

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

August 23, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in special session at The Gold Miner's Inn, located at 121 Bank Street, Grass Valley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2022, at 2 p.m.

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

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Keane Sommers, Director of Power Systems; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; John Ortiz, IT Administrator; Cameron Price, Treated Water Maintenance Superintendent; Thor Larsen, Water Resources Superintendent; Nathan Wasley, Water Superintendent; Shad Chittock, Water Treatment Supervisor; Chris Ribble, Raw Water Maintenance Superintendent; Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator; Debbie Martin, Controller; Nancy Alstrand, Finance Analyst; Lisa Price, Human Resources Representative; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Shannon Wood, Business Services Technician; Ken Copher, Recreation Facilities Superintendent; Tina Konkle, Hydroelectric Compliance Analyst; Cindy Ware, Safety Technician; Joanne Phillips, Engineering Management Assistant; Katie Kemp, Office Assistant; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Bierwagen called the meeting to order
- President Bierwagen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

#### PLAN FOR WATER MATRIX AND PROCESS CHECK-IN

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, provided a process check-in.

Public Comment: None

#### PLAN FOR WATER STAGE #5 - STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, facilitated the workshop:

- Welcome and Staff Introductions
  - Group Exercise led by John Ortiz, IT Administrator
  - Review of Strategic Goals Progress
- Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

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Public Comment:

- Michael Ross, member of the public:
  - o Commented metrics terminology
  - o Encouraged looking at goals and associated performance indicators
  
- Trevor Caulder, member of the public:
  - o Suggested revisiting regularly to help measure
  
- Reviewed Survey Results  
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Matthew Coulter, member of the public:
  - o Commented on how surveys can be skewed one way or another
  - o Commented on watershed protection discussion that occurred earlier in the day at a Nevada County Board of Supervisors meeting
  - o Voiced concerns about a lack of watershed protection in Wolf Creek
  
- Trevor Caulder, member of the public:
  - o Impressed that 650 responded and 85% reported water value as good value or better

The meeting recessed at 3:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:36 p.m.

- Public SWOT Presentations  
Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item and the following stakeholders' SWOT analysis of NID were reviewed:
  - James Haufler, member of the Friends of Auburn Ravine, presented by Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, who was asked to note that the SWOT was submitted by Mr. Haufler and not Friends of Auburn Ravine
  
  - Sierra Harvest, presented by Jennifer Hanson, General Manager
    - o Molly Nakahara, with Sierra Harvest, thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate
  
  - Friends of the Bear River, presented by Otis Wollan
  
  - Nevada County Contractors' Association, presented by Barbara Bashall
  
  - Foothills Water Network & South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), presented by Traci Sheehan with Foothills Water Network

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- George Olive, President of SYRCL, commented on strengthening collaborative work and expressed his appreciation for the Plan for Water process

Public Comment:

- Michael Ross, member of the public, commented on water use, resiliency and redundancy
- Staff SWOT Presentation  
Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Traci Sheehan with Foothills Water Network asked about the PPA expiration
- Michael Ross, member of the public:
  - Asked if there were metrics to determine if advantageous to get into another PPA or to go on to the daily spot market
  - Spoke about opportunities for watershed stewardship and defined agriculture land stewardship
- George Olive, President of SYRCL, inquired about the future of the watershed stewardship program at the District
- Group work was done to distill down opportunities and each group came up with their top opportunities, collective voting was conducted and reviewed

Public Comment:

- Trevor Caulder, member of the public, commented on technology needs
- Jon Maes, member of the public, shared that he was new to the area and enjoyed participating

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:40 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By



Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary