.pdf** - Permit
- **Ramboll- Site Map- Little Lake Ranch.pdf** - Location Map



COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

April 25, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Mandatory Indemnification Clause for New Monitoring Well Constructions
8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395, Little Lake, CA 93524; Assessor's Parcel Number 037-230-17**

Dear Gary Arnold,

As a condition of issuing well permits, Inyo County requires permittees to enter into the hold harmless provision set forth below. Please sign and return so that we may finalize issuance of the well permit at the above identified location.

Hold Harmless

By accepting this well permit and any and all related conditions, the property owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Inyo County, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action or proceeding against the County and/or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the issuance of this well permit by the County, its advisory agencies, its appeals board, or legislative body. The County reserves the right to prepare its own defense of any such action(s) or proceeding(s), for which the property owner shall reimburse the County for any such costs and expenses actually incurred and/or owed.

Signed: Gary Arnold Printed Name: Gary Arnold Date: 04/25/2024
Gary Arnold (Apr 25, 2024 12:13 PDT)

Thank you,

Jerry Oser, Director

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

June 20, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Monitoring Well Construction Conditions for Permit Application Numbers
IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W**

Dear Gary Arnold,

This letter is to inform you of the permit conditions in place for Well Permit Application numbers IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W. The following conditions must be met:

1. The scope of work outlined in the permit application is approved as proposed. Written notification must be provided to this office prior to initiation of any work that substantially deviates from what is proposed herein.
2. A minimum 20-foot seal of annular space (minimum 2 inches thick) is required and must be witnessed by qualified staff from this Department. Please schedule a sanitary seal construction inspection with this office 48 hours in advance. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding county-observed holidays.
3. The driller must take all necessary steps to ensure control of all byproducts of the drilling and well development processes. All byproducts must be maintained on site and at no point may be permitted to escape the property boundary, create a public nuisance, or safety hazard. Cuttings or other excavated materials may be dispersed on site, though must be placed in such a way to not to impact the surrounding environment.
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Failure to adhere to the conditions outlined above will constitute a violation punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. Such person(s) shall be deemed guilty of a separate offence for each and every day or portion thereof during which any such violation is committed, continued, or permitted, and shall be subject to the same punishment as for the original offence.

Thank you,

Sarah Petersen, R.E.H.S.

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David Scriven, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at dscriven@kriegerandstewart.com
Timothy Parker via email at tim@pg-tim.com

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-011W**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us · (760) 878-0238

OWNER INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-230-17	
Phone Number: (805) 988-9886 Ext. 102	Email: garnold@atozlaw.com	
Mailing Address: 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100	City, State: Oxnard, CA	Zip: 93036
Project Site Address: 8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395	City, State: Little Lake, CA	Zip: 93542

WELL DRILLER INFORMATION		
Name of Driller: BC2 Environmental, LLC	C-57 License Number: (Well drilling)	OR C-61/D-9 License Number: (Drilling, blasting, oil field work)
Phone Number: (714) 744-2990	#1051275	
Business Mailing Address: 1150 W. Trenton Avenue		
City: Orange, CA	Zip: 92867	Email: straub@bc2env.com

TYPE OF WELL	
☐ Domestic/Private (1 connection) ☐ Domestic (2-4 connections) ☐ State Small Water System (5-14 connections) ☐ Public Water System (15+ connections or 25+ people served)	☐ Test hole (drill and destroy) ☐ Cathodic protection ☒ Monitoring/Vadose/Observation ☐ Agricultural/Industrial
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GROUNDWATER BASIN PRIORITY (Provide basin name)	
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TYPE OF WORK	EQUIPMENT	PITLESS ADAPTER USE
☒ Construct New ☐ Modification	☐ Rotary ☐ Cable tool ☐ Hollow Stem Auger ☒ Other Describe other: <u>Hollow Stem Sonic Drill</u>	☐ Pitless adapter will be used ☐ Pitless adapter will NOT be used ☒ Not applicable
☐ Drill and Destroy ☐ Destruction		

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-011W

PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		
ANNULAR SEALING MATERIAL (Check all that apply)	ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME	CASING SPECIFICATIONS
☐ Neat cement ☒ Bentonite clay ☒ Cement grout ☐ Clean Fill	Start date: <u>5/20/2024</u> Completion date: <u>5/24/2024</u>	Material: <u>Sch 40 PVC</u> Diameter (in.): <u>2 inches</u> Wall/Gauge: <u>Sch 40</u>
PROPOSED SEALING DEPTH	PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH	
From <u>0</u> to <u>35</u> feet	From <u>0</u> to <u>50</u> feet	
SURFACE SLAB		CONDUCTOR CASING SPECIFICATIONS
Surface slab to be constructed by: <u>Cascade Drilling</u>		☒ N/A ☐ Conductor to remain permanently
DESCRIPTION OF WORK (Well modification only)		Material: _____
N/A		Diameter (in.): _____
		Wall/Gauge: _____
SITE MAP		
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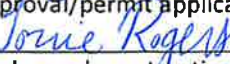
 Licensed Driller's Signature


 Property Owner's Signature

4/24/2024

 Date
4/24/24

 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Permit fee: \$ <u>170.00</u>		<u>06/20/2024</u>
Date paid: <u>05/07/2024</u>	Site approval/permit application approval	Date <u>07/17/2024</u>
Receipt number: <u>online - 20032076</u>		Date <u>08/01/2024</u>
Indemnification signed: <u>04/25/2024</u>	Annular seal construction inspection	Date <u>07/17/2025</u>
		
	Surface slab construction inspection	
		
	Well driller's log received	
PERMIT EXPIRATION: <u>06/19/2025</u>		



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-0HW

PLOT PLAN

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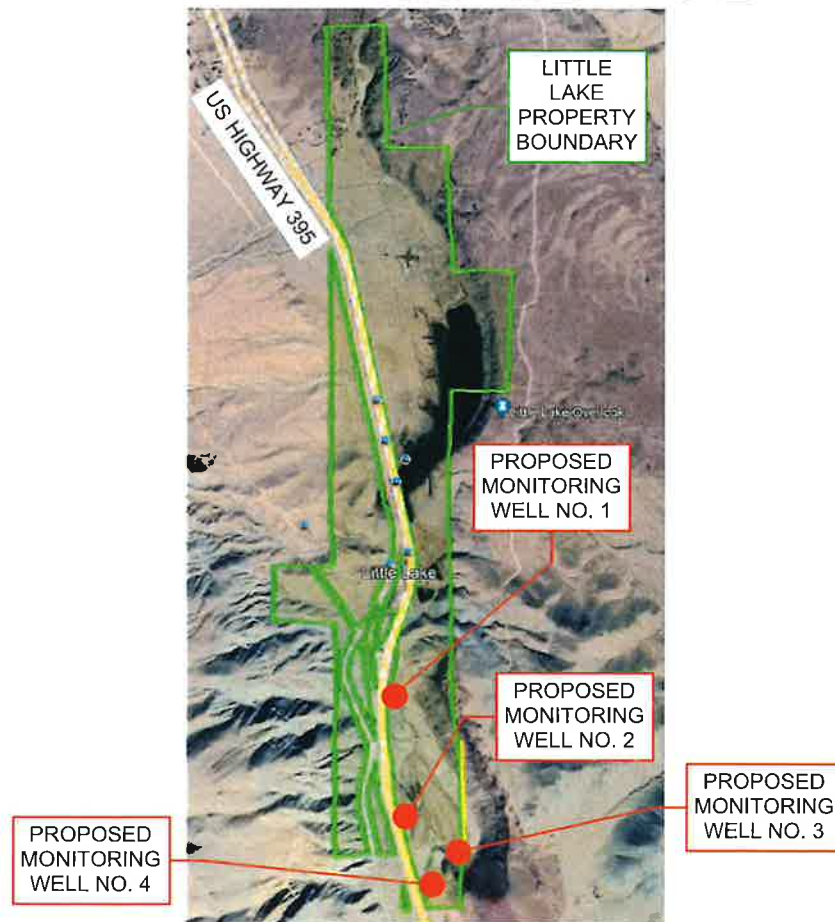
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By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-011W

PLOT PLAN

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Application Type:

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☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH PROPOSED MONITORING WELL NO. 2



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Latitude/Longitude Locations:

Little Lake - Monitoring Well #2: 35.921633,-117.906675

Note: Adjustment of the final well location may be required in the field due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions (e.g., shallow rock).



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16

State of California
Well Completion Report
Form DWR 188 Submitted 07/17/2025
WCR2025-007300

Owner's Well Number: SB03/MW02

Date Work Began: 07/09/2024

Date Work Ended: 07/10/2024

Local Permit Agency: Inyo Environmental Health Services Department

County: Inyo

Secondary Permit Agency:

Permit Number: 1C24-011W

Permit Date: 07/03/2024

Well Owner (must remain confidential pursuant to Water Code 13752)

Name: Little Lake Ranch Inc Little Lake Ranch Inc

Address: 300 Esplanade Drive

Suite 2100

City: Oxnard State: California Zip: 93036

Planned Use and Activity

Activity: New Production or Monitoring Well

Planned Use: Monitoring

Well Location

Address: 8148 HWY HWY

City: LITTLE LAKE Zip: 93542

APN: 0372301700

Township: 23S Range: 38E

Latitude: 35 Deg. 57 Min. 22.428 Sec. N

Longitude: -117 Deg. 54 Min. 28.8108 Sec. W

Section: 6 BM: Mount Diablo

Dec. Lat. : 35.95623

Dec. Long. : -117.908003

Ground Surface Elevation:

Vertical Datum:

Horizontal Datum:

Elevation Accuracy:

Location Accuracy:

Location Determination Method:

Elevation Determination Method:

Borehole Information

Orientation: Vertical # of casings (Specify): 1

Drilling Method: Sonic Drilling Fluid: Water

Total Depth of Boring: 99 Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: 99 Feet

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: (Feet below surface)

Depth to Static Water Level: 74.5 (Feet)

Date Measured: 07/10/2024

Estimated Yield*: (GPM) Test Type: Pump

Test Length*: (Hours) Total Drawdown: (Feet)

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Geologic Log - Free Form

Depth from Surface
(Feet to Feet)

Description

0 99 See attached for Boring Log

Casings

Casing #	Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)		Casing Type	Material	Casings Specifications	Wall Thickness (inches)	Outside Diameter (inches)	Screen Type	Slot Size if any (inches)	Description
1	0	70	Blank	PVC	OD: 2.375 in. SDR: SCH 40 Thickness: 0.154 in.	0.154	2.375		0.02	2-Inch Sch 40 PVC
1	70	80	Screen	PVC	OD: 2.375 in. SDR: SCH 40 Thickness: 0.154 in.	0.154	2.375	Milled Slots	0.02	2-Inch Sch 40 PVC
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Annular Material

Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)		Fill	Fill Type Details	Filter Pack Size	Description
0	65	Cement	Other Cement		Cement-Grout
65	68	Bentonite	Other Bentonite		Hydrated Bentonite
68	81	Filter Pack	8 x 20	Sand Pack #3	Sand pack #3
81	99	Bentonite	Other Bentonite		Dry Bentonite Chips

Other Observations:

Borehole Specifications

Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)	Borehole Diameter (inches)
0	6

Certification Statement

I, the undersigned, certify that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: BCZ ENVIRONMENTAL LLC

Person, Firm or Corporation

Person, Firm or Corporation

1150 W TRENTON AVE ORANGE California 92867

ORANGE California 92867

California	92867
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92867

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Zip

Zip

electronic signature received 07/17/2025 1051275

07/17/2025 1051275

1051275

C-57 Licensed Water Well Contractor Date Signed License Number

Date Signed _____ License Number _____

License Number

DWR Use Only

CSG # State Well Number Site Code Local Well Number

Latitude Deg/Min/Sec Longitude Deg/Min/Sec

TRS:

APN:

Attachments

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Gary Arnold (Apr 25, 2024 12:13 PDT)

Thank you,

Jerry Oser, Director

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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David Scriven, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at dscriven@kriegerandstewart.com
Timothy Parker via email at tim@pg-tim.com

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-012W**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us • (760) 878-0238

OWNER INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-230-17	
Phone Number: (805) 988-9886 Ext. 102	Email: garnold@atozlaw.com	
Mailing Address: 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100	City, State: Oxnard, CA	Zip: 93036
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GROUNDWATER BASIN PRIORITY (Provide basin name)	
☒ Very low priority: <u>Rose Valley Basin 6-056</u>	☐ Low priority: _____
☐ Medium priority: _____	☐ High priority: _____

TYPE OF WORK	EQUIPMENT	PITLESS ADAPTER USE
☒ Construct New ☐ Drill and Destroy ☐ Modification ☐ Destruction	☐ Rotary ☐ Hollow Stem Auger ☐ Cable tool ☒ Other Describe other: <u>Hollow Stem Sonic Drill</u>	☐ Pitless adapter will be used ☐ Pitless adapter will NOT be used ☒ Not applicable

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-012W

PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		
ANNULAR SEALING MATERIAL (Check all that apply)	ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME	CASING SPECIFICATIONS
☐ Neat cement ☒ Bentonite clay ☒ Cement grout ☐ Clean Fill	Start date: <u>7/8/2024</u> Completion date: <u>7/12/2024</u>	Material: <u>Sch 40 PVC</u> Diameter (in.): <u>2 inches</u>
PROPOSED SEALING DEPTH	PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH	Wall/Gauge: <u>Sch 40</u>
From <u>0</u> to <u>35</u> feet	From <u>0</u> to <u>50</u> feet	
SURFACE SLAB		CONDUCTOR CASING SPECIFICATIONS
Surface slab to be constructed by: <u>BC2 Environmental, LLC</u>		☒ N/A
DESCRIPTION OF WORK (Well modification only)		☐ Conductor to remain permanently
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Scott Traub
 Licensed Driller's Signature
Sandy D. Anzures
 Property Owner's Signature

