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IEDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft

August 18, 2026 – 1:00 PM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. ("IEDA") was held on August 18, 2026.

The following IEDA Members attended the meeting:
Todd Angle – San Tan ID
Mitch Basefsky – CAP – Virtual
Sheri Farag – SRP – Virtual
Deb Ferraro – City of Mesa (Guest)
David Fitzgerald – AEPCO – Virtual
Andrew Fraser – MWD – Virtual
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Josh Grier – SRP
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk - Virtual
Daniel Herder – Clark Hill - Virtual
Taylor Howerter – RID - Virtual
Selwyn Justice – ED& - Virtual
Stephanie Knight – ABWC
Patrick Ledger – AEPCO – Virtual
Terry Lowe – City of Buckeye – Virtual
Adam McAnaly – SRP
Joe Meese – TOUA – Virtual
Donovan Neese – RID
Matt Ogden – MWD - Virtual
Paul Orme – Virtual
Dan Pritchard – KRS & Associates – Virtual
Jeff Ritter – CAP – Virtual
Ken Saline - KRS & Associates – Virtual
Scott Saline – TID, HVPD, Aguilla, Ocotillo
Meghan Scott – Scott/Rogers - Virtual
Jim Sweeney – Virtual
Bill Van Allen – ED6 - Virtual
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 – Virtual
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8
Glen Vortherms – IEDA President
Jeff Woner – Ocotillo ID - Virtual

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM

A quorum was established.

Mr. Gerak gave an update on the Colorado River FEIS. The Record of Decision has not been released, despite expectations to the contrary. The FEIS was summarized describing the range of releases and possible reductions, storage and impacts to hydropower.

There have been ongoing discussions with DOI and Arizona, and ADWR submitted a letter on August 10th. There were seven points raised in the letter; 1) FEIS violates or excludes Compact requirements, 2) Push for 2-year ROD, 3) They can't modify the LROC through the FEIS, 4) The Upper Initial Units usage is undefined (should be for Compact Compliance), 5) Protest of the 3 MAF possible reductions, 6) Ambiguity of FEIS, and 7) NEPA/APA failure.

Other recent requests from the Colorado River Indian Tribe asked for a 45-day consultation. Mr. Gerak reminded the group of the Joint Public Power letter that we submitted. It focused on ways to protect/preserve hydropower.

The Parker-Davis Project Firm Electric Service contract discussion was reviewed for the board. IEDA submitted a request to include a termination provision similar to the one included in the recent Sierra Nevada Region contract. They were experiencing very low hydrology at the time, so WAPA allowed for a one-time early out provision. We asked for something comparable to this in the PDP FES, given the drought conditions and likely conservation will impact generation in the future.

Donovan Neese shared his recent experience at the Energy Executive Course put on by the University of Idaho. Mr. Neese explained the range of topics that it covered and cost.

Moving into the business items, President Vortherms asked if there was a motion to approve the June 16, 2026, minutes. Scott Saline made a motion to approve the minutes. Donovan Neese seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Next, President Vortherms turned the floor over to Mr. Gerak to explain the potential for IEDA to bring on an intern. Mr. Gerak reminded the group of the previous presentation from UofA, explained the possible activities that the intern could assist with, and an overarching hope that this could become a possible funnel for future employees. The board gave Mr. Gerak direction to proceed.

The National Hydropower Association is having their annual "Clean Currents" conference in Phoenix in September. Mr. Gerak explained a little about NHA and some of IEDA's previous interactions. That being said, NHA has offered IEDA a free sponsorship for their event and one free registration. With permission, Mr. Gerak requested a motion to accept this sponsorship. Donovan Neese made a motion to accept. Adam McAnaly seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

President Vortherms introduced the potential sponsorship for the Drive for the Long Grey Line Golf Tournament. This was a tournament that IEDA sponsored last year and some of the participants talked about their experience. Donovan Neese made a motion to sponsor. Adam McAnaly seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak touched on the 2027 Annual Meeting, discussing the potential date(s) and a list of potential topics to cover. Mr. Gerak inquired if anyone would like to volunteer for a committee to continue to make IEDA's Annual Meeting a success. President Vortherms, Donovan Neese and Adam McAnaly all volunteered.

