MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 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 October 27, 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, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy Compton, Director of Water Quality & Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, 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.

Oral and Written Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

PRESENTATION

4. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY 2025 REVIEW & 2026 PREVIEW

Following a review of the 2025 advocacy activities and anticipated 2026 legislative and regulatory issues presented by Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy Compton and the District's federal and state advocates, THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY 2025 REVIEW AND 2026 PREVIEW.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan requested that number eight be moved to the Action Calendar.

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by Ferons, and carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FIVE THROUGH SEVEN AND NINE WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the October 13, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

6. SEPTEMBER 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 September 2025 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of $2,833,287 and approve the September 2025 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 451116 through 451567, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, virtual card payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the net total amount of $20,852,458.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 IRWD GUIDING PRINCIPLES SCORECARD

Recommendation: Receive and file.

9. RATTLESNAKE DAM OUTLET PIPE REHABILITATION CONSULTANT SELECTION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with MKN in the amount of $248,101 for engineering design services for the Rattlesnake Dam Outlet Pipe Rehabilitation, Project 12101.

ACTION CALENDAR

Director Withers left the Board Room at 6:07 p.m.

8. SYPHON RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DESIGN VARIANCE, ADDENDUM NO. 3 AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Director Swan stated that he would be entering a "NO" vote for item eight to be consistent with all his other votes regarding this project.

On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by LaMar, and carried by a vote of 3-1-1, (Ferons, LaMar, and Reinhart voting aye, Swan voting, nay, and Withers absent) THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE VARIANCE NO. 5 WITH AECOM IN THE AMOUNT OF $115,100 TO ADDRESS THE CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW COMMENTS ON THE 100% DESIGN; APPROVED THE PROPOSED ADDENDUM NO. 3 TO THE SYPHON RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INCLUDING THE DETERMINATIONS SET FORTH IN ADDENDUM NO. 3 AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO POST AND FILE A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION; AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND IRWD, SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL.

Director Withers returned to the Board Room at 6:10 p.m.

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

10. FATS, OILS, AND GREASE PROGRAM SERVICES CONSULTANT SELECTION

Regulatory Compliance Manager Rigby provided an overview of the District's Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) program, and the necessity to enlist the services of a consultant to act as the program manager to oversee the FOG program on the District's behalf.

Director Ferons reported that this item was reviewed by the Engineering and Operations Committee on October 21, 2025, and the Committee supported the staff recommendation. On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EEC ENVIRONMENTAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $240,820 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS FOR THE FATS, OILS, AND GREASE PROGRAM SERVICE CONTRACT.

11. DRAFT TERMS FOR AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN IRWD AND ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY

Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst reported to the Board the proposed exchange program developed between the IRWD and Zone 7 Water Agency executive staff.

Director LaMar questioned if this arrangement was dependent on a turnout from the California Aqueduct. Mr. Weghorst reported that this program would make use of existing and newly constructed IRWD Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project facilities.

Director Swan reported that this item was reviewed by the Supply Reliability Programs Committee on October 16, 2025, the program is consistent with the exchange program terms utilized by the District with other agencies, and that the Committee supported the staff recommendation.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY BASED ON THE DRAFT TERMS PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported that on October 6, 2025, staff responded to an 8-inch ductile iron domestic water mainline break on Lake Forest Drive in Lake Forest. Significant asphalt damage required closure of multiple traffic lanes. Pipeline repairs were completed by IRWD staff. Final paving restoration services were provided by G.M. Sager Construction at a cost of $231,575, which necessitated the utilization of Section 10, the Urgent Necessity Clause of the Authorization of Expenditures Policy, Resolution No. 2020-2.

Last Thursday, the Kern County Water Agency announced that Eric Averett would be stepping down as Board President and accept the position as General Manager at the Agency. IRWD has a long history of working with Eric as the General Manager of Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and as the Chief Executive Officer at Homer, LLC. Mr. Averett has a history of supporting IRWD's Water Banking projects and supports development of the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project.

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

Mr. Newell reported that all is well in the Canyons; and are gearing up for a high-wind event and fire season.

14. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director Ferons reported on his participation in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board Meeting and the Southern California Water Coalition's Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the Orange County Water Association's Monthly Industry Insight; the OC Forum's "Between the Lines – Redistricting in California and What it Means for OC" in Newport Beach; and the Southern California Water Coalition's Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at the MWDOC Board Meeting; the State of Orange County Sanitation District in Fountain Valley; the WACO Planning Committee meeting; the Quarterly MWDOC / OCWD Joint Planning Committee Meeting; the OCBC Business Connections: Addressing the Economic Impacts of Beach Erosion; and the Community Tour Presentation Overview with District staff.

Director LaMar reported on his participation at the Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee Meeting; the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Board Meeting; the Southern California Water Coalition's Board of Directors' Meeting; the Southern California Water Coalition's Annual Meeting and Dinner; and the CCEEB Planning Meeting via teleconference.

President Reinhart reported on his participation in the MWDOC Board meeting; the OCWD Board meeting; the Southern California Water Coalition's Annual Meeting and Dinner; and the Monthly Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:26 p.m., President Reinhart adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 10th day of November 2025.

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President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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District Secretary,
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Claire H. Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP