

EL CAMINO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
8451 HWY. 99W
GERBER, CA 96035
530-385-1559

MINUTES

APPROVED FEBRUARY 10, 2026
JANUARY 13, 2026
MEETING @ 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

DIVISION #1-Peter Statton-Vice Chair
DIVISION #2-Kris Lamkin- Chair
DIVISION #3-Richard Titus

DIVISION #4-Leland Hogan
DIVISION #5-Jacob Pochop

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lamkin called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

2. ACCEPT THE JANUARY 13, 2026 AGENDA

Director Hogan motioned to accept the January 13, 2026 Agenda
2nd Director Pochop
M/S/C 5-0

3. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Director Pochop motioned to appoint Director Lamkin to Chair and Director Statton
to Vice Chair
2nd Director Hogan
M/S/C 5-0

4. APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2025 MINUTES

Director Statton motioned to approve the December 9, 2025 Minutes
2nd Director Hogan
M/S/C 5-0

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS - DECEMBER 2025

No action taken

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. DISTRICT MANAGER POSITION – CHRIS SWEARINGEN

Director Hogan motioned to hire Chris Swearingen as District Manager starting
March 2, 2026
2nd Director Pochop
M/S/C 5-0

48 **6. HUMAN RESOURCES (CONTINUED)**

49 **B. DISTRICT MANAGER ADVISOR – LINDA LOVELACE**

50 Director Hogan motioned to appoint Interim District Manager Linda
51 Lovelace as District Manager Advisor starting March 2, 2026
52 2nd Director Statton
53 M/S/C 5-0
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55 **7. GENERAL DISTRICT BUDGET UPDATE 2026**

56 Director Hogan motioned to approve the 2026 General District Budget
57 2nd Director Titus
58 M/S/C 5-0
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60 **8. GROUND WATER RATE PROPOSED INCREASE 2026 - \$67.32 PER**
61 **ACRE FROM \$58.79 INCREASE OF \$8.53 PER ACRE – LAST**
62 **INCREASE 2023**

63 Approved in General District Budget 2026 (#6)
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65 **9. WATER RATE PROPOSED INCREASE 2026 – CURRENTLY \$43.48**
66 **PER ACRE FOOT LAST CHANGED 2022 FROM \$95.00 AF TO**
67 **\$43.48 AF (STARTED BILLING FOR PGE)**

68 Approved in General District Budget 2026 (#6) \$48.63AF
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70 **10. FEE SCHEDULE 2026 – RESOLUTION 2026-1**

71 Director Pochop motioned to approve Resolution 2026-1 Fee Schedule 2026
72 as amended to include the water rate of \$48.63AF
73 2nd Director Hogan
74 M/S/C 5-0
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76 **11. BILLS TO BE PAID**

77 **A. DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026**

78 Director Pochop motioned to pay the bills
79 2nd Director Hogan
80 M/S/C 5-0
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82 **12. WATER AND PGE 2024 BILLING UPDATE – SCOTT MURPHY**
83 **(DIRECTOR STATTON)**

84 No action taken, move to February 10, 2026 meeting
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86 **13. INTERIM DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

87 Interim District Manager Linda Lovelace stated the office will be open two days
88 a week (Tuesday and Wednesday) starting February
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90 **14. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COUNTY COUNCIL**
91 **(DIRECTOR LAMKIN)**

92 No updates, move to February 10, 206 meeting
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94 **15. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) UPDATES**

95 No updates, next meeting January 14, 2026 at 8:30AM
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97 **16. NEW POLICY #38 - REFUSAL FOR IRRIGATION WATER**

98 Director Titus motioned to approve the new policy #38 – Refusal for Irrigation
99 Water, amended to include the California Water Code
100 2nd Director Pochop
101 M/S/C 5-0
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103 **17. DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO VOTE**

104 **A. PG&E DEMAND CHARGES – AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE**
105 **DIRECTOR TITUS & DIRECTOR POCHOP**
106 Move to February 10, 2026 meeting
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108 **18. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

109 Scott Murphy asked about the water rate increase. Also, if any costs were going doing
110 in 2026 including office staff.
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112 Mike Holtsclaw asked if we had contacted other water districts about power costs.
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114 **19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

115 **A. NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2026**
116 **@ 6:00PM**

117 **B. ADJOURNMENT**

118 Director Hogan motioned To adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM
119 2nd Director Pochop
120 M/S/C 5-0
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PREPARED BY



CHAIR