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

July 15, 2026 – 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, and Director Davis, Director Olson, and Director Stamper. 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:	June 17, 2026
Special Board Meeting:	June 17, 2026

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for month ended June 30, 2026 and twelve months ended June 30, 2026
- b. District warrants for June 2026

Check #19576-19617	= \$291,395.64
Gross Payroll	= \$84,627.00
Federal/State PR taxes	= \$8,623.00
LAIF Transfers	= \$0.00
Transfers/charges	= \$520.00



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C. OPERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Schelly noted that, on a quarterly basis, he likes to highlight the District's financial position. He pointed out that the District is safeguarding approximately \$4.4 million and shared several facts and percentages demonstrating that the District continues to maintain strong financial stability and is responsibly managing its funds.

Director Olson asked about the reported 9% water loss and requested that General Manager Rojas explain the reason for it. President Schelly asked that the discussion be postponed until the General Manager's report later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

AYES

Director Stamper
Director Davis
Director Olson
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 asked for clarification regarding the proposed loan options, specifically the 20-year loan at 2.05% versus the 30-year loan at 2.30%. Mr. Rojas and Mr. Shouman confirmed that those interest rates were correct.

Mr. Rojas also noted that the District has retained Scott from CSG Advisors to assist with the



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financing process. CSG Advisors will be reviewing the District's projected cash flow for fiscal year 2026 to help determine which loan term and repayment structure the District can best support financially.

Director Stamper asked whether, if the District incurred a large expense and did not have sufficient cash flow available, it would be possible to receive loan funds in advance to cover that expense. Mr. Shouman explained that, for eligible engineering and other approved soft costs, the District would submit the invoice for reimbursement, and the loan funds would then be transferred to the District to cover those expenses.

Director Olson asked whether there had been any discussion regarding the terms of repayment. Mr. Shouman explained that the District will make interest-only payments through the completion of the project, at which time the 20-year loan repayment period will begin.

Mr. Shouman also stated that during his and Mr. Rojas' meeting with the loan company, he asked about the possibility of making early or additional payments on the loan. The loan company explained that because the financing involves bonds, there are specific procedures that must be followed. For example, if the District wished to make an additional \$100,000 payment toward the loan, the District would need to submit a written request and follow the required procedures.

Director Stamper asked about the NHI Study and the status of the remaining surveys. Mr. Rojas reported that the District is currently 22 surveys short of the required number. Director Stamper asked whether, if the required number of surveys is not obtained, the results would be prorated or otherwise adjusted.

Mr. Rojas explained that the final determination would be made by the State. He stated that the State could default to the highest reported income figure, which was over \$600,000 and would place the District above the \$79,000 threshold, or the State could elect to use the data collected through the completed surveys, which would place the District below the threshold.

Director Olson asked whether the recently identified leaks contributed to the higher water loss reported for the month. Mr. Rojas confirmed that the leaks were a contributing factor and stated that staff is hopeful the water loss will decrease next month. Mr. Rojas also noted that the asphalt work currently taking place along Highway 243 is suspected to be a significant contributor to the recent leaks.

Vice President Priefer asked whether the District was continuing to experience issues with the meters. Mr. Rojas stated that the situation is improving and that field staff has replaced numerous meter registers. He also noted that Neptune has been working with the District to provide replacement registers under warranty.



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Vice President Priefer asked approximately how many meters had failed and required manual reads. Mr. Rojas stated that approximately 120 meters had to be manually read due to meter failures.

President Schelly asked about the new excavator and commented that its smaller footprint appeared to be working well. Mr. Rojas confirmed that the new excavator is working out well for the District.

President Schelly also commented that it was great to see District staff participate in the Fourth of July Parade and noted that everyone appeared to have a great time. He also recognized the District's staff retention, noting that there had not been any employee turnover in quite some time, and asked Mr. Rojas how long it had been. Mr. Rojas stated that it had been over two years since the District had experienced employee turnover.

President Schelly asked about the status of the District's GIS system and how much had been completed. Mr. Rojas stated that the general system is 100% complete and that staff is now working on the smaller details, of which approximately 25% have been completed. He noted that this remains a work in progress and that staff continues to input data as time allows.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Jerome asked whether the NHI Study is based on median household income. Mr. Shouman confirmed that it is, and Director Olson provided an example illustrating how the median is calculated.

The Board of Directors adjourned the regular meeting at 6:32. p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors moved into closed session at 6:37 p.m.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation § 54957 Title: General Manager

Board moved out of closed session at 7:14 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Schelly announced that the Board had completed the General Manager's performance evaluation and that Mr. Rojas will continue serving as General Manager.

DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS

None.



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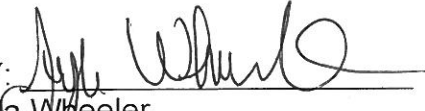
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ADJOURNMENT

The Board Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: 
Tyla Wheeler
Board Secretary

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BY: 
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President

