MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 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 13, 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 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.

Oral and Written Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Withers, seconded by LaMar, and carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR AND FIVE WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the September 22, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

5. <u>WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT FOR MACARTHUR COURT MIXED-USE PROJECT</u>

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Water Supply Assessment for the MacArthur Court Mixed-Use Project.

ACTION CALENDAR

6. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy Compton updated the Board on the Governor's actions since this evening's report was published. The Governor has until midnight this evening to sign or veto bills as opposed to October 12, 2025, since the Legislature was held over one day. At the time of the Board meeting, the Governor had vetoed Assembly Bill 93; signed Assembly Bill 367; signed Senate Bill 31; signed Senate Bill 394; vetoed Senate bill 616; vetoed Senate Bill 682; signed Assembly Bill 339; signed Assembly Bill 1413; and signed Senate Bill 707.

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ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

This item was reviewed by the Water Resources Policy and Communications Committee on October 2, 2025. Vice President LaMar thanked Ms. Compton for her dedication to keeping the Board apprised of the legislative and regulatory updates in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. The item was received and filed by the Board.

7. <u>ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOFTWARE PROJECTS</u>

Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro presented the background of the IRWD's enterprise software system, and the essential support that it provides for the District's operation. The current software utilized by the District is built on outdated technologies and are proving to be costly to maintain. Mr. Kaneshiro outlined the proposed business software projects, its focus on modern business operations, new capabilities, future benefits, and lower total cost of ownership. He further highlighted the project organization and implementation schedule.

This item was reviewed by the Finance and Personnel Committee on October 7, 2025. Director Swan reported that the committee's questioned the capability of Oracle providing support during transition and the payment structure during the implementation. Director Ferons questioned how the implementation would work to avoid duplicate billing for customer service. Customer Service Manager Matuska reported that SpryPoint will help import the information into the system as it runs concurrently with the existing programs during the implementation period. Following discussion from the Board, Swan made a MOTION in include either an expenditure authorization for one year, or make other payment options that would allow for alternative Board oversight. This motion failed for lack of a second.

On <u>MOTION</u> by LaMar, seconded by Withers, and unanimously carried by a vote of 4 – 1, with Swan voting nay, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH WORKDAY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,449,581 FOR 10-YEAR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION, WITH STRADA U.S. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,982,685 FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, WITH SPRYPOINT SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,365,102 FOR 10-YEAR CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, AND WITH PLANTE MORAN, PLLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,132,990 FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. General Manager's Report

General Manager Cook reported that the IRWD H2O Show and Tell event was a huge success. Additionally, last week was Customer Service Appreciation week, and the department invited Mr. Cook to attend their luncheon. He was able to share a complimentary letter that the District had just received praising the extraordinary work of the Customer Service team and their collaboration with other District departments to address a residential leak.

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

General Manager Cook reported that Mr. Newell was unable to attend the meeting, but all is well in the Canyons.

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OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

10. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director Ferons reported on his attendance at a three-agency Ad Hoc lunch meeting with TCWD and SMWD; OC Water Summit: Turning the Valve: Abundance for Orange County, Costa Mesa; the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee Meeting; the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference; the IRWD H2O Show & Tell Open House, Sand Canyon Parking Lot; and a meeting with Withers Worldwide regarding San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Director Withers reported on his attendance at the IRWD Health and Wellness Fair; the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference; and the ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting via teleconference.

Director Swan reported on his attendance at the IRWD Health and Wellness Fair; the Southern California Water Dialogue Meeting: Reducing Water's Carbon Footprint via Zoom; the Water Education Foundation's 2025 Water Summit, Sacramento; the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference; the IRWD H2O Show & Tell Open House, Sand Canyon Parking Lot; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Administration / Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce 2026 Economic Forecast, Newport Beach.

Vice President LaMar reported on his attendance at the IRWD Health and Wellness Fair; the COAST Annual Pre-Fire Barbecue with Natural Communities Coalition, Orange County Fire Authority, and the Irvine Ranch Conservancy; the ACWA Closed Session Board of Directors Meeting regarding the hiring of a new Executive Director via Zoom; the Water Education Foundation's 2025 Water Summit, Sacramento; the Water Elements in General Plans Meeting with DWR and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) via Teams; the Riverside County Water Task Force Speaker Series "What Lies Ahead" via teleconference; the CCEEB Water, Chemistry, and Waste Project Meeting via teleconference; and the Orange County Business Council's Government Affairs meeting via teleconference.

President Reinhart reported on his attendance at the South Orange County Agencies' Group MWDOC / OCWD Joint Meeting; the MWDOC Workshop Board Meeting with MWD Directors via teleconference; the OCWD Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Communications & Legislative Liaison Committee Meeting via teleconference; WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; MWDOC Administration / Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Water Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the OCWD Administration / Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:44 p.m., President Reinhart adjourned the Board meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

	President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
	District Secretary, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Claire H. Collins, General Counsel Hanson Bridgett LLP	

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