

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

Open Session no earlier than 11:00 a.m.

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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 LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(4)(d)) - Initiation of litigation (One case)

- 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 11:00 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 September 9, 2026
- b. Approve Expenditures
 - *To view itemized invoices please visit <https://iwvga.org/iwvga-meetings>.*
 - i. \$65,524.88 – Stetson Engineers
 - ii. \$46,507.37 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - iii. \$34,185.70 – Provost & Pritchard (EPA)
 - iv. \$13,612.50 – Blue Mountain Development – (EPA)
 - v. \$9,737.50 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment / Extraction)
 - vi. \$9,415.23 – Westbound Communication – (Extraction)
 - vii. \$2,403.75 – GFT Infrastructure – (EPA)
 - viii. \$1,539.66 – Hamner & Jewell Associates – (Consolidation)
 - ix. \$168.64 – California State Lands Commission – (Extraction)

9. BOARD REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET

10. 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

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 11, 2026 (*Rescheduling due to holiday*)

13. 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 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
Will Wadleton, Inyo County	Steve Johnson, Water Resources Manager
Tim Itnyre, San Bernardino County	

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Tim Itnyre and seconded by Will Wadleton to approve adoption of the agenda.

Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

None.

Chairman Hayman calls the meeting into Closed Session at 10:07 a.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
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- 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.

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Closed Session adjourns at 11:23 p.m.

5. OPEN SESSION – no earlier than 12:23 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes in Open Session at 11:28 p.m.

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

Chairman Hayman	Present
Vice Chair Peters	Present
Director Boyd	Present
Director Itnyre	Present
Director Wadleton	Present

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board hears public comment from Mark Mace, Renee Westa-Lusk and Mike Sinnott.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Director Saint-Amand requests closed session be moved to after open session for future meetings.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approve Minutes of Board Meeting August 12, 2026
- Approve Expenditures

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

- \$89,880.45 – Stetson Engineers
- \$81,034.65 – Provost & Pritchard (EPA)
- \$37,871.50 – Indian Wells Valley Water District – (Consolidation)
- \$35,038.32 – Regional Government Services – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- \$18,500.00 – Nigro & Nigro (Replenishment / Extraction)
- \$16,775.00 – Capitol Core Group – (Replenishment / Extraction)
- \$12,600.00 – GFT Infrastructure – (EPA)
- \$9,645.00 – Westbound Communication – (Extraction)
- \$4,208.66 – Hamner & Jewell Associates – (Consolidation)

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Tim Itnyre to approve Minutes of Board Meeting August 12, 2026, and the following expenditures in the amount of, \$89,880.45 to Stetson Engineers, \$81,034.65 to Provost & Pritchard, \$37,871.50 to Indian Wells Valley Water District. \$35,038.32 to Regional Government Services, \$18,500.00 to Nigro & Nigro, \$16,775.00 to Capitol Core Group, \$12,600.00 to GFT Infrastructure, \$9,645.00 to Westbound Communications and \$4,208.66 to Hamner & Jewell Associates.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

Director Itnyre	Aye
Director Wadleton	Aye

9. BOARD REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT 2027 BUDGET:

April Keigwin presents the draft 2027 budget.

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNANTICIPATED RESIDENTIAL WATER USE RELIEF PROGRAM:

April Keigwin presents staff report.

Motion made by Phillip Peters and seconded by Tim Itnyre to approve staff to begin discussing and drafting a proposed relief program with Indian Wells Valley Water District Staff.

Motion carries by the following vote:

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

11. 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
 - 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

The Board hears public comment from Mike Sinnott.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

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

The Board hears public comment from Renee Westa-Lusk and Mike Sinnott.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2026

14. ADJOURN:

Chairman Hayman adjourns the meeting at 1:56 p.m. on September 9, 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 2652-109
Date 10/08/2026

Project **2652 Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority**

Professional services through 08/31/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:01 Meetings & Prep

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	17.00	256.00	4,352.00
Supervisor I	9.75	222.00	2,164.50
Associate II	26.50	125.00	3,312.50
Associate III	3.00	119.00	357.00
Senior Assistant	0.50	111.00	55.50
Phase subtotal			10,241.50

2652-2026:02.01 SGMA IP Grant Administration

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior Assistant	3.50	111.00	388.50

2652-2026:02.02 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Administration

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior I	3.00	178.00	534.00
Associate II	18.25	125.00	2,281.25
Senior Assistant	2.00	111.00	222.00
Phase subtotal			3,037.25

2652-2026:02.03 EPA Resiliency Grant Administration

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	12.50	125.00	1,562.50

2652-2026:04 Data Mgmt System Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior III	2.00	145.00	290.00



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Northern California

• Southern California

• Arizona

• Oregon

Invoice number 2652-109

Date 10/08/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:04 Data Mgmt System Support

Reimbursables

	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Data			
Non Vendor Reimbursables			599.88
			12.00
Subtotal			611.88
Subtotal			611.88
Phase subtotal			901.88

2652-2026:05 General Project Mgmt

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	4.00	256.00	1,024.00
Supervisor I	13.00	222.00	2,886.00
Senior I	0.50	178.00	89.00
Associate II	1.00	125.00	125.00
Phase subtotal			4,124.00

2652-2026:07.03 Resiliency Grant: Design

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	31.00	125.00	3,875.00
GIS Manager	1.25	133.00	166.25
Phase subtotal			4,041.25

2652-2026:07.04 Resiliency Grant: Environmental

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	7.50	125.00	937.50

2652-2026:08 Imported Water: Negotiations & Coordination

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	8.50	256.00	2,176.00
Supervisor I	32.75	222.00	7,270.50
Senior Associate	1.00	139.00	139.00
Associate II	8.75	125.00	1,093.75

Reimbursables

	Units	Rate	Billed Amount
Laboratory/Testing			
Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino, In			2,445.00



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2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

Phase subtotal 13,124.25

2652-2026:10 Stakeholder Coordination

Professional Fees

Associate II

Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
1.50	125.00	187.50

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

Professional Fees

Supervisor I

Senior Associate

Associate II

Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
52.00	222.00	11,544.00
16.00	139.00	2,224.00
7.00	125.00	875.00

Reimbursables

Field Supplies

Units	Rate	Billed Amount
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Stephan Bork

23.96

Meals

Stephan Bork

17.60

9.48

Subtotal

27.08

Subtotal

27.08

Mileage

Stephan Bork

11.00	0.76	8.36
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Storage Fee

Non Vendor Reimbursables

105.60

Phase subtotal 14,808.00

2652-2026:12 Shallow Well Consolidation Project

Professional Fees

Principal

Associate II

Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
2.50	256.00	640.00
4.00	125.00	500.00

Phase subtotal

1,140.00

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

Professional Fees

Senior Assistant

Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
2.00	111.00	222.00

2652-2026:18.1 Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement

Professional Fees

Supervisor I

Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
0.50	222.00	111.00



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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Invoice number 2652-109

Date 10/08/2026

2652-2026 Water Resources Management 2026

2652-2026:18.1 Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Senior Associate	6.75	139.00	938.25
Associate II	1.50	125.00	187.50
Contract Manager	0.25	111.00	27.75
Phase subtotal			1,264.50

2652-2026:21 General Engineering

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Associate II	0.25	125.00	31.25
Associate III	0.25	119.00	29.75
Phase subtotal			61.00

2652-2026:23 Annual Report Preparation

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	1.50	256.00	384.00

2652-2026:26 Budget Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	6.00	256.00	1,536.00
Supervisor I	3.00	222.00	666.00
Senior I	5.50	178.00	979.00
Associate II	43.25	125.00	5,406.25
Phase subtotal			8,587.25

2652-2026:27 Litigation Support

Professional Fees

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Principal	2.00	256.00	512.00

Water Resources Management 2026 subtotal 65,524.88

Invoice total **65,524.88**

Thank you for your business!

