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Business Session

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

William R. Condit Auditorium
1285 Broadway Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243

Teleconferenced Location

Southern Nevada Water Authority
100 N. City Parkway, Suite 700
Black Canyon Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89106

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—12:03 p.m.

Chairwoman Dockstader and Directors Cardenas, Pacheco, and Eugenio were present in the El Centro Boardroom. Vice Chairman Hamby was present via WebEx due to his attendance at a meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION—12:03 p.m.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Cal. Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(1))
(two items)

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION— 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Director Cardenas.

REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

None.

PRESENTATIONS

- Service Awards were presented to 16 employees for a total of 310 worker-years.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Eugenio, that the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Director Cardenas	Yes
Vice Chairman Hamby	Yes
Chairwoman Dockstader	Yes
Director Pacheco	Yes
Director Eugenio	Yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Cox, a Brawley farmer, shared his opinion on action item No.8: Approval of 2026 On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program and Deficit Irrigation Program Conservation Payment Rates, and will also bring up this item when it comes up during the action agenda.

CONSENT

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Pacheco, that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented (items Nos. 1-5).

Roll Call Vote

Director Cardenas	Yes
Vice Chairman Hamby	Yes
Chairwoman Dockstader	Yes
Director Pacheco	Yes
Director Eugenio	Yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

1. Adopt resolution approving revisions to Board Policy
 Adoption of Resolution No. 31-2025 approving revisions to the listed Board Policies.
 GP-3: Board Responsibilities
 GP-5: Election of the Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 GP-8: Board Training and Orientation

GP-9: Board Conduct
BL-2: Board-General Manager Relationship
BL-4: Board-Internal Auditor Relationship
BL-8: Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to the Biennial Planning Process
BL-10: Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Power-Related Transactions
SD-3: Asset Management
SD-6: Resource Planning and Management
SD-7: Reliability

2. Adopt resolution adopting the 2025 IID Service Area Plan
Adoption of Resolution No. 32- 2025 adopting Imperial Irrigation District's 2025 Service Area Plan, and approved by the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission on October 16, 2025.
3. Customer Assistance Programs Update – January to September 2025
Acknowledged the customer assistance programs from January to September 2025:
 - Residential Energy Assistance Designed for You
 - Customer Assistance for Residential Emergencies
 - Senior Health and Income Energy Lifeline Discount
 - Energy Assistance for Special Equipment
4. Approval of 2025 Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable Write-Off
Approval to write off \$156,025 in miscellaneous accounts receivable for 2025, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
5. Approval of 2025 Uncollectible Power Accounts Receivable Write-Off
Approval to write off \$735,284 in uncollectible power accounts receivable for 2025, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

CONSENT ITEMS ADDED TO ACTION AGENDA

None.

ACTION

6. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to ECGS Unit No. 4 Repowering Project (Major Work Authorization No. 2.00289)
Kraig Strauch, manager of generation, reported on Amendment No. 1 for the El Centro Generating Station Unit No. 4 Repowering Project, moving it from development to execution. The amendment allows for the procurement of long-lead equipment and construction activities totaling \$234,331,425 to replace outdated technology with modern, lower-emission generation. The project is expected to be completed and operational by mid-2028, supporting IID's renewable integration and grid resiliency goals.

A brief discussion on the matter followed, including comments from Chairwoman Dockstader, Directors Cardenas, Pacheco, and Eugenio, General Manager Jamie Asbury, and Power Manager Matthew Smelser.

Moved by Director Pacheco, seconded by Director Eugenio, that the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the El Centro Generating Station Unit No. 4 Repowering Project – Major Work Authorization No. 2.00289.

Roll Call Vote

Director Cardenas	Yes
Vice Chairman Hamby	Yes
Chairwoman Dockstader	Yes
Director Pacheco	Yes
Director Eugenio	Yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

7. Approval of service agreement request with PAR Western Line Contractors, LLC for transmission and distribution pole replacement construction services (SRFP No. 527)

Vice Chairman Hamby left the WebEx meeting during the discussion of this matter at 1:36 p.m.

Paul Rodriguez, deputy manager of Power Operations and Resources, reported that IID solicited electric utility construction services through Secondary Request for Proposal No. 527 to support the transmission and distribution wood pole replacement. This is part of a plan to replace more than 8,000 wood poles and their related hardware over the next five years. The IID received seven proposals for this work. The selection panel recommends giving the contract to PAR Western Line Construction, LLC, for \$43,658,307.04, as it submitted the lowest-cost and highest-value proposal.

In response to Director Cardenas's question, General Manager Asbury explained why they chose wooden poles instead of steel or underground options. The main reason is the weather, especially during summer. Currently, wooden poles also offer better value.

Moved by Director Eugenio, seconded by Director Pacheco, that the Board approve the service agreement with PAR Western Line Contractors, LLC for transmission and distribution pole replacement construction services (SRFP No. 527).

Motion carried, 4-0, with Vice Chairman Hamby absent.

Vice Chairman Hamby rejoined the meeting via WebEx at 1:36 p.m.

8. Approval of 2026 On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program (OFECP) and Deficit Irrigation Program (DIP) Conservation Payment Rates

Tina Shields, water manager, attended the board meeting via WebEx. She summarized the 2026 conservation payment rates and the 2026 Deficit Irrigation Program, highlighting the proposed payment rates in the table.

