



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19

WHEREAS, international, national, state and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named the “coronavirus disease 2019”, abbreviated “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that certain populations face elevated risk and widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time, resulting in the potential for critical infrastructure to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the widespread transmission of COVID-19 may affect the District’s rate of absenteeism and continuity of operations; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and that the federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of California adopted Executive Order N-33-20 that, among other things, “order[ed] all individuals in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>”; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Irrigation District operates and maintains critical infrastructure, which includes seven water treatment plants, seven hydroelectric power plants, ten

reservoirs, over 300 miles of pipelines and 460 miles of canals to provide essential public water services to over 27,500 customers throughout the counties of Nevada, Placer and Yuba and wholesale electric generation to Pacific Gas & Electric Company and other power purchasers; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Irrigation District and its directors and employees are exempt from the limitations imposed by Executive Order N-33-20 because the District must maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors, including the government facilities sector, water and wastewater systems sector, food and agriculture sector, energy sector, dams sector, and emergency services sector as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>; and

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions prevailing because of the COVID-19 pandemic can potentially exceed the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District and, in the absence of emergency response and action, could potentially lead to the interruption of essential public water services, affect critical water infrastructure, and/or affect the generation of hydroelectric power.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Nevada Irrigation District as follows:

1. All recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid and are adopted herein as findings by the Board of Directors.
2. That a local emergency now exists throughout Nevada Irrigation District, and such period of local emergency shall continue for so long as conditions so warrant that designation, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. As a result of the condition of local emergency, the General Manager is authorized and directed to:
 - a. Enter into contracts with neighboring agencies establishing mutual aid;
 - b. To implement the recommendations and directives of federal, state and local health officials regarding COVID-19;
 - c. Temporarily modify the terms and conditions of employment of District employees, as necessary or appropriate to implement the recommendations and directives of health officials regarding COVID-19, while also ensuring continuity of operations of District's federal critical infrastructure sectors, including water, dams, and energy;
 - d. Suspend customer turn-offs for the duration of the emergency;
 - e. Suspend all customer delinquent fees for the duration of the emergency;
 - f. Transfer \$250,000 from Hydroelectric reserves to COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (FATR #2462);
 - g. Take such further reasonable and necessary actions to locally respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to avoid and/or mitigate interruption of essential hydroelectric power generation and public water services to the District's customers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors: Wilcox, Peters, Miller, Bierwagen, Heck
NOES:	Directors: None
ABSENT:	Directors: None
ABSTAINS:	Directors: None



President of the Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Directors