#### **NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS / JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

## **MINUTES**

April 7, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District and the Nevada Irrigation District Joint Powers Authority convened in special session at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, on the 7th day of April 2016 at 4:05 p.m.

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

Staff members present included Rem Scherzinger, General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Andrew McClure, District Counsel; and Lisa Francis Tassone, Board Secretary.

<u>CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT - Potential Acquisition of Real Property in Sierra and Nevada Counties</u>

Approved Agreement related to confidentiality of due diligence materials and proprietary data related to potential acquisition of Real Property located in Sierra and Nevada Counties, California. M/S/C Drew/Wilcox, unanimously approved

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 4:07 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding Real Property Negotiations; Board to instruct the General Manager and the Hydroelectric Manager regarding negotiations with Jeff Pollard and Daniel Fein concerning terms and conditions of potential purchase of FERC Project Nos. 6028 and 6061, located in Sierra and Nevada Counties, California.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 5:28 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:28 p.m. to reconvene in regular session on April 13, 2016, 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.		
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#### **MINUTES**

April 13, 2016

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

Staff members present included Rem Scherzinger, General Manager; Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager; Marvin V. Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Chip Close, Operations Manager; Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager; Gary King, Engineering Manager; Keane Sommers, Hydroelectric Manager; Peggy Davidson, Recreation Manager; Dustin Cooper, District Counsel; and Lisa Francis Tassone, Board Secretary.

## PUBLIC COMMENT – Williams

Helen Williams, Board Member of the League of Women Voters, stated that she works with the Voter Services Committee. One of the League's missions is to help inform voters about the accurate information on which decisions are made so that voters can vote responsibly. She spent many years in education. Everyone should know where our water comes from and where it goes. The League has sent the District a letter encouraging the District's Board to enhance the public understanding by having Board meetings available to those who are unable to attend by livestreaming the meetings, so that people can see how the decisions are made, who is making the decisions and for what reasons.

Director Miller asked what letter Ms. Williams is referring to.

Ms. Williams stated that the League wrote a letter to the District's Board of Directors. The League is advocating the televising and livestreaming of District meetings to the

public. This will demonstrate the District's long standing commitment to openness, transparency, innovation and community leadership.

Director Wilcox stated that he would certainly support putting this on a future agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENT - Goar

Bob Goar, representative of the Federation of Neighborhoods Association (FONA), stated that FONA is a signatory to the letter sent to the District's Board of Directors encouraging the District to televise and livestream Board meetings. He will return to speak on this matter when it is agendized.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – Dardick

Caleb Dardick, Executive Director of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), stated that SYRCL is pleased to join the League of Women Voters and FONA in respectfully requesting that the District televise and livestream the Board meetings. Many people cannot attend the meetings and would benefit from being able to view the videos later in the day. Nevada County Board of Supervisors and the Councils of Nevada City and Grass Valley are televising and livestreaming their meetings, as well as many other water agencies. He hopes the Directors will take the time to review the letter and consider the implications for the budget. He has been so impressed by the District's commitment to good public relations and engagement. The outreach for the Centennial Reservoir Project (post cards, website, etc.) has been positive. He encourages the District to continue this good dialogue, communication and open government tools that televising and livestreaming represents.

## PUBLIC COMMENT – Thomas

Richard Thomas, representing himself, stated that he is a raw water customer. He appreciates the volume of water and the bargain that the water is. He would like to echo the sentiments of the previous speakers, and would encourage the Board to agendize this matter at the earliest possible convenience.

President Weber asked if the matter can be placed on the next agenda.

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, explained that the next two meetings have training sessions scheduled, so the matter could not be placed on the agenda until May 25, 2016.

Director Drew suggested that the matter be placed on the Administrative Practices Committee's agenda before being considered by the Board.

Director Miller stated that an individual used to film the District's Board meetings.

President Weber stated that the filming was paid for with private funding, and they have run out of money.

President Weber confirmed that the matter will be discussed with the Administrative Practices Committee on May 3 and considered by the Board of Directors on May 25.

