Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

September 24, 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 24th day of September 2025, at 9 a.m.

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

Director Brad Fowler (Division III), was absent.

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 Heck called the meeting to order
- President Heck led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 4 Members Present and 1 Member Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Shanti Emerson, resident of Nevada City
    - What to do when tenants get behind on their NID bill or move out without paying
    - Needs clarification of what can be done and landlord's rights when tenants get behind on payments

- Bernie Zimmerman, Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
    - Spoke of the historical significance and importance of Shebley's Pond
    - Concerns about impacts to Shebley's Pond if Rollins Reservoir is raised
    - Urged the Board to protect and preserve Shebley's Pond regardless of what is done with Rollins Reservoir

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, approved as submitted.
Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

RUCKER CREEK SPILL GATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT #2339)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-45 - Budget Amendment for the Rucker Creek Spill Gate Replacement Project (Project #2339) and Purchase of a New Overshot Spill Gate and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

AG AND URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPORT

Authorized the General Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with West Consultants, Inc for the development and completion of the District's Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) and Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). M/S/C Johansen/Stephens.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

PURCHASE OF NEW REPLACEMENT SERVICE TRUCK

Approved the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford F-350 4x4 diesel pickup truck with a "service body" from Geweke Ford in Yuba City, CA, and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/ Stephens.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

WATERSHED DEPARTMENT CIP BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE UPPER YUBA HEADWATERS FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT (PROJECT #2684)

Approved a CIP Budget amendment, adding $20,000 to the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684) for additional Registered Professional Forester (RPF) consultant work, and authorized the General Manager or designee to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens.

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Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

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 30th, 2025, through September 12th, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens.
Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Heck, Division 1	**Aye**
Bierwagen, Division 2	**Aye**
Fowler, Division 3	**Absent**
Stephens, Division 4	**Aye**
Johansen, Division 5	**Aye**

WORKSHOP ITEMS

NID STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW FOR 2026

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Striking language referencing Rollins Reservoir
- Benefits of micro-ponds
- Wholistic approach and combining methods to increase supply and efficiency
- Resolving constructive conveyances and reducing winter water use

Public Comment: None

2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, introduced the item and each of the Department Directors presented the item.

Board Discussion:

- Budget light and larger projects
- Vehicle brands and reliability
- Base needed annually
- Spending more on Capital projects in 2026
- Lake of the Pines Water Treatment Plant
    - Clarified now using a liquid chemical
    - Confirmed not a hazardous materials issue – tank is empty
- Vehicle beds and racks
- Gaging Station – Tarr @ Hog Chute
    - Hog Chute location
    - Easement offer stands from Director Johansen for cell tower if needed

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- Loma Rica Dam
    - Supply in Loma Rica Dam
    - Confirmed Loma Rica Dam is useful and critical to the District
- Newtown Canal Diversion Dam in Deer Creek
    - Confirmed CEQA required
- Red Dog Road Shotgun Culvert Replacement
    - Shotgun refers to a double-barrel
- Ridge Road Pipeline Replacement
    - Pipe location and connection area to (or near) Hughes Road project
- Rough & Ready Roundabout
    - Any contributions from the County
    - Size of new pipe
- Smith Road Crossing
    - Pressure
    - Need for pressure reduction
- Spray Shed Enclosure
    - Size of shed needed
- Compact (Mini) Excavator
    - Hours on equipment
- High Scores on Hydroelectric Dept. projects
- Chicago Park Powerhouse Refurbishment
    - Magnets
- New Hydroelectric Field Office Development
    - Roof replaced a few years ago
    - In line with original budget
    - Considerable savings
- South Yuba Canal 8.5 Mile Slide Repair
    - Inquired if budgeted amount includes any repairs
    - Timing
    - Clarify “lay back” to reduce steepness
    - Surveys and monitoring
    - Location
- Bowman Transmission Line Pole Replacements
    - How poles are brought in and installed
    - Number of special contractors
- Deer Creek Power Pole Replacements
    - Replace with new wooden poles
- Dutch Flat Forebay Drain Line Repair
    - Cause of blockage
    - Replacement area
    - Where water is currently going
- South Yuba Canal Maintenance
    - Estimate water loss in location of slide
- Hydro vehicle replacement
    - No electric vehicles currently

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    - Bed/rack and outfitting of truck
    - Diesel truck
    - Wear and tear
    - Repurposing vehicles and/or parts
- Charging Stations at District Facilities
    - New meter size
    - Cost and grant
    - Supercharger
    - Not open to the public for use
    - Installing charging stations at powerhouses
- Diesel Tanks and Pump
    - End of life
    - Resale value
    - Testing and inspections
- Hazard Tree / Fire Fuels Management
    - Locations throughout District owned properties
- Upper Yuba Forest Restoration Implementation Project
    - Good presentation slide for Western Nevada County Resiliency Project
    - Protecting water quality
    - Sierra Nevada Conservancy and grant funds
- Upper Middle Yuba Watershed Forest Restoration: NEPA Planning
    - NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act)
- Selective Logging
    - Average linear foot sold
    - Chips
    - Biomass facilities
- English Meadow Restoration Project
    - Signage
    - Maintenance
    - Funding
- CIP Budgeting and annual process
- Tyler ERP
    - Staff commended on their perseverance and hard work

Public Comment: None

<u>MODIFICATION OF POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST CLASSIFICATION</u>
Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Handling different social media platforms
- Adding a classification
- Micro-pond video views
- Positions report to Assistant General Manager
- Non-exempt positions

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Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Bay Delta Plan update
- Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, reported on recent field trip to English Meadows; also in attendance was Director Stephens, South Yuba River Citizens League, Cal Fire and Blue Forest

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended field trip to English Meadows and shared highlights

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

- Briana Bacon with Nevada County Resource Conservation District and how much water needed at the school farm
- Nevada County Farm Bureau dinner on October 4th
- Sustainability Summit in Martis Valley on October 2nd
- Attended Western Nevada County Resiliency Group meeting with Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance

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

- Provided a brief historical background on Shebley's Pond

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items: No report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel, announced he did not expect any reportable Board action following Closed Session.

The meeting recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. in Closed Session.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation was declared at 11:10 a.m., pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) . Significant exposure to litigation. Two potential cases.

Board Action: None

Closed Session was declared at 11:10 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Jennifer Hanson and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment; the properties subject to negotiation are Nevada County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 27-130-11 and 27-130-41.

Board Action: Direction given to real property negotiators.

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MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:55 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 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

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