

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

January 28, 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 28th day of January 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; Dustin Cooper, 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

SPECIAL ORDERS

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Received a presentation from Allison Kaune, with PFM Asset Management for the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended December 31, 2025.

Board Discussion:

- Rate of return on Corporate vs. US Treasury
- Corporate investments
- AI activity, impacts on returns and possible future AI risks
- Portfolio planning and protecting returns from volatility
- Commended PFM Asset Management for navigating the District's investments through these times
- Minimizing risks and inflation
- Baseline for corporate note investments

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CONSENT AGENDA

Public comment: None

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 14, 2025
M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved as submitted.

BULK MAILING 2026 PURCHASE ORDER

Approved a purchase order to Matrix Imaging (formerly known as DataProse) for 2026 bulk mailing services in the amount of \$245,000 and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

BEACON AMA METER SERVICE UNITS 2026 PURCHASE ORDER

Approved a sole source purchase order to Badger Meter, Inc. for the purchase of 2026 cellular and mobile read service units and related licenses in the amount of \$150,000 and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

BULK WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL PURCHASES 2026

Approved the purchase of up to \$502,500 in bulk water treatment chemicals for the 2026 calendar year and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION ANALYST CONSULTANT - SOLE SOURCE

Awarded a sole source agreement in the amount not to exceed \$156,000 to Joseph Ryan, an Independent Contractor to assist the Information Technology (IT) department with application services and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

WATERSHED CIP BUDGET AMENDMENT & CONTRACTS APPROVAL (CIP PROJECT NO. G0005)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-03 – Approving a budget amendment to Fund 70, FY 2026, for the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (CIP No. G0005), awarded multiple contracts for the Project, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES - NOMINATION FOR REGION 3

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-04 - Placing in Nomination Jennifer Hanson as a Member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 3. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

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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 January 1, 2026, through January 16, 2026. M/S/C Johansen/Fowler, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

SCOTTS FLAT SPILLWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Gabe Aronow, Director of Engineering, provided the Board with an update on the status of the Scotts Flat Spillway Replacement Project.

Board Discussion:

- Soft cost clarification
- 2025 dollars and accounting for inflationary impacts in the rate model
- Funding sources
- Clarified the State's add-on and associated cost
- Agency believed repair was sufficient and now replacement is mandated
- Any precedent for agency support funding
- Added on a year for potential spill and have we weighed that cost vs. a bypass
- Design status
- Ability to pay with today's dollars for future savings
- Performing above schedule and construction incentives
- Required Mix
- Fill and Spill and historical reference
- Determining maximum flow
- Design
- Using a prescribed, approved method to determine the amount of spill/inflow and is there an alternative method that is also accepted
- Communities below Scotts Flat can feel secure
- Drainage in plunge pool required
- Timeline
- Flow anticipated in a maximum flood event and why critical to the schedule

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Ag Water Management Plan Update anticipated March 25th
- Urban Water Management Plan Update anticipated June 10th
- Drought Contingency Plan update
- Bay Delta Hearing this week
- Scoping Meeting held last week related to the issuance of the Notice of Preparation for the CEQA document for the Yuba Bear FERC Relicensing
- 2025 Employee Annual Awards held last week and announced recipients
- PG&E Update and outages
- Water Supply Update provided by Chip Close, Director of Water Operations

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- Upcoming Board of Directors items:
 - Update on Surplus Property Real Estate Sales
 - Workshop on how District manages properties
 - Water Rates Workshops anticipated:
 - February 11th at NID Regular Board Meeting
 - February 24th at NID Special Board Meeting, which will likely occur in Placer County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Early Spring – plums are blossoming
- Announced his intention to run for re-election for the NID Board

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

- Attended Cal LAFCo Meeting and shared highlights regarding potential additional legislation impacting water agencies
- City of Nevada City raising water rates 25% per year for next 5 years
- Meeting with Congressman Ami Bera later this week
- Announced her intention to run for re-election for the NID Board

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

- Following up on Cal LAFCo's proposed legislation and thanked Director Heck for being on top of it
- Commented on a tale of two states, arctic blasts and new energy

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

- Forging ahead despite sometimes being discouraged during these meetings when it appears bureaucrats are running the world
- Rain at the ranch just enough to knock down the dust
- Attended NID Employee Awards event
- Requested more field trips for Board members
- Conducting NID Board meetings in Placer County

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

- Announced his intent to run for re-election for the NID Board

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:31 a.m.. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 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