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## SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Santa Fe Irrigation District  
5920 Linea del Cielo  
Rancho Santa Fe, California 92067  
*Safety Center*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026  
8:30 a.m.

Albert C. Lau, P. E.  
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**ROLL CALL – CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

*(Government Code Section 54954.2)*

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

*Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee (Government Code Section 54954.3) Individuals may address the Committee regarding items not appearing on the posted agenda, which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee, at any time. Comments and inquiries pertaining to items listed on the agenda will be received during the deliberation of the agenda item. Speakers are asked to state their name, address, and topic, and to observe a time limit of three (3) minutes each. Members of the public desiring to address the Committee are asked to complete a speaker's card, available at the table near the entrance and present it to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.*

## **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Minutes from December 10, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting (pages 4-5)
2. Review of Draft January 15, 2026, Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda (pages 6-9)
3. Review Future Board/Committee Meetings and Tentative Workshop Date (pages 10-12)
4. Review of Future Agenda Items (pages 13-14)

## **REPORTS**

5. General Manager's Report (verbal)
  - Legislative Update
6. Committee Members' Comments (verbal)

## **INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE**

## **CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**ADJOURN – *Next Scheduled Executive Committee meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 8:30 a.m.***

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Santa Fe Irrigation District**

December 10, 2025  
Santa Fe Irrigation District  
5920 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

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**PRESENT:** President Michael Hogan, Vice President Sandra Johnson, Director of Administrative Services Seth Gates, Board Secretary Celina McDowell, Public Communications Teresa Penunuri, and Management Analyst Mackenzie Christie were present.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Minutes from November 12, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting

The Committee approved the minutes as submitted.

2. Cast the District Ballot for Election for the 2026-2029 San Diego Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO) Special Districts Advisory Committee (SDAC)

GM Lau provided a brief background of the item and responded to questions from the Committee.

President Hogan suggested that the staff memo to the Board should list the name of the recommended nominees.

Upon discussion, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board consideration at their regular December meeting as a Consent item.

3. Review of Draft November 20, 2025, Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda

GM Lau reviewed the draft agenda and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee approved the agenda as presented with one revision to move Item No. 4 to Action and Discussion.

#### 4. Review of Future Agenda Items

GM Lau went through the agenda items, responded to questions from the Committee.

President Hogan proposed including a workshop for Board members on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use for District Operation.

The Committee approved the remaining future agenda items as presented.

### **REPORTS**

#### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM Lau informed the Committee that the Employee Recognition Holiday Dinner was a success.

#### 6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS – NONE

### **INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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#### 7. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Counsel

The Committee concluded that there was no need for a Closed Session.

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

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Michael T. Hogan, Chair

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**SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
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## **ROLL CALL - CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

*(Government Code Section 54954.2)*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Menshek**

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

*Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Directors on items not appearing on the posted agenda, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3.*

### **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS – None**

### **ACTION AGENDA**

*The following items on the Action Agenda call for discussion and action by the Board of Directors. All items are placed on the Agenda so that the Board may discuss and take action on the item if the Board is so inclined.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

*The following listed items on the consent calendar are routine matters and there will be no discussion unless the Board of Directors removes an item. Items removed by the Board or public will be heard following approval of the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.*

1. Approval of December 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (pages x-x)
2. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports (pages x-x)
  - a. Budget Graphs
  - b. Disbursements
  - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
3. Quarterly Treasurer's Report (pages x-x)
4. Recommend Adopting Resolution No. 26-01, Revising the District's Capacity Fee Revision to Establish Potable Water Service (pages x-x)

### **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. Annual Update to District Investment Policy (pages x-x)
6. Approval of Agreement with the City of San Diego for Annexation of Property (Highland Court) for the Provisions of Water Services (pages x-x)
7. 2026 Legislative Priorities (pages x-x)
8. Water Supply Update (pages x-x)

### **REPORTS**

*The following reports are placed on the Agenda to provide information to the Board and the public. There is no action called for on these items. The Board may engage in discussion of any report upon which specific subject matter is identified in the Agenda but may not take any action other than to place the matter on a future Agenda.*

9. Operations Reports (pages x-x)
  - a. R.E. Badger Filtration Plant Report
  - b. Water Resources Report
  - c. San Dieguito Reservoir Security Update
10. Board Reports (pages x-x)
  - a. San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Board Meeting Report
  - b. Other Meetings/Conferences

## **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

*The Directors' comments are comments by Directors concerning District business, which may be of interest to the Board. They are placed on the Agenda to enable the individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public. No action is to be taken on comments made by the Board members.*

11. Directors' Comments (verbal)
12. Future Agenda Items (verbal)
13. General Manager's Report (verbal)
14. General Counsel's Comments (verbal)

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

15. 2026 SFID Meeting Calendar (page x)

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16. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Santa Fe Irrigation District, et al. v. City of San Diego, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, Case No. 24CU003725N
17. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Studer, et al. v. Santa Fe Irrigation District, et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, Case No. 37-24CU024147C
18. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
One (1) potential case

**ADJOURNMENT** Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Board of Directors for any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection on the District's website at [www.sfidwater.org](http://www.sfidwater.org)



*The mission of Santa Fe Irrigation District is to meet the water supply needs of all its customers — safely, sustainably, reliably, and cost-effectively.*

## BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Executive Committee

**FROM:** Albert C. Lau, P. E.

**INITIATED BY:** Celina McDowell, Board Secretary

**DATE:** January 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Review Future Board/Committee Meetings Calendar and Tentative Workshop Date

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**Recommendation:**

1. Review and provide input on the attached Santa Fe Irrigation District 2026 Board/Committee Meetings Calendar and tentative Workshop date.
2. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

**Background:**

Attached is SFID's 2026 Board/Committee Meetings Calendar for review. Per SFID's Administrative Code, the following Board/Committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Water Resources Committee – held every first Thursday of each month.
- Administrative & Finance Committee – held every Tuesday the week before the Board meeting.
- Executive Committee - held every Wednesday the week before the Board meeting.

