

**POTTER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Potter Valley Irrigation District was called to order by President Janet Pauli @ 7:03 pm at the Potter Valley Irrigation District Office

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

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

Absent: Dir. Dan Thornton, Webmaster Elaine Lindelef

Others Present: Mike Shaver, Tribal Water Resource Manager

Public Comment: Mike Shaver, present on behalf of the Potter Valley Tribe, introduced himself and what he does for the tribe. He presented the PVID Board with maps of Tribal lands and explained that the Tribes goal is to restore and maintain their lands. The tribe also has an interest in future water use on both sides of the watershed (Eel and Russian River watersheds), which directly connects to their ability to care for their land. Mr. Shaver discussed potential opportunities for federal funding for issues such as dam or water storage studies. The Potter Valley Tribe has requested to CDFW that they would like to be a part of any future stakeholder meetings including discussion of water rights. Mr. Shaver and the Potter Valley Tribe would like to maintain a working relationship with PVID. The PVID Board thanked Mr. Shaver for his time and information and will very much look forward to future meetings with the Potter Valley Tribal Council

Minutes:

- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the August 11th Special Meeting Minutes and Dir. Giuntini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dir. Magruder made a motion to approve the August 20th Regular Meeting Minutes and Dir. Giuntini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Check Register: The August check register totaling \$50,645.73 and the unpaid bills totaling \$9,792.31 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 by board of directors.

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

Total Overdue A/R:	\$ 9,941.95
Water.....	\$ 1,962.44
Standby.....	\$ 6,532.20
Penalty.....	\$ 1,447.31

Attorney’s Report: Attorney Paulin recently attended the Drought Working Group Meeting. At that meeting they discussed the current Eel River temperatures, which are a bit higher than ideal but are dropping due to lower night time temperatures. He informed the PVID board that PG&E has stated that they will be applying for another temporary flow variance from FERC for 2026. It is likely that they will request the temporary variance from FERC in October. The Drought Working Group is looking at the possibility of PG&E being open to modifying the temporary variance terms, including a more gradual reduction in the flow rates as weather and storage conditions change instead of a date certain reduction.

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Brown discussed his current report. He is still working on getting a quote for lining the culvert crossing on Main Street at gate #50 and at Hawn Creek, which will happen once water in canal goes down. Superintendent Brown is carefully tracking all PVID water usage and communicating with Michelle Lent at PG&E. We are on target with our allotment with a few minor adjustments. Crews continue weed spraying laterals and repairing wooden slide gates as needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Website Report:** Webmaster Lindelef is working on updating all minutes and Agendas on the website.
- 2. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission Report:** Dir. Pauli reported:

- At the regular meeting last week, the MCIWPC Board discussed a recent request from Carrie Vau with Mendo Matters. Ms. Vau requested that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors add an agenda item to formally oppose the removal of Scott Dam. MCIWCP will be sending the Board of Supervisors a letter to inform them of the current status of the Potter Valley Project and the importance of the work being done to secure the NERF project on the Eel River that allows a diversion to continue from the Eel River into the Russian River.

3. PVID share of Future Funding: MCIWPC is still looking for funding sources moving forward. PVID was thankful to hear the offer from the Potter Valley Tribe to work with us on acquiring potential grant funding to continue our studies on ground and/or surface water storage opportunities in our valley. We look forward to future meetings with the Potter Valley Tribal Council and their representatives.

4. Discuss East Branch Russian River check dams: Dir Magruder discussed his current work on addressing the condition of the 12 check dams. Removal of the check dams would cause erosion of the banks of the East Branch of the Russian River and release tons of river sediment that would flow downstream into Lake Mendocino. Dir Magruder is currently working with George Rau to determine the potential amount of sediment that would be released and what it would take to replace or repair the existing check dams. Due to nature of dams, there are potentially partners within CDFW, Sonoma Water or the Army Corp of Engineers to address this matter.

5. Continued discussion of temporary variance flows and report on Drought Working Group: Attorney Paulin addressed this topic during his attorneys report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.



Janet Pauli, President



Michelle Ricetti, Secretary/ Treasurer