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

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact April Keigwin at (805) 764-5452. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. Documents and material relating to an open session agenda items that are provided to the IWVGA Board of Directors prior to a regular meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at Ridgecrest City Hall, 100 W California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, or online at https://iwvga.org/.

Statements from the Public

The public will be allowed to address the Board during Public Comments about subjects within the jurisdiction of the IWVGA Board and that are NOT on the agenda. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Questions posed to the Board may be answered after the meeting or at a future meeting. Dialog or extended discussion between the public and the Board or staff will be limited in accordance with the Brown Act. All Public Comment portions of the meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Each person is limited to one comment during Public Comments.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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.