

RESOLUTION No. 2017-08

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

(ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT – NEWTOWN RESERVOIR CLEANING PROJECT)

WHEREAS, Nevada Irrigation District ("District") has undertaken the review of a project to clean the Newtown Reservoir of accumulated sediment to regain lost capacity (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 ("CEQA") requires state, local, and other agencies to evaluate or reduce, when feasible, the significant environmental impacts of their respective projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's engineering staff has prepared a Preliminary Review and Initial Study ("Initial Study") for the proposed Project (including biological studies conducted by Stantec), in accordance with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2017, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project was published in <u>The Union</u> newspaper, advising of the time and place of a public hearing on the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, following a public hearing on the Negative Declaration for the Project, the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District approved the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project as presented; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District that it does find as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. Based on its review of the whole record before it, including the Initial Study, presentations of Staff and the public comments, both written and oral, received in response to its Notice of Intent, the Board finds that there is no substantial evidence of record that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the District.
- Mitigation measures are made a condition for approval of the Project and the Board hereby adopts the mitigation measures which it has either required in the Project or made a condition of approval to mitigate or avoid significant environmental impacts.

- 4. The documents which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision of the Board is based are located at the offices of Nevada Irrigation District, 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California, and the Secretary to the Board is the custodian thereof.
- 5. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Project.
- 6. The Board Secretary is hereby authorized to file a Notice of Determination, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 'A', with the Office of the County Clerk, Nevada and Placer Counties and State Clearinghouse.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 22nd day of March 2017, by the following vote of said Board

AYES: Directors: Miller, Drew, Morebeck, Wilcox

NOES: Directors: Weber

ABSENT: Directors: None

ABSTAINING: Directors: None

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Board Secretary