

# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

March 13, 2019

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 13th day of March 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Present were W. Scott Miller, President (Division III); Ricki Heck, Vice President (Division I); and Directors Chris Bierwagen (Division II); Laura L. Peters (Division IV); and Nick Wilcox (Division V).

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jacqueline Longshore, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board in opposition of the proposed Centennial Water Supply Project
- Bob Senter, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding how the Drum Spaulding acquisition will be incorporated into the Plan for Water
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Cedar Ridge, read excerpts from *Power Politics* written by Arundhati Roy
- Shirley Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the proposed water rate change notice, salaries, and spending on the proposed Centennial Water Supply Project
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding salary increases

Director Peters requested to pull Item 1 – Minutes from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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MINUTES – February 27, 2019, 2019 Regular Meeting

Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, member of the public
- Pamela Osgood, resident of Grass Valley
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Debora Totoonchie, with Nevada County Farm Bureau

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 27, 2019, as amended to correct the spelling of Ms. Totoonchie's name to Debora Totoonchie, and referred District Policy 5060 – Minutes of Board Meetings, to the Administrative Practices Committee for consideration. M/S/C Peters/Heck, unanimously approved.**

The meeting recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER TAX

Chip Close, Water Operations Manager, presented the item.

Director Wilcox made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 - Supporting SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust, as amended to include further detail on the motion. Director Bierwagen seconded the motion.

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, member of the public
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Melinda Booth, Executive Director of South Yuba River Citizens League
- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley

Director Wilcox withdrew his motion.

**President Miller made a motion to bring the item to the next Administrative Practices Committee, including all options. Director Heck seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division II</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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COMBIE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT & MERCURY REMOVAL PROJECT UPDATE  
(FATR #2135)

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item and introduced Jason Muir, Project Manager with NV5 and George Little, Project Manager with Great Lakes.

Director Wilcox left the meeting at 11:20 a.m. and returned at 11:22 a.m.

Public Comment:

- Yara Pasner, resident of Penn Valley
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax

WARRANTS/FINANCIALS

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, presented the item and provided a report for Office Supplies (52710).

**Approved as submitted. M/S/C Bierwagen/Heck, unanimously approved.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Recognized the Financial Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association
- Storage and Precipitation update
- Conservation update
- Snow Survey update
- Received Sierra Nevada Conservancy award of \$981,000 in forestry work
- Prop 218 Workshop scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> at NID Board room and at 6:00 p.m. on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Auburn Holiday Inn
- Meeting with folks at Combie to discuss Rules and Regulations pertaining to docks
- Boreham and Gayle Lane Replacement Project update
- Maben Phase 3 quotes due March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Iron Horse – Armstrong Road quotes due April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Notification of nominations to the Special Districts Risk Management Authority Board received
- Notification of nominations to the California Special Districts Association Board received

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

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

- Expressed his appreciation to the District staff
- Congratulated the Financial Department for attaining the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association

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

- Seconded President Miller's comments

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

- Attended League of Women Voters meeting, where she received numerous inquiries about water rates
- Requested a water rates workshop for the public to attend in Division 1

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

- Thanked District staff for all they do and for their level of contribution

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

- Voiced her appreciation of staff
- Commented on the font size, formatting and clarity of water rate notification letters
- Attended and spoke at a Placer County Farm Bureau meeting
- Met with a Division 5 constituent regarding the Lake Wildwood system expansion
- Met with a Division 5 constituent who has a patent on making tiles out of sediment
- Attended Placer County Ag Commission meeting and shared highlights

The meeting recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Director Wilcox made a motion to approve the cancellation of the following Board Meetings:**

- **May 8, 2019 – ACWA Conference**
- **June 12, 2019 – Nevada County Farm Tour**
- **July 10, 2019 - Special District Leadership Academy**
- **November 27, 2019 – Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **December 25, 2019 – Christmas Holiday**

**The motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Heck, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Bierwagen, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Peters, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION**

- Tracie Sheehan with Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board regarding the Closed Session item pertaining to potential litigation involving 401 Water Quality Certification issues relating to Yuba Bear Project.

The Meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m. in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to litigation, was declared at 12:40 p.m. pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case. Potential litigation involving 401 Water Quality Certification issues relating to Yuba Bear Project

**Board Action: No action taken**

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Director Bierwagen left the meeting at 1:26 p.m. and returned at 1:28 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at the Scotts Flat Recreation Site / Ditch Tender's House, 14923 Casci Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 at 2:30 p.m.

RETREAT - DISCUSS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ISSUES CONFRONTING THE DISTRICT

**Board Action: No action taken**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:30 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on March 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

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Division II

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Division III

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Division IV

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Division V