

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

January 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; JR Lewis, IT Analyst; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Peter VanZant, resident of Nevada City and NID customer, addressed the Board regarding meetings attended at California Water Commission and Prop 1 funds
- Tracie Sheehan with The Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board regarding California Water Commission, the District's grant application, and requested that the public benefit ratio be on the next Board agenda
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding Director Wilcox's recent op ed article
- Mike Bissell, resident of Weimar, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Centennial Reservoir, Bear River and recreation impacts
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding a recent article in The Union, and requested regular Centennial Reservoir General Order Board items
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding CWC appeal process, recreational benefits of the Bear River and recited Earth pledge
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Vegetation Working Group, District transparency and correspondence, and opposition to the Centennial Reservoir
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding a document she created pertaining to inaccuracies in the recreational projections related to the Centennial Reservoir

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- Wanda Enos Batchelor, great-granddaughter of Chief Louis Kelly, addressed the Board sharing concerns and issues from the Nisenan People regarding the Centennial Reservoir

Director Weber requested Items 2 and 5 be pulled from Consent Agenda for discussion.

MINUTES – January 10, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 13, 2017, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF REIMBURSEMENT

**Adopted Resolution No. 2018-02 (Annual Disclosure of Reimbursement to Employees and Directors). M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

POSITION LISTING AND COMPENSATION SCHEDULE – 2018

**Adopted the updated District’s Position and Listing and Compensation Schedule for 2017, effective January 8, 2018 to include a cost of living allowance (“COLA”) of 3% and a 2% market adjustment, and authorized posting to the District’s website. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

DEVELOPER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND SECTION 10.6 DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS MODIFICATIONS:

**Approved an amendment to Section 10.6 (Developer Reimbursement Fee) of the Districts Rules and Regulations and the Reimbursement Agreement for developers, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

WARRANTS

**Approved warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved**

LODESTAR/VICTORIA DRIVE DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION

**Encumbered funds for the Lodestar/Victoria District Financed Waterline Extension Project, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved**

SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION – Certificate of Transparency

Dane Wadlé with the Special District Leaderships Foundation presented the District with the Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Public Comment:

- Nicole Raglin, resident of Grass Valley
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley
- Betsy Lombard, resident of Nevada City
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

DISTRICT FINANCED WATER LINE EXTENSION PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

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Public Comment:

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley
- Steve French, member of the public
- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City

**Approved amendment to the District's Rules and Regulations – District Financed Water Line Extensions (DFWLE) and DFWLE Funding Agreements, allowing for financing of up to 90% of participants fees, extending the term to 30 years, and adjusting neighborhood participation targets to at least 50%, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Precipitation & Storage Report
- Meetings schedule pertaining to SB623 water tax
- CWC meeting
- Centennial Reservoir scope – 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit
- Dianna Suarez's recreation letter
- Red Hill Canal
- Canal work near the Newtown Canal completed
- Maben/Kyler encasement project meeting on January 30, 2018 6:30 p.m.
- Rattlesnake walkthrough on February 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> – depending on weather
- Faye Road & Brewer – Schedule pre-construction walkthrough February 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>
- Easement with PG&E for Rock Creek intertie is getting close
- CEQA contract for Hemphill coming to Board on February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Generator work update
- Contract status for Phase 2 of building expansion & listed the 4 phases

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/REPORTS:

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Highlights from attending Wild & Scenic Film Festival
- Maben Canal, encasements and wells

Director Drew reported on the following items:

- Wells reviewed on case-by-case basis for determination
- Video of birds, wildlife, recreation and agriculture will be shared at upcoming Board meeting

Director Wilcox reported on the following items:

- Maben Canal encasement questions covered in CEQA

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- Maben 2 and Kyler Canal
- Highlights from recent trip to South America

Director Morebeck reported on the following items:

- Highlights from attending Wild & Scenic Film Festival and ag panel takeaways
- Rollins Facility tour with Director Drew & Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

-None

Meeting recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

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

**Board Action:** Direction was given to the District's real property negotiators

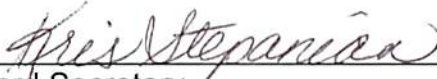
CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:15 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager

**Board Action:** No Action taken

Director Drew left the meeting at 12: 05 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 12:42 p.m., and President Morebeck reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:42 p.m. to reconvene in regular session on February 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

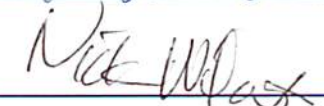
  
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 Board Secretary

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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