

Staff Report

for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, October 11, 2017

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

FROM: Keane Sommers, P.E., Hydroelectric Manager 

DATE: October 4, 2107

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 10500 – Activities Prohibited on District Properties (Consent)

HYDROELECTRIC

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2017-28 (Updating Administrative Policy 10500 - Activities Prohibited on District Properties), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee on October 3, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

To further the District's mission and to protect the environment, District infrastructure, employees, the public, and the cultural and historical resources found on District watershed lands and those lands adjoining its water storage and conveyance system, certain activities should be prohibited on District property or facilities without the advance written authorization from the District. Staff has reviewed and updated Board Policy 10500 to expand the list of prohibited activities in an effort to respond to changing legal requirements and technology. The proposed changes have been reviewed by the District's Legal Counsel.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

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Attachments (2):

- Resolution 2017-28
- Proposed Revisions to Board Policy Manual Section 10500 – Activities Prohibited on District Properties
- Nevada Irrigation District Board Policy Manual Section 10500 – Activities Prohibited on District Properties



RESOLUTION No. 2017-28

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

UPDATING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES - ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ON DISTRICT PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (the "District") intends to establish and revise from time to time, administrative policies to guide the operations and management of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's insurance carrier provided sample guidelines for personnel and administrative policies for consideration by the District; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the District has adopted several administrative policies using the sample guidelines, in an effort to assemble a comprehensive policy manual; and

WHEREAS, certain District policies are outdated, and should be revised and formatted in the same manner as the sample guidelines; and

WHEREAS, such draft policy has been reviewed by the District's Legal Counsel and found to be in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District hereby adopts the following policy as attached, and shall be incorporated herein:

#10500 Activities Prohibited on District Properties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached policy shall be incorporated into the District Policy Manual, and the Board Secretary is hereby authorized to assign and revise policy numbers, and format and reformat the attached, as needed for an organized, comprehensive policy manual.

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Resolution No. 2017-28
Administrative Policy – Activities Prohibited on District Properties

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of October, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors:
NOES: Directors:
ABSENT: Directors:
ABSTAINS: Directors:

President of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary to the Board of Directors

Nevada Irrigation District

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Activities Prohibited on District Properties

POLICY NUMBER: 10500

10500.1 Purpose and Goal. The District's mission is to provide a dependable, quality water supply; continue to be good stewards of the watersheds, while conserving the available resources in our care. Certain activities can impact the District's ability to accomplish its mission and have a negative impact on threatened or endangered species, disturb remnants of Native American culture, generate litter, produce vegetation loss, cause ground disturbance, undermine canal berms, pose a threat to critical infrastructure, cause damage to structures or equipment, create a risk to the public or District employees, and/or cause water degradation.

10500.2 To further the District's mission and to protect the environment, District infrastructure, employees, the public, and the cultural and historical resources found on District watershed lands and those lands adjoining its water storage and conveyance system, the following activities are prohibited on District property or facilities without the advance written authorization from the District:

- a) Geocaching;
- b) Metal detecting;
- c) Prospecting;
- d) Collecting artifacts;
- e) Hunting;
- f) Possession or use of fireworks;
- g) Possession or use of firearms or ammunition;
- h) Removal or trimming of trees or other vegetation;
- i) Vehicle travel off established roads;
- j) Swimming in NID canals and conduits;
- k) Growing of plants, including production agriculture;
- l) Grazing of animals;
- m) Accessing reservoir shorelines from areas other than designed roads, boat launch sites, parking areas, and trails;
- n) Launching or operating unmanned aircraft systems (drones);
- o) Camping outside of designated areas;
- p) Occupation or settlement of uninhabited buildings or other District property;
- q) Campfires outside of designated fire-rings;
- r) Campfires burning materials other than wood;

- s) Operation of flyboards or similar equipment powered by personal water craft or jet boat;
- t) Parking outside of designated parking areas or designated times;
- u) Repair of automobiles or other vehicles;
- v) Discharge of materials into the water body;
- w) Rock climbing or similar activities;
- x) Climbing on or jumping from District facilities;
- y) Damage or destruction of District equipment or facilities, or the equipment of the District's agents, employees, consultants, contractors or other representatives;
- z) Ignoring direction of District staff or Federal, State, or Local officials;
- aa) Any other activity prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any District Policy; or
- bb) Any other activity that, in the determination of the District, poses a risk to or undermines the ongoing successful implementation of the District's mission.

Any tools, refuse, damage or litter left or placed on District properties associated with the above prohibited activities shall be removed by District personnel at the owner's expense.

- 10500.3 This policy shall apply to all District properties, including shorelines along all District reservoirs, and including its easements where the District determines such activities interfere with the District's successful implementation of its mission.

Adopted: October 22, 2014 via Resolution No. 2014-47
Revised:

Nevada Irrigation District

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Geocaching, Metal Detecting, Prospecting and Collecting of Artifacts

POLICY NUMBER: 10500

10500.1 Purpose and Goal.

It is the District's intent to provide a dependable, quality water supply, strive to be good stewards of the watersheds, to protect its canals and reservoirs, and to conserve its water resources. Geocaching, Metal Detecting, Prospecting and the Collection of Artifacts can have an impact on threatened or endangered species, disturb remnants of Native American culture, generate litter, produce vegetation loss, cause ground disturbance, undermine canal berms, and cause water degradation.

10500.2 In order to protect the environment, its watershed, canals and reservoirs, and the natural, cultural and historical resources found on District watershed lands and those lands adjoining its water storage and conveyance system, Geocaching, Metal Detecting, Prospecting or collecting of Artifacts on District lands is prohibited. Any tools, refuse, damage or litter left or placed on District lands shall be removed by District personnel at the owner's expense.

10500.3 This policy shall apply to all District lands, including shorelines along all District reservoirs, and including its easements where the District determines such activities unreasonably interfere with the District's operation and maintenance of its water conveyance system.

Adopted: October 22, 2014 via Resolution No. 2014-47

Revised: