

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

January 14, 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 14th 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; 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 Bierwagen called the meeting to order
- President Bierwagen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

President Bierwagen expressed his appreciation for being elected as the 2026 Board Chair and proposed to more closely adhere to Parliamentary Procedures

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Roger Smedley from Nevada City, commented on the Cascade Shores boat ramp (Comment received later in the meeting during retirement presentation item)

SPECIAL ORDERS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – SERVICE AWARDS

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager and Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>10 Years</u>		
Thomas Kluge	Supervising Electrical Systems Technician	11/23/2015
Neysa King	Environmental Resources Administrator	12/30/2015

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15 Years

Tina Haenny

Hydroelectric Compliance Administrator

10/25/2010

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JOAN TORTORICI (RESOLUTION NO. 2025-56)

Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance and Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item, thanking Ms. Tortorici for her years of service and wishing her all the best in retirement.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Heck made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Johansen seconded the motion and called for clarification regarding Item 4B – Updates to District Policy #3080 – Investments:

- Clarification regarding negative interest and how recommendation came about

Public comment: None

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

DISTRICT POLICY 3035 - INVESTMENTS

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-01 – Approving Updates to District Policy 3035 – Investments. M/S/C Heck/Johansen,, unanimously approved.

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC) - AMENDMENT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Approved updates to the District's Conflict of Interest Code, as approved by the FPPC. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.

2025 ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-02 - Annual Disclosure of Reimbursement to Employees and Directors. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 RECREATION CIP BUDGET

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-03 - Approving Amendment to the FY 2026 Recreation Capitol Budget (Fund 35) in the amount of \$64,556.22. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, 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 December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. M/S/C Heck/Johansen, unanimously approved.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Officially gone live on financial and payroll components of new Tyler ERP system and congratulated staff
- Water Supply
- Anticipate snow survey in February

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Proposed conducting a Board Meeting in Placer County
- Requested an item to provide an update related to surplus properties

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

- Requested an item to provide an update related to surplus properties
- Thanked Chip Close, Director of Water Operations for detailed map
- Presenting at Placer County Board of Realtors regarding easements, canals, etc.

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

- Attending a Town Hall meeting in Penn Valley on Jan. 15th
- Attending LAFCo meeting on Jan. 22nd and shared anticipated highlights for that meeting
- Attending next Resilience meeting via Zoom on Feb. 4th and a public presentation on Feb. 18th at the Love Building at Condon Park

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

- Timing of storms have been great for farming and looks forward to more rain in the future
- Had the opportunity to meet with District Right-of-Way staff while working on some access issues and shared it was positive experience
- Commented on seating arrangement and requested sitting all abreast each other

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

- Shared new pacemaker procedure went great
- Board members can make point of order and call for question if a discussion goes on too long
- Commented on new desk for Board of Directors

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:52 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, January 28, 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

