

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

*The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District met in regular session on May 18, 2016.*

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Billman at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present: President Jim Billman, Mike Freitas, June Rockwell and Steve Kunkle. John Cook - excused absence. Also present was General Manager, Tom Lynch, and Finance Officer, Hosny Shouman.

General public present: (- 5 -)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Muir recently exchanged communication with staff regarding the transfer of water meters between lots. Ms. Muir thanked staff for the letter response to her issues. Mr. Smith distributed information on fire hydrants he prepared.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MINUTES – April 20, 2016 and Special Meeting April 25, 2016 (Moved as a separate MOTION)

FINANCIAL REPORTS –

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE NINTH MONTH ENDING April 30, 2016

DISTRICT WARRANTS FOR APRIL–

CHECK #13495-13540	= \$	126,321.54	OPERATING
PAYROLL	= \$	40,286.00	PAYROLL
FEDERAL/STATE TAXES	= \$	7,220.00	TAXES
LAIF TRANSFERS	= \$	-0-	LAIF TRANSFERS
TRANSFERS/CHARGES	= \$	70.00	

**OPERATIONS REPORT AND GRAPHS FOR THE TENTH MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2016.**

No mainline leaks were reported in April. Foster Lake was still dry at the end of April.

IWD did not divert water during April. There was 1.40” of precipitation in April and there has been 23.87” of precipitation for the fiscal year to date. The static water levels at the Foster Lake Wells were 33’ below ground level, and the downtown wells are currently at 12’. Production for April was 842,284 cubic feet. April unaccounted for water was 2.18% of water production. Fiscal year to date unaccounted for water average is 1.17% of water production. Staff provided some general comparisons of well depths and volumes of water produced in the last two years. Various questions arose on the warrants for the months of April but were explained in-depth by staff. Director Kunkle requested further information on the previous month’s water production. Director Kunkle expressed that he felt the April minutes did not accurately represent his recollection of the meeting; Director Kunkle proposed that we add his written addition (attached). A MOTION was made by Director Freitas to approve the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and the addition requested by Director Kunkle, which was seconded by Director Rockwell. The motion was approved and duly carried with a unanimous vote of all Directors present. The minutes for the special meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> were acted upon as a separate item. A MOTION was made by Director Freitas to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup>

minutes and was seconded by President Billman. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Jim Billman		Steve Kunkle	John Cook
June Rockwell			
Mike Freitas			

IWD Board Meeting, 5/18/16, Continued

WATER AND WASTEWATER ISSUES – We remain at Stage II, and water consumption is down which is normal for this time of year. Foster Lake remains empty.

The State will likely continue to develop long-term statewide standards for water consumption.

Several pieces of new legislation are going through the State Assembly and Senate.

We will resume our video of the wells targeted for rehabilitation, including one or two horizontal wells next week.

SPi is wrapping up its design of the recycled water project equipment and will be producing a phasing strategy to recommend implementation in a cost effective fashion. We are reviewing routing options for recycled water lines. These plans will provide support for all the engineering companies who have expressed an interest in developing the plans and specifications for the project.

The wastewater treatment office exterior has been painted, we will also have the interior office and restroom area painted.

Filtronics and our SCADA interface is underway. These system updates will save chemicals, water and electricity.

The County has fully paid our invoice for the damage the road crew did to one of our fire hydrants on Cedar Glen.

We had our annual hazmat inspection earlier this month. The inspector reviewed our treatment rooms, storage of chemicals, chlorine, oil supplies, propane, welding equipment and safety signage. Staff met with Babcock Laboratories to discuss ways to reduce or minimize costs for lab work. They mentioned their pricing is increasing, but will work to keep our District pricing under control.

With the completion of the new concert hall at Idyllwild Arts, staff conducted an audit of the new facility, and their E.D.U. numbers were adjusted for their sewer to reflect the net change. The water capacity fee for the new hall for Idyllwild Arts was \$6,685.25. Idyllwild Arts requested to deduct this amount from the credit balance we had for them.

The billing for this new service \$6,683.25 will be deducted from the Idyllwild Arts credit balance.

