

Indian Creek-Westridge Community Services District Board Meeting
November 14, 2023
Christian Science Church, West Line Street and Grandview Drive, Bishop, CA

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chairperson Luis Elias. Present were Directors Jeff Anderson, Casey Dean, Dave Mappus; District Manager Terry Tye; District Operator Don Buser; District resident Sarah Petersen.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously (moved Anderson, seconded Dean).

Operations and Maintenance Report: Mr. Buser presented the report. The following lists some of the work that was done. Repaired vandalism damage to both gates of walkthrough at Well 1. Repaired vandalism damage at Well 5. Improved security hardware at Well 5. Mr. Buser, Mr. Derr and Mr. Tye attended a two-day California Rural Water Association class for which they received continuing education credits. Gathered about twenty fire extinguishers for servicing. Distributed, collected and shipped bottles for lead and copper testing. Repaired generator at Well 1.

Mr. Tye announced that on October 26 Mr. Buser celebrated his 90th birthday.

Mr. Tye reported the following: In the past he has collaborated with a Jill Kinmont School administrator to identify students who vandalized ICWCSD equipment by Well 5. After the latest incident, he asked Mr. Derr to increase security with a lock and plexiglass. After many years of searching for a particular valve Kendall Engineering finally found it. Mr. Tye changed the annual sampling timeframe to the winter months in order to cut the cost of ice for shipping.

Finance Report--Quarterly, Delinquent Update: Mr. Tye presented the report. The balance in the bank stands at \$730,666 including an O & M total of \$400,059 and Capital Funds of \$330,607. Southern California Edison bills are considerably higher this year.

The delinquent payment amount rose significantly over the last few months, to approximately \$5,000, mostly accrued by two customers. One lien was recovered at escrow. Mr. Tye reached a formal agreement for a payment plan with a customer who owed the second highest amount. The first payment has been submitted. The current delinquent amount is approximately \$1,200.

The auditor submitted an invoice for \$4,000. The full audit report should be ready by February.

OVGA (Owens Valley Ground Water Authority) Update: Mr. Elias reported that the next meeting will be in March. The main goal is to establish a database of water pumpers in the Owens Valley. Tri-Valley (no longer in the OVGA) recently held an election. The semi-official results show Donald Moss at 54%, Curtis Milliron 46%.

SCE Pump Efficiency Testing Results: Mr. Tye reported that every two years SCE offers pump efficiency testing at no cost. Two years ago pump 5 got a low rating, so it was replaced in March, 2022. Pumps have been replaced as follows: No. 1 in 2011, No. 3 in 2012, No. 2 in 2015, No. 5 in 2022. Pump 6 has not been replaced. It is the oldest pump, yet it has the highest efficiency rating.

Lead and Copper Testing Results: This is the fourth time lead and copper have been tested during Mr. Tye's tenure. He said that lead had not been detected before. This time it was detected in eight out of the ten households tested. Lab staff told Mr. Tye there were no aberrations. The state does not have concerns because none of the results is above the EPA limit. Mr. Tye stated that two years ago lead was detected at Well 1. Immediate follow-up testing of five samples resulted in no detection of lead. Yesterday a sample was taken for lead detection at Well 1.

Ms. Petersen suggested asking the lab for the equipment calibration frequency, the QC/QA, and if there is new staff that might not be trained.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Stephanie Sheltz.