06/20/2024
 Date
6/20/24
 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Permit fee: \$ <u>170.00</u>	<u>Sarah Petersen</u>	<u>06/20/2024</u>
Date paid: <u>05/07/2024</u>	Site approval/permit application approval	Date
Receipt number: <u>online-200320716</u>	<u>Sarah Petersen</u>	<u>07/16/2024</u>
Indemnification signed: <u>04/25/2024</u>	Annular seal construction inspection	Date
	<u>Sarah Petersen</u>	<u>01/13/2025</u>
	Surface slab construction inspection	Date
	<u>Sarah Petersen</u>	<u>07/17/2025</u>
	Well driller's log received	Date
PERMIT EXPIRATION: <u>06/19/2025</u>		



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-01261

PLOT PLAN

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

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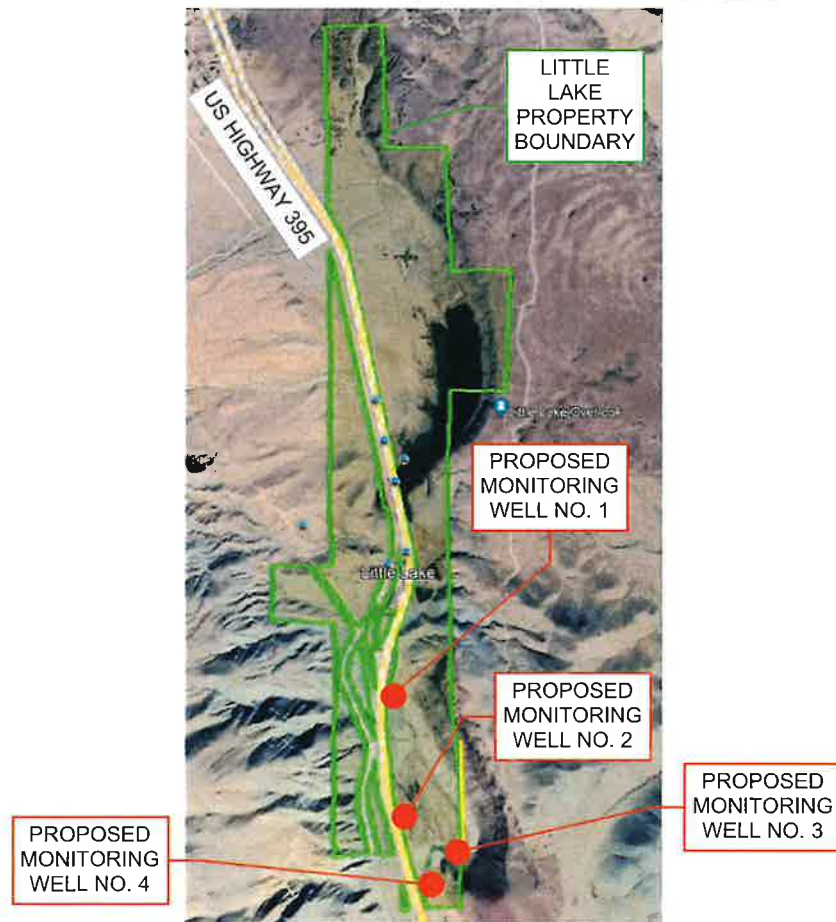
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Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16



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PLOT PLAN

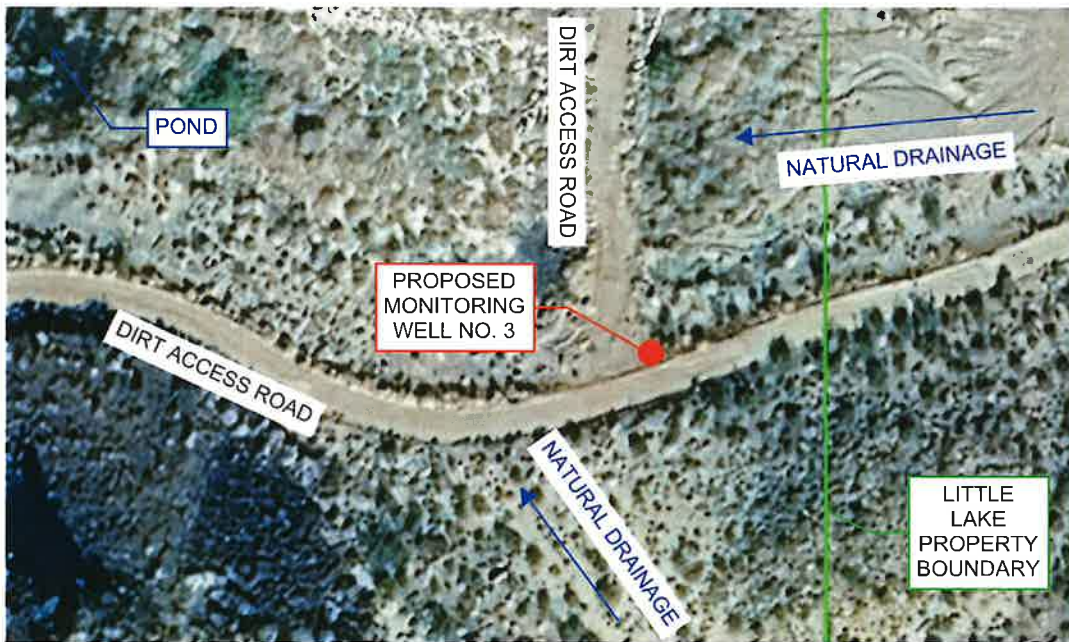
Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us · (760) 878-0238

Application Type: ☐ Sewage Disposal/Septic System ☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH PROPOSED MONITORING WELL NO. 3



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Latitude/Longitude Locations:

Little Lake - Monitoring Well #3: 35.919094, -117.902375

Note: Adjustment of the final well location may be required in the field due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions (e.g., shallow rock).



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16

State of California
Well Completion Report
Form DWR 188 Submitted 07/17/2025
WCR2025-007299

Owner's Well Number: SB04/MW03

Date Work Began: 07/17/2024

Date Work Ended: 07/18/2024

Local Permit Agency: Inyo Environmental Health Services Department

County: Inyo

Secondary Permit Agency:

Permit Number: 1C24-012W

Permit Date: 07/03/2024

Well Owner (must remain confidential pursuant to Water Code 13752)

Name: Little Lake Ranch Inc Little Lake Ranch Inc

Address: 300 Esplanade Drive
Suite 2100

City: Oxnard State: California Zip: 93036

Planned Use and Activity

Activity: New Production or Monitoring Well

Planned Use: Monitoring

Well Location

Address: 8148 N HWY 395

City: LITTLE LAKE Zip: 93542

Latitude: 35 Deg. 56 Min. 36.6108 Sec. N

Dec. Lat. : 35.943503

Vertical Datum:

Location Accuracy:

Longitude: -117 Deg. 54 Min. 24.9408 Sec. W

Dec. Long. : -117.906928

Horizontal Datum:

Location Determination Method:

APN: 0372301700

Township: 23S Range: 38E

Section: 8 BM: Mount Diablo

Ground Surface Elevation:

Elevation Accuracy:

Elevation Determination Method:

Borehole Information

Orientation: Vertical # of casings (Specify): 1

Drilling Method: Sonic Drilling Fluid: Water

Total Depth of Boring: 100 Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: 100 Feet

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: 73 (Feet below surface)

Depth to Static Water Level: (Feet)

Date Measured: 07/18/2024

Estimated Yield*: (GPM) Test Type: Pump

Test Length*: (Hours) Total Drawdown: (Feet)

*May not be representative of a well's long term yield.

Geologic Log - Free Form

Depth from Surface
(Feet to Feet)

Description

0 100 See Attached Boring Log for information

Casings

Casing #	Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)		Casing Type	Material	Casings Specifications	Wall Thickness (inches)	Outside Diameter (inches)	Screen Type	Slot Size if any (inches)	Description
1	0	71	Blank	PVC	OD: 2.375 in. SDR: SCH 40 Thickness: 0.154 in.	0.154	2.375	Milled Slots	0.02	2-Inch Sch 40 PVC
1	71	81	Screen	PVC	OD: 2.375 in. SDR: SCH 40 Thickness: 0.154 in.	0.154	2.375		0.02	2-Inch Sch 40 PVC
1	81	100	Blank	PVC	OD: 2.375 in. SDR: SCH 40 Thickness: 0.154 in.	0.154	2.375		0.02	2-Inch Sch 40 PVC

Annular Material

Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)		Fill	Fill Type Details	Filter Pack Size	Description
0	66	Cement	Other Cement		Cement-Grout
66	69	Bentonite	Other Bentonite		Hydrated Bentonite
69	82	Filter Pack	8 x 20	Sand Pack #3	Sand Pack #3
82	100	Bentonite	Other Bentonite		Dry Bentonite Chip

Other Observations:

Borehole Specifications

Depth from Surface (Feet to Feet)		Borehole Diameter (inches)
0	100	6

Certification Statement

I, the undersigned, certify that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: BC2 ENVIRONMENTAL LLC

Person, Firm or Corporation

1150 W TRENTON AVE ORANGE California 92867

Address	City	State	Zip
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electronic signature received 07/17/2025 1051275

C-57 Licensed Water Well Contractor	Date Signed	License Number
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The diagram illustrates the layout of the data fields. It consists of two main sections. The left section contains two rows of fields. The first row has a 'CSG #' field (4 digits) and a 'State Well Number' field (4 digits followed by 'N' or 'S'). The second row has a 'Latitude Deg/Min/Sec' field (6 digits) and a 'Longitude Deg/Min/Sec' field (6 digits). The right section contains two rows of fields. The first row has a 'Site Code' field (4 digits) and a 'Local Well Number' field (4 digits followed by 'N' or 'S'). The second row has a 'Latitude Deg/Min/Sec' field (6 digits) and a 'Longitude Deg/Min/Sec' field (6 digits).

TRS:

APN:

Attachments

- **Ramboll-SB04-MW03-Well Log- Little Lake Ranch.pdf** - Geologic Log
- **Ramboll- Site Map- Little Lake Ranch.pdf** - Location Map
- **Ramboll-Permit- Little Lake Ranch.pdf** - Permit



COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

April 25, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

RE: Mandatory Indemnification Clause for New Monitoring Well Constructions
8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395, Little Lake, CA 93524; Assessor's Parcel Number 037-230-17

Dear Gary Arnold,

As a condition of issuing well permits, Inyo County requires permittees to enter into the hold harmless provision set forth below. Please sign and return so that we may finalize issuance of the well permit at the above identified location.

Hold Harmless

By accepting this well permit and any and all related conditions, the property owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Inyo County, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action or proceeding against the County and/or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the issuance of this well permit by the County, its advisory agencies, its appeals board, or legislative body. The County reserves the right to prepare its own defense of any such action(s) or proceeding(s), for which the property owner shall reimburse the County for any such costs and expenses actually incurred and/or owed.

Signed: Gary Arnold Printed Name: Gary Arnold Date: 04/25/2024
Gary Arnold (Apr 25, 2024 12:13 PDT)

Thank you,

Jerry Oser, Director

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

June 20, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Monitoring Well Construction Conditions for Permit Application Numbers
IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W**

Dear Gary Arnold,

This letter is to inform you of the permit conditions in place for Well Permit Application numbers IC24-010W, IC24-011W, IC24-012W, and IC24-013W. The following conditions must be met:

1. The scope of work outlined in the permit application is approved as proposed. Written notification must be provided to this office prior to initiation of any work that substantially deviates from what is proposed herein.
2. A minimum 20-foot seal of annular space (minimum 2 inches thick) is required and must be witnessed by qualified staff from this Department. Please schedule a sanitary seal construction inspection with this office 48 hours in advance. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding county-observed holidays.
3. The driller must take all necessary steps to ensure control of all byproducts of the drilling and well development processes. All byproducts must be maintained on site and at no point may be permitted to escape the property boundary, create a public nuisance, or safety hazard. Cuttings or other excavated materials may be dispersed on site, though must be placed in such a way to not to impact the surrounding environment.
4. A Well Driller's Log shall be submitted to this Department within 30 days of the completion of the well.
5. If during the construction process it is decided that well development will not move beyond the drilling phase, please contact our office regarding well destruction requirements.
6. A concrete pad shall be placed around the well casing that extends at least two feet laterally in all directions measured from the outside of the well boring and is a minimum of 4 inches thick. The pad must be sloped away from the well casing.
7. The intended use of the well shall not change without written approval from the Health Officer.

Failure to adhere to the conditions outlined above will constitute a violation punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. Such person(s) shall be deemed guilty of a separate offence for each and every day or portion thereof during which any such violation is committed, continued, or permitted, and shall be subject to the same punishment as for the original offence.

Thank you,

Sarah Petersen, R.E.H.S.

