

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Potter Valley Irrigation District was called to order by President Janet Pauli @ 7:01 pm at the Potter Valley Irrigation District Office

Directors Present: Dir. Janet Pauli, Dir. Guinness McFadden, Dir. Mac Magruder , Dir. Dan Thornton and Dir. Steven Giuntini

Staff Present: Superintendent Don Brown, Assessor/Collector Patti Boatwright and Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Ricetti

Absent: Attorney Cliff Paulin, Webmaster Elaine Lindelef

Others Present:

Public Comment: Brief discussion was had regarding a meeting held earlier today, about The SWEEP program. This is a funding opportunity for local agriculture entities for several concerns including fire safety, conservation and many others. This is open for our Board to apply to. Director Pauli suggests PVID Board form a smaller subcommittee to follow up on potential grant writing. Director Magruder, Superintendent Brown and Attorney Paulin will meet together to work on the initial questionnaire. PVID will work on having a special board meeting as needed to address the deadlines of this grant.

Minutes:

- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the January Regular Meeting Minutes and Dir. McFadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Check Register: The January check register totaling \$121,120.33 and the unpaid bills totaling \$9,479.02 were reviewed;

- **Dir. Magruder made a motion that the unpaid bills be approved for payment, Dir. McFadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Financial Report: Report was reviewed and discussed

Assessor/Collector's Report: Assessor/Collector Boatwright prepared a report with the following information.

Total Overdue A/R:	\$ 36,996.32
Water.....	\$ 22,746.20
Standby.....	\$ 12,584.89
Penalty.....	\$ 1,665.23

Attorney's Report: Attorney not present.

Superintendent's Report: Team will be installing a new canal gate at #2. Superintendent Brown recently attended a zoom meeting with PG&E to discuss the temporary variance. Superintendent Brown will go on-demand to help preserve flows for later in season in East Canal.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Report: Webmaster not present.

2. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission Report: Dir. Pauli reported:

- Most recent fish counts are: 46 Steelhead for a total of 161; Chinook total 1324.
- At MCIWCP meeting last week 6 potential storage options for PVP were discussed to be categorized into tiers. There was a very large turnout for this meeting.
- Director McFadden encourages MCIWPC to discuss a 7th option of leaving the dams up.
- Director Pauli assured the Board, that while some are working on other options, MCIWPC will continue moving on a clear path to build projects that will increase storage and provide more water supply security for the Russian River watershed.

3. Discussion: PVID share of future funding for legal and engineering expenses associated with the PG&E License Surrender process, the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) and USACE Feasibility study for Coyote Dam: Discussion of this was had under Agenda item #2 Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation and approval of PVID 2026 Budget:

Dir Thornton motioned to approve budget as submitted; Dir McFadden seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Janet Pauli, President



Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/ Treasurer