

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

March 14, 2018

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 14th day of March 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff members present included Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resources Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager; Neysa King, Water Resources Planner; Doug Roderick, Senior Engineer; Susan Lauer, Communication Specialist; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Otis Wollan, resident of Placer County, addressed the Board regarding Centennial Reservoir financials and provided handout pertaining to same
- Marin Lipowitz, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding the California Water Commission Grant Application scores, and read from the writings of Sherman Alexie
- Mike Pasner, owner of Indian Springs Organic Farm in Penn Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Vegetation Management Working Group, herbicide use, Centennial Reservoir and transparency
- Summer Westlake, resident of Placer County, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed Centennial Reservoir and bridge
- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax, addressed the Board in opposition to the Centennial Reservoir
- Syd Brown, resident of Grass Valley, invited the Board to visit the areas to be inundated by the Centennial Reservoir

MINUTES – February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 28, 2018, as submitted. M/S/C Weber/Drew, unanimously approved.**

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WARRANTS

**Approve the warrants. M/S/C Weber/Drew unanimously approved.**

THE SCOTTS FLAT NORTH FIRE HAZARD AND TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, presented the item.

Neysa King, Watershed Resources Planner led slideshow presentation.

Public Comment:

- Dianna Suarez, resident of Colfax
- Bob Branstrom, resident of Grass Valley
- Betsy Lombard, resident of Nevada City

**Approved an increase to the original contract with Frank Dial Logging from \$200,000 to \$250,000, to complete the fire hazard and tree removal project at Scotts Flat Gate 1. M/S/C Drew/Weber, unanimously approved**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported on the following items:

- Precipitation & Storage Report
- Legislature updates, discussions and meetings
- Attended meeting with Melinda Booth, new Executive Director of SYRCL
- SNC Grant for area around English Meadows
- Rate setting process for 2019 update
- Met with PCWA and City of Lincoln regarding water agreements
- Quarterly meetings to begin with City of Lincoln to discuss their needs
- Centennial - Third party audit underway
- Notified Board of upcoming warrant payable to PCWA for CABY Grant
- Orchard Springs update
- Rattlesnake Road Backbone Extension Project construction update
- Alta Sierra Tank - meeting with residents on March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Newtown Canal regrading update
- Hemphill CEQA start up meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Bear River Siphon recently taken out of service

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ITEMS / REPORTS

Director Weber reported on the following items:

- Attended Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Annual Summit and shared highlights

Director Wilcox reported on the following items:

- Spoke at the 49er Rotary Club with SYRCL regarding the Centennial Reservoir

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SCHEDULE

**Director Drew made a motion to cancel the Board meeting of May 9, 2018. Motion was seconded by Director Wilcox, and unanimously approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

- Ricki Heck, resident of Grass Valley, addressed the Board regarding:

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- Closed Session item regarding pending and potential litigation pertaining to the proposed Centennial Reservoir Project
- Closed Session item regarding Placer County property negotiation

Meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m., and reconvened at 10:14 a.m. in Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:14 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or District Counsel regarding price and terms of payment; the property subject to negotiation is Placer County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 071-090-003-000, 071-090-077-000 and 071-100-004-000

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:14 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

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 10:14 a.m. pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2), regarding pending and potential litigation pertaining to the proposed Centennial Reservoir Project

Director Miller left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 10:52 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened in regular session at 11:45 a.m.

Director Drew left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Dustin Cooper, District Counsel reported on actions taken during Closed Session:

**Direction was given to the District's real property negotiators, and Direction was given to the District's legal counsel.**

**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, Miller, Wilcox, and Morebeck were in attendance, and the following Staff members were present: Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager; Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary; Marvin Davis, Finance

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Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Water Operations Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Jana Kolakowski, Human Resource Manager, and Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:40 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on March 28, 2018, 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