

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

September 9, 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 9th day of September 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; 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

- Mark Henwood, member of the public
 - Family owns 928 acres in RCO land and is served water from NID
 - Addressed the Board requesting support for annexation into the District
 - In contact with Jon Messick, Yuba County District 5 Supervisor and ex-officio member of the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors
 - Map from NID of properties being served in Yuba County will help identify owners to set up a meeting
 - The District's objective of being fair, equitable and proportionate
 - Considering them as a customer of the District and referred to the 2026 Sphere of Influence, and water rights
 - Expressed urgency and concerns if annexation does not go through
 - Calculated their cost for water would be at \$152 per acre ft. if not annexed
 - Requested an update
 - Urgency in the matter, as new rates go into effect January 1st
- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
 - Suggested edits for the Prop 4 support letter on the District's website
 - Fillable option for organization, business or individual
 - Box for treated water customer and raw water customer

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- Include area for address of party submitting the support letter
- Inquired if more than one letter can be submitted – for example if one can be submitted for business and one for individual

SPECIAL ORDERS

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Michael Kronbetter, with PFM Asset Management, gave a presentation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2026.

Board Discussion:

- Corporate bonds
- Clarified not concerned with being exposed to an unreasonable risk
- Amount invested since June 30th
- Increasing interest rates
- Including rate of returns between corporate bonds and US treasuries
- Six month forecast with increasing interest rates, oil prices and cost of living
- Risk to credit rating if reserves dip
- OPEB Trust fully funded
- Expressed appreciation for work done and improvements over past five years

Public comment:

- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
 - Inquired how the bond market impacts the District

CONSENT AGENDA

The Following items were called for discussion at the request of Director Heck:

- Item No. 4B: Contract Award for South Yuba Canal Hazard Tree and Wildfire Defense Project (CIP Project No. G0007)
 - Correction to staff report regarding size of trees, should reflect 14 inches in diameter, not 14 feet
 - Revenue for trees and estimate of how merchantable they are
 - Appreciate offsetting costs
 - Inquired if there is any interest in stockpiling oak for firewood

Public comment: None

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 26, 2026

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

CONTRACT AWARD FOR SOUTH YUBA CANAL HAZARD TREE AND WILDFIRE DEFENSE PROJECT (CIP PROJECT NO. G0007)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-34 - Approving a Contract to Frank Dial Logging for \$468,000 for Phase 1 of the South Yuba Canal Hazard Tree and Wildfire Defense

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Project (No. G0007) and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

FILTER REFURBISHMENT AND MEDIA REPLACEMENT-NORTH AUBURN WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Awarded the Filter Refurbishment and Media Replacement Project at the North Auburn Water Treatment Plant to ERS Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$299,730.00 and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, 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 August 15, 2026 to August 28, 2026. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

UPDATES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION 6:RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, and Aurora Penaluna, Customer Service Administrator, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Dividing ag water bill by months
- Savings to the District
- Monthly billing allows for opportunity of more regular messaging
- Return envelopes
- Bulk electronic billing
- Payment method options
- Option to pay online and cost
- Section 6.08 item to the Board in the future – no proposed changes
- Slow and lost mail through the postal service