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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
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September 22, 2026
Project No: 04101-23-001
Invoice No: 134604

Project Name: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority-CEQA/NEPA Documents and Permit Documentation

Client Project #:

For the months of January through August 2026: P&P staff performed the following tasks:

TSK1 Coordination: Attended bi-weekly and monthly coordination meetings with Blue Mountain Development, IWVGA staff, and other subconsultants for project coordination. Monthly meetings with BLM to re-kick off environmental document process and discuss path forward. Coordination on Environmental document schedule and tasks needed for completion. Document requests and sending files to IWVGA and BMD staff. Contracting coordination. Reallocation discussion and documentation. Email correspondence with BMD and IWVGA staff. Ad HOC meeting attendance, board meeting attendance.

For the month of August 2026: P&P staff performed the following tasks:

TSK3 Technical Studies: Continued coordination efforts on required surveys for Biological and Cultural surveys, path forward, continued meetings and discussions on un-surveyed areas with team. Review maps and create figures with GIS staff and send to subs for cost estimates. Discuss surveys on Fremont Property. Coordination meeting with BLM and Project team. Biological Surveys occurred for un-surveyed areas. Email correspondence. Reimbursable Expenses - Rental Car and Lodging for Biological Surveys. Cultural Resources subconsultant coordination with BLM for survey authorization on needed areas.

Professional Services from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026

Phase: TSK1 Initial Coordination (Kick Off Meetings)

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Principal Engineer	4.30	255.00	1,096.50	
Principal Engineer	.50	265.00	132.50	
Associate Planner	1.70	137.00	232.90	
Associate Planner	7.70	151.00	1,162.70	
Senior Geologist/Hydrogeologist	2.20	192.00	422.40	
Principal Planner	23.70	211.00	5,000.70	
Principal Planner	14.60	221.00	3,226.60	
Senior Project Administrator	48.00	134.00	6,432.00	
Senior Project Administrator	18.00	144.00	2,592.00	
Totals	120.70		20,298.30	
Total Labor				20,298.30

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel & Mileage	486.22	
Total Reimbursables	486.22	486.22

Total this Phase: \$20,784.52

Phase: TSK3 Technical Studies

Labor

	Hours	Rate	Amount
Senior Biologist	13.70	162.00	2,219.40
Associate Biologist	.30	155.00	46.50

*** Please make checks payable to Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group ***
For billing inquiries, please email Billing@ppeng.com.

Project	04101-23-001	IWVGA CEQA_NEPA Permitting	Invoice	134604
Senior Specialist	2.80	170.00	476.00	
Principal Planner	7.10	211.00	1,498.10	
Principal Planner	.10	221.00	22.10	
Associate Biologist	8.00	128.00	1,024.00	
Senior Project Administrator	.20	134.00	26.80	
Senior Project Administrator	3.00	144.00	432.00	
Totals	35.20		5,744.90	
Total Labor				5,744.90
Consultants				
Consultants			3,199.88	
Total Consultants			3,199.88	3,199.88
Reimbursable Expenses				
Travel & Mileage			1,951.40	
Total Reimbursables			1,951.40	1,951.40
Total this Phase:				\$10,896.18
Phase:	TSK6	CEQA/NEPA Documentation		
Labor				
	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Associate Specialist	.90	140.00	126.00	
Principal Engineer	.50	275.00	137.50	
Associate Planner	8.60	151.00	1,298.60	
Principal Planner	.50	211.00	105.50	
Associate Planner	5.30	158.00	837.40	
Totals	15.80		2,505.00	
Total Labor				2,505.00
Total this Phase:				\$2,505.00
Total this Invoice				<u>\$34,185.70</u>

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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
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August 31, 2026

Invoice No: 21726

Total This Invoice \$46,207.37

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

Professional Services from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026

Phase IWVGA General Administration

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Advisor	164.20	154.50	25,368.90	
Totals	164.20		25,368.90	
Total Labor				25,368.90

Additional Fees

Technology Fee			600.00	
Total Additional Fees			600.00	600.00
Total this Phase				\$25,968.90

Phase IWVGA Finance

Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount	
Senior Advisor	10.00	154.50	1,545.00	
Senior Finance Manager	127.50	144.20	18,385.50	
Technical Specialist	2.60	118.45	307.97	
Totals	140.10		20,238.47	
Total Labor				20,238.47

Total this Phase \$20,238.47

Total this Invoice \$46,207.37

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Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
April Keigwin
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August 31, 2026
Invoice No: 21795-R
Total This Invoice \$300.00

Project 04014.C210200000-40 Indian Wells Valley GA -Professional Employer Services
Professional Services from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 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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Redondo Beach, CA 90278
Phone 310.993.9555

CLSB 982332 - A & B

Bill To:

IWVGA

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

Attn: April Keigwin, Agency Executive

INVOICE

DATE: September 30, 2026
INVOICE # IWVGA 12
FOR: Imported Water Project

DESCRIPTION	DURATION	RATE	AMOUNT
IMPORTED WATER PROJECT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT			
9/8/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, Budget	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
9/9/26 Budget Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
9/10/26 Right of Way Coordination Meeting, Caltrans Application Review	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
9/11/26 Right of Way and SCE Coordination Meeting, Project	5.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,512.50
9/14/26 Caltrans Application Review	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
9/15/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, BLM Right of Way Coordination, Project Coordination	2.5	\$ 275.00	\$687.50
9/16/26 BLM Right of Way Coordination, Project Coordination	0.5	\$ 275.00	\$137.50
9/17/26 Budget Planning, Project Coordination,	1.5	\$ 275.00	\$412.50
9/18/26 Project Planning Meeting, P&P Planning Meeting, SCE Planning, Project Planning	7.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,925.00
9/21/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting, BLM Right of Way Meeting, BLM Planning Meeting, Budget Review Meeting	6.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,650.00
9/22/26 Weekly Coordination Meeting, SCE Environmental Meeting, Right of Way PTR Review, Caltrans Application Package Coordination	4.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,237.50
9/23/26 Budget Coordination Meeting, SCE Environmental Meeting, BLM Meeting Notes Review	4.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,100.00
9/24/26 PDT Meeting, BLM Planning Meeting, Environmental Peer Review Meeting, PDT Meeting Notes Review,	4.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,237.50
9/25/26 BLM Meeting Notes Review, Project Planning, BLM Coordination,	5.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,375.00
9/28/26 IWVGA Staff Meeting , environmental Field Review Planning, Project Planning	2.5	\$ 275.00	\$687.50
9/29/26 Caltrans Application Coordination , Environmental Peer Review Coordination,	1.5	\$ 275.00	\$412.50
9/30/26 Budget Planning Meeting, Environmental & Engineering Budget Meetings	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
TOTAL HOURS	53.0		

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

AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE	\$ 14,575.00
Credit From Prior Payment (June 2026)	\$ 12,787.50
BALANCE DUE	\$ 1,787.50

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	\$ 145,062.00	65.9%	\$ 14,575.00
TOTAL:	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 145,062.00	65.9%	

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

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278
Phone 310.993.9555

CLSB 982332 - A & B

Bill To:

IWVGA

100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

Attn: April Keigwin, Agency Executive

DATE: August 31, 2026
INVOICE # IWVGA 11
FOR: Imported Water Project

DESCRIPTION	DURATION	RATE	AMOUNT
IMPORTED WATER PROJECT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT			
8/3/26 IWVGA Staff Call, Project Coordination	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/4/26 Weekly Coordination Call, SCE	4.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,100.00
8/5/26 IWVGA Staff Call, Environmental Coordination Meeting, Project Coordination	3.0	\$ 275.00	\$825.00
8/6/26 Scour Planning Meeting, GIS Coordination Meeting	2.5	\$ 275.00	\$687.50
8/7/26 Project Planning Meeting, Project Schedule Development	5.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,375.00
8/10/26 IWVGA Staff Call	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/11/26 Weekly Coordination Call,	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/12/26 Project Coordination	0.5	\$ 275.00	\$137.50
8/13/26 Project Planning Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/14/26 Project Schedule Review Meeting	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/17/26 IWVGA Staff Call	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/18/26 Weekly Coordination Call	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/19/26 SCE Coordination Call, GIS Proposal	6.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,650.00
8/20/26 PDT Meeting, Scour Planning Meeting,	4.5	\$ 275.00	\$1,237.50
8/21/26 P&P Project Planning Meeting, Environmental Schedule Preparation	5.0	\$ 275.00	\$1,375.00
8/24/26 IWVGA Staff Call, Project Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/25/26 Weekly Coordination Call, Schedule	2.0	\$ 275.00	\$550.00
8/26/26 BLM Meeting Planning	1.0	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
8/27/26 Caltrans Application, SCE Coordination	1.5	\$ 275.00	\$412.50

