

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS / JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES

April 27, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District and the Nevada Irrigation District Joint Powers Authority convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 27th day of April 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Nancy Weber, President (Division I); John H. Drew (Division II), W. Scott Miller (Division III) and William Morebeck (Division IV), Directors.

Director Wilcox, Vice-President (Division V) was absent.

Staff members present included Rem Scherzinger, General Manager; Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Operations Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Peggy Davidson, Recreation Manager; Anthony Soares, District Counsel; and Lisa Francis Tassone, Board Secretary.

MINUTES – April 7, 2016 Special Meeting and April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

**Motion made by Director Drew to approve the minutes of the special meeting on April 7, 2016 and the minutes of the regular meeting on April 13, 2016, as submitted. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Absent</b>

WARRANTS

Director Drew made a motion to approve the following warrants: All Fund Nos. 73706 through 73996, inclusive; and Nos. 71684, 72990, 73261 and 73482 being void; and Payroll Direct Deposit and Warrant Nos. 80298 through 80308 and V9886 through V10065, inclusive; No. V10016 being void. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

POLICY MANUAL – Review

Director Drew made a motion to receive and file the District’s Policy Manual, as recommended by the California Special District’s Association. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Absent

LONG-TERM WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT POLICY (Res. No. 2016-15)

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, requested that this item be removed from the agenda. Some modifications are necessary, and the item will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board concurred.

MONTHLY INVESTMENT TRANSACTION REPORT – March

Director Drew made a motion to receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for March 2016. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	Aye
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye

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**Morebeck, Division IV     Aye**  
**Wilcox, Division V        Absent**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – For Quarter Ending March 30, 2016

**Director Drew made a motion to receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending March 30, 2016, in accordance with the District’s Investment Policy. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

**Weber, Division I            Aye**  
**Drew, Division II            Aye**  
**Miller, Division III        Aye**  
**Morebeck, Division IV     Aye**  
**Wilcox, Division V        Absent**

2016 BOWMAN-SPAULDING CANAL LINER PROJECT – Award of Construction Contract

Gary King, Engineering Manager, stated that this Project is the second phase of the Bowman-Spauldung Canal Liner Project. In 2015, the first half of the Project was completed. The Project includes a canal replacement with a new concrete channel that will improve current flow measurements. Requests for quotes were sent to seven contractors, and the District received three quotes as follows:

<b>Quoter</b>	<b>Quote</b>	<b>Offsite Material Disposal</b>
<b><i>Gateway Pacific Contractors</i></b>	<b><i>\$649,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,000</i></b>
Hansen Bros. Enterprises	\$654,668	\$14,582
Syblon Reid Construction	\$753,250	\$58,000

Staff recommends that Gateway Pacific Contractors be award the construction contract.

Director Drew asked where this section is relative to the section that was completed last year.

Mr. King explained that this section is just upstream from the section completed last year.

Director Drew asked if the material being removed from the old canal (concrete, rebar, etc.) is required to be moved off-site.

Mr. King stated that the District has not yet received permission from the US Forest Service about material disposal, but Staff expects that approval will be granted as it was for the last Project.

Director Drew asked what was done with the material from the last Project.

Mr. King explained that the material was placed along the berm of the canal.

Director Drew stated that he would recommend that the material from this section of the Project be placed in an area along the existing canal for a chopper pad, a staging area, security, etc.

Mr. King stated that Staff will look into Director Drew's recommendation.

**Director Drew made a motion to award contract to Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$649,000 to construct the 2016 Bowman-Spaulding Canal Liner Project, and authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Absent</b>

E. GEORGE TO CASCADE SHORES TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT – Award of Construction Contract

Tonia Tabucchi Herrera, Associate Engineer, is asking the Board to consider awarding a construction contract to T&S Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,227,952.76 for the E. George to Cascade Shores Transmission Main Project. The Project consists of construction of the transmission line from the E. George System (Starwood Lane) up to Cascade Shores. The purpose is to remove the Cascade Shores Water Treatment Plant from service. There will also be construction of distribution main lines, fire hydrants, and water services. The District invited 11 contractors to submit quotes. Six contractors declined, and three quotes were received:

<b>Quoter</b>	<b>Quote</b>
Teichert Construction	\$3,887,158.28
McGuire & Hester	\$3,591,697.20
<b>T&amp;S Construction Company</b>	<b>\$3,227,952.76</b>

Staff recommends that T&S Construction Company be award the construction contract.

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, asked why six contractors declined to submit a quote.

Ms. Herrera explained that the schedule was part of the reason – 180 days to install approximately 18,000 feet of pipe.

President Weber asked if the District has acquired easements for the Project.

