MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 24, 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 August 24, 2026 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Secretary Swan announced that Director Reinhart will participate in the meeting remotely using both audio and video technology as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(c) as a result of a disability, and confirmed upon inquiry by General Counsel Collins that no persons over the age of 18 were present in the room from which he was appearing.

Directors Present: Reinhart (via teleconference), Ferons and President LaMar.

Directors Absent: Swan.

Written and Oral Communications: None.

Items too late to be agendized: None.

Also Present: General Manager Cook, Executive Director of Technical Services Burton, Executive Director of Operations Chambers, Executive Director of Finance and Administration Adly, Executive Director of Water Policy Weghorst, Director of Water Resources Nye, Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton, Director of Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Water & Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Maintenance Manning, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Safety Choi, Water Efficiency Manager McNulty, Engineering Manager Moeder, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by LaMar, unanimously carried by a roll call vote with Ferons, LaMar, and Reinhart all voting AYE (3-0), CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR THROUGH TEN WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Regular Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

5. JULY 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 July 2026 Summary of Payroll ACH payments in the total amount of $3,127,633 and approve the July 2026 accounts payable disbursement summary of warrants 456108 through 456572, Workers' Compensation distributions, ACH payments, wire transfers, payroll withholding distributions, and voided checks in the net total amount of $46,414,713.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

6. 2026 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. EFFLUENT TRANSMISSION MAIN REACH A REHABILITATION CONSULTANT SELECTION

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. in the amount of $865,178 for engineering design services for the Effluent Transmission Main Reach A Rehabilitation, Project 11842.

8. MODJESKA GRADE ROAD DOMESTIC WATER PIPELINE RELOCATIONS BUDGET INCREASE AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Recommendation: That the Board authorize a budget increase in the amount of $850,000 from $400,000 to $1,250,000 for Project 13238 and authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with T.E. Roberts, Inc. in the amount of $909,094 for the Modjeska Grade Road Domestic Water Pipeline Relocations, Project 13238.

9. SAN JOAQUIN RESERVOIR VALVE ACTUATOR REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Recommendation: That the Board authorize a budget increase in the amount of $200,000 from $982,000 to $1,182,300; and authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract with Inland Potable Services in the amount of $440,500 for the San Joaquin Reservoir Valve Actuator Replacement, Project 13111.

10. UTILITY BILL PRINTING, MAILING, AND ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute two two-year contract extensions with Infosend, Inc. for utility bill printing, mailing, and electronic bill presentment services, the first extension being effective August 16, 2026, totaling approximately $1,560,000.

ACTION CALENDAR

11. WATER LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Water Efficiency Manager McNulty reported to the Board that the District has participated in shared water loss control programs with the Municipal Water District of Orange County over the years. This partnership has benefited and allowed IRWD to maintain low levels of water loss and to ensure compliance with its water loss standard and required reporting. In the future, the District could benefit from leak simulation modeling, pilot studies, and miscellaneous assistance to update the District's Water Loss Control Plan.

Following questions from the Board, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Ferons and unanimously carried by a roll call vote with Ferons, LaMar, and Reinhart all voting AYE (3-0), the BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WATER

LOSS CONTROL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY AND TO EXECUTE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION ADDENDA FOR UP TO A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS AT A CUMULATIVE COST NOT-TO-EXCEED $750,000.

12. PRINCIPLES FOR AMENDING THE COORDINATED OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

Using a PowerPoint, Director of Water Resources Nye presented to the Board the Coordinated Operating, Water Storage, Exchange and Delivery Agreement among IRWD, Metropolitan Water District (MWD), and MWDOC, which allows IRWD to secure State Water Project (SWP) water supplies with the consent of MWD; facilitates the delivery of these supplies to and from IRWD's Strand Ranch Water Bank; and the proposal to incorporate use of IRWD's facilities at its Stockdale West and Kern Fan Projects. She further outlined the principles for amending the coordinated operating agreement, and described the benefits the District would receive.

Following questions and discussion between the Board and staff, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Ferons and unanimously carried by a roll call vote with Ferons, LaMar, and Reinhart all voting AYE (3-0), the BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED COORDINATED OPERATING, WATER STORAGE, EXCHANGE AND DELIVERY AGREEMENT AMONG IRWD, METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, AND MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

13. SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSULTANT SELECTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Engineering Manager Moeder utilized a PowerPoint presentation to highlight past Board actions, accomplishments achieved over the past 15 months, next steps and goals for the project, including the procurement of a pre-qualified Construction Management Team.

Following questions from the Board, on MOTION by Reinhart, seconded by Ferons and unanimously carried by a roll call vote with Ferons, LaMar, and Reinhart all voting AYE (3-0), the BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR IN THE AMOUNT OF $38,371,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE SANTIAGO CREEK DAM IMPROVEMENT, PROJECT 01813.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that the District received two awards from the California Municipal Utilities Association for mid-size utility for customer service and communications.

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 they are gearing up for a training with Director of Water and Recycling Operations Zepeda's team.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS

Director Reinhart reported on his participation in the OCWD Water Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Administration & Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the OCWD Administration & Finance Issues Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Board of Directors meeting via teleconference.

Director Ferons reported on his participation in the Association of California Water Agencies' Agriculture Committee meeting via teleconference.

President LaMar reported on his meeting with the Natural Communities Coalition staff to review potential office purchase in Tustin for new NCC headquarters; the CCEEB Water, Chemistry, & Waste Project meeting via teleconference; the CFEE Water Conference Steering Committee meeting via teleconference; the Southern California Edison meeting of Public Safety Power Shutoff Advisory Committee meeting via teleconference; attendance at the Urban Water Institute 2026 Annual Conference in Coronado; and his Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:02 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 28th day of September 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
Hanson Bridgett LLP