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-013W**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us • (760) 878-0238

OWNER INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-230-17	
Phone Number: (805) 988-9886 Ext. 102	Email: garnold@atozlaw.com	
Mailing Address: 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100	City, State: Oxnard, CA	Zip: 93036
Project Site Address: 8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395	City, State: Little Lake, CA	Zip: 93542

WELL DRILLER INFORMATION		
Name of Driller: BC2 Environmental, LLC	C-57 License Number: OR C-61/D-9 License Number: (Well drilling) (Drilling, blasting, oil field work)	
Phone Number: (714) 744-2990	#1051275	
Business Mailing Address: 1150 W. Trenton Avenue		
City: Orange, CA	Zip: 92867	Email: straub@bc2env.com

TYPE OF WELL	
☐ Domestic/Private (1 connection) ☐ Domestic (2-4 connections) ☐ State Small Water System (5-14 connections) ☐ Public Water System (15+ connections or 25+ people served) ☐ Other: _____	☐ Test hole (drill and destroy) ☐ Cathodic protection ☒ Monitoring/Vadose/Observation ☐ Agricultural/Industrial

GROUNDWATER BASIN PRIORITY (Provide basin name)	
☒ Very low priority: <u>Rose Valley Basin 6-056</u>	☐ Low priority: _____
☐ Medium priority: _____	☐ High priority: _____

TYPE OF WORK	EQUIPMENT	PITLESS ADAPTER USE
☒ Construct New ☐ Drill and Destroy ☐ Modification ☐ Destruction	☐ Rotary ☐ Hollow Stem Auger ☐ Cable tool ☒ Other Describe other: <u>Hollow Stem Sonic Drill</u>	☐ Pitless adapter will be used ☐ Pitless adapter will NOT be used ☒ Not applicable

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-013W

PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		
ANNULAR SEALING MATERIAL (Check all that apply)	ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME	CASING SPECIFICATIONS
☐ Neat cement ☒ Bentonite clay ☒ Cement grout ☐ Clean Fill	Start date: <u>7/8/2024</u> Completion date: <u>7/12/2024</u>	Material: <u>Sch 40 PVC</u> Diameter (in.): <u>2 inches</u>
PROPOSED SEALING DEPTH	PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH	Wall/Gauge: <u>Sch 40</u>
From <u>0</u> to <u>35</u> feet	From <u>0</u> to <u>50</u> feet	
SURFACE SLAB		CONDUCTOR CASING SPECIFICATIONS
Surface slab to be constructed by: <u>BC2 Environmental, LLC</u>		☒ N/A
DESCRIPTION OF WORK (Well modification only)		☐ Conductor to remain permanently
N/A		Material: _____
		Diameter (in.): _____
		Wall/Gauge: _____
SITE MAP		
All well permit applications must be accompanied by a Site Map (ICC 14.24.040). The Site Map must indicate the exact location of the well with respect to each of the following items within a radius of two hundred feet of the proposed well site:		
- Animal or fowl enclosure(s) - Cesspool or seepage pits - All intermittent or permanent, natural or artificial water bodies or watercourses	- Existing wells - Access roads - drainage pattern of the property	- Property lines - Sewage disposal systems, or works carrying or containing sewage, industrial or storm waters

I hereby agree to comply with all regulations of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department and with all ordinances and laws of Inyo County and the State of California pertaining to well construction, repair, modification, and destruction at the time of commencement of work.

Scott Traub
 Licensed Driller's Signature
Harry D Arnold
 Property Owner's Signature

06/20/2024
 Date
6/20/24
 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Permit fee: \$ <u>170.00</u>	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>	<u>06/20/2024</u>
Date paid: <u>05/07/2024</u>	Site approval/permit application approval	Date
Receipt number: <u>online-20032076</u>	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>	<u>07/10/2024</u>
Indemnification signed: <u>04/25/2024</u>	Annular seal construction inspection	Date
	<u>Borehole destroyed-see attached emails</u>	-
	Surface slab construction inspection	Date
	<u>N/A</u>	-
PERMIT EXPIRATION: <u>06/19/2025</u>	Well driller's log received	Date



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-018W

PLOT PLAN

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

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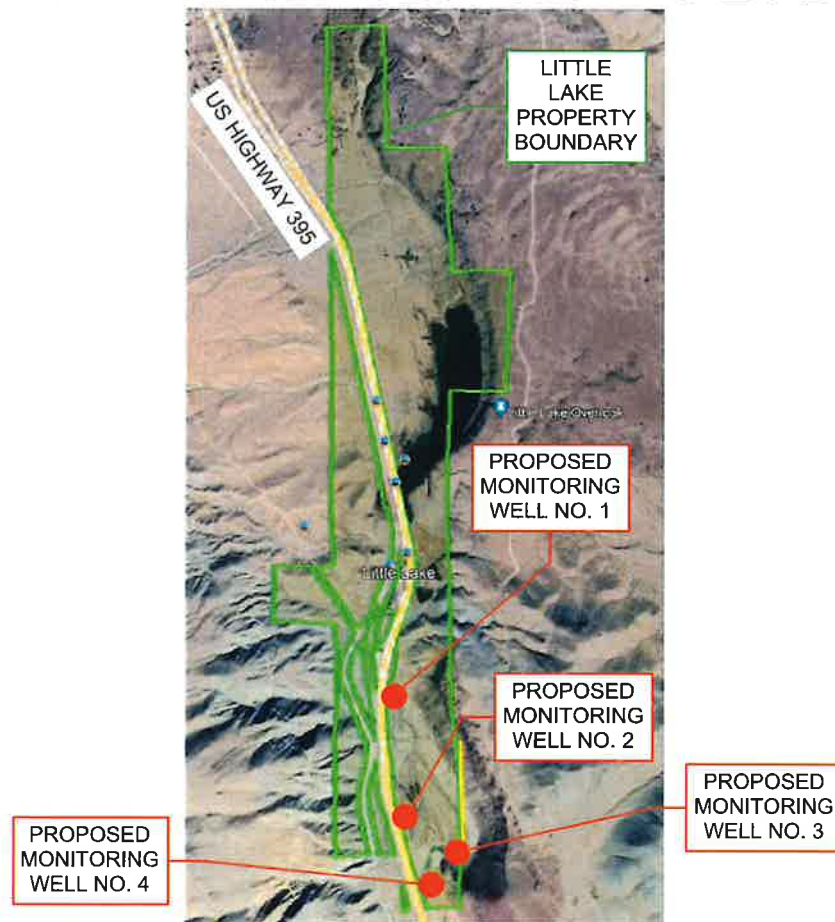
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Application Type:

☐ Sewage Disposal/Septic System

☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH OVERALL MONITORING WELL SITE PLAN



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Sole Residence in Area is 1.8 Miles North
of Monitoring Well #1



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16



PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-013W

PLOT PLAN

Inyo County Environmental Health Department

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

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Application Type: ☐ Sewage Disposal/Septic System ☒ Water Well/Drilling

LITTLE LAKE RANCH PROPOSED MONITORING WELL NO. 4



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Latitude/Longitude Locations:

Little Lake - Monitoring Well #4: 35.916892,-117.904439

Note: Adjustment of the final well location may be required in the field due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions (e.g., shallow rock).



By: TRR
Date: 4/24/2024
Project: 178-45.16

Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Sarah Petersen <spetersen@inyocounty.us>
Subject: Little Lake Ranch - Monitoring Well #4

Good morning Sarah,

We have encountered a dry hole on Well #4. We are going to backfill with grout using a tremie pipe. I will send you a picture of the tremie in the hole and the final condition of the backfilled hole for inclusion with the well permit as a destruction permit.

-Travis

Sent from my iPhone

State of California
Well Completion Report
Form DWR 188 Submitted 07/17/2025
WCR2025-007303

Owner's Well Number: SB05

Date Work Began: 07/08/2024

Date Work Ended: 07/09/2024

Local Permit Agency: Inyo Environmental Health Services Department

County: Inyo

Secondary Permit Agency:

Permit Number: 1C24-013W

Permit Date: 07/03/2024

Well Owner (must remain confidential pursuant to Water Code 13752)

Name: Little Lake Ranch Inc Little Lake Ranch Inc

Address: 300 Esplanade Drive
Suite 2100

City: Oxnard State: California Zip: 93036

Planned Use and Activity

Activity: Drill and Destroy (e.g., soil boring or new well destroyed immediately)

Planned Use: Destruction

Well Location

Address: 8148 N HWY 395

City: LITTLE LAKE Zip: 93542

Latitude: 35 Deg. 57 Min. 23.1552 Sec. N

Longitude: -117 Deg. 54 Min. 29.4048 Sec. W

Dec. Lat. : 35.956432

Dec. Long. : -117.908168

Vertical Datum:

Horizontal Datum:

Location Accuracy:

Location Determination Method:

APN: 0372301700

Township: 23S Range: 38E

Section: 6 BM: Mount Diablo

Ground Surface Elevation:

Elevation Accuracy:

Elevation Determination Method:

Borehole Information

Orientation: Vertical # of casings (Specify): 1

Drilling Method: Sonic Drilling Fluid: None

Total Depth of Boring: 48 Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: Feet

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: (Feet below surface)

Depth to Static Water Level: (Feet)

Date Measured:

Estimated Yield*: (GPM) Test Type:

Test Length*: (Hours) Total Drawdown: (Feet)

*May not be representative of a well's long term yield.

Geologic Log - Free Form

Depth from Surface
(Feet to Feet)

Description

0 48 See attached boring log



COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

April 25, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Mandatory Indemnification Clause for New Monitoring Well Constructions
8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395, Little Lake, CA 93524; Assessor's Parcel Number 037-230-17**

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Signed: Gary Arnold Printed Name: Gary Arnold Date: 04/25/2024
Gary Arnold (Apr 25, 2024 12:13 PDT)

Thank you,

Jerry Oser, Director

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COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

July 3, 2024

Little Lake Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

RE: Monitoring Well Construction Conditions for Permit Application Number IC24-051W

Dear Gary Arnold,

This letter is to inform you of the permit conditions in place for Well Permit Application number IC24-051W. The following conditions must be met:

1. The scope of work outlined in the permit application is approved as proposed. Written notification must be provided to this office prior to initiation of any work that substantially deviates from what is proposed herein.
2. A minimum 20-foot seal of annular space (minimum 2 inches thick) is required and must be witnessed by qualified staff from this Department. The annular seal construction appointment has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 to commence at 12:00. If you need to make changes to or are unable to keep this appointment, please provide notification at least three hours prior.
3. The driller must take all necessary steps to ensure control of all byproducts of the drilling and well development processes. All byproducts must be maintained on site and at no point may be permitted to escape the property boundary, create a public nuisance, or safety hazard. Cuttings or other excavated materials may be dispersed on site, though must be placed in such a way to not to impact the surrounding environment.
4. A Well Driller's Log shall be submitted to this Department within 30 days of the completion of the well.
5. If during the construction process it is decided that well development will not move beyond the drilling phase, please contact our office regarding well destruction requirements.
6. A concrete pad shall be placed around the well casing that extends at least two feet laterally in all directions measured from the outside of the well boring and is a minimum of 4 inches thick. The pad must be sloped away from the well casing.
7. The intended use of the well shall not change without written approval from the Health Officer.

Failure to adhere to the conditions outlined above will constitute a violation punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars. Such person(s) shall be deemed guilty of a separate offence for each and every day or portion thereof during which any such violation is committed, continued, or permitted, and shall be subject to the same punishment as for the original offence.

Thank you,



Sarah Petersen, R.E.H.S.

Cc: BC2 Environmental, LLC via email at straub@bc2env.com
Charles Krieger, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at ckrieger@kriegerandstewart.com
Travis Romeyn, Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated via email at tromeyn@kriegerandstewart.com
Timothy Parker via email at tim@pg-tim.com

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-051W**WELL PERMIT APPLICATION****Inyo County Environmental Health Department**

1360 North Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514

InyoEHD@inyocounty.us • (760) 878-0238

OWNER INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name: Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-230-17	
Phone Number: (805) 988-9886 Ext. 102	Email: garnold@atozlaw.com	
Mailing Address: 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100	City, State: Oxnard, CA	Zip: 93036
Project Site Address: 8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395	City, State: Little Lake, CA	Zip: 93542

WELL DRILLER INFORMATION		
Name of Driller: BC2 Environmental, LLC	C-57 License Number: OR C-61/D-9 License Number: (Well drilling) (Drilling, blasting, oil field work)	
Phone Number: (714) 744-2990	#1051275	
Business Mailing Address: 1150 W. Trenton Avenue		
City: Orange, CA	Zip: 92867	Email: straub@bc2env.com

TYPE OF WELL	
☐ Domestic/Private (1 connection) ☐ Domestic (2-4 connections) ☐ State Small Water System (5-14 connections) ☐ Public Water System (15+ connections or 25+ people served)	☐ Test hole (drill and destroy) ☐ Cathodic protection ☒ Monitoring/Vadose/Observation ☐ Agricultural/Industrial
☐ Other: _____	

GROUNDWATER BASIN PRIORITY (Provide basin name)	
☒ Very low priority: <u>Rose Valley Basin 6-056</u>	☐ Low priority: _____
☐ Medium priority: _____	☐ High priority: _____

TYPE OF WORK	EQUIPMENT	PITLESS ADAPTER USE
☒ Construct New ☐ Modification	☐ Rotary ☐ Cable tool ☐ Hollow Stem Auger ☐ Other	☐ Pitless adapter will be used ☐ Pitless adapter will NOT be used
☐ Drill and Destroy ☐ Destruction	Describe other: <u>Hollow Stem Sonic Drill</u>	☒ Not applicable

PERMIT NUMBER: 1C24-051W

PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		
ANNULAR SEALING MATERIAL (Check all that apply)	ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME	CASING SPECIFICATIONS
☐ Neat cement ☒ Bentonite clay ☒ Cement grout ☐ Clean Fill	Start date: <u>7/8/2024</u> Completion date: <u>7/17/2024</u>	Material: <u>Sch 40 PVC</u> Diameter (in.): <u>2 inches</u>
PROPOSED SEALING DEPTH	PROPOSED DRILLING DEPTH	Wall/Gauge: <u>Sch 40</u>
From <u>0</u> to <u>35</u> feet	From <u>0</u> to <u>50</u> feet	
SURFACE SLAB		CONDUCTOR CASING SPECIFICATIONS
Surface slab to be constructed by: <u>BC2 Environmental, LLC</u>		☒ N/A ☐ Conductor to remain permanently
DESCRIPTION OF WORK (Well modification only)		Material: _____
N/A		Diameter (in.): _____
		Wall/Gauge: _____
SITE MAP		
All well permit applications must be accompanied by a Site Map (ICC 14.24.040). The Site Map must indicate the exact location of the well with respect to each of the following items within a radius of two hundred feet of the proposed well site:		
• Animal or fowl enclosure(s) • Existing wells • Property lines • Cesspool or seepage pits • Access roads • Sewage disposal systems, or works carrying or containing sewage, industrial or storm waters • All intermittent or permanent, natural or artificial water bodies or watercourses • drainage pattern of the property		

