

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 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. April 8, 2025, Board meeting Minutes
 - b. Accounts Payable
 - c. Revenue and Expense Report
 - d. 2025 Budget
 - e. Investment Report
 - f. Delinquent Accounts
6. WATER SUPPLY
 - a. 2025 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**
 - b. Consider Revising 2025 Water Allocation Revision – **ACTION**
 - c. Consider Revising 2025 Water Rate – **ACTION**
7. CONSIDER REVISING 2025 BUDGET– **ACTION**
8. CONSIDER APPROVING DISTRICT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – **ACTION**
9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT– **INFORMATION**
 - a. District Maintenance Activities
 - b. District Groundwater Levels
10. MANAGER’S REPORT
 - a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
 - b. Prop 218 Election – **UPDATE**
11. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
 - a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**
 - b. Cottonwood Creek Grant – **UPDATE**
12. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY – **UPDATE**

13. 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (1 potential cases)
- c. 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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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

May 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on April 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.; Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Doug Phillips, Bob Felts, Terry Peltzer, Steven Paregien, Vito DeLeonardis, and William Spruitenburg. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analyst Maria Silva, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, and growers Craig Horning and Sam Travioli.

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 that Director Phillips attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on March 27, 2025. Director Peltzer attended the Special East Kaweah GSA Board meeting held on March 24, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the March 18, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Ms. Daniel presented the March payroll and accounts payable amounting to \$46,646.80 and \$1,663,216.59, respectively, which \$1,500,000 was transferred to open a Mission Bank account. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: check numbers #17547-17596 inclusive, with #17547 voided, and included herewith as Attachment "A".

The Citizens Business Bank checking account's March 1st beginning balance was \$1,481,331.28, the March 31st ending balance was \$580,998.48. Payroll account #696 had a March 31st ending balance of \$15,993.24.

The District's investments, as of March 31st amounted to the following: Money Market account #688 closed, Money Market account #3430 closed, Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of 1,503, 628.76, L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$556,176.81, Stifel CD #3NV9 had a balance of \$250,000, Stifel CD #3RT5 had a balance of \$250,000. Interest reported to-date for both CDs amounted to \$18,754.96. The Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balance was \$534,458.96 and the Citizens Bank T-Bill account balance was \$558,384.67. The ending balance for all investment funds and total checking accounts including Investments funds amounted to \$3,671,404.16 and 4,268,395.88, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore noted there were three (3) delinquent accounts amounting to \$4,394.75. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented, and included herewith as Attachment "B" .

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau increased its Class 1 allocation from 80% to 100%. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supply, as of March 31st, was approximately 256 acre-feet, and 1,922 acre-feet, respectively. There were no Friant or Wutchumna irrigation deliveries in March. Precipitation recorded in March amounted to 3.39 inches, for a seasonal total of 8.72 inches. Mr. Kilgore reported that there remains a slight chance that the Bureau could call for Uncontrolled Season releases and any 2024 CVP carryover water would need to be diverted or lost by the end of the Uncontrolled Season.

2025 WATER ALLOCATION

Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the 2025 grower allocation from .87 to .96 acre-foot per acre. On motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the water allocation.

2025 WATER RATE

On motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2025 water rate at \$280 per acre-foot.

2025 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore presented the draft proposed budget. After review and discussions, On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the 2025 Budget, and included herewith as Attachment "C".

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported the average depth of groundwater measured in April was 97.03 feet.

The average groundwater depth measurement rose by .81 feet from March measurements. Mr. Marshall provided an update on the SCADA repairs and reported leak repairs on the conveyance lines continue. Mr. Marshall is hoping to have them completed by April 15th.

MANAGERS REPORT:

No update on the Agricultural Water Management Plan was presented. Mr. Kilgore reported that Keller Engineering's draft budget was almost complete and should have it ready for review at May board meeting.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Kilgore reported that the Authority held its regular Board meeting on April 1, 2025, during which it approved a Settlement Agreement and General Release for Stone Corral Irrigation District (SCID) to receive up to 1500 acre-feet water, in accordance with Fresno Irrigation District water purchase agreement. An additional administrative fee of \$25.00 per acre-foot was also approved, as agreed upon by SCID Directors Ramirez and Roberts at the Special Board meeting held on March 14, 2025.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore provided an update of the EKGSA activities. The EKGSA is evaluating options for funding the Mitigation Program as stated in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The construction of the Cottonwood Creek Project is being held up by the Bureau review process.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore reported FWA continues to develop options for the middle reach pumping stations.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to closed session at 3:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:30 p.m., no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. Next meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore