

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

September 12, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 12th day of September, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were William Morebeck, President (Division IV); John H. Drew, Vice President (Division II); and Directors Nancy Weber (Division I); W. Scott Miller (Division III); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resource Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Kemp

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary introduced Kathryn Kemp, Office Assistant I.

#### EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Kinnan

Debbie Martin, Controller, introduced Valerie Kinnan, Accountant II.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Otis Wollan, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and provided a snapshot from the District's website in 2015
- George Olive, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding their recent approval of The Kolbe Company for the Raw Water Master Plan Update
- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding grief, and respectfully working together to move forward and build a better community
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding a needs assessment, the Raw Water Master Plan facilitator selection and the Bear River
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding the Raw Water Master Plan facilitator selection and the Centennial Reservoir
- Traci Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board regarding information on properties acquired based on the Centennial Reservoir audit
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the impact that Centennial Reservoir may have on wells, groundwater mapping and recharge

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- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the political signs on his truck parked on District property, the Centennial Reservoir, the Raw Water Master Plan, upcoming election, herbicide use, and the Integrated Vegetation Management Working Group.

MINUTES – August 22, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 22, 2018, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY (SNC) GRANT REQUEST FOR THE SCOTTS FLAT RESERVOIR FUELS TREATMENT PHASE 4

**Adopted Resolution 2018-21, authorizing the submittal of a grant application to SNC, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

ADDITION OF NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION – ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

**Approved the new Job Classification of Environmental Resources Administrator, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

DISTRICT POLICY 3100 – BUDGET AMENDMENT AUTHORITY LEVELS

This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda, and Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item.

**Adopted Resolution 2018-22 – Updating Administrative Policies – Budget Amendment Authority Levels, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

COMBIE SOUTH POWERHOUSE TRASH RACK INSTALLATION (FATR #2163)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Approved a contract with NMI Industrial in the amount of \$111,354.00 for installation of a trash rack, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

NEWTOWN CANAL GRADING PROJECT (FATR #8371)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item, and introduced Kevin Nelson of Nelson Engineering.

**Awarded a construction contract to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for the Newtown Canal Grading Project in the amount of \$234,782, approved a budget transfer of \$46,782 from the Raw Water Replacement budget to the Extended CEQA budget, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Miller/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

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LOMA RICA HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY – RELOCATION (FATR #6947)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public

**Approved the relocation of the proposed Loma Rica Powerhouse Project, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Wilcox, unanimously approved**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

**Approved as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Community Choice Aggregate was held August 23, 2018
- Presentation for Grass Valley Kiwanis
- Attended Northern California Water Association GM Meeting
- SB845 – Water Tax update
- ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies) Energy Policy update
- Maben Phase 2 update
- Rattlesnake Backbone Extension Project update
- Alta Sierra Tank Replacement – Public meeting on September 13, 2018
- Hemphill Technical Advisory Committee to meet on October 23, 2018
- Ditch Tender's House roof replacement and new deck out to bid
- Scotts Flat Office Replacement update
- Loma Rica update
- Watershed Open House on October 17, 2018 at Gold Miner's Inn
- Dam Safety Program Update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- Water Rates Committee Update

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Water Rates Committee Update

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:25 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with Legal Counsel regarding Bay-Delta proceedings, including the California WaterFix, the associated environmental document and change

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petition pending before the State Water Resources Control Board and the planned updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

**Board Action: Direction given to Legal Counsel.**

Director Drew left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 12:15 p.m.

President Morebeck reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:15 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

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