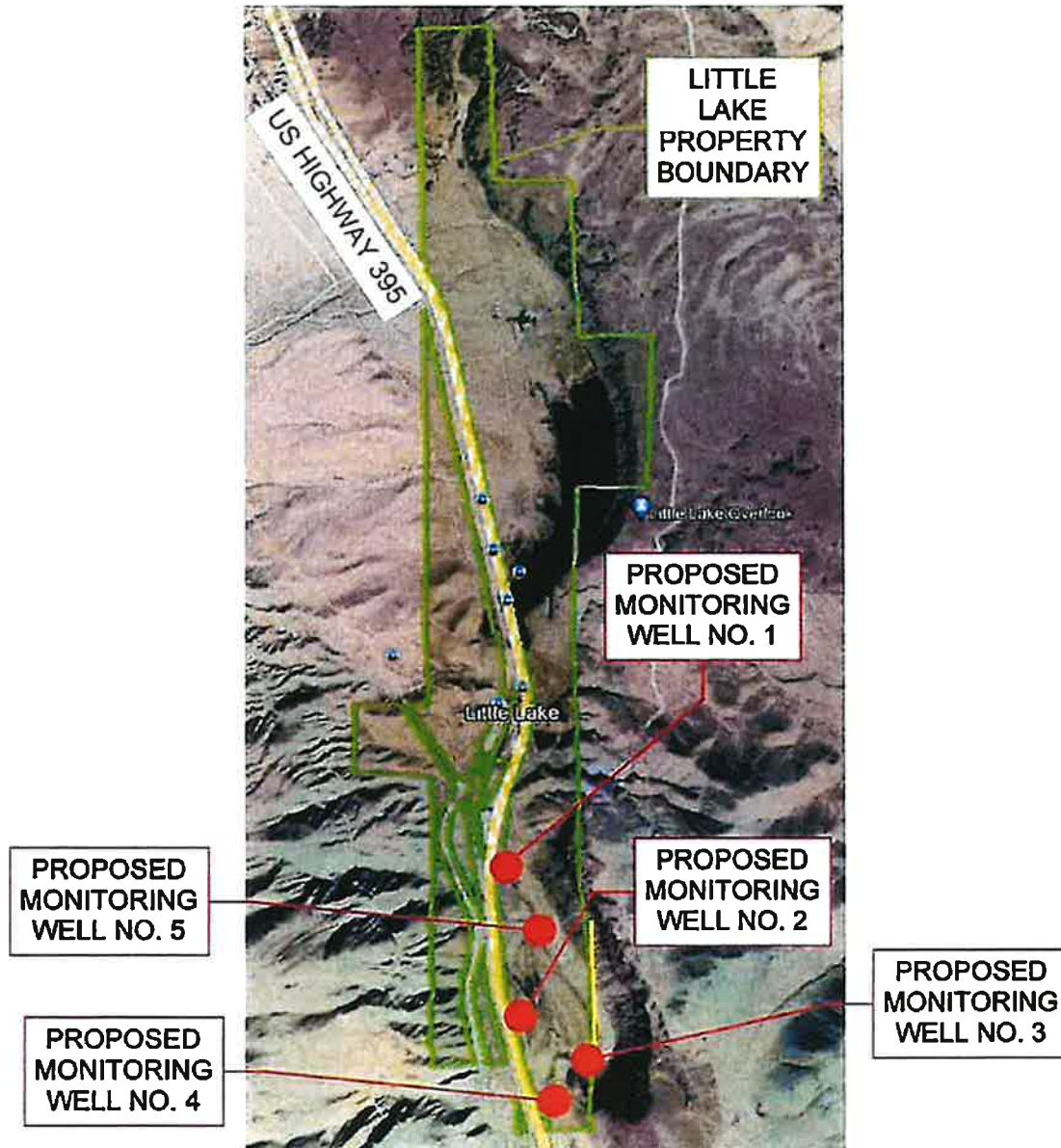
I hereby agree to comply with all regulations of the Inyo County Environmental Health Department and with all ordinances and laws of Inyo County and the State of California pertaining to well construction, repair, modification, and destruction at the time of commencement of work.

Scott Traub
 Licensed Driller's Signature
Harry D. Amodeo
 Property Owner's Signature

7/2/2024
 Date
7/1/24
 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Permit fee: \$ <u>170.00</u>	<u>Janal Peters</u>	<u>07/03/2024</u>
Date paid: <u>07/03/2024</u>	Site approval/permit application approval	Date
Receipt number: <u>online: 20033204</u>	<u>Borehole destroyed - see photos</u>	<u>05/23/2025</u>
Indemnification signed: <u>07/03/2024</u>	Annular seal construction inspection	Date
	<u>N/A</u>	-
	Surface slab construction inspection	Date
	<u>Janal Peters</u>	<u>07/17/2025</u>
PERMIT EXPIRATION: <u>07/02/2025</u>	Well driller's log received	Date

LITTLE LAKE RANCH OVERALL MONITORING WELL SITE PLAN



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Sole Residence in Area is 1.8 Miles North
of Monitoring Well #1



By: TRR
Date: 7/1/2024
Project: 178-45.16

LITTLE LAKE RANCH PROPOSED MONITORING WELL NO. 5



Site Address:

8148 N. US 395
Little Lake, CA 93542

Site Conditions:

Unimproved, Permeable Soils

Latitude/Longitude Locations:

Little Lake - Monitoring Well #5: 35.926328,-117.905153

Note: Adjustment of the final well location may be required in the field due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions (e.g., shallow rock).



By: TRR
Date: 7/1/2024
Project: 178-45.16

Sarah Petersen

From: Travis Romeyn <tromeyn@kriegerandstewart.com>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Sarah Petersen
Subject: Little Lake Ranch - Monitoring Well #5

Good morning Sarah,

We have encountered a dry hole on Well #5, with almost identical subsurface conditions as Well #4 (despite not being near each other). As such, we are going to again backfill with grout using a tremie pipe. I will send you a picture of the tremie in the hole and the final condition of the backfilled hole for inclusion with the well permit as a destruction permit.

Note that this means we will not be needing a seal inspection today. We plan to drill the remaining 2 wells on Monday and Tuesday, so hopefully we have a need for seal inspection in the afternoon on each of those days.

Thank you,



Travis R. Romeyn, P.E.

Krieger & Stewart, Incorporated

Shipping/Mailing: 3890 Orange Street #1509 | Riverside, CA 92502

Office: 3602 University Avenue | Riverside, CA 92501 |

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Well Completion Report
Form DWR 188 Submitted 07/17/2025
WCR2025-007302

Owner's Well Number: SB02

Date Work Began: 07/11/2024

Date Work Ended: 07/12/2024

Local Permit Agency: Inyo Environmental Health Services Department

County: Inyo

Secondary Permit Agency:

Permit Number: 1C24-051W

Permit Date: 07/03/2024

Well Owner (must remain confidential pursuant to Water Code 13752)

Name: Little Lake Ranch Inc Little Lake Ranch Inc

Address: 300 Esplanade Drive

Suite 2100

City: Oxnard State: California Zip: 93036

Planned Use and Activity

Activity: Drill and Destroy (e.g., soil boring or new well destroyed immediately)

Planned Use: Destruction

Well Location

Address: 8148 N HWY 395

City: LITTLE LAKE Zip: 93542

Latitude: 35 Deg. 57 Min. 23.1552 Sec. N

Longitude: -117 Deg. 54 Min. 29.4048 Sec. W

Dec. Lat. : 35.956432

Dec. Long. : -117.908168

Vertical Datum:

Horizontal Datum:

Location Accuracy:

Location Determination Method:

APN: 0372301700

Township: 23S Range: 38E

Section: 6 BM: Mount Diablo

Ground Surface Elevation:

Elevation Accuracy:

Elevation Determination Method:

Borehole Information

Orientation: Vertical # of casings (Specify): 1

Drilling Method: Sonic Drilling Fluid: None

Total Depth of Boring: 50 Feet

Total Depth of Completed Well: Feet

Water Level and Yield of Completed Well

Depth to first water: (Feet below surface)

Depth to Static Water Level: (Feet)

Date Measured:

Estimated Yield*: (GPM) Test Type:

Test Length*: (Hours) Total Drawdown: (Feet)

*May not be representative of a well's long term yield.

Geologic Log - Free Form

Depth from Surface
(Feet to Feet)

Description

0 50 See attached boring log



COUNTY OF INYO

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

July 3, 2024

Little Lakes Ranch, Inc.
C/o Gary Arnold
300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 2100
Oxnard, CA 93036

**RE: Mandatory Indemnification Clause for New Monitoring Well Construction Permit
8148 N. U.S. Hwy 395, Little Lake, CA 93542; Assessor's Parcel Number 037-230-17**

Dear Gary Arnold,

As a condition of issuing well permits, Inyo County requires permittees to enter into the hold harmless provision set forth below. Please sign and return so that we may finalize issuance of the well permit at the above identified location.

Hold Harmless

By accepting this well permit and any and all related conditions, the property owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Inyo County, its agents, officers, and employees, from any claim, action or proceeding against the County and/or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the issuance of this well permit by the County, its advisory agencies, its appeals board, or legislative body. The County reserves the right to prepare its own defense of any such action(s) or proceeding(s), for which the property owner shall reimburse the County for any such costs and expenses actually incurred and/or owed.

Signed: Gary Arnold
Gary Arnold (Jul 3, 2024 14:11 PDT)

Printed Name: Gary Arnold

Date: 07/03/2024

Thank you,

Jerry Oser, Director

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2025
(With Comparative Amounts as of December 31, 2024)

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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

As of December 31, 2025

Name	Title	Member Agency
Scott Hayman	Chair	City of Ridgecrest
Phillip Peters	Vice Chair	County of Kern
David Sant-Amand	Director	Indian Wells Valley Water District
Will Wadelton	Director	County of Inyo
Paul Cook	Director	County of San Bernardino
Commander Corrine Sims	Member	Dept. of the Navy DoD Liaison*
Thomas Bickauskas	Member	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)*

**** Non-voting Members***

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

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Financial Section



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Ridgecrest, California

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (Authority) which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2025, the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as of December 31, 2025 and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as a whole. Schedule of Balance Sheets – Combined – Internal Funds, Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, Changes in Net Position – Combined – Internal Funds, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Prior-Year Comparative Information

The financial statements include partial prior-year comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, from which such partial information was derived.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a separate report dated August 12, 2026, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Murrieta, California
August 12, 2026

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2025

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) offers readers of Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority's financial statements a narrative overview of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025. This MD&A presents financial highlights, an overview of the accompanying financial statements, an analysis of net position and results of operations, a current-to prior year analysis, a discussion on restrictions, commitments and limitations, and a discussion of significant activity involving capital assets and long-term debt. Please read in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHORITY

The Authority was formed in July 2016 in response to the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA or the Act) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin. SGMA requires groundwater basins subject to the Act to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), which is then required to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP or Plan) and achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years of Plan adoption. The Authority received approval for the Plan from the Department of Water Resources in January 2024.

The Authority is a joint powers authority comprised of the following five local public agencies: County of Kern, Indian Wells Valley Water District, County of Inyo, County of San Bernardino and the City of Ridgecrest.

The Authority's Board of Directors is composed of 5 voting members, one from each member jurisdiction. The JPA also has non-voting Associate Members for the following federal agencies: United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and United States Navy Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. The Authority's revenue sources include extraction fees, basin replenishment fees and Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant funding.

Authority administration and engineering services were outsourced since the inception of the JPA. Stetson Engineering provides Water Resource Manager services, engineering and grant administration for the Authority. Administration and financial services were originally shared between JPA members until January 2021, when Regional Government Services (RGS) was hired to provide outsourced administration and financial services for the Authority.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- In fiscal year 2025, the Authority's net position increased by 25.02%, or \$2,014,236 from the prior year's net position of \$8,050,041 to \$10,064,277, as a result of the year's operations.
- The Authority's operating revenue for 2025 decreased by \$1,657,298 from \$7,501,819 in 2024 to \$5,844,521 in 2025, primarily from decreased assessment revenue in 2025.
- The Authority's operating expenses for 2025 decreased \$3,956,221 from \$7,786,506 in 2024 to \$3,830,285 in 2025 due primarily to a decrease in groundwater management expenses and related grant activity.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This MD&A serves as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements reflect the combined results of the operating and capital programs and include four components: (1) Balance Sheet; (2) Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; (3) Statement of Cash Flows; and (4) Notes to the Financial Statements.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

The financial statements accompanying this MD&A present the net position and results of operations during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. These financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting basis used by for-profit entities. Each financial statement is identified and defined in this section, and analyzed in subsequent sections of this MD&A.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet presents information on the Authority's assets and liabilities the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. However, other factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, zoning, and new or changed legislation or regulations also need to be considered when evaluating financial position. Assets exceed liabilities, resulting in a net position of \$10,064,277 as of December 31, 2025.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the fiscal year. All of the year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in this statement. This statement measures the results of the Authority's operations for the year and can be used to determine if the Authority has successfully recovered all of its costs through fees and charges. Operating revenues and expenses are related to the Authority's core activities. Non-operating revenues and expenses are not directly related to the core activities of the Authority. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 net position increased by 25.02% or \$2,014,236.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Analysis of Net Position

Table A-1: Condensed Balance Sheet

	2025	2024	Change
ASSETS			
Current assets	\$ 11,133,262	\$ 10,128,692	\$ 1,004,570
Capital assets, net (note 4)	6,209	10,349	(4,140)
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,139,471</u>	<u>\$ 10,139,041</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,430</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	\$ 733,107	\$ 694,340	\$ 38,767
Non-current liabilities	342,087	1,394,660	(1,052,573)
Total liabilities	<u>1,075,194</u>	<u>2,089,000</u>	<u>(1,013,806)</u>
NET POSITION			
Investment in capital assets	6,209	10,349	(4,140)
Restricted for basin replenishment	9,528,176	5,944,928	3,583,248
Unrestricted	529,892	2,094,764	(1,564,872)
Total net position	<u>10,064,277</u>	<u>8,050,041</u>	<u>2,014,236</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 11,139,471</u>	<u>\$ 10,139,041</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,430</u>

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION (continued)

In fiscal year 2025, the Authority's net position increased by 25.02%, or \$2,014,236 from the prior year's net position of \$8,050,041 to \$10,064,277, as a result of the year's operations.

