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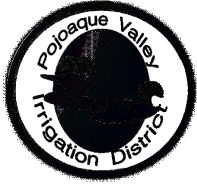
Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)

July 7, 2026 Quarterly Meeting

6:00PM to 8:00PM

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Harry Montoya called to order at 6:03 PM
2. **Recognition of Quorum\Roll Call:** Quorum was confirmed and roll call completed– Present: Harry Montoya, Michael Lujan, Carlos Ortiz, Gabriel Ortiz, Danny Roybal (absent)
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Harry Montoya
 - a. Additions/Corrections: Agenda Approval**: No changes; unanimously approved.
 - i. **Motion To Approve** -Gabriel Ortiz, SECOND Carlos Ortiz-, DISCUSSION- none, Motion Carried 4-0.
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
 - a. Minutes of the June 10, 2026 Previous Minutes**: minutes approved without changes.
 - i. **Motion To Approve** – Mike Lujan, SECOND Carlos Ortiz–DISCUSSION - none, Motion Carried 4-0
5. **Treasurer's Report (Carlos Ortiz) Financial Overview & Budget Discussion**
 - a. Overview of the 2026 budget, noting minor changes since the last meeting. Key updates included new line items for grant-funded dam controls, updated bank balances, and an increase in billable irrigable acres (now 1,952.05 acres).
 - b. Recommendation and agreement to move \$40,000 to contingency funds, progressing toward the Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) suggestion of \$500,000 in reserves for dam maintenance and emergencies.
 - c. Fee Reduction:** Due to successful collections and grant funding, per-acre assessment will decrease from \$102-104 to \$90.39.
 - d. Detailed line-by-line review of expenses, including dam operations, salaries (noting overlap for training a new office manager), audit costs (now higher due to tier change), and maintenance savings achieved by in-house work..
 - e. Significant grant funds used for dam control upgrades, seal replacements, and security assessments. Some project delays due to vendor issues, but extension granted to complete by December 31.
 - f. Audit completed (with corrections pending), no fines expected due to small entity status. Consulting services mostly for IT and accounting support.



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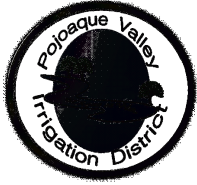
- g. Board Decision:** Budget (including \$40,000 contingency) approved. Motion to approve Gabriel Ortiz 2nd Harry Montoya, Budget approved unanimously 4-0. Final budget to be signed and posted.

6. District Manager Report (Ralph Manzanares) Water Management and Reservoir Status

- a. Majority of construction complete for remote dam control system. Delays due to vendor failing to deliver; grant extension obtained. Anticipate completion and commissioning by September.
- b. New system will use Mission proprietary software, cell-based encrypted communications, and improved monitoring/training for dam operations
- c. Discussion about future-proofing connectivity and opportunity to integrate with broader regional broadband initiatives
- d. Election Policy Revision 2.3
 - ****Issue:**** Previous policy allowed all electors to vote in all district elections, which was deemed inappropriate.
 - ****Revision:**** Electors now only vote for candidates in their own division. Clarifications added for multiple parcel owners and voting by division, not acreage.
 - ****Discussion:**** Addressed concerns about minimum acreage for voting (state law: 0.5 acre or more). Policy revision approved unanimously 4-0. Motion to approve Carlos Ortiz, 2nd Gabriel Ortiz.
- e. Water Distribution & Drought Management
 - ****Current State:**** Severe drought; water distribution inequities noted (some ditches receiving much less than others).
 - ****Concerns Raised:**** Calls for fairer scheduling and equitable sharing during drought. Discussion of "priority administration" (state law) vs. "alternative administration" (voluntary sharing among acequias).
 - ****Next Steps:**** Offer from state water master (Chris Thornburg) to facilitate development of an alternative administration schedule. Plan to convene a meeting with all stakeholders (including tribal representatives) to address equitable water allocation.
 - ****Tribal Data Sovereignty:**** Pueblo of Nambé raised concerns about data sharing with Treasury/AI collections—data privacy and sovereignty to be addressed before further implementation.

7. Public Comment

- a. Tribal Government



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- i. Pueblo of Nambe: -- Pueblo Leaders raised concerns about water management and not reflecting shared sacrifice during drought. Called for better communication and adherence to first-priority rights.
- ii. Pueblo of Pojoaque -- Jeff Montoya, raised questing on equitable drought water distribution during drought times, thanked the board.
- iii. Pueblo of San Ildefonso – None
- iv. BIA-- None
 - a. BOR -- None
 - b. OSE –State Engineer Chris Thornborg, coordinate meeting with all acequias and tribal representatives for equitable drought water distribution.
 - c. PVRAA – none
- v. **Adjournment**
Motion To Approve Mike Lujan– , SECOND. Carlos Ortiz –, Motion Carried 4-0

****Next Meetings:**** Special water allocation meeting to be scheduled (TBD, likely August); next regular board meeting set for October 6.