

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

REPORT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 – 2:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Stan Rajtora, Mallory Boyd, George Croll, Ty Staheli, and Renee Morquecho.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Inyokern Rd/NW Transmission Pipeline Repair: Update

The Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) was published December 1st and 8th in the Daily Independent. The mandatory pre-bid meeting and job walk was held December 14th. Eight (8) prime contractors attended the meeting. Questions from bidders are due by the end of the day on January 11th and bids are due Thursday January 18th at 11:00 am.

Staff will review both the presentation and official statement with CalMuni this week and expects to have these finalized for Board approval at the workshop or a special Board meeting later this month.

4. Booster Station Project: Update

CSE performed some limited startup/pump testing activities December 13th. It was discovered at that time that there is a need for some motor/pump control setting changes. At this time, the District is waiting for CSE to schedule the electricians to make the needed programming changes and to then begin the 2 day operational testing and 7 day live testing. Once booster testing is completed, the old boosters can be shut down and demolition can take place.

5. Arsenic Treatment Facilities: Update

Both plants are offline for the winter. Staff is reviewing prices for new treatment media for next season. Staff is planning to have both plants available next season.

6. Cost/Operations Impact of Receiving Imported Water: Discussion Only

General Manager Croll reported he had discussions this morning with Chuck Krieger regarding the imported water project costs. They are looking at bringing in a third party expert on multi-agency projects that can assist with determining costs.

The District also received a copy of the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water (DDW) review of the Preliminary Design Report for the imported water conveyance project. The DDW requirements will put additional burdens on the District for permitting, water quality, reporting and employee certifications.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Dune 3 and Hometown Water consolidations
- Transmission pipeline(s) inspection
- La Mirage area infrastructure (grant funding?)
- Springer Ave pipeline schedule

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.