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IEIDA BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - Draft

January 20, 2026 – 12:30 PM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEIDA”) was held on January 20, 2026.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:

Todd Angle – San Tan ID
Mitch Basefsky – CAP – Virtual
Heather Cole – APA – Virtual
Sheri Farag – SRP
David Fitzgerald – AEPCO – Virtual
Darrin Francom – CAP – Virtual
Jordy Fuentes – APA – Virtual
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Josh Grier – SRP
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk - Virtual
Daniel Herder – Clark Hill
Taylor Howerter - RID
Stephanie Knight – Agri-Business & Water Council
Adam McAnaly – SRP
Joe Meese – TOUA – Virtual
Jason Moyes – Moyes, Sellers Hendricks - Virtual
Donovan Neese – RID - Virtual
Paul Orme – Virtual
Dan Pritchard – KRS & Associates – Virtual
Ken Saline – KRS & Associates - Virtual
Scott Saline - TID, HVPD, Aguilla, Ocotillo- Virtual
Meghan Scott – Scott & Rogers - Virtual
Russell Smoldon – B3 Strategies
Sheryl Sweeney – Clark Hill - Virtual
Bill Van Allen – ED6 - Virtual
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 - Virtual
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8, IEDA Vice-President
Glen Vortherms – MWD, IEDA President
Jeff Woner – Ocotillo ID - Virtual

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM

Based on a roll call, a quorum was established.

Mr. Gerak provided an overview of the Post-2026 Draft EIS that was released January 9th, 2026. Comments are due by March 2nd, and a possible virtual meeting will be held in February to approve the IEDA comments.

The Draft EIS has five alternatives; No Action, Basic Coordination, Enhanced Coordination, Max Flexibility, & Supply Driven. Each alternative comes with reductions, some as extreme as 3.5 MAF release reductions at Powell (compared to 8.23 MAF) and 4 MAF reductions in the Lower Basin.

Outside of paltry conservation in the Upper Basin, there is nothing in the Draft EIS that would seem to motivate the Upper Basin to move off their position.

Hydropower is significantly impacted due to infrastructure limitations and reductions in releases at Glen Canyon Dam, Hoover, Davis and Parker Dams. Glen Canyon Dam could see reductions near 54% (compared to 2027 projections), which would reduce overall CRSP generation by 23.5%. Hoover could see reductions near 51% (compared to 2026 projections). Elston Grubaugh asked for an analysis of the impact to Davis (and Parker) Dam(s).

President Vortherms asked if there were any comments that IEDA should consider regarding the Draft EIS. Mr. Gerak suggested compact compliance, the priority system and vegetation as a few examples of things that should be included. It is IEDA's intent to circulate comments mid to late February for review prior to submittal.

Moving into the business items, President Vortherms asked if there was a motion to approve the November 18th, 2025, minutes. Adam McAnaly made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert VanHofwegen seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak presented the 2026 B3 Consulting contract for approval. The terms of the agreement were discussed. Adam McAnaly made a motion to approve the contract. Jason Moyes seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

The 2026 Directors' and Officers' Insurance Policy was presented for review and approval. Robert VanHofwegen made a motion to approve. Adam McAnaly seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

The Nominating Committee was asked if they had a report for the Board. Donovan Neese reported that all current officers are willing to continue to serve. Jason Moyes made a motion to advance the existing slate of officers for reappointment. Elston Grubaugh seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

President Vortherms presented the President's Prerogative. The discussion centered around whether IEDA should support someone for the American Public Power Association Board. Brian Yerges (ED3) and Jordy Fuentes (APA) were discussed. Direction was given to follow up with the individuals nominated.

The main takeaways were to; focus more on the hydropower contracts, keep bringing in guest speakers, keep the committees, less reports and more dialogue.

Russell Smoldon shared about state issues. He reviewed the Governor's State of the State address. It included the establishment of a new proposed AMA and initiatives on data centers. The number of bills introduced is trending towards record territory, with the potential of 2,000 bills this session. The budget continues to be a sticking point, with the governor already vetoing a tax conforming bill (to align with federal tax provisions). Although actual collections have exceeded initial projections, it is still anticipated that Arizona will see a budget shortfall and require some cuts. Mr. Smoldon covered initial legislation that would impact IEDA members, particularly around elections, water and power. Mr. Smoldon also touched on the Riverview Dairy settlement with the AG's office.

Mr. Gerak discussed the status of the 2026 Energy & Water Appropriations bill that carries the Help Hoover Dam language in the report. It has passed the House & Senate and is awaiting the President's signature. This will hopefully be enough Congressional direction for the Bureau of Reclamation to utilize the \$52M in stranded funds for project purposes at Hoover. There is a dire need for wide-head turbines at Hoover, and this funding could cover four new wide-head turbines.

Mr. Gerak touched on possible talking points for the APPA Leg Rally in February. These included a victory lap for Help Hoover Dam, Post-2026 Draft EIS Impacts, hydropower as a renewable, and Visitor Center shortfall. Permitting reform and vegetation management could also be discussed.

Meghan Scott provided an update on the Post-2026 situation. The deadline for the negotiations has been extended to February 14th, 2026. Mitch Basefsky shared that the governors from all the basin states have been invited back to Washington in hopes that an agreement could be reached.

Heather Cole provided an update on the APA meeting and what is occurring regarding the wide-head turbines.

Mr. Gerak shared about the upcoming CREDA meeting in February.

Stephanie Knight shared about the Yuma Steak Fry. Greg Morrison was in attendance and took a tour of Yuma.

Mr. Gerak provided a year-end financial report. IEDA finished the year ahead of budget, with a net cash reserves improvement of \$29.7K. Most categories came in on budget, except "Other" due to unanticipated expenses. 2026 Dues collected in 2025 were \$117K, which meant IEDA ended the year with a cash reserve of \$384K (or \$267K w/o 2026 Dues).

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.