

**IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 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 Agenda – **ACTION**
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - a. Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Board meeting
  - b. Accounts Payable
  - c. Financial Statements
  - d. Investment Report
  - e. Delinquent Accounts
6. WATER SUPPLY
  - a. 2024 Water Supply – **INFORMATION**
7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED 2024 BUDGET – ACTION
8. CONSIDER SETTING 2024 WATER RATE – ACTION
9. CONSIDER SETTING 2024 GROWER ALLOCATION – ACTION
10. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
  - a. District Maintenance Activities
  - b. District Groundwater Levels
11. MANAGERS REPORT
  - a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
  - b. Consider 218 Election – **INFORMATION**
  - c. USDA/NRCS Grant – **UPDATE**
  - d. Tri-District Water Authority – **INFORMATION**
12. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
  - a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**
  - b. Cottonwood Creek Grant – **UPDATE**
13. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY
  - a. Associate Member Agreement – **INFORMATION**
  - b. Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Correction – **UPDATE**

14. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

- a. Report on recent activities – **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:
- 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 § 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

16. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 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 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on March 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; Directors present were, Gary Caviglia, Doug Phillips, Terry Peltzer, William Spruitenburg, Steven Paregien, and Vito DeLeonardis. Director Bob Felts was absent. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analyst Maria Silva, engineering consultant Nick Keller, and growers Craig Hornung and Andrew Hart.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Manager Kilgore reported the Director Phillips attended the Friant WA Board meeting on February 29, 2024, and Director Peltzer attended the East Kaweah GSA Board meeting held on February 26, 2024.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Caviglia called for the approval of the February 13, 2024, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried, the Board approved the minutes with one edit to delete the duplicate name of Doug Phillips.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:**

Mr. Kilgore presented February's payroll and accounts payable amounting to \$ 26,773.05 and \$379,535.03, respectively. Following review and discussion, on motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: check numbers 16986-170031, inclusive and included herewith as Attachment "A".

The Citizens Business Bank checking account's February 1<sup>st</sup> beginning balance was \$1,678,599.57, ending balance as of February 29<sup>th</sup> amounted to 1,291,396.38. Payroll account #696 had an ending balance of \$886.00.

The District's investments, as of February 29<sup>th</sup> amounted to the following: Money Market account #688 had a balance of \$12,400.30, Money Market account #3430 had a balance of \$9,481.37, L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$532,430.93, Bank of the Sierra 90-day Certificate of Deposit's had a balance of \$525,790.10 and the Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balance was \$515,606.26. A new Citizens Bank T-Bill account was opened with an account balance of \$550,000. The ending balance for all investment funds amounted to \$2,145,708.96.

Mr. Kilgore noted there were ten (10) delinquent accounts amounting to \$7,485.99. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the 2023/2024 CVP allocation is tracking between 70-85 percent. The Bureau provided an initial allocation of 65 percent amounting to 4,225 acre-feet of CVP supply. Mr. Kilgore reported its Kaweah water supply, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, totaled 1,041 Acre-feet. Mr. Kilgore reported that Wutchumna Water Company may have additional sinking credits available at a cost of approximately \$50 acre-foot. The District would purchase these credits and allocate them to growers by land percentage in the District. There was 3.37 inches of precipitation recorded in February, for a season total of 8.09 inches. Precipitation and Snowpack in the Tulare Basin and Southern Sierra was 85 % and 90%, respectively.

ADOPT PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Kilgore requested to revise the interim 2024 budget. The revision reflected on anticipation of additional water supply from the 70% allocation from the Bureau and the purchase of credits from Wutchumna Water Company. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board revised the 2024 Budget, which may be revised again if the Bureau increases its final allocation.

2024 WATER RATE

On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board set the 2024 water rate at \$344 per acre-foot, subject to be reduced if further water allocations are made.

2024 GROWER ALLOCATION

On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Spruitenburg, and carried, the Board set the 2024 grower allocation at .72 Acre-feet per acre, subject to be increased if further water allocations are made.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported the average depth of groundwater measured in March was 99.52 feet. The average groundwater depth measurement rose by .90 feet from February's measurement.

Mr. Marshall reported on the various meter repair/replacement and pipeline repair/replacement that continue to be performed throughout the District.

MANAGERS REPORT:

There was no progress on the Agricultural Water Management Plan. Mr. Kilgore reported that Keller's Engineering is preparing the 218-election budget. Mr. Marshall reported the USDA/NRCS grant pipeline replacement project had been completed and is waiting for final inspection.

TRI-DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY (TDWA):

Mr. Kilgore reported legal counsel is amending the TDWA Joint Powers Agreement that all three Districts will have to execute.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Nick Keller provided information on the proposed matrix, provided by the consulting hydrogeologists, to be used to set minimum thresholds and measurable objectives. Mr. Keller, after review, can only recommend

to the EKGSA Board, at most, the 7X component, but preferred the 5X component. The Board agreed with Mr. Keller's recommendation. Mr. Kilgore reported the Bureau continues to review the Cottonwood Project.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore reiterated his recommendation to the Board, that they consider joining Friant Water Authority. The Board is taking it under advisement.

Mr. Kilgore reported the contractors asked for a thirty-day extension to complete the removal of the plugs and additional work. April 15<sup>th</sup> would be the completion date if the extension is granted. This extension does not affect contractors above the canal correction.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION:

Mr. Kilgore reported no current reportable activity.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to closed session at 3:35p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 4.05 p.m., with no recordable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Peltzer, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. Next meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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Gary Caviglia, President

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General Manager, Gene Kilgore