



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2022 WILDFIRE RECOVERY AND FOREST RESILIENCE DIRECTED GRANT PROGRAM OF THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY FOR THE UPPER MIDDLE YUBA WATERSHED FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT: NEPA PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to support the 2022 Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (the "SNC") has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a Directed Grant Program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the SNC require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the governing board of each applicant before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (the "District") has identified the *Upper Middle Yuba Watershed Forest Restoration Project: USFS NEPA Planning (SNC Grant # 1556)* (the "Project") as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, The Middle Yuba River headwaters above and around Jackson Meadows Reservoir are a critical component of NID's source watershed. NID's interest in the health of the upper-division watersheds seeks to mitigate the potential for catastrophic wildfire on all lands regardless of ownership; and

WHEREAS, In collaboration with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, NID will be partnering with the Tahoe National Forest (TNF or USFS) to complete this NEPA planning project; and

WHEREAS, This is a unique partnership in that it is focused on the restoration of USFS lands in and around one of NID's important water storage facilities in a remote area of the Tahoe National Forest; and

WHEREAS, By taking the lead to apply for this grant, NID will become the fiscal entity to administer the grant, including contracting with consultants to support the NEPA document on 3,000 acres within this headwaters region; and

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WHEREAS, Total project cost is estimated at \$733,000 inclusive of USFS in-kind staff time is estimated at \$150,000 and NID in-kind staff time is estimated at \$23,000; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to submit an application to SNC for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the District, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the Project; 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 the submittal of an application for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors certifies that the District understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors certifies that the District will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resource(s) consistent with the long-term benefits described in support of the application; or will secure the resources to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors certifies that the District will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process; 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, 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 12th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors: Heck, Peters, Johansen, Hull, Bierwagen
NOES:	Directors: None
ABSENT:	Directors: None
ABSTAINS:	Directors: None



President of the Board of Directors

Attest: 

Secretary to the Board of Directors