Analysis of Revenues and Expenses

Table A-2: Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,844,521	\$ 7,501,819	\$ (1,657,298)
Operating Expenses	<u>3,830,285</u>	<u>7,786,506</u>	<u>(3,956,221)</u>
Operating income	2,014,236	(284,687)	2,298,923
Non-Operating Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	2,014,236	(284,687)	<u>\$ 2,298,923</u>
Net Position			
Beginning of year	<u>8,050,041</u>	<u>8,334,728</u>	
End of year	<u>\$ 10,064,277</u>	<u>\$ 8,050,041</u>	

The Authority's operating revenue for 2025 decreased by \$1,657,298 from \$7,501,819 in 2024 to \$5,844,521 in 2025 primarily from decreased assessment revenue in 2025.

The Authority's operating expenses for 2025 decreased \$3,956,221 from \$7,786,506 in 2024 to \$3,830,285 in 2025 due primarily to a decrease in groundwater management expenses and related grant activity.

Capital Assets

	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2025</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u>
Capital assets:		
Depreciable assets	\$ 28,979	\$ 28,979
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(22,770)</u>	<u>(18,630)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,209</u>	<u>\$ 10,349</u>

At the end of year 2025, the District's investment in capital assets amounted to \$6,209 (net of accumulated depreciation), respectively. There were no additions to capital assets in 2025. See Note 4 for further information.

FACTORS AFFECTING CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The Authority anticipates that operating revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2026 will increase from fiscal year 2025, due to increased grant funding as well as increases in basin management expenditures. This is reflected in the Authority's budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is intended to provide the Board of Directors, creditors, and other interested parties with general overview of the Authority's financial operations and condition at the year ended December 31, 2025, and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, you may contact the Authority's Management, at Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 or by email at akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY*Balance Sheets**December 31, 2025 (With Comparative Amounts as of December 31, 2024)*

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 9,511,837	\$ 6,568,013
Accounts receivable, net (note 3)	551,635	1,834,578
Grant receivable	1,069,790	1,726,101
Total current assets	11,133,262	10,128,692
Non-current assets:		
Capital assets, net (note 4)	6,209	10,349
Total non-current assets	6,209	10,349
Total assets	\$ 11,139,471	\$ 10,139,041
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 733,107	\$ 694,340
Total current liabilities	733,107	694,340
Non-current liabilities:		
Due to other governments (note 5)	342,087	1,394,660
Total non-current liabilities	342,087	1,394,660
Total liabilities	1,075,194	2,089,000
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	6,209	10,349
Restricted for basin replenishment	9,528,176	5,944,928
Unrestricted	529,892	2,094,764
Total net position	10,064,277	8,050,041
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 11,139,471	\$ 10,139,041

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY*Statements of Revenues Expenses and Changes in Net Position**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025**(With Comparative Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024)*

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Revenues		
Assessment fees	\$ 3,867,956	\$ 4,655,236
Operating grants	<u>1,976,565</u>	<u>2,846,583</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>5,844,521</u>	<u>7,501,819</u>
Operating Expenses		
Groundwater management	2,975,184	4,700,828
General and administrative	850,961	3,081,538
Depreciation expense	<u>4,140</u>	<u>4,140</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,830,285</u>	<u>7,786,506</u>
Operating income(loss)	<u>2,014,236</u>	<u>(284,687)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues		
Assessment fees (note 3)	25,522	5,883,732
Bad debt expense (note 3)	<u>(25,522)</u>	<u>(5,883,732)</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	2,014,236	(284,687)
Net Position		
Beginning of year	<u>8,050,041</u>	<u>8,334,728</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 10,064,277</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,050,041</u></u>

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY*Statements of Cash Flows**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2025**(With Comparative Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024)*

	2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from assessment fees	\$ 5,150,899	\$ 4,562,168
Cash received from grant revenue	2,632,876	4,325,628
Cash payments for operating expenses	(4,839,951)	(8,059,751)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,943,824	828,045
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,943,824	828,045
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	6,568,013	5,739,968
End of year	\$ 9,511,837	\$ 6,568,013
	2025	2024
Reconciliation of operating income(loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income(loss)	\$ 2,014,236	\$ (284,687)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income(loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,140	4,140
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Assessment fee receivable	1,282,943	(93,068)
Grant receivable	656,311	1,479,045
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	38,767	(982,861)
Due to other governments	(1,052,573)	705,476
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,943,824	\$ 828,045

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (Authority) was formed under a Joint Exercise of Powers Authority on June 15, 2016, pursuant to Sections 6506 and 6507 of the Exercise of Powers Act, codified at California Government Code sections 6500, authorizes public agencies by agreement to exercise jointly any power common to the contracting parties. The Authority was formed between the City of Ridgecrest, the County of Inyo, the County of Kern, the County of San Bernardino, and the Indian Wells Valley Water District. Each Member is a local Authority, as defined by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California; whereby, each member can exercise powers related to groundwater management. The Authority is an independent public Authority separate from the Members. The Authority's board consists of one director from each of the Member agencies, as well as one Associate Member from the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and the United States Navy Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. The Associate Members are non-voting Members.

The purpose of the Authority is to develop a groundwater sustainability plan, implement projects and management activities which achieve sustainability by 2042, and to ensure sustainability for the following thirty years. The Authority serves as the GSA for the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, which has been designated as critically-over drafted (COD) basin by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The Authority reports its activities as an enterprise fund, which is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the Authority is that the costs of providing services be financed or recovered primarily through user (member) charges, capital grants and similar funding. Revenues and expenses are recognized on the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Financial Reporting

The Authority's basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States Board (GAAP), as applied to enterprise funds. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Authority solely operates as a special-purpose government which means it is only engaged in business-type activities; accordingly, activities are reported in the Authority's proprietary fund.

Operating revenues and expenses result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the Authority. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Management administration and depreciation expenses are also considered operating expenses. Other revenues and expenses not included in the above categories are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which reasonably estimates fair value.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value except for short-term investments, which are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which reasonably estimates fair value. Investments in governmental investment pools are reported at fair value based on the fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio.

In accordance with fair value measurements, the Authority categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique used to determine fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used in the determination of the fair value measurement fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Financial assets and liabilities recorded on the balance sheet are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, such as stocks, corporate and government bonds. The Authority has the ability to access the holding and quoted prices as of the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs from markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable. Unobservable inputs reflect the Authority's own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in pricing an investment and is based on the best information available in the circumstances.

Prepaid Expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or at their estimated fair value at date of donation. It is the Authority's policy to capitalize assets costing over \$5,000. The provision for depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated service lives of the capital assets.

Net Position

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

Investment in capital assets - This component of net position consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted – This component is restricted by external creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Unrestricted – This component of net position is the net amount of the assets less liabilities that are not included in the determination of the investment in capital assets component of net position.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Extraction Fee

Effective September 1, 2018, and adopted by Ordinance No. 02-18, all groundwater extractions from and within the Basin shall be subject to measurement and the Groundwater Extraction. This fee, currently at \$105 per acre-foot of water pumped, is levied on all water producers within the Indian Wells Valley Basin, except for de minimis pumpers (those who produce less than two AF per year) and co-ops with less than four connections.

California Water Code Section 10730, enacted through SMA, authorizes the Groundwater Authority, the authority to impose a groundwater extraction fee. Pursuant to Section 10730(a), the fees may be used "to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve." In addition, Water Code Section 10725(a) authorizes the Groundwater Authority to "perform any act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this part {SGMA}.

Pursuant to SGMA, all groundwater pumpers are subject to the groundwater extraction fee except for federal entities and those that qualify as de minimis extractors. SMA expressly provides that a "de minimis extractor" is a "person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year" (California Water Code Section 10721(e)). "Person" for the purposes of this fee is any typical household including landscaping. One acre-foot of water is equivalent to 325,851 gallons.

Basin Replenishment Fee

On August 21, 2020, a public hearing was held to consider the adoption of the Basin Replenishment Fee by the Authority. Federal Interests and de minimis users, as defined by the SMA, are exempt from the Replenishment Fee. Likewise, residents in the Authority's small mutuals and the Inyokern Community Services District are exempted through Navy pronouncement that its water needs include off-Stations demands for its workforce, and their dependents. The Replenishment Fee is calculated so that the properties are only charged their fair share, and no more. At the hearing, the Authority conducted a majority protest proceeding and determined there was not a majority of protest letters received. The Board adopted Ordinance 03-20 setting the Basin Replenishment Fee.

The Basin Replenishment Fee is a composite per acre foot extraction fee to purchase import supplies for those that need them and to pay for mitigation of registered shallow wells that are damaged by continuing overdraft. The Basin Replenishment Fee can be lowered as it is proportional and based on the augmented supply needed so if the needed supply is lowered the ultimate cost is lowered.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basin Replenishment Fee (continued)

Basin Replenishment Fees currently imposed by the Authority are as follows:

- **Shallow Well Mitigation Fee:** Currently at \$17.50/acre-foot (AF), this fee is paid by agricultural pumpers who joined the Transient Pool. The Transient Pool allocated agricultural users with an allotment of water that can be used until 2040.
- **Replenishment Fee:** This fee is levied on any water producers who exceed the allotment assigned to them from the Basin's sustainable safe yield; it is also levied on agricultural water users who chose not to join the Transient Pool. Currently, the Replenishment totals \$2,130/AF - comprised of two separate components: the Shallow Well Mitigation Fee (identified above) at \$17.50/AF, and an Augmentation Fee at \$2,112.50/AF. The purpose of the Replenishment Fee is to pay for activities associated with supplementing the Basin's natural water supply, including the purchase of rights to imported water supplies, construction of an imported water pipeline, and an advanced water treatment facility for reuse of recycled water.

Member Agency Contributions

The Authority's joint exercise of powers agreement provides that any member may make contributions of money or assets to the Authority; make or advance payments of public funds to defray the cost of Authority's operation; and contribute personnel, equipment or property instead of or in addition to other contributions or advances. Such contributions shall be paid to and disbursed by the Authority as set out in separate agreements between the Authority and the member and approved by the board and the governing body of the member.

Grants

Grant revenues are recorded when earned on grants that have been approved and funded by the grantor.

Member's Net Position

In the event of a member withdrawal, member termination, or dissolution of the Authority, any property interest remaining in the Authority, following a discharge of all obligations shall be disposed of pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreements as adopted by the Governing Board.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at December 31, 2025, consisted of the following:

Description	2025
Deposits with Kern County Treasury Investment Pool (KCTIP)	9,511,837
Total cash and investments	\$ 9,511,837

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. Cash balances held in banks are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and are collateralized by the respective financial institutions. In addition, the California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by State or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under State law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110 percent of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105 percent of the secured deposits.

Kern County Treasury Investment Pool (KCTIP)

The Authority is a voluntary participant in the Kern County Treasury Investment Pool (KCTIP) pursuant to Government Code Section 53694. The cash flow needs of participants are monitored daily to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained to meet the needs of those participants. At the time deposits are made, the Kern County Treasurer may require the depositing entity to provide annual cash flow projections or an anticipated withdrawal schedule for deposits in excess of \$1 million. Projections are performed no less than semi-annually. In accordance with Government Code Section 27136, all requests for withdrawal of funds for the purpose of investing or depositing the funds elsewhere shall be evaluated to ensure the proposed withdrawal will not adversely affect the principal deposits of the other participants. Pool detail may be obtained from the County of Kern Treasurer's Office – 1115 Truxtun Ave, Ste 2ND, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or the Treasurer's office website at www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Kern County Treasury Investment Pool (KCTIP) (continued)

Pursuant to an agreement between Kern County and the Authority, the County provides administrative and treasury services. In consideration for these services, the County retains any investment earnings generated from the Authority's funds held in the County Investment Pool.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. As of December 31, 2025, the Authority's cash balance in the KCTIP was rated by Standard & Poor's as AAAs/S1.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Authority has not adopted an investment policy; and therefore, relies on the California Government Code, which contains a limitation of 5% on the amount that can be invested in any one governmental agency or non-governmental issuer. There were no investments in any one governmental or non-governmental issuer that represented 5% or more of the Authority's total investments except for those in the KCTIP.

NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET

Accounts receivable, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts consisted of the following:

Description	Extraction Fund	Basin Replenishment Fund	Total
Accounts receivable	\$ 319,919	\$ 324,735	\$ 644,654
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(93,019)	-	(93,019)
Total accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 226,900</u>	<u>\$ 324,735</u>	<u>\$ 551,635</u>

There are three water producers subject to the Basin Replenishment Fee - 1) Mojave Pistachios, LLC; 2) Searles Valley Minerals Inc.; and 3) Indian Wells Valley Water District.

Mojave Pistachios, LLC and Searles Valley Minerals have refused to pay the fee. Both have unsuccessfully attempted to challenge the collection of the fee through an injunction. Additionally, claims for damages by both Mojave Pistachios, LLC and Searles Valley Minerals were dismissed, and the Authority has initiated efforts to collect the unpaid fees.

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NOTE 3 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET (continued)

Changes to assessment receivables that are not being recognized were as follows as of December 31, 2025:

Water Producer	Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance Dec. 31, 2025
Searles Valley Minerals	\$ 21,518,644	\$ -	\$ (21,518,644)	\$ -
Inyokern Community Services District	67,497	25,522	-	93,019
	<u>\$ 21,586,141</u>	<u>\$ 25,522</u>	<u>\$ (21,518,644)</u>	<u>\$ 93,019</u>

The Authority has chosen not to recognize these receivable amounts as the legal process for collections moves forward. These amounts are not to be considered as available for financing operations until the funds are collected.

As a result of the settlement and subsequent resolution of the related assessment disputes, Searles Valley Minerals is no longer obligated for the delinquent assessments previously levied by the Authority. Accordingly, the Authority wrote off the remaining assessment receivable of \$21,518,644 during fiscal year 2025. The write-off reflects management's determination that collection of the remaining balance is no longer probable following the resolution of the legal proceedings.

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, were as follows:

Description	Balance Jan. 1, 2025	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 2025
Depreciable assets:				
Equipment	\$ 28,979	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,979
Total depreciable assets	<u>28,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,979</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Equipment	(18,630)	(4,140)	-	(22,770)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,630)</u>	<u>(4,140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,770)</u>
Total depreciable assets, net	<u>10,349</u>	<u>(4,140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,209</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 10,349</u>	<u>\$ (4,140)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,209</u>

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, depreciation expense amounted to \$4,140.