The final business item was the presentation of the draft Financial Policy for IEDA. This had been vetted by the Financial Committee and the Executive Committee, but we wanted to bring it before the whole board for possible ratification. Robert VanHofwegen made a motion to adopt. Scott Saline seconded the motion.

Russell Smoldon provided a quick review of the 2026 state legislative session and covered results of the primaries. He covered the likely outcomes of the statewide races and touched on some of the Congressional district races. He touched on legislative issues, providing an update on Ag to Urban, and issues we will likely face next session. The intent is to run the Irrigation District statute update next session, which will clear up some confusion regarding bonding by the districts. Assessments may be under attack again next session, given some returning and expected new faces to the capital. He also provided an update on the SRP Board which had a recent shift with the resignation of one of its members.

Moving into the federal report, Mr. Gerak discussed the emerging influence of the Democratic Socialists of America. Despite their relative small size, their anti-establishment position seems to be resonating in certain parts of the country, including some stated legislative district races in Arizona. There has been some internal fighting in Democratic circles as the party doesn't want to seem so extreme going into the election.

The Farm Bill hit another snag over SNAP and will be taken back up after the election. The Farm Bill has faced hurdles over the last few years, and it is on shaky ground again this year. The same can be said about permit reform. Often discussed but with no progress, there might be opportunities in the Reconciliation discussions. There are $1B of energy projects proposed in Reconciliation 3.0 and ongoing discussions on pro-energy issues in 4.0.

Regarding "Things to Know", Mr. Gerak highlighted that there are only 3 more legislative weeks in DC where the House and Senate are in session before the election. There has been increasing resistance to Data Centers across the US, the most recent example is from Texas where their Batch Zero process was put on hold. ERCOT seems concerned that the energy demands in West Texas could bring down their grid. Over 44 states approved grid modernization policies in 2026. Finally, 5 states have stepped up to store and recycle nuclear waste. This is part of the administration's push to advance new nuclear. Unfortunately, it is contrary to existing law that only allows for nuclear waste to be stored at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Sheri Farag shared the great news that there wouldn't be any Cool-Mix experiments this year. Of note was that hydropower was specifically mentioned for the decision, and that Adrea Travicek and the National Energy Dominance Council visited with Wayne Pullam to explain the decision. Mrs. Farag thanked IEDA for their letters to NEDC to avoid the Cool-Mix experiment this year.

Stephanie Knight shared recent developments with ABWC and NWRA.

Donovan Neese provided the financial report. IEDA finished the month of July with $9,500 in Checking, $171,100 in the Money Market and $200K in the CD. We have accumulated

approximately $2,500 in interest YTD on the Money Market, with an additional $4,200 from the CD maturing in January. The interest rate in the Money Market has slipped some, but we have averaged 0.9% interest on average. The Finance Committee discussed the possibility of laddering the investments, which could bring in more interest while ensuring proper cashflow. The existing CD will mature at the beginning of December, which should result in approximately an additional $6K for interest in 2026. This should result in a YE amount of $13,700 in interest, roughly $6,200 over budget in this category. Sponsorships exceeded budget by $3K. We will be looking to focus on sponsorships or possible associate memberships in the future to mitigate possible dues increases. Despite some revenue shortfalls, IEDA anticipates finishing the year with $240K in reserves. Just a reminder that we finished 2025 with $267K in reserves but budgeted $40K towards 2026 Dues.

Mr. Gerak touched on the travel schedule, highlighting a future trip to DC in September and asked if anyone would be interested in joining on that trip.

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments. Mr. Gerak also shared about the loss of former APA Commissioner Larry Robertson. Larry was a consummate gentleman and was a great commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 P.M.