

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

April 25, 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 25th day of April 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; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resource Manager; Adrian Schneider, Senior Engineer; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and requested that it become a regular agenda item
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding dams
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, recited a pledge to the Earth, and addressed the Board regarding salmon and the Grand Coolee Dam
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and the Vegetation Management Working Group, and provided a picture of Spenceville Wildlife Refuge farm ditch
- Lisa Bonham, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River and Centennial Reservoir
- Syd Brown, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding a recent Centennial Reservoir update provided at Engineering Committee meeting
- Lewis Elbinger, candidate for US House of Representatives - District 1 (Green Party) and resident of Mt. Shasta, addressed the Board regarding similar issues in Siskiyou County, the Centennial Reservoir and Board practices
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding a Centennial Reservoir update at a recent Engineering Committee meeting and request for the "River of the Roundhouses" video to be played at an upcoming Board meeting
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding allowing the "River of the Roundhouses" video
- Josh Jones, candidate for Governor of California (Green Party), addressed the Board regarding reclaiming water and finding better solutions

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MINUTES – April 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 11, 2018, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS

**Approved the warrants. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.**

QUARTERLY BUDGET VS ACTUAL REPORT

**Received and filed the quarterly budget vs actual report for the period ending March 31, 2018. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, SHORT-TERM FORECAST & RESERVES

**Received and filed the quarterly investment, short-term cash forecast and reserve report for the period ending March 31, 2018. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.**

2017 COMPLIANCE RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY REPORT

**Received and filed the report prepared in accordance with the Nevada Irrigation District Internal Compliance Program, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved.**

SPECIAL ORDERS / EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, introduced new employees Wyatt Parks, Utility Worker I and Gabe Sharp, Utility Worker I

DWR (DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES) FUNDING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR COMBIE SEDIMENT AND MERCURY REMOVAL PROJECT (FATR #2135)

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Pamela Osgood, member of the public

**Adopted Resolution 2018-08, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Funding Agreement and any amendments thereto, in the amount of \$5,500,000. M/S/C Miller/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

RAW WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE (FATR#1041)

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Melinda Booth, Executive Director of SYRCL
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City

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- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley
- Tracie Sheehan, with Foothill Water Network
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

**Approved Resolution 2018-09 and budget amendment in the amount of \$500,000 to update the Raw Water Master Plan (RWMP), and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

#### HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC STUDIES

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley
- Bruce Herring, resident of Division 2

**Approved a contract in the amount of \$355,583 with AECOM to perform Hydrologic Reevaluation and Hydraulic Analyses, approved the associated budget amendment, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

#### CHICAGO PARK POWERHOUSE FOREBAY LEVEL CONTROL, VIBRATION PROTECTION AND BALANCE OF PLANT PLC – FATR #2165

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Awarded a sole-sourced contract to d’Heurle Systems in the amount of \$299,075.13, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

#### GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The General Manager reported on the following items:

- Storage and Precipitation update
- DSOD (Division of Safety of Dams) increasing annual fees
- Recent meeting with Catrina Olson, City Manager of Nevada City
- Community Choice Aggregation / Community Choice Energy initiative
- Attended Mountain Counties Water Resources Association meeting regarding government overreach and shared highlights
- Attended Sierra Fund’s annual celebration in Sacramento and shared highlights
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board approved \$11 Billion budget item to build the twin-tunnels
- Water Rates Committee meeting on May 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Penn Valley Project will be starting back up next week
- Rattlesnake BEP update
- RFP for CEQA on Lake Wildwood to Elizabeth George BEP out for proposals
- Brewer Road – 300 feet of pipe installed
- Roof is being installed at Orchard Springs
- Raw Water Intertie with PG&E very close to settlement

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Scotts Flat Trails meeting

Director Drew reported on the following items:

- Shared slides and spoke about lemon balm, German Brown trout and smelt

Director Wilcox reported on the following items:

- SYRCL's State of the Yuba Program
- Met with Victoria A. Whitney, retired from the State Water Board, who may soon come to speak to the Board, along with her husband Ken Landau, retired Executive Officer of the Water Quality Control Board, Region 5
- Meeting next week with Barbara Leidigh, retired Sr. Attorney from State Water Board, who may also attend Board meeting and be available for questions

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m., and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger, Sommers, and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment for acquisition and sale of rights in real property; properties subject to negotiations:

- South Yuba Canal, Chalk Bluff Canal, Deer Creek Powerhouse; flowage/wheeling rights in Drum Canal, Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal (all owned by PG&E)
- Flowage Rights in Bowman-Spaulding Canal, Fall Creek Flume, Dutch Flat Flume, and Chicago Park Flume; right to storage in Rollins Reservoir (all owned by NID)

Persons with whom negotiations will be conducted: PG&E Management

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:15 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager

Meeting reconvened in regular session at 11:40 a.m.

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel reported on actions taken during Closed Session: Direction was given the District's real property negotiators and to legal counsel.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on May 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Krisi 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.

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| <u>Nancy J. Weber</u> | Director<br>Division I |
| <u>[Signature]</u>    | Division II            |
| <u>[Signature]</u>    | Division III           |
| <u>[Signature]</u>    | Division IV            |
| <u>Nick Meyer</u>     | Division V             |