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NOTE 5 – DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The City of Ridgecrest, a member agency, has provided the use of Council Chambers and IT equipment for meetings, IT services, and Legal Services since 2016 for the Authority. Repayment is restricted to Extraction Revenue, or an advance will be required from the Basin Replenishment Fund. Changes in due to other governments' amounts for fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, were as follows:

Balance Jan. 1, 2025	Additions	Deletions/ Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 2025
\$ 1,394,660	\$ 211,342	\$ (1,263,915)	\$ 342,087

Additions of \$211,342 were comprised of \$210,250 for legal services, \$1,092 for the use of council chambers and IT services.

NOTE 6 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Due to/from other funds includes \$500,000 advanced by the Basin Replenishment Fund to the Extraction Fund for the repayment of an advance by JPA member Indian Wells Valley Water District. In fiscal year 2017, the Indian Wells Valley Water District (District) agreed to advance \$500,000 for the adoption, evaluation and approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Program (GSP). In 2021, the District, with Board approval, held back payment of the District's portion of the Basin Replenishment fees to repay itself the \$500,000. As the activities were related to the GSP, the action resulted in the Extraction Fund receiving an advance from the Basin Replenishment Fund. At the close of fiscal year 2025, \$500,000 was advanced from the Basin Replenishment Fund to the Extraction Fund to cover a cash deficit for financial reporting purposes.

Amount	Due To/From		Purpose
	From Fund	To Fund	
\$ 500,000	Extraction	Replenishment	Advance

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance products to guard against the various risks of loss noted above.

Settled claims have not exceeded any of the coverage amounts in any of the last three fiscal years and there were no reductions in the Authority's insurance coverage during the years ending December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023. Liabilities are recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated net of the respective insurance coverage. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). There were no IBNR claims payable as of December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023.

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NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Excluded Leases – Short-Term Leases and De Minimis Leases

The Authority does not recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources for short-term leases. Short-term leases are certain leases that have a maximum possible term under the lease contract of 12 months (or less), including any options to extend, regardless of their probability of being exercised.

Also, *de minimis* lessor or lessee leases are certain leases (i.e., room rental, copiers, printers, postage machines) that regardless of their lease contract period are *de minimis* with regards to their aggregate total dollar amount to the financial statements as a whole.

Grant Awards

Grant funds received by the Authority are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Such an audit could lead to requests for reimbursements from the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Management of the Authority believes that such disallowances, if any, would not be significant.

Litigation

The Authority is involved in routine litigation incidental to its business and may be subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. After consultation with legal counsel, management believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Authority has evaluated subsequent events through August 12, 2026, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplementary Information

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Balance Sheets – Combined – Internal Funds

December 31, 2025 (With Comparative Amounts as of December 31, 2024)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Extraction</u>	<u>Basin Replenishment</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 418,797	\$ 9,093,040	\$ 9,511,837	\$ 6,568,013
Accounts receivable, net	226,900	324,735	551,635	1,834,578
Grant receivable	1,069,790	-	1,069,790	1,726,101
Total current assets	1,715,487	9,417,775	11,133,262	10,128,692
Non-current assets:				
Due from other funds	-	500,000	500,000	2,688,942
Capital assets, net	6,209	-	6,209	10,349
Total non-current assets	6,209	500,000	506,209	2,699,291
Total assets	\$ 1,721,696	\$ 9,917,775	\$ 11,639,471	\$ 12,827,983
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</u>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 434,545	\$ 298,562	\$ 733,107	\$ 694,340
Total current liabilities	434,545	298,562	733,107	694,340
Non-current liabilities:				
Due to other funds	500,000	-	500,000	2,688,942
Due to other governments	251,050	91,037	342,087	1,394,660
Total non-current liabilities	751,050	91,037	842,087	4,083,602
Total liabilities	1,185,595	389,599	1,575,194	4,777,942
NET POSITION				
Investment in capital assets	6,209	-	6,209	10,349
Restricted	-	9,528,176	9,528,176	8,140,637
Unrestricted	529,892	-	529,892	(100,945)
Total net position	536,101	9,528,176	10,064,277	8,050,041
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 1,721,696	\$ 9,917,775	\$ 11,639,471	\$ 12,827,983

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY***Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Combined – Internal Funds
December 31, 2025 (With Comparative Amounts as of December 31, 2024)***

	Extraction	Basin Replenishment	2025	2024
Operating Revenues				
Assessment fees	\$ 1,612,250	\$ 2,255,706	\$ 3,867,956	\$ 4,655,236
Operating grant	1,976,565	-	1,976,565	2,846,583
Total operating revenues	3,588,815	2,255,706	5,844,521	7,501,819
Operating Expenses				
Groundwater management	2,383,379	529,706	2,913,085	4,700,828
General and administrative	546,324	366,736	913,060	3,081,538
Depreciation expense	4,140	-	4,140	4,140
Total operating expenses	2,933,843	896,442	3,830,285	7,786,506
Operating income	654,972	1,359,264	2,014,236	(284,687)
Non-Operating Revenues				
Assessment fees	-	13,949	13,949	5,883,732
Bad debt expense	-	(13,949)	(13,949)	(5,883,732)
Total non-operating revenues	-	-	-	-
Change in net position	654,972	1,359,264	2,014,236	(284,687)
Net Position				
Beginning of year	(118,871)	8,168,912	8,050,041	8,334,728
End of year	<u>\$ 536,101</u>	<u>\$ 9,528,176</u>	<u>\$ 10,064,277</u>	<u>\$ 8,050,041</u>

Other Independent Auditors' Reports



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
Ridgecrest, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (Authority) which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2025, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2026.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Murrieta, California
August 12, 2026

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members

DATE: August 12, 2026

FROM: IWVGA Water Resources Manager

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM 11 – WATER RESOURCES MANAGER’S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 11a – GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

SGMA Implementation Round 1 Update

- Invoice #13
 - Covers July 2025 to September 2025
 - Total requested payment: \$32,759.14
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, awaiting payment.
- Invoice #14
 - Covers October 2025 to December 2025
 - Total requested payment: \$377,862.25
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, awaiting payment.
- Invoice #15 (Final)
 - Covers January 2026 to March 2026
 - Total requested payment: \$753,756.64
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, awaiting payment.
- Grant Completion Report submitted to DWR on December 31, 2025

Urban Community Drought Relief Program Update

- The IWVGA has been awarded \$3,345,000 to consolidate shallow well system(s) into a public water system.
 - Rademacher consolidation currently underway
 - Stark Street consolidation development underway
- Invoice #7
 - Covers July 2025 to September 2025
 - Total requested payment: \$15,080.72
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, received payment.
- Invoice #8
 - Covers October 2025 to December 2025
 - Total requested payment: \$9,247.50
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, awaiting payment.
- Invoice #9
 - Covers January 2026 to March 2026
 - Total requested payment: \$20,694.47

- Status: Submitted to DWR, payment received.

AGENDA ITEM 11b – GSP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS/MANAGEMENT ACTION UPDATES

Imported Water Project

- Imported Water Pipeline Design Services
 - Continuing coordination with BLM for a Special Use Permit for pipeline construction
 - July 23, 2026: Monthly BLM Coordination Meeting with Project's Planning Development Team (Authority Staff, WRM Staff, all Project planning consultants)
 - July 6, 2026: Coordination meeting with right of way team regarding preliminary title reports
 - July 7, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding materials
 - July 10, 2026: Coordination meeting with the Planning Development Team regarding the project planning and construction schedule
 - July 20, 2026: Coordination meetings regarding scour design approach
 - July 17 and July 30, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding coordination with Caltrans for an encroachment permit
 - Finalizing matrix to determine proposed risk and mitigation for scour
 - Updating construction cost estimate and construction schedule
 - Continuing ongoing coordination with Caltrans, California Department of Parks and Recreation (Cal Parks), and Southern California Edison (SCE)
 - SCE Staff continuing design of the powerlines between Pump Station No. 2 and Pump Station No. 3
 - Coordinating meeting with SCE Public Affairs to structure SCE Project Team with IWVGA Project Team
 - Coordinating meeting with Cal Trans to discuss temporary and permanent access routes off Hwy 395 and the Hwy 395 jack and bore crossing.
 - Coordinating finalization of the location of the Hwy 395 crossing
 - P&P and Blue Mountain Development continuing analyzing results and design recommendations pursuant to AVEK and Kennedy Jenks's updated hydraulic modeling of the California City Feeder and North Feeder's
 - Blue Mountain continuing reviewing draft current progress print Design Plans
 - Next Steps:
 - Prepare 90% Design Level Submittal
 - Incorporate additional Southern California Edison power infrastructure into design plans after Southern California Edison provides preliminary design for power infrastructure
 - Update the following drafts after analyzing updated Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency and Kennedy Jenks hydraulic modeling results, as needed:
 - Tank Technical Memorandum
 - Electrical Systems and Instrumentation and Controls Tank Technical Memorandum
 - Refined System Hydraulics and Transient Mitigation Analysis Tank Technical Memorandum
 - Draft Mechanical Pump Selection Technical Memorandum

- Provide the updated Preliminary Permitting Requirements Technical Memorandum
 - Provide Draft Corrosion Design Technical Memorandum
 - Create integrated GIS platform for design, environmental, and ROW components for the Project
 - Next Milestones
 - Provide 90% Design Submittal after completing the Next Steps above
 - Provide 100% Design Submittal
- Imported Water Pipeline Environmental Services
 - Coordination Meetings
 - July 10, 2026: Coordination meeting with the Planning Development Team regarding the project planning and construction schedule
 - July 23, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with BLM, IWVGA Staff, WRM Staff and Consultants
 - Coordinating with BLM to obtain field work authorization for cultural surveys
 - July 30, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with all Project Planning Development Team to coordinate on all planning updates and action items
 - Continued to engage with SCE environmental staff and the Project's design consultant on the potential requirements for incorporating the new SCE infrastructure into the Environmental documents
 - Performed desert tortoise surveys and reviewing results
 - Updating Biological Resource Reports
 - Finalizing updated Project Description for Draft EA/EIR per IWVGA comments
 - Coordinating cultural surveys with BLM
 - Coordinating finalization of the location of the Hwy 395 crossing with Design consultant for consideration into the EA/ EIR
 - Draft EA/ EIR joint document to be updated per additional SCE components
 - Draft Biological Evaluation to be updated for additional SCE components
 - Draft Biological Assessment to be updated for additional SCE component
 - Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas, Energy, and Noise reports to be updated for additional SCE components
 - Next Steps:
 - Incorporate additional SCE components into EA/EIR after design plans include SCE preliminary design for power infrastructure
 - Provide updated schedule after SCE provides preliminary design to Design consultants
 - Provide draft EA for 45- day Public Comment Period after incorporating SCE into EA/EIR
 - Next Milestones:
 - Provide Final EA/ EIR
- Imported Water Pipeline Right-of-Way Services
 - July 10, 2026: Coordination meeting with the Planning Development Team regarding the project planning and construction schedule
 - July 23, 2026: Monthly BLM Coordination Meeting with Project's Planning Development Team (Authority Staff, WRM Staff, all Project planning consultants)
 - July 6, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding preliminary title reports

- Continuing Acquisition Services Task, Preliminary Title Report and Appraisal Report tasks
 - Coordinating plats and legal descriptions with Design team
 - Continuing to coordinate GIS platform
 - Coordinating priority list of acquisition
 - GFT reviewing PTRs for coordination with BLM/Caltrans
- Next Milestone:
 - Provide a final Right of Way Acquisition Plan
 - Complete plats and legal descriptions
- Blue Mountain Development (BMD) Program Management Services
 - Project coordination meetings:
 - July 30, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with all Project Planning Development Team to coordinate on all planning updates and action items
 - July 23, 2026: Monthly BLM Coordination Meeting with BLM and Planning Development Team
 - July 6, 2026: Coordination meeting with right of way team regarding preliminary title reports
 - July 20, 2026: Coordination meetings with design team regarding scour design approach
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 - BMD identifying risk factors with focus on technical, environmental, regulatory, fiscal, project phasing, and schedule impacts
 - Evaluating completeness of environmental documents prior to publication relative to current design technical issues, construction phasing, and long term operations.
 - Internal BLM Comment Review – Completed
 - Independent Review – In progress
 - Updated Draft Document – Anticipated in Fall 2026
 - Key biological surveys partly completed and under way. Work under way integrates current design, SCE alignment, and BLM requirements
 - Sensitive Habitat Biological Surveys – Completed
 - Sensitive Species Surveys – Completed
 - Cultural Surveys – Anticipated to begin in after completion of Project Description with completion in late 2026
 - Evaluating current design technical issues including AVEK connection, terminus receiving tank, scour issues, Caltrans crossing, and SCE power distribution for lift stations.
 - Caltrans Crossing & Alignment – Conceptual approach being coordinated with District 9 staff
 - SCE Programing – Initial overall matrix of requirements being developed to bring senior management level coordination for design of line extensions and connections.
 - Evaluating property acquisition strategy integrating construction phasing, and appropriation annual funding

- Right of Way Strategy – Initial overall matrix of locations and required steps to complete acquisition, easement, or license agreement being developed.
 - Initial Property Rights Verification – Select key location of properties being verified for representative underlying rights for upcoming review with BLM, Kern County, and Caltrans.
 - Updated Baseline Schedule Development – Fully integrated schedule for environmental, engineering, permits, and right of way acquisition.
- BMD coordinating final central project document repository
- Coordinating agreement with AVEK: Framework of Agreement under way with development of Term Sheet for review
- Coordinating meeting between EPA and BLM for a discussion regarding NEPA requirements pursuant to the EPA’s involvement in the Project through the EPA Resiliency Grant
- Next Steps:
 - Identify risk factors and planning strategies to address and mitigate areas of concern.
 - Develop Consolidated Program Management Schedule
- Submittals to DWR
 - Received final payment on IP Grant
 - Grant closeout complete
- National Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program (Resiliency Grant)
 - In August 2024, the EPA announced their grant of \$2.79 million to the IWVGA for Imported Water Project planning activities
 - Grant will be used as additional funding to complete planning tasks
 - Performance Evaluation No. 1 submitted to EPA on January 30, 2026.
 - Performance Evaluation No. 2 submitted to EPA on July 31, 2026.
 - First reimbursement request underway.
 - Preparation of second reimbursement request underway.
- US Army Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program
 - BMD following up on USACE’s review of the Section 8119 Waiver request to provide full funding provided under Section 8119 of WRDA 2022 for Disadvantaged Communities

Shallow Well Mitigation Program

There are currently no active applications.

Annual Reports

- DWR completed review of WY 2025 Annual Report and provided letter of review on August 5, 2026.
- The WY 2025 Annual Report meets GSP Regulations and no further information was requested.

AGENDA ITEM 11c – CONSOLIDATION PROJECTS

- The IWVGA has been awarded \$3,345,000 to consolidate shallow well system(s) into a public water system.
- Two consolidation projects, Rademacher Way and Stark Street, have been identified and are currently in the process of being implemented.
- Remaining grant funds after submittal of Progress Report 9: \$2,994,803.47
- Right-of-Way consultants
 - Contract Service Agreement executed
- Request for Amendment to Grant Agreement underway
 - Request for grant deadline extension

Rademacher Way

- Phase 1 complete
 - Two properties hooked up to completed pipeline
- Phase 2 design completed and approved by Division of Drinking Water
- Phase 2 construction pending obtainment of easements
- \$15,000 approved from Shallow Well Mitigation Program to fund meter-to-house connections.

Stark Street

- IWVWD Reimbursement Agreement executed.
- Emergency LAFCO process underway
- CEQA exemption filed as part of Dune 3
- Dune 3 bidding approved by State
- Self-Help sent out letters to Stark Street residents on hauled water delivery end date
- Notice of Consolidation letter for Stark Street residents sent out week of June 1

AGENDA ITEM 11d – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Data Collection and Monitoring

- Stetson, the Navy, and KCWA performed Spring 2026 water level measurement field work during week of March 9.
- Data from Spring 2026 water level measurements are being processed.
- Additional monitoring location involving a City of Ridgecrest detention pond adjacent to Little Lake fault was reviewed and determined to not be a priority data gap project.
- Staff have prepared a technical memo on potential monitoring locations and priority for potential funding opportunities.
- On August 4, staff sent letters requesting access to two Navy property wells to add to the groundwater monitoring network
- Fall 2026 water level measurement and groundwater sampling event is scheduled for first week of September.

Subflow from Rose Valley to IWV

- Ongoing work with BLM regarding Cultural Survey and Permitting for second monitoring

well

- Next steps: (1) obtain BLM concurrence on the scope of the cultural/archeological field survey, (2) conduct a cultural/archeological field survey, and (3) BLM Right-of-Way grant
- Periodic correspondence with BLM regarding delayed authorization of archeological survey at proposed RVS-2 well site.
- Continued coordination with BLM on permit to install next RVS Monitoring Well
 - In late October, the new BLM Archeologist, Liz Gonzalez Negrete, contacted Stetson regarding next steps on authorization to complete archeological field survey.
 - BLM requested an updated Request for Work Authorization via email and committed to moving the project forward
 - Updated Request for Work Authorization submitted to BLM
 - Epsilon met with BLM to discuss the planned archaeological survey to be scheduled
 - Following meeting with Epsilon and BLM, permit materials and supporting documents were provided.
 - On July 20, Epsilon received Fieldwork Authorization from BLM for the cultural resources inventory
- Epsilon's contract is being renewed for fieldwork.
- Navy/Coso contract for completing RVS Monitoring Well project deadline is August 31, 2026.
 - A no-cost deadline extension has been requested, awaiting Navy review.
- Reimbursement of RVS-1 well underway
 - Need to cancel "Grants Voucher" submitted in January 2024
 - Grants Voucher rejected by Navy on February 4, 2026
 - Invoice for RVS-1 to be resubmitted for reimbursement
 - Navy requested reimbursement for full amount to be submitted upon project completion.

Inyokern Data Center

- Comment letter to California Energy Commission submitted July 15, 2026 (attached).

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

There are no actions required by the Board.

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Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Docket No. 26-SPPE-01 – RB Inyokern Data Center
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Comment Letter

Ms. Huber,

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) is submitting this letter to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to inform the CEC of the current status of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) as it relates to the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center (Project) under CEC review.

The IWVGA is a joint powers authority formed in 2016 and is the designated Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. Its member agencies include the County of Kern, the County of Inyo, the County of San Bernardino, the City of Ridgecrest, and the Indian Wells Valley Water District. The Basin, which underlies the proposed Project site, has been designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as critically overdrafted and the IWVGA is required under SGMA to bring the Basin into long-term sustainability by 2040 through the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).



As the sole GSA for the Basin, the IWVGA has the legal authority to manage local groundwater through SGMA, under California Water Code (CWC) Sections 10725, 10726, 10730, and 10731. These powers include, but are not limited to:

- Require registration, permitting, and metering of groundwater extraction facilities;
- Regulate and monitor groundwater extractions as permitted by SGMA;
- Adopt and enforce rules, regulations, and ordinances necessary to implement the GSP;
- Levy assessments, charges, and fees as provided in SGMA; and
- Acquire by negotiation or condemnation, lease, purchase, construct, hold, manage, maintain, operate, and dispose of any buildings, property, water rights, works, or improvements within and without the respective boundaries of the general members necessary to accomplish the purposes of the IWVGA.

The DWR approved GSP has established a sustainable yield for the Basin of 7,650 acre-feet per year (AFY). Reported extraction across all groundwater users has been substantially higher than the sustainable yield at nearly three times the sustainable yield of approximately 21,000 AFY, resulting in ongoing overdraft conditions and the requirement of imported water supplies. The Basin remains subject to active management measures under the GSP, including extraction reporting requirements, pumping allocations of the sustainable yield, and collection of Extraction Fees for all non de minimis pumping within the Basin and Basin Replenishment Fees for extractions above pumping allocations, as well as ongoing litigation concerning the Basin's safe yield and water rights allocations.

The IWVGA GSP includes key infrastructure projects to achieve sustainability, which includes the IWVGA's Imported Water Project. The IWVGA's Basin Replenishment Fee will fund the purchase of imported water. Currently, the planning phase of the IWVGA's Imported Water Project (including design, environmental permitting and reports, and right of way acquisition documents) is currently underway.

Given the Basin's critically overdrafted status and the IWVGA's ongoing regulatory responsibility over groundwater within its boundaries, the IWVGA requests that the CEC recognize the IWVGA as an interested party in its review of the Project and to ensure that any water supply, water rights, or groundwater extraction commitments associated with the Project are evaluated in coordination with the IWVGA and consistent with the IWVGA's sustainability goals within the GSP. The IWVGA has the following expectations and requirements applicable to the proposed Project, necessary for a complete analysis of the Project:

- 1) If the Project's groundwater demand creates exceedance of Inyokern Community Service District's Sustainable Yield allocation, the Project's Proponent is expected to contribute to



imported water supplies and any necessary future infrastructure improvements to offset those demands

- 2) Any of the Project's proposed or future groundwater production wells within the IWVGA Basin are subject to measurement and payment of the IWVGA's Basin Replenishment Fee (pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-20) and the Extraction Fee (Ordinance No. 02-20)
- 3) Understand and consider the IWVGA's concern for introducing a significant new groundwater demand into a closed, critically overdrafted basin that is currently undergoing adjudication, which may ultimately be subject to a reduced sustainable yield

The IWVGA has attached Ordinances No. 02-20 and 03-20, as well as a technical report on the Basin for the CEC's reference, via the following OneDrive Link: https://stetsonengineers-my.sharepoint.com/:f/p/helenac/IgC_ARPrYTp5RJN8VcVbLe7IAY_B3lBnu1ERQ68jfd4idTw?e=3vxxWG. Additional SGMA reports (GSP, Annual Reports, and Periodic Evaluations) may be found on SGMA website (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal>). The IWVGA is available to provide additional technical data and documentation regarding Basin conditions as part of the CEC's review. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact April Keigwin at 805-764-5452 or akeigwin@rgs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

April Keigwin

April Keigwin
General Manager
Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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August 5, 2026

Carol Thomas-Keefer
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RE: Review of Annual Report for the Indian Wells Valley Basin, Water Year 2025

Dear Carol Thomas-Keefer,

As the basin point of contact for the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) in the Indian Wells Valley Basin (Basin), this letter is to inform you that the Department of Water Resources (Department) has completed the review of the annual report for the Basin for Water Year 2025.

Following the adoption of a GSP and annually thereafter, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that an annual report be submitted to the Department by April 1 (Wat. Code § 10728). Once an annual report has been submitted, the Department is required to notify the submitting groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) of receipt within 20 days, review the information to determine whether the basin's GSP is being implemented in a manner likely to achieve its established sustainability goal, and notify the GSA in writing if additional information is required (23 CCR § 355.8).

This annual report review letter does not address plan implementation because the Department is currently reviewing your GSP implementation as part of its periodic review of the GSP, which, in contrast to annual report reviews that consider information about only one year, will look at the periodic evaluation and the collective annual reports that provide the Department with numerous years of reporting data to better assess trends, issues or conditions of concern in the Basin, and whether GSP implementation remains on track to achieve sustainability.

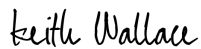
The Department noted that the annual report provided an update on all the applicable sustainable management criteria for the basin, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR § 356.2). SGMA requires that the GSA continue to include this information in the next annual report, including a description of progress towards implementing the GSP for each of the applicable sustainability indicators.

The Department requires that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal Projects and Management Actions (PMA) Module during each water year. The Department noted that implementation updates on all the PMAs were provided on the SGMA Portal PMA Module, as required by GSP Regulations (23 CCR

§ 356.2). The Department will require that the submitting agency provide implementation updates on the SGMA Portal PMA Module during each water year. Implementation updates provide a way to report and track progress such as status, accrued benefits, and funding updates on the implementation of the basin's PMAs. Reporting accurate, detailed, and measurable information in the SGMA Portal PMA Module (such as current status, a time-table for the accrual of benefits, and funding updates on implementation) clearly demonstrates any progress in implementing projects and management actions to the Department since the previous annual report.

Please contact the assigned Department basin point-of-contact or sgmps@water.ca.gov if you have questions about this notice or the annual reporting process. The Department looks forward to receiving your Water Year 2026 Annual Report by April 1, 2027.

Thank You,



Keith Wallace, P.E.
Assistant Deputy Director
Sustainable Water Management

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BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION												
		Restricted Extraction	Restricted Second	Restricted	Restricted Shallow	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted Navy/COSO	\$	(A-B) \$	(B/A) %	
		ORIGINAL	Transient Pool	Transient Pool	Augmentation	Well Mitigation	SGMA IP	EPA Grant	Fund	Total	REMAINING	COMPLETED
1	REVENUE											
2	Extraction Fee - Restricted	900,000	182,297	-	-	-	-	-	-	182,297	717,703	20%
3	Transfer In/Loan from Augmentation Fund	570,230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	570,230	0%
4	Prior Year Fund Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
5	Augmentation Fee	3,243,315	-	-	4,719	-	-	-	-	4,719	3,238,596	0%
6	Transfer In/Loan Repayment from Extraction Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
7	Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	115,000	-	-	-	16,888	-	-	-	16,888	98,112	15%
8	Second Transient Pool Fee - Unrestricted	633,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	633,000	0%
9	Department of Water Resources (DWR) Grants -IP Grant	249,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249,500	0%
10	Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program	2,117,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,117,200	0%
11	EPA Resilience Grant	1,889,860	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,889,860	0%
12	Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	151,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,000	0%
13	Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
14												0%
15	TOTAL REVENUES	9,869,105	182,297	-	4,719	16,888	-	-	-	203,905	9,665,200	2%
16	EXPENSES											
17	Administration											
18	Administration (RGS)	340,000	61,700		61,700	-	-	-	-	123,399	216,601	36%
19	Office Rent (City of Ridgecrest)	3,600	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	3,600	0%
20	Office Supplies	1,000	41		41	-	-	-	-	83	917	8%
21	Postage and Delivery	360	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	360	0%
22	External Audit	18,500	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	18,500	0%
23	Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	2,500	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	0%
24	General Counsel (Aleshire & Wynder/City of Ridgecrest)	428,000	228,981		-	-	-	-	-	228,981	199,019	54%
25	Additional Legal Services (Aleshire & Wynder/City of Ridgecrest)	60,000	576		-	-	-	-	-	576	59,424	1%
26	Additional Legal Services-Imported Water Pipeline (Aleshire & Wynder)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
27	Insurance Premium	20,000	21,601		-	-	-	-	-	21,601	(1,601)	108%
28	Legal Notices (Daily Independent)	2,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	0%
29	Memberships (Cal. Assoc.Mutual Water Co)	100	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	100	0%
30	Printing and Reproduction	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
31	Bank Service Charges	100	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	100	0%
32											-	0%
33	Non-Departmental										-	0%
34	Other Legal Services (RWG Law)	1,500,000	-		90,139	-	-	-	-	90,139	1,409,861	6%
35	Lobbying Services (Capitol Core)	229,350	3,503		32,134	-	-	-	-	35,638	193,713	16%
36	Other Professional Services (Garrison Brothers)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
37	California State Lands Commission	140	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	140	0%
38	Miscellaneous- IWVWD Grant Repayment	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
39	Repayment of City of Ridgecrest In-Kind Services	132,270			-	-	-	-	-	-	132,270	0%
40	Transfer Out from Second Transient Pool	570,230	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	570,230	0%
41	Transfer Out/Loan to Extraction Fund	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
42												0%
43	Community Engagement											0%
44	Design Services	180,000	-		24,030	-	-	-	-	24,030	155,970	13%
45	Printing and Reproduction	10,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%
46	Website Services	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
47	Website	315	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	315	0%
48												0%
49												
50												