TOTAL HOURS 43.0

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

AMOUNT BILLED THIS INVOICE \$ 11,825.00

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	\$ 127,737.00	58.1%	\$ 11,825.00

TOTAL: \$ 220,000.00 \$ 127,737.00 58.1%

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BILL TO

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

INVOICE 2026-075**DATE** 10/05/2026 **TERMS** Net 45**DUE DATE** 11/19/2026**VENDOR ID**

19553

INVOICE PERIOD

September 2026

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
09/02/2026	Balance Forward	16,775.00
	Other payments and credits after 09/02/2026 through 10/04/2026	0.00
10/05/2026	Other invoices from this date	0.00
	New charges (details below)	9,737.50
	Total Amount Due	26,512.50

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Charges			
PROJECT 1: IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES			
P1-A: Negotiations			
P1-B: Other Required Agreements			
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs B: AVEK Negotiations {Tatum}	5	275.00	1,375.00
Government Relations: Intergovernmental Affairs B: AVEK Meeting and Follow-up {Simonetti}	1.50	250.00	375.00
P1-C: Regulatory Approval			
P1-D: 2026 Water Marketing			
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 1: \$1,750.00			
PROJECT 2: WATER REPLENISHMENT PIPELINE			
P2-A: FY2027 Energy and Water Development Act			
Government Relations: Federal A: Congressional -- WRDA-26 EI Policy Modifications (House and Senate) {McKinney}	3	275.00	825.00
Government Relations: Federal A: Congressional -- Direct Advocacy Senate {Simonetti}	4	250.00	1,000.00
P2-B: Other State and Federal Requirements			
P2-C: Regulatory Support (pipeline)			
P2-D: USACE Transition			

ACTIVITY	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Government Relations:Federal Agency: USACE Policy {McKinney}	1	275.00	275.00
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 2: \$2,100.00			
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			
Government Relations:California D: 2027-2028 Legislation {McKinney}	3	275.00	825.00
Government Relations:California D: 2027-2028 Legislation {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
P3-E: General Government Affairs			
Government Relations:California E: 2025-2026 Final Legislative Analysis -- Implementation Memoranda {McKinney}	2	275.00	550.00
Government Relations:California E: 2025-2026 Final Legislative Analysis -- Implementation Memoranda {Simonetti}	1	250.00	250.00
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT 3: \$1,875.00			
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION			
PA-A: Monthly Board Meetings			
General Business Items:Project Administration Monthly Meeting {McKinney}	3	275.00	825.00
General Business Items:Project Administration A: September Board Meeting {Tatum}	4	275.00	1,100.00
General Business Items:Project Administration Monthly Meeting and Materials Preparation {Simonetti}	4.50	250.00	1,125.00
PA-B: Ad Hoc Reports			
General Business Items:Project Administration B: 2027 Budget Review and Analysis {Tatum}	1	275.00	275.00
General Business Items:Project Administration B: Freemont Valley Analysis -- Stetson Request {Tatum}	2.50	275.00	687.50
PA-C: Milestone Reports			
INVOICE TOTAL PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: \$4,012.50			

REGULATORY REPORT COMPLIANCE NOTES:			
Federal Reporting for Invoice: \$2,100.00			
Federal Reporting for Quarter: \$4,050.00			
State Reporting for Invoice: \$1,875.00			
State Reporting for Quarter: \$6,625.00			

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

SUBTOTAL

9,737.50

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TAX	0.00
TOTAL	9,737.50
TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES	9,737.50

TOTAL DUE	\$26,512.50
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BILL TO

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

INVOICE 6173

DATE 09/18/2026 **TERMS** Net 30

DUE DATE 10/18/2026

P.O. NUMBER

August 2026

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Professional fees for public relations counsel and services in support of Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority. Period of Service: August 2026	34.75	240.00	8,340.00
			Subtotal: 8,340.00
Reimbursable expenses for the billing period:			
Technology Access Fee	1	395.00	395.00
			Subtotal: 395.00
080826 Maven's Notebook monthly supporting subscription: California water policy news source for water sector client work monthly subscription ref# 9704246191 (08/01/26 - 08/31/26)			10.00
			Subtotal: 10.00
042426 IWVGA ROP half page ad			581.50
Markup @ 15%			88.73

TOTAL DUE

\$9,415.23

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



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Total Budget	YTD Spent	Remaining	% Remaining
\$195,000	\$93,963.47	\$101,036.53	52%

Updated through 8/31/26

	Total Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Spend	Remaining Budget
Professional Fees	\$180,000	\$9,420.00	\$11,160.00	\$9,840.00	\$16,080.00	\$9,480.00	\$10,620.00	\$9,240.00	\$8,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84,180.00	\$95,820.00
Expenses	\$15,000	\$405.00	\$1,326.48	\$1,703.76	\$2,751.72	\$1,711.28	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$1,075.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,783.47	\$5,216.53
GRAND TOTAL 2026	\$195,000	\$9,825.00	\$12,486.48	\$11,543.76	\$18,831.72	\$11,191.28	\$11,025.00	\$9,645.00	\$9,415.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93,963.47	\$101,036.53

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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 Inquiries Contact the Project Team

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

September 24, 2026
Invoice No: 5017252

Due Date: October 24, 2026

A0230025.601 IWW-Imported Water Pipeline Acq
Professional Services from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026

	Total Fee	Billed To Date	Remaining Fee	Percent Complete	Previous Billings	Current Billings
Task: ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES	703,595.00	255,027.50	448,567.50	36.25%	252,623.75	2,403.75
Total:	703,595.00	255,027.50	448,567.50	36.25%	252,623.75	2,403.75

Current Billings	2,403.75
Amount Due This Bill	USD 2,403.75

Project	A0230025.601	IWV-Imported Water Pipeli	Invoice	5017252
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Professional Personnel

	Hours	Rate	Amount
Carleton, Linwood	3.00	200.00	600.00
Guinaldo, Roy	7.75	165.00	1,278.75
Kinnett, William	1.50	150.00	225.00
Letts, Gregory	2.00	150.00	300.00
Totals	14.25		2,403.75
Total Labor			2,403.75

Amount Due This Bill **2,403.75**

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
5014620	8/21/2026	12,600.00
Total		12,600.00

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Fee	0.00	228,011.50	228,011.50
Labor	2,403.75	20,112.25	22,516.00
Consultant	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Totals	2,403.75	252,623.75	255,027.50

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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 205932
Date 09/16/2026

Project **Indian Wells Waterline Easements**

Professional Services from August 01, 2026 through August 31, 2026

Consolidation Projects Easement Acquisition Services

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	Hours	Rate	Billed Amount
Ashley Borlodan			
Transaction Assistant	0.75	85.00	63.75
File management			
Reviewed letter from owner			
Updated project diary			
Mailed follow up letter to owner (Jones)			
Updated project diary			
Email follow up with client			
Updated project diary			
Brent Staple			
Clerical/Assistant	0.75	80.00	60.00
Data entry and file management for Rademacher - Moore file. Email to project regarding mailing follow up to owner.			
Data entry for Jones Trust diary			
Data entry for Stark and Rademacher general diaries.			
Lillian Jewell			
Managing Sr Associate	3.75	325.00	1,218.75
team call 8/11. Reviewed and integrated Jones change requests into easement deed and forwarded to District to request review and feedback for authorization to accept certain edit requests and develop response to Jones.			
Received and reviewed letter from Jones.			
reforward Stark deed for review to District team.			
Re-emailed docs pending District review and approval to team for Stark and Jones.			
prepare letter to Jones per District direction.			
follow up on Stark et al.			
Mary Jo Anderson			
Transaction/Escrow Coordinator	1.50	130.00	195.00
Update parcel diary, file management (Jones, Mathews, General)			
File management (Stark and Rademacher)			
Update parcel diary, file management (Stark / Mathews)			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES subtotal	6.75		1,537.50