# <u>EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – New Employee Introduction, Main</u>

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, introduced Adam Main, Utility Worker I in the Placer Yard. Mr. Main was born and raised in Grass Valley and is a graduate of Bear River High School. He has a 3 year old daughter and enjoys being a father. He worked with his father who is a local General Contractor, and has worked as a temporary employee with the District's Hydroelectric Department. Mr. Main is a hard worker and Mr. Powell is happy that he has joined the District as a full-time employee.

The Board and Staff welcomed Mr. Main to the District.

# EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - New Employee Introduction, O'Leary

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, introduced Justin O'Leary, Equipment Mechanic. Mr. O'Leary was born in Scottsdale, AZ. His family moved to Placerville, CA where he graduated from Union Mine High School. After high school, Mr. O'Leary attended UTI where he learned mechanical skills. He worked in the Arizona area as a mechanic and then moved to Folsom and was employed with Folsom Lake Ford as a mechanic. He was also employed with Waste Connections and moved to Mammoth Lakes where he gained experience working on heavy equipment. Mr. O'Leary enjoys 4-wheeling in the mountains and is currently training a 6 month old black lab to help him out with bird hunting.

The Board and Staff welcomed Mr. O'Leary to the District.

# EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Nielsen, Retirement Presentation (Res. 2016-07)

Brian Powell, Maintenance Manager, recognized Torben Nielsen on his retirement after 18 years of service. Mr. Nielsen has always been a great example of the kind of employee that Mr. Powell wants working for the District. He has the best work ethic, and is the hardest working guy Mr. Powell knows. When Mr. Nielsen is given an assignment, Mr. Nielsen tackles it and does whatever he needs to do to get the job done. Mr. Nielsen was born in Denmark and started his working years on a farm. He worked his way up to the position of Farm Foreman and earned a degree in Farming. He married Jacque and moved to the United States. He worked for a few companies in the Grass Valley and Nevada City area (a landscaping company and Gold Nugget Construction). He learned many skills from these companies which he brought to the District. Mr. Nielsen started as a temporary employee with the District in 1997 and because of his incredible work ethic he was hired as a full time employee in 1998. He was a Utility Worker in Grass Valley and was promoted in 1999 to the Utility Worker II position. After a couple of years in Grass Valley, he has transferred to the Placer Yard where he worked for about 10 years. He put his construction skills to work, and he utilized his Class A driver's license as an Equipment Operator. Mr. Nielsen came back to Grass Valley in 2010 and worked with the Facility Maintenance Crew. He and Chris

Dunne were a great team. They kept all of the treatment plants, pump stations and the District's main yard looking great. Mr. Nielsen will be greatly missed.

When reviewing Mr. Nielsen's employee file, Mr. Powell came upon a few letters of recommendation that Mr. Nielsen had attached to his job application. In those letters, there was reoccurring language and descriptions about Mr. Nielsen – prompt, courteous, resourceful, interested in learning, honest, friendly, hardworking, driven, etc. Everyone who has worked or been around Mr. Nielsen over the years experienced these same attributes. Mr. Nielsen has been an exemplary employee and a great person to be around over the years. Mr. Powell wished Mr. Nielsen the best in his retirement.

The Board applauded Mr. Nielsen's 18 years of service.

Jeff Brady, Treated Water Superintendent, thanked Mr. Nielsen for his years of service. He has never met a person with such outstanding work ethics and motivation to get the job done. Mr. Brady will miss Mr. Nielsen tremendously.

Bob MacDonald, Raw Water Superintendent, had the pleasure of supervising Mr. Nielsen in the Placer Yard. They commuted to the Yard for several years, and Mr. MacDonald always enjoyed Mr. Nielsen's stories about going home to Denmark. Mr. Nielsen is a kind man, and always doing the right thing. Mr. MacDonald appreciates all that Mr. Nielsen has done for the District.

Mr. Nielsen thanked the District for the opportunity to work here for 18 years. He has learned a great deal, and the District is like family.

# EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – Anderson, Retirement Presentation (Res. 2016-08)

Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, recognized Kathy Anderson on her retirement after 26 years of service. Ms. Anderson started working with the District in 1990 as a Finance Aide. In 1997, she was promoted to the position of Senior Accountant, working in Payroll. In 2010, she was promoted to the position of Buyer. Mr. Davis reviewed all of Ms. Anderson's performance evaluations. She consistently received ratings of "Very Satisfactory" and "Outstanding." She has had a stellar career with the District. The District will be losing a great asset.

Ms. Anderson thanked the District, the Board and Management for the opportunities that she has had during her 26 years. She has made wonderful friends that are like her family. Her friends have always supported her, and she hopes she has always supported them. She is only a phone call away if needed. Most of her heroes work at the District.

Nancy Alstrand, Finance Analyst, stated that this is a happy, but sad day. Ms. Anderson trained Ms. Alstrand and has been a good friend. Ms. Alstrand wished Ms. Anderson the best.

Chip Close, Operations Manager, congratulated Ms. Anderson on her retirement. He spoke about Ms. Anderson, not necessarily about her work ethic, but more about who she is as a person. She is always upbeat, and the greatest friend you could ask for when you are in need. She will be sorely missed.

Ed Barton, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor, stated that he has worked closely with Ms. Anderson since 2010. She was always his lifeline in the Purchasing Department. Whenever he needed something, she always responded efficiently and with a smile on her face.

Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager, stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Ms. Anderson during the brief period of time that he was able to. In 2010, Ms. Anderson was new to the Purchasing Department and was overwhelmed, as other employees in the Department retired. Her smile and intuition carried the day, and she has done a great job. He thanked her for helping him out when he was new to the Purchasing Department.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Anderson what she will be doing in retirement.

Ms. Anderson stated that she will be judging Senior Projects at Nevada Union High School this year, making blankets for Project Linus and helping out at Lyman Gilmore School where her granddaughters attend.

The Board applauded Ms. Anderson's 26 years of service.

# MINUTES - March 23, 2016 Regular Meeting

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 23, 2016, as submitted. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

## **WARRANTS**

Approved the following warrants: All Fund Nos. 73440 through 73705 and 900278 through 900302, inclusive; and No. 72379 being void; and Payroll Direct Deposit and Warrant Nos. 80277 through 80297 and V9521 through V9885, inclusive. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

# EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - Winkle Retirement (Res. No. 2016-10)

Adopted Resolution 2016-10 (Resolution of Appreciation upon Retirement – William "Bill" Winkle) after 27 years of service to the District. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

#### RIDGE MEADOWS WATERLINE EXTENSION – Conveyance Agreement

Approved Conveyance Agreement with HBT of Ridge Meadows, LLC, for the installation of approximately 2,365 feet of 8-inch pipe and all appurtenances to serve Nevada County Assessor Parcels Nos. 08-090-35 and 08-090-47 which will be subdivided into 37 lots. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

<u>DISTRICT FINANCED WATERLINE EXTENSION PROGRAM – Madrone Forest Drive</u> Project (Encumbrance of Funds)

Encumbered funds for the Madrone Forest Drive District Financed Waterline Extension Project. M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

<u>CABY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY – Appointment to the JPA Board of Directors</u> (Res. No. 2016-11)

Adopted Resolution No. 2016-11 (Appointing a Director and Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Cosumnes American Bear Yuba Joint Powers Authority). M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE – Amended Resolutions (Res. Nos. 2016-12 and 2016-13)

Adopted Resolution No. 2016-12 (Authorizing Changes in Wages, Hours and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees Represented by AFSCME - Field and Supervisory Units). M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

Adopted Resolution No. 2016-13 (Amending Benefit and Compensation Plan and Authorizing Changes in Wages, Hours and Terms and Conditions of Employment - Unrepresented Employees). M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

POLICY: Administrative Policies – Procurement (Res. No. 2016-14)

Adopted Resolution No. 2016-14 (Establishing Policy for Administration – Procurement). M/S/C Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

