

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

**December 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021, at 3:00 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, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Steve Prosser, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Joanne Phillips, Engineering Management Assistant; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Bierwagen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- Roll Call: Directors Heck, Bierwagen, Hull & Johansen were present at the time of roll call. Director Peters arrived at 3:03 p.m.
- Introductions: Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced the District's new Maintenance Manager, Steve Prosser

#### HYDROELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the informational item that included updates on the following:

- Emergencies / Unplanned Events
- 2021 Project Highlights
- 2022 Plans
- South Yuba Canal / Deer Creek Update

The meeting recessed due to technical difficulties at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

Public Comment: None

#### PLAN FOR WATER PROCESS CHECK-IN

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item noting recent updates to the matrix and clarified that the Plan for Water item would be a 4 p.m. time-certain agenda item moving forward.

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Public Comment:

- Jeff Litton, member of the public, commented on land acknowledgments, and acknowledged the Nisenan Nation and the Yuba, Bear, and American Rivers

Board discussion ensued regarding developing a master calendar, documenting and posting public comments and responses, and Plan for Water notifications/emails.

PLAN FOR WATER WORKSHOP #2 - MOUNTAIN DIVISION OVERVIEW

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item continued from the November 9<sup>th</sup> workshop.

The meeting recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Harvey, member of the public, commented on in-stream flows, regulatory requirements, watershed stewardship, defining recoverable and irrecoverable flows, amount currently conveyed in the South Yuba and Chalk Bluff Canal, the Drum Canal design, operational capacity flows, and flow typically conveyed, spoke about the cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, annexations and redistricting
- Jeff Litton, member of the public, commented on benefits of water from Canyon Creek to the town of Washington, which then flows into the South Yuba River
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, inquired when the District would initiate new minimum instream flows in the Bear River since there is a commitment to watershed stewardship, and inquired where the water goes after the Combie Powerhouse
- Bob Branstrom, member of the public, requested clarification as to where the water for Grass Valley comes from
- Bruce Herring, member of the public, inquired if Combie Reservoir recreation was originally intended for private use only
- Otis Wollan, member of the public, suggested a presentation on PG&E's Drum Spaulding system and a 50-year look forward
- Stewart Feldman, member of the public, thanked Chip Close for his presentation and inquired when the appropriate time to ask about structural maintenance, deferred maintenance, and assessing risk for earthquakes, fire and storm damage

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:59 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

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had and taken at the above and  
foregoing meeting our presence  
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Division II

  
Division III

  
Division IV

  
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