

**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY COOPERATIVE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
WORKING GROUP**

January 19, 2012 – 1:00 P.M.

**Indian Wells Valley Water District
500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., Ridgecrest, California 93555**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Discussion Notes dated December 15, 2011
3. Public Comment for Items on the Agenda
4. Election of Officers
Description: Group to elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2012 calendar year.
5. Groundwater Management Survey – ACWA
Description: The ACWA survey is aimed at compiling information on groundwater management efforts statewide to share with policy makers and other stakeholders. The information will help identify areas where local groundwater management needs to be expanded and where local agencies may need assistance to develop and implement sustainable groundwater management activities.
6. Revised Groundwater Management Plan
Description: A large scale cooperative groundwater technical study was completed in the Indian Wells Valley. The results of this effort contributed valuable insights to the nature of the Valley's groundwater reserves. Based on the results of this study, the major participants in the study have concluded that it is in their best interests to participate in the development of this Cooperative Groundwater Management Plan (the “Plan”) to extend the useful life of the groundwater reserves to meet current and foreseeable user needs in the Valley.
7. Discussion on Complying with the Monitoring Requirements as it Pertains to California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM)
Description: On November 4, 2009 the State Legislature amended the Water Code with SBx7-6, which mandates a statewide groundwater elevation monitoring program to track seasonal and long-term trends in groundwater elevations in California's groundwater basins. In accordance with this amendment to the Water Code, DWR developed the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program.

8. Kern County Specific Plan Update
Description: Group to be updated on the Planning and Community Development Department's general plans to set forth issues, goals, policies, and implementation of programs for development of the Indian Wells Valley.
9. Articles on Water for Publication in Local Media
Description: Group to consider topics of articles to be written on Water for Public Use and make available to all media publications.
10. Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group
Description: Report from Director Corlett on the comprehensive voluntary and non-regulatory region-wide planning document that identifies broadly-supported goals and objectives pertaining to water resources management of the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group.
11. Indian Wells Valley Water District Water Supply Improvement Project
Description: IWVWD currently does not have enough capacity to allow for a 20 percent redundancy in capacity to cover equipment failure or other emergency during the maximum demand days in accordance with IWVWD policy. Additional capacity is also required to accommodate a modest predicted future population growth of approximately one percent per year. The Proposed Project consists of the improvement and operation of existing Wells 18 and 34 and the construction and operation of a new well, proposed Well 35. The Proposed Project would be completed in two phases.
12. 2011 Water Production Data Input
Description: Water production data from five major producers: U.S. Navy, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Searles Valley Minerals, Brown Road Farming Company and the Inyokern Community Services District.
13. 2011 In-Kind Service Update
Description: Update on In-Kind Services that pertain to the value of services and direct monetary contributions provided by each signatory group in support of the group's activities.
14. 2012 In-Kind Service Commitment
Description: Update on In-Kind Services that pertain to the value of services and direct monetary contributions provided by each signatory group in support of the group's activities.
15. Reports:
 - A. Project Review
Description: A report to the Group on new building projects in the Indian Wells Valley.

B. Technical Advisory Committee

1. State Water Policies

Description: An overview of California's water quality control plans and state policies for water quality.

C. Watershed Coordinator Update Report

Description: A report will be provided to the Group from the Eastern Kern County RCD Watershed Coordinator. The Coordinator will help assess local watersheds and bring together local government, landowners and community groups through outreach, education and partnerships in order to better manage and improve the health of the watersheds.

16. Review Action Register
17. Items for February Agenda
18. Agency Reports and Member Comments
19. General Public Comment
20. Open Discussion: Members are requested to hold the discussion to matters of interest to the Working Group.
21. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 16, 2012