Conservation Program	Proposed 2026 Payment Rate
<i>On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program</i>	<i>\$475/AF – \$575/AF³</i>
• Base Rate	\$347/AF
• SCIA Supplement	\$128/AF
• Infrastructure Conservation & Energy (IC&E) Supplement ³	\$100/AF ³
<i>Deficit Irrigation Program</i>	<i>\$300/AF</i>

³ Limited to drip, sprinkler, tailwater return systems, cascade, and any other unique conservation measures pre-approved by the water manager

Public comments on this agenda item were provided by Ronnie Leimgruber, a farmer from Holtville, and Larry Cox, a farmer from Brawley.

In response to Director Cardenas's questions, General Manager Asbury and Water Manager Tina Shields provided updates on discussions at the Farmer's Water Roundtable meetings, including the pricing for the OFECP and the potential use of an inflation index for the Deficit Irrigation Program.

The Board provided feedback on the matter, including comments from Director Cardenas and Chairwoman Dockstader regarding the 2025 DIP lottery.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Pacheco, that the Board approve the 2026 conservation payment rates and 2026 DIP plant date eligibility as presented:

1. \$475/AF to \$575/AF* – OFECP base payment rate range consisting of the following components:
 - a. \$347/AF Base payment rate (to be funded by the water transfer)
 - b. \$128/AF SCIA supplement
 - c. \$100/AF* IC&E supplement (limited to drip, sprinklers, tailwater return systems, cascade, and any other unique conservation measures approved by the water department managers)
2. \$300/AF DIP payment rate, with field eligibility limited to crops planted prior to January 1, 2025

Roll Call Vote

Director Cardenas	Yes
Vice Chairman Hamby	Yes
Chairwoman Dockstader	Yes
Director Pacheco	Yes
Director Eugenio	Yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

INFORMATION

None.

The Board took a five-minute break.

POLICY MONITORING

Vice Chairman Hamby left the WebEx meeting at 2:01 p.m. during the discussion of this matter.

9. SD-4: Competitive Rates

Belen Valenzuela, the chief financial officer, presented the monitoring report for Board Policy SD-4: Competitive Rates. She covered several topics including recovering the cost of service, maintaining strong financial resilience, and ensuring access to credit, noting that the days operating cash on hand increased from last year. Additionally, the IID continues to have some of the lowest energy rates in the region, and its bills are simple and easy to understand compared to those of other utilities.

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Eugenio, that the board find that the Power Department is substantially in compliance and the Water Department is making progress toward compliance with Board Policy SD-4: *Competitive Rates*.

Motion carried 4-0, with Vice Chairman Hamby absent.

The Board took a three-minute break.

REPORTS

10. Water Department

Mike Pacheco, water manager, presented slides showcasing several projects completed by the Water Department, including the Ash Lateral 30 along Meloland Road, the Imperial Dam Sludge Pipe Replacement, and the Orient Intertie Pipeline to Plum-Oasis Interceptor.

11. Power Department

Mathew Smelser, manager of the Power Department, reported on the following matters:

- The Power Department is preparing a press release about the Imperial Irrigation District's partnership with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the award of a \$2.9 million California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Inflation Reduction Act grant for the "Shade Trees for Southern California's Deserts" initiative. This new three-year program will plant 6,000 shade trees across the Imperial and Coachella Valleys.
- He attended the annual Open Access Transmission Tariff conference, where there was significant discussion about AI and Data Centers.
- He attended the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) Annual Meeting in Pasadena. During the meeting, California Energy Commission Commissioner Gallardo mentioned that they are collaborating with SCPPA to organize a summit where all five California Energy Commissioners will be present.
- Mr. Smelser presented slides of several transmission and distribution pole hardening pilot programs the Power Department is working on to make wood poles more resilient. The slides included pictures of anti-cascading structures, hardening with steel truss systems, hardening with grip wrap, and overhead covered conductors.

12. Support Departments

Assistant General Manager Sergio Quiroz was absent; as a result, there was no report.

13. General Manager

Jamie Asbury, the general manager, gave a report on the meetings she attended.

- Attended the California Contractors and Entitlement Holders' meeting.
- Went to the Imperial County Farm Bureau's annual dinner and special Executive Board meeting.
- Met with the city of Coachella to discuss a Joint Powers Authority and plans to municipalize its utility and install Data Centers.
- Discussed an affordable housing project with a developer in Coachella.
- Had separate conversations with members of the agriculture community about the On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program concepts.
- Attended a LAFCO meeting with Chairwoman Dockstader and Vice Chairman Hamby, where they approved the IID Service Area Plan.
- Participated in a water stakeholder meeting in El Centro and Brawley.
- Held two-on-two meetings with the County of Imperial and the City of El Centro.
- Met with IID's internal auditors and the Enterprise Risk consultant.
- Attended a California 440 strategy meeting.
- Joined the Reliability Compliance Steering Committee meeting with the Power Department and the Reliability Compliance office.

- Attended employee appreciation luncheons in the North End Division and the Bell Building with Telecom, SCADA, and Internal Audit.
- Ms. Asbury reported that IID closed its bond financing at \$97 million, with an interest rate of less than 4 percent, resulting in about \$4.5 million in savings.

Director Cardenas expressed appreciation for General Manager Asbury's weekly reports.

ADJOURNMENT—2:19 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.)