

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

May 24, 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 24th day of May, 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; Chip Close, Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Susan Holt, Public Affairs Coordinator; Matthew Crowe, Senior Right of Way Agent; Tony Rondoni, Right of Way Agent II; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Peter VanZant, NID customer, addressed the Board regarding transparency and property acquisitions.
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Bear River.
- Mikos Fabersunne, resident of Nevada City co-housing and NID customer, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir, highlighted a few comments from his letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, and provided a copy of this letter to the Board Secretary.
- Roger Hicks, local physician and owner/operator of Yuba Docs Urgent Care, addressed the Board regarding informed consent.
- Shirley Osgood, NID Customer, addressed the Board regarding water management.
- Pamela Osgood, NID customer and resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and who is going to profit from it.
- Mike Pasner, resident of Penn Valley and owner of Indian Springs Organic Farms in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding transparency, property acquisitions and the Vegetation Management Plan.

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- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and fisheries.
- Betsy Lombard, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding the Centennial Reservoir and her recent kayaking trip on the Bear River.
- Nicole Raglan, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding her concerns about the Centennial Reservoir.
- Anne Lyon, NID customer, addressed the Board regarding concerns about the Centennial Reservoir, including transparency and generated methane.
- Holly Mitten, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding live-streaming.
- Joanna Gilbert, resident near the Bear River, addressed the Board regarding live-streaming, and voiced her concerns about the Centennial Reservoir.
- George Olive, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding upcoming video discussions.
- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City, addressed the Board regarding upcoming video-streaming discussions, and the AB52 Consultation with the non-UAIC (United Auburn Indian Community) groups.

MINUTES – May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 10, 2017, as submitted. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

WARRANTS

Approved warrants as submitted on check and payroll registers. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION (NERC) 2016 SELF-CERTIFICATION TO THE WESTERN ELECTRICITY COORDINATING COUNCIL (WECC)

Received and filed the Nevada Irrigation District 2016 Self-Certification Status Report prepared in compliance with NERC and WECC reporting requirements, as recommended by the Water and Hydroelectric Operations Committee. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved

SPECIAL ORDERS - EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager introduced Joshua Nuckolls, Utility Worker I.

NEWTOWN CANAL REALIGNMENT PROJECT – CANAL ABANDONMENT RESOLUTION (WO# 8371)

Presented by Gary King, Engineering Manager

Public Comment: None

Approved Resolution No. 2017-12 for the Intention to Abandon a Portion of Newtown Canal, as reviewed in the Engineering Committee meeting on May 16, 2017. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) – ELECTION BALLOT 2017

Public Comment:

- Syd Brown, resident of Nevada City

The ballot was cast based on the following vote for Ed Beckenback, as the Special District Alternate Member:

	<u>Ed Beckenback</u>	<u>Patricia Nelson</u>
Weber, Division I		X
Drew, Division II	X	
Miller, Division III	X	
Morebeck, Division IV	X	
Wilcox, Division V	X	

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Miller reported/commented on the following items:

- Centennial Reservoir cost, cost to encase canals and conservation

Director Drew reported/commented on the following items:

- Emergency generator purchase vs solar option
- Reasons for red curbs in the parking lot
- Golf course landscaping

Director Morebeck reported/commented on the following items:

- Attended the Fruitvale School benefit at the Old Fruitvale School Hall, celebrating the history of the Fruitvale area
- Shared highlights from a self-guided agriculture tour

Director Weber reported/commented on the following items:

- Leaky canals and restoration of ground water
- Recently represented NID at a Town Hall meeting on practical civics, put on by YubaNet and KVMR
- Attended Yuba Bear Watershed Council meeting and reported on the Hallwood Project

GENERAL MANGER'S REPORT

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

- Precipitation and storage report
- Jackson Meadows Facilities expected to be open sometime in June
- Attended and presented at the ACWA Conference, reported on interesting topics
- Memorandum of Understanding for the Western Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- South Yuba Canal
- The Siphon Lane Pump Station is in service
- Audio Archiving is now on the District website
- Presented to the Zone 3 PCWA (Placer County Water Agency)
- 2016 Audit is underway
- Alternative Analysis for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document
- Reported about private roads at Lodestar/Conestoga /Brewer Road
- Penn Valley Project
- Shale Ridge Pipeline

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- Generator to solar information
- Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Greenhorn Sediment Removal Project
- Mercury removal process/technology

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding property acquisitions related to the Centennial Reservoir.
- Tracie Sheehan, Coordinator with the Foothills Water Network, addressed the Board regarding property acquisitions related to the Centennial Reservoir.
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, requested more information about the closed session item regarding protest by South Sutter Water District.

Dustin Cooper, District Council replied to Ms. Lipowitz question.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

The Board adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 11:55 a.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with District Counsel regarding pending litigation.




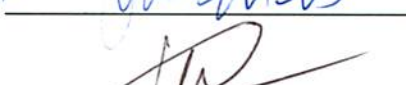
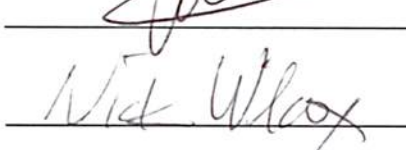
The meeting was reconvened into open session at 1:04 p.m. President Wilcox reported on actions taken in closed session, as follows:

Direction was given to management on real property acquisitions. No action was taken on the General Manager evaluation.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:05 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on June 28, 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