



# Indian Valley Community Services District

*“Providing services for our community health, well being, and prosperity.”*

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## Board of Directors

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### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 11, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Greenville Community Town Hall, 120 Crescent Street Greenville, CA. 95947

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Present were Director Smith, Director Little, Director Yost, Director Shelters, G.M. Lawson, Fire Chief Hamblin, Maintenance Don Silva, Board Clerk Titcomb, Constituents of Indian Valley, and special presenters listed on the agenda. Absent: Director Yocum.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Director Little made the motion to accept the agenda as presented and Director Yost seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the results were 4-Yes, and 0- No votes. Motion carries unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes for April and May, 2014:** A motion was made by Director Yost and seconded by Director Little. A vote was called for with the results being 4-Yes, and 0- No votes. Motion carries unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** 18 constituents offered public comments and they can be heard in detail on the website: <https://soundcloud.com/jeff-luke-titcomb/minutesjune2014parta>
6. **Directors Reports:** Director Smith read a letter of resignation from Director Yocum, that was received earlier that day in the district office. The letter spoke of health issues and personal problems that have caused issues with her ability to perform her duties. The board expressed gratitude for the time that Director Yocum served the public and that it is with a sense of loss that they hear of this news.
7. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Personnel & Planning Committee:** Vision/Mission statements were read and long term goals were discussed in regards to the possibility of water transfer, possible solar power, and replacement of worn playground equipment at the Greenville Community Park.
  - b. **Finance Committee:** a past due claim was presented to the committee and it was agreed that it should be paid to Seek Construction. The committee also worked on Vision and Mission statements. Fiscal year 2014-2015 budget projections were discussed. The accounts were reviewed and found to be in good order.
  - c. **IVASA:** They did not meet and will next meet on July 15, 2014. The meeting was moved from its normal date due to ongoing committee meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.
  - d. **Ordinance Committee:** This committee did meet and a desire was expressed to continue to have public input as it is important that dialogue continue with the constituents on ordinances and policies that affect the communities. The Vision and Mission statements were read. It was recommended that an ordinance change be made to add recreational vehicles to the sewer policies and ordinances. More ordinance reviews will be done during coming meetings.
  - e. **Public Relations Committee:** No complaints were reviewed and no recommendations made at this time.
  - f. **Parks Committee:** The parks Committee did not meet during June.

- 8. Ordinance Change Reading: C.M. & Greenville water system policy. 1.04.001-1.04.062 Resolution 2014-001:** Ordinance was read and some discussion, questions came from the constituents and it was decided that more work needed to be done in Ordinance Committee meeting before having another reading of the Ordinance. This was tabled until further work and recommendations by the Ordinance Committee.
- 9. RCAC: Loan modification/extension: Discussion/Action.** 6 month extension to extend payments out until completion of the audits, and a complete set of financials can be turned in. Very few questions or concerns as this is the process that's been in place over the past few years. The district is paying down the principle by making monthly payments of \$1,000.00 each month. This is for a bridge loan on the Greenville Water Treatment Plant. Director Yost made a motion to approve RCAC loan modification as presented and Director Little seconded the motion. A vote was called for with 4-Yes votes and 0-No votes. Motion carries unanimously.
- 10. Audit Agreement, contract for annual audits, 2012, 2013, 2014: Discussion/Action.** The price for the audits is \$30,000.00 Questions and concerns about the price for the audits, and if it seems to be a normal charge for these audits. Some discussion that the audits can be paid for over time and that for the amount of work needing to be done on these type of audits, it is a proper charge. A motion was made to accept the contract by Director Shelters and sign the engagement letter with Singleton-Auman for these annual audits. Seconded by Director Little and a vote was called for with 4-Yes, and 0- No votes. The motion carries unanimously.
- 11. Fire Department Report:** The activity report for the department is in the board packet and this was reviewed. Chief Hamblin reported that a presentation to the kids at Indian Valley Elementary School and the children seemed to enjoy the activities. Training for volunteers is ongoing. A breakfast is being done by the volunteers at the Taylorsville Day celebration. Director Yost asked Chief Hamblin about the possibility of unfunded or underfunded Fire Department in the past and putting public safety in jeopardy, and Chief Hamblin stated that problems with funding in the department was an issue in years past, but that it hasn't been a problem in the last few years. Mostly Chief Hamblin mentioned that basic funding was always done but that equipment purchases were postponed due to funding issues, and this came as somewhat of a surprise to Director Yost, as he has not heard of funding issues with the department before, and would like to remind the department that they need to come to the board if funding issues threaten public safety.
- 12. Maintenance Report: Don Silva.** Mr. Silva reports on many maintenance issues that are being handled by the staff at the district. One particular repair is needing to be done at night due to the need to lower the water pressure in areas of Greenville, in order to finish this repair. Repairs and service to the pool in Taylorsville was finished as a combined effort of the district and community volunteers. Weed control at all district properties are in process of being done, and gates with fencing is being prepared for the water plant and other facilities of the district. Relocation of water laterals on Greenville Wolf Creek Road are being planned and ready to be worked on. A pump on the well at the Greenville Community Park is being replaced, as the park uses a million gallons each month and this will help take the pressure from pumping so much water from the Greenville wells at the water plant. Mr. Silva reported that the gate for the water plant will be done right away but that the fence will be later as other more pressing projects need to be finished.
- 13. Utility Operations Report:**
  - a. Greenville Water:** General Manager Lawson introduced Steven Griffin as the new employee of the district that applied for the internship program. He will work for the district for the next few years and get his water and sewer certificates. G.M. Lawson referred to the charts and graphs in the board packet that show the production and loss numbers for the Greenville water system.
  - b. Crescent Mills Water:** A land line phone was set up at the water plant to notify staff of tank levels if they get too low. 831,000 gallons were produced and losses were very low. The charts and graphs in the board packet were discussed and you can get the board packet on the website [www.indianvalleycsd.com](http://www.indianvalleycsd.com)