- Board Meeting - held every third Thursday of each month.
- Joint Facilities and Advisory Committee - held quarterly on the second Thursday in February, May, August, and November.
- Water Facilities Financing Authority – held annually on the second Thursday in December.
- Tentative Workshop (Use of Artificial Intelligence for District Operations) – tentatively scheduled for the third week in April.

This calendar will be included as an information item at the regular January Board meeting.

Attachment A: SFID 2026 Meeting Calendar

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Santa Fe Irrigation District Meeting Calendar 2026**

	Water Resources 9:00 AM	Admin & Finance 9:00 AM	Executive 8:30 AM	Regular Board 8:30 AM	Tentative Workshop 8:30 AM	JFAC 9:30 AM	WFFA 8:30 AM	SDCWA 8:00 AM
	1st Thursday	2nd Tuesday	2nd Wednesday	3rd Thursday		Qtrly. 2nd Thurs. Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Annually 2nd Thurs. in Dec	4th Thursday
January	1*	6	7	15				22
February	5	10	11	19		12		26
March	5	10	11	19				26
April	2	7	8	16	TBD - Use of AI for Dist. Ops.			24
May	7	12	13	21		14		28
June	4	9	10	18				25
July	2	7	8	16				23
August	6	11	12	20		13		27
September	3	8	9	17				24
October	1	6	7	15				22
November	5	10	11	19		12		26**
December	3	8	9	17			10	24**

\* Meeting cancelled

\*\* Holiday

Preliminary 2026 Regular and Special Board Meeting Agenda Items List	
February	Annual Review of Director Compensation
	Customer Payment Portal Presentation
	Lake Hodges Fund Discussion
	Long-range Financial Plan
	Annual Review of District Administrative Code
	Water Supply Update
	Communications Plan Update
	Legislative Update
	<i>Closed Session: Lake Hodges Update / Out of Service Area Agreements</i>
March	Receive and File Actuarial Evaluation (even years)
	Water Supply Update
	Legislative Update
	<i>Closed Session: Lake Hodges Update / Out of Service Area Agreements</i>
April	Presentation from ACWA JPIA Update
	CSDA Call for Nominations for Seat ____
	Quarterly Treasurer's Report
	Review of FY 20____ Proposed Budget
	Annual Review of Draft FY 20____ CIP and CAP Acquisition Budgets
	Legislative Update
	<i>Special Board Meeting: AI Workshop (Date TBD)</i>
	<i>Closed Session: General Manager Evaluation / Lake Hodges Update / Out of Service Area Agreements</i>
May	Recognition of Water Awareness Poster Contest Winners
	Review Final Draft of FY 20____ District Budget
	Discussion on Ratepayer Benefits on Various Financial Options
	NOC for R.E. Badger Filter Washwater Header and Associated Piping Project
	Strategic Business Plan Annual Update
	Legislative Update
	<i>Closed Session: General Manager Evaluation / Lake Hodges Update / Out of Service Area Agreements</i>
June	Recognition of Water Awareness Poster Contest Winners
	Review and File Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Report for FY____
	Authorize the General Manager to Executive Professional Services Agreement for the Traffic Control Service
	Adopt FY26 Budget
	Adopt Resolution No. ___, Adopting the 2026/2027 Annual Pay Schedule

Preliminary 2026 Regular and Special Board Meeting Agenda Items List	
June	Review and Approve Updates to the Strategic Business Plan
	Legislative Update
	<i>Closed Session: General Manager Evaluation / Lake Hodges Update / Out of Service Area Agreements Update</i>
July <i>(No AFC Meeting)</i>	Employee Recognition: Robert Masterson, Celebrating 5 Years with the District
	Cast the District Ballot for CSDA Southern Network, Seat __
	Quarterly Treasurer's Report (Quarterly)
	Receive and File Annual Report of Reimbursements and Compensation Paid to Directors and Other Expenses
	Consider a Resolution Setting Fixed Charge Special Assessment
	Establishing Local Appropriation Limits for the District for Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 20__
	Customer Survey
	<i>Closed Session: Lake Hodges Update</i>
BULLPEN	Lerrick Reservoir Pocket Park Update
	LAFCO Municipal Service Review FY__
	Programmatic CEQA Adoption for Master Plan
	Status of Regional Potable Reuse Projects - East County, City of San Diego, North County One Water
	Replacement of Vehicles
	GIS System Overview (as relates to WUE standards)
	NOC for R.E. Badger Filter Washwater Header and Associated Piping Project ( <i>May 2026</i> )
	Update on Energy Reliability/Costs and Challenges
	Update on SANDAG LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project
	Annexation Fees
	Annual Review Credit Card Fee Policy
	Biennial Cyber-Security Update (even years)
	<i>Closed Session: Use of AI Workshop</i>
	AMI Portal
	Customer Bill Redesign
	Monthly Billing Considerations
	Review and Recommend Adoption of Resolution No. __, Amending District Administrative Code, Articles __ (January or February of each year)
	Review of Five-Year Master Plan Update (for FY__) (every 5 years)
	Review of Urban Water Management Plan (every 5 years) ( <i>May-June 2026</i> )