<u>DISTRICT'S ENGINEERING STANDARD DETAILS – High Pressure (Over 150 PSI)</u> Meter Assembly Details

Accepted the District's Engineering Standard Details pertaining to High Pressure (Over 150 PSI) Meter Assembly. M/S/C, Miller/Drew, unanimously approved

<u>CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR PROJECT - Phase III Geotechnical Investigation and Conceptual Design</u>

Doug Roderick, Senior Engineer, stated that Phase I and Phase II of the geotechnical investigation has been completed for the Centennial Reservoir Project. Phase III is the next phase of the investigation. He introduced Michael Forest, Project Manager and Vice-President of AECOM. Mr. Forest provided the following presentation:

# Purpose of Study:

- Assess site conditions for proposed dam
- Identify fatal flaws in dam sites
- Evaluate potential dam axis locations and dam types
- > Ultimate Goal: Identify preferred axis location and dam type for preliminary design studies

# Scope – Two Phases:

- Phase I
  - Task 1: Literature review
  - Task 2: Geologic reconnaissance
  - Task 3: Seismological investigation
  - Task 4: Geologic mapping
  - Task 5: Potential dam site(s) and dam type(s)
  - Task 6: Phase I Report
    - o Recommendations for Phase II investigations

#### Phase II

- Task 1: Exploratory drilling
- Task 2: Test pits (removed from scope)
- Task 3: Engineering geophysical surveys
- Task 4: Field sampling and testing
- Task 5: Laboratory testing
- Task 6: Phase II Final Report

# Seismological Investigation:

- Seismic source characterization
- Historical seismicity
- > Deterministic seismic ground motions and design peak ground acceleration
- Potential for reservoir triggered seismicity

#### Potential Dam Axis Locations:

- > Seven dam axes initially considered; reduce to 2 axes for further consideration
- > Reservoir: ~110,000 acre feet
- ➤ Dam: ~275 feet high

# Geologic Mapping and Site Reconnaissance:

- Mapping of rock outcrops, alluvium and landslides
- Developed plans for seismic line and boring locations
- Access routes to drill sites

#### Geotechnical Investigation:

- Seismic refraction surveys
- > Drill 8 core borings
  - 143 300 feet
  - Total 1,612 linear feet
- Water pressure (packer) testing
- Televiewer and caliper logging
- Downhole seismic velocity measurements
- Rock strength testing
- NID constructed drill rig pads and cleared access routes for drill sites / seismic survey lines

Staff brought in a sample of core borings from Axis 6 for the Board to view.

# Summary – Foundation Conditions:

- Depth of weathering and fracturing at Axis 2 is deeper than at Axis 6
  - Fracturing in ridge in right (north) abutment of Axis 2 likely caused increased weathering depths
- Hydraulic conductivities mostly decrease with depth and with decreasing fracture intensity
  - Exception is for right abutment borings at Axis 2
  - Hydraulic conductivities do not show this trend due to fractured nature of rock for nearly full drilled depths in core borings

#### Conclusions – Site Location:

- > Fatal flaws not found at either axis
  - Differences are in extent of foundation excavation and treatment varies between sites
  - From the preliminary geotechnical investigation, Axis 2 and Axis 6 are acceptable for dam construction
  - Confirm with further investigations before selecting preferred site
- ➤ A dam at Axis 6 would need to be about 3 feet higher to provide the same reservoir storage capacity as a dam at Axis 2

# Dam Types:

- > Five potential dam types considered
- Considered not viable:
  - Earthfill and earth-core rockfill
    - Lack of clay borrow sources
  - Concrete arch
    - Asymmetrical canyon
    - Wide compared to depth
    - Increased DSOD scrutiny

#### CFR and RCC Dams:

- Preferred Dam Types:
  - Concrete-faced rockfill (CFR)
  - Concrete gravity/roller compacted concrete (RCC)

## Potential Rock Borrow Area:

- Topographic conditions
- Proximity to the dam site area

Director Wilcox stated that at the present time, hydroelectric facilities will not be part of this Project. He asked if a hydroelectric facility could be "bolted on" to the dam in the future.

