

Nevada Irrigation District
Board of Directors

MINUTES

September 23, 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 23rd day of September 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; 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Mark Henwood, member of the public
 - o Family owns 928 acres in the RCO lands being served raw water by the District
 - o Provided an update regarding annexation, including the parties he has been in communication with to help support the process
 - o Invited Board and staff to attend an open house on October 4th
- Lily Marie Mora
 - o Grant funding
 - o Thanked the District for reaching out and obtaining a letter of support from the Nevada County Farm Bureau
 - o Spoke about an article regarding economic development in The Union by Robin Galvin Davies on September 15th
 - o Reaching out to the Chambers of Commerce and businesses they work with for support of grant funding
 - o Created instructions on how to use the District's website
 - o Suggested articles in the Environmental Defense Fund Solutions magazine for the water efficiency committee and possible grant opportunities

CONSENT AGENDA

President Bierwagen pulled the following item from the agenda:

- Item No. 3E - Combie North CAISO New Resource Implementation Capital Project

Public comment: None

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Director Johansen called for Board comment on Item 3C and made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 3E. Director Heck seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Board Comment:

- Item 3C - Budget Amendment for E. George to Lake Wildwood Pipeline Extension Pipeline (#C0013)
 - o Moves money, but does not slow down progress on the Scotts Flat Project or reduce the cost, and is in-line with guardrails

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

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

BADGER METER PURCHASE ORDER

Approved a sole source Purchase Order to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of 250,000.00 for the purchase of meters and endpoints and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR E. GEORGE TO LAKE WILDWOOD PIPELINE EXTENSION PIPELINE (#C0013)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-35 – Approving an Amendment to the FY2026 Capital Improvement Budget to Increase the 2026 Project Budget for the E. George to Lake Wildwood Pipeline Extension Pipeline Project C0013, and a reduction of the FY2026 Budget for the Scotts Flat Spillway Repair Project (#C0001). M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

CALTRANS GRANT OF EASEMENT TO DISTRICT

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-36 - Accepting a Director's Deed Easement from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide NID access to its facilities. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

ADDITIONAL SOUTH YUBA CANAL MAINTENANCE PURCHASE

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-37 – Approval of and Budget Amendment for the South Yuba Canal Maintenance Project (Project #C0066) and authorized the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

WARRANTS, PAYROLL FUND CERTIFICATE, AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Ratify the issuance of warrants by receiving and filing the check register, payroll certificate, and the Investment Transaction Report for the period of August 26, 2026 to September 11, 2026. M/S/C Johansen/Heck, unanimously approved.

GENERAL ORDERS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL RANCH

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item, and introduced Luke Browning with Nevada Union Joint High School District.

Board Comment:

- Educating a variety of irrigation practices
- Confirmed the MOU encourages educational opportunities for all ages
- Program funding
- Partnership benefits
- Pleased with progress and seeing this partnership come together
- Expanded opportunities
- Business model
- Infrastructure
- Plans for fertigation and different applications

Public Comment: None

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nevada Union Joint High School District and Nevada Irrigation District. Heck/Stephens, unanimously approved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

VEHICLE SCORING AND PRIORITIZATION WORKSHOP

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, and Jonathan Hoover, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor, presented the item.

Board Comments:

- Hearing about transmissions and smaller engines on turbo charge not holding up on newer vehicles

The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:57 a.m.

Board Comments continued:

- State mandates and regulations
- Exemptions
- Estimate future cost
- Electric vehicles and cost comparison
- GPS and technology
- Report for idle time
- Diesel trucks
- Inquired if accounting for diesel vs. gas
- Definition of repair
- Trailers
- Inquired how bad a vehicle needs to be in to go to sale
- 5% replacement per year and EVA mandates
- Board expressed appreciation for the work done, sharing it provided a better understanding
- Model used, where it came from and what is used by other agencies
- Possibly adding a box to sell at auction or locally

Public Comment:

- Lily Marie Mora, member of the public
 - o Looking at solar panels and how to pay for them
 - o Different levels of trucks based on the job and spoke about the number of staff workers in each vehicle

REVISED BOARD POLICY #3040 - RESERVES

Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, presented the item.

Board Comments:

- Categories of reserves
- Removal of Capacity Fee Reserve
- Connection fees / upfront fees paid by developers in the past
- Operating Reserve Funds
- PG&E contracts
- Expressed appreciation for thinking ahead
- Depreciation schedule
- Power Purchase Agreement Reserve balance and what it can be used for
- Cost for metering connection
- Putting unneeded reserves towards rates
- Selling electricity
- Longterm Investments and LAIF Investment funds

GRANTS UPDATE

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Board Comments:

- Letters of support received to date
- Grants for E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Project

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Super El Nino and what forecasters are expecting
- Two Ag Water Efficiency Stakeholders Committee meetings held and shared highlights
- Bay Delta Plan update and items coming soon to the Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau's NID Candidate Forum
- Requested an update of the Rollins Reservoir Bathymetry Survey

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

- Upcoming meeting with Congressman Ami Bera

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

- Fire prevention/suppression is not considered by the State of California as a beneficial use of water

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

- Looking forward to fall and the end of irrigation season

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

- Attended Nevada County Farm Bureau's NID Candidate Forum
- Gearing up for pumpkin patch and the fall

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:32 a.m.. The Board is scheduled to reconvene in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's Business Center located at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Submitted By

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Stepanian".

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary

