

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

May 27, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session via video-teleconference at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 27th day of May 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Debora Totoonchie, President of the Nevada County Farm Bureau, addressed the Board regarding the reopening of recreation and in support of the Centennial Reservoir and planning for future water storage

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

E. GEORGE TO LAKE WILDWOOD BACKBONE EXTENSION PROJECT (BEP)  
(FATR #2255)

Doug Roderick, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- John Norton, resident of Division 5
- Rich Johansen, resident of Division 5
- Mark Bailey, President of the Lake Wildwood Association
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City

**Director Miller made a motion to direct staff to move forward with the E. George to Lake Wildwood BEP and bid Phase I of the Project. Director Wilcox seconded the motion.**

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**Director Peters made a subsidiary motion to table this project until the extent of the District's financial obligations relating to the improvements needed on existing infrastructure and the looming FERC and CAL PERS liabilities are better understood. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**Original motion made by Director Miller and seconded by Director Wilcox passed on the following roll call vote:**

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Peters, Division IV	No
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION (FATR #2462)

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- None

**Adopted the Cal OES Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies, as amended to name the positions of General Manager, Assistant General Manager or Finance Manager/Treasurer as authorized to execute on behalf of the District. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- None

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

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ASSESSMENT BALLOTS

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- John Norton, resident of Division 5

**Director Wilcox made a motion to approve casting of ballots in favor of the Proposed Increase for Fire Suppression Assessments. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.**

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

Heck, Division I	Aye
Bierwagen, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Abstain
Peters, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

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### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 260,238 acre-feet in storage – 108% of 7-year average and 96% of capacity
- Bowman Lake precipitation gauge at 47.83" - 71% of average
- 2020 Conservation compared to 2013 is at 9%
- Snowpack is at 16.1" - 58% of average
- Recreation re-opening update
- ERP & CMMS program update
- Worked with ACWA Region 3 Board preparing for today's Board meeting
- Site visit at Ditch Tender's House
- Combie Phase I update
- Iron Horse District Financed Waterline Extension update
- Doty North Canal Siphon update
- Table Meadow Phase II District Financed Waterline Extension update
- Greenhorn Sediment Removal update
- Generator Install for North Auburn Treatment Plan (PSPS) update
- Alta Sierra Reservoir construction anticipated to start in October
- Hemphill Diversion update
- Water Rates Committee and Ag Policy committee meetings to occur in June
- Written General Manager's report to be submitted to the Board
- Quarterly Reports Workshop scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Testified in front of the Assembly Health Committee regarding AB-1976 proposing that counties affirmatively opt-out of Laura's Law Program rather than opt-in and eliminating the sunset clause

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

- Attended webinar sponsored by the Public Policy Institute - The Benefits of Headwater Forest Management
- Attended webinar - Investing 101

Director Miller, Division III, reported on the following items:

- Constituent calls received regarding water flow on the Bear River
- Constituent call received from Table Meadow property owner wanting treated water

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

- Attended Nevada County Contractors Association meeting

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

The meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 12:03 p.m.

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Closed session conference with legal counsel - existing litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)). *Water Audit California v. Nevada Irrigation District*, Placer County Superior Court, Case No. SCV0044119 was declared at 12:03 p.m.


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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:10 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

  
Board Secretary

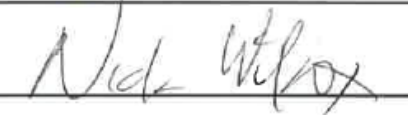
Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

  
Division I

  
Division II

  
Division III

  
Division IV

  
Division V