

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

April 10, 2019

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 10th day of April 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Melinda Booth, Executive Director of SYRCL, addressed the Board regarding NID's request to FERC regarding the Clean Water Act
- Tim Carson, resident of Placer County, addressed the Board regarding concerns pertaining to the proposed Centennial Water Supply Project
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the Proposition 218 process, hearing closure and related concerns
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, addressed the Board regarding an editorial in The Union
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the hydrology report for the proposed Centennial Water Supply Project
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding low-income customers and Proposition 218 protests petitions
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Plan process and provided a copy of an information request

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- Sean North, with the Lowhill Road Association, addressed the Board regarding vandalism and trespassing problems at the Dutch Flat Forebay and Afterbay - Drum-Spaulling Project and provided materials

President Miller pulled Item 2 – Senior Operations Technician Classification Elimination and Headcount Update for discussion at the request of Director Peters.

MINUTES – March 27, 2019, Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 27, 2019, as submitted. M/S/C Miller/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

SENIOR OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN CLASSIFICATION ELIMINATION AND HEADCOUNT UPDATE

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Approved elimination of the Senior Operations Technician classification and replaced the headcount with a Cross Connection Control Technician I/II, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee. M/S/C Peters/Wilcox, unanimously approved.

DAM SAFETY ENGINEER – TEMPORARY SUPPORT

Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager, presented the item.

Approved a temporary Assistant Engineer/Associate Engineer position in the Hydroelectric Department, approved a budget transfer, and authorized the General Manager to execute necessary documents. M/S/C Peters/Wilcox, unanimously approved.

CITY OF GRASS VALLEY CONTRACT FOR WATER SUPPLY - AMENDMENT NO. 1

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

Approved Amendment No. 1 to the 2013 Contract between Nevada Irrigation District and City of Grass Valley for Water Supply. M/S/C Wilcox/Heck, unanimously approved.

ROLLINS RECREATION AND TOURISM BASED ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OVERVIEW

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item and introduced Aaron Nousaine, Vice President of BAE Urban Economics, who provided a presentation.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

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Received and filed a presentation on the 2018 Recreation and Tourism Based Economic Impact Study at Rollins Reservoir. M/S/C Wilcox/Bierwagen, unanimously approved

COMBIE SEDIMENT & MERCURY REMOVAL PROJECT UPDATE (FATR #2135):
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Sean North, member of the public
- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

Approved the purchase and removal of sediment material generated from the project, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Wilcox/Heck, unanimously approved

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

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

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Snow Survey update
- NID is now selling electricity
- Deer Creek Powerhouse acquisition update
- Irrigation Season starts April 15th
- ACWA Headwaters Working Group Update
- Fixed cone valve onsite
- New Youth Program – Nevada Union Joint High School District Internship Scholarship
- Thanked staff for participation at STEAM Expo
- Attended Penn Valley area meeting
- Met with Ms. Andrew's class at Bear River High School
- Met with Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Congratulated Recreation Department for winning "Best Of" award
- Maben Phase 3 bids due April 11th and scheduled to go to the Board on May 22nd
- Ironhorse/Armstrong District Financed Waterline Extension bids are due April 11th and scheduled to go to the Board on May 22nd
- Rollins valve is in the back lot
- Greenhorn CEQA DEIR will be going out to public April 16th
- Update from Hemphill meeting held on March 26th

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended Placer County Ag Commission meeting
- Met with residents of a mobile home park in Auburn
- Attending Mountain Counties Water Resources Association meeting on April 11th
- Requested written calendar items to be added to Board devices
- The Water & Hydroelectric Committee reviewed a request for proposal for the Raw Water Master Plan facilitation, and she recommends holding off on master planning until a strategic plan is done

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

- Attended Water Rates Public Workshop on April 3rd

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

- Solicited directors regarding the 2019 Special District Leadership Academy for maximum annual savings of \$18,000 (\$9,000 per attendee)
 - o Director Bierwagen volunteered to attend in 2020

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

- Thanked Board for support of April 3rd meeting, and special thanks to District Staff, especially to Greg Jones, Marvin Davis, and Chip Close
- Attended meeting at Cascade Shores Homeowners Association regarding fire access and rates
- Inquired if the close of receipt of protests could be made time-certain

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

- Attended the April 3rd Water Public Rates Workshop
- Presented to the Nevada County Welcome Breakfast Club

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1, addressed the Board in opposition of the Closed Session item pertaining to property acquisition
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board in opposition of the Closed Session item pertaining to property acquisition
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board in opposition of the Closed Session item pertaining to property acquisition

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m., and reconvened at 12:10 p.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 12:10 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment; the property subject to negotiation is Nevada County APN 028-310-002.

Board Action: Direction given to real property negotiators.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:02 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on April 24, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. 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
