

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Wade, P.E., Director of Power Systems

DATE: September 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Transfer for the Combie North CAISO New Resource Implementation (NRI) (Project No. TBD) (Consent)

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- Amend the 2026 Annual Budget to add Combie North CAISO NRI.
- Authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary documents.

BACKGROUND:

Combie North hydroelectric generating station is made up of a single 500 kW asynchronous generator, operating on the Phase 1 Canal in Nevada County, just below the Combie Dam on the Bear River. Historical annual average net revenue generated from the powerhouse was \$19,548.

The previous Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Combie North was with PG&E and expired in October 2024. Before it expired, NID requested a renewal of the PPA with PG&E; however, PG&E unexpectedly chose not to renew it. Originating a new PPA triggers new requirements, including new NID-owned CAISO metering on the high side of the step-up transformer before connecting to the PG&E distribution line.

Since the PPA expired, staff has been discussing opportunities with third parties to determine whether it is cost-effective to restart the powerhouse. One of the entities the District is in discussions with will reimburse the District for improvements required to bring the renewable energy source online. Therefore, it has been determined that it is in the District's best interest to move forward with the improvements required to restart the powerhouse.

This project will procure and install a section of metal-clad switchgear containing all required metering equipment, including the meter and current and voltage

transducer (CT/PT) instrument transformers. The switchgear will adhere to EUSERC (Electric Utility Service Equipment Requirements Committee) Standards, which are the technical guidelines for electric utility service metering. This project is necessary to generate power at Combie North.

The metering equipment has a 45–55 week lead time; expenditures for this project are anticipated in 2027, when the switchgear is received. Purchase authorization is needed now to start manufacturing and receive the equipment for installation in the Fall of 2027. This project is included in the 2027 budget but is being introduced now to allow the longer procurement process to move forward.

This item initiates a new 2026 capital project to procure and install new revenue-caliber meters at Combie North.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed amendment to the 2026 Annual Budget will increase Fund 55 by \$80,000.00 for fiscal year 2026. The allocated project funds will be utilized in 2026 to finance the purchase of equipment.

Project	Current Budget	Transfer Request	Account Number
Combie North CAISO NRI (PN TBD)	\$0	+\$80,000	555000-52952-TBD

Attachments: (1)

- Resolution 2026-37 – Authorizing the proposed amendment to the 2026 Annual Budget, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the necessary documents



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVAL OF AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR
THE COMBIE NORTH CAISO NRI (PROJECT NO. TBD)

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (District) budget for the 2026 fiscal year reflects resources to meet the essential needs of the District and the District's customers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted the 2026 Annual Budget on November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Combie North CAISO NRI (Project Number (PN) TBD) has been included in the FY 2027 Annual Budget, with funding requested in the amount of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the lead time for ordering equipment has been established to be 55 weeks, and

WHEREAS, the receipt of the equipment is desired to be in 2027.

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

1. The Board of Directors hereby approves adding Capital Improvement Project Number (PN) TBD, Combie North CAISO NRI to the 2026 Annual Budget, with funding in the amount of \$80,000.
2. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the documents necessary to cause the actions contemplated by 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 23th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors:
NOES:	Directors:
ABSENT:	Directors:
ABSTAINS:	Directors:

President of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary to the Board of Directors