Mr. Forest responded affirmatively.

President Weber asked if there is a plan for fish passage.

Mr. Forest stated that there is no plan to date. He is focusing on the geotechnical investigations at this time.

President Weber wants to ensure that during the design phase of the dam, that fish passage is included.

# Key Considerations: RCC and CFR Dams (1):

- RCC dam must be founded on slightly weathered to fresh competent rock
- Potential impacts of finding unexpected adverse foundation conditions greater for RCC dam
- Field quality control requirements more intense for RCC dam.
- RCC dam excavation footprint area smaller than CRF dam
- RCC dam constructed more rapidly than CFR dam
- Cement and fly ash import much greater for RCC dam

# Key Considerations: RCC and CFR Dams (2):

- RCC dam more capable of withstanding floods during construction
- CFR dam less sensitive to adverse weather conditions during construction than RCC dam
  - RCC construction can be affected by rain and hot weather
- CFR dam requires a separate spillway and outlet tunnel significant cost items
- Construction of CFR dam requires temporary cofferdam for diversion into outlet / diversion tunnel

#### CFR and RCC Dams – Initial Evaluation:

- ➤ Both dam types suitable based on the foundation conditions
- > Rock materials suitable for both RCC dam and CFR dam may be available within reservoir area
  - Geotechnical investigations have not yet been completed for borrow areas
- > Further investigation and alternatives analysis recommended to select dam type
- Recommendations for design development
  - Geotechnical and engineering studies
  - Conceptual designs
  - Quantity and construction cost estimates
  - Environmental reviews

## Summary and Conclusions:

- Assessed site conditions for proposed dam
- Evaluated potential dam axis locations and dam types
- > Did not identify fatal flaws at the dam sites
- RCC and CFR dam types suitable based on the foundation conditions

## Path Forward:

- Cost estimation for dam alternative concept designs at Axes 2 and 6 ongoing now
- Geotechnical investigation at Axes 2 and 6 and rock borrow area Phase III

- Alternatives analysis studies develop detailed basis for dam site and type selection
  - Preliminary design layouts for each site
  - Assessment of environmental considerations
  - Construction cost and schedule

# Proposed Phase III Investigation:

- Additional detailed geologic mapping
- Additional seismic refraction surveys
- > 18 core borings
  - Dam sites and rock borrow area
  - 3,025 linear feet total
- > Water pressure (packer) testing
- > Televiewer and caliper logging
- Downhole seismic velocities
- Rock strength testing

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, stated that his direction to Staff is to focus predominantly on Axis 2 and fall back to Axis 6 should Axis 2 fail out.

Mr. Forest invited the Directors to come out to the investigation sites, upon the Board's approval of the contract for Phase III.

President Weber thanked Mr. Forest for the informative presentation. She stated that it would have been a great idea to advertise this presentation.

Mr. Scherzinger stated that once the Board approves the contract for Phase III, the information from the presentation will be available to the public and placed on the Project's website.

President Weber suggested that presentations such as these should be video taped for future presentations.

Director Wilcox pointed out that he invited Caleb Dardick from SYRCL to today's meeting to hear this presentation. However, Mr. Dardick left the meeting after he made his public comment.

Director Drew noted that the agenda was posted on the District's website.

President Weber suggested preparing a press release so that the public is aware of upcoming presentations.

Mr. Scherzinger concurred.

Awarded consulting contract to AECOM for Phase III of the Geotechnical Investigation and Conceptual Design, in the amount of \$1,303,861 for the

# Centennial Reservoir Project, and authorized the General Manager to execute the necessary documents. M/S/C Drew/Wilcox, unanimously approved

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

# WATER STORAGE AND CONSERVATION – Update

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the District has 245,340 acre feet in storage, which is 133 percent of average and 92 percent of capacity. The April 1, 2016 Snow Survey resulted in water content that is 102 percent of average.

