

PLAN FOR WATER OBJECTIVES

Introduction

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) has initiated a process to update the District's water management plan to ensure prudent management of water resources for the next 50 years. The breadth and variability of the watershed under the District's jurisdiction is amongst the most complex in the nation. Therefore, the stewardship of this system, and the communities it serves, is a responsibility NID and its board regard with significant honor and duty. Proactive planning and a cohesive vision are essential to this role, which is why NID is employing a community collaboration method to develop this plan.

Described herein is the process that will be undertaken to ensure meaningful, balanced, and organized community collaboration. It is designed to encourage open, innovative and practical contributions to the plan. The process should yield potential scenarios for analysis and consideration. In the end, the District Board will review the options and select a strategic vision for moving forward.

The Plan for Water process is a community collaboration to support NID's water resources management.

This process will develop strategic options that reflect a balanced mix of community perspectives.

Process Objectives

The Plan for Water process is the governing framework that holds transparency and integrity as the tenets of the process. Working together as a community is based on the following objectives:

- ♦ Identify different perspectives and input to the community's future.
- ♦ Understand what is really important to the community and why.
- ♦ Assess our water situation together.
- ♦ Allow open and balanced discussion of all community voices.
- ♦ Develop a deeper understanding of potential pathways and subsequent impacts to community interests and the community's future.
- ♦ Provide a forum for community identity discussion as opposed to technical experts deciding what is best for the community.
- ♦ Focus on overarching policies and not on specific projects.
- ♦ Create a 50-year strategic plan using the best information available at this time.
- ♦ Develop a Community Collaboration Process that can be used for future projects and community issues.
- ♦ Pursue community solutions within NID's legal responsibilities to its customers and landowners within its service area.