

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) was called to order by President LaMar at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2026 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

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

Directors Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Adly, Director of Water Quality & Regulatory Compliance Colston, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Safety and Security Choi, Director of Water and Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Maintenance Operations Manning, Director of Water Resources Nye, Director of Strategic Communications and Advocacy Compton, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

Oral and Written Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendaized: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan stated that he would be abstaining from voting on item number five.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Ferons, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM FIVE WAS APPROVED 4 – 0 – 1, WITH SWAN ABSTAINING, AND CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR, AND SIX WERE APPROVED 5 – 0, AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Adjourned Regular Board meeting and December 15, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

5. MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS OF THE BOARD, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Recommendation: That the Board receive and file the memorandum dated January 1, 2026, titled Officers of the Board, Committee Appointments and Other Assignments and approve attendance for meetings and events for the Board's representation for calendar year 2026 as delineated.

6. PLANNING AREA 51 HERITAGE FIELDS CAPITAL FACILITIES

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to accept Heritage Fields' construction contract with Leatherwood Construction Inc. in the amount of \$809,690 for the Reach B East "P" Street Capital Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Project 10868; and authorize a budget increase for Project 10868 in the amount of \$700,000,

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

from \$542,000 to \$1,242,000, for the Reach B East “P” Street Capital Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

ACTION CALENDAR

7. HOWILER WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPPLY PIPELINE VAULT STRUCTURES REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT SELECTION

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton presented an overview of the improvements to rehabilitate or replace various vault structures along the supply pipeline to the Howiler Water Treatment Plant.

Following discussion from the Board, on MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Swan and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WSC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,029 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE HOWILER WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPPLY PIPELINE VAULT STRUCTURES REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 13190.

8. RELOCATION OF 36-INCH RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE AT I-5 SEGMENT 2 AND CULVER DRIVE BUDGET INCREASE AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton reported that relocation of a 36-inch recycled water pipeline is necessary to accommodate Caltrans’ widening of the Interstate 5 freeway. Additionally, he reported on the need to accept T.E. Roberts, Inc.’s written request to withdraw its bid due to a clerical error.

Following questions from the Board, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Ferons and unanimously carried, THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE CLERICAL ERROR MADE IN THE PRICE COMPUTATION OF T.E. ROBERTS, INC.’S BID, ACCEPTED T.E. ROBERTS, INC.’S FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ITS BID, AND RETURNED THE BID BOND TO T.E. ROBERTS, INC.; AUTHORIZED A BUDGET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, FROM \$1,483,835 TO \$1,783,835, FOR PROJECT 13204 AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH L&S CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,336,400 FOR THE RELOCATION OF 36-INCH RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE AT I-5 SEGMENT 2 AND CULVER DRIVE, PROJECT 13204.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Cook reported that the FPPC Form 700s will no longer be retained by the County. All filings must be done directly with the FPPC, and are due on April 1, 2026.

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

Mr. Newell stated that he did not have a report for the evening

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

11. Directors' Comments and Meeting Reports

Director Withers reported on his participation in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting and the monthly WACO meeting.

Director Reinhart reported on his attendance at the Colorado River Water Users 2025 Conference; the MWDOC Workshop Board meeting with the MWD Directors; the OCWD Board of Directors meeting; the OCWD Communications & Legislative Liaison Committee meeting; and the monthly WACO meeting.

Director Swan reported on his participation in the WACO Planning Committee meeting; attendance at the Colorado River Water Users 2025 Conference; the Southern California Water Dialogue Steering Committee meeting; the MWDOC Workshop Board meeting with the MWD Directors; the Newport Beach Chamber's WAKE UP Newport meeting; and the monthly WACO meeting.

Vice President Ferons reported on his participation in the OCWD Board of Directors meeting and the monthly WACO meeting

President LaMar reported on his attendance at the Colorado River Water Users 2025 Conference; the monthly WACO meeting; the OCBC Water, Chemistry, & Waste Project meeting; and the monthly meeting with the General Manager.

12. CLOSED SESSION

President LaMar convened the meeting into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. with General Counsel Collins announcing the following item to be discussed:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): *BKK Working Group, et al. v. 1700 Santa Fe LTD, et al.*, Central District of California Case No. 2:18-cv-05810-MWF-PLA

13. OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened in Open Session with Directors Ferons, Withers, Swan, Reinhart, and LaMar present. General Counsel Collins announced that there was no action to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 9th day of February 2026.

President, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

District Secretary,
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Claire H. Collins, General Counsel
Hanson Bridgett LLP