

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 22, 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 September 22, 2025 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

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

Directors Absent: Feron.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Adly, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, 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 Resources Nye, Director of Accounting & Treasury Lin, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

Written Communications: None.

Oral Communications: Four members of the public requested to address the Board regarding “Toast Masters Water Meeters”, and one employee, Mr. Tomasello requested to address the Board regarding item number eight.

Ms. Debbie Kanoff addressed the Board;

Mr. Thomas Mueller addressed the Board;

Ms. Stephanie Reynolds addressed the Board; and

Mr. Doug Wheaton addressed the Board.

Items too late to be agendaized: None.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION

General Manager Cook presented a proclamation to Malcolm Cortez, retired Engineering Manager, for his 34 years of service to the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FIVE THROUGH SEVEN WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. AUGUST 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 August 2025 summary of payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,815,677 and approve the August 2025 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 450717 through 451115, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the net total amount of \$22,880,589.

7. CYBERSECURITY THREAT DETECTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES RENEWAL

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with LevelBlue in the amount of \$430,500 for a duration of three years for cybersecurity threat detection and response services.

ACTION CALENDAR

8. RENEWAL OF GROUP MEDICAL PLAN SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION CHANGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

General Manager Cook provided an overview of the proposed alternative approach for medical insurance contributions. He reported that staff recommends that the Board approve a new cost-sharing approach for medical insurance premiums, where IRWD pays 95% of the cost and the employee pays 5% of the cost.

Mr. Tomasello addressed the Board, expressing his support of the staff recommendation.

On MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and unanimously carried by a vote of 4 – 0, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE CONTINUATION OF IRWD'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH CALPERS, INCLUDING CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT AND EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTION RATES, AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN SIDE LETTER AGREEMENTS WITH IBEW TO AMEND THE EXISTING HEALTHCARE BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION LANGUAGE IN THE MOUs BETWEEN THE PARTIES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.

9. SANTIAGO HILLS ZONE 5 TANK REHAB CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Using a PowerPoint, Engineering Manager Moeder presented the to the Board the importance of the Santiago Hills Zone 5 Reservoir, the leak, and proposed repairs.

Following discussion from the Board, on MOTION by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and unanimously carried by a vote of 4 – 0, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH DN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,800; AND AUTHORIZED A BUDGET ADDITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$915,000 FOR THE SANTIAGO HILLS ZONE 5 TANK LEAK REPAIR, PROJECT 13316.

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

10. CLOUD GIS IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGED SERVICES

Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro presented the proposed project of migrating IRWD's existing Geographic Information System environment from the on-premises infrastructure to the Microsoft cloud infrastructure.

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and unanimously carried by a vote of 4 – 0, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROK TECHNOLOGIES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$816,824 FOR A DURATION OF THREE YEARS FOR CLOUD GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGED SERVICES.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. General Manager's Report

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

12. 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.

13. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OC Water Summit's Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County in Costa Mesa; the NWRI Board of Directors Meeting; and the Orange Park Acres Well 1 PFAS Water Treatment Plant Dedication Event with OCWD in Orange.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at the WEF Klamath River Tour Overview via teleconference; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; the Southern California Water Dialogue Steering Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Workshop Board Meeting with MWD Directors via teleconference; the OC Water Summit's Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County in Costa Mesa; the Water Education Foundation's Klamath River Tour; the WACO Planning Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the MWDOC Board of Directors Meeting in Fountain Valley.

Vice President Lamar reported on his attendance at the Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee Meeting; the Resident Tour Presentation Overview with District staff; the OCWD Communications & Legislative Liaison Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OC Water Summit's Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County in Costa Mesa; and the Natural Communities Coalition Board Meeting.

President Reinhart reported on his participation in the El Toro Water District Tour of Baker Water Treatment Plant; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Workshop Board Meeting with MWD Directors via teleconference; the OCWD Board Meeting via teleconference; the Three Agency Ad Hoc Lunch Meeting with TCWD and SMWD; the OC Water Summit's Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County in Costa Mesa; the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

OCWD Water Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference; OCWD Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference; Orange Park Acres Well 1 PFAS Water Treatment Plant Dedication Event with OCWD in Orange; and the Monthly Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 p.m., President Reinhart adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 13th day of October 2025.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

District Secretary,
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire H. Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP