

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

June 26, 2024

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 26th day of June 2024, at 9 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

SPECIAL ORDERS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – SERVICE AWARDS

Name

Job Title

**10
Years**

Dennis Frey
 Steven Haack
 Lisa Price
 Barbara Wibberley

Water Distribution Operator II
 Water Distribution Supervisor
 Administrative Analyst II
 Customer Service Representative II

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Service Awards (*continued*)

Name

Job Title

15 Years

Jennifer Vendley
Matthew Baker
Robert Fogleman
Jason Gates
Justin Koster

Administrative Analyst II
Maintenance Supervisor
Hydroelectric Plant Operator I
Equipment Operator
Supervising Operator

25 Years

Larry Martin

Sr Vegetation Control Worker

30 Years

Chip Close

Director of Water Operations

The meeting recessed from 9:10 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

Public Comment: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2024

M/S/C Hull/ Bierwagen, unanimously approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – C. HARKEY

Adopted a Resolution of Appreciation (C. Harkey). M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, the Project and Facility Report, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period June 1, 2024 through June 14, 2024. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

PG&E UPDATE - WORKSHOP

Brandon Sanders, Local Government Affairs Representative with Pacific Gas and Electric Company, introduced additional members of the PG&E team, who provided input.

Board discussion ensued regarding:

- Clarify demobilize
- Timing of when to clean up dust
- Stall on path
- Work shifts
- Welding, date started, and time remaining
- Root/core cause
- Inquiry if there will be a 3rd party inspection of work
- Clarification if a backup plan is in place
- Fire-approved design (on paper)
- Tunnel inspection
- Powerhouse 2 work is complete
- South Yuba Pipe is on track for August 24th completion date
- Elaborate on reconstruction of PRV's and life expectancy
- Impact on water supply if putting a 100-year-old PRV back into the system
- What would repair replacement time look like if rewatered, and PRV did not hold
- Clarify the purpose of PRV
- Recommending PG&E back stocking
- Requested clarification regarding statements made by PG&E at a recent PCWA (Placer County Water Agency) meeting
 - o Clarifying comments regarding 400-cfs
 - o Modeling not done on PRV
 - o Clarified only two columns and no damage to base of foundation
- Root cause analysis – Request that NID & PCWA be involved
- Thanked the PG&E team for their attendance and for sharing needed information

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager:

- Confirmed no extra work being completed during maintenance and testing period after demo
- Confirmed PG&E's engineering team is working on pushing 20-cfs through the blow-off back over to Scotts Flat Reservoir – key to water supply
 - o PG&E has installed the valve and collector and anchored
 - o Working to safely accomplish without damaging
 - o Not available until the tunnel is watered up
 - o Time frame discussed
- Confirmed work has been done to isolate Spaulding 2 from Spaulding 1 during the 2nd horn replacement

Public Comment:

- Jodi Rein, member of the public:
 - o Inquired about partial flow impacts to lake levels, specifically Rollins Reservoir
 - o Inquired about impacts if repairs are delayed additional months beyond PG&E's timeline

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- Inquired why repairs were not completed last year when Powerhouse 2 was down
- Diana Gamazon, with Nevada County Cannabis Alliance:
 - Farmers depending on PG&E
 - Inquired what the plans are for a robust and reliable infrastructure to provide dependable water for the next 100 years
 - Need for transparency
 - Suggested future ongoing regular reporting from PG&E to inform the Board and community of possible safety improvements and projects
- Michael Taylor, member of the public:
 - Inquired about a recent abandoned campfire near Lake Spaulding

GENERAL ORDERS

MANDATORY CONSERVATION MEASURES DUE TO WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY

Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, presented the item.

Board discussion:

- Canceling canal rotations scheduled following the last Board meeting
- Cutting back on irrigation volume voluntarily
 - Not included in numbers
- Estimate savings in acre-feet
- Messaging/public outreach
- No drought surcharge or rate increase
- Estimate of lost revenue
 - Voluntary reductions
- Reservoir levels at different phases
- Appreciate active management in changing dynamics
- Thanked Deb Totoonchie for organizing the ag community meeting last week
- Tracking irrigation season for both treated and raw water conservation percentages YTD and how far we need to go
- How will boxes be reduced for those who did not already voluntarily reduce
- Clarify options available to reduce
- Appreciate a resolution that feels fair
- What happens if repair is not done by the targeted date
- Carryover at Rollins Lake, and when do we hit that mark
- City of Lincoln and PCWA (Placer County Water Agency)

Public Comment:

- Deb Totoonchie, with Nevada County Farm Bureau:
 - Mandatory vs. voluntary - Clarified city water users are required to abide by the same enforcement as NID water users
 - Cost of mailing

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- Confirmed cities are responsible for their mailings
- Jodi Rein, member of the public:
 - Clarified temporarily closed at Rollins Lake today and possibly tomorrow
 - Water levels at Rollins Lake

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-26 - Establishing Mandatory Conservation Measures in Response to the Extended PG&E Water Supply Infrastructure Emergency. M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck, unanimously approved.

COMBIE OPHIR II & III SIPHON REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 2645),
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT

Adrian Schneider, Sr. Engineer, presented the item, and Chris Stabenfeldt, with ECORP Consulting, Inc., provided a presentation.

Board discussion ensued, clarifying fire suppression, as shown on chart BMP-6, Pg. 33.

President Johansen opened the public hearing:

Public Hearing Comments: None

President Johansen closed the public hearing.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-25 Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Approved the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program for the Project, and Approved the Combie Ophir II & III Siphon Replacement Project (Project), and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT - 2023

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced Justin Williams, Partner, MUN CPAs, LLP, who provided a presentation, including the following Audit Results Summary:

- Unmodified (“Clean”) opinion on financial statements
- One audit adjustment
- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies
- Two recommendations for improvement

Board Discussion:

- Expressed thanks for all the great work done by staff
- Requested an update on Recreation cash receipts procedure
- Clarification regarding Net Position Capital Assets - Table 1, Page 25
- Clarify “prior advance refunding” – Page 52
- OPEB
 - Long-term
 - Liability vs Asset

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- Treated "other" – Page 60
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio – Page 65
 - Possibly seeing with other alternatives
- FTE's – Page 70
- Investment return

Public Comment: None

Received and filed the District's 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and authorized the General Manager to publish the report. M/S/C Heck/Hull, unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Rollins Lake will likely be closed today and tomorrow

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended Placer County Fair last week
- Supporting youth at the auction
- Event this evening at Fowler Farms Brewery
- Thoughts and prayers to the family impacted at Rollins

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

- Worried constituents
 - o Clarification regarding canal rotations
 - o Screen cleanings on boxes and customer responsibilities

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

- NID billing – Important messaging should be in bold print
- Presentation needed for Scotts Flat Homeowners

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

- Cleaned his screen yesterday

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:58 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 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