

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

October 25, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District convened in regular session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 25th day of October, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; JR Lewis, IT Analyst; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir, the vegetation management working group, and questions following the General Manager's report
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, recited a pledge to the Earth, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River, and read excerpts from an article entitled "The Plan to Make California Wet by Spreading Beavers Up and Down the State by Alissa Walker
- Debbie Totoonchie, member of the public, thanked the Board for helping the youth at this year's fair, and their work related to the Barbara Schmidt Millar Triathlon, noting the great job being done by the caretaker of the Cascade Shores side of Scotts Flat, and spoke in support of Centennial Reservoir.
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding the difficulties accessing audio and video recording of previous Board meeting

MINUTES – October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

Director Drew made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 11, 2017, as submitted. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

WARRANTS

Director Drew made a motion to approve warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT, SHORT-TERM CASH & RESERVES:

President Wilcox opened the item for discussion.

Director Drew made a motion to receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report, Short-term Cash Forecast and Reserve Report for the period ending September 30, 2017. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

QUARTERLY BUDGET VS ACTUAL REPORT:

President Wilcox opened the item for discussion.

Director Drew made a motion to receive and file the Quarterly Budget vs Actual Report for the period ending September 30, 2017. Director Morebeck seconded the motion.

Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Weber, Division I	No
Drew, Division II	Aye
Miller, Division III	Aye
Morebeck, Division IV	Aye
Wilcox, Division V	Aye

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introductions

Aurora Tipton, Customer Service Administrator, introduced new employees Michelle Hoffman, Finance Assistant I.

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Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary, introduced new employee Kathryn Schwartz, Office Assistant I.

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DUTCH FLAT NO. 2 AND CHICAGO PARK SYSTEMS REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROJECT #6927 ACQUISITION OF FEE TITLE & EASEMENT INTERESTS AFFECTING LANDS OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) IN NEVADA AND PLACER COUNTIES

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item and introduced Christopher Gonzalez, CJG, PG&E Legal Counsel.

Public Comment:

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City
- Allan Eberhart, resident of Grass Valley

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-33, declaring necessity and authorizing eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of real property for a public project known as the *Dutch Flat No. 2 and Chicago Park Systems Real Property Acquisition Project* on:

- **Nevada County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 65-220-02, 65-220-13, 65-220-17, 65-220-18, 65-220-19, 65-230-18, 65-230-16, 65-230-29, 65-250-03-003, 65-240-31 and 65-240-33**
- **Placer County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 062-020-001-520, 062-020-003-000, 062-020-020-510, 062-020-005, 062-040-016 and 062-040-018**

Owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a California Corporation. M/S/C Drew/Miller, unanimously approved

2017 LOMA RICA RESERVOIR CLEANING PROJECT (FATR# 2090)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item.

Public Comment:

- John Volz, candidate for Division 2
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley

Approved a contract with Lorang Brothers in the amount of \$200,000, approved a Budget Amendment Request to transfer \$200,000, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

ORCHARD SPRINGS CAMPGROUND STORE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (FATR# 2023)

Gary King, Engineering Manager, presented the item, and introduced Mr. Bill Litchfield, Contractor, who also spoke.

Public Comment:

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley

Approved a construction contract with Bill Litchfield Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$449,294.55, for the construction of the Orchard Springs Campground Store Replacement Project, and authorized the General Manager

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to execute the appropriate documents. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

GENERAL MANGER'S REPORT

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, reported on the following items:

- Precipitation and storage report
- Audio/video planning procedure
- Scotts Flat Dam Access – WHO Committee meeting update
- Grant updates
- California Water Commission update
- Vegetation Management working group update
- Shebley's Pond update
- Sierra Streams Institute Letters of support
- Maben Canal update & conversations with property owners Bisnett & Brady
- Chicago Park controls work update
- Willow Creek construction update
- Bear River Pines Pipeline Project complete
- Loma Rica Reservoir pipe update
- Table Meadows update
- Hemphill Fish surveys beginning this week

Public Comment:

- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/REPORTS:

Director Miller reported on the following items:

- WHO Committee Special Meeting – Scotts Flat Spillway fence/gate ideas
- Salmon in Chico's Butte Creek
- Read letter to General Manager commending NID employee Doug Hobbs, Associate Engineer

Director Drew reported on the following items:

- Shebley's Pond fieldtrip with Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
- Article in The Union about the role NID played in putting out recent fires

Director Morebeck reported on the following items:

- Attended Placer County Farm Bureau event
- Nevada County Farm Bureau event on November 4, 2017

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Request from Newtown constituent to leave water in ditch
- Requested planning for an extended fire season
- Attended the WHO Committee Special Meeting regarding the Scotts Flat Spillway Gate, and shared highlights
- Provided a list of items requested of Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, at previous Board Meeting and submitted on October 12, 2017
- Requested an accounting of the Centennial Budget for the past 3 years

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President Wilcox reported on the following items:

- Thanked District for continuing/extending service during recent fires
- Butte Creek, salmon restoration and PG&E's DeSabra project
- Announced a Centennial Presentation on November 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Wildwood Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- None

Meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m., and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. in Closed Session

Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m., and reconvened at 11:45 a.m. in Closed Session.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 11:56 a.m., and President Wilcox asked Dustin Cooper, District Counsel to report on actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

CLOSED SESSION declared at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation – Claim: Oak Mesa Drive, Nevada County.

During closed session, the Board took the following action:

Claim rejected and staff instructed to prepare appropriate notices. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

CLOSED SESSION declared at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to provide direction to the District's designated bargaining representatives – Scherzinger and/or District Counsel – regarding 2017 salary/benefit/working conditions

LABOR CONTRACT – Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME regarding Wages, Hours, Terms and Conditions of Employment (Field, Supervisory & Office Units) for 2017-2020 (Resolution No. 2017-30)

During closed session, the Board took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-30 (Authorizing Changes in Wages, Hours, and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees Represented by AFSCME), as submitted. M/S/C Weber/Morebeck, unanimously approved

BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION PLAN – Wages, Hours, and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Managers and Unrepresented Employees (Resolution No. 2017-31)

During closed session, the Board took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-31 (Establishing Benefit and Compensation Plans, and Authorizing Changes in Wages, Hours, and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Managers and Unrepresented Employees). M/S/C Weber/Morebeck, unanimously approved

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES – Personnel (Resolution No. 2017-32)

During closed session, the Board took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-32 (Updating Administrative Policies – Personnel). M/S/C Weber/Morebeck, unanimously approved

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Nevada Irrigation District’s Petition for Assignment of Water Rights for Centennial Reservoir and the Protest by South Sutter Water District to that Petition pending before the State Water Resources Control Board.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:50 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger, Sommers, and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment for acquisition and sale of rights in real property; properties subject to negotiations:

- South Yuba Canal, Chalk Bluff Canal, Deer Creek Powerhouse; flowage/wheeling rights in Drum Canal, Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal (all owned by PG&E)
- Flowage Rights in Bowman-Spaulding Canal, Fall Creek Flume, Dutch Flat Flume, and Chicago Park Flume; right to storage in Rollins Reservoir (all owned by NID)

Persons with whom negotiations will be conducted: PG&E Management

Direction given to legal counsel and the real property negotiators.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:58 a.m., to reconvene in regular session on November 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

Board Secretary

Attest a true record of actions had and taken at the above and foregoing meeting our presence thereat and our consent thereto.

Director
Division I

Division II

Division III

Division IV

Division V