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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

### Business Session

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

William R. Condit Auditorium

1285 Broadway Avenue

El Centro, CA 92243

Division 1—Alex Cardenas

Division 2—JB Hamby, *Vice Chairman*

Division 3—Gina Dockstader

Division 4—Lewis Pacheco

Division 5—Karin Eugenio, *Chairwoman*

Jamie L. Asbury, *General Manager*

Wayne K. Strumpfer, *General Counsel*

Raquel Najera, *Secretary to the Board*

### CALL TO ORDER— 1:01 p.m.

All directors were present in the El Centro Boardroom.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IID employee Robert Schettler led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Eugenio called for a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of two former IID employees and retirees, David Cobleigh and Cesar Perdomo.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Dockstader, that the board approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Peter Rodriguez of El Centro commended IID for its workshop on the new Data Center.
- Tom Sephton of Sephton Water Technology, Inc., shared his thoughts on the Red Hill Renewal Proposal.
- Eric Reyes of Los Amigos de La Comunidad, Inc. will provide his comments during the discussion of Action Item No. 3: Adopt Resolution to revise Board Policy BL-12: Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Water-Related Transactions.

## CONSENT

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Dockstader, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

1. Approval of Annual Appointments of Directors to Various Positions:  
Board approval of the following appointments for the calendar year 2026.

<b>External Appointments</b>	<b>Appointees</b>
American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council	Cardenas
Association of California Water Agencies	Pacheco/Dockstader
California Farm Water Coalition	Dockstader
Coachella Valley Association of Governments — Coachella Valley Conservation Commission	Cardenas/Hamby
Coachella Valley Association of Governments — Energy and Sustainability	Eugenio/Hamby
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
<b>Local Agency Two-On-Two</b>	<b>Appointees</b>
City of Brawley	Dockstader/Pacheco
City of Calexico	Pacheco/Eugenio
City of Calipatria	Dockstader/Pacheco
City of El Centro	Cardenas/Hamby
Heber Public Utilities District	Hamby/Pacheco
City of Holtville	Hamby/Eugenio
City of Imperial	Eugenio/Pacheco
Seeley County Water District	Hamby/Eugenio
City of Westmorland	Cardenas/Dockstader
County of Imperial	Dockstader/Hamby
Coachella Valley Water District	Hamby/Dockstader
Coachella Valley Power Agency/C.V. Agencies	Hamby/Eugenio
Quechan Indian Tribe	Eugenio/Hamby

## CONSENT ITEMS ADDED TO ACTION AGENDA

None.

## ACTION

2. Adopt Resolution Recognizing Engineers Week

Moved by Director Pacheco, seconded by Director Dockstader, that the board adopt Resolution No. 3-2026, recognizing the District's engineers during Engineers Week, February 22-28, 2026.

Motion carried, 5-0.

3. Adopt Resolution to revise Board Policy BL-12: Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Water-Related Transactions

Vice Chairman Hamby opened the discussion on revisions to Board Policy BL-12. He noted that the IID's annual review process is revisited to approve the On-Farm and other water conservation programs in accordance with Policy BL-8: *Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to the Biennial Planning Process*, and other planning approvals. He also noted the 10-point plan designed to ensure that both program implementation and funding occur every two years, enabling better planning for growers and program participants and aligning with the budgeting process.

Director Dockstader noted that it helps farmers plan effectively and emphasized the importance of stakeholder outreach.

General Manager Asbury addressed Director Cardenas's question about federal funding, indicating that it comes with specific terms and timeframes. She mentioned that staff can propose a budget amendment during the two-year budget cycle if additional funds are available, highlighting the flexibility of this cycle. Additionally, there is a financial transparency page on IID's website, and the stakeholder engagement process will involve groups such as the Farm Water Roundtable, the Imperial County Farm Bureau, IVH2O, and public outreach efforts.

Discussions ensued on the matter.

Public Comment

Eric Reyes raised a concern about the wording in letter "F" of Policy B-12, which states, "Negotiate amendments or revisions to water transfer agreements with other agencies, with final approval for such agreements to be made by the Board as appropriate." He recommended removing the word "appropriate" because it is not clearly defined.

General Manager Asbury stated that no amendment agreements will proceed without board approval.

Moved by Director Cardenas, seconded by Director Pacheco, that the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy BL-12: Delegation to the General Manager with Respect to Water-Related Transactions.

Motion carried, 5-0.

2026 Annual Work Plan Parking Lot

Vice Chairman Hamby requested a revisit of Policy BL-12 and asked that it be added to the Parking Lot list for future discussion.

**INFORMATION**

None.

