



Searles Valley Minerals sues IWVGA, alleges withholding of public data

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After years of attempting to work in good faith towards a resolution, Searles Valley Minerals filed a Public Records Act case against the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (GA). The GA is currently withholding publicly available data in violation of the law. As a public agency, the GA is obligated to provide such information to the public. Despite numerous requests over the past several years, the GA has failed to fulfill this obligation, leaving SVM with no choice but to pursue legal action. This lawsuit has been filed in the Orange County Superior Court and is publicly available.

SVM is asking for transparency regarding the data the GA utilized in developing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and formulating policies for the IWV groundwater basin. Despite SVM’s repeated requests, the GA continues withholding this critical information from the community.

It is essential that taxpayers understand the data on which public agencies, like the GA, base their decisions. The GA’s refusal to disclose this information undermines public trust and prevents the community from engaging in informed discussions about vital water management decisions.

SVM is committed to ensuring that the community in the Indian Wells Valley groundwater basin is not burdened with unnecessary costs. It is vital that the community have the opportunity to understand the GA’s reasoning and the data behind its decisions.

About Searles Valley Minerals

Searles Valley Minerals is a leading producer of industrial minerals, dedicated to supporting the local economy, providing jobs, and implementing sustainable practices to protect the environment and community resources.

