

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

February 12, 2020

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 12th day of February 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:

- John Agle, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding renewable energy resources and NID's unique position to take a leadership role in a regional energy solution
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board in opposition of the Centennial Reservoir and read an excerpt from "Leave it to Beavers" by Chip Ward
- Donn Coenen, resident of South Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding the PG&E system, power distribution future, and asked to add as an item to a future agenda
- John Benetti, NID customer, thanked the NID management team for its work on an electrical grid solution for the community, the Board's action to not move forward with the LAFCo process, and requested that the Board allow him more time to speak by putting an item on the next Board agenda
- Don Rivenes, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding energy action plans, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and requested the continued research of a community choice aggregation and providing local power
- Debbie Gibbs, with Climate Action Now, thanked the Board for the town hall held last November and addressed the Board regarding local control of power requesting that the Board continue to look at the issue
- Rachel Myrowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding electric energy generation alternatives and water modeling
- Matthew Coulter, resident of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding pedestrian access to the facility, PG&E, working with the County for a groundwater

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survey, and suggested NID trucks contain a small water tank sprayer to activate should staff come upon a fire

MINUTES – January 15, 2020, Special Meeting

**Approved as amended to reflect the 2020 Board Officers, the spelling of “Traci” and “Wednesday” on page 1, and the correct date at the top of page 2. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

MINUTES – January 22, 2020, Regular Meeting

**Approved as amended to reflect Director Wilcox reported he discussed scheduling a meeting with Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce Director. M/S/C Wilcox/ Peters, unanimously approved.**

President Heck pulled the following items from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

- Item 3: Quarterly Budget vs. Actual Report
- Item 4: Quarterly Investment, Short-Term Forecast & Reserves

QUARTERLY BUDGET VS. ACTUAL REPORT

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

Public Comment:

- None

**Received and filed the quarterly budget vs. actual report for the period ending December 31, 2019. M/S/C Wilcox/Peters, unanimously approved.**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, SHORT-TERM FORECAST & RESERVES

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

Public Comment:

- Rachel Mirowitz, resident of Grass Valley

**Received and filed the quarterly investment, reserve, and short-term cash forecast report for the period ending December 31, 2019. M/S/C Peters/Wilcox, unanimously approved.**

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

Public Comment:

- None

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

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- 204,288 acre-feet in storage – 102% of 7-year average and 76% of capacity
- January 2020 Conservation is at 11%

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- Bowman Lake Precipitation at 28.98" – 73% of average
- Snow Survey – 14.7 water inches – 72% of average
- Stipulated Agreement with Water Audit of California regarding Auburn Ravine
- Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee update
- Attended group meeting with Nancy Vogel of the Governor's office to discuss the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio
- Strategic Planning update
- Attended and spoke at Placer County Farm Bureau meeting
- Combie Phase 1 Project update
- Ironhorse District Financed Water Line Extension Project update
- Alta Sierra Reservoir Project update
- Doty North Syphon 1 Project update
- Table Meadow Phase 2 update

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended a NID-PCWA Water Committee Meeting
- Attended and spoke at the Placer County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner
- Attended a Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council meeting
- Attended the 2020 California Irrigation Institute Conference
- Attended Sierra Day with legislators, put on by the Sierra Nevada Alliance, The Sierra Fund, Sierra Business Council and Sierra Water Working Group
- Toured Auburn Ravine with representatives of Friends of Auburn Ravine
- Attended an Ag Policy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- Attended the Placer County Agricultural Commission meeting

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

- Attended the Placer County Annual Meeting along with Director Peters and the General Manager
- Attended a Nevada County Farm Bureau meeting
- Reported on a recent opinion posted in the Sac Bee regarding Governor Newsom and settling of water wars

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

- Attended a number of constituent meetings
- Attended a Friends of Banner Mountain meeting
- Volunteered with the League of Women Voters at several candidate forums
- Attended a meeting with Assemblywoman Megan Dahle along with the General Manager

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Sandra Spargo, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the pending litigation item and provided the Board an addendum to the claim for consideration.

The meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

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WORKSHOP - UNDERSTANDING THE BROWN ACT

Andrew McClure, District Counsel, presented the workshop.

Public Comment:

- Ward Thompson, member of the public
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley

The meeting recessed at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. into Closed Session.

Closed Session conference with legal counsel - Existing Litigation was declared at 1:03 p.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(1); Bay-Delta Proceedings, including the California WaterFix and the State Water Resources Control Board's planned update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

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

Closed Session Conference with labor negotiators was declared at 1:03 p.m., pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6. District Representatives: Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager, Jackson Lewis, P.C., and Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, District Counsel; Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 146.

Director Miller left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

**Board Action: Direction was given to negotiators.**

Closed Session was declared at 1:03 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Elysian Place, Nevada County.

**Board Action: Director Bierwagen made a motion to reject the claim. Director Wilcox seconded the motion.**

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

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

Meeting reconvened in regular session at 3:55 p.m.

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, reported on actions taken during Closed Session.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) – REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS – This item was not discussed, and no action was taken.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:56 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 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

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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