

**ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***President***

**David A. Brown**

*Division 2*

***Vice-President***

**Arlen D. Miller**

*Division 4*

**Brian Hixson**

*Division 1*

**Andrew Brown**

*Division 3*

**Kevin Orlopp**

*Division 5*

**Officers**

**Engineer-Manager / Secretary /**

**Assessor / Collector**

Fergus A. Morrissey

**Controller/Treasurer**

Roger Paine

**General Legal Counsel**

Young Wooldridge, LLP

***REVISED MEETING AGENDA***

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Orange Cove Irrigation District

October 8, 2025 @ **11:00 A.M.**

Members of the public may directly address the Board of Directors on any item of interest to the public within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction before or during the Board's consideration of the item in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3 (Brown Act). At the discretion of the District, all items appearing on the agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the District. The agenda sequence is subject to change.

- 1) *Call to Order.*
- 2) *Additions / Modifications to Agenda.*
- 3) *Public Comment.*
- 4) *Minutes* – The Board will review and consider approval of the draft August and September 2025 Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes. ***(Actionable)***
- 5) *Ratification of Bills* – The Board will review cash flow and consider ratification of warrants paid since the previous Board Meeting. ***(Actionable)***
- 6) *Monthly Report* – A discussion of on-going District activities including water supply status, water management and deliveries, hydropower plant operations, Friant Power Authority activities, revenue, and financial position. ***(Informational)***
- 7) *Fiscal Year End 2024/2025 Financial Audit* – The Board will review FY 2024 and 2025 audits prepared by M. Green Associates and may take action to accept the audit report as presented. ***(Actionable)***.
- 8) *Closed Session – Personnel* – The Board will discuss Personnel issues in Closed Session. ***(Actionable)***
- 9) *Return to Open Session* – The Board will return to Regular Session.
- 10) *Friant Water Authority Issues* – The Board will discuss issues associated with the Friant Water Authority. ***(Informational)***
- 11) *Adjourn* – The Board will set the time and location for the November 2025 Regular Board meeting. ***(Actionable)***

A person with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may request the District to provide a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in any public meeting of the District. Such assistance includes appropriate alternative formats for the agenda and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the District. Requests for such assistance and for agendas and agenda packets shall be made in person, by telephone, facsimile, or written correspondence to Fergus Morrissey at the District office, at least 48 hours before a public District meeting. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Board of Directors after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at OCID's office, 1130 Park Boulevard, Orange Cove, California, 93646, during normal business hours.

Minutes of the August Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District on Wednesday August 13, 2025. President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with the following Directors, Officers, Staff and members of the public present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Board President  
Andrew Brown  
Kevin Orlopp

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary  
(remotely)  
Keith Clem, Assistant GM  
Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Andrew Hart, Booth Ranches LLC  
Russell Davidson  
Matt Caviglia

**1. Call to Order**

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 12:05 P.M., with the noted Directors in attendance for the meeting's extent.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

No changes were made to the mailed agenda.

**3. Public Comment**

Public comment was made by Landowner Russell Davidson to explain his position justifying forgiveness from charges and penalties levied by the District for existing delinquent Stand-by payments. The Board discussed the circumstances relevant to Mr. Davidson's request. The Board determined that outstanding (delinquent) Standby Assessments would be forgiven due in part to clerical errors by District staff, if Mr. Davidson "opts-out" of the opportunity to receive water and vote on District election matters going forward. This desire was expressed by Mr. Davidson during his presentation to the Board. Given that Mr. Davidson has no interest in receiving water supply and his parcel is less than 5 acres, this is provided by the District's Rules and Regulations without Board approval. The Board noted that failure by Mr. Davidson to opt out prior to next year's Billing for Standby Assessments will result in delinquent charges not being forgiven, with the full amount due.

**4. Minutes**

The Board reviewed the draft July 2025 Board Meeting minutes. *Director Orlopp motioned to approve the minutes as mailed in the packet. Director A. Brown seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the July Regular 2025 draft minutes as mailed.*

**5. Ratification of Bills**

Total disbursements for capital, operating expenses, payroll, water, legal, and power for the period July 1 - 31, 2025, were \$372,506.77 including but not limited to; \$78,579.59 in operating expenses, \$141,249.72 in water expenses, \$27,010.24 in power expenses, and \$74,755.59 in payroll expenses and \$21,716.91 in rebates to water users from last year's operations.

- Controller Paine covered discussion of the expenditures. After discussion, ***Director Orlopp motioned, and Director A. Brown seconded the motion to ratify the bills paid and the Board voted unanimously in favor of doing so.***

#### 6. ***Monthly Treasurer's Report***

Controller Paine worked through the eleven items outlined in the monthly Treasurer's report:

1. *Delinquent Standby Charges*
2. *Deficit Water Users*
3. *Miscellaneous Receivables*
4. *Water Deliveries through Contract Year*
5. *Kings River Power Plant*
6. *Fishwater Release Power Plant*
7. *Investments*
8. *LAIF*
9. *Deposits in WFC*
10. *FPA Distribution*
11. *Legal Expenditures*

Of note:

- Standby delinquencies for the current year at the end of June total \$22,427.13 with July collections of \$166,870. The second installment of Standby payments was due in June.
- 7,276-acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in July compared to 8,424-acre feet in July of 2024, a 14% reduction.
- Controller Paine provided a detailed to-date return on investment among the various categories holding District reserves.
- July revenue received from District water users' investments in Fishwater hydro facility totaled \$24,511.45. FPA Hydro #1 revenue to the District for May totaled \$63,586.26 with no generation from Hydro #2 for the month.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the July period.