**POLICY MONITORING**

4. SD-1: Mission and Vision

General Manager Jamie Asbury noted that the PowerPoint presentation differs slightly from what the Board and the public have seen before. The only changes are on the water resources page. She mentioned that the Board tasked her to align IID's mission and vision with its long-term planning and daily operations. This also involves ensuring it aligns with the Board of Directors' priorities and goals, as well as their commitment to public service. She stressed the importance of providing reliable power and water services, improving the customer experience, and supporting the community's well-being.

Director Cardenas highlighted significant achievements in 2025, including record enrollment and investment, with over 12,675 qualified participants in IID's READY and CARE programs. He expressed gratitude to the Public Affairs Department for its effective outreach. However, he stressed the need to enhance promotion of the On-Farm Efficiency Conservation Program (OFECP), which has successfully conserved more than nine million acre-feet of water.

General Manager Asbury indicated that she will work with the Public Affairs and the Water Department on the OFECP outreach efforts.

Moved by Vice Chairman Hamby, seconded by Director Cardenas, that the Board find that the District is substantially in compliance with Board Policy SD-1: Vision and Mission.

Motion carried, 5-0.

At the request of Chairwoman Eugenio, General Manager Asbury provided a brief report on Synergy [All Weather Energy Savings Program], noting that it increased by \$1,500 per household. She noted that energy efficiency is the most effective way to reduce power consumption and that this effort will be highlighted on IID's social media and by staff from the Public Affairs and Finance departments.

## REPORTS

### 7. Water Department

- Water Manager Tina Shields reported on the following matters:
  - The 2024 On-Farm programs have closed, and significant progress has been made on the 2025 On-Farm programs.
  - She congratulated Kelly Bishop, Conservation Program Representative, Water II, who graduated from the two-year California Agricultural Leadership Program, and Jessica Humes, Supervisor, Environmental Compliance, who has been accepted into the Water Leaders Colorado River Program for the upcoming calendar year.
- Water Manager Mike Pacheco reported on the following matters:
  - Construction staff from the Water Department are assisting the Power Department with upgrades to three substations. A brief slideshow was presented to highlight these upgrades.
  - The Water Department is upgrading certain water systems.
  - The Holtville Annual Carrot Festival Parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2026.

### 8. Power Department

Paul Rodriguez, Deputy Power Manager, reported on behalf of Power Manager Matthew Smelser, who was absent. He presented a slideshow covering the following projects:

- There are grants available for energy modernization projects in schools, with applications due February 20, 2026.
- The Calexico School District has successfully completed the installation of an electric vehicle (EV) bus charging station.
- He shared updates on various projects, including the Imperial County Gateway Water Treatment Plant, the Acrisure Arena Backbone in La Quinta, and a new feeder from the New Jackson Substation serving the Pulte Residential Development. Additionally, he informed the Board about the K-Line outage caused by a car vs pole on January 31, 2026.

### 9. Support Departments

Tony Allegranza, Chief Information Officer, presented a slideshow on modernizing the District's digital workplace using Microsoft 365 Enterprise and its key benefits.

### 10. General Manager

General Manager Jamie Asbury reported on the following matters:

- She attended and reported on the following meetings:
  - General Counsel Wayne Strumpfer and she met with Imperial Valley College representatives.
  - She attended several intra-California meetings regarding the Upper and Lower Basins of the Colorado River.

- Farmer's Water Roundtable meeting.
- General Manager's regular executive staff meeting, and one-on-one meeting with Vice Chairman Hamby.
- Follow-up meeting regarding the Colorado River with the State of California, Vice Chairman Hamby, and Water Manager Tina Shields.
- Quarterly standing meeting with staff from the Lower Colorado Basin Reclamation.
- She attended a meeting with the Power Department to discuss the pole loading analysis fees charged by IID.
- She reminded the public about the Vendorization Clinic scheduled for February 12 in the El Centro Boardroom from 2 to 4 p.m. She also mentioned the GEMS Grants available to schools for upgrading and modernizing, the \$1,500 in free energy upgrades for IID customers through various all-weather energy savings programs, and the Financial Transparency page available at IID.com.
- Public outreach for the 2025 asset management plan has been completed.
- She took a moment to thank Brent DeLong, an employee of the IID Line Crew. He received praise from a customer for the line work at the corner of Jasper and Pitzer Roads. The customer expressed appreciation for the hard work of the IID crews.

The Board took a break.

**CONVENE CLOSED SESSION— 2:12 p.m.**

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

*Director Dockstader recused herself from discussing one of the four cases under item one.*

2. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
(Cal. Gov. Code sec. 54957)  
Consultation with Francesca Williams, Chief Internal Auditor

**RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION— 5:02 p.m.**

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

General Counsel Wayne Strumpfer reported that Director Dockstader recused herself and left the room regarding one of the closed-session agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT— 5:03 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.)**