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IEDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft

September 15, 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
Noel Carter – BWCDD
Heather Cole – Arizona Power Authority
Quinn Daoust – Clark Hill
David Fitzgerald – AEPCO – Virtual
Jordy Fuentes – Arizona Power Authority
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk - Virtual
Taylor Howerter – RID - Virtual
Selwyn Justice – ED7
Jeff Low – City of Safford - Virtual
Terry Lowe – City of Buckeye – Virtual
Adam McAnaly – SRP
Jason Moyes – Moyes, Sellers Hendricks – Virtual
Donovan Neese – RID
Matt Ogden – MWD - Virtual
Dan Pritchard – KRS & Associates – Virtual
Emily Rice – B3 Strategies - Virtual
Jeff Ritter – CAP – Virtual
Scott Saline – TID, HVPD, Aguilla, Ocotillo
Meghan Scott – Scott/Rogers - Virtual
John Scremin – RWCD – Virtual
Mallory Smith – ABWC - Virtual
Russell Smoldon – B3 Strategies - Virrtual
Glen Vortherms – IEDA President
Jeff Woner – Ocotillo ID - Virtual

President Vortherms called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

A quorum was established.

Russell Smoldon provided a briefing on possible 2027 state legislative session. These include possible attacks on ID's assessments (started in 2026), and reintroduction of the ID statutes update bill from 2024. As in years past, there will likely be an attack on governance (more specifically acreage voting). With the situation on the Colorado River, flood irrigation seems to be in the crosshairs of some politicians, including Congresswoman Grijalva and the Pima Board of Supervisors. B3 will be working on talking points to counteract these efforts. Mr. Smoldon discussed the possible special session that would be needed if the Lower Basin agreement comes together.

Mr. Smoldon also provided updates on the recent ACC workshop, the approval of the SRP Marigold Project in Pinal. This is a 675 MW gas-fired generation, 600 MW of solar and 400 MW of BESS, with partnership opportunities for districts in Pinal. Also, State Trust Land recently cancelled the lease for AgTech, which was dumping California biosolids in Yuma.

Meghan Scott gave an update on the Colorado River situation. The recent lawsuit by Nevada suing was the focus of the discussion. It isn't clear if the lawsuit would impact the Lower Basin agreement, but we are hopeful that the Feds would treat the lawsuit exclusively from the Lower Basin Agreement, otherwise Arizona would take the cuts that California has willingly forgone in the agreement. Assuming the agreement proceeds, Arizona would have to lead with a special session, likely in October to ratify the agreement. Mexico recently signed Minute 334, which voluntarily conserves 250K AC-Ft.

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.

Mr. Gerak provided an update on a recent decision by Bonneville Power Administration to reevaluate their decision to enter SPP's Markets+ and relook at CAISO's EDAM. There were three points BPA required to make a shift to EDAM; 1) Market Rules, 2) Liquidity, & 3) Seams Issues. Given BPA's size and transmission assets, this could have a fundamental impact on Markets+. Other issues to be aware of include the increased North-South energy flow patterns, and concerns with how CAISO is allocating benefits in EDAM.

Moving into the business items, President Vortherms asked if there was a motion to approve the August 18, 2026, minutes. Donovan Neese made a motion to approve the minutes. Selwyn Justice seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Next, President Vortherms turned the floor over to Mr. Gerak to provide an overview of how IEDA Dues are calculated. Mr. Gerak shared rationale for the dues and reminded everyone that the plan is to review the final budget in October.

Mr. Gerak provided an overview of the talking points for the upcoming trip to DC. Given the time of the year and that it is an election year, it is not expected that much legislation will pass before the election. The trip is intended to support the Colorado River Drought funding request, which may be introduced by Congressman Stanton's office shortly. ABWC/NWRA/FFA is back this week stumping for this request. Other issues include water and power augmentation issues, with a focus on relieving hydropower customers from paying for non-power related costs.

Mr. Gerak touched on the 2027 Annual Meeting. IEDA has secured February 26, 2027, at the PERA Club, thanks to SRP's continued generosity. Mr. Gerak provided the draft agenda to the group and it seemed well received from the group.

Mr. Gerak informed the board that WAPA-CRSP will be in town on November 5th for the CREDA meeting in Phoenix and offered to meet with IEDA. In discussion with the Executive Committee, IEDA has secured a room at SRP thanks to Sheri Farag for 10 AM and invited all IEDA members to attend to get to know WAPA-CRSP staff.

Mr. Gerak let the board know that the internship program is moving forward with UofA and that he intends to utilize this individual to perform a strategic services survey. Mr. Gerak has developed a list of strategic services that other statewide agencies provide and the plan is for the intern to make calls to members to see if there are other services that IEDA should be providing that they would like.

Finally, President Vortherms asked Mr. Gerak to discuss the concept of Associate Members. Multiple statewide associations allow for Associate Memberships. IEDA had previously allowed for associate membership, but when it reformulated, it was decided that all public utilities would be required to be full members. The concept proposed is for vendors to become associate members, a sponsorship plus model. We have been recently contact by a vendor that would like to become an associate member. The plan is to bring back a draft benefits concept for board review/approval at a future meeting.

Moving into the federal report, Mr. Gerak discussed the recently passed continuing resolution. This extends federal funding until December 11, after the election. The results of the election will impact who has more influence moving forward on funding issues.

With 49 days left until the election, Mr. Gerak also provided an update on predictions for the Arizona delegation. Voter turnout is favoring the democrats with 16.4M voting in the primaries compared to 12.4M republicans. Mitch McConnel finally returned to the Senate yesterday after a 3 month absence.

Regarding "Things to Know", Mr. Gerak highlighted the Super El Nino. There was a questions regarding impacts to the Colorado River. Early predictions favor a wet winter for Arizona, but most models don't show a significant impact to snowpack in the Colorado River. El Nino's are historically hard to predict impacts accurately, especially locational impacts. The Nevada lawsuit and one in Colorado may impact the development of a dam in Wyoming. There is a new planned gas pipeline planned for Arizona.

Jordy Fuentes provided an update on APA activities. The estimate for the two new wide-head turbines has jumped from $15M to $21M, partially due to a $3M tariff line item. These turbines are coming from Mexico.

Adam McAnaly provided an update from the recent CREDA meeting.

Donovan Neese provided the financial report. IEDA finished the month of July with $5,138 in Checking, $146,300 in the Money Market and $200K in the CD. Year-to-Date revenue is approximately $400K, and expenses have been $341K. There are approximately $31K in remaining dues to collect for 2026. With an average burn rate of $35K, it is anticipated that we will finish the year at approximately $250K in reserves. Given that we lost $42K in SCIP dues and had planned $40K in reserves applied to 2026, to finish the year with an approximate -$17K is great.

Mr. Gerak touched on the travel schedule, highlighting a future trip to DC. He also shared that he has been invited to speak at a Tribal Energy & Economic Summit next week and wanted to make sure the board was okay with him speaking.

President Vortherms opened the floor to member comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.