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51	Shallow Well Mitigation Program											0%
52	Shallow Well Mitigation Emergency Assistance Program	50,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	0%
53	Shallow Well Mitigation Program: Outreach and Impacts Eval.(Stetson)	30,000	-		-	51	-	-	-	51	29,950	0%
54												0%
55	NAVY/COSO Program											0%
56	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Rose Valley MW Permitting, Bid, Drilling (Stetson)	120,000	561		-	-	-	-	-	561	119,439	0%
57	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop Projects & Secure Funding (Stetson)	25,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	0%
58	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Cooperative Agreement	10,000	321		-	-	-	-	-	321	9,679	3%
59	Rose Valley Construction	151,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	151,000	0%
60												0%
61	Basin Management Administration											0%
62	Production Reporting, Transient Pool, and Fee Support (Stetson)	45,000	89		-	-	-	-	-	89	44,911	0%
63	Meetings and Prep (Stetson)	215,000	20,314		20,314	-	-	-	-	40,627	174,373	19%
64	Budget Support (Stetson)	15,000	4,760		-	-	-	-	-	4,760	10,240	32%
65	Stakeholder Coordination (Stetson)	5,000	333		-	-	-	-	-	333	4,668	7%
66	Litigation Support (Stetson)	140,000	-		126,552	-	-	-	-	126,552	13,448	90%
67												0%
68	Basin Management											0%
69	General Engineering (Stetson)	30,000	5,282		-	-	-	-	-	5,282	24,718	18%
70	TSS: El Paso Well Drilling Support (Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
71	TSS: General Coordination/Application Support (Stetson)	2,500	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	0%
72	Coordination with DWR on GSP Review (Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
73	GSP 5-Year Update (Stetson)	25,000	1,200		-	-	-	-	-	1,200	23,800	5%
74	Annual Report Preparation (Stetson)	75,000	20,326		-	-	-	-	-	20,326	54,674	27%
75	Data Management System Support (Stetson)	40,000	19,471		-	-	-	-	-	19,471	20,529	49%
76	Allocation Plan: Allocation Process & Transient Pool Support (Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
77	Allocation Plan and Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions (Stetson)	10,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%
78	Allocation Plan: Fallowing & Transient Pool Transfer Program (Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
79	Configuration Management Plan (Stetson)	20,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	0%
80	General Project Management (Stetson)	40,000	7,821		-	-	-	-	-	7,821	32,179	20%
81	Model Transfer and Upgrade (Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
82	Data Collection, Monitoring, and Data Gaps (Stetson)	225,000	20,462		-	-	-	-	-	20,462	204,538	9%
83	Imported Water: Negotiations and Coordination(Stetson)	10,000	-		1,333	-	-	-	-	1,333	8,667	13%
84	Imported Water: Engineering and Analysis(Stetson)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
85	Recycled Water (Stetson)	10,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%
86	Planning Assistance to States: Army Corps Support (Stetson)	50,000	-		1,440	-	-	-	-	1,440	48,560	3%
87	Review of Outside Studies and Coordination (Stetson)	15,000									15,000	0%
88	Well Monitoring Services (WellIntel Inc.)	1,700									1,700	0%
89	Review of Outside Studies and Coordination (Stetson)		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
90	Well Monitoring Services (WellIntel Inc.)		1,835		-	-	-	-	-	1,835	(1,835)	0%
91										-		0%
92	Grant Management											0%
93	Grant Review and Application Preparation (Stetson)	75,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	0%
94												
95	IP Grant Management											0%
96	IP Grant Administration	27,000	-		-	-	5,746		-	5,746	21,254	21%
97	Bureau of Land Management	200,000	-		-	-	25,000		-	25,000	175,000	13%
98	Southern California Edison	22,500									22,500	0%
99	Imported Water :Planning/Design/Environmental (Provost & Pritchard)	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	0%

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100	IP Grant Management (Cont'd)											0%
101	Imported Water :Planning/Design/Environmental (Blue Mountain)	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	0%
102	Pipeline Design		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
103	Mojave Tank Farm		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
104	CEQ/NEPA		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
105	Imported Water :Planning/Design/Environmental (Transystems)	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	0%
106	Imported Water :Planning/Design/Environmental (Not Grant Reimb)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
107	Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency -Reimb Agreement	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	0%
108												0%
109	Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program											0%
110	Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Administration (Stetson)	10,000	-		-	-	-	2,169		2,169	7,831	22%
111	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (Stetson)- Plan/Design/Engin	50,000	-		-		-	7,400	-	7,400	42,600	15%
112	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-Planning/Design/Engineering	195,300	-		-	-	-	24,914	-	24,914	170,386	13%
113	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-Construction	1,861,900									1,861,900	0%
114	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-NonReimb	5,000									5,000	0%
115												0%
116	EPA Resilience Grant											0%
117	EPA Grant Administration	27,000	-		-	-	-	11,518		11,518	15,482	43%
118	Resilience Grant -Design/Environmental/ROW (Stetson)		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	0%
119	Resilience Grant-Design (Stetson)	100,000	-		-	-	-	12,963	-	12,963	87,037	13%
120	Resilience Grant-Environmental (Stetson)	29,000	-		-	-	-	3,414	-	3,414	25,586	12%
121	Resilience Grant --Right of Way (Stetson)	14,000	-		-	-	-	616	-	616	13,385	4%
122	Resilience Grant - Design (Provost & Pritchard)	990,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	990,500	0%
123	Resilience Grant - Environmental (Provost & Pritchard)	132,610	-	-	-	-	-	4,499	-	4,499	128,111	3%
124	Resilience Grant - ROW (Transystems)	231,500	-	-	-	-	-	6,669	-	6,669	224,831	3%
125	Resilience Grant - Project Management (Blue Mountain)	123,750	-	-	-	-	-	52,388	-	52,388	71,363	42%
126	Resilience Grant - Mojave Tank Analysis (Provost & Pritchard)		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
127	City of California City	1,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%
128	Southern California Edison	100,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	0%
129	Cal Trans	15,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	0%
130	State Water Resources Control Board	15,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	0%
131	California Department of Fish & Wildlife	69,500	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	69,500	0%
132	California Department of Parks & Recreation	20,000									20,000	0%
133	CalOSHA	1,000	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%
134	Union Pacific Railroad	20,000									20,000	0%
135	Planning/Design/Env - (Not Grant Reimburseable)	39,565	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	39,565	0%
136												
137	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,234,790	419,177	-	357,684	51	30,746	126,548	-	934,205	4,375,508	10%
138												
139	Surplus (Deficit)	634,315	(236,880)	-	(352,964)	16,838	(30,746)	(126,548)	-	(730,300)		

CASH BALANCE

June 2026 Activity

Cash Receipts (Receipts over \$50,000 and all grants are detailed)

Augmentation/Extraction/SWM	
Second Transient Pool	
Consolidation	
All Other Cash Receipts	57.67
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 57.67</u>

Cash Disbursements (Obligation payments are detailed)

Warrants	\$ (680,019.14)
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ (680,019.14)</u>

Cash Balance

Prior Month to Current Month Ending Balance Reconciliation

May Cash Balance By Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$ 8,982,939.78
AltaOne Credit Union	<u>173,525.32</u>
Total End of Month Cash Balance	<u>\$ 9,156,465.10</u>

June Activity

Cash Receipts	\$ 57.67
Cash Disbursements	(680,019.14)
Banking Adjustment Pending	-
Total End of Month Activity	<u>\$ (679,961.47)</u>

June Ending Cash Balance \$ 8,476,503.63

Less: Outstanding Warrants Approved-Pending Processing

Less: Outstanding Warrants -Pending Approval 2025

Less: Outstanding Warrants -Pending Approval 2026 (1,042,113.20)

Total Available Cash By Activity \$ 7,434,390.43

June Cash Balance by Investment

Kern County Treasurer	\$ 8,302,920.64
AltaOne - In Transit to Kern County	<u>173,582.99</u>
Total End of Month Balance	<u>\$ 8,476,503.63</u>
Less: Outstanding Warrants	<u>(1,042,113.20)</u>
Total Available Cash by Investment	<u>\$ 7,434,390.43</u>

Cash Receipts are deposited in AltaOne Credit Union and sent electronically to Kern County Treasurer. Cash in Transit at month end will be reflected in the Kern County Treasurer balance. Warrants are approved by IWVGA Board and administratively processed by IWVGA staff. Warrants are executed by Kern County staff. Outstanding Warrants are vendor invoices received and not yet paid.

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Monthly Activity Report

July 2026

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Media Activity

Press Release: *"Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Adjudication Court Sharply Questions Experts for the Large Pumpers and Will Appoint a 'Special Master'"*

From the IWVGA: Groundwater adjudication court sharply questions experts for large pumpers, will appoint 'Special Master'

News Release Jul 14, 2026

RIDGECREST, Calif. — After taking evidence and hearing several days of testimony from expert hydrogeologists and groundwater modelers, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin Adjudication Court has concluded that it will appoint an independent groundwater expert, called a Special Master, to assist the Court in the review of the complex scientific evidence. Initially, the Court sided with the Indian Wells Valley Water District, Searles Valley Mineral, and Meadowbrook Dairies (Large Pumpers) opposition to the appointment of an independent expert to assist the Court. However, after some pointed questioning of experts for the Large Pumpers and expert testimony showing fatal flaws in the Large Pumpers analysis, the Court concluded that an independent expert review assistant was necessary to ensure the Court's decision is based on a thorough evaluation of the scientific evidence.

During this Phase, the Court is tasked with the incredibly important duty of determining the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin's (Basin) "safe yield." While there are some nuanced differences, safe yield is the functional equivalent of what the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) calls "sustainable yield" and both generally refer to the volume of water that can be withdrawn from the Basin each year without causing harms, such as worsening water quality and the loss of wells due to declining groundwater levels. Importantly, these yields cannot exceed the Basin's historical average annual recharge — the amount of water that naturally replenishes the groundwater supply each year — but these yields will be lower if the Court's determination accounts for water that is naturally used by plants and other environmental processes, a process known as evapotranspiration.

Experts for the United States Navy used two sophisticated 3-D groundwater models to estimate that the Basin's safe yield is 7650 acre-feet per year (AFY). The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority adopted this estimate for use in its 2020 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) which the California Department of Water Resources approved and found to be based on the best available science. During the trial, independent experts for the Navy and the Authority both testified in support of the 7650 AFY estimate, while the Large Pumpers advanced several higher safe yield estimates. A hydrogeologist for the Water District presented an estimate as high as 18,200 AFY but the Large Pumpers principal trial estimates clustered around 16,300 to 15,400 AFY, which testimony revealed to be roughly 170% higher than the average estimate of 15 studies since 1989.



Online Poll

WEEKLY POLL: Do you favor ending the Iran war with a major military offensive?

This week's poll is brought to you by:
Daily Independent

With President Trump constantly threatening Iran with increased bombing only to call it off as he claims negotiations are close, and with the AP reporting that he said negotiators this week are Iran's "last chance to sign a good document," while Iran said they weren't to take this week, the ID asks its readers: Do you favor launching a major military offensive in an effort to put an end to the war?

☐ Yes
☐ No



Press release from the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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 **Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**
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The July Board Meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 8, 2026. The agenda can be viewed on our website: <https://iwvga.org/meetings-agendas/> 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. [See less](#)



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Board Meeting Info



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

July 13 at 6:55 PM · 🌐 ...

Phase 2 expert testimony in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin adjudication has concluded and the Court announced it will appoint an independent groundwater expert, known as a Special Master, to review the complex scientific evidence and help determine the basin's safe yield.

The decision came after pointed questioning of experts for large pumpers revealed fatal flaws in their analysis for the basin's safe yield and one expert's modeling testimony was struck from the record entirely by the judge.

In the coming weeks, the Court will appoint the Special Master and the review period will begin, which is expected to take several months. Read the expert testimony and next steps in the Phase 2 trial here:

[City of Ridgecrest](#) [See less](#)

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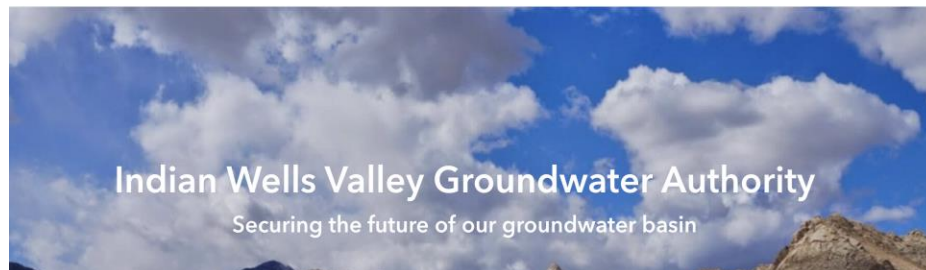
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To: April Keigwin, General Manager IWVGA

From: Michael W. McKinney, President

cc: IWVGA Board of Directors

Date: August 12, 2026

Subject: Project Update Memorandum – July 2026 Activities

The following update summarizes Capitol Core Group activities for July 2026.

PROJECT 3: OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE GSP

State of California Legislative Affairs

The California Legislature remained in recess for most of the month of July, reconvening on August 3rd. The remaining deadlines for the California Legislature for 2026 are:

- **August 14:** Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
- **August 17-31:** Floor session only
- **August 31:** Final recess begins upon adjournment of the Legislature
- **September 30:** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

California Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program

The MLRP is a state-funded program that converts fallowed farmland into other uses such as natural habitats, pollinator habitats, water banking facilities, etc. Capitol Core has brought this program to the public's attention in past cycles, but the community has not identified a project that may be eligible for funding. For 2026, the State of California has designated \$200 million through the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 ("Climate Bond") for the program. The State anticipates it will release draft guidelines for the program in summer 2026 with an anticipated application window opening in Fall 2026. A project needs to be identified if the IWVGA plans to pursue this funding. More information on the program is available [here](#).

Federal Government

Federal Appropriations

The House of Representatives had advanced all 12 of the FY2027 appropriations measures from the Committee, but the Senate has yet to introduce a single measure or vote. Understanding the political logjam in the U.S. Senate and the upcoming November elections, the House of Representatives has taken the unusual step of drafting a full Continuing Resolution (“CR”) for Fiscal Year 2027 from October 1, 2026, through December 4, 2026. The bill, HR 9770, generally extends fiscal year 2026 spending levels through the period. The measure is “clean,” meaning there are no policy riders attached to the “CR.”

It remains to be seen when the US Senate will pick up further action on its Appropriations bills.

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