



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REPEALING DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – RIVER FIRE

WHEREAS, On August 4, 2021, the River Fire started near Colfax, California, and rapidly increased in size to threaten Nevada Irrigation District water supplies, facilities, property, and the public in general; and

WHEREAS, On August 5, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency for Nevada and Placer Counties due to the River Fire; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 21-365 ratifying a local health emergency proclamation due to the immediate public health threat caused by hazardous waste and debris from the River Fire; and

WHEREAS, On August 25, 2021, NID declared a declaration of emergency for the River Fire (Resolution No. 2021-30) authorizing an emergency \$500,000 for contracting and purchasing of equipment and materials deemed necessary to avoid and/or mitigate against interruption of essential public water services, hydroelectric generation, and impacts to the environment; and

WHEREAS, NID's primary concerns of the fire aftermath included the burn area's hillside stability, downstream water quality issues, and the near and long-term implications to operations & maintenance of downstream facilities; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 15,000 treated water (LOP and N. Auburn WTP's) and 3,000 raw water customers are dependent upon NID's infrastructure, including Combie Reservoir and Combie-Ophir Canal, downstream of the wildfire-impacted area; and

WHEREAS, To date the District has spent nearly \$400,000 on equipment, materials and contractor expenses and has treated the highest priority 50-acres of

District-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, NID actions in priority and targeted areas have greatly reduced the potential impacts associated with large landscape-level impacts and has greatly reduced the long-range threat to the health of the Bear River and that of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, NID staff and consultants have been planning for and budgeting for additional work in the burn scar in the fall of 2022 and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Nevada Irrigation District:

1. The Board of Directors hereby determines that conditions of local emergency due to the River Fire no longer exist within Nevada Irrigation District; consequently Resolution No. 2021-30, establishing a Declaration of Emergency for the River Fire is repealed; and
2. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager to take appropriate actions to implement this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 25th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors: Heck, Peters, Johansen, Hull, Bierwagen
NOES:	Directors: None
ABSENT:	Directors: None
ABSTAINS:	Directors: None



President of the Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Directors