

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

November 8, 2017

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Nick Wilcox, President (Division V); William Morebeck, Vice President (Division IV), Nancy Weber, (Division I); John H. Drew (Division II), and W. Scott Miller (Division III), Directors.

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

Director Drew spoke regarding a threatening letter recently received by the Board, and requested that staff share it with law enforcement. President Wilcox read the letter.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Steve Kirshbaum, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the Scotts Flat Spillway gate, requesting it be open while finding a solution
- Peter VanZant, resident of Ridge Estates Road and NID customer, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir forum recently held in Lake Wildwood, and requested public information regarding financing options
- Mike Oitzman, with Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County and Coach for the Mountain Bike Team at Nevada Union High School, addressed the Board regarding the importance of the Scotts Flat Dam as a recreation corridor
- Heidi Payne, NID customer, addressed the Board regarding using a second box on her property
- Jane Ragan, resident of Division 1 and with Bicyclists of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding Scotts Flat Spillway gate and access
- Michael Lozano, Nevada Union High School Mountain Bike Team coach and with Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County, addressed the Board regarding the Scotts Flat Spillway gate, requesting that access be re-opened

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- Rick Weaver, NID customer, resident of Cascade Shores and season pass holder of Scotts Flat Lake, addressed the Board expressing his opposition to the gate at the Scotts Flat Spillway and requested that the gate be re-opened
- Nicole Raglin, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the letter being shared with law enforcement, and read a statement from Jack Sanchez regarding the Centennial Reservoir
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River, the system of reservoirs and the Centennial Reservoir
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, recited Pledge to the Earth, and read from an article entitled "Scientists Acquire More Proof That Only Beavers Can Save the World", by Esther Inglis-Arkell
- Mark DeMartini, native of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the local trail system, the goal to have a connecting system of trails, and requested that the Scotts Flat Spillway gate be removed to allow access
- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the letter read by President Wilcox at the beginning of this meeting, and thanked the Board for their public service
- Terry Hundemer, Chairman of the Board for the Bear Yuba Land Trust, addressed the Board regarding area trails and connectivity, urged NID to open the Scotts Flat Spillway gate to allow access, and offered to work with NID if an alternative route is needed
- Rick Lowell, NID Customer, addressed the Board regarding the Scotts Flat Spillway gate/access, and requested the gate be open while finding solution
- Chris Feught, resident of Nevada City and Managing Director of The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, addressed the Board regarding the Scotts Flat Spillway gate, and voiced his disappointment that it has not yet become a Board agenda item for discussion and direction to staff
- Tracie Sheehan, Foothill Water Network, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir, and the anticipated release dates for public documents

President Wilcox requested that the General Manager provide the General Manager's Report.

#### GENERAL MANGER'S REPORT

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

- Scotts Flat Gate update & confirmed item to appear on upcoming Board agenda
- Precipitation/Storage Report
- Chicago Park Powerhouse is in service
- Willow Creek pipeline back in service
- Scotts Flat Spillway repairs update
- Provided Centennial Reservoir presentation for the Auburn Rotary Club
- Preparing for timber harvest work and watershed management at Scotts Flat, and will be reaching those communities at Gates 1 & 2
- Grant updates

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- Meetings are set with the three tribal groups within Centennial project area
- CEQA timing update
- Reported on measures being taken to ensure safety and civil discourse in response to the number of written/verbal communications received by the District presenting various levels of threat or harassment

Public Comment:

- Michael Hill-Weld, resident of Division 1
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley

MINUTES – October 25, 2017 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 25, 2017, as submitted. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

WARRANTS

**Approved warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

YUBA RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER (THE SOBEL COMPANY) WATERLINE EXTENSION – CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT

**Approved Conveyance Agreement with Bradley Sobel c/o Grass Valley SC, LLC., for installation of approximately 320 lineal feet of 8-inch pipe, and all appurtenances to serve Nevada County Parcel 35-221-80. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

DONATION TO NEVADA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NCHS)

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, member of the public
- Richard Thomas, resident of Nevada City
- Dan Ketcham, President of the Nevada County Historical Society
- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- John Volz, Candidate for Division 2
- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley

**Director Miller made a motion to approve the donation request and obligate NID to a 2018 donation of \$5,515 to the Nevada County Historical Society (NCHS) for a kitchen remodel at the History Center, as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee on October 3, 2017. Director Drew seconded the motion.**

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

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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ROLLINS LOW LEVEL OUTLET VALVE (FATR#2076)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

**Director Drew made a motion to approve a purchase order with VAG USA, Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the amount of \$469,368.34, for the furnishing of a 60” fixed cone valve and support structure, and authorize the General Manager to sign all appropriate documents. Director Miller seconded the motion.**

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

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN REVIEW

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager presented the item for review and discussion.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/REPORTS:

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Highlights from Symposium at Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
- Request for information on reserves and confirmed upcoming meeting

Director Morebeck reported on the following items:

- Attended Placer County presentation and dinner and shared highlights
- Attended Placer County Farm Bureau event and shared highlights

Director Drew reported on the following items:

- None

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau dinner & won raffle for 20 pounds of apples
- Acknowledged the new issue of The Pipeline, and read from an article thanking staff for their participation in support of recent fire efforts

Director Wilcox reported on the following items:

- Attended Centennial Reservoir forum in Lake Wildwood and shared highlights

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 11:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:20 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Nevada Irrigation District’s Petition for Assignment of Water Rights for Centennial Reservoir and the Protest by South Sutter Water District to that Petition pending before the State Water Resources Control Board.

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CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:20 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger, Sommers, and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment for acquisition and sale of rights in real property; properties subject to negotiations:

- South Yuba Canal, Chalk Bluff Canal, Deer Creek Powerhouse; flowage/wheeling rights in Drum Canal, Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal (all owned by PG&E)
- Flowage Rights in Bowman-Spaulding Canal, Fall Creek Flume, Dutch Flat Flume, and Chicago Park Flume; right to storage in Rollins Reservoir (all owned by NID)

Persons with whom negotiations will be conducted: PG&E Management

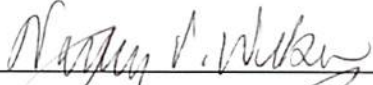




MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 11:45 a.m., and President Wilcox requested that Dustin Cooper, District Counsel report on actions taken during Closed Session as follows:

Direction was given to legal counsel and real property negotiators.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:46 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on December 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. 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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