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REVISED MEETING AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Orange Cove Irrigation District

December 10, 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 November 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) *Closed Session* – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1); 1 item) *NRDC v. Rogers*:SJRRP
- 8) *Return to Open Session* – The Board will return to Open Session and disclose any reportable action. (**Actionable**)
- 9) *Adjourn* – The Board will set the time and location for the January 20256 Regular Board meeting. (**Actionable**)

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Minutes of the November Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District on Wednesday November 12, 2025. President Brown called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M., with the following Directors, Officers, Staff and members of the public present:

Directors Present: David Brown – Chairman
Arlen Miller – Vice-Chairman
Kevin Orlopp
Andrew Brown

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

Public: Andrew Hart, Booth Ranches LLC
Tommy Greci, MID
Dina Nolan, MID
Eric Quinley, DEID

1. Call to Order

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 11:10 A.M., with a quorum of the Directors in attendance for the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft October 2025 Board Meeting minutes and considered them for approval. ***By motion of Director Orlopp, second by Director A. Brown and a unanimous vote, the draft minutes were approved by the Board of Directors.***

5. Ratification of Bills

Total disbursements for capital, operating expenses, payroll, water, legal, and power for the period October 1 - 31, 2025, were \$621,860.76 including but not limited to:

- \$105,100.42 in operating expenses,
- \$261,640.32 in water expenses,
- \$89,430.09 in power expenses, and
- \$103,737.00 in payroll expenses.

Controller Paine covered discussion of the expenditures. After discussion, ***by motion of Director Orlopp, second by Director A. Brown and a unanimous vote, the Board ratified the bills paid.***

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:

- Opt-out paperwork remains to be submitted to the District by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Davidson. AGM Clem will reach out as a friendly reminder to do so prior to the due date of next year's standby billing, or previous delinquencies for non-payment will not be credited.
- Significant water deficit accounts remain uncollected and unresolved since the October meeting, while others have been added to the list since the November meter readings. Those emerging onto this list this month will be given 6 weeks to remedy their delinquency, while the deliveries of those contacted in early October who have not resolved their delinquency will be locked; there are approximately 50 accounts with this status. The Board reiterated its position that the District has no water available to provide over-users and they will have to backfill with transfers in, or payment at a rate of \$750 per acre-foot prior to being eligible to receive water deliveries or for that matter be eligible to submit a water application for next contract year.
- 1,654-acre feet of in-District water deliveries occurred in October compared to 3,396 - acre feet in October of 2024, a nearly 50% reduction due to wet October 2025 conditions.
- Controller Paine provided a detailed to-date return on investment among the various categories holding District reserves.
- October revenue received from District water users' investments in Fishwater hydro facility was \$20,568.19.
- There were no disbursements of revenue from FPA units 1 or 2 as Hydro 1 revenues backfilled a hole in the reserve account for Hydro 2. FPA GM Quinley indicated that the Hydro 2 facility will be up and running before the end of the year, aspirationally at least.

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

7. 2026-27 Water Rates

After a brief discussion, ***Director A. Brown motioned and Director Orlopp seconded the motion not to change the upcoming fiscal year water rates from this year, establishing a 2026/27 rate of \$65/\$45 for Tier1/2, respectively. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion and second.***

8. 2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget

Manager Morrissey presented the 2026/27 fiscal year budget, detailing its components and justifying the need to collect \$86.02 per acre in standby assessments to cover the District's fixed costs, independent of any costs associated with in-District water deliveries. Since the Standby limit is \$86.00 per acre, ***Director A. Brown motioned and Director Orlopp seconded the motion***

to approve the draft budget as presented and the Board voted unanimously in favor of same, approving the Standby rate, limited to \$86.00 per acre.

9. 2026/27 Rules and Regulations

The Board discussed at length the draft R&R for the upcoming contract year. There was consensus among the Board that those sections in the R&R that have changed slightly from last year and or that are critical for landowners to be aware of, be highlighted in the final draft sent to landowners in January 2026. Additionally, there was consensus not to include District bank account information in the document, but rather to include instructions to call the District if there was a desire to submit payments via ACH. Aside from this direction and a few minor wording changes, the draft was acceptable subject to minor editing by Manager Morrissey. This was formalized *by a motion of Director Orlopp and a second by Director A. Brown, followed by a unanimous Board vote to accept the draft 2026/27 R&R as final for distributing it along with the water application this coming January.*

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. The next scheduled Board meeting is planned for Wednesday December 10, 2025, at the District Office at 1130 Park Boulevard beginning at 11:00 A.M.

David Brown, Board President

Fergus A. Morrissey, Board Secretary