Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

August 27, 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 27th day of August 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 Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Gabe Aronow, Director of Engineering; 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

- None

SPECIAL ORDERS

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Michael Kronbetter, with PFM Asset Management provided a presentation for the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter ended June 30, 2025.

Board Comment:

- Clarifying Federal Agencies
- Minimizing exposure risk to housing
- Setting of benchmarks and how NID's benchmark compares to other government agencies
- Expressed appreciation for presentation
- Current sector of focus for securities
- Interest rate yields

Public comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2025
M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved as submitted.

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE AND INVESTMENT REPORT
Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers and the Investment Transaction Report for the period August 2nd, 2025, through August 15th, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Stephens, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORTS - FY 2025 Q2, FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2025
Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Confirmed no area of concern standing out to staff
- Expressed appreciation to staff for a job well done

Public Comment: None

Received and filed Budget to Actual Reports - FY 2025 Q2, for the period ending June 30, 2025. M/S/C Johansen/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

FY2025 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT
Sandra Dunlap, Director of Finance, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Reduced funds for deferred projects
- Increased revenues
- Revenue impacts related to PG&E repairs
- Factoring the unknowns into projections
- Appreciation expressed for conservative budgeting
- Outliers not projected in future budget
- Accounting processes

Public Comment: None

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-41 - Approving the FY2025 Mid-Year Budget Amendment. M/S/C Fowler/Stephens, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

NID STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW FOR 2026
Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Discussion:
- Treated and Raw Water Master Plans
- Urban and Ag Water Management Plans required for the State
- Employee retention and engagement
- Memorandum of Understanding negotiations
- Employee engagement events
- Watershed
- Board consensus to keep Strategic Plan moving forward
- Expressed appreciation for the review
- Mentorship program
- Prioritization and shifting priorities
- Amending priorities as needed and including storage as a goal
- Education related to storage and delivery
- Board direction given to General Manager to propose a goal for water supply storage for Board discussion at upcoming meeting along with the Rollins Reservoir discussion
- Possible updates needed to priorities due to changes over past 2 years
- Budget and resources / Budget alignment
- Flexibility to change priorities as needed

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, reported on the following items:
- Wrapping up irrigation season
- Surplus real estate properties listings/sales update

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Stephens, Division IV, reported on the following items:
- Status of stairs at entry of main office
- Attended a California Special Districts Association meeting along with Director Fowler and Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, met and heard from Congressman Kevin Kiley, and shared highlights
- Confirmed the District's mercury recovery machine is still for sale
- Requested an update on the golden mussel

Director Johansen, Division V, reported on the following items:
- Congressman Kevin Kiley's support of the District
- Attended a meeting with Alex Keeble-Toll, Nevada County Emergency Services Director and shared highlights
- Summit on October 2nd in Martis Valley regarding working landscapes and resiliency
- Thanked NID crew for their work on the Tarr Ditch, spoke about possibility of an automatic gate, and offered an easement to the District if needed

Director Fowler, Division III, reported on the following items:
- Attended California Special Districts Association luncheon and shared highlights
- Commented on regulatory environment, specifically regulations put on the District and related costs
- Looking forward to the end of irrigation season
- Reported water is running cleaner and cooler and expressed his appreciation

Director Bierwagen, Division II, reported on the following items:
- Reported he has had no water problems this year

Director Heck, Division I, reported on the following items:
- Has been on vacation in beautiful Puget Sound area

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION
- None

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. in Closed Session.

Closed Session Workshop with Legal Counsel was declared at 10:45 a.m. concerning the following topics:

Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1).) All pending litigation in which Nevada Irrigation District is a named party, including without limitation:

1. Westcon Construction Inc. v. Nevada Irrigation District, Nevada County Superior Court, Case No. CU0001475;
2. Michael Rainey and Emerson Pachaud v. Nevada Irrigation District, Nevada County Superior Court, Case No. CU19-084309;
3. Nevada Irrigation District v. Eileen Sobeck et.al., United States Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:21-CV-00851;
4. Nevada Irrigation District v. State Water Resources Control Board et al. Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2020-80003544;
5. California State Water Resources Control Board v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Nevada Irrigation District, et.al., Respondent/Intervenor, United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit Court, Case No. 20-72432, consolidated with Nos. 20- 72452, 20-72782, 20-72800, 20-72958, 20-72973;
6. Nevada Irrigation District v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, United States Court of Appeal for the District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 23-1342;
7. In re Petition for Releases from Priority of State-Filed Applications 5633 and 5634 in Favor of Water Right License 11120 (Application 10221) of South Sutter Water District before the State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearings Office;
8. Bay-Delta Proceedings, including the Delta Conveyance Project, the associated environmental document and change petition before the State Water Resources

Control Board and the planned update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan;

9. In re Application for Issuance of Water Quality Certificate for Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project before the State Water Resources Control Board;
10. In re Petition to Approve Longterm Yuba Accord Water Transfers by Yuba Water Agency before the State Water Resources Control Board, Administrative Hearings Office;
11. Vincent Cauchi v. Nevada Irrigation District - Placer Co. Superior Court: S-CV-0046749;
12. Gruber v. Select Property Management, Inc. – Nevada Co. Superior Court, Case No. CV0002127

Anticipated Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3).) Significant exposure to litigation; four potential cases.

Board Action: None

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:40 a.m. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, September 10, 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