OTHER DIRECT COSTS

	Units	Billed Amount
Copies & Printing	7.00	0.98

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Project **Indian Wells Waterline Easements**

Invoice number 205932

Date 09/16/2026

OTHER DIRECT COSTS

	Units	Billed Amount
<i>Follow up letter to owner - Jones</i>		
Postage - SLO	1.00	1.18
<i>Follow up letter to owner - Jones</i>		
OTHER DIRECT COSTS subtotal		2.16

Invoice total **1,539.66****Project Tracking**

Description	Contract Amount	Prior Billed	Current Billed	Total Billed	Remaining
RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES	50,000.00	9,106.00	1,537.50	10,643.50	39,356.50
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	26.51	2.16	28.67	1,471.33
Total	59,500.00	9,132.51	1,539.66	10,672.17	48,827.83

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
205833	08/17/2026	4,208.66		4,208.66			
205932	09/16/2026	1,539.66	1,539.66				
Total		6,869.57	1,539.66	4,208.66	0.00	0.00	1,121.25

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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State of California
CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION
Attn: Accounting, 100 Howe Ave, Suite 100 South, Sacramento, CA 95825
TAX ID# 68-0291104

INVOICE

Billed To:

ATTN: April Keigwin
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest CA 93555

Lessee: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Invoice Date: 08/20/2026
Due Date: 10/25/2026
Invoice Number: RN53616
Receivable Account: 202496437
Lease #: 9700
Lease Approval #: 9700-20221025
Rent Period: Annual
Cross Reference:
Royalty Revenue Code:
Rental Revenue Code: Rental-
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Agency

10/25/2022 Comm Mtg-52 Issuance of General Lease – Public Agency Use with annual rent beginning 10/25/2022 in amount of \$140 per year for 20 years with an annual Consumer Price Index, Dept. of Industrial Relations adjustment using the month of February.

Charges	Amount Due	Charge Description
CPI Rent	\$168.64	Annual CPI Rental Due Date = 10-25-2026

Total Amount: \$168.64

Remaining Balance Due On 10/25/2026 : \$168.64

LATE PAYMENTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY AND INTEREST 2 CCR § 1911

This invoice is sent as a courtesy reminder only. The lessee's obligation is to pay rent according to the schedule and amount set forth within the lease.

For questions regarding the invoice, email CSLC.AccountsReceivable@slc.ca.gov or call (916) 574-1943. To make a payment by Mastercard, Visa, Discover or e-check **go online to pay.slc.ca.gov** or call (916) 562-0026.

Please write your lease number on your payment.

Return this stub and remittance payable to:

CA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

Attn: Accounting
100 Howe Ave, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

Lessee: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members **DATE:** October 14, 2026

FROM: IWVGA Staff

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 9 – Board Review and Consideration of Adoption of the Proposed 2027 Budget**

Background:

The proposed 2027 budget is presented for the Board’s review, consideration and possible approval with or without amendments. Following the September budget discussion, staff consolidated estimates from the Authority’s contracted agencies and made additional adjustments to develop the final proposed budget.

The proposed budget outlines anticipated revenues and expenditures to support the Authority’s priorities for 2027, including advancement of the Imported Water Project, and ongoing administrative and operational responsibilities.

Discussion:

Regional Government Services

The proposed 2027 RGS budget increase is primarily attributable to establishing a salaried General Manager position. This fixed personnel cost provides budget predictability while supporting consistent management, accountability, and oversight of the Authority’s consultant and project expenditures. The position also provides a local administrative presence, allowing greater public accessibility and participation in community events and meetings with elected officials and constituents.

Proposed finance costs reflect a decrease from prior years, with an estimated 25 hours per month for ongoing accounting support. This preliminary estimate excludes employee transition, training, and MIP accounting software implementation tasks. MIP is now fully operational and is being used to prepare the Authority’s budget and monthly financial reports. Staff anticipates that ongoing finance hours may decrease as accounting processes become more efficient and support needs are better defined. The budget also includes a \$600 monthly technology fee for full MIP access and data storage.

Capitol Core Group

Capitol Core Group's 2027 budget request for IWVGA totals \$255,220, built from 807 estimated professional hours across three areas: the Water Replenishment Pipeline, other projects supporting the Authority, and project administration. The estimate is a bottom-up build — each task line assigns hours to the specific staff classification the work requires, priced at that classification's rate, with no contingency, escalation, or expense allowance added. Two scope changes distinguish 2027 from prior years: 1) water purchase activities are excluded pending resolution of outstanding litigation affecting the quantity of water

IWVGA will need: and 2) general federal lobbying is significantly reduced, a planned result of the Authority having identified its project, selected a funding strategy, and implementing it. The budget is a not-to-exceed estimate rather than a billing commitment. As an alternative to the billable hour against a not-to-exceed amount, the request also separates the work into 507 hours of continuous activity (advocacy, board meetings, milestone reporting) and 300 hours of episodic, trigger-dependent work (negotiations, regulatory, USACE, ad hoc reporting), which supports a hybrid structure should the Board prefer budget predictability — a monthly retainer for the continuous work paired with a task-based not-to-exceed budget for the episodic lines, reconciled quarterly. That decision can be made at the time of contracting.

Westbound Communications

The proposed 2027 Westbound budget supports implementation of the Authority's Communications and Engagement Plan, developed by the Policy Advisory Committee and revised and accepted by the Authority in 2022. Services will focus on keeping stakeholders informed about groundwater conditions and actions toward sustainability, while providing opportunities to obtain information and participate in Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation. Work will include public communications, continued website improvements, and outreach related to key Authority activities.

The proposed allocation includes \$125,000 for ongoing communications services and \$25,000 for public hearing and workshop notifications, supporting materials, and related outreach associated with environmental review and pipeline design, including Environmental Impact Report milestones and public comment opportunities. The total \$150,000 allocation is a not-to-exceed amount, and the Authority will be billed only for work requested.

Basin Management

The proposed 2027 Basin Management budget is \$393,850 (approximately 30% below 2026) including \$392,000 for Stetson Engineers and \$1,850 for WellIntel monitoring services. Funding consists of \$376,850 from the Extraction Fee and \$17,000 from the Augmentation Fee.

The budget prioritizes SGMA and Groundwater Sustainability Plan compliance, including groundwater monitoring and data-gap work, the Annual Report, Data Management System support, and the five-year GSP update. It also funds imported and recycled water coordination, U.S. Army Corps planning support, general engineering and project management, configuration management, monitoring of 18 wells with WellIntel dataloggers, and obtaining and analyzing data from dozens of other wells in the Basin.

Shallow Well Mitigation Program

The proposed 2027 Shallow Well Mitigation Program budget is \$65,000, funded by the Shallow Well Mitigation Fee. The program reimburses eligible domestic and small-community well owners for impacts associated with declining groundwater levels during Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation.

The proposed 2027 budget reserves \$50,000, unchanged from 2026, to provide rapid assistance to eligible applicants facing emergency well conditions and \$15,000 for application processing, eligibility evaluation, and communication with affected residents and applicants.

Navy / Coso Program

The March 2023 Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement provides \$300,000 to install two Rose Valley groundwater monitoring wells and publish data on groundwater levels and subsurface flow. The proposed 2027 Navy/Coso Royalty Program budget is \$247,500, compared with \$306,000 in 2026; \$153,331 of

Navy/Coso Royalty Funds is currently available for 2027.

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$160,000 to install the second Rose Valley monitoring well and \$87,500 (funded by the Extraction Fee) for engineering, construction management, environmental surveys, and project management. Following delays in BLM authorization for environmental surveys, drilling is expected to begin in 2027.

Importantly, the need for this monitoring well and associated costs are contingent upon the outstanding public records request submitted to the Indian Wells Valley Water District for data collected on monitoring wells drilled in the Rose Valley area in 2024.

Urban Communities Drought Relief Program

The January 2024 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources provided \$3,345,000 for administration, planning, design, engineering, environmental documentation, construction, and easement acquisition for IWVGA consolidation projects. The proposed 2027 budget is \$56,000, compared with \$2,122,200 in 2026, and assumes an amendment extending grant completion from December 31, 2026, to March 31, 2027, with closeout in April 2027. Approximately \$2,655,500 in grant funds is expected to remain after the amended deadline.

