

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING**

**November 19, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Potter Valley Irrigation District was called to order by President Janet Pauli @ 7:02 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, Webmaster Elaine Lindelef and Assessor/Collector Patti Boatwright, Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Ricetti

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dan Todd

**Public Comment:** Director McFadden wanted to make a mention of how missed Lura Smith is and how great her contributions were to our district over the years were.

**Minutes:**

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

**Check Register:** The October check register totaling \$67,641.60 and the unpaid bills totaling \$6,798.08 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: .....	\$ 10,082.16
Water.....	\$ 1,962.44

Standby..... \$ 6,496.33  
Penalty..... \$ 1,623.39

**Attorney’s Report:** Attorneys report will be presented throughout other agenda items.

**Superintendent’s Report:** All seasonal workers have been laid off. Superintendent Brown presented the total annual water delivery to the board. New water reporting requirements start soon, Superintendent is completing webinars and trainings for this new system.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Website Report:** Elaine will upload information regarding Potter Valley Project Workshop on November 24, 2025. She will also upload instructions to comment to FERC.

**2. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission Report:** Dir. Pauli reported there will be an informational workshop meeting next Monday 11/24 to discuss PG&E’s ongoing Potter Valley Project decommissioning process.

PG&E filed a permanent variance request to FERC that requires a response and protest from PVID.

US Forestry, USDA and Department of the Interior have all asked for extension of FERC comment period until 12/15/25.

**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:** Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission hired Mr. Seth Wurzell from LWA to prepare an analysis of the costs that will be incurred over the next few years for ongoing work on funding our engagement with the PGE/FERC process, new infrastructure projects and to explain funding sources that may be available. A report on Wurzell’s discussion will be given next month.

**4. Discuss East Branch Russian River check dams:** There was a recent meeting in Potter Valley with IWPC’s consulting engineer Tom Johnson, Sonoma Water representatives and PVID to discuss the check dams. The group viewed several of the check dams. Sonoma Water was shown the current condition of several of the check dams in disrepair and they wish to return to inspect and evaluate all of the sites. PVID will continue to offer help and arrange access as needed.

- 5. Continued discussion of Temporary Variance flows and report on drought working group:** Update to be discussed under Agenda item 2 under new business.
- 6. Discuss proposed PG&E water rate for 2026 Irrigation season:** Director Pauli, Attorney Paulin and Superintendent Brown met with Seth Perez to discuss the PVID and PG&E contract rates. Under our contract the crop values of the top three commodities are to be analyzed to determine whether they have increased or decreased in value every three years and analysis. The data used is supposed to be attained from the Mendocino County Agricultural Commissioner's annual reports. These reports have not been finalized for the years we need. Seth Perez therefore proposed using state commodity values but PVID declined. PVID was able to provide information on local commodities valuations to adjust the numbers. The grape and pear values were adjusted and the hay value stayed the same. The new proposed water rate is \$21.31 per acre foot.
- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the proposed water rate from PG&E and Dir. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**


**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. FERC notice of PG&E's application for surrender of license and non-project use of project lands, accepted for filing, soliciting comments, motions to intervene and protests:** MCIWPC and all other entities are currently submitting comments. The PVID Board wants to make sure the comments that we make are specific to our unique needs and geographical location. Director Pauli wants to show support for the new diversion as well as request intervener status. There is a good possibility that FERC will want more answers from PG&E.

**2. FERC notice of PG&E application for permanent variance of the license accepted for filing, comments, motions to intervene and protests:** PG&E has filed a request for a Permanent Variance of the License. The comment, intervention and protest period is currently open. Director Pauli and Attorney Paulin want to carefully re-read PG&E's application prior to preparing an official district statement. A draft of the filing will be sent out to all Directors to approve before submission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

  
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Janet Pauli, President

  
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Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/ Treasurer