

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING**

**October 15, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Potter Valley Irrigation District was called to order by Attorney Cliff Paulin @7:03 pm at the Potter Valley Irrigation District Office

**Directors Present:** Dir. Guinness McFadden, Dir. Mac Magruder and Dir. Dan Thornton

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Don Brown, Attorney Cliff Paulin, Webmaster Elaine Lindelef and Assessor/Collector Patti Boatwright, Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Ricetti

**Absent:** Dir. Janet Pauli, Dir. Steven Giuntini

**Others Present:**

**Public Comment:**

**Minutes:**

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

**Check Register:** The September check register totaling \$52,536.15 and the unpaid bills totaling \$11,369.07 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: .....	\$ 10,028.89
Water.....	\$ 1,962.44
Standby.....	\$ 6,532.20
Penalty.....	\$ 1,534.25

**Attorney's Report:** State water board has begun its process for an Environmental Impact Report regarding the Potter Valley Project. The state water board is accepting written public comment through November 3, 2025. No new information from Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Cline will be bringing a resolution to next week's BOS meeting regarding the BOS taking an official stance regarding Potter Valley Project. PVID has been approached to make a statement on our behalf.

**Superintendent's Report:** Currently coordinating with company for quote on lining crossing at gate #50; will be able to schedule once the water goes down. Crews are continuing to clean, spray and repair gates and canals as needed. Replaced tires on the David Brown Tractor, as well as tightened leaks and hydraulic systems. Received commodities report from PGE and proposed rate increase (new business #2).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Website Report:** All minutes and agendas are updated and on the website. Will continue to monitor page views.
- 2. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission Report:** Dir. Pauli was not present. No discussion was had.
- 3. PVID share of future funding:** Mike Shaver brought by a potential funding opportunity in partner with PVID tribe. Not much is known about it at this time. Attorney Paulin will review with President Pauli regarding the details.
- 4. Discuss East Branch Russian River Check Dams:** Director Magruder continues to work with George Rau to calculate an estimation of sediment release if the check dams are removed. No new information to present currently.
- 5. Continued discussion of temporary variance flows and report on Drought working group:** Drought working group still discussing likelihood of PG&E filing early for temporary variance for 2026 water season. Possibility of FERC asking for more information to be submitted with the request.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Flooded Hay Claim:** Board discussed details of events that led to claim. Board has denied payment of the claim. Superintendent Brown has been directed to formally inform customers that this claim has been denied.

**2. Proposed PG&E water rate increase:** PG&E has used the state commodities report to increase the water rate. The new proposed rate is \$21.39 per acre foot. This is an increase from \$20 per acre foot. During review of the state commodities report, Directors brought up concern that the state report had commodities at a much higher rate than the actual local county pricing of said commodities. PVID has suggested we accept a conditional agreement, which would allow PVID to review the state commodities against our local commodities report. Superintendent Brown will follow up with the Ag Commissioner to try to obtain local statistics.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Janet Pauli, President



Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/ Treasurer