

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 10, 2024

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 10th day of July 2024, at 9 a.m.

Present were Rich Johansen, President (Division V); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Karen Hull (Division III); and Trevor Caulder (Division IV).

Staff members present included Jennifer Hanson, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Doug Roderick, Director of Engineering; Chip Close, Director of Water Operations; Steve Prosser, Director of Maintenance; Naomi Schmitt, Director of Human Resources; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

STANDING ORDERS

- Call to Order: President Johansen called the meeting to order
- President Johansen led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: 5 Members Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Deb Totoonchie, Nevada County Farm Bureau:
 - Introduced her dog "M", whose last meeting was at one of the first Plan for Water Meetings as a pup
 - Announced that the Nevada County Farm Bureau's Membership BBQ scheduled for this Saturday is postponed due to the heat
- Don Coenen, member of the public:
 - Provided comment related to the PG&E Workshop item later on the agenda and notified of the opportunity to participate in the workshop

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment: None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 26, 2024

M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved as submitted.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – W. TOWNSEND

Adopted a Resolution of Appreciation (W. Townsend). M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PROJECT AND FACILITY REPORT, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratified the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check registers, the Project and Facility Report, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period June 15, 2024 through June 28, 2024. M/S/C Hull/Bierwagen, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

PG&E UPDATE - WORKSHOP

President Johansen introduced Tyler Covich, Manager of Water Management with PG&E, who provided an update along with additional PG&E staff.

Board Discussion:

- Cure time for grout
- Next critical path now that welding is done
- Time to fill tunnel – confirmed goal is by the end of next week, and then begin the testing phase
- Sending as much water as possible down South Yuba Canal during testing period
- Inspections – external and internal
- Farmers nervous about canal rotations
- Confirmed first of canal rotations to begin tomorrow and still needed due to capacity constraint
- The daily cost of pumps, how they came to be, and possible funding sources
- Update on the status of South Yuba Canal pipe and timing for that repair
- Inquiry if PG&E had backup pumps
- Storage tanks
- Raw water used for domestic use and constructive conveyances
- Critical path, impacts on South Yuba Canal, and time to land pipe via helicopter
- Forecasts for Rollins Reservoir and Scotts Flat Lake and taking sediment into account on deadpool levels shown on slides
- Work done during lower levels
- Carryover goal on Rollins Lake
- Projections post end of irrigation season
- South Yuba River flows, safety dangers and messaging
- Clarified anticipated intermittent elevated flows expected to be contained at the Drum Canal and South Yuba Canal, with no impact to public downstream

Public Comment:

- Don Coenen, member of the public:
 - Voiced concerns regarding water situation related to PG&E repairs

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- Inquired if there is a funding mechanism in place for PG&E to compensate those who have suffered damages
 - Inquired when operations will go back to normal as far as flows to South Yuba and when users can anticipate normal flows
 - Canal and spillway concerns
 - Inquired if Centennial Reservoir would have helped in this situation
- Amanda Hixon, with Sierra Harvest:
- Canal rotations
 - How the first round of canals for rotation were selected
 - Considering delaying rotation on substantial vegetable farmers

DEER CREEK PROJECT CONDUIT EXEMPTION - WORKSHOP

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board discussion:

- Confirmed not affected by the Chevron decision
- Board expressed their appreciation for the item

Public Comment: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Usual summer activities
- Recruitment underway for Director of Power Systems
- Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, attended the Placer County Ag Commission meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Good job on getting the message out to farmers

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

- Attending a meeting with Chip Close, Director of Water Operations, and the Scotts Flat homeowners group this week
- Thanked NID staff for an incredible job and commented on lessons learned

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

- District has done an amazing job keeping the water flowing and being extremely responsive to customers having issues

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

- Lincoln High School FFA tickets are available for their annual fundraiser "Commitment to Corduroy" dinner at Fowler Ranch
- Welcomed DeRozan to the Sacramento Kings

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

- Thanked everyone for their work keeping the water flowing
- Commented on high-production vegetables growing this year at an incredible rate

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:58 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 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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