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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING Work Session Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**Boardroom  
81-600 Avenue 58  
La Quinta, CA 92253**

Division 1—Alex Cardenas

Division 2—JB Hamby, *Vice Chairman*

Division 3—Gina Dockstader, *Chairwoman*

Division 4—Lewis Pacheco

Division 5—Karin Eugenio

Jamie L. Asbury, *General Manager*

Wayne K. Strumpfer, *General Counsel*

Raquel Najera, *Secretary to the Board*

### **CALL TO ORDER— 1:00 p.m.**

All directors were present in the El Centro Boardroom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant General Manager Sergio Quiroz led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chairwoman Dockstader led the invocation.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Service Awards were presented to nine employees for a total of 215 worker-years.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Eugenio, that the board approve the agenda as presented, with information item No. 6, the Strategic Plan 2026-2027 Project Management Plan, moved to the Work Session agenda since it is already covered in that section.

Motion carried, 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Krystal Otworth from the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability highlighted the challenges faced by Mobile Home and Polanco Park residents in accessing IID's rate

assistance programs. She noted that these residents receive their bills from park owners served by IID.

## **CONSENT**

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Vice Chairman Hamby, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented (Nos. 1, 2, and 3).

Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approval of the following meeting minutes:
  - June 17, 2025, regular
  - June 24, 2025, special/discussion session
  - July 1, 2025, regular
  - September 30, 2025, special
  
2. Approval of side letter agreements between the Imperial Irrigation District and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 465, Professional/Salaried Association, and Executive Management Association to temporarily increase the Medical Rx caps

Approval of the side letter agreements for ratification, allowing changes to be implemented before the start of the next plan year on January 1, 2026, at an estimated cost.

  - 2025 Temporary Cap Extension: \$1.1 million (budgeted)
  - 2026 50/50 Cost Sharing: \$734,232
  
3. Acknowledge the Third Quarter 2025 Budget Amendment
  - Acknowledge the amended Water revenue and expenditures budget page B-5 & B-6.
  - An overall increase of \$89.8 million to the Water Department's revenues and expenditures.
  - The Power Department and Support Departments have no material changes for the third quarter budget amendment.

## **ACTION**

4. Approval of CA-Line Upgrade Project (Major Work Authorization No. 2.00346)

Lauren Olivo, manager of the Power Business and Regulatory Compliance Program, reported that the 92-kV CA-Line upgrade project involves upgrading approximately four circuit miles of double-circuit wood and steel poles between Avenue 42 and North View substations. The IID will handle the engineering and procurement activities, while construction will be outsourced to a third party. This project will engage various groups, including Transmission Engineering, Distribution Engineering, Distribution Planning, SCADA, Environmental, and Real Estate.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$9,699,955, and it is included in the approved amended Electric System Capital Plans for 2025 and 2026.

This project is customer-funded through four separate transmission service agreements with Imperial Sun Solar LLC; Cedar 3 SES, LLC; Lyra Solar 2, LLC; and Lyra Solar 3, LLC. As of October 1, 2025, milestone payments total \$3,356,608. The remaining project cost will be paid by the end of 2025 through monthly milestone payments outlined in the agreements. Once the project is completed and a cost true-up is performed, this project and its payments will qualify for transmission rate credits.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Cardenas, that the board approve the CA-Line upgrade project and Major Work Authorization No. 2.00346.

Motion carried, 5-0.

5. Approval of 2025 Electric Refunding Revenue Bond Financing

Chief Financial Officer Belen Valenzuela stated that this item was presented as an informational item at the October 3, 2025, board meeting. It is now being brought back to the board with a recommendation to adopt the resolution and approve the Electric Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, as follows:

- Approval of the following agreements:
  - Preliminary Official Statement and provide approval of an Official Statement
  - Continuing Disclosure Certificate
  - Bond Purchase Contract
  - Escrow Agreements for the refunding all or a portion of the outstanding 2012A, 2015A, and 2016A Electric System Revenue bonds
- Release of the Preliminary and final Official Statements
- Execution and delivery of such other related documents and taking of actions to affect the bond issuance and refunding as contemplated by the Resolution.

