JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
October 13, 2026

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT
Riley Chaney, President
Andrew Groppetti, Vice President
Robert Barcellos
Wm. Cory Carvalho
Robert Motte

ABSENT
None

STAFF PRESENT
Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent
Walter Flores-Barboza, Office Manager
Mirian I. Esparza, Secretary

PUBLIC

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS
Gerald W. Kinnunen

McMULLIN AREA GSA (MAGSA)
Matthew Hurley, General Manager

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CONSULTANTS

IRRIGATION TRAINING RESEARCH CENTER (ITRC)
Charles M. Burt, Ph. D. E. CID (Zoom)

SUMMERS ENGINEERING, INC.
Jeff Gilkey, P.E. (Zoom)

AGMONITORS
Kevin Langham (Zoom)

LEGAL COUNSEL

YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP
Alan F. Doud, Esq. (Zoom)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("District") was held Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., by President, Riley Chaney. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Riley Chaney led the meeting in reciting the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FPPC §87105

Directors were given an opportunity to identify potential conflicts-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda. None were reported.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public were given an opportunity to directly address the Board to comment on any item of interest before or during consideration of the item.

Don Cameron addressed the Board on behalf of Terra Nova regarding anticipated floodwater conditions and opportunities for groundwater recharge. He discussed Terra Nova's recharge infrastructure and expressed interest in establishing a cooperative agreement with the District for future floodwater deliveries.

The Board discussed potential agreements involving Terra Nova and MAGSA and the need to consult with counsel.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None

7. MINUTES

a. REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
M/S/C (R.MOTTE / A.GROPPETTI), to APPROVE as presented:
AYES: 5 (R.Motte,A.Groppetti,R.Barcellos,W.Carvalho,R.Chaney)

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with Water Code §24273, Mr. Amorelli presented reports as follows:

a. INTERIM WARRANTS: SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 13, 2026 (Att.1)
b. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Att.2)
Interim Warrants (bills paid) with supporting invoices and Accounts Payable invoices (unpaid bills) were presented for review/approval. **M/S/C (R.MOTTE / R.BARCELLOS)** to RATIFY/APPROVE Interim Warrants totaling $625,773.08 and APPROVE payment of Accounts Payable totaling $99,750.20 by the following vote:
AYES: 5 (R.Motte,R.Barcellos,A.Groppetti,W.Carvalho,R.Chaney)

c. PAYROLL CERTIFICATION: PAY PERIODS ENDING SEPTEMBER, 2026 (Att.3)
A listing of payroll checks totaling $84,836.22 (net) issued to employees and Board members for pay periods ending September, 2026, was reviewed and certified by the President, General Manager and Office Manager.

d. INCOME STATEMENTS (BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL): PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

e. QUARTERLY REPORT OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 Gov. Code §53646

f. CASH POSITION REPORT: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

g. SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT/NOTES PAYABLE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

h. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ACTIVITY REPORT: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Amorelli presented his verbal report encompassing operations, maintenance, projects and other District matters since the last meeting:

OPERATIONS

- Water Deliveries: September, 2026 - Water deliveries for the month of September were 4,476.82 acre-feet. The fiscal year-to-date total deliveries are at 46,681.87 acre-feet.
- Weekly TDS Readings: October 5, 2026
- East Side Wellfield YTD Usage: Approximately 14,800 acre-feet.
- U.S.B.R. / Central Valley Project
  - Allocations remain at 28% to South-of-Delta contractors.

AGENCIES

- Kings River Water Association (KRWA) – Staff reported that the proposed agreement had been tentatively approved by the member units and distributed to their respective boards for consideration. The goal is to obtain final approval and signatures in November
- Department of Water Resources (DWR) – Staff attended a meeting with the Department of Water Resources regarding best management practices relate to land subsidence. Discussions focused on groundwater pumping and future management practices.

- Pathways to Water Careers – Staff participated in the Aqua Foundation's Pathways to Water Carrers event on September 24, 2026. The District joined other local water agencies in discussing employment opportunities, recruitment, and career development within the water industry.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent, Kenneth Mancini, reported he and field staff have been working on the following projects:

- James Bypass Basin and Recharge Project: Project is nearing completion, with remaining work consisting of handrail installation, boards and general cleanup.
- District Maintenance: Crew have resumed routine maintenance, including mowing, and spraying.
- Water Deliveries: Water demand is beginning to decrease, allowing staff to reduce ditch tender operations and allocate additional personnel to maintenance project.
- Floodwater Preparations: Staff is preparing for potential floodwater conditions by inspecting weirs, gates, check structures, and bypass facilities for necessary repairs and obstructions.
- Golden Mussel Update: No golden mussels have been detected in District facilities. Staff will continue monitoring for potential impacts on District operations.

