

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order by President Reinhart at 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2025 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Ferons, Withers, Swan, LaMar, and President Reinhart.

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Adly, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Maintenance Operations Manning, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Director of Water Resources Nye, Director of Accounting & Treasury Lin, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

Written and Oral Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendaized: None.

PRESENTATION

FINDINGS OF 2025 WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY STUDY

Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst and Senior Energy and Water Resources Planner Huang presented the 2025 Water Supply Reliability Study. In late 2022 the Board authorized staff to enter into a professional services agreement with HDR and DCSE to assist in the preparation of the 2025 IRWD Water Supply Reliability Study. Prepared with guidance from the IRWD Policy Papers, the 2020 Water Banking Needs assessment, and recent regional modeling work conducted by the Metropolitan Water District, the 2025 Water Supply Reliability Study evaluates the water supply reliability for the District under varying catastrophic event scenarios that could disrupt the District's access to water. The study's findings aligned with the 2020 Water Banking needs analysis, and reaffirmed the need for IRWD's continued investment in its Banking Projects as well as the Sites Reservoir Project.

Vice President LaMar reported that this item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on August 12, 2025. He added, that although it's difficult to predict what will happen in the future, the study helps identify which resources will be available in the event of a disaster. Following discussion among staff and the Board, THE WATER RELIABILITY STUDY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Reinhart requested that Agenda Item No. 7 be moved to the Action Calendar.

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and carried unanimously, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FIVE, SIX, AND EIGHT THROUGH TWELVE WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

6. JULY 2025 TREASURY REPORT

Recommendation: That the Board receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Summary Report, the Summary of Fixed and Variable Rate Debt, and the Disclosure Report of Reimbursements to Board members and staff, approve the July 2025 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,756,418 and approve the July 2025 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 450235 through 450716, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the net total amount of \$52,797,511.

8. ACWA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 TERM

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the District to submit to the Association of California Water Agencies the Committee Consideration Form for Board and staff committee appointment nominees for the 2026-2027 term.

9. WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT FOR PLANNING AREA 52 PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Water Supply Assessment for the Planning Area 52 Project.

10. ZONE A TO RATTLESNAKE RESERVOIR PUMP STATION FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Zone A to Rattlesnake Reservoir Pump Station; authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion; and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after the Date of Recoding the Notice of Completion for Project 05476.

11. SANTIAGO CANYON PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Santiago Canyon Pump Station Improvements, authorize the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion, and authorize the payment of the retention 35 days after the Date of Recording the Notice of Completion for Project 01398.

12. DESIGNATION AND DISPOSAL OF EXEMPT SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AT PEREZ RESERVOIR SITE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the following resolution by title:

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 22

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED APN 530-105-20 IS
“EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND” THAT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR
THE DISTRICT’S USE, AND AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF TO
NEGOTIATE FOR AND DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY

ACTION CALENDAR

7. 2025 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

President Reinhart presented questions regarding various bills to Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton. Regarding AB 93 (Papan, D-San Mateo) – Water Demands of Data Centers, he questioned if companies would need to disclose the type of technology that the Data Centers use. Mrs. Compton explained that staff has worked with the author to amend the bill, and that the current version does not require the disclosure of proprietary information; rather, the data center owner would need to provide an estimate of expected water use when applying for or renewing a business license each year; and self-certify that it has provided the data center’s water supplier with a report of its annual use.

President Reinhart questioned what would constitute “sufficient backup” to operate critical fire suppression infrastructure as described in AB 367 (Bennett) – County Water Districts: County of Ventura: Fire Suppression. Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton answered that it would be providing backup energy within thirty minutes of a loss of power. She also stated while this is a Ventura County-specific bill, the Assemblymember has stated he intends to introduce a bill next year that would apply the same provision to all water providers statewide. She reminded the Board that the District currently has a “concerns” position on this bill, authorizing staff to work to improve the bill.

Following discussion among staff and the Board, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Withers, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD ADOPTED A “WATCH” POSITION ON AB 93 (PAPAN), A “CONCERNS” POSITION ON AB 532 (RANSOM), AND A “SEEK AMENDMENTS” POSITION ON SB 616 (RUBIO).

OTHER BUSINESS

13. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Cook stated that he did not have a report for the evening.

14. Receive oral update(s) from District liaison(s) regarding communities within IRWD’s service area and interests.

Community Liaison Newell was unable to attend, but relayed to General Manager Cook that all was well in the canyons.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

15. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director Ferons reported on his participation in the OCWD Board Meeting via teleconference.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the ACWA Quarterly Update via teleconference; the ACWA Quarterly Water Management Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the OCWA Monthly Industry Insight Meeting and Luncheon.

Director Swan reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the ACWA Quarterly Energy Committee Meeting teleconference; the WACO Planning Committee Meeting via teleconference; the Urban Water Institute Board of Directors' Reception in San Diego; and the Urban Water Institute 2025 Annual Conference in San Diego.

Vice President LaMar reported on his participation in the ACWA Quarterly Committee Meetings via teleconference; the Natural Communities' Coalition tour of the Weir Canyon Cattle Project; the CMUA Legislative Committee meeting via teleconference; a meeting with staff and DWR Deputy Director Metzger; the Urban Water Institute 2025 Annual Conference, San Diego; and the Special ACWA Board of Directors' Meeting via teleconference.

President Reinhart reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Water Issues Committee meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Administration and Finance Issues Committee via teleconference; the MWDOC Board Meeting via teleconference; the Urban Water Institute 2025 Annual Conference in San Diego; and the Monthly Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager.

16. Closed Session

President Reinhart convened the meeting into Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. with General Counsel Collins announcing the following:

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 1211 Edinger Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780, APN 430-252-14

Agency Negotiator: Paul Cook, General Manager, and Neveen Adly, Executive Director of Finance and Administration

Negotiating Parties: Vivian Janho Kaufman Family Trust

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Perez Reservoir Site (APN 530-105-20, County of Orange).

Agency Negotiator: Paul Cook, General Manager, and Neveen Adly, Executive Director of Finance and Administration

Negotiating Parties: To Be Determined

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representatives: Paul Cook, General Manager, and
Tiffany Mitcham, Director of Human
Resources

Employee Groups: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
(AFL-CIO) Local #47 for the General Unit and the Non-
Exempt Supervisor Unit

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representatives: Paul Cook, General Manager, and
Tiffany Mitcham, Director of Human
Resources

Employee Group: Managers, Supervisors and Confidential Employees

17. Open Session

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened in Open Session with Directors Ferons, LaMar, Reinhart, Swan, and Withers present. General Counsel announced that there were no actions to be reported on any of the items.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27 p.m., President Reinhart adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 22nd day of September 2025.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

District Secretary,
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire H. Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP