

Staff Report

for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of June 28, 2017

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Remleh Scherzinger MBA, P.E., General Manager
DATE: June 22, 2017
SUBJECT: Video production for Board Meetings

MANAGEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Staff to begin live streaming and video archiving District Board Meetings and adopt Resolution 2017-17 modifying District policy #1060 Records Retention and #5060 Minutes of Board Meetings; as recommended by the Administrative Practices committee

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2016 the Administrative Practices Committee considered video production of District Board Meetings.

In an effort to provide additional access to the decision making activities of the Board and its deliberative process the video concept was reviewed and considered. Staff was directed to develop a single solution for consideration by the Board.

Staff has the ability and recommends the implementation a low cost HD (1080p) IP solution that will provide video coverage of the Board room. This solution will provide the public a view of the Board/Staff, the speaker, and any presentations being made to the Board. Live streaming of the meeting will be provided through NID's YouTube channel and then indexed, archived, and embedded on NID's website post event.

The modifications to policies #1060 and #5060 will make the necessary adjustments to District policy to make the indexed video the official record of the District. These videos will be retained pursuant to the District retention practices and available for online public viewing and upon request.

This action aligns with NID's current transparent operations as well as our 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, specifically goals 2, 3, and 4.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Staff believes this solution will have a minimal impact on the 10113 Directors budget, with only the purchase of equipment. The additional internet connection will come from the general information technology budget 10118 on an ongoing basis. The necessary budget transfers will be made, if necessary, at the end of our fiscal year.

Attachment: Resolution 2017-17
Policy #1060 Records Retention
Policy #5060 Minutes and Board Meetings



RESOLUTION No. 2017-17

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**UPDATING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES –
Video Archiving of Board Meetings**

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 policies have 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 policies as attached, and shall be incorporated herein:

- #1060 Records Retention
- #5060 Minutes of Board Meetings

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached policies 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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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of June, 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: Records Retention

POLICY NUMBER: 1060

- 1060.1 Purpose. To manage a program for the records of the Nevada Irrigation District that will identify, maintain, safeguard, and dispose of records in the normal course of business; to ensure prompt and accurate retrieval of records; and to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
- 1060.2 Scope. The Records Retention Schedule applies to all records of the Nevada Irrigation District, and is available through the Board Secretary's office.
- 1060.3 Program Responsibilities. The Board Secretary as Records Manager administers, coordinates, monitors, and interprets this policy. Any perceived difference between this written policy and the Records Retention Schedule is to be resolved by the Board Secretary. Except as expressly provided by the Board, the Board Secretary shall have the authority to amend the Records Retention Schedule to provide for disposal of records which the Board Secretary interprets as subject to the Records Retention Schedule. All Departments shall comply with and implement this policy.
- 1060.4 Electronic Documents. The Records Retention Schedule applies to electronic documents and data, including emails transmitted and received for District projects, e-mail headers, summaries, addresses associated with e-mails and attached files or text. Most casual e-mails are considered "transitory" and can be discarded as their purpose is served (lunch appointments, etc.).
- 1060.4.1 Audio Video recordings of Board and special meetings will be maintained for the life of the District. These recordings are considered the official record of the District.
- 1060.5 General Policy. Pursuant to provisions of Government Code Sections 60200 through 60203, Water Code Section 21403, and the guidelines prepared by the State Controller's office and the Controller's Advisory Committee for Special Districts, the following shall govern the retention and disposal of records of the Nevada Irrigation District.
- 1060.5.1 Duplicate records, papers, and documents may be destroyed at any time without the necessity of Board authorization or transfer to an electronic file or media.
- 1060.5.2 Originals of records, papers, and documents, not otherwise governed by this Records Retention Schedule and more than two years old, that were prepared or received in any manner other than pursuant to State or Federal statute, may be destroyed upon Board

authorization without the necessity of transfer to an electronic file or media.

- 1060.5.3** In no instances are records, papers, or documents to be destroyed where there is a continuing need for records for matters such as pending litigation, special projects, etc. This includes all records which relate to a matter for which the statute of limitations has not run on any potential legal or administrative action arising therefrom.
- 1060.5.4** Accounting Records – Except as provided for in the Records Retention Schedule, no accounting records are to be destroyed unless there is a permanent file of audit reports for the inclusive period of the records, and such audit reports must contain an unqualified opinion and have been prepared in accordance with requirements of Federal, State, and District regulations.
- 1060.5.5** Payroll and Personnel Records – Personnel folder documents pertaining to each employee may be kept as hard copy in the authorized and locked file cabinets provided for these folders. Upon retirement, death or termination, the file may be transferred to an electronic file or media at the end of the first full year following active employment and the originals destroyed.
- 1060.5.6** Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings – Maintained permanently (hard copy and electronic media).
- 1060.5.7** Long Term Debt – Records concerning long-term debt shall be maintained for the term of the debt plus three years after final payment.

