

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

January 22, 2020

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 22nd day of January 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Ricki Heck, President (Division I), Chris Bierwagen, Vice-President (Division II); and Directors W. Scott Miller (Division III); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### CLIMATE DOWNSCALING PRESENTATION

Presented by Andy Fecko, General Manager, and Brian Rickards, P.E., Associate Engineer - Placer County Water Agency

#### Public Comment:

- Jake Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Kurt Lorenz, member of the public
- Rich Johansen, resident of Penn Valley
- John Norton, resident of Division 5
- Carmen Mateo, member of the public
- Jeanette Carpenter, resident of Division 2
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County

The Meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Jeanette Carpenter, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir
- Carmen Mateo, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the treatment of some members of the public, the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and in opposition to dams
- Don Coenen, resident of South County, addressed the Board regarding the status of taking over electric distribution from PG&E

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- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River and in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board to remind that there are many in the community struggling to pay their bills
- Vananda Reese, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding the Yuba River, Bear River, Wolf Creek, Loma Rica and contaminations from trash

President Heck pulled the following items from the Consent Agenda at the request of Director Peters:

- Item 1 - Minutes – January 8, 2020, Regular Meeting
- Item 3 - Annual Disclosure Of Reimbursement
- Item 4 - Position/Compensation Schedule – 2020 and Requirement for Publicly Available Pay Schedule

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS –Caldwell Retirement (Res. No. 2020-01)

**Adopted Resolution 2020-01 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – James Caldwell). M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

REVISIONS TO SECTIONS 6.01 - 6.09 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Approved revisions to District Rules and Regulations, Section 6.01 – 6.09, Terms of Payment, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

UPDATES TO DISTRICT POLICY 5030 – BOARD MEETING CONDUCT

**Adopted Resolution No. 2020-03 – Updates to District Policy 5030 – Board Meeting Conduct, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF REIMBURSEMENT

Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County

**Adopted Resolution No. 2020-02 (Annual Disclosure of Reimbursement to Employees and Directors). M/S/C M/S/C Peters/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

POSITION/COMPENSATION SCHEDULE – 2020 AND REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULE

Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley

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**Received and filed the updated District's Position/Compensation Schedule for 2020 effective January 6, 2020, and authorize posting to the District's website. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

ESTABLISHING DISTRICT POLICY 5300 - STANDING COMMITTEES

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County

**Adopted Resolution No. 2020-04 Establishing District Policy 5300 - Standing Committees, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Bierwagen/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

ESTABLISHING DISTRICT POLICY 5065 - MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Jake Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

**Director Wilcox made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05 - Establishing District Policy 5065 - Minutes for Committee Meetings, using Option 1, as amended to post the video on the website for two years. Director Heck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division II</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

SEASONAL IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE INFORMATION

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, provided an informational presentation on the history and timing of seasonal irrigation water service.

Public Comment:

- Dave Barhydt, South Nevada County Rancher
- Brad Fowler, resident of Grass Valley
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley
- Karen Hull, resident of Division 3
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County
- Louise Jackson, resident of Nevada City

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**Pursuant to District Policy 5040.3.1, President Heck obtained Board consensus, giving direction to staff to explore options to extend seasonal irrigation water service and to bring the item to the Water and Hydroelectric Operations (WHO) Committee.**

The meeting recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – 2018**

Debbie Martin, Controller, presented the item and introduced Ingrid Shepline, with Richardson & Company, LLP, who provided a presentation.

Director Miller left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

- John Norton, resident of Division 5

**Director Wilcox made a motion to authorize the Finance Manager to publish the District’s 2018 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), as amended to strike out the word “solely” on Page 34.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The meeting recessed at 2:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:34.

President Heck removed and postponed the Brown Act Workshop item.

**MINUTES – January 8, 2020, Regular Meeting**

**Director Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes as amended on Page 3 to strike out the second paragraph beginning with “Director Wilcox amended the motion” and insert the following:**

**“Prior to completing roll-call on the motion, Director Peters requested an amendment to the motion to make the item an informational item at this meeting and return it to the Administrative Practices Committee. Director Wilcox and Director Bierwagen accepted the amendment to the motion.”**

**Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 200,062 acre-feet in storage – 105% of 7-year average 74% of capacity
- Bowman Lake Precipitation at 23.87” – 10” behind average
- 2019 Conservation overall was 20% over 2013
- Participated in the Region 3 Board Meeting for ACWA
- Participated in the Northern California Water Association's Strategic Planning
- Participated in Headwaters Working Group and PSPS Working Group for ACWA
- Governor's 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio update
- Combie Phase I update
- Iron Horse District Financed Water Line Extension update
- Alta Sierra Tank contract update and kick-off scheduled for early February
- Hwy 174 update
- Doty North Siphon update

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Wilcox, Division V, reported on the following items:

- Attended and presented at a Penn Valley Town Hall Meeting
- Discussed with Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce President about scheduling an evening with the General Manager and NID Director

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:

- Spoke about the number of meetings needed for the Raw Water Master Plan and looking at the cost-benefit ratio

Director Peters, Division IV, reported on the following items:

- Reached out to Auburn Greens HOA and Rock Creek Trailer Park regarding revision to Rules and Regulations regarding water shut-off notifications
- Attended a Placer Agricultural Commission Meeting
- Attended a Placer County Water Agency Board Meeting
- Attended Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:

- Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee suggestion from Rich Johansen to include the UC Davis Farm Advisor
- Attended film festival and saw climate change film
- Requested Procurement Policy item to go to Administrative Practices Committee (APC) in February
- Spoke about Prioritizing of Capital Improvements

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

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CLOSED SESSION was declared at 2:59 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager.


**Board Action: None**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:15 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

  
Board Secretary

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

  
Division I

  
Division II

  
Division III

  
Division IV

  
Division V