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$8,000 for grant administration, reflecting anticipated closeout in April 2027 and \$20,000 for general planning, design, and engineering. Remaining tasks include coordination with IWVWD and Hamner, Jewell & Associates and technical review of project documents.

Additionally, the proposed 2027 budget includes \$20,000 for Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) planning, design, and engineering. Work includes final design, permitting, and environmental documentation for the Stark Street Consolidation Project. No construction funding is proposed in 2027 with the Phase 2 of the Rademacher Consolidation Project completion in 2026.

Finally, the proposed 2027 budget includes \$8,000 for easement acquisition services by Hamner, Jewell & Associates. Added after easement difficulties emerged, the work covers title review, landowner negotiation and outreach, and preparation and recordation of easement documents.

EPA Resiliency Grant

In September 2025, the Authority executed a \$2.79 million EPA Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Grant Agreement. The grant reimburses administration, project management, design, environmental permitting and documentation, and right-of-way acquisition costs for the Imported Water Project.

The proposed 2027 EPA Resiliency Grant budget is \$1,596,149, compared with \$1,889,860 in 2026. Lower-than-budgeted 2026 expenditures, primarily due to environmental and design schedules, will carry forward to support 2027 work.

Construction funding will determine project phasing and final design packages. The first design package is anticipated in 2027, with construction targeted for early 2028. The project will retain flexibility to align scope with funding cycles and may include pipeline connections, transmission lines, lift stations, regulating and terminus tanks, environmental mitigation, power extensions and connections, right-of-way acquisition, and regulatory permitting.

Grant Administration; General Design, Environmental, and Right-of-Way Support (Stetson Engineers)

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$35,000 for Stetson Engineers' grant administration, based on average 2026 monthly costs. Services include EPA coordination, grant compliance, invoicing, reimbursement requests, and performance and financial reporting.

The proposed 2027 budget also includes \$80,000 for general design (\$40,000), environmental support (\$30,000), and right-of-way support (\$10,000) for the Imported Water Project. Stetson Engineers will coordinate these workstreams with the program management, design, environmental, and right-of-way consultants.

Program Management (Blue Mountain Development)

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$180,000 for Blue Mountain Development to manage project schedule, budget, consultant contracts, scopes, and deliverables for the Imported Water Project, supporting a constructible and cost-effective package for USACE. The budget assumes extending services through 2027 and adding \$148,138 to the contract.

Design (Provost and Pritchard)

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$440,000 for Provost and Pritchard to complete the final design package for the first construction phase for the Imported Water Project. Final packaging will depend on available construction funding. The budget assumes extending services through 2027 with no increase to the current contract amount.

Environmental Permitting and CEQA/NEPA Documentation (Provost and Pritchard)

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$196,000 for Provost and Pritchard to complete final environmental documents for the Imported Water Project. This amount represents the estimated contract increase and assumes services continue through 2027.

Right-of-Way Acquisition Services (GF-Transystems)

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$257,400 for GF-Transystems right-of-way acquisition services for the Imported Water Project. Acquisition requirements will depend on final design, construction funding, and construction packaging. The budget assumes services continue through 2027.

Permitting Agencies

The proposed 2027 budget includes \$408,000 for agency design and environmental permitting fees for the Imported Water Project, including unspent 2026 amounts carried forward into 2027.

Environmental review requires coordination with BLM, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Resources Control Board. The proposed 2027 budget assumes continued BLM NEPA consultation and execution of a BLM right-of-way agreement (\$179,275), plus a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement and Incidental Take Permit from CDFW (\$69,500).

Design review also requires agency coordination and permitting. The proposed 2027 budget assumes continued review by AVEK (\$69,444) and California City (\$11,950); encroachment permits from Ridgecrest (\$80) and Caltrans (\$15,000); a State Parks right-of-entry permit (\$7,500); Union Pacific

railroad-crossing licenses (\$20,000); and Southern California Edison studies, final power-facility design, and easements (\$35,000). The Method of Service Study and final-design costs remain undetermined.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board review, consideration and approval of the proposed 2027 budget.

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PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET-ALL FUNDS -BALANCED BUDGET

ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION											
	PROPOSED BUDGET	Restricted Extraction	Unrestricted Second Transient Pool	Restricted Augmentation	Restricted Shallow Well Mitigation	Restricted SGMA IP Grant	Restricted EPA Resiliency Grant	Restricted Urban Com. Drought R Grant	Restricted Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	PROPOSED TOTAL BUDGET	
1	REVENUE										1
2	Extraction Fee	900,000	900,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	900,000	2
3	Second Transient Pool Fund	633,000	-	633,000	-	-	-	-	-	633,000	3
4	Augmentation Fee	2,468,502	-	-	2,468,502	-	-	-	-	2,468,502	4
5	Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	115,000	-	-	-	115,000	-	-	-	115,000	5
6	EPA Resiliency Grant	1,596,149	-	-	-	-	1,596,149	-	-	1,596,149	6
7	Urban Community Drought Relief Grant	106,000	-	-	-	-	-	106,000	-	106,000	7
8	Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	153,331	-	-	-	-	-	-	153,331	153,331	8
9	TOTAL REVENUES	5,971,982	900,000	633,000	2,468,502	115,000	-	1,596,149	106,000	5,971,982	9
10	EXPENSES										10
11	Administration										11
12	Administration (RGS)	400,900	200,450	-	200,450	-	-	-	-	400,900	12
13	Office Rent	3,600	1,800	-	1,800	-	-	-	-	3,600	13
14	Office Supplies	500	250	-	250	-	-	-	-	500	14
15	Postage and Delivery	360	180	-	180	-	-	-	-	360	15
16	External Audit (Nigro&Nigro)	18,500	9,250	-	9,250	-	-	-	-	18,500	16
17	Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	17
18	General Counsel (Aleshire & Wynder/City of Ridgecrest)	443,408	54,908	-	388,500	-	-	-	-	443,408	18
19	Additional Legal Services (Aleshire & Wynder)	62,160	62,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,160	19
20	Insurance Premium (Insurica)	22,000	-	-	22,000	-	-	-	-	22,000	20
21	Legal Notices (Daily Independent)	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	21
22	Memberships (Cal. Assoc.Mutual Water Co)	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	22
23	Bank Service Charges	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	23
24											24
25	Non-Departmental										25
26	Other Legal Services (RWG Law)	250,000	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000	26
27	Lobbying Services (Capitol Core)	255,220	16,910	-	238,310	-	-	-	-	255,220	27
28	California State Lands Commission	170	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	28
29											29
30	Community & Engagement										30
31	Communications	150,000	125,000	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	150,000	31
32	Website	315	315	-	-	-	-	-	-	315	32
33											33
34	Shallow Well Mitigation Programs										34
35	Shallow Well Mitigation Emergency Assistance Program	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	35
36	Outreach and Impacts Eval.(Stetson)	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	36
37											37
38	NAVY/COSO Program										38
39	Rose Valley Construction	153,331	-	-	-	-	-	-	153,331	153,331	39
40	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: FY 21 Rose Valley MW	75,000	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	40
41	Navy/Coso Cooperative Agreement (Stetson)	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	41
42	Navy/Coso Royalty Fund: Develop Projects & Secure Funding (Stetson)	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	42
43											43
44	Basin Management Administration										44
45	Production Reporting, Transient Pool, and Fee Support (Stetson)	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	45
46	Meetings and Prep (Stetson)	160,000	80,000	-	80,000	-	-	-	-	160,000	46
47	Budget Support (Stetson)	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	47
48	Stakeholder Coordination (Stetson)	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	48
49	Litigation Support (Stetson)	70,000	-	-	70,000	-	-	-	-	70,000	49