Ms. Herrera stated that construction is in the County right-of-way as well existing District easements. The District did obtain one easement from a property owner as part of this Project.

President Weber asked if there will be a community meeting to discuss the Project.

Ms. Herrera stated that once the construction contract is awarded, a notice will be sent to the community about the progress of the Project. There have already been a couple of community meetings, but if the Board desires, another community meeting can be scheduled. She added that Hugh Gordon has been retained to start talking to the property owners about the Project.

President Weber stated that once construction starts, there will be renewed interest. This may be the time to schedule another community meeting.

Staff concurred.

Gary King, Engineering Manager, noted that as part of project requirements, the Project will be videotaped. All residents along the pipeline will be offered the opportunity to participate in the videotaping process. The video tape will document each facility within the Project.

**Director Drew made a motion to award contract to T&S Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,227,952.76 to construct the E. George to Cascade Shores Transmission Main Project, and authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

<b>Weber, Division I</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Drew, Division II</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miller, Division III</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Morebeck, Division IV</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wilcox, Division V</b>	<b>Absent</b>

#### CALIFORNIA WATER POLICY – Meeting

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that he attended the California Water Policy meeting at UC Davis. Felicia Marques, State Water Resources Control Board, was a keynote speaker. She spoke about conservation in the State and how the drought is not over. Conservation must continue, and water needs to be shared throughout the State.

Mr. Scherzinger stated that comments by the Delta Water Master regarding water rights were distressing. The Water Master stated that the current water rights system needs to change in order to benefit all. The Water Master's belief is that the water rights system is broken.

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Another interesting issue is that UC Davis is in support of surface water storage. Mr. Scherzinger had not heard this to date. UC Davis's position is that surface water storage is required if groundwater storage is an opportunity. UC Davis recognizes that water has to be captured when it is available to move it into groundwater systems.

Another new thought process is that UC Davis recognizes that taking agriculture to drip irrigation or efficient forms of irrigation is actually damaging the groundwater system recharge as well as damaging the farms. The efficient irrigation systems are creating "salt sinks" by salinating the soil matrix and making the farms less productive. UC Davis will start to be supportive of flood irrigation, particularly in the Central Valley.

#### SIPHON LANE PUMP STATION PROJECT – Update

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the Siphon Lane Pump Station will commence construction next month. This Pump Station will protect Cascade Shores in the event of an outage in the South Yuba Canal.

#### RAW WATER MASTER PLAN PHASE II – Notice of Preparation

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the Notice of Preparation comment period will commence May 2 and close on June 8. Two public meetings will be scheduled regarding the Notice of Preparation.

#### CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR PROJECT – Notice of Preparation Comment Period

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the comment period has closed. Comments are now being reviewed and categorized.

#### BUSINESS CENTER – Drought Resistant Landscaping Project

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that Weiss Landscaping has started a drought resistant landscaping project in front of the District's Business Center. A drawing was presented to the Directors and the public for review.

#### HEMPHILL FACILITY – Engineering Study

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the Engineering Study for the Hemphill Facility will be presented to the Engineering Committee on May 17. This Study reviews all options available to the District to meet its demand needs on the Hemphill Canal. The matter will then be presented to the Board of Directors.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER – Zavala

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, announced that Jana Zavala has accepted the position of Human Resources Manager. Her first day of employment will be May 2.

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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION – Recreation Activities as a Result of the Centennial Reservoir Project

Director Drew stated that at the next Board meeting, he will share a Powerpoint presentation on a variety of recreation activities that will be available to the public as a result of the Centennial Reservoir Project.

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (MCWRA) – Meeting

President Weber reported that the MCWRA meeting is scheduled for May 18 at the Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse in Auburn at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will include a presentation on California Water – Past, Present and Future. Representatives from Metropolitan Water District and Westlands Water District will be speaking on this matter. She provided copies of the agenda to the Directors and the public.

Meeting recessed at 9:19 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

WORKSHOP: AB 1825 HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

Dennis Timoney, Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), provided a workshop on harassment prevention training as required by Assembly Bill 1825. Directors Weber, Drew, Miller, and Morebeck were in attendance, and the following Staff members were present: Rem Scherzinger, General Manager; Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager; Lisa Francis Tassone, Board Secretary; Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Chip Close, Operations Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; and Peggy Davidson, Recreation Manager.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:22 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or Meith regarding price and terms of payment; properties subject to negotiation are Nevada County Assessor Parcel Nos. 27-070-49 and 27-130-09, and Placer County Assessor Parcel No. 071-020-033.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 11:40 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:40 a.m. to reconvene in regular session on May 11, 2016, 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

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