- c. **Greenville Sanitation:** The flow is up from the previous month and is measured by run time on the pumps, again charts and graphs in the board packet gives more details. Some state funding is available for maintenance and repairs on the sewer system. RCAC has contacted the district and it is under review.
  - d. **Taylorville Sanitation:** There was a propane line failure as the staff was on site for inspection, and that will be repaired. The system is in good shape and doesn't need any immediate response. The charts and graphs in the board packet gives details of the system.
- 14. Manager/Financial Report:** General Manager Lawson reports that we are at 83% of budget and that is where we should be at this time. Liens and tax liens are being filed and will be finished by August 10, 2014. There are many details of the finances in the board packet and they were briefly discussed.
- 15. Sierra Institute: Jonathon Kusel, Presentation-Biomass:Discussion:** There will be community meetings to discuss the issue as things progress. The proposal is to set up a facility to utilize forest waste products, that are a fire hazard, and make electricity and/or heat from those products. The possible site would be in Crescent Mills but this is still in beginning stages. More will follow and information can be obtained at: <http://www.sierrainstitute.us/>
- 16. Solar Power, North State Solar, Presentation of Solar Option: Discussion/Action:** All components U.S. made and guaranteed for 25 years. One ground mounted array of panels is the preferred set up. An MOU was presented to the board for questions and answers. The discussion centered around the pros and cons of having the system. It would mean that the district would own the solar power system and that after it is paid for, the district would be able to benefit from the low cost electricity. It's more complicated than that and I have an entire page written on the details, but most of it is not needed for these minutes and the audio can be heard on line if you wish to hear every word of the conversation. The board tabled the discussion until the July board meeting to give legal counsel the opportunity to review the MOU and make any recommendations.  
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- 17. Water Transfer:**
- a. **Citizens for Responsible Government in Indian Valley:** A visual presentation was given by Mina Admire about the water transfer issue and the items of concern were, where the water was being sold to, how it would get there, what the present conditions are at Round Valley Reservoir, and the implications of losing water at the reservoir. There were questions about wildlife and downstream water rights. Recreation was also presented as a concern from the group.
  - b. **Michael Jackson, Attorney:** Mr. Jackson said that he had an interested buyer and confirmed that the buyer was in Montecito, California. <http://www.montecitowater.com/>  
Mr. Jackson said that the transfer could legally be sent to the next step and that it would be up to the IVCS board to continue with the process. He mentioned California code and can be found at this link: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=wat&group=01001-02000&file=1810-1814>  
The other code and link is: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=wat&group=01001-02000&file=1740>  
If you would like a print out of these documents they can be obtained at the district office for a charge of .25 cents for each sheet of paper printed.  
At this time the public questions and answer session began and much discussion was held about the issue. The board decided to table the item until the July board meeting so that all interested parties could think more about the issue and come prepared to make a decision.
- 18. New Business/Old Business:** A constituent brought up the question of liability insurance for the district, as it was discussed at the May meeting. No new information was given but that the General Manager was in discussion with insurance companies and he would have more to report at a later time.
- 19. Adjournment:** Director Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Shelters seconded. A vote was called for with 4-Yes, and 0- No votes. This was unanimous to adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman Brad Smith, signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Clerk Jeff Titcomb, signed: \_\_\_\_\_