 - 1060.5.7.1** Records of proceedings for the authorization of long-term debt, bonds, warrants, loans, etc., after issuance or execution may be destroyed if transferred to an electronic file or media.
 - 1060.5.7.2** Terms and conditions of bonds, warrants, and other long-term agreements should be retained until final payment, and thereafter may be destroyed in less than ten years if transferred to an electronic file or media.
 - 1060.5.7.3** Paid bonds, warrant certificates and interest coupons may be destroyed after six months if detailed payment records are kept for ten years.
- 1060.5.8** Construction Records – Construction records, such as accepted bids, correspondence, change orders, etc., should not be kept in excess of ten years from substantial completion of work unless they pertain to a project which includes a guarantee or grant and, in that event, they should be kept for the life of the guarantee or grant plus ten years. As-built plans and specifications for any public facility or works should be retained for the life of the facility.
- 1060.5.9** Environmental Documents – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) records shall be kept permanently (hard copies will be transferred to electronic media after 10 years, and the hard copy will be destroyed). CEQA records include reports and minutes of public meetings or other scoping meetings with interested parties during the CEQA process, including pre-project meetings, during project implementation, and post-project meetings.
- 1060.5.10** Contracts – Except as provided in the Records Retention Schedule, contracts should

be kept for their life, plus ten years.

- 1060.5.11 Property Records – Property records should be kept as long as the District retains an interest in the property.
 - 1060.5.12 Public Records Act Requests – Records subject to any pending request made pursuant to the California Public Records Act shall not be destroyed, until the request has been granted or two years have elapsed since the District provided written notice to the requester that the request has been denied.
 - 1060.5.13 Vital Records – Vital Records shall not be destroyed. They may be transferred to electronic file or media in accordance with the Records Retention Schedule.
 - 1060.5.14 Records Retention Schedule – All records, the disposal of which are not provided for in this written policy, are to be disposed of pursuant to the Records Retention Schedule.
- 1060.6 Adherence to these procedures will help to assure acceptance of the District's Records Retention Schedule for legal purposes.

Adopted: February 11, 2015 via Resolution No. 2015-05

Revised: May 10, 2017 via Resolution No 2017-11

Revised: June 28, 2017 via Resolution No. 2017-17

Nevada Irrigation District

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Minutes of Board Meetings

POLICY NUMBER: 5060

5060.1 The Secretary or Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors shall keep minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Board.

5060.1.1 Copies of a meeting's minutes will be distributed to Directors as part of the information packet for the subsequent meeting as soon as practical, at which time the Board will consider approving the minutes as presented or with modifications. Once approved by the Board, the official minutes shall be kept in a fireproof vault or in a fire-resistant, locked cabinet, and will be posted on the District's web site for a period of one year then available to the public upon request.

5060.1.2 ~~Digital Video~~ recordings of regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors will be made. ~~Digital Video~~ recordings will be kept as the official record of the District. ~~Digital Video~~ recordings will be posted to the District's web site for a period of five years and then available to the public upon request. Retention of supporting materials will align with the District's standard retention policy.

5060.1.3 Motions, resolutions or ordinances shall be recorded in the action minutes as having passed or failed and individual votes will be recorded unless the action was unanimous. All resolutions and ordinances adopted by the Board shall be numbered consecutively, starting new at the beginning of each year. In addition to other information that the Board may deem to be of importance, the following information (if relevant) shall be included in each meeting's action minutes:

Date, place and type of each meeting;

Directors present and absent by name;

Management staff present by name;

Call to order;

Time and name of late arriving Directors;

Time and name of early departing Directors;

Names of Directors absent during any agenda item upon which action was taken;

Record of public comment regarding matters not on the agenda to include names of commentators, and brief topic on which they are commenting on;

Approval of the minutes or modified minutes of preceding meetings;

Approval of financial reports;

Record by number (a sequential range is acceptable) of all warrants approved for payment;

Action information as to each subject of the Board's deliberation;
Record of the vote of each Director on every action item for which the vote was not unanimous;
Resolutions and ordinances described as to their substantive content and sequential numbering;
Record of all contracts and agreements, and their amendment, approved by the Board;
Approval of the annual budget;
Approval of all policies, rules and/or regulations;
Approval of all dispositions of District assets;
Approval of all purchases of District assets; and,
Time of meeting's adjournment.

5060.2 The Secretary of the Board of Directors will not record or keep minutes of closed session discussions.

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