

Nevada Irrigation District  
Board of Directors

MINUTES

May 28, 2025

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, at 9 a.m.

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

Staff members present included 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; Monica Reyes, Director of Recreation; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Danny Wojdak, resident of North Auburn, requested that the District consider maintaining a bridge on Lynn Lane that NID acquired from PG&E
- Sheree Crawford, commented on the continued conservation emergency, requested clarification regarding reimbursement for what water was paid for and is not used, and suggested the District invoice PG&E.
- Adrian Attrill, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding golden mussels and closure of boats on lakes (this comment was provided during public comment for Special Orders)
- James (no last name provided), member of the public, addressed the Board inquiring when lakes would be open to boats (this comment was provided during public comment for workshop item)
- Kevin (no last name provided), member of the public, suggested the District sue PG&E (comment provided during General Manager's report)

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## **SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW**

Michael Kronbetter, with PFM Asset Management provided a presentation for the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Board Discussion:

- Requested one-on-one meetings with PFM Asset Management
- Federal Reserve
- Looking at older data
- World liquidity factor
- Home loans, banks/mortgages and housing market

Public comment: None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2025**

**M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved as submitted.**

### **PLACING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS ON DISTRICT ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR COLLECTION**

**Adopted Resolution No. 2025-28 and 2025-29 - Placing delinquent accounts on county assessment rolls for collection for Nevada and Placer counties. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2007-1 (CEMENT HILL) SPECIAL TAX LEVIES FOR FY 2025/2026**

**Adopted Resolution No. 2025-30 - Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District (CFD) No 2007-1, Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within CFD No. 2007-1 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

### **ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2008-1 (RODEO FLAT) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIES FOR FY 2024/2025**

**Adopted Resolution No. 2025-31 - Acting as the Legislative Body of Assessment District (AD) No. 2008-1, Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within AD No. 2008-1 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

### **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES-NOMINATIONS FOR REGION 3**

**Adopted Resolution 2025-32 - Placing in Nomination Jennifer Hanson as a Member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 3. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

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WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

**Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, payroll fund certificates, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period April 12th, 2025 through May 16th, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

MULCH MAGIC GIVEAWAY

Aurora Penaluna, Customer Service Administrator, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Benefits and importance of the program
- Rebate and can purchase mulch anywhere
- Regulatory compliance – Urban Water Management Plan
- Sunbelt mulch advantages for water conservation
- Concerns of someone taking more than their share
- Budgetary impact
- How arrived at \$50 amount
- Rebate includes Placer County residents and helps support local vendors

Public Comment: None

**Approved the transition from a Mulch Giveaway to a Mulch Rebate. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

ENGLISH MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT AND THE HEADWATERS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Neysa King, Environmental Resources Administrator, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Watershed education
- District owned property
- Working relationships with other landowners
- Bark beetles and prescribed burns
- Carbon sequestration
- Measuring parts of carbon
- Crib dam and flooding led to mitigating problems
- Climate change impacts include more scouring of rivers
- Methods and quantifying success
- Commended staff on the job they are doing and for using on-site materials
- Contour for arial photography
- Possible adopt a beaver program to raise funds

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Public Comment: None

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Golden Mussel update
- As posted on District website - quarantined boats accepted at Scotts Flat and Rollins Reservoirs
- Real estate broker Statements of Qualifications update
- Water supply update provided by Chip Close, Director of Water Operations
- PG&E repair update provided by Chip Close, Director of Water Operations

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended ag tours in both Placer and Nevada County and shared some highlights
- Raising Rollins and feasibility study
- Requested Board meeting be held at least once per year in Placer County
- Requested legal counsel define the reservoir refill criteria

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

- Provided one of the stops for the Nevada County Farm Bureau Ag Tour at his property
- Recently shown prototype soil moisture sensor and an organic-approved polymer
- Sacramento River is incredible and gave kudos to Department of Fish & Wildlife

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

- Receiving a lot of calls regarding golden mussels
- Looking forward to a statewide program and understands it is in the works
- Attended the Nevada County ag tour and shared some highlights

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

- No report – he has been recuperating and is glad to be here

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

- Provided a presentation with Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, at Cascade Shores Homeowners Association meeting largely about how Scotts Flat is impacted by PG&E issue and golden mussels

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:37 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 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