

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - Convenes at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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

Directors Caviglia, Phillips, Felts, DeLeonardis, Paregien, Peltzer, and Lawson
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. July 14, 2026, Board meeting Minutes
- b. July 23, 2026, Special Board meeting Minutes
- c. Accounts Payable
- d. Revenue and Expense Reports
- e. 2026 Budget
- f. Investment Report
- g. Delinquent Account

6. **WATER SUPPLY**

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

7. **REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONVEYANCE FEE POLICY** – **ACTION**

8. **PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION** – **INFORMATION**

- a. Hearing Scheduled for October 13, 2026
- b. Growers Meetings at Ivanhoe Memorial Building
 - i. August 17, 2026, at 4 p.m.
 - ii. September 14, 2026, at 4 p.m.

9. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**– **INFORMATION**

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

10. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
- b. Water Blueprint – **UPDATE**
- c. Golden Mussel Vulnerability Assessment – **INFORMATION**

11. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**

12. COTTONWOOD CREEK PROJECT – **UPDATE**

13. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY – **UPDATE**

14. 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.
 - ii. Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation et al., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:26-cv-00671-AC
- 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 LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] Number of Potential Cases: One

15. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

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

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August 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on July 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Doug Phillips, Bob Felts, Terry Peltzer, Steven Paregien, Vito DeLeonardis, and Casey Lawson. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Superintendent Chris Marshall, Water Analysts Maria Silva and Diana Ledesma, Special Project Administrator Cohen Hunter, Legal Counsel Ken Richardson, and growers Craig Hornung, Andrew Hart, and Milo Gorden.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

By consensus, the Board accepted the Agenda as posted and presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kilgore introduced Ken Richardson, who has now assumed responsibilities as the District's legal counsel, succeeding former counsel Alex Peltzer. Director Caviglia attended a Water Strategy Meeting held on July 1, 2026. Director Phillips attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on June 25, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the June 9, 2026, 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:

June financial activities consisted of routine payroll and substantial project-related disbursements. Payroll totaled \$36,841.92 for the month. Accounts payable amounted to \$524,964.47, driven primarily by two capital project expenditures:

- \$187,277.07 for the Cottonwood Turnout construction. The cost is fully reimbursable through the SGMA Grant and will be recovered upon submission of the next grant reimbursement request.
- \$198,588.12 for the 1.2 N Line replacement project, which was budgeted in the 2025 fiscal year.

On motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: Mission Bank Check numbers #18459 - #18485, and included herewith as Attachment "A".

Mission Bank checking and payroll accounts' June 30th ending balances were \$233,531.97 and \$7,714.87, respectively.

The District's investments, as of June 30th, amounted to the following: Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of \$3,064,772.47; L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$593,264.36. The Stifel Cash Account, Stifel Sweep Account, and Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balances were \$258,000, \$0.77, and \$568,672.84, respectively. The ending balance for all investment/savings funds and checking accounts amounted to \$4,484,710.44 and \$241,246.84, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore reported there were six delinquent accounts totaling \$4,769.10. After review and discussion, on motion by Director DeLeonardis, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented. Financial statements and reports are included herewith as Attachment "B."

RESOLUTION 2026-01 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Mr. Kilgore requested adoption of Resolution 2026-01, consenting to the consolidation of the District elections with other elections to be held and directing the Tulare County Registrar of Voters to publish the notice of election and place four Board of Directors seats on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot. Directors up for election are Vito DeLeonardis, Steven Paregien, and Gary Caviglia. On motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director Peltzer, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-01.

CONSIDER REVISING GROWER WATER ALLOCATION

The District's updated Wutchumna Water entitlement exceeded the volume previously forecasted. Based on this revised supply, Mr. Kilgore recommended increasing the current grower allocation from 1.04 acre-feet per acre to 1.08 acre-feet per acre. This adjustment reflects the improved entitlement and ensures grower allocations remain aligned with available resources. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Phillips, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the increase in water allocation to 1.08 acre-feet per acre.

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 1,728 acre-feet of CVP 2026 Class 1, 2025 rescheduled and imported water and 111 acre-feet of Wutchumna (Kaweah) water supplies in June for irrigation demands. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supplies, as of June 30th were approximately 7,046 and 5,128 acre-feet, respectively. There was no precipitation recorded in June, and precipitation recorded to date amounted to 12.73 inches. Mr. Kilgore also reported that approximately 50 acre-feet of operational spill water, which the District classifies as loss water, was diverted into District recharge basins. This brings the season total of diverted spill water to approximately 154 acre-feet.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION:

Mr. Kilgore requested that the Board defer adoption of the Engineer's Report, the proposed 2027 Budget, and the setting of the Proposition 218 Election Hearing date to allow additional time to verify land-assessment acreage. He recommended that acceptance of the Engineer's Report, approval of the 2027 Budget, and establishment of the Hearing date be considered at a Special Board Meeting to be scheduled for July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. The Board accepted management's recommendation.

SPECIAL COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT

No action was taken, and the matter was deferred for future consideration.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported the emergence of four new leaks located at 69-0.1N, two on 69-35S, and 69-40S. Four leaks were repaired: 68-15S, 69-30S, and two on 69-35S. Three leaks remain active: 68-27N, 68-42N, and 69-0.1S. Staff Replaced the PID Controller and installed timers to address communication errors at the 69-JB1. A PID controller is a feedback control algorithm that combines proportional, integral, and derivative actions to minimize the error between a system's setpoint and its measured output. Staff pulled trees out of the 69 Wutchumna and the 69 end reservoirs. Groundwater measurements for July indicate an average depth of 99.95 feet, reflecting a decline of 0.05 feet compared to June's readings.

MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that there were no new developments regarding the District's Agricultural Water Management Plan. The Water Blueprint's Unified Water Plan remains under review. Mr. Kilgore advised that additional water sampling may be required to more accurately evaluate the District's potential vulnerability to Golden Mussel infestation. He indicated that both he and Mr. Hunter will continue their investigation into this matter, and a formal recommendation will be presented at a subsequent meeting once the investigation is complete.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Coordination efforts between EKGSA, Mid-Kaweah GSA, and Greater Kaweah GSA regarding overdraft management and subsidence mitigation appear to have stalled. While prior discussions emphasized the need for consistent cross-GSA actions to stabilize groundwater levels and reduce subsidence risk, continued policy activity indicates limited progress toward a unified approach.

EKGSA remains concerned that GKGSA's continued allocation of overdraft—without corresponding mitigation measures—creates a material risk to the overall sustainability of the Kaweah Subbasin. Persistent overdraft in one management area can accelerate localized subsidence, which in turn affects regional infrastructure, hydraulic gradients, and the ability of adjacent GSAs to meet SGMA's long-term sustainability criteria.

From EKGSA's perspective, the ongoing issuance of overdraft allocations by GKGSA undermines basin-wide efforts to curtail subsidence. Without coordinated reductions in groundwater extraction, the subbasin may fail to achieve measurable objectives related to land subsidence and minimum thresholds established in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This divergence in management practices threatens to render the basin unsustainable under SGMA compliance standards.

EKGSA continues to advocate for renewed coordination among the GSAs, emphasizing that consistent overdraft management is essential to protecting the subbasin from avoidable subsidence impacts and ensuring long-term groundwater reliability.

COTTONWOOD PROJECT AWARD:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the Project is substantially complete, with the only outstanding task being the calibration and debugging of the control software, which is scheduled for late Fall.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Golden Mussel remains the primary concern for FWA. The vulnerability study has been completed and is currently available for contractor review. The FWA Board has allocated \$3.5 million in the 2026–2027 budget to support eradication or long-term control of any infestation. FWA is also evaluating requirements for additional water-quality analysis for non-project water and the development of an action plan should Golden Mussels be detected. Phase 1 pump station construction is progressing. FWA staff continue to coordinate with the contractor to confirm that all preliminary requirements are in place to allow construction activities to begin.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed session convened at 2:56 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION:

Open session was reconvened at 4:03 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

Gene Kilgore, General Manager

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The Special meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on, July 23, 2026, at 1:33 p.m. Directors present were Gary Caviglia, Doug Phillips, Terry Peltzer, Steven Paregien, Vito DeLeonardis, and Casey Lawson. Director Bob Felts called in but did not participate. Others present were General Manager Gene Kilgore, Water Analysts Maria Silva, and engineering consultant Nick Keller.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

By consensus, the Board accepted the Agenda as posted and presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kilgore announced the passing of Mr. Don Maness on June 26, 2026. Mr. Maness was a long-tenured retired employee of the District whose many years of service contributed meaningfully to District operations. In recognition of Mr. Maness's life and his dedicated service, Mr. Kilgore requested a moment of silence.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION

As part of the Engineer's Report supporting initiation of a Proposition 218 election, Engineer Nick Keller presented Table III-1 (Fiscal Year 2027 Budget) and Table III-2 (Financial 5-Year Projections). Following extensive Board discussion on the need for an increase of land assessments, which are necessary to ensure that the District's fixed costs are fully funded, and that long-term financial stability is maintained. By establishing fixed-cost recovery through land assessments ensures that all landowners who benefit from District operations—including those who do not currently utilize District water supplies—contribute equitably to the foundational costs of service. Securing fixed-cost revenue through assessments rather than water rates, the District can minimize per-acre-foot water charges, thereby encouraging growers to utilize available surface supplies and reducing reliance on groundwater pumping.

On motion by Director Caviglia, seconded by Director Phillips, and carried by the following vote:

- Aye: Directors Peltzer, Paregien, Phillips, Caviglia
- Nay: Directors DeLeonardis, Lawson
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: Director Felts

the Board approved adoption of the Engineers Report and Budget and set the Proposition 218 Election Hearing for October 13, 2026.

Director Caviglia recommended that informational small-group meetings, consisting of approximately one to three growers each, be conducted in coordination with the already scheduled August 17 and September 14 sessions to ensure growers are adequately informed and positioned ahead of the Proposition 218 process.

PROPOSED REVISED 2026 BUDGET

At the District's regular Board meeting held on July 14th, based upon updated Wutchumna Water entitlement that exceeded the volume previously forecasted, the Board approved increasing the grower allocation from 1.04 acre-feet per acre to 1.08 acre-feet per acre. The revised allocation adjustment increased water-delivery revenues. In addition, budgeted expenses were reduced following the resignation of the shared financial officer. The revised revenues and expenses have been incorporated into the District's proposed revised 2026 Budget. On motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director Phillips, and carried the Board approved revising the 2026 Budget.

PROPOSED REVISED 2026 WATER RATE

Mr. Kilgore recommended decreasing the District's water cost from \$299 to \$280 per acre-foot, based on updated financial projections. The recommendation is predicated on increased water-delivery revenues, reduced administrative expenses associated with the resignation of the shared financial officer, and the planned use of approximately \$45,000 in reserves to support the adjustment. On motion by Director Paregien, seconded by Director Phillips, and carried the Board approved to reduce the water rate to \$280 per acre-foot, including applying financial credit to growers accounts to reconcile charges associated with 2026 water deliveries that were diverted prior to the District's approved rate change.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore