

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JANUARY 24, 2023

The Special Workshop of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Boyd at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Kicinski. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Mallory J. Boyd
Vice President Ronald R. Kicinski
Director Charles D. Griffin
Director Stan G. Rajtora
Director David C.H. Saint-Amand **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Don Zdeba, General Manager
Jim Worth, Attorney
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer
Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

STAFF ATTENDING

VIA TELECONFERENCE: Chuck Krieger, Consulting Engineer
Tim Parker, Consulting Hydrogeologist

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting Workshop was posted on Friday, January 20, 2023. **AGENDA DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Director Saint-Amand stated his opinions shared during this meeting are his own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of his employer, nor the Board. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mike Neel provided a spreadsheet with his analysis of the impact of the Groundwater Authority's imported water project on District customers and reviewed it with the Board of Directors. (Spreadsheet attached.) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board discussed the possibility of obtaining State Revolving Funds (SRF) for three infrastructure projects previously discussed with staff and Krieger & Stewart (K&S) consultants. **PLAN & SCHEDULE FOR SRF**

The Board directed staff to work with K&S to summarize the next steps needed, as well as a cost analysis involved with the application process for SRFs, for presentation at the next Board meeting.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

The Board discussed Potential Strategic Planning efforts and unanimously agreed to develop an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of President Boyd and Director Saint-Amand to identify key drivers for development of the District's Strategic Plan. Mr. Zdeba will schedule the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee and provide updates at subsequent Board meetings. The Board also directed staff to add an agenda item to discuss Recycled Water at the February Water Management Committee meeting.

POTENTIAL
STRATEGIC
PLNG EFFORTS

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

Board unanimously agreed to move up agenda item no. 7.B.: Presentation by Jazmine Molloy Of Eagle Aerial on WaterView.

Jazmine Molloy provided a presentation on the WaterView software and how the program may be beneficial to the District in relation to the upcoming water use mandates of Senate Bill (SB) 606 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1668. (Presentation included in packet.)

WATERVIEW
PRESENTATION

The program would greatly assist the District with providing the required data to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as well as aid with mandatory reporting.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

The Board asked clarifying questions to better understand the process of the WaterView water efficiency software.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

It was clarified the District has already entered a contract of three-years at \$33,000/year with Eagle Aerial Solutions.

The Board unanimously agreed to move up agenda item no. 7.A.5. and 7.A.4. for discussion.

The Board discussed ways to best comply with SB 606 and AB 1668, and research the best option which would provide the least fiscal impact to the District's customers.

WTR USE
RESTRICTION
LAWS

Staff was directed to remain engaged with Association of California Water Agency's (ACWA) work groups and address these Bills in the Strategic Plan to be developed.

The Board heard public comment from Mike Neel.

Chuck Krieger, of K&S, and staff answered questions the Board had regarding the recent mainline break on Inyokern Road.

MAINLINE
BREAK UPDATE

Farwest Corrosion Control tested the integrity of the Inyokern pipeline to confirm the extent of the corrosion and length of pipeline necessary to replace. Verbal assessment confirms the issue is localized in the area already established.

Mr. Krieger provided details of the extent of the break and the pipeline dimensions. Mr. Krieger stated that what appears to have happened in this situation were cracks in the cement lining coating allowed the steel to be exposed and not protected by the damaging effects of corrosion.

Staff will continue providing status updates at Committee and Board meetings. Staff will also evaluate other main lines for possible corrosion issues with Farwest Corrosion Control and other necessary companies.

Director Griffin requested fees for construction meters be removed and water usage charged at the same rate as bulk water hauling customers.

CONSTRUCTION
METER FEES

The Board discussed the potential of adding an AMI meter onto construction meters and including the cost of the AMI meter with the construction meter deposits.

Staff to investigate replacing the current construction meters with AMI technology. Discussion and consideration for use of recycled water for construction in lieu of potable water on the Water Management Committee meeting agenda. Finance Committee meeting agenda item to discuss applying bulk water use rate to construction meter usage rather than charging at the 2" meter size.

Director Saint-Amand left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Updated 2022 District Goals and Accomplishments were included in the Board Packet. There were no concerns addressed by the Board of Directors.

2022 STAFF
GOALS REVIEW

Don Zdeba and staff provided an overview of the proposed District goals for the 2023 calendar year. Goals were included in the Board packet.

2023 STAFF
GOALS

Other action items discussed include:

- Increasing outreach to legislative representatives to keep them updated on basin issues.
- Draft a plan for exploring potential of the El Paso Subbasin to provide a water supply not currently being fully utilized. Present the plan to the Board prior to approaching the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) about applying for Department of Water Resources (DWR) Technical Support Services

2023 BOARD OF
DIRECTOR
GOALS \
PRIORITIZE
PRJCT & GOALS

(TSS) in support of drilling additional wells to assist in evaluating the El Paso area.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

None.

With no further Board or Public comments, President Boyd recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 12:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 12:37 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 1:07 p.m.

No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: February 13, 2023

Estimated GA Imported Water Cost Per Household

Grey cells below-user input, using their own assumptions. Items like Grant Amounts are guesses (to date)

Hookups (Households)	12,500	From Water District	
Finance Rate		5% input desired assumed rate	
Finance Term (years)		30 input assumed financing term	
Water Supply	\$ 48,388,000	GA published amount(2019)	
Cumulative Inflation		25% since 2019(estimated)	
Pipeline Project			Pipeline Project
AVEK Capital Cost	\$ 177,975,000	GA published amount(2019)	\$ 55,046,000
AVEK O&M cost	\$ 2,280,000	GA published amount(2019)	\$ 833,000
AVEK Annual Service	\$ 5,860,000	GA published amount(2019)	\$ 4,260,000
Grant Amount	\$ 125,000,000	input any assumed amount	\$ 25,000,000

	AVEK	LADWP
ONE TIME COSTS		
Capital Costs	222,468,750	55,046,000
Table A Water Cost	48,388,000	48,388,000
One Time Cost(Total)	270,856,750	103,434,000
Less Grants	125,000,000	25,000,000
One Time Cost Less Grants	145,856,750	78,434,000
Finance Cost/Month	(782,991)	(421,051)
Average Per Hookup	\$ (63)	\$ (34)
MONTHLY COST		
ANNUAL COSTS		
Annual O&M Cost	2,280,000	833,000
Annual Service cost	5,860,000	4,260,000
Total Annual Costs	8,140,000	5,093,000
Monthly O&M + Service Cost	\$ (54)	\$ (34)
Average Per Hookup	\$ (54)	\$ (34)
MONTHLY COST		
Total Monthly Cost Per Hookup	\$ (117)	\$ (68)
(Financed and Annual Costs)	\$ (117)	\$ (68)
TOTAL	\$ (117)	\$ (68)