

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Interim Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Keiko Mertz, Policy Manager with South Yuba River Citizens League, commented on poor audio connection

The meeting recessed at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 3:47 p.m. to reconnect audio due to poor audio quality.

Public Comment: None

PLAN FOR WATER WORKSHOP #1 - MOUNTAIN SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced the workshop and provided a brief Plan for Water Overview.

Public Comment:

- John Meeker, member of the public, recommended that the General Manager and District staff participating in workshops each have Zoom video for the public to see who is speaking
- Barbara Rivenes, member of the public, commented on public participation on Zoom and the hand-raising process
- George Olive, member of the public, requested clarification of the facilitator and the facilitator's role
- Jeff Litton, member of the public, inquired how the public can engage in workshops and provide written comments

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- Richard Mattison, member of the public, inquired about returning to in-person meetings
- Stewart Feldman, member of the public, suggested updating the link on the website for the public to join just the Plan for Water email list and make it more visible
- Matthew Coulter, member of the public, commented about audio difficulties experienced earlier in the meeting and checking the system before meetings
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, spoke about water cycles and precipitation and requested a detailed view of watershed function
- Jeff Litton, member of the public, inquired about the District's goals and the goals of the community and other agencies
- Brian Wallace, member of the public, commented about vision and direction, the cultural community, and the indigenous perspective of biodiversity and watershed habitat wellness and working together to arrive at a more informed and resilient vision

Following a robust discussion, Board consensus was reached to add a Watershed Phase, including vision & values, watershed health, tribal & indigenous communities, and cultures following Stage #2 – Water Rights Overview.

- Stewart Feldman, member of the public, inquired about the availability of environmental studies and pertinent information, including FERC documentation, for the public to review for Stages 4 & 5

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 5:36 p.m.

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, began a presentation detailing the District's Mountain System operations and facilities. This presentation will be continued at the December 7th Plan for Water workshop.

Public Comment:

- George Olive, member of the public, commented on meadow restoration at English Meadow
- Syd Brown, member of the public, commented about understanding how flows are to be released under the FERC license
- Traci Sheehan, with Foothills Water Network, urged the Board to consider a workshop for FERC relicensing and discussion pertaining to specific flows and measurement of flows
- Jeff Litton, member of the public, requested that the video recordings for the Plan for Water meetings be categorized separately on the NID YouTube page

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:05 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

*Krus Stepanian*

Board Secretary

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had and taken at the above and  
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