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Directors were given an opportunity to inform the Board of meetings and/or conferences attended on behalf of the District.

PRESIDENT, RILEY CHANEY: Reported attending a California Water Alliance meeting where discussion focused on groundwater sustainability, land subsidence, pumping restrictions and the importance of regional cooperation among water agencies.

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. AG MONITOR (09/09/2025) – Kevin Langham of AgMonitor provided a presentation regarding the District's energy consumption, solar production, and utility cost optimization. AgMonitor has mapped District pumping facilities and integrated energy usage and billing data into monitoring system. Mr. Langham reported that adjustments to solar meter groupings and energy credit allocations are projected to generate significant annual savings under normal operating conditions.

The Board requested that future reports reflect the District's water year to provide a more accurate comparison of energy cost and savings.

AgMonitor will continue monitoring energy usage, reviewing utility bills, and providing quarterly updates to the Board.

b. MAIN CANAL PROJECT (10/26/2021) – Representative Jeff Gilkey, from Summers Engineering and Dr. Charles Burt provided updates regarding the Main Canal project and proposed improvements to Lateral C. Summers Engineering discussed ongoing design work, electrical coordination, and anticipated project timelines. Dr. Burt reviewed hydraulic conditions along Later C, particularly near the Colorado Road crossing. The Board discussed potential modifications to existing check structures, canal elevations, and operating practices to improve water delivery efficiency. Staff will coordinate with Dr. Burt for further evaluation of the existing structures.

c. TERMINATION OF 2026 DISTRICT DELIVERIES (10/13/2026) – The Board discussed the anticipated conclusion of the 2026 irrigation season and potential requests for late-season water deliveries. Staff indicated that water deliveries would continue as needed, depending on grower demand and weather conditions. Growers requesting late-season deliveries will be asked to submit their request by email before the November Board meeting for consideration.

13. REPORT ITEMS

a. REMOTE FLOW METER MONITORING (08/12/2025) – Staff provided an update regarding the WildEye telemetry monitoring pilot program currently operating on Laterals C, H, and K, involving 35 to 40 meters. The Board discussed the program's performance, accuracy, reliability, and potential benefits for District operations and water billing. Concerns were raised regarding equipment connectivity, delayed repairs, and reduced technical support. Staff will communicate the Board's concerns to WildEye and continue evaluating the pilot program's effectiveness.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:15 A.M.

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:
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Andrew Groppetti, Vice President
Robert Barcellos, Director
Wm. Cory Carvalho, Director
Robert Motte, Director

STAFF ATTENDING:
Manny Amorelli, General Manager

LEGAL COUNSEL:
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14. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

a. SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF SUBDIVISION (D):
1 CASE

15. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

AS DEFENDANT: 2 CASES

a. CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, RESTORE THE DELTA AND PLANNING & CONSERVATION LEAGUE V UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ET AL (06/08/2021)
United States District Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
Case No. 25-5137

b. NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE V UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ET AL
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
Case NO. 26-2457

16. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

a. JAMES & TRANQUILLITY NEGOTIATIONS
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Tranquillity Irrigation District: Danny Wade
Kings River Lower River Units: Manager/Designee
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions.

b. KING SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER RECHARGE EFFORTS (12/11/2018)
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
McMullin Area GSA Landowners: Various
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions.

c. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (04/19/2018)
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
San Luis Water District: Lon Martin
Various CVP Contractors: General Managers or Designees
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

d. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (06/10/2025)
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

e. JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY (02/10/2026)
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Various
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible real property and/or water supply transactions

f. WATER BANKING & TRANSFERS (07/14/2026)
Negotiating Parties: James Irrigation District: General Manager/Designee
Angiola Water District
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of possible water supply transactions.

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 11:50 A.M.

17. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

General Manager Manny Amorelli, stated no reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

18. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 11:51 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

RECORDED BY:

Mirian I. Esparza, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Riley Chaney, President

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Interim Warrants, September 9 – October 13, 2026, $625,773.08
2 Accounts Payable, $99,750.20
3. Payroll Certification: Pay Periods Ending September, 2026, $84,836.22 (net)