

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

January 23, 2019

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 23rd day of January 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Service Awards

The following Employees were recognized for their length of service with the District and were congratulated by their Department Manager or Supervisor and presented with recognition awards:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>35 Years</u>		
Stu Uchida	Senior Engineer Technician	08/12/1983
<u>20 Years</u>		
Philip A. Nedved	Hydroelectric Maintenance Superintendent	11/25/1998
Chris B. Berg	Construction Inspector II	12/14/1998
<u>10 Years</u>		
Christopher D. Ribble	Hydroelectric Plant Operator	08/04/2008
Chad Garvey	Utility Worker II	11/03/2008
Gus Gramm	Hydroelectric Plant Operator I	11/03/2008

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m. and reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) INTRODUCTION

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary introduced Dane Wadle, Public Affairs Field Coordinator with CSDA, who provided a presentation entitled "Getting to Know CSDA".

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Lilly Marie Mora, resident of Grass Valley, thanked the Board for recent article pertaining to water conservation, and addressed the Board regarding educational water programs, the federal shutdown and installation of solar
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and the Pick Sloan Flood Control Act, and provided copies related materials to the Board
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding water rates and updating the District's strategic plan
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding District working groups, herbicide use, and cease & desist order
- Carol Brady, resident of Alta Sierra Ranches, addressed the Board regarding potential impact that Centennial Reservoir may have on residential wells
- Michael DiMartino, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the use of Round-up, and his services as a radio show host

President Miller removed Item 3 – 2019 Position/Compensation Schedule and Requirement for Publicly Available Pay Schedule.

President Miller pulled Item 1 – Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Board meeting, from the Consent Agenda for discussion, at the request of Director Peters.

MINUTES – January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 9, 2019, as amended to include Director Peters' concerns regarding the low-level outlet, the two edits listed on Page 2 of the Staff Report, and to include the additional "whereas" paragraph added to Resolution No. 2019-03 (Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approving the Project and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program) for the Orr Creek Reservoir Cleaning and Infrastructure Improvement Project. M/S/C Peters/Heck, unanimously approved.**

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF REIMBURSEMENT

**Adopted Resolution No. 2019-04 (Annual Disclosure of Reimbursement to Employees and Directors). M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

ESTABLISHING DISTRICT POLICY 3250 – SUSTAINABILITY

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

**Adopted Resolution No. 2019-05 (Establishing District Policy 3250 – Sustainability), as amended, to include "Whereas, the purpose of this policy is to outline the District's objective to be socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable through implementation in a fiscally responsible manner of actions, practices, and projects intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions". M/S/C Peters/Heck, unanimously approved.**

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PLAN FOR WATER PROGRESS REPORT AND PROCESS ALTERNATIVES

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item, and introduced Jim Crowley, Program Manager for the Raw Water Master Planning Process, who provided a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Mikos Fabersunne, resident of Nevada City
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City
- Peter VanZant, resident of Nevada City
- Alan Fowler, resident of District 5
- Otis Wollan, resident of Colfax
- Ashley Overhouse, Policy Manager for South Yuba River Citizens League
- Michael DiMartino, resident of Nevada City
- Tracie Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge

**Director Heck made a motion to direct the General Manager to terminate the Kolbe Contract without prejudice. Director Peters 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>Aye</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>No</b>

Public Comment:

- Rich Johansen, resident of Penn Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Otis Wollan, resident of Colfax

**Direction was given to staff for the Raw Water Master Plan planning process to pursue the American Water Works Association M50 process, remit it to the WHO (Water & Hydroelectric Operations Committee) to take up the work of setting up the stakeholder group, who will then begin the process and work with the WHO Committee. M/S/C Heck/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

**Approved as submitted. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.**

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Deer Creek 851 & FERC Applications complete
- January 30th CSDA Gold Country Chapter Workshop
- E. Hacienda Control/PRV for LOP/Alta Sierra BEP in February
- Lake Wildwood to E. George BEP (Backbone Extension Project) update
- Table Meadow Phase 2 DFWLE (District Financed Waterline Extension) update
- Maintenance Department installing deck at Ditch Tender's House
- 2019 Canal Lining Project for Hydro is out to bid, due February 21, 2019
- Hemphill update
- Solar – Phase 4 of site upgrade
- Federal Employee customers' payments deferred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended a meeting with folks from Lake Wildwood, and introduced Ward Thompson, representative for the Lake Wildwood Board

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

- Attending Cascade Shores Homeowners Association and Fire Wise meeting this week

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

- Attended Ag Advisory meeting in Placer County

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

- Attended Placer County Ag Commission meeting
- Attended Friends of Auburn Ravine meeting
- Attending Placer County Fish and Wildlife meeting this evening
- Attending meeting with Lincoln MAC (Municipal Advisory Council) on February 4th

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

-None

Meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case. Potential litigation involving Pacific Gas & Electric Company/ PG&E Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

**Board Action: Direction was given to legal counsel.**

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 2:22 p.m.

President Miller reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:22 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

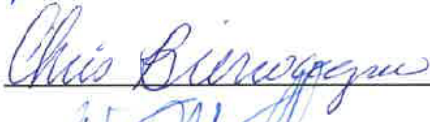


Board Secretary

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



Director  
Division I



Division II



Division III



Division IV



Division V