Public Comment: None

Approve an update to the District's Rules & Regulations, Sections 6.01-6.09, to align the billing cycles for treated water and raw water customers by transitioning all customers to monthly billing, effective immediately. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Justifying projects that scored 50
- Capital Program proposed for 2027 is much lower than what was proposed in the Cost of Service Study
- Reserves and drawing down reserves
- Credit rating
- Inquired about what capital projects were cut from those shown in cost of service study
- Scoring
- Importance of water conveyance
- Timing for debt financing
- Prop 4 support to help lower rates and enable District to complete projects
- What to expect in 2028
- Debt financing clarification
- Vehicle Replacements
 - Plan in place to meet upcoming electric vehicle requirements
 - Electric vehicle range and value
 - Cost to repair vehicles vs replace
 - Size of Fleet
- Joe Day Pump Station
 - Backup to this critical facility
 - Volume
- E. George to Lake Wildwood Pipeline Extension
 - Decommissioning costs
 - All-in costs
 - Capacity fees
 - Bidding
 - Water Treatment Plant and repaving Rough & Ready timeline
- Gold Hill Diversion
 - Confirmed not the same as Gold Hill Dam
- Loma Rica Dam
 - Days of supply
 - Inquired if leaking
 - Concern for liquification
 - Project required
- Rough & Ready Roundabout
 - Timing and the county's plan to move forward with the roundabout
- Brewer #1 PRV
 - Clarified "obsolete"
 - Inquired if undersized and if there are customers wanting to be serviced
 - Confirmed there is no moratorium
 - Confirmed functional
 - PRV is above ground – discussed reasoning
 - Locating off of roadway and structure template
 - Size variations

- China Union Drop Pipe
 - Scored 35
 - PRV sites
- Nancy Way PRV
 - Inquired if cost for easement is included
- Summit Ridge Fire Pump
 - Available grants
 - Flow requirement
- NID Business Center Roof Replacement
 - Confirmed the roof is approximately 25-years old
- North Auburn Water Treatment Plant Asphalt Restoration
 - Traffic and if yard can stay gravel
 - Overlay and drainage
 - Project could come in less than budgeted
- Compact Tracked Aerial/Personnel Lift
 - How to transport
- Portable/Tow Behind Air Compressor and Rubber Tire Backhoe
 - Required by CARB/PERP (California Air Resources Board/Portable Equipment Registration Program) regulations
 - Selling/auctioning old equipment
- New Hydro Field Office
 - Stucco done
 - Screws used (not nails)
 - Timing for work
- South Yuba Canal 8.5 Mile Slide Repair
 - Confirmed recent good news in Geotech's analysis regarding stability
- Scotts Flat Powerhouse RTU Replacement
 - Evaluating lowering lake for easier diving
- Bear Valley Yard Storage Facility for South Yuba Canal Materials
 - Location
- Bowman House Repairs
 - In need of paint, as is the Bear Valley House
- Chicago Park Powerhouse Backup Generator and Install
 - Size of backup generator
 - Fuel type
 - Life before needing refueling
- Combie North CAISO NRI
 - Return on investment
 - Production
- Combie South Head Gate Valve Actuator Replacement
 - Replacing 3-phase valve actuators
 - District has a single phase generator and a converter
 - Evaluating if possible to convert to 3-phase converter to make valves work
- Deer Creek Powerhouse Backup Generator and Transfer Switch
 - Confirmed banks of 12 volts

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- Rollins Microwave Generator and Transfer Switch
 - Propane
 - Life of generator
 - Size of tank
- South Yuba Canal – Yunk Spill Abandonment
 - Liability
- Watershed projects
 - Rethinking scoring
 - Grants
 - Stewardship
- South Yuba Canal Wildfire Defense
 - Year 2
- English Meadows Restoration – Post Construction
 - Timeline and completion
 - Monitoring and cost
 - Grant completion
- Tyler ERP
 - Total cost to date
 - Value of data and real-time information
- Wave System
 - Inquired about the importance of the Wave System

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Provided an update regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's recently issued updated Bay Delta Plan

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended the first Ag Water Efficiency Stakeholders Committee meeting
- Attended a Cattlemen's Association Board meeting
- Importance of Budget to Actuals and reporting out regularly
- Spoke about working together with customers for success

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

- Commented positively on the general relationship between NID and its customers
- Inquired about keys

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

- Handed out Prop 4 Support Letters to those in attendance and shared he has been handing them out to different groups
- Keeping water rates down

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

- Rain in early September
- Visited the E. George Water Treatment Plant
- English Meadows Field Trip coming up

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

- Visited the E. George Water Treatment Plant

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:50 a.m.. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, September 23, 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

