

INDIAN WELLS
VALLEY GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY



NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

August 21, 2020
10:00 a.m.
100 W California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California

SEND A SIGNED LETTER OF

PROTEST

OR

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MORE FOR

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JUST ONE OF MANY FEES TO COME:

The first fee was passed on July 18, 2018 by the IWVGA vote of 5-0.

The above mentioned fee was just increased on July 16, 2020, by the IWVGA vote of 5-0.

August 21, 2020 is the first time that we the public will have the opportunity to make our voices count. This will be "a majority protest proceeding", meaning if you do not get a protest letter to the GA either by mail or at the hearing (will the hearing be Open to the Public?) you are considered a YES vote.

While this fee has some exemption, basically it will be paid by all water users (de minimus users see note at bottom) in the basin. This proposed fee is \$2130 per acre foot per year, to build a fund that will be used to purchase an entitlement for water, does not purchase one drop of water or infrastructure.

This "Replenishment Fee" will be the first fee by the IWVGA and according to Table 6-1 of the IWVGSP (The Plan) shows up to 10 fees for GSP Implementation Costs

Note for De Mimimus users:

Question from Tim Parker (Hydrogeologist for IWVWD) to the IWVGA:

De minimis extractors can be regulated and can and are currently being charged fees by GSAs under SGMA in other parts of the state. It is also not correct to state that de minimis and federal extractors will not benefit materially from overdraft mitigation and augmentation projects.

Response from the IWVGA to Mr. Parker:

This comment is puzzling as makes a legal statement rather than a technical one and it includes no support for the legal assertion. It also misses the significance of the Report's express purpose and the analysis by misinterpreting the general colloquial definition of "benefit" with legal definition of "benefit" the purposes of fee analysis and adoption under California Law.

LETTER PROTESTING BASIN REPLENISHMENT FEE

TO: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority
500 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, Ca 93555

Subject: Protest AGAINST Basin Replenishment Fee

To whom it may concern,

I have received a letter of "Notice of Public Hearing on a Basin Replenishment Fee". I understand that there will be a Public Hearing August 21, 2020 at 10 a.m. at 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, California.

I am the owner of the address listed below. Please consider this letter to be my written protest against the proposed Basin Replenishment Fee on behalf of this parcel.

Property Owner's name _____

Property address or APN _____

Sincerely,

Signature _____

Date _____