MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

The special 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 September 17, 2026, at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Swan, Ferons and President LaMar.

Directors Absent: Reinhart.

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 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 Accounting Lin, Director of Financial Planning and Data Analytics Smithson, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

WORKSHOP

4. CANDIDATE FORUM OF APPLICANTS FOR THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President LaMar welcomed the candidates, members of the public, and staff. He relayed that the proceedings of the evening's special meeting are prompted by the Board's desire to fill the vacant Division 1 seat on the Board. The meeting will be conducted in two steps—the workshop, where the Board will hear from the candidates, ask the candidates questions to ascertain a better understanding of each candidate's interest in and qualifications for the Division 1 seat; and the second step, the Action Calendar, for the Board to adopt a resolution to appoint someone to the Division 1 seat.

President LaMar requested that the order of the "Candidate Statement" portion of the agenda be randomized and requested the District Secretary and General Counsel to pull the names out of a hat to determine the order, which resulted in the following order of candidate statements: Jeffry Rice; Scott Voigts; Susan Emery; and Cindy Miller.

General Manager Cook provided an overview of the District.

Following the General Manager's overview, Board member self-introductions began with Director Swan, followed by Director Ferons, and concluded with President LaMar.

President LaMar then welcomed each of the candidates to provide their statements regarding qualifications and interest in the position following the order as selected prior to the General Manager's presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Following the candidate statements, each Board member asked the candidates questions, all of which questions were answered by each candidate.

Prior to closing the Workshop President LaMar invited each of the candidates to provide a closing statement of why each candidate believed he or she should be chosen.

At 6:53 p.m. President LaMar closed the workshop and thanked the candidates for their interest in joining the IRWD Board, taking the time to submit their applications, and participating in the evening's workshop.

Director Ferons requested brief recess prior to moving to the Action Calendar. President LaMar recessed the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

President LaMar reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

ACTION CALENDAR

5. APPOINTMENT OF A DIVISION 1 DIRECTOR TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE IRWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following discussion from the Board, each of the Directors provided their top two candidates.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Ferons, and unanimously carried, the BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE AFFIDAVITS OF POSTINGS AND PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF THE "NOTICE OF VACANCY" AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDED RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, APPOINTING CINDY MILLER TO THE DIVISION 1 SEAT ON THE IRWD BOARD.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that he did not have a report for the evening.

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

There were no additional reports from the Directors for the evening's meeting; all comments and meeting reports will be reported at the next Regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:12 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Special 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