



Mission Statement

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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549**

December 17, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Vice President Priefer, Director Davis, Director Harsha and Director Olson were present. Also in attendance were General Manager Rojas and Chief Financial Officer Shouman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: November 19, 2025

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for the fifth month ending November 30, 2025
- b. District warrants for November 2025
 - Check #19251- 19294 = \$227,994.72
 - Gross Payroll = \$84,903.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$9,012.00
 - LAIF Transfers = \$0.00
 - Transfers/charges = \$476.00

C. OPERATIONS REPORT



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DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson commented that it was great to see the District under budget on expenses and noted that it was an impressive accomplishment. He asked whether the District was expecting any large upcoming expenses, such as a Southern California Edison bill, or if the District was truly under budget. Mr. Shouman confirmed that there were no significant outstanding expenses announced and that the District is genuinely under budget. Director Olson congratulated staff on being under budget.

Director Olson also commented that the District's 7% water loss was excellent and he loves seeing it under 10%. All Directors agreed with his comments. Director Davis added that it was great to see such a strong and believable number. General Manager Bill Rojas responded that staff are working very hard to keep water loss at that level.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the Consent Calendar and Director Harsha seconded.

AYES

- Director Olson
- Director Harsha
- Director Davis
- Vice President Priefer
- President Schelly

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager will update the Board on accomplishments, challenges that have occurred and key performance metrics.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson had a few questions regarding the survey that was sent out for the sewer project. Mr. Shouman clarified that businesses are excluded from this survey.

President Schelly thanked Mr. Rojas for listing the staff accomplishments he thought it was great to see the work getting completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Jerome asked several questions regarding the sewer survey, specifically how it



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relates to the grant application process and how many additional surveys are still needed from the community. Mr. Rojas responded that approximately 50 to 70 more surveys need to be completed and submitted.

Mr. Jerome then requested clarification on the \$10 million state grant the District is pursuing. Mr. Rojas explained that while the District is working toward this grant opportunity, the survey is only one required step in the application process. The survey helps determine whether the District qualifies as a disadvantaged community, which is necessary before the State considers the grant application. Mr. Jerome asked whether renters can complete and respond to the sewer survey. Mr. Rojas and President Schelly confirmed that renters may respond and stated that the District prefers renter participation over landlords, as renters are directly impacted by sewer service and related costs.

Mr. Jerome also asked a few questions about payroll, which Mr. Shouman was able to clarify for him.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. ACWA/JPIA RECOGNITION

Staff will present the ACWA/JPIA President's Special Recognition Award received for maintaining an exceptional loss ratio in the JPIA insurance programs. This award acknowledges the District's strong performance and commitment to reducing claims.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Rojas explained no one got hurt, no wrecked vehicles and everyone has each other's backs. Director Olson said congratulations to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. 2026 NEW LAWS

General Counsel will report on new laws that take effect in 2026, including updates to the Brown Act and new training requirements for local agency officials.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Directors heard from General Counsel Ryan Guiboa on the new changes coming into effect in 2026 on the Brown Act.



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Director Olson asked for clarification regarding the every two year requirements and when this goes into effect and how long they have to get this training completed. Mr. Guiboa said it goes into effect on January 1st in 2026, Directors will have six months to complete the required SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Accountability Training update.

President Schelly asked for clarification on whether the District is required to retain Directors' training certificates for five years. Mr. Guiboa responded yes, noting that most districts also post the certificates on their website for transparency.

President Schelly asked whether he could attend and participate in the meeting remotely due to a delayed flight and whether this situation would qualify as a “just cause” or an “emergency circumstance.” Mr. Guiboa explained that this situation does not qualify under the requirements. He noted that while President Schelly could attend the meeting as a member of the public, since the meeting was open to everyone, he could not participate in the meeting in his capacity as a Board member.

Vice President Prier asked for clarification on the requirements determining which districts are eligible or non-eligible regarding the new requirement for teleconferencing at every meeting. Mr. Guiboa explained that the requirements apply to cities with populations over 30,000 and special districts with more than 200 employees and/or an annual budget exceeding \$400 million.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jerome asked for clarification regarding the four new laws currently in effect. Mr. Guiboa responded that these are laws and principles related to short- and long-term fiscal debt and investment management, responsibilities of financial administration related to, including municipal management, financial planning, and Board efforts to safeguard public resources.

The board moved into close session at 6:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation - Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(1) Jonathan Mills v. Idyllwild Water District et al., Riv. Sup. Ct. Case No. CVRI2505551

REPORT FORM CLOSED SESSION

None.

DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS

Director Harsha mentioned she is considering moving out of the District soon.

ADJOURNMENT



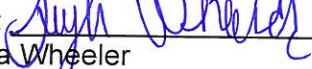
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The Board adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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BY: 
Tyla Wheeler
Board Secretary

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BY: 
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President

