

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 11, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in special session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 11th day of January 2022, at 3:01 p.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II); Karen Hull, Vice President (Division III); and Directors Ricki Heck (Division I); Laura Peters (Division IV); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Steve Prosser, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Naomi Schmitt, Interim Human Resources Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Bierwagen called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.
- President Bierwagen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

The meeting recessed at 3:57 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, opened the workshop. The Board discussed updates to be made on the website and had a robust discussion regarding the Plan for Water consultant proposals and selection process.

Public Comment:

- Anonymous Attendee, stated there is a standard practice for professional consulting contracting for State agencies
- Stewart Feldman, member of the public, inquired about public comments provided via chat (Q&A) feature and asked if they will be included in the public record

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PLAN FOR WATER WORKSHOP #3 – WATER SERVICE AREA OVERVIEW

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Anonymous Attendee(s) provided the following public comment:
 - o Asked if the cost of summer water would go up if no winter water offered
 - o Inquired if there is a minimum flow for Squirrel Creek downstream of China Union Canal
 - o Requested clarification regarding automation and State Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) versus telemetry for measurements and the ability to control remotely
 - o Suggested moving microphones to minimize background noise during future meetings
 - o Inquired about the ratio of raw water sold to raw water actual consumed
 - o Asked about demand management potential to reduce the summer volume of water
 - o Requested watershed boundaries be added to maps

- Stewart Feldman, member of the public, provided the following public comment:
 - o Inquired about the percentage of treated water customers metered and the percentage of sub-system each treated water customer consumes
 - o Inquired if there is an environmental benefit from small volume canal flows, such as leaks and other habitat opportunities
 - o Commented on tools provided by State Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software and hardware to control industrial processes locally or at remote locations to monitor, gather, and process real-time data

- Otis Wollan, resident of Colfax, provided the following public comment:
 - o Stated that measuring tailwater at the end of canals where water is not recaptured downstream is critical and requested clarification regarding measuring stations at the end of some of these canals
 - o Asked if the public comments from the Urban Water Management Plan would be addressed during the Plan for Water process

- Carol McMillan, member of the public, provided the following public comment:
 - o Inquired about the impact of the Rise Gold proposal on Wolf Creek
 - o Suggested that the microphones be off unless speaking in the Board room
 - o Thanked District for helping to understand the NID system better
 - o Commented on food production and ag products grown in Nevada County

- Bruce Herring, member of the public, inquired about the rationale for using 2019 vs. 2020 as a basis for flows

- John Meeker, member of the public, provided the following public comment:
 - o Asked how individual customers can tell if they have a cellular meter and log on to see their usage
 - o Asked if it is possible to add arrows that indicate the direction of the flow

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- Peter Burnes, member of the public, asked for future postings to include flows & length in miles and year
- Syd Brown, member of the public, commented on topographic maps (shaded relief) base, watershed boundaries and the canal flow directions
- Keiko Mertz, Policy Manager for South Yuba River Citizens League, inquired about the number in attendance

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:00 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

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