

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2026 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Ferons, Reinhart, and President LaMar.

Directors Absent: Swan and Withers.

Oral and Written Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

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

### CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Cook reported that prior to the Board acting on the Consent Calendar, staff requested to move agenda item nine to the Action Calendar. On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR THROUGH EIGHT WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. FEBRUARY 2026 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 February 2026 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of \$2,935,923 and approve the February 2026 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 453597 through 454063, Workers’ Compensation distributions, ACH payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the net total amount of \$27,856,938.

6. 2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt a “sponsor/support” position on AB 2739 (Soria); a “support” position on AB 2777 (ESTM), ACR 161 (Addis) and SB 1125 (Menjivar); a “seek amendments” position on AB 1881 (Ramos), AB 2218 (Kalra), SB 1326 (Wahab); and an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 1001 (Archuleta).

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7. SANTIAGO HILLS ZONE 5 TANK REHABILITATION FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of the Santiago Hills Zone 5 Tank Leak Repair, 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 13316.

8. JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a one-year janitorial services contract extension with DMS Facility Services in the amount of \$539,940 with a second one-year extension option in the amount of \$558,935 available at the District's discretion.

ACTION CALENDAR

9. LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINT FOR EMPLOYMENT, VOLUNTEER, AND CONTRACT WORKER BACKGROUND CHECKS

General Manager Cook stated that staff wished to amend its recommendation to the Board, *that the Board rescind Resolution No. 2025 – 16, and adopt the following resolution by title.*

On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Reinhart, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD RESCINDED RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 16, AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 3 BY TITLE, SUBJECT TO NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL SUMMARY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION

10. SANTIAGO CREEK DAM SITE PREP CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Executive Director of Technical Services presented to the Board an overview of Santiago Creek Dam Site Preparation Phase Project that includes modifications to the existing outlet tower, construction of a temporary water line along Blue Diamond Haul Road, and procurement of an isolation valve that will be used on the dam improvement project. He also recommended that Board authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with James W. Fowler Co.

Following questions and comments from the Board, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Ferons, and unanimously carried, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH JAMES W. FOWLER CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,316,183 FOR THE SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENT – SITE PREPARATION PHASE PROJECT, PROJECT 01813.

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

11. LOS ALISOS WATER RECYCLING PLANT PONDS BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION CONSTRUCTION AWARD

General Manager Cook reported that the Los Alisos Water Recycling Plant Ponds Biosolids Removal and Land Application project is part of the periodic maintenance to remove the accumulated biosolids from the ponds, which last occurred in 2015.

On MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Feron, and unanimously carried THE BOARD AUTHORIZED A BUDGET ADDITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,900,000 FOR PROJECT 13424; AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SYNAGRO-WWT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,760,848 FOR THE LOS ALISOS WATER RECYCLING PLANT PONDS BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION, PROJECT 13424.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that the Groundwater Banking JPA has executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the South Enns Property, which is across Stockdale Highway from IRWD's water banking property. Due diligence is now underway, along with discussions on how to best integrate the property into the Kern Fan Project.

RECEIVE ORAL UPDATE(S) FROM DISTRICT LIAISON(S) REGARDING COMMUNITIES WITHIN IRWD'S SERVICE AREA AND INTERESTS.

Mr. Newell was absent from the evening's meeting.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS

Director Reinhart reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration and Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Administration and Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Board Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; and the OCWD Administration and Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference.

Vice President Feron reported on his attendance at the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee Meeting, in the Council Chambers of the City of Newport Beach; the Southern California Water Coalition Board Member Retreat at the Duck Club; South Orange County Agencies' Group Meeting, Rancho Santa Margarita; and the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference.

President LaMar reported on his participation in the CCEEB WCW Project Monthly & Legislative Review via teleconference; the Southern California Water Coalition Board Member Retreat at the Duck Club; the Natural Communities Coalition Board Meeting; the ACWA Board Meeting via teleconference; the ACWA Executive Director Recruitment via teleconference; the South Orange County Agencies' Group Meeting; ACWA Executive Director Panel Interviews; the Monthly Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager; the WACO Monthly Meeting via teleconference; the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Taskforce Meeting via

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

teleconference; the CNRA “New St. Water Plan” Program via teleconference; and the CCEEB WCW Project Monthly meeting via teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:16 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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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 Hervey Collins, General Counsel  
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