

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - Convenes at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Directors Caviglia, Phillips, Felts, DeLeonardis, Paregien, Peltzer, and Spruitenburg
General Manager: Gene Kilgore

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board of Directors subject matter or jurisdiction before or during the Board of Directors consideration of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act).

3. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Review and Approve Agenda – **ACTION**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. December 9, 2025, Board meeting Minutes
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. Revenue and Expense Reports
- d. 2025 Budget
- e. Investment Report
- f. Delinquent Accounts

6. **WATER SUPPLY**

- a. 2025 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**

7. **2026 BUDGET**

- a. Initial Draft Review – **INFORMATION**

8. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT– INFORMATION**

- a. District Maintenance Activities
- b. District Groundwater Levels

9. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
- b. Water Blueprint – **UPDATE**
- c. Prop 218 Election – **UPDATE**
 - i. Grower Meeting
 - ii. Hearing- March 24, 2026
 - iii. Vote Count- March 24, 2026

10. **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

- a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**
- b. Cottonwood Creek Grant
 - i. Consider Awarding Construction Contract – **ACTION**

11. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE

12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - existing litigation; Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of GC Section 54956.9, the Board will meet to discuss:
 - a. Natural Resources Defense Council vs. Murillo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-cv-1658-LKK-GGH Review status of various issues related to this litigation and implementation of the San Joaquin River Settlement
- b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to GC Section 54956.8):
 - Property: District Conveyance Facilities
 - Agency negotiator: Gene Kilgore
 - Negotiating parties: Wonderful
 - Under negotiation: Terms and conditions of use
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - Agency designated representative: Gene Kilgore, General Manager
 - Unrepresented employees: All

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

13. CONSIDER EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION – ACTION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

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IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292

January 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on December 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Bob Felts, Terry Peltzer, Doug Phillips, and Steven Paregien. Directors Vito DeLeonardis and William Spruitenburg were absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analysts Maria Silva and Diana Ledesma, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, Legal Counsel Alex Peltzer via conference call, and growers Andrew Hart, Craig Hornung, Ryan Dowling, and Milo Gorden.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

President Caviglia opened the floor for public comments; none were presented.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

No changes were requested, and the agenda was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kilgore announced Director Caviglia attended the Wutchumna Water Company Board meeting held on November 12, 2025. Director Phillips attended the FWA off-site meetings held November 18 through November 20, 2025. Director Peltzer attended the East Kaweah GSA Board meeting held on December 5, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the November 11, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and carried, the Board approved the minutes with one correction, to replace Director Felts with Director Spruitenburg for the second to approve the accounts payables.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Ms. Daniel presented November payroll amounting to \$44,172.48, and accounts payable amounting to \$77,314.95. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Felts, and carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: Citizen Bank check numbers #17808, Mission Bank Check numbers #18278 – #18298, and included herewith as Attachment “A”. Mission Bank checking, Money Market and Payroll accounts’ November 30th ending balances were \$1,072,883.86, \$2,781,796.89, and \$12,882.60, respectively. The Citizens Business Bank checking and Payroll account was closed with zero balance as of November 30, 2025.

The District's investments, as of November 30th, amounted to the following: Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of \$2,781,796.89, L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$581,359.94. The Stifel Cash Account, Stifel Sweep account, and Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balances were \$256,000.00, \$2.95, and \$557,648.75, respectively. The Citizens Bank T-Bill account ending balance was \$559,839.28. The ending balance for all investment/saving funds and checking accounts amounted to \$4,736,647.81 and \$1,085,766.46, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore reported there were no delinquent accounts and discussed budget variances to date. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Felts, and carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented. Financial statements and reports are included herewith as Attachment "B."

RECORD RETENTION POLICY/SCHEDULES

Mr. Kilgore recommended the District adopt a record retention policy/schedule. After discussion, the Board mandated that any historical documents of significance are to be preserved. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Felts, and carried, the approved the proposed record retention policy/schedule, a copy of which is include herewith as Exhibit "C".

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported Friant and WWC November deliveries totaled 150 acre-feet and 130 acre-feet, respectively. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supply, as of November 30th, was approximately 2,662 and 494 acre-feet, respectively. Mr. Kilgore noted that due to Millerton's current storage, the Bureau has concerns about the potential to encroach into the Top of Conservation space, if seasonal storms are above normal. If Millerton's capacity continues to rise the Bureau could reduce carryover or potentially call for Uncontrolled Season releases. Mr. Kilgore sent out a Bulletin reminding growers to have a plan ready to divert their carryover water. The Bureau will be monitoring conditions and will provide weekly updates to Friant contractors. There was 2.65 inches of precipitation recorded in November, for a seasonal total of 5.28inches. Mr. Kilgore also noted that 18.89 acre-feet was diverted into District basins for operational spill.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Marshall reported on water deliveries and maintenance activities. The average depth of groundwater measured in December was 100.8 feet. The average groundwater depth rose by 3.72 feet from November's measurements.

MANAGERS REPORT:

No update on the Agricultural Water Management Plan was presented. Mr. Kilgore presented a brief update on the Water Blueprint's Unified Water Plan.

Mr. Kilgore presented the Proposition 218 draft budget, including a proposed assessment rate of \$125.12 per acre, which represents an increase of \$55.68 per acre. He further presented two options for consideration on Proposition 218 ballot: five additional annual rate increases of either 3 percent or 5 percent. Following extensive discussion, the Board authorized the proposed rate of \$125.12 per acre with five additional annual increases of 3 percent. The Board set the public hearing for March 24, 2026, with ballots to be cast and tabulated on the same date.

Mr. Kilgore also presented a spreadsheet comparing the costs associated with installing one mile of pipeline utilizing District staff versus outside contractors. Mr. Kilgore thought any potential cost savings associated with in-house installation did not outweigh the related risks. Mr. Kilgore recommended that the work be contracted. The Board accepted the recommendation.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore provided the press release, announcing the State Water Resources Control Board unanimously adopted a resolution at its December 2nd board meeting to return the Kaweah Sub-Basin groundwater agencies to Department of Water Resources oversight, effectively retaining local control over groundwater management.

COTTONWOOD PROJECT AWARD

Mr. Kilgore reported that a pre-bid meeting, conducted by Provost and Pritchard Engineering Company, was held on the morning of December 9, 2025, for the Cottonwood Creek measurement station project.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore reported the FWA off-site meeting was informative and had good attendance. The submission period for resumes for the Chief Executive Officer position will close on December 31.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened back to Open Session at 3:48 p.m., and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore