MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 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 November 9, 2026 at the District offices, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.

Secretary Swan announced that Director Reinhart will participate in the meeting remotely as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(c) via teleconference as a result of a disability, and was confirmed by General Counsel Collins.

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

Directors Absent: None.

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 Human Resources Mitcham, Director of Accounting Lin, Director of Maintenance Manning, Director of Information Technology Kaneshiro, Director of Water & Recycling Operations Zepeda, Director of Safety Choi, Director of Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance, Engineering Manager Moeder, Water Efficiency Manager McNulty, Community Liaison Newell, General Counsel Collins, Secretary Swan, members of the staff, and public.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Swan requested that Item 6 be moved to the Action Calendar.

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Ferons, unanimously carried, CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS FOUR, FIVE, and SEVEN THROUGH NINE WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: That the minutes of the October 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

5. REVIEW OF 2026 ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES AND 2027 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES PLANNING

Recommendation: That the Board provide input on the proposed 2027 regional, state, and federal legislative issues of interest to IRWD, and receive and file the proposed "Initial 2027 Legislative and Regulatory Resource Allocation Plan" and the "Legislative / Regulatory Issues and Activities of High Concern to IRWD in 2027."

7. FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

8. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO UPDATE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION DATA

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Eagle Aerial Solutions in the amount of $252,102 to update IRWD's Land Use Classification Data.

9. RESOLUTION FOR SMALL STORAGE PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH VALLEY PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S SMALL SURFACE WATER AND
GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECTS GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM

ACTION CALENDAR

6. IRWD POLICY POSITION PAPER REVIEW AND UPDATES

Director Swan asked if his recommendation from the previous Board meeting was conveyed in the paper presented this evening, which was confirmed by staff and the Board. Following discussion among the Board and staff, on MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Miller, and unanimously carried, the BOARD APPROVED THE UPDATED IRWD WATER RESOURCES FUNDING POLICY POSITION PAPER.

10. BAKER WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLEAN-IN-PLACE PIPING REPLACEMENT BUDGET INCREASE AND CONSTRUCTION AWARD

On MOTION by Swan, seconded by Miller, and unanimously carried, the BOARD AUTHORIZED A BUDGET INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF $480,550, FROM $435,750 TO $916,300, AND AUTHORIZED THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CORA CONSTRUCTORS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $507,600 FOR THE BAKER TREATMENT PLANT CLEAN-IN-PLACE PIPING REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT 13200.

11. ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' FEES

General Manager Cook reported that the Finance and Personnel Committee annually reviews the Board of Directors' compensation and recommends to either accept or decline an increase in the amount of day-of-service fees for the new calendar year. Additionally, Assembly Bill 2568 was signed by the Governor amending Section 20202 of the Water Code, allowing governing boards to increase the number of days to be compensated.

Director Ferons reported that the Committee supports the increase of the per day increase of five percent and recommended that the Board maintain the current maximum number of days to be compensated at ten days per month.

ACTION CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Following discussion with the Board, on MOTION by Ferons, seconded by Swan, and carried unanimously, the BOARD ACCEPTED THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027; AND DECLINED TO PURSUE AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CALENDAR DAYS PER MONTH COMPENSATION IS PAID.

OTHER BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cook stated 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 reported that the hillside behind OCFA Station 14 is failing, and that OCFA is appreciative to IRWD for allowing OCFA to park their emergency vehicles and equipment at IRWD's Read Reservoir in Silverado Canyon. General Manager Cook stated that he did receive an message from the OCFA Chief, thanking the District for quickly accommodating OCFA's request by providing mutual aid for Station 14.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND MEETING REPORTS

Director Miller reported on her attendance at the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon, and her participation in the WACO Monthly meeting via teleconference.

Director Reinhart reported on his participation in the WACO Monthly meetings for September, October, and November via teleconference; and the MWDOC Board Workshop with MWD Directors via teleconference.

Director Swan reported on his participation in the Quarterly MWDOC / OCWD Joint Planning Committee meeting via teleconference; the Water Education Foundation Water Summit in Sacramento; the MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee via teleconference; the Southern California Water Dialogue Steering Committee via teleconference; and the Water Education Foundation Kern River Tour in Bakersfield.

Director Ferons reported on his participation in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting via teleconference, and the WACO Monthly meeting via teleconference.

President LaMar reported on his participation in the WAG Member Virtual Briefing regarding the Updated CW3E Website/Forecast; the Southern California Water Dialogue Meeting via teleconference; the Natural Communities Coalition Executive Committee meeting; his meeting with the CFEE CEO at IRWD; his participation as the alternate for the IRWD Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting and the IRWD 115 Trusts Board meeting; the NWRA Annual Conference in Coronado; the WACO Monthly meeting via teleconference; and a meeting with the Kittleman & Associates executive search firm regarding the search for a new NCC Executive Director via teleconference.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

CLOSED SESSION

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

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION and CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957(b) and 54957.6, respectively:

Agency Designated Representative: President LaMar

Position Title / Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, the meeting was reconvened in Open Session with Directors Miller, Reinhart, Swan, and Ferons present. President LaMar announced that there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 p.m., President LaMar adjourned the Board meeting.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd day of November 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