MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 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 September 28, 2026 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Directors Present: Miller, 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 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, Director of Accounting Lin, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Colston, Senior Water Resources Planner Palacio, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan requested that Item Five be moved to the Action Calendar.

On MOTION by Ferons, seconded by LaMar, unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR, SIX, AND SEVEN WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the August 24, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting and the September 17, 2026 Special Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.

6. REVISIONS TO IRWD'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the following resolution by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13 AND ADOPTING A REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE DISTRICT

7. RELOCATION OF 12-INCH DOMESTIC WATER PIPELINE AT I-5 SEGMENT 1 AND SAND CANYON AVENUE FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Recommendation: That the Board accept construction of Relocation of 12-inch Domestic Water Pipeline at I-5 Segment 1 and Sand Canyon Avenue, 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 13205.

ACTION CALENDAR

5. AUGUST 2026 TREASURY REPORT

Director Swan expressed his concerns and opinions regarding the District's investments. Following comments from the Board, on MOTION by Ferons, and seconded by LaMar, and carried by a vote of 3 – 1 with Swan voting nay, the BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED 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, APPROVED THE AUGUST 2026 SUMMARY OF PAYROLL ACH PAYMENTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $3,220,158 AND APPROVED THE AUGUST 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS 456573 THROUGH 456902, WORKERS' COMPENSATION DISTRIBUTIONS, ACH PAYMENTS, WIRE TRANSFERS, PAYROLL WITHHOLDING DISTRIBUTIONS, AND VOIDED CHECKS IN THE NET TOTAL AMOUNT OF $41,850,303.

8. MANNING PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT BUDGET INCREASE, CONSULTANT SELECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton provided an overview of the project, including the removal of the existing pump station, treatment plant and existing facilities to construct a new pump station with increased capacity.

Following questions from the Board, on MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Miller, and unanimously carried, the BOARD AUTHORIZED A BUDGET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,200,000, FROM $3,048,000 TO $4,4248,000; AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEE+RO IN THE AMOUNT OF $224,558 FOR ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,705,072 FOR THE MANNING PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 13191.

9. CITY OF IRVINE GATEWAY RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE CAPITAL FACILITIES

Executive Director of Technical Services Burton explained the Reimbursement Agreement process with the City of Irvine as it plans to redevelop what was originally planned to be a park into high-density housing. The design and construction of the IRWD facilities will be performed under the terms of a previously executed Reimbursement Agreement, and IRWD will pay the City of Irvine an administration fee of 4%.

Following questions from the Board, on MOTION by Miller, seconded by Ferons, and unanimously carried, the BOARD AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF IRVINE'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,649,544.66 FOR THE GATEWAY RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE CAPITAL FACILITIES PROJECT; AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION OF THE GATEWAY VILLAGE DOMESTIC WATER ONSITE CAPITAL FACILITIES, PROJECT 13466 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET; AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION OF THE GATEWAY VILLAGE RECYCLED WATER ONSITE CAPITAL FACILITIES, PROJECT 13467 IN THE AMOUNT OF $400,000 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET;

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION OF THE GATEWAY VILLAGE DOMESTIC WATER OFFSITE CAPITAL FACILITIES, PROJECT 13482 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,100,000 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZED THE ADDITION OF THE GATEWAY VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER OFFSITE CAPITAL FACILITIES, PROJECT 13483 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,300,000 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CAPITAL BUDGET.

10. EXPANDING IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT WATER BANKING RELATED PROGRAMS WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY AND LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Using a PowerPoint, Senior Water Resources Planner Palacio presented to the Board the proposal of expanding the District's water banking programs with the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. The agreement is similar to previous agreements entered into by the District, which would allow the purchase of up to 12,000 acre-feet of water for 2026.

Following questions and discussion between the Board and staff, on MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Miller and carried by a vote of 3 – 1 with Swan voting nay, the Board authorized the General Manager to execute an Amended Water Storage and Exchange Program Agreement with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District consistent with the principles presented at the meeting; and authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with AVEK for the purchase of up to 12,000 acre-feet of water from AVEK consistent with a price acceptable to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to be stored at the Irvine Ranch Water District Water Bank for the mutual benefit of Irvine Ranch Water District and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Cook reported that Open Enrollment is underway and thanked for Board for their participation in the IRWD Health & Wellness Fair.

He added that last week, on Monday, there was a traffic accident that cut power to the District Office and IDP. He thanked the Electrical, Mechanical, Safety, and IT Departments for their quick response and collaboration to mobilize a large generator to get the District Office back online by 8:30 a.m. with minimal disruption to the District's business. Southern California Edison restored power that afternoon at 4:45 p.m.

He concluded with the news that the Bureau of Reclamation awarded a $25 million grant to IRWD and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District for the South Valley Conveyance and Storage Project; he thanked Senior Water Resources Planner Palacio, Director of Water Resources Nye, and Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy / Deputy General Counsel Compton for their contributions in helping secure the grant.

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, meetings are underway with the weather service and OCFA to prepare the canyons for the upcoming El Nino events. He also thanked Director of Water and Recycling Operations Zepeda and his team for the coordinated training.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS

Director Miller reported on her meeting with the General Manager, and onboarding meeting with District Staff.

Director Swan reported on his participation in the MWDOC Administration & Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the WACO Planning Committee meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Board of Directors meeting via teleconference; and his attendance at the Urban Water Institute 2026 Annual Conference in Coronado; the MWDOC Workshop Board meeting with MWD Directors via teleconference; the MWDOC Special Planning & Operations Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Administration & Finance Committee Meeting via teleconference; the WACO monthly meeting via teleconference; the WACO Planning Committee Meeting via teleconference; the MWDOC Board of Directors Meeting via teleconference; the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee meeting; the IRWD Health & Wellness Fair; the Orange County Coastkeeper's Toast the Coast in Newport Beach; and the OC Water Summit in Costa Mesa.

Director Ferons reported on his participation in the Nature Reserve of Orange County's 30th Anniversary event; the IRWD Health & Wellness Fair; and the Discovery Cube's Gala where General Manager Cook was honored with the Arnold O. Beckman award.

President LaMar reported on his participation in the Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee Meeting; the WACO monthly meeting via teleconference; the Nature Reserve of Orange County's 30th Anniversary event; the Natural Communities Coalition Board Meeting; the IRWD Health & Wellness Fair; the South Orange County Agencies' Group MWDOC / OCWD Joint meeting at Santa Margarita Water District; the Orange County Coastkeeper's Toast the Coast in Newport Beach; the OC Water Summit in Costa Mesa; and the Monthly Discussion of District Activities with the General Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:05 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 12th day of October 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