

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

July 8, 2026

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 8th day of July 2026, at 9 a.m.

Present were Chris Bierwagen, President (Division II) and Brad Fowler, Vice-President (Division III); and Directors Ricki Heck (Division I); Earl Stephens (Division IV); and Rich Johansen (Division V).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Gabe Aronow, Director of Engineering; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Peter Wade, Director of Power Systems; Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; Andrew McClure, District Counsel; 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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2026

M/S/C Fowler/Johansen, unanimously approved as amended, to include staff response on page 81.

SCOTTS FLAT SPILLWAY UPPER PLUNGE POOL DESIGN CHANGE, FERC PFMA PROCESS, AND BID SUPPORT

Approved Task Order No. 8 with HDR to perform the Scotts Flat Spillway Upper Plunge Pool Design Change, complete the FERC-mandated design PFMA (Potential Failure Mode Analysis) workshop, support the project during bidding, and authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Fowler/Johansen, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check register, payroll fund certificate, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period June 13, 2026, through June 26, 2026. M/S/C Fowler/Johansen, unanimously approved.

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GENERAL ORDERS

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT - 2025

Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, introduced Justin Williams with MUN CPAs, who provided a presentation.

Board Discussion:

- OPEB and unfunded liability balances
- Billing related to PG&E outages
- Water sent down the Bear River required by the State
- Capacity fees and recouping from District Financed Waterline Extensions as loans are paid back to the District
- Thanked Finance staff for the job well done
- Clarify between actuals and increases over what was budgeted
- Reserves
- Full-time employees currently at 199 (down from 219) and operating today with less staff and saving the District money
- Inquired if there was a percentage level used during the audit when looking at rising expenses to indicate there may be something amiss

Public Comment: None

Authorized the General Manager to publish the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

Budget to Actual Reports - FY 2026 Q1, for the period ending March 31, 2026

Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Delinquencies for treated and raw water and how they are handled
- Receivables
- Write-off Policy
- Constructive conveyance accounts
- Billed amounts are receivables and constantly fluctuate
- Late payments and billing - bringing an item to the Board to discuss further
- Recreation subsidized amount
- Expressed appreciation for a job well done

Public Comment: None

Received and filed the Budget to Actual Reports - FY 2026 Q1, for the period ending March 31, 2026. M/S/C Heck/Stephens, unanimously approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Hughes Road main line break update
- Bay Delta Plan update

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- 2027 Water Rates workshops
 - July 22nd Workshop during regular Board meeting
 - July 28th Workshop during a special Board meeting in Placer County to be held in the evening
 - Anticipate approval of 2027 Water Rates during a special Board meeting to be held in the NID boardroom on August 13th
 - The regular meeting of August 12th was canceled due to opening day of the Nevada County Fair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Grant updates and staying updated
- Inquired when Scotts Flat bidding will occur
- Golden Mussels:
 - Article about Lake Oroville no longer doing inspections
 - Inquired if District needs to revisit what we are doing

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

- Spent time out on Scotts Flat and reported staff there was doing an awesome job
- Conversations with constituents and farmers regarding rate increase and shared one on one meetings have been very helpful

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

- Has been repairing aged irrigation systems
- Implementing a trail cam to help monitor water
- Visited Bowman Lake

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

- Complimented water operations
- Micro-pond working better this year
- Met with a few different groups
- Met with a candidate for state senate
- Bay Delta update in the next few months

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

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, announced there would be no anticipated Board action from Closed Session.

The meeting recessed at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 10:10 a.m.

Closed Session Conference with Labor Negotiators, declared at 10:10 a.m. pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6. District Representatives: Jennifer Hanson, General

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Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP, District Counsel; and Leibert Cassidy Whitmore, special counsel. Employee Units: Unrepresented and AFSCME.

Board Action: None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:00 a.m.. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 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