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## **Indio Seeks Community Input on Water Rates**

*Advisory Committee to Offer Guidance to Indio Water Authority on Rate Structure*

**Indio, Calif., (April 1, 2013)** – Indio Water Authority (IWA) is evaluating new rate structures and in order to incorporate community input is assembling a diverse group to act as a Water Rate Structure Advisory Committee. The committee will make recommendations to staff and the IWA Board of Directors regarding water rate structure options, and community outreach methods.

“Indio Water Authority has been looking to transition to a new rate structure in line with industry best practices that rewards efficiency, keeps rates as low as possible, and allows for responsible management of our infrastructure and organization” says Debra Kaye, general manager of IWA.

Indio Water Authority is looking to its customers to form a diverse group that will help guide the decision-making process. The group will review the recently conducted study on water rate structures and long-range financial planning; give input for community outreach meeting messaging and logistics; review options for rate structures and make recommendations to staff and the IWA board; and examine existing draft rate variance policies.

The new committee members will be announced in mid-April and will meet three or four times in the next several months. The meetings will vary in length, and will provide information on the need for a new rate structure, impacts on the water authority without any rate changes, different rate structure options, and what the changes could mean for ratepayers. The committee will give IWA staff and board input before the IWA board votes on a new structure.

Those who are interested in participating can go online to [www.indiowater.org/WRSACApplication](http://www.indiowater.org/WRSACApplication), or go to the Indio Corporate Yard at 83-101 Avenue 45, Indio 92201. Applications are due by the 5 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2013.

For more information about Indio Water Authority, call (760) 391-4038 or visit [www.indiowater.org](http://www.indiowater.org).

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### ***About Indio Water Authority***

*Indio Water Authority was formed in 2000 to deliver water to the City of Indio. Its mission is to provide the City's residents, visitors and businesses with safe and reliable water, while ensuring the long-term viability of the City's water services for its users. In 2011, the Indio Water Authority supplied 7,200 million gallons (22,167 acre-feet) of water to the 77,000 businesses and residents in its 60 square mile service area.*