

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

April 14, 2021

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 14th day of April 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II); Laura L. Peters, Vice President (Division IV); and Directors Karen Hull (Division III); and Rich Johansen (Division V). Director Ricki Heck (Division I), was present via video-teleconference.

Staff members present included Greg Jones, Interim General Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Jana Kolakowski; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager; Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2021, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on March 18, 2021, as submitted. M/S/C, Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2021, Regular Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting on March 24, 2021, as submitted. M/S/C, Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2021, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on March 26, 2021, as submitted. M/S/C, Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – April 2, 2021, Special Meeting

**Approved the Minutes of the special meeting on April 2, 2021, as submitted. M/S/C, Peters/Hull, unanimously approved.**

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AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (FATR #1034)

Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

**Adopt Resolution No. 2021-08 - Adopting, Filing and Implementing the Nevada Irrigation District Agricultural Water Management Plan Update, as amended as follows:**

**Resolution No. 2021-08:**

- Add “at the beginning of the Plan for Water process” to the last sentence on Page 1

**Plan for Water Update:**

- Added Table 7.1 – Water Efficiencies – Projects done in past 5 years
- Page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, last sentence – update “under direction of Nevada Irrigation District (District) staff” to “with the assistance of Nevada Irrigation District (District) staff”
- Page 36 – Table to show footnote “2” not “32”
- Page 46, Item 2 – Change “measure” to either “measurement” or “measuring”
- Page 46, Item 4 – Replace “would provide service” with “may be asked to provide service”
- Page 46, Item 7 – Replace “or” with “and/or” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last sentence to read “If there is less snow and more rain in the future, NID will need to make operational, facility and/or watershed changes to store more of the winter rainfall for use during the irrigation season.
- Page 52, Item 9, last sentence – Replace “sites” to “stations”

INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (IVM) PROGRAM UPDATE

Bob MacDonald, Interim Maintenance Manager, presented the item and Blankinship & Associates, presented highlights from their Study on Glyphosate Alternatives.

Public Comment:

- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:11 p.m.

SCOTTS FLAT LAKE VOLUNTARY NO WAKE/5MPH

Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Robert Caslava, Cascade Shores homeowner
- Patrick Perkins, Cascade Shores homeowner
- Izzie Brown, Cascade Shores homeowner
- Sue Caslava, Cascade Shores homeowner
- Barry White, Cascade Shores homeowner

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**The Board approved to not implement a Scotts Flat Lake voluntary no wake/5MPH trial period restriction. M/S/C Hull/Peters, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 1:18 p.m. and reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

5-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, member of the public

**The Board agreed to table the discussion until a more convenient time. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

FERC PART 12D INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF TWELVE NID DAMS

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

**Awarded a contract to McMillen Jacobs Associates in the amount of \$349,160 to complete the FERC required Part 12D Independent Consultant (IC) 5-Year Safety Inspection for twelve District Dams, and authorized the Interim General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Peters/Johansen, unanimously approved.**

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION POLICY

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

**Adopted Resolution No. 2021-09 – Establishing District Policy 2170 - Lactation Accommodation, as amended to clarify date for SB142 or replace “SB142” with “Labor Code Section 1030” in the third “whereas” clause on page one. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment: None

**Approved the check register and received and filed the Project & Facility Report and Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2021. M/S/C Heck/Peters, unanimously approved.**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

- No reports given

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Greg Jones, Interim General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Lower Scotts Flat Trail EIR out for public review beginning tomorrow, 4/15
- Working with FERC for additional information request to support preparation of Supplemental EIS & Revised Biological Assessment to complete Endangered Species Section 7 consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- Met with Jim Pifer from Regional Water Authority at Placer County Water Agency
- Met with Nevada County Fairgrounds regarding District's 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration
- Continuing discussions with voluntary agreements
- Small pile burn on 4/10 at Scotts Flat shoreline - contained and no incident
- Chicago Park School track meet at Orchard Springs on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2021 irrigation season begins April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Doty North Project complete & ready for service
- Combie Phase 1 is complete
- PG&E working on South Yuba Canal annual maintenance – expecting to be complete by April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Responded to Department Water Resources re Landscape Area Measurement – copy of letter provided to the Board
- Updated water supply forecast numbers to Board on April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Commissioned Fire Suppression System at Chicago Park Powerhouse by the end of month
- CAISO testing recently done was completed and successful

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Closed Open Session and recessed the meeting at 3:45 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m. in Closed Session.

Closed Session Conference was declared at 3:50 p.m., pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), regarding Public Employment (General Manager).

**Board Action: No Board action was taken.**

Director Heck left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:31 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

*Kris Stepanian*  
Board Secretary

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

*Kate Heck* Division I

*Chris Burwagan* Division II

*Karen Hull* Division III

*Wm L Peters* Division IV

*Rich Johnson* Division V