Mr. Scherzinger pointed out that the drought is not over. There is still a significant drought in the State of California, and Central California is in a dire situation. In the Sierras, this has been a recovery year. The US Drought Monitor indicates that the drought is persistent. He noted that during the period of October 2015 to March 2016, the Rollins facility spilled approximately 163,000 acre feet of water. All of this water could have filled the Centennial Reservoir and assisted Camp Far West.

#### CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION - Request

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that the California Water Commission requested concept papers from the District on all storage projects related to Chapter 8 work. The District submitted its concept paper regarding the Centennial Project, and the Commission has acknowledged receipt of the paper.

## 2016A REVENUE BONDS – Update

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, announced that the revenue bond sales are complete and the bid was awarded to Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. with a true interest cost of 2.133 percent. He thanked Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager, and Marvin Davis, Finance Manager/Treasurer, for their work on this matter.

# HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER - Recruitment

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that interviews will be conducted for the Human Resources Manager position on April 14, 2016.

# POLICY MANUAL - Review

As part of the District of Distinction accreditation, the Board is required to review the District's Policy Manual on an annual basis. He asked the Directors how they would like to review the document – hard copy or electronic version.

The Board agreed to review the Policy Manual in electronic format.

# CENTENNIAL RESERVOIR PROJECT / DROUGHT – Presentations

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, reported that he provided a presentation on the Centennial Reservoir Project and the drought situation to the Placer County Agriculture Commission and to the Nevada County Resource Conservation District. He will also be providing a presentation to the Rough and Ready Grange and Chamber of Commerce this evening.

# SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE (SYRCL) - Board Meeting

Director Wilcox reported that he and Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, have been invited to address the SYRCL Board of Directors on April 28 to discuss the Centennial Reservoir Project.

# COSUMNES, AMERICAN, BEAR AND YUBA (CABY) - Overview

Director Morebeck reported that he received an extensive overview on CABY from Tim Crough, Assistant General Manager. He is educating himself for the position of the Alternate CABY JPA Board Member.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS – Letter

Director Miller stated that he has no problem having the Board meetings filmed, but he is against the District paying \$37,000 to support NCTV's business model. Most of his constituents do not have access to NCTV. He was offended by the letter.

President Weber stated that a discussion on the matter will be scheduled with the Administrative Practices Committee before being considered by the Board of Directors.

# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) – Spring Conference

President Weber stated that she will not be able to attend the ACWA Spring Conference. The General Manager needs support, and she asked if the other Directors are interested in attending.

Rem Scherzinger, General Manager, stated that Director Miller has signed up to attend the Conference.

# POWERPOINT PRESENTATION - Species that will Benefit from the Centennial Project

Director Drew shared a Powerpoint presentation on a few birds, fish, frogs and turtles (with sound bites) that will benefit from the Centennial Project. There has been conversation that the Project will destroy the fish and wildlife in the Bear River. This is not true. Before there was NID and PG&E, the Bear River system would go dry virtually every summer, and the Yuba would go dry virtually every third or fourth year. Since the creation of the NID/PG&E system, there is extensive habitat not only in the river systems, but throughout the community with ponds, irrigation, fields, etc., and these species have flourished. As part of the public trust doctrine, the District is charged with protecting, sustaining and enhancing the population of these species.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:22 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to confer with Real Property Negotiators Scherzinger and/or Meith regarding price and terms of payment; properties subject to negotiation are Nevada County Parcel No. 27-070-35.

CLOSED SESSION was declared at 11:22 a.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager.

MEETING RECONVENED in regular session at 12:44 p.m.

## 2016-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

Director Drew suggested making the following modification to Section 3:

We recognize that the fact that we own our facilities in total has which provided provides a considerable amount of flexibility . . .

President Weber suggested adding wording to the Goal Statement in Section 3:

Developing and managing our resources in a self-determining manner protects and provides for local control of our community's most valuable assets – a fairly priced and available water supply.

Adopted the District's 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, as amended. M/S/C Drew/Morebeck, unanimously approved

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:48 p.m. to reconvene in regular session on April 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the District's main office located at 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

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Board Secretary	

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

April 13, 2016

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