

IVANHOE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Directors
33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292
Tuesday, October 13, 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. Board meeting Minutes
 - i. September 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. September 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting
- 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 2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT** – **ACTION**

8. **CONSIDER ACCEPTING 2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT** – **ACTION**

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

10. **RESCIND SHORT TERM BOARD SEAT NOMINATION** – **ACTION**

11. **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF WARREN ACT APPLICATION** – **ACTION**

12. **CONSIDER BYBEE BASIN CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZATION** – **ACTION**

13. **CONSIDER GROWER ALLOCATION POLICIES**

- a. Establish Deadline to Return Allocated Water to the District for Redistribution – **ACTION**
- b. Require Pre-Payment Schedule of Allocated Water – **ACTION**
- c. Establish Grower Carryover Requirements – **ACTION**

14. **HARDIN POND GRANT STUDY** – **INFORMATION**

15. PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION – INFORMATION

- a. Hearing Scheduled for November 10, 2026

16. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT– INFORMATION

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

17. MANAGER’S REPORT

- a. Agricultural Water Management Plan – **UPDATE**
- b. Water Blueprint – **UPDATE**
- c. District Infrastructure Studies– **INFORMATION**

18. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

- a. EKGSA activities – **UPDATE**

19. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY – UPDATE

20. 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

21. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

22. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the District to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the District. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agenda and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the District. Requests for such assistance and for agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, or written correspondence to office staff at the District office, at least 48 hours before a public District meeting. The disclosable public records related to agendas are available for public inspection at the Ivanhoe Irrigation District, 33777 Road 164, Visalia, California 93292.

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

33777 Rd. 164 Visalia, CA 93292

October 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on September 8, 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 Diana Ledesma, TDWA Special Project Administrator Cohen Hunter, Legal Counsel Ken Richardson, Adaire & Evans auditor Garry Riezebos, growers Ryan Dowling, Andrew Hart, and Craig Hornung.

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 reported Director Caviglia attended the Wutchumna Water Company Board meeting held on August 12, 2026; Director Phillips attended the Friant Water Authority Board meeting held on August 27, 2026. Directors Peltzer, Caviglia, and Lawson attended the Prop 218 Grower meeting held on August 17, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Caviglia called for the approval of the August 11, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director DeLeonardis, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

August financial activities consisted of payroll and District operation & maintenance expenses. Payroll totaled \$45,985.45, accounts payable amounted to \$87,931.30. 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 #18042 - 18057, included herewith as Attachment "A".

Mission Bank checking and payroll accounts' August 31st ending balances were \$359,498.19 and \$32,652.76, respectively.

The District's investments, as of August 31st, amounted to the following: Mission Bank Money Market 8980 had a balance of \$2,248,176.11; L.A.I.F account #009 had a balance of \$599,055.66. The Stifel Cash Account, Stifel Sweep Account, and Stifel Smart Rate Plan ending balances were \$258,000, \$0.92, and \$576,363.16, respectively. The ending balance for all investment/savings funds and checking accounts amounted to \$3,681,595.85 and \$392,150.95, respectively.

Mr. Kilgore reported there was one (1) delinquent account totaling \$95.19. 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 1,310 acre-feet of CVP 2026 Class 1, and imported water and 1,259 acre-feet of Wutchumna (Kaweah) water supplies in August for irrigation demands. Stored Friant and Kaweah water supplies, as of August 31st were approximately 3,527 and 3,230 acre-feet, respectively. There was no precipitation recorded in August, and precipitation recorded to date amounted to 0.00 inches. Mr. Kilgore also reported that approximately 46 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 240 acre-feet.

2024 and 2025 FINANCIAL AUDITS

Adaire & Evans auditor Garry Riezebos presented the District's 2024 and 2025 financial audits for the Board's review and consideration of acceptance. Following discussion, the Board requested additional time to review the audits before taking action. President Caviglia deferred action on the matter until the October Board meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et. seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in a District's code. Mr. Kilgore presented the District's Conflict of Interest Code for the Board's consideration and adoption. Following discussion, a motion to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Code was made by Director Paregien and seconded by Director Felts. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board adopted the Conflict-of-Interest Code.

CONVEYANCE FEE POLICY

At the District's August Board meeting, Mr. Kilgore presented the District's current conveyance policy, which assesses a \$50 per acre-foot conveyance fee for growers who transfer water into the District. Mr. Kilgore recommended revising the policy to implement a two-tier fee structure that better reflects current conveyance costs and recognizes growers who have fully utilized their allocated water before transferring additional water into the District.

Tier 1: Electrical pumping costs per acre-foot and pump replacement costs per acre-foot for growers who have utilized all allocated water.

Tier 2: Electrical pumping costs per acre-foot, pump replacement costs per acre-foot, capital improvement costs, and labor costs for growers who have not utilized all allocated water.

Following a robust discussion, the Board deferred action on the proposed revision and directed staff to research District archives to determine when and how the existing policy was originally adopted. Mr. Kilgore provided an update regarding the District's implementation of fees for conveying imported water into the District. He presented Board minutes from 2016 documenting discussions related to establishing a fee for imported water and the method used to calculate the fee. The approved formula consisted of the District's operations expenses divided by a five-year rolling average of the water supply. The Board discussed the historical basis for the fee and the methodology used in its calculation and requested additional time to consider the proposal by management.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHORT TERM BOARD SEAT APPOINTMENT

There are three (3) four-year-term Board seats and one (1) two-year-term Board seat up for election in the upcoming November election. Due to an oversight, all four (4) candidates filed nomination papers for the three (3) full-term seats, and no candidate filed for the two-year-term seat.

Management reported that the Tulare County Clerk's Office advised the District that the Board could nominate a candidate for the vacant short-term seat, subject to consideration and appointment by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors at its October meeting.

Following a robust discussion, the Board deferred consideration of a nomination until legal counsel could review the matter and provide guidance.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION

Mr. Kilgore reported on the grower meeting held on August 17, 2026. He noted that attendees fell into two groups regarding a potential assessment increase. One group opposed an increase due to low citrus market prices and rising production costs. The other group expressed support for enhanced District services, including the development of an on-demand water delivery system, and indicated a willingness to pay higher assessments to support those improvements.

Mr. Kilgore reminded the Board of the upcoming grower meeting scheduled for September 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ivanhoe Memorial Building. He also reminded the Board of the public hearing scheduled to take place during the regular Board meeting on October 13, 2026.

The Board discussed the feedback received from growers and the differing perspectives regarding future service levels and assessment rates.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Marshall reported that no new leaks were identified during this reporting period, two leaks remain and are located at:

- 68-27N near the six-meter location
- 68-42N, approximately 420 feet south of the one-meter location

Staff completed repairs to a leak on turnout 69-01S. A previous repair had been made to 69-35S-6; however, the turnout began leaking again, requiring staff to excavate the area and extend the metal repair band to stop the leak. Meter valves at 68-42S-8 and 68-52N-6 failed during the reporting period. The valve at 68-42S-8 has been excavated and exposed for repair, but repairs have not yet been completed. Algae growth has been particularly excessive this year, resulting in increased maintenance requirements. Staff have been required to operate and clean screens more frequently to maintain adequate system performance and water delivery operations. Groundwater measurements for September indicate an average depth of 101.09 feet, representing a decline of 0.31 feet compared to August's average reading.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Kilgore reported that there were no new developments regarding the District's Agricultural Water Management Plan or the Water Blueprint's Unified Water Plan. Mr. Hunter provided an update on the District's Golden Mussel Vulnerability Assessment. He reported that water samples have been collected and submitted for analysis, and the District is currently awaiting the test results. Mr. Kilgore requested direction from the Board regarding its willingness to negotiate an extension of the water purchase agreement with Fresno Irrigation District. Board members expressed reluctance to pursue an extension due to the concerns and opposition raised by growers regarding the proposed land assessment increase. Following discussion, the Board provided direction to begin negotiations with Fresno Irrigation District; however, no final authorization or commitment to extend the agreement was granted at this time.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Mr. Kilgore reported that the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) is considering revisions to its credit transfer policy. He advised the Board that the EKGSA Board has scheduled a special meeting for September 10, 2026.

COTTONWOOD PROJECT AWARD

Mr. Kilgore reported that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) completed its final inspection of the District's project on September 3, 2026. The inspection marked the completion of the project review process, and no significant issues were identified. Mr. Kilgore advised the Board that reimbursement funding is expected to be made available within the next 30 to 60 days, at which time the District will be eligible to receive the remaining grant reimbursement funds associated with the project. He noted that staff will continue to coordinate with DWR and monitor the reimbursement process until payment is received.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY (FWA)

Staff reported that forecasts indicating the potential development of a strong El Niño have increased. In anticipation of possible weather-related impacts, staff are developing strategies to complete much-needed canal maintenance work during the upcoming dewatered period while maintaining the ability to restore water deliveries quickly should conditions require. FWA staff also reported that algae growth has been exceptionally severe this year. As a result, staff have begun evaluating potential causes, including environmental conditions and the effectiveness and frequency of current treatment measures, to determine whether operational adjustments may be necessary. Additionally, FWA staff reported that the Phase 2A Canal Subsidence Repair Project continues to move forward through the bid solicitation and evaluation process. FWA staff reported that the Bureau of Reclamation and FWA is preparing a formal response to the State Water Resources Control Board's August 2026 Draft Water Quality Control Plan (Plan). The responses will be submitted in the form of a letter addressing the Plan and its potential impacts on water operations, water supply reliability, and project beneficiaries. Staff indicated they will continue to monitor developments related to the proposal and provide updates to the Board as additional information becomes available. FWA staff and representatives from the three Districts also continue to meet to develop an alternative to the adopted Cost Recovery Method for the Phase 1 Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session convened at 3:38 p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Open session was reconvened at 3:58 p.m. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for October 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

Gene Kilgore, General Manager

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

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October 13, 2026

The special meeting of the Ivanhoe Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Caviglia on September 15, 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, TDWA Special Project Administrator Cohen Hunter, and growers Ryan Dowling, Eric Meling and Craig Hurnung.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Kilgore requested to change Item 6: Proposition 218 Election, from information to action item. On motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Peltzer, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the changes to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHORT TERM BOARD SEAT APPOINTMENT

Following review of the electoral procedures by legal counsel, it was determined that the District's Board of Directors could nominate a candidate for the vacant two-year Board seat for consideration and appointment by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors at its October meeting. Director Phillips moved to nominate Director Gary Caviglia for appointment to the vacant two-year Director seat. The motion was seconded by Director DeLeonardis and unanimously carried, the Board nominated Director Gary Caviglia to be considered for appointment by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION

Mr. Kilgore informed the Board that the public hearing currently scheduled for October 13, 2026, must be rescheduled to November 10, 2026, Board of Directors meeting to ensure that assessment ballots are distributed to landowners at least 45 days prior to the election.

Following discussion, on motion by Director Phillips, seconded by Director Paregien, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to set the Proposition 218 Election Hearing for November 10, 2026, at the District's regularly scheduled Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not convene into closed session. No closed session matters were considered or acted upon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Caviglia adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for October 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Gary Caviglia, President

Gene Kilgore, General Manager