

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR CONTRACT FOR THE BEAR RIVER WILDFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT #2651

WHEREAS, The August 2021 River Fire burned 2,619 acres in the Bear River Canyon, much of it at high severity, between Combie and Rollins Reservoirs, near the Hwy 80 corridor just north of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Approximately eleven percent (320 acres) of the burned are is owned by the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) and NID has already initiated emergency restoration efforts on approximately 80 acres of this property; and

WHEREAS, On June 2, 2022, NID executed Grant Agreement #1400 with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) in the amount of \$570,000 to complete 150-acres of fire fuels treatment and post wildfire remediation within NID-owned lands in the burn scar; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this Bear River Wildfire Recovery Project is to reduce future wildfire risk and to improve recovery of the Bear River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The River Fire occurred in an area of critical water conveyance and is vulnerable to erosion that could severely impact NID's downstream infrastructure and, as landowners in the burn scar NID is seeking to mitigate future impacts through forest restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Bear River Wildfire Recovery Project will seek to reduce the amount of debris and potential erosion effects that may be transported into the Bear River, protect quality and supply of water in the Bear River watershed, enhance watershed condition, and improve forest health; and

WHEREAS, On Feb. 2, 2023, NID released the Request for Bids to 11 firms for Phase I of the Project focusing on hand crew fire fuels treatment on 100 acres; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as findings of the Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors approves a contract with Red Mountain Enterprises in the not to exceed amount of \$240,790; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors appoints its General Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents,

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including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of March, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

Directors: Heck, Bierwagen, Caulder, Johansen, Hull

NOES:

Directors: None

ABSENT:

Directors: None

ABSTAINS:

Directors: None

President of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary to the Board of Directors