

RESOLUTION No. 2017-18

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the District will help implement part of the California Water Action Plan, including expanding water storage capacity, achieving co-equal goals for the Delta, providing safe water for communities, and restoring important ecosystems and habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources has established the Delta Mercury Control Program (DMCP) to set mercury and methylmercury targets for fish tissue and water in the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the Bear River is a tributary to the Delta and contributes sediment loads that must be managed in the DMCP; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed the 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget with an appropriation for the Delta Mine Drainage Impacts Abatement – Combie Reservoir, Budget Request Name 3860-008-BCP-2017-GB, herein referred to as the Combie Reservoir Sediment and Mercury Removal Project in the amount of \$6.13 million; and

WHEREAS, the District has invested funds and has conducted a multi-year bench and pilot scale project to remove sediment and mercury from Combie Reservoir which is now ready for full scale implementation; and

WHEREAS, the project, in partnership with DWR's Riverine Stewardship Program, will assess the scaling of our new technology and methodologies to remove sediment and mercury from reservoirs and to determine its financial and technical feasibility in an effort to prove useful in similar 303(d) listed sites within the Bay Delta and other California watersheds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District that the Board does hereby authorize the General Manager to enter into and subject to negotiations with the Riverine Stewardship Program of the Department of Water Resources to support sediment and mercury removal at Combie Reservoir. Further, NID will commit any and all revenue from the sale of aggregates or metals from the dredged materials to the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of June 2017, by the following vote:

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AYES:

Directors: Weber, Drew, Miller, Morebeck, Wilcox

NOES:

None

ABSTAINING:

None

ABSENT:

None

President

ATTEST:

Board Secretary