Ms. Valenzuela provided a brief overview of the approximately \$100 million bond financing, with \$65 million allocated to pay off the current outstanding commercial paper. Approximately \$40 million is allocated for refunding the 2012A, 2015A, and 2016A bonds, resulting in an annual debt service savings of approximately \$312,000.

Ms. Valenzuela explained that having a strong bond rating helps achieve good financial results, and IID's bond rating was maintained. Therefore, the board's decision to update IID rates ensures reliability and cost savings for IID customers.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Pacheco, that the board adopt Resolution No. 30-2025 (Twelfth Supplemental Resolution) authorizing the issuance of Electric System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, and approving the associated financing documents mentioned above.

Motion carried, 5-0.

## INFORMATION

6. Strategic Plan 2026-2027 Project Management Plan  
This item was discussed during the work session agenda.

## POLICY MONITORING

7. BL-5: Board-Secretary to the Board Relationship  
Secretary to the Board Raquel Najera, presented the monitoring report of Board Policy BL-5: *Board-Secretary to the Board Relationship*. Ms. Najera provided an overview of the Board Secretary's responsibilities, emphasizing its role in supporting the Board by ensuring accurate documentation of meetings, discussions, and decisions.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Eugenio, that the board accept the policy monitoring report and find that the Board and the board secretary are substantially in compliance with Policy BL-5: *Board-Secretary to the Board Relationship*.

Motion carried 5-0.

8. BL-15: Delegation to the GM with Respect to Environmental Compliance  
General Manager Jamie Asbury presented the monitoring report of Board Policy BL-15: *Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Environmental Compliance*, outlining all necessary actions for environmental compliance purposes to any federal, state, or local entity. She discussed topics such as energy projects, including both IID and third-party, as well as progress toward delegation.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Cardenas, that the board accept the policy monitoring report and find that the general manager is substantially in compliance with Policy BL-15: *Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Environmental Compliance*.

Motion carried, 5-0.

9. SD:10: Environmental Stewardship  
A presentation and feedback on Board Policy SD-10: Environmental Stewardship were provided by Jennifer Goodsell, General Services Manager; Jesse Medina, Assistant Power Manager; and Jessica Humes, Supervisor of Environmental Compliance for the Water Department.

Director Cardenas recommended adding "Illegal Dumping" to the January 2026 Work Session Calendar.

Moved by Chairman Cardenas, seconded by Vice Chairman Hamby, that the board accept the policy monitoring report that the District is substantially in compliance with Policy SD-10: *Environmental Stewardship*.

Motion carried 5-0.

## REPORTS

### 10. Board of Directors

Board of Directors Committee Reports:

Chairwoman Dockstader reviewed the list of external and Local Agency Two-on-Two appointments, and the directors provided brief reports on current activities related to the following appointments.

External Appointments	Appointees
American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council	Cardenas
Association of California Water Agencies	Dockstader
California Farm Water Coalition	Dockstader
Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business	Pacheco
Colorado River Board of California	Hamby/Dockstader
Family Farm Alliance	Dockstader
Imperial County's Binational Relations	Eugenio/Pacheco
Imperial County Transportation Commission	Eugenio
Salton Sea Authority	Dockstader/Cardenas
Local Agency Two-On-Two	Appointees
City of El Centro – Meeting has been scheduled	Cardenas/Hamby
County of Imperial – Meeting has been scheduled	Dockstader/Hamby

- Director Cardenas reported on the following matters:
  - He spoke at the Imperial County Association of Realtors about property appeal, specifically on electrification.
  - Congratulated Water Managers Tina Shields and Mike Pacheco on receiving the Friend of the Farmer Award at the Imperial County Farm Bureau annual meeting.
- Vice Chairman Hamby had no updates to report.
- Director Pacheco reported on the following matters:
  - He participated in IID's golf tournament.
  - He attended the Imperial County Farm Bureau's annual meeting and congratulated Water Managers Tina Shields and Mike Pacheco on receiving the Friend of the Farmer Award.

- Director Eugenio reported on the following matters:
  - She participated in an interview about a Stanford project on the public fleet ZEV transition at Stanford University on September 26, 2025.
  - Next week, she and General Manager Asbury will participate in a one-day Border Conference in Mexicali, hosted by San Diego State University. The conference will focus on sustainable communities inspired by Lithium Valley and will highlight the transformative potential of the Cali-Baja borderlands.
  - She attended the Imperial Valley Food Bank's 14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Bowl with Vice Chairman Hamby.
  
- Chairwoman Dockstader attended and reported on the following meetings:
  - CV Link Zoom meeting with Water Manager Mike Pacheco, Laura Cervantes, Real Property Supervisor, and Jessica Humes, Supervisor of Environmental Compliance for the Water Department.
  - Two LAFCO meetings with Vice Chair Hamby.
  - Sugar Project meeting with Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz, the county, and Director Cardenas.
  - She and Vice Chair Hamby delivered a speech during an MWD inspection trip in Palm Desert.
  - Boys and Girls Club Auction in Brawley.
  - Brawley High School Hall of Fame Ceremony.
  - Visited the Brawley Pay Station during Public Power Week.
  - Forum on Imperial Valley Geothermal and Lithium Research.
  - Agriculture Community Roundtable at Farm Credit in Imperial
  - Farm Bureau Annual Dinner and congratulated Water Managers Tina Shields and Mike Pacheco on receiving the Friend of the Farmer Award.
  - Westmorland Substation Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Director Cardenas.
  - Imperial Valley Food Bank's 14th Harvest Bowl.
  - IID's retiree luncheon.
  - Two Imperial County Farm Bureau meetings.

General Manager Jamie Asbury and Chairwoman Dockstader reminded the Board and the public about IID's upcoming workshops on the Colorado River and the negotiations over the Post-2026 Guidelines.

Workshop No. 1

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

William R. Condit Auditorium, El Centro, CA 92243

Workshop No. 2

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stockmen's Club, Brawley, CA

**RECESS** – The Board took a break.

**WORK SESSION— 2:17 p.m.**

11. Review work session calendar for the month of October 2025:
  - a) Strategic Plan Consultation
    - Fernando Castro-Alvarez, the manager of Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of the proposed Project Management Plan for the 2026-2027 Strategic Plan. It highlighted the plan's objectives, structure, project phases, tasks, and timelines.
  - b) Asset Management Plan Update:
    - Fernando Castro-Alvarez, the manager of Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of the Asset Management Plan, including its background and both completed and ongoing components.
  - c) Discuss Various Proposed Revisions to Board Policy:
    - Vice Chairman Hamby presented, followed by a discussion on proposed revisions to several Board Policies for consideration and approval at a future board meeting.
  - d) IID 2026 Milestones Celebration:
    - Stella Jimenez, manager of Strategic Initiatives, provided an overview of IID's upcoming milestone celebrations in 2026. An internal planning committee met to begin discussions, and once staff completes that review, a more detailed outline of what these milestone activities might entail will be prepared for the Board's consideration.

**ANNUAL WORKPLAN REVIEW**

12. Review Board of Directors 2025 Annual Work Plan  
The 2025 annual plan was reviewed, and after discussion, the following item will be added to the Rolling 12-month Work Session Calendar for January 2026:
  - Illegal Dumping.

**CONVENE CLOSED SESSION— 3:26 p.m.**

The order for the closed session agenda items was rearranged.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Cal. Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(1))  
(five items)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Cal. Gov. Code sec. 54957.6):  
IID Representative: S. Quiroz  
Employee Organizations: IBEW, PSA, and unrepresented employees.

Director Cardenas left the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION— 5:26 p.m.**

**REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:26 p.m.**

**(The regular meeting was livestreamed and is available for public viewing on the IID website for those wanting to access a full recording of the proceedings. The work session part of the meeting was not livestreamed.)**