ENERGY CONSUMPTION UPDATE – The Energy Coalition has been working on our wastewater plant condition assessment and the development of potential measures. This will take into account our present conditions and the expansion we contemplate for water recycling. This will dovetail into our expansion planning for greater efficiencies in our energy consumption. Any equipment capital cost associated with equipment upgrades can be partially or completely reimbursed by S.C.E. and the Energy Coalition.

Our staff is constructing a roof cover for our new inverters at the solar panels.

OTHER PROJECTS AND MATTERS – We are continuing our evaluation of all our vehicle equipment and will be returning to the Board with recommendations in the near future. State standards for air quality, vehicle repair history, maintenance cost, age and mileage will be taken into consideration.

Our computer server was upgraded. The performance and security of our system has been improved, but our billing system software still needs improvements.

We have received approval for our C.D.B.G. funding application for replacement of water lines. An agreement for the project is being prepared, and should be on an upcoming agenda. The amount was awarded by our Third District Supervisor, Chuck Washington. The awarded amount of \$155,000 is slightly under the amount we originally requested. The County staff will assist our staff in completing the environmental assessment. This project will require matching funds from the

District.

The County Homeland Security grant was prepared, submitted and acknowledged by the May 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

The State Water Resources Control Board's proposed regulations will establish a fee structure based on each water system's total number of connections. For example, water systems with 100 or fewer service connections would be charged a \$200 flat fee, while those systems with more than 1,000 connections would be charged \$2.00 per connection. Thus, a system that has 10,000 connections would be required to pay an annual fee of \$20,000, and a system with 40,000 connections would be required to pay \$80,000.

The proposed regulations include specific requirements for water "wholesalers." If enacted, wholesalers would be required to pay an annual fee of \$6,000 plus \$1.36 per each million gallons of water that the wholesaler produces from surface and groundwater, as well as gallons of finished water that the wholesaler purchased or received from another public water system.

The California Rural Water Association has been very helpful in filling in while we recruit for a new Wastewater Supervisor replacement. We are also actively recruiting and interviewing candidates for our vacant Administrative Assistant position.

We have hired Cody Nyberg as our new Maintenance Technician. He started work this week.

#### ITEM #5) SWB PROPOSING ADJUSTMENT TO REGULATION – DISCUSSION ONLY

The State Water Resources Control Board released a proposal to modify the existing emergency water conservation regulations to reflect changing conditions and allow for more local decision making. The proposal was released in conjunction with an executive order issued by Governor Brown outlining long-term water conservation measures aimed at achieving a top priority in the California Water Action Plan, making conservation a way of life.

The State Water Board's proposal would replace the existing state-imposed mandatory conservation standards with locally developed standards based on local conditions and supply availability. It would require local water agencies to self-certify their water supply availability assuming three additional dry years and customer demands based on 2013 and 2014 averages. Local agencies would determine the combination of conservation, alternative supplies and other strategies needed to assure adequate supply over that time.

The proposal also would require water suppliers to report the underlying basis for their water supply assessments and require water suppliers to continue reporting conservation levels on a monthly basis. Local water agencies would be required to file their supply assessments and targets with the state. The state would then monitor to see that those targets are met.

ANALYSIS: This proposal does provide some flexibility to local water districts granting some latitude in setting standards for increased local control of conservation efforts based on local supplies. However, the Governor's recent executive order requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop new water use targets as part of a permanent framework for water agencies. The Governor's targets will build on existing law requiring the State to achieve a 20% reduction in water use by 2020. No Board action is needed at this time.

#### DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Kunkle gave a synopsis of an email exchange between himself and the General Manger, and asked for detailed information about water production.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Holldber, G.M. for the Pine Cove Water District, commented on a confidential investigation undertaken by the Idyllwild Water District.

J. Smith and JP Crumrine made comments about their views of water district policies.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Director Freitas made a MOTION to adjourn the regular meeting which was seconded by Director Rockwell. With a unanimous vote by all Directors present, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:  
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
JIM BILLMAN- PRESIDENT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEMP. BOARD SECRETARY