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ACTUALS BY REVENUE ALLOCATION										
	PROPOSED BUDGET	Restricted Extraction	Unrestricted Second Transient Pool	Restricted Augmentation	Restricted Shallow Well Mitigation	Restricted SGMA IP Grant	Restricted EPA Resiliency Grant	Restricted Urban Com. Drought R Grant	Restricted Navy/COSO Royalty Fund	PROPOSED TOTAL BUDGET
50	EXPENSES (Cont'd)									50
51	Basin Management									51
52	General Engineering (Stetson)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
53	TSS: General Coordination/Application Support (Stetson)	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
54	GSP 5-Year Update (Stetson)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
55	Annual Report Preparation (Stetson)	60,000	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
56	Data Management System Support - (Stetson)	45,000	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000
57	Allocation Plan and Rules & Regs on Pumping/Restrictions (Stetson)	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
58	General Project Management (Stetson)	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000
59	Configuration Management Plan (Stetson)	20,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
60	Data Collection, Monitoring, and Data Gaps (Stetson)	150,000	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000
61	Imported Water: Negotiations and Coordination(Stetson)	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
62	Recycled Water (Stetson)	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
63	Planning Assistance to States: Army Corps Support (Stetson)	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
64	Review of Outside Studies and Coordination (Stetson)	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
65	Well Monitoring Services (WellIntel Inc.)	1,850	1,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,850
66										66
67	Grant Management									67
68	Grant Review and Application Preparation (Stetson)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
69										69
70	Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program									70
71	Urban Community Drought Relief Funding Administration (Stetson)	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000
72	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (Stetson)- Plan/Design/Engin	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
73	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-Planning/Design/Engineering	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
74	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-Construction	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
75	Shallow Well Consolidation Project (IWVWD)-NonReimb	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000
76										76
77	EPA Resilience Grant									77
78	EPA Resilience Grant Administration (Stetson)	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000	-	-	35,000
79	Resilience Grant-Design (Stetson)	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	-	40,000
80	Resilience Grant-Environmental (Stetson)	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
81	Resilience Grant --Right of Way (Stetson)	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
82	Resilience Grant - Design (Provost & Pritchard)	440,000	-	-	-	-	440,000	-	-	440,000
83	Resilience Grant - Environmental (Provost & Pritchard)	196,000	-	-	-	-	196,000	-	-	196,000
84	Resilience Grant - ROW (Transystems)	257,400	-	-	-	-	257,400	-	-	257,400
85	Resilience Grant - Project Management (Blue Mountain)	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000	-	-	180,000
86	Antelope Valley East Kern	69,444	-	-	-	-	69,444	-	-	69,444
87	City of California City	11,950	-	-	-	-	11,950	-	-	11,950
88	City of Ridgecrest	80	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	80
89	Bureau of Land Management	179,275	-	-	-	-	179,275	-	-	179,275
90	Southern California Edison	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000	-	-	35,000
91	CalTrans	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
92	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	69,500	-	-	-	-	69,500	-	-	69,500
93	California Department of Parks & Recreation	7,500	-	-	-	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
94	Union Pacific Railroad	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
95										95
96	TOTAL EXPENSES	4,308,663	1,107,443	-	1,280,740	65,000	-	1,596,149	106,000	4,308,663
97										97
98	Surplus (Deficit)	1,663,319	(207,443)	633,000	1,187,762	50,000	-	-	-	1,663,319

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IWVGA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

TO: IWVGA Board Members

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

EPA Resiliency Grant

- Reimbursement Request No. 2
 - Covers July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026
 - Total requested payment: \$179,784.61
 - Status: Submitted to EPA, pending review

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 #8
 - Covers October 2025 to December 2025
 - Total requested payment: \$9,247.50
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, received payment.
- Invoice #9
 - Covers January 2026 to March 2026

- Total requested payment: \$20,694.47
- Status: Submitted to DWR, payment received.
- Invoice #10
 - Covers April 2026 to June 2026
 - Total requested payment: \$25,464.65
 - Status: Submitted to DWR, awaiting payment.

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
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly BLM Coordination Meeting with Project's Planning Development Team (Authority Staff, WRM Staff, all Project planning consultants)
 - September 10, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding ROW ownership and easements for City, County, Southern California Edison (SCE), Caltrans areas
 - September 11, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding matrix of SCE requirements in preparation to bring senior management level coordination for design of line extensions and connections.
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly Planning Development Team coordination meeting to discuss Project status and strategy
 - October 2, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding finalization of scour risk and mitigation matrix
 - Continuing ongoing coordination with Caltrans, California Department of Parks and Recreation (Cal Parks), and Southern California Edison (SCE)
 - Regular coordination meetings with 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
 - Authority submitted draft encroachment permit application to Caltrans for review regarding alignment of pipeline in roadway prism
 - Blue Mountain continuing to review draft current progress print Design Plans
 - Coordinated with Authority and WRM Staff regarding 2027 Budget
 - 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
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly Planning Development Team coordination meeting to discuss Project status and strategy
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with BLM, IWVGA Staff, WRM Staff and Consultants
 - Obtained field work authorization for cultural survey
 - Cultural and remaining desert tortoise surveys scheduled for the week of September 28, 2026
 - Updating Biological Resource Reports per completion of surveys
 - Coordinating with BLM regarding schedule for completion of environmental document
 - September 24, 2026: Coordination meeting to discuss internal review of draft environmental document with Blue Mountain Development
 - 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
 - Coordinated with Authority and WRM Staff regarding 2027 Budget
 - Finalizing updated Project Description for Draft EA/EIR per IWVGA comments
 - Updating Project Planning Schedule with Program Manager
 - 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
 - September 10, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding ROW ownership and easements within City, County, Southern California Edison (SCE), Caltrans areas
 - Verifying rights of key locations of properties for representative underlying rights with BLM, Kern County, and Caltrans.
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly Planning Development Team coordination meeting to discuss Project status and strategy
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with BLM, IWVGA Staff, WRM Staff and Consultants
 - Coordinated with Authority and WRM Staff regarding 2027 Budget
 - Continuing Acquisition Services Task, Preliminary Title Report and Appraisal Report tasks
 - Coordinating plats and legal descriptions with Design team
 - Continuing to coordinate GIS platform
 - 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:
 - September 10, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding ROW ownership and easements within City, County, Southern California Edison (SCE), Caltrans areas
 - September 23 and 30, 2026: Coordination meetings with Authority and WRM Staff regarding 2027 budget and schedule and file index coordination
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly Planning Development Team coordination meeting to discuss Project status and strategy
 - September 24, 2026: Monthly coordination meeting with BLM, IWVGA Staff, WRM Staff and Consultants
 - October 2, 2026: Coordination meeting regarding scour
 - Coordinated with Authority and WRM Staff regarding 2027 Budget
 - 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 – Schedule being updated
 - 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 – Scheduled for the week of September 28, 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 – Caltrans reviewing draft encroachment permit application regarding alignment of pipeline in roadway prism
 - SCE Programing – Initial overall matrix of requirements being updated 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 – Verifying rights of key locations of properties for representative underlying rights with BLM, Kern County, and Caltrans.
 - Updated Baseline Schedule Development – Updating 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 after the Project Description is complete
- Next Steps:
 - Finalize Consolidated Program Management Schedule
- 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 Annual Federal Financial Report submitted to EPA on September 30.
 - First reimbursement request for \$285,461.31 submitted, approved, and payment received.
 - Second reimbursement request for \$179,784.61 submitted.
- 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.

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 10: \$2,969,338.82
- 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 to begin in October
- \$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
- Design completed and approved by Division of Drinking Water
- 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
- Easement acquisition underway

AGENDA ITEM 11d – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Data Collection and Monitoring

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- 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
 - Navy granted GA access to monitor a former environmental site, nested monitoring well (TTIWV-MW01). The GA's request for monitoring access to an abandoned well near the Navy's Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTTC) site has been denied.
- Stetson coordinated with the Navy and Kern County Water Agency to collect water level measurements during the first week of September. Water quality samples were also collected from 12 selected wells in the valley.

Subflow from Rose Valley to IWV

- Ongoing work with BLM regarding Cultural Survey and Permitting for second monitoring well
- Continued coordination with BLM on permit to install next RVS Monitoring Well
 - In late October 2025, 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, pending receipt of information regarding new wells drilled by the IWVWD near Little Lake.
- Navy/Coso contract for completing RVS Monitoring Well project deadline is August 31, 2026.
 - A no-cost deadline extension has been requested, awaiting Navy signature for execution.
- 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.

ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY THE BOARD

There are no actions required by the Board.

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IWVGA
Statement of Activities
From 1/1/2026 Through 8/31/2026

(In Whole Numbers)

	Extraction			Augmentation		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue						
Assessment Revenue						
Extraction Fee	182,361	900,000	(717,639)	0	0	0
Second Transient Pool Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navy/COSO Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Augmentation Fee	0	0	0	445,618	3,243,315	(2,797,697)
Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assessment Revenue	182,361	900,000	(717,639)	445,618	3,243,315	(2,797,697)
Grant Revenue						
Revenue						
State Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenue						
Revenue						
Transfers In	0	570,230	(570,230)	0	0	0
Total Other Revenue	0	570,230	(570,230)	0	0	0
Total Revenue	182,361	1,470,230	(1,287,869)	445,618	3,243,315	(2,797,697)
Expenditures						
Not Specific						
Other Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering Services	239,772	114,565	(125,207)	376,348	0	(376,348)
Transfers Out	79,459	0	(79,459)	0	0	0
Administration						
General Administration	161,668	170,000	8,332	117,681	170,000	52,319
General Counsel	252,040	113,000	(139,040)	117,128	375,000	257,872
Litigation Services	709	0	(709)	0	0	0
Audit	9,250	9,250	0	9,250	9,250	0
Office Supplies	0	500	500	0	500	500
Postage and Delivery	0	180	180	0	180	180
Legal Notices	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0

IWVGA
Statement of Activities
From 1/1/2026 Through 8/31/2026

(In Whole Numbers)

Total Revenue

	Extraction			Augmentation		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Office Rent	0	1,800	1,800	0	1,800	1,800
Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	910	2,500	1,590	364	0	(364)
Insurance Premium	21,601	20,000	(1,601)	0	0	0
Memberships	100	100	0	0	0	0
Bank Service Charges	0	100	100	0	0	0
Basin Administration						
Engineering Services	0	172,500	172,500	0	247,500	247,500
Basin Management						
Engineering Services	0	484,200	484,200	0	70,000	70,000
Community Engagement						
Design Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website costs	0	315	315	0	0	0
Printing and Reproduction	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Communications	74,723	180,000	105,277	0	0	0
Non-Departmental						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lobbying Services	13,684	17,025	3,341	114,503	212,325	97,822
General Counsel	0	17,055	17,055	0	115,215	115,215
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Legal Services	0	0	0	913,474	1,500,000	586,526
CA State Lands Comission	0	140	140	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	853,917	1,315,230	461,313	1,648,748	2,701,770	1,053,022
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	(671,556)	155,000	(826,556)	(1,203,129)	541,545	(1,744,674)

IWVGA
Statement of Activities
From 1/1/2026 Through 8/31/2026

	Shallow Well Mitigation			Transient Pool		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue						
Assessment Revenue						
Extraction Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Second Transient Pool Fee	0	0	0	99,702	633,000	(533,298)
Navy/COSO Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Augmentation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	54,785	115,000	(60,215)	0	0	0
Total Assessment Revenue	<u>54,785</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>(60,215)</u>	<u>99,702</u>	<u>633,000</u>	<u>(533,298)</u>
Grant Revenue						
Revenue						
State Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Grant Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Revenue						
Revenue						
Transfers In	0	0	0	79,459	0	79,459
Total Other Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,459</u>
Total Revenue	<u>54,785</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>(60,215)</u>	<u>179,160</u>	<u>633,000</u>	<u>(453,840)</u>
Expenditures						
Not Specific						
Other Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering Services	354	85,000	84,647	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage and Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Shallow Well Mitigation			Transient Pool		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Office Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance Premium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memberships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Service Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Administration						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Management						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Engagement						
Design Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing and Reproduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Departmental						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lobbying Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA State Lands Comission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	570,230	570,230
Total Expenditures	354	85,000	84,647	0	570,230	570,230
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	54,431	30,000	24,431	179,160	62,770	116,390

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	Implementation Grant			Consolidation / Urban Community Grant		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue						
Assessment Revenue						
Extraction Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Second Transient Pool Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navy/COSO Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Augmentation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assessment Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Revenue						
Revenue						
State Grant Revenue	0	249,500	(249,500)	20,694	2,117,200	(2,096,506)
Federal Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Grant Revenue	0	249,500	(249,500)	20,694	2,117,200	(2,096,506)
Other Revenue						
Revenue						
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	0	249,500	(249,500)	20,694	2,117,200	(2,096,506)
Expenditures						
Not Specific						
Other Professional Services	25,000	0	(25,000)	0	0	0
Engineering Services	16,034	249,500	233,466	90,867	2,117,200	2,026,333
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage and Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Implementation Grant			Consolidation / Urban Community Grant		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Office Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance Premium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memberships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Service Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Administration						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Management						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Engagement						
Design Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing and Reproduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Departmental						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lobbying Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA State Lands Comission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	41,034	249,500	208,466	90,867	2,117,200	2,026,333
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	(41,034)	0	(41,034)	(70,172)	0	(70,172)

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	EPA Drought Resiliency Grant			Navy COSO		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue						
Assessment Revenue						
Extraction Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Second Transient Pool Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navy/COSO Revenue	0	0	0	0	151,000	(151,000)
Augmentation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assessment Revenue	0	0	0	0	151,000	(151,000)
Grant Revenue						
Revenue						
State Grant Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Grant Revenue	0	1,889,860	(1,889,860)	0	0	0
Total Grant Revenue	0	1,889,860	(1,889,860)	0	0	0
Other Revenue						
Revenue						
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	0	1,889,860	(1,889,860)	0	151,000	(151,000)
Expenditures						
Not Specific						
Other Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering Services	305,156	1,889,860	1,584,704	829	306,000	305,172
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage and Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legal Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	EPA Drought Resiliency Grant			Navy COSO		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Office Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance Premium	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memberships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Service Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Administration						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basin Management						
Engineering Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Engagement						
Design Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing and Reproduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Departmental						
General Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lobbying Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Counsel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litigation Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA State Lands Comission	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>305,156</u>	<u>1,889,860</u>	<u>1,584,704</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>306,000</u>	<u>305,172</u>
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>(305,156)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(305,156)</u>	<u>(829)</u>	<u>(155,000)</u>	<u>154,172</u>

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	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue			
Assessment Revenue			
Extraction Fee	182,361	900,000	(717,639)
Second Transient Pool Fee	99,702	633,000	(533,298)
Navy/COSO Revenue	0	151,000	(151,000)
Augmentation Fee	445,618	3,243,315	(2,797,697)
Shallow Well Mitigation Fee	54,785	115,000	(60,215)
Total Assessment Revenue	<u>782,465</u>	<u>5,042,315</u>	<u>(4,259,850)</u>
Grant Revenue			
Revenue			
State Grant Revenue	20,694	2,366,700	(2,346,006)
Federal Grant Revenue	0	1,889,860	(1,889,860)
Total Grant Revenue	<u>20,694</u>	<u>4,256,560</u>	<u>(4,235,866)</u>
Other Revenue			
Revenue			
Transfers In	79,459	570,230	(490,771)
Total Other Revenue	<u>79,459</u>	<u>570,230</u>	<u>(490,771)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>882,619</u>	<u>9,869,105</u>	<u>(8,986,486)</u>
Expenditures			
Not Specific			
Other Professional Services	25,000	0	(25,000)
Engineering Services	1,029,359	4,762,125	3,732,766
Transfers Out	79,459	0	(79,459)
Administration			
General Administration	279,349	340,000	60,651
General Counsel	369,168	488,000	118,832
Litigation Services	709	0	(709)
Audit	18,500	18,500	0
Office Supplies	0	1,000	1,000
Postage and Delivery	0	360	360
Legal Notices	0	2,000	2,000

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	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Office Rent	0	3,600	3,600
Council Chambers/IT Services (City of Ridgecrest)	1,274	2,500	1,226
Insurance Premium	21,601	20,000	(1,601)
Memberships	100	100	0
Bank Service Charges	0	100	100
Basin Administration			
Engineering Services	0	420,000	420,000
Basin Management			
Engineering Services	0	554,200	554,200
Community Engagement			
Design Services	0	0	0
Website costs	0	315	315
Printing and Reproduction	0	10,000	10,000
Communications	74,723	180,000	105,277
Non-Departmental			
General Administration	0	0	0
Lobbying Services	128,188	229,350	101,163
General Counsel	0	132,270	132,270
Litigation Services	0	0	0
Other Legal Services	913,474	1,500,000	586,526
CA State Lands Comission	0	140	140
Transfers Out	0	570,230	570,230
Total Expenditures	<u>2,940,903</u>	<u>9,234,790</u>	<u>6,293,887</u>
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>(2,058,284)</u>	<u>634,315</u>	<u>(2,692,599)</u>

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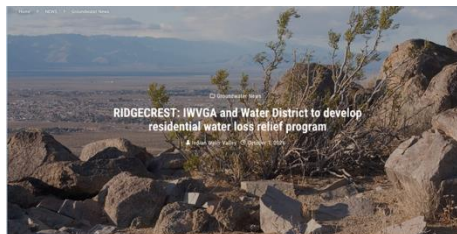
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September 2026

Prepared by Westbound Communications

Media Activity

PRESS RELEASE: "IWVGA and Water District to Develop Residential Water Loss Relief Program"



Press Release from the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority board voted unanimously to authorize staff to work with the Indian Wells Valley Water District on developing a program that could provide limited billing relief to residents facing unexpected water losses from concealed leaks, broken water lines or similar events.



"For us, this is an opportunity to work with the water district on a solution that helps the residents we both serve," said April Keigwin, general manager of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority. "By developing the program together, we can establish clear guidelines for providing limited relief when an unexpected water loss leaves a household facing a significant bill."

Under the concept presented to the Board, IWVGA would provide credits to the water district to support adjustments to replenishment fees tied to qualifying water losses. Staff from both agencies would develop eligibility standards, documentation and reporting requirements, administrative procedures and a safe yield accounting process. Proposed guidelines include verification of the cause and amount of the water loss, confirmation that the underlying issue has been repaired or resolved, and a limit of one adjustment per property owner, per property.

The Indian Wells Valley Water District is currently the only water purveyor subject to replenishment fees. Should other public water purveyors become eligible, then participation and proposed credits would be subject to IWVGA review and approval.

The Board's action authorizes staff to begin developing the program with the water district. Groundwater authority staff would return to the IWVGA Board with a recommended sustainability yield credit, final program framework and implementation guidelines for consideration and approval before the program could take effect.

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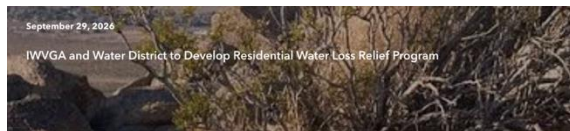
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RIDGECREST, Calif. (September 29, 2026) - The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority board voted unanimously to authorize staff to work with the Indian Wells Valley Water District on developing a program that could provide limited billing relief to residents facing unexpected water losses from concealed leaks, broken water lines or similar events.

The proposed Unanticipated Residential Water Use Relief Program would provide limited relief from replenishment fees associated with verified, one-time residential water losses. Eligible losses would not represent ongoing demand or require long-term replenishment through imported water supplies.

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RECENT POSTS

- IWVGA and Water District to Develop Residential Water Loss Relief Program
- Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority Submitted Comments to CEC Outlining Basin Concerns on Proposed Inyokern Data Center
- Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Adjudication Court Sharply Questions Experts for the Large Pumps and Will Appoint a 'Special Master'

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STRATEGIC FOCUS

Highlight the Unanticipated Water Use Claim program as a way for IWVGA and the Water District to work together to provide relief to residential customers who experience an unanticipated water-use event.



TOPIC MONITORING

Statewide adjudication activities, relevant legislation, DWR news, Groundwater news (SGMA and GSPs)



ONGOING PROJECTS

- Website updates (PAC/TAC documentation)
- Research Chamber of Commerce membership

Coverage secured in *Maven's Notebook*, *Ridgecrest Independent*

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IWVGA General Manager April Keigwin spoke today to the [Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ridgecrest Class of 2027](#), sharing about her role as General Manager and how IWVGA prioritizes sustainability in accordance with state law. April also highlighted goals for the Authority, including staying focused on implementing key projects, creating a long-term financial plan, and advancing the science and data within the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Thank you, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, for the opportunity! [City of Ridgecrest](#) [See less](#)



At this month's IWVGA board meeting, directors voted unanimously to explore developing a billing relief program with the Indian Wells Valley Water District for residents hit by unexpected water losses from concealed leaks, broken water lines or similar events.

The proposed program would offer limited relief from replenishment fees tied to verified, one-time losses.

"For us, this is an opportunity to work with the water district on a solution that helps the residents we both serve," said IWVGA General Manager April Keigwin.

Read more on our website, and stay tuned for future updates: [See less](#)

Unanticipated
Water Use Claim
Information



Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

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The September Board Meeting will be held beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow, September 9, 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> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofridgecrest/live> and are also available for playback after the meeting. We will be posting the link to the playback on our website after the meeting. [See less](#)



September Board
Meeting

April Keigwin speaks to Leadership Ridgecrest Class of 2027 about role IWVGA has in groundwater sustainability and role of General Manager.

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To: April Keigwin, General Manager IWVGA
From: Michael W. McKinney, President
cc: IWVGA Board of Directors
Date: October 14, 2026
Subject: Project Update Memorandum – September 2026 Activities

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

PROJECT 1: IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES

Capitol Core Group continued to work with staff regarding potential water supplies for the Basin.

PROJECT 2: WATER REPLENISHMENT PIPELINE

Construction Activities

Capitol Core continues to work with Stetson Engineers and consultants to review the permitting and regulatory processes for the interconnection pipeline.

PROJECT 3: OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTING THE GSP

State of California Legislative Affairs

The 2026 California legislative session concluded on September 30th which corresponded to the final day that Governor Newsom had to either sign or veto bills. The following provides a status of the legislation that Capitol Core reported at the September Board meeting. Note that the legislation passed will go into effect on January 1, 2027.

Data Centers Legislation Status

Assembly Bill 2469 (Papan, D-21st): Data Centers: Water Use Disclosures – This bill passed out of the Senate by a vote of 29-9 and the Assembly concurred to the amendments from the Senate by a vote of 63-7. Governor Newsom approved and signed the bill on September 21st.

Assembly Bill 2619 (Papan, D-21st): Data Centers: Water Resources - This bill passed out of the Senate by a vote of 28-9 and the Assembly concurred to the amendments from the Senate by a vote of 61-12. Governor Newsom approved and signed the bill on September 21st.

Assembly Bill 1577 (Bauer-Kahan, D-16th): Data Centers: Reporting – This bill passed out of the Senate by a vote of 29-10 and the Assembly concurred to the amendments from the Senate by a vote of 58-11. Governor Newsom approved and signed the bill on September 21st.

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 Fall 2026 with the following proposed timeframe (subject to change):

October 2026: Draft Guidelines released for public comment

October - November 2026: Public comment workshops, office hours, and tribal roundtables

Winter 2026: Revised Guidelines released. Response to comments posted

Winter 2026-'27: Guidelines finalized. Initial application period open

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

Both Senators Schiff and Padilla submitted the IWVGA's \$5 million appropriations request for the interconnection pipeline. This request, if approved will appropriate the first tranche of \$50 million that Capitol Core successfully authorized for the project in the 2024 Water Resources Development Act.

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 took the unusual step of drafting a full Continuing Resolution ("CR") for Fiscal Year 2027 from October 1, 2026, through December 11, 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."

The House passed this bill by a vote of 370 to 48 and the Senate passed it by a vote of 90-6. While the bill keeps the government open and avoids a potential government shutdown until December 11, the bill does not include any FY 26-27 Community Project Funding requests. It remains to be seen when the US Senate will pick up further action on their Appropriations bills after the November election.

The US House remains on scheduled recess until November 9th. The US Senate remains on scheduled recess until November 9th.

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