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

**September 16, 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, Director Stamper 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: August 19, 2026

   **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**
   a. Income statement for the second month ended August 31, 2026.
   b. District warrants for August 2026

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| Check #19659-19695 | = $291,028.28 |
| Gross Payroll | = $96,200.00 |
| Federal/State PR taxes | = $8,250.00 |
| LAIF Transfers | = $0.00 |
| Transfers/charges | = $555.00 |

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**
Vice President Priefer asked about the check warrants and the "project on Rockdale." Mr. Rojas explained that a water hammer event that caused some flooding at a home, requiring repairs from BBI Construction.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

A motion was made by Director Davis to approve the Consent Calendar and Vice President Priefer seconded.

| AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| **Director Olson** | | | |
| **Director Davis** | | | |
| **Director Stamper** | | | |
| **Vice President Priefer** | | | |
| **President Schelly** | | | |

**Motion approved.**

## C. OPERATIONS REPORT

**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 Davis stated the estimate for the sewer project increased by 40%. Mr. Rojas confirmed that it had and explained that the revised estimate includes the plant design portion and repairs to the existing plant's basins, which are in poor condition. He stated that, if approved, the revised amount can be submitted to the Water Boards for review to determine whether the District can afford the new design portion.

Director Olson asked whether the project would be less expensive if the existing plant were not used and its basins were not rehabilitated. Mr. Rojas confirmed that it would cost less but explained that rehabilitation of the basins had been recommended for sludge and additional inflow and infiltration (I&I).

Director Olson also asked about current flows. Mr. Rojas stated that the plant is permitted for a maximum flow of 250,000 gallons per day, with current flows averaging approximately 150,000 gallons per day.

Director Olson asked how many additional sewer connections the District could expect. Mr. Shouman stated that 400 additional connections would be desirable. Director Olson then asked about the cost to connect, and Mr. Shouman indicated that the current cost is approximately $15,000. Director Olson expressed doubt that the District would achieve 400 additional connections.

Director Olson expressed concern about spending an additional $4 million on the plant to accommodate growth, stating that he did not anticipate 400 additional sewer customers.

Director Stamper asked whether repairs to the sludge basin could be deferred. Mr. Rojas confirmed that the repairs could be completed later but explained that completing them during construction may be preferable, as inflation would likely increase the cost in the future. Director Stamper also stated that he anticipated growth in the community and emphasized the importance of planning for future growth.

Director Davis stated that spreading the $14 million project cost over 30 years would amount to approximately $800 per sewer customer annually and expressed opposition to that cost.

Vice President Priefer supported moving forward with the proposed project and determining what reductions may be necessary. Mr. Rojas explained that the amount is a preliminary estimate and may change, and that the District is seeking to determine whether it qualifies for funding in that amount.

Vice President Priefer asked how many sewer standby accounts the District has. Mr. Shouman stated that the District has 480 sewer standby accounts.

President Schelly expressed concern that construction delays continue to increase the project's cost, noting that the estimate had risen from $2 million to $14 million. He expressed a desire to enter into a contract to lock in the cost and prevent further increases.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Jerome asked about the 30-year repayment term for the $14 million loan and its interest rate, which was stated as 2.3%. Mr. Shouman explained that he is currently budgeting and transferring $55,000 per month into savings to build reserves before loan payments begin.

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## ACTION ITEM

3. **IDYLLWILD HEATING AND COOLING - INSTALLATION OF A MINI SPLIT AND A HEATER ON PINE CREST**
   The Board of Directors will consider approving the proposal of the installation of a new mini split and a heater.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Olson asked about the cost of the repairs to the house. Mr. Rojas stated that the cost was $13,370 for installation of the mini split and the heater to the main portion of the house and provided background that the heater has been working off and on.

Vice President Priefer expressed support but voiced concern about additional costs related to the house. She asked whether any further expenses could be included in next year's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

President Schelly agreed with Vice President Priefer's suggestion to include any further expenses in next year's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the Installation of a mini spilt and Director Davis seconded.

| AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| **Director Olson** | | | |
| **Director Davis** | | | |
| **Director Stamper** | | | |
| **Vice President Priefer** | | | |
| **President Schelly** | | | |

**Motion approved.**

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## DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 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

Idyllwild Water District
BY: _____
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President