



### **Mission Statement**

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

**January 21, 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, Director Davis, and Director Olson were present. Also in attendance were General Manager Rojas and Chief Financial Officer Shouman. Director Harsha submitted a letter stating she can no longer serve on the board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Jerome stated that he had questions regarding the Pine Crest house and asked when those questions should be addressed. President Schelly responded that they could be addressed after Item No. 4.

#### **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: December 17, 2025

#### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a. Income statements for the month of December 2025 and the six months ending December 31, 2025
- b. District warrants for December 2025

Check #19295-19355	= \$274,512.19
Gross Payroll	= \$83,970.00
Federal/State PR taxes	= \$8,625.00
LAIF Transfers	= \$0
Transfers/charges	= \$439.00

#### **C. OPERATIONS REPORT**



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#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Olson praised staff for being under budget once again.

Director Davis noted that the reduction in “slippage” loss was encouraging and clarified that a 6% non-revenue water loss is excellent. Director Olson agreed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **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 Mr. Rojas for the definition of a low-interest loan. Mr. Rojas responded that it was 2.1%.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jerome asked about the median household income for sewer qualifications and expressed concerns regarding secondary homes in Idyllwild. Mr. Rojas responded that the District qualified as a disadvantaged community at 48%, which is below the 50% threshold. He noted that a letter from the Hemet Unified School District assisted in meeting the criteria and thanked them for their support. Mr. Rojas further explained that communities with lower income rankings would be prioritized for grant funding; however, the District may still receive assistance through a low-interest loan.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **3. WEBSITE TRANSPARENCY**

The Idyllwild Water District has received official approval for the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Transparency Certificate of Excellence, recognizing the District’s commitment to open government, accountability, and accessibility. A representative from SDLF will attend the meeting to present the certificate, which the Board will receive and accept.

Presenter: Chris Palmer, Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

President Schelly thanked staff for their hard work in achieving the certification and noted that the District had been working toward this goal for “years.”



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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Palmer provided an overview of the requirements for website transparency and the training required to obtain the certification. He then presented the Certificate of Excellence to the Board of Directors.

**4. 2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will consider electing a President and Vice President for the 2026 calendar year.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Board Secretary Mrs. Wheeler facilitated the nominations and election of officers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

A motion was made by Director Olson to nominate Director Priefer as the Vice President for calendar year 2026. Director Davis seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Davis Director Olson President Schelly		Director Priefer	

**Motion approved.**

A motion was made by Director Olson to nominate President Schelly as the Board President for calendar year 2026. Director Davis seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Davis Director Olson Director Priefer		President Schelly	

**Motion approved.**



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**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

President Schelly informed Mr. Jerome that he could now ask his questions regarding the Pine Crest house. Mr. Jerome asked about a check issued to Director Olson and whether it was a commission. Director Olson clarified that it was not a commission but a reimbursement for opening escrow.

Mr. Jerome asked about home repairs, and President Schelly confirmed that repairs were completed to make the house suitable for the District. Mr. Jerome asked whether GMW Construction was used, and President Schelly confirmed that they were, noting that GMW Construction was within budget, staff is satisfied with their work, and the crew consistently shows up. Mr. Jerome requested clarification on the final repair costs. President Schelly explained that the District had a set budget for the purchase of the house, and because the purchase price was below budget, the remaining funds were used for repairs.

Mr. Jerome asked whether the house was “move-in ready.” President Schelly stated that Idyllwild can have different interpretations of “workmanship,” but that the District completed the necessary work to make the home suitable for use. Mr. Jerome also asked about the floors needing leveling. President Schelly responded that settling is common, and the floors were leveled.

President Schelly added that funds spent on the house could be reassigned and that the District could potentially realize a gain if the property is sold in the future. Mr. Jerome asked about the final cost of the home and how it was paid, noting that he did not see it reflected in the warrants. Mr. Shouman explained that the payment was made via wire transfer and not through the warrants and stated that he would provide copies of the transactions.

Mr. Jerome asked whether Mr. Rojas was living in the home and whether he liked it. Mr. Rojas responded yes to both.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 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*  
Tyla Wheeler  
Board Secretary

Idyllwild Water District  
BY: *Charles Schelly*  
Dr. Charles Schelly

