

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, May 9, 2023– 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 considerations of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act).
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
 - a. Review and Approve Revisions to Agenda – ACTION
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION
 - a. Minutes of the April 11, 2023, Board meeting
6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS – ACTION
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Accounts Receivable
 - c. Monthly Financial Statement
7. WATER SUPPLY
 - a. 2023 Water Supply – INFORMATION
8. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
 - a. District Maintenance Activities – INFORMATION
 - b. District Groundwater Levels – INFORMATION
9. MANAGERS REPORT
 - a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – UPDATE
 - b. Flood Water Delivery Outside of District Terms – ACTION
10. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
 - a. EKGSA activities – UPDATE
 - b. EKGSA Formation – UPDATE
11. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
 - a. Friant Kern Canal Capacity Correction – UPDATE
 - b. Other Activities – UPDATE
12. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION
 - a. Report on recent activities – INFORMATION

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. City of Fresno et al vs. United States. U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L.
 - c. Friant Water Supply Protection Association v. Del Puerto Water District et al. Stanislaus Co. Sup. Court Case No. CV-20-005164.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – anticipated litigation; Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to GC Section 54956.9(b): One potential case
- 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

14. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

15. CONSIDER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO FRIANT WATR AUTHORITY - ACTION

16. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 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

April 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on April 11, 2023, at 1:31 p.m.; Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Vito DeLeonardis, Terry Peltzer, William Spruitenburg, Doug Phillips, Steven Paregien and Bob Felts. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analyst Maria Silva, Growers Andrew Hart, Craig Hornung and Max Solare.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Manager Kilgore requested to add Agenda Item 13, "Consider Authorizing General Manager, Gene Kilgore, as signatory to Natural Resources Conservation Service/Farm Service Agency Contract for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program". On motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amendment to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the March 14, 2023, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented, with an edit to change 250 acre-feet of groundwater credit to 500 acre-feet.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Kilgore presented payroll and accounts payable amounting to \$21,763.93 and \$236,675.98, respectively. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Felts, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: check numbers 16462-16506, inclusive and included herewith as Attachment "A". The Citizens Business Bank checking account's March 1st beginning balance was \$1,670,210.31, noting receipts of \$88,383.78 and disbursements of \$258,439.91, the March 31st ending balance was \$1,500,154.18.

The District's investments, as of March 31st, amounted to the following: Money Market account #688 had a balance of \$12,386.93, Retirement account #696 had a balance of \$6,441.21 and the Money Market

account #3430 had a balance of \$558,925.23. The L.A.I.F account #009 had a March 31st balance of \$520,056.80 and the Bank of the Sierra 90-day Certificate of Deposit balance was \$500,101.52. Ending balances for all investment funds amounted to \$1,597,912.69. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director Peltzer and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented.

Mr. Kilgore reported that there were two (2) delinquent standby charges and assessment accounts amounting to \$836.64.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the uncontrolled season and flood release for Millerton and Lake Kaweah, respectively, is expected to continue until July 1, 2023. The Bureau's initial allocation remains at 100% Class 1 and 70% Class 2. However, prolonged uncontrolled season releases may encroach into the Class 2 supply and the Bureau may need to decrease the Class 2 allocation. It is expected that Class 2 allocation may go down to 50%. Mr. Kilgore reported the District's March Friant deliveries, which included uncontrolled season releases from Millerton, totaled twenty-two (22) acre-feet, which was used for recharge. No District's Wutchumna water was delivered. Mr. Kilgore presented District's projected April 2023 Friant water delivery schedule for review.

The District recorded 6.87 inches of precipitation in the month of March. As of March 31, 2022, accumulated precipitation totaled 21.10 inches for the 2022-23 season, measured at the District office. Mr. Kilgore reported, as of April 10, 2023, the Southern Sierra Snowpack was 305% of the April 1st average.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported staff and contractors continue to repair leaks and inspect flow meters.

Mr. Marshall reported the average depth of groundwater measured in April was 115.1 feet. The average groundwater depth measurement rose by 2.0 feet from March's measurement.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore discusses briefly that legal counsel was drafting the employment agreement between Ivanhoe and Stone Corral Irrigation District. Mr. Kilgore presented a request to deliver flood water from the Kaweah to growers outside the District. The Board instructed staff to draft the terms for delivery of such water for consideration.

Mr. Kilgore presented the proposed 2023 budget and the 2023 water rate for consideration. After discussion, on motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and unanimously carried the 2023 Budget was adopted and the water rate was set for \$60 per acre-foot, starting March 1st through June 30th or earlier, if uncontrolled season/flood release is terminated before June 30th. The 2023 water allocation is expected to begin July 1, 2023, at which time the water rate is expected to be set at \$170 per acre-foot.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

The EKGSA is preparing to send out the 2022 invoice statements for a 30-day grower review and feedback period. Also, Intera, the EKGSA's hydrogeologist consulting firm, is beginning collaboration with the Greater and Mid Kaweah GSAs to address the Department of Water Resources' issues with the GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY:

Mr. Kilgore reported on the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Correction Project, Phase 1, had sustained substantial flood damage and the extent has not been finalized. However, the expectation is the project will be delayed for an unknown period. Friant continues to negotiate with all parties on the expected temporary cash shortfall of the project. The Board instructed legal counsel to draft a letter addressing the District's concerns regarding potential funding options.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Peltzer provided a brief update on the activities of the Association and provided a draft letter requesting support from the associate members. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Peltzer and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to provide support and provided authorization to send the letter.

SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION FOR NRCS/FSA

Mr. Kilgore advised the Board that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) required an authorized signatory to sign documents associated with EQIP. The District applied for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funds for the 68 Line Efficiency Upgrade Project. The Project will replace approximately ½ mile of leaking and aged concrete with C900 pvc pipeline for increased delivery efficiency. On motion by Director Paregien, seconded by DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized General Manager Kilgore as the District's signatory to any documents required by NRCS and FSA to receive EQIP funding.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to closed session at 4:01 p.m., and no reportable action was taken.

Reconvened to open session at 4:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion of Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore