

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Convenes at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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

Directors Caviglia, Phillips, Felts, DeLeonardis, Paregien, Peltzer, and Vacant Seat
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. **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR – ACTION**

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. February 10, 2026, Board meeting Minutes
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. Revenue and Expense Reports
- d. 2026 Budget
- e. Investment Report
- f. Delinquent Accounts

7. **WATER SUPPLY**

- a. 2025 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**
- b. 2026 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**

8. **CONSIDER ADOPTING 2026 BUDGET – ACTION**

9. **CONSIDER SETTING ALLOCATION – ACTION**

10. **CONSIDER SETTING WATER RATE – ACTION**

11. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT– INFORMATION**

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

12. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
- b. Water Blueprint – **UPDATE**
- c. Prop 218 Election – **UPDATE**
 - i. Grower Meeting

13. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**
- b. Cottonwood Creek Project – **UPDATE**

14. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE

15. 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:
 - i. 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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 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

March 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on February 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Terry Peltzer, Doug Phillips, Steven Paregien, Vito DeLeonardis, and William Spruitenburg. Director Felts was 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, growers Andrew Hart, Ryan Dowling, Casey Lawson, 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 January 14, 2026. Director Phillips attended the FWA Board meetings held on January 22, 2026. Director Peltzer attended the East Kaweah GSA Board meeting held on January 26, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the January 13, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Ms. Daniel presented January's payroll amounting to \$45,111.99, and accounts payable amounting to \$254,800.85 of which \$114,098 was for the purchase of 1,140.98 acre-feet of surface water credits from Tulare Irrigation District. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: Mission Bank Check numbers #18342 - #18369, and included herewith as Attachment "A". Mission Bank checking and Payroll accounts' January 31st ending balances were \$816,846.68, and \$14,937.71, respectively.

The District's investments, as of January 31st, amounted to the following: Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of \$3,077,678.81, L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$587,507.03. The Stifel Cash Account, Stifel Sweep account, and Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balances were \$258,519.65.00,

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\$2.95, and \$560,595.83, respectively. The ending balance for all investment/saving funds and checking accounts amounted to \$4,484,304.27 and \$831,424.59, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore presented three delinquent accounts amounting to \$4,394.76. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented. Financial statements and reports are included herewith as Attachment "B."

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

On motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Paregien, the Board nominated and appointed Director Gaviglia to serve as President, Director Phillips to serve as Vice President and General Manager Kilgore to serve as Board Secretary and Treasurer. The terms of the appointments are for one year, ending January 1, 2027.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported Friant January deliveries totaled 550 acre-feet. No water deliveries were made using Wutchumna water supplies. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supply, as of January 31st, was approximately 1,462 and 1,444 acre-feet, respectively. There were 2.02 inches of precipitation recorded in January, for a seasonal total of 9.51 inches. Mr. Kilgore also noted that 100.53 acre-feet was diverted into District basins for recharge and 322 acre-feet was diverted in Cottonwood Creek for recharge. Mr. Kilgore stated that early forecasts estimated 2026 CVP allocation between 85 to 100%.

DRAFT 2026 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore reported he would be presenting the 2026 draft budget for adoption at the March Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Marshall reported there were twenty-one new leaks since winter delivery began and that staff have been in the process of repairing. Mr. Marshall also reported that staff continue to inspect meters on the 68-line. The average depth of groundwater measured in February was 96.96 feet. The average groundwater depth rose by 1.36 feet from January's measurements.

MANAGERS REPORT:

No updates were given to the Agricultural Water Management Plan nor the Water Blueprint.

Mr. Kilgore discussed the effective date for the new assessment rates if approved. It was the census of the Board that the proposed rate increase would be for the 2026-2027 assessment year, with the first installment due November 2026. With that understanding, the Prop 218 Election hearing would need to be held in September and grower meetings could be held between June and August of 2026.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported there were no new EKGSA updates.

COTTONWOOD PROJECT AWARD

Mr. Kilgore reported that American Paving Co is scheduled to begin construction March 2, 2026.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the ongoing Golden Mussel issue in the Lower Friant Canal. Friant Water Authority (FWA) staff are preparing a proposal for discussion and approval at the February 19th Friant Board meeting. The proposal will include:

- Identifying areas affected by Golden Mussels
- Engaging subject-matter experts to design an abatement and management program.
- Initiating the permitting process required for mitigation activities.
- A preliminary budget estimate of approximately \$500,000

Staff have submitted comments to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the revised draft Water Quality Guidelines for the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta and Bay. At this time, staff believe the submitted comments have been acknowledged and incorporated into the updated plan. A bipartisan letter—signed by Representatives Costa, Gray, Valadao, and Fong—was sent to Governor Newsom. The letter requests modifications to Delta water operations, citing concerns that current restrictions are based on outdated scientific assumptions intended to support the Delta food web. According to the letter, recent evidence shows these measures provide little to no benefit to the food web, while the associated pumping limitations significantly reduce water supplies for agricultural users south of the Delta.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to Closed Session at 3:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened back to Open Session at 3:28 p.m., and no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore