

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2026

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District convened a special session on Monday March 30, 2026. Present were President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winkler, Director Jason Don, and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollingter, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clampitt, Policy Director Sage Park, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, Roza Consultant Chris Lynch, and District Attorney Brian Iller

Audience members: please see attached list

Via Telephone conference: Director Jason Sheehan, water users; Will Jones and Troy Elliott.

The President called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

District Manager Revell reported that Reclamation's March water supply forecast for the protatable irrigation districts was 44% with a low end of 31% supply. USBR's next official water supply forecast will be April 9. Mr. Revell requested discussion with the Board on the desire to lease senior water, lease source options, cost and the benefits of how leasing could be used to lessen or prevent a shutdown, as well as not leasing and utilizing funds for system improvements.

Mr. Revell referred to the staff report and further reported on optional shutdown scenarios, cost, proration date, potential damage to canal, weather conditions, acre feet lost to drain and fill the canal when a shutdown occurs. Mr. Revell noted planning for at least a two-week shutdown unless conditions improve sufficiently. Director Don inquired about past damage and audience members inquired about the length of a shutdown vs. temperature regarding damage in the main canal. Mr. Rollingter explained the heat is the main factor when damage occurs during a shutdown and noted weather temperatures above 82 degrees increase potential damage to canal.

Mr. Revell discussed various water delivery amounts and Watermaster Rollingter noted growers tend to be most efficient at fourteen points and below. Mr. Rollingter noted he usually sees water being returned to the main canal at about fifteen points. Mr. Revell and Engineering Manager Wayne Sonnichsen presented 39% and 50% proration scenarios with April 20 and May 5 proration dates to illustrate the effect on the irrigation season.

The Board and Staff discussed juvenile fish outmigration flushing pulses at length, SNOTEL sites, revised delivery amounts, days in season. Director Don looked to the audience for any suggestions. Director Sheehan noted he would like to hold on leasing water and direct the remaining funds to possibly be used for system efficiencies. Water user Justin Pace also mentioned holding off on leases until the next water supply forecast in April.

Roza Consultant Chris Lynch reported the snowpack water content in the Upper Yakima Basin is well above the snow water equivalent of 2015. Mr. Lynch noted the precipitation in March was strong but mainly fell as rain and so only improved the snowpack a little, but it did greatly add to the reservoir storage. The long-term weather models show a ridge building late next week which could bring dryer conditions further into April. He noted the long-range forecast for the summer months was for warmer than normal and drier than normal conditions.

The Board took no action on leasing water and expressed a desire to meet with the Selah Moxee Board of Directors to further discuss leasing water from their water bank. Mr. Revell asked to move the April meeting to April 14 to be after the April 9 water supply forecast.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated fifteen minutes beginning at 2:17 P.M. pursuant to:

- a. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Potential and pending litigation- State v. Acquavella.
- b. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(2)(a)(iii). To evaluate legal risk of a proposed action.
- c. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.

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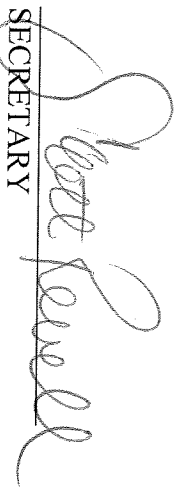
President Valicoff returned at 2:32 P.M. and noted the Board would be in executive session for an additional five minutes.

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The President returned the Board to regular session at 2:42 P.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 2:42 P.M. on Tuesday March 30, 2026.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY


PRESIDENT