***No Action taken.***

#### 7. ***Friant Water Authority Issues***

There was no discussion. There was ***no Action taken.***

#### 8. ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday September 10, 2025, at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:30 A.M.

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David Brown, Board President

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Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary

Minutes of the September Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District on Wednesday September 10, 2025. President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M., with the following Directors, Officers, Staff and members of the public present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Board President  
Arlen Miller  
Kevin Orlopp  
Brian Hixson

Staff: Fergus Morrissey, Engineer-Manager/Secretary  
Keith Clem, Assistant GM  
Roger Paine, Controller/Treasurer

Public: Andrew Hart, Booth Ranches LLC

**1. Call to Order**

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 12:00 P.M., with the noted Directors in attendance for the meeting's extent.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

No changes were made to the mailed agenda.

**3. Public Comment**

Manager Morrissey commented on the recent unexpected passing of Mr. David Dees, long-time Friant Water Authority staff member, asking those present to remember Mr. Dees and his friends and family in their thoughts.

**4. Recess for Board of Equalization Hearing**

At 12:03 the Regular Board Meeting went into recess for the annual Board of Equalization hearing. No Public attended the noticed meeting. Controller Paine noted no change in acreage within the District or within individual parcels within the District from last year. ***By motion of Director Orlopp and a second by Director Miller, the Board voted unanimously to accept the District's tax roll.***

**5. Return to Regular Board Meeting**

The Board returned to its regular meeting at 12:04.

**6. Minutes**

The Board reviewed the draft August 2025 Board Meeting minutes. There was discussion on the need to elaborate on the Public Comment item discussed as well as additional sperate items to be corrected. ***No action was taken, and a new version of the draft Minutes will be presented at the next meeting for consideration of Board approval.***

**7. Ratification of Bills**

Total disbursements for capital, operating expenses, payroll, water, legal, and power for the period August 1 - 31, 2025, was \$629,178 including but not limited to; \$225,166 in operating expenses, \$252,122 in water expenses, \$57,463 in power expenses, and \$68,460 in payroll expenses.

- Controller Paine covered discussion of the expenditures. After discussion, ***Director Miller motioned, and Director Hixson seconded the motion to ratify the bills paid and the Board voted unanimously in favor of doing so.***

#### 8. ***Monthly Treasurer's Report***

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Of note:

- Progress on collecting the Standby delinquencies for the Gunner property was noted by Controller Paine. Controller Paine is in contact with the property lender that is foreclosing on the property. To avoid further penalties, payment is required by October 31, and the lender has indicated that payment is forthcoming prior to that date.
- There was a discussion of excess use noted in various landowner accounts. The availability of District supplies for purchase and use within the District was also discussed. The Board determined that no additional water can be made available to cure the overuse given that the available total supply is already subscribed to by District landowners. As such, the Rules and Regulations require that each acre foot of excess usage be billed at a rate of 150% of the water market value. Manager Morrissey noted the market value is at least \$500 per acre-foot at this time. Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, the rate to be billed for excess usage shall be \$750 per acre foot. This charge may be remedied (credited) or partially remedied through a transfer of like supply from others, including inter-District transfers, into the customer's account before the end of the year. The Deliveries of those landowners that have overused and failed to pay the \$750 per acre foot rate by October 15, 2025, will be locked.
- 6,838-acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in August compared to 6,763-acre feet in August of 2024, a 1.1 percent increase.
- Controller Paine provided a detailed to-date return on investment among the various categories holding District reserves.
- August revenue received from District water users' investments in Fishwater hydro facility was \$21,223 and FPA Hydro #1 revenue totaled \$43,924 with no generation from Hydro #2 for the month.

AGM Clem reviewed the monthly O&M Report for the August period. ***No Action taken.***

#### 9. ***Liability and Cyber Security through ACWA JPIA***

The Board discussed ACWA JPIA's proposal for Liability and Cyber Security insurance coverage that was recently received by the District. ACWA JPIA is the District's current property insurance carrier. In general, the ratio of the additional coverage for liability protection divided by the increase in annual premium is large. This made for a short discussion / time for deliberation by

the Board. A roll call vote was taken to adopt Resolution 2025-02 which informs ACWA JPIA that the District would like to be considered by the ACWA JPIA Board to be included in the pooled liability program, at its earliest opportunity. The following Director Roll Call votes were recorded:

**Ayes:** D. Brown, Miller, Orlopp, Hixson

**Noes:** -

**Absent:** A. Brown

***By vote, Controller Paine will follow up with the process to acquire additional coverage limits under ACWA JPIA's offer.***

**10. Closed Session**

The Board went into closed session to discuss real property negotiations.

**11. Return to Open Session**

The Board returned to Open Session with no reportable action.

**12. Friant Water Authority Issues**

There was no discussion. There was ***no Action taken.***

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday October 8, 2025, at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:00 A.M. **There was discussion to keep the 11:00 A.M. start time and break for lunch at 12:15 going forward, at least for the time being.**

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David Brown, Board President

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Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary