

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, June 9, 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. May 12, 2026, Board meeting Minutes
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. Revenue and Expense Reports
- d. 2026 Budget
- e. Investment Report
- f. Delinquent Account

6. **WATER SUPPLY**

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

7. **CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT** – **ACTION**

8. **DISCUSS LEGAL COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT** – **INFORMATION**

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. Prop 218 Election – **UPDATE**

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, July 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

June 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on May 12, 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, Tri-District Water Authority Controller Janice Daniel, engineering consultant Nick Keller, Trelawny Bullis, Andrew Hart, Ryan Dowling, Milo Gorden, Eric Meling, John Lawson, Sam Travioli, and Alan Becker.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

President Caviglia opened the floor for public comments; none were presented for non-agendized items.

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 April 8, 2026. Director Phillips attended the FWA Board meeting held on April 30, 2026. Director Peltzer attended the EKGSA Board meeting held on April 27, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the April 14, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes with the correction of Director Casey Lawson's first name located in the first paragraph.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Ms. Daniel presented April's payroll of \$44,429.77 and accounts payable amounting to \$72,022.19. On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the accounts payable, as presented, and directed payment of said invoices: Mission Bank Check numbers #18430 - #18442, and included herewith as Attachment "A".

Mission Bank checking and Payroll accounts' April 30th ending balances were \$41,184.57 and \$17,262.48, respectively.

The District's investments, as of April 30th, amounted to the following: Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of \$3,637,037.81, 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 \$565,592.11, respectively. The ending balance for all investment/saving funds and checking accounts amounted to \$5,053,895.05 and \$58,447.05, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore reported there were no delinquent accounts. After review and discussion On motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financial statements and reports as presented. Financial statements and reports are included herewith as Attachment "B."

WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Kilgore reported that the District delivered 267 acre-feet of CVP rescheduled water in April for irrigation demands. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supply, as of April 30th, was approximately 7,686 and 3,948 acre-feet, respectively. There was 1.39 inches of precipitation recorded in April, precipitation recorded to-date was 12.65 inches. Mr. Kilgore also noted that 29.17 acre-feet of operational spill water was diverted into District basins.

FISCAL YEAR AMENDMENT:

Mr. Kilgore recommended amending the District's fiscal year from a calendar-year cycle to a March–February cycle to better align with the Bureau of Reclamation's water year and better reflect the District's operational expenses. After discussion, on a motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Phillips, and unanimously carried, the Board approved changing the District's fiscal year to run from March through February.

2026 BUDGET:

Mr. Kilgore presented the proposed amended 2026 Budget, noting that when the Board adopted the original budget at the February meeting, it did so with the understanding that water-revenue projections might require revision. The amended budget incorporated a more realistic forecasts for water-sales and revenue. Following discussion, on a motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director Paregien, and unanimously carried, the Board approved amended 2026 Budget as presented.

2026 GROWER ALLOCATION AND WATER RATE:

Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the 2026 grower interim allocation from 0.93 to 1.04 acre-feet per acre and setting the water rate from \$300 to \$299 per acre-foot. Following discussion, on a motion by Director Felts, seconded by Director Phillips, and unanimously carried, the Board

approved to set the 2026 grower allocation and water rate to 1.04 acre-feet per acre at \$299 per acre-foot.

APPOINTMENT OF ACWA/JPIA DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE:

Mr. Kilgore reported that former Director Spruitenburg previously served as the District's representative to the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors. With the position now vacant, the Board discussed the need to appoint a new representative and alternate. On a motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Director Lawson as the ACWA/JPIA representative and Mr. Kilgore as the alternate.

APPOINTMENT OF EAST KAWEAH GSA DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE:

Mr. Kilgore reported that Director Peltzer presently serves on the EKGSA Board of Directors, however, an alternate had not been appointed. On a motion by Director Peltzer, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Director Felts and Mr. Kilgore to serve as alternates. The Board thanked Director Peltzer for serving on the EKGSA Board and representing the growers of the District.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Marshall reported that water deliveries have begun and staff are repairing leaks after water deliveries are made. The average depth of groundwater measured in May was 99.04 feet. The average groundwater depth rose by 0.5 feet from April's measurements.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Mr. Kilgore reported that Alex Peltzer has left his law firm to assume the position of General Manager of the Lower Tule Irrigation District and, as a result, will no longer be available to serve as legal counsel for the District. Consequently, the Board will need to consider whether to retain legal services through the existing law firm or seek new legal counsel. Mr. Kilgore reported he is coordinating with Keller Engineering to complete the District's Agricultural Water Management Plan. An update was provided on the Water Blueprint's Unified Water Plan. Mr. Kilgore presented the Audit Engagement Letter from Adair & Evans for the fiscal years 2023 through 2025. Mr. Kilgore reported he was renewing the Warren Act Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and that there is a \$5,000 dollar retainer for the BOR to review the agreement.

Engineering consultant Nick Keller presented the draft Proposition 218 Budget for Board review. Mr. Kilgore provided an overview of historical and projected costs associated with the Friant Water Authority and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, as well as a comparison of assessment rates and water costs charged by other irrigation districts. Following the presentation, a robust discussion was held with growers in attendance. John Lawson expressed concerns regarding the proposed Proposition 218 election and referenced discussions at a growers' meeting held in 2025

concerning the possibility of obtaining a loan to replace aging infrastructure. Mr. Lawson stated that he was strongly opposed to the District incurring debt and encumbering its assets. Sam Travioli commented that the District's costs were significantly higher than those of other water companies with which he conducts business. President Caviglia asked the growers in attendance whether, after reviewing the proposed budget and hearing the explanations supporting the increase, if they could support the proposed assessment rate adjustment. Eric Meling also expressed concerns regarding the proposed assessment rate increase; however, after hearing the additional information presented, he stated that he needed more time to review the proposal before offering further comment. The remaining growers in attendance neither expressed support for nor opposition to the proposed rate increase.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT:

Mr. Kilgore reported the EKGSA has determined to temporarily postpone the proposed Prop 218 Election to re-evaluate costs and revenues. The EKGSA continues to coordinate with Mid and Greater GSAs regarding overdraft and subsidence concerns.

COTTONWOOD PROJECT AWARD:

Mr. Kilgore provided an update on the construction status, stating construction is on schedule and the project will be completed by September 2026.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA):

Mr. Kilgore provided brief updates regarding the Friant-Kern Canal subsidence correction project near Belmont and ongoing Golden Mussel eradication efforts. He reported that the Friant Water Authority (FWA) received grant funding for the installation of three subsidence monitoring stations at Mile Markers 98, 103, and 112. Mr. Kilgore further advised that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) received \$235 million in federal funding through the One Big Beautiful Bill to assist with subsidence repair costs. FWA is coordinating with SLDMWA to ensure that subsidence repair charges are accurately allocated and applied to FWA.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

General Manager, Gene Kilgore