

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

JANUARY 21, 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, Attorney Cliff Paulin, Assessor/Collector Patti Boatwright, Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Ricetti

Absent: Webmaster Elaine Lindelef

Others Present: Kyle Farmer

Public Comment: Kyle Farmer discussed an upcoming grant available from Prop 4 funds. Block grants and individual grants are available. These funds can be used to improve water efficiency within the district. Mr. Farmer will bring down more information to give to our Attorney to review. He strongly encourages PVID apply for this grant on behalf of our community.

Minutes:

- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the December 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and Dir. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Check Register: The December check register totaling \$35,808.59 and the unpaid bills totaling \$97,373.66 were reviewed;

- **Dir. McFadden made a motion that the unpaid bills be approved for payment, Dir. Magruder 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:	\$ 8,388.77
Water.....	\$ 847.47
Standby.....	\$ 5,941.62
Penalty.....	\$ 1,599.68

Attorney's Report: Attorney Paulin discussed that PG&E has made several small filings with FERC. Further information under Agenda item 2, under old business.

Superintendent's Report: Currently working to fix a leak on lateral 44. Annual reports regarding water usage have been submitted to State Water Board via the new reporting system.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Report: No current update.

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

- Current Fish count for the week of 12/22-12/28 was- 1323 Chinook; 5 Steelhead. Fish totals will continue to be monitored and reported back to Board.
- Funding for the Lake Mendocino Feasibility study has been federally paused. Entities will continue to lobby for this federal funding.
- Public Policy Facilitating Committee meets annually to discuss biological conditions on Dry creek and the Russian River. They are also studying estuary, spawning grounds and survival rates.
- Ukiah Valley Water Authority has been formed by combining several small water districts. They may formally requested to join MCIWPC
- Email from Chadwick McCready from drought working group. PG&E wants to meet with PVID and MCIWCP to discuss permanent variance. They have withdrawn their original filing requesting temporary variance.
- Dir McFadden has asked to join the drought working group.
- Dir Pauli and Attorney Paulin will be meeting with Seth Perez and PG&E to discuss a new chain of communication.
- At a recent MCIWCP meeting, engineer Tom Johnson discussed water storage options. Several ways to potentially store water in the Russian River watershed for the PVP were discussed. MCIWCP will rank the options they consider to be the top tier. Some options presented were clearly not the top options but were presented. MCIWCP will take all work completed by George Rau into consideration while making their choices.
- Director McFadden has requested that an alternative option information be sent out through our Attorney to the PVID Board.

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

- Still waiting on CDFW \$9 million dollar grant to be completed and released to Sonoma Water and MCIWPC for NERF and other infrastructure progress.
- Lytton Tribe will still match federal funding for the Corp studies, up to \$800,000.00.
- There will be serious research into water storage possibilities within the Valley.

4. Discuss East Branch Russian River check dams

- Sonoma Water has stated they need to inspect check dams structure by structure.
- Old lawsuit information from Cedric Thornton has been requested.
- Sonoma water took over 'maintenance' of the check dams.

5. Drought working group and discussion of variance flows

- There is no longer a drought working group. Updates to variance discussions will be moved to Attorneys report on future Agendas.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consultant for 2026

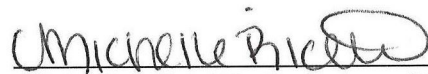
- The board discussed the importance of retaining our Consultant Steve Elliott for the 2026 water season.
- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to retain our consultant for the 2026 year and Dir. McFadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Robert Johnson Contract

- The contract will be included in budget presentation at the February Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Janet Pauli, President


Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/Treasurer