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Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Julie Patterson-Hunter**

SUBJECT: Resolution commending Nevada Irrigation District on its 100 years of service providing a reliable, high quality supply of drinking and irrigation water to its customers in Nevada, Placer and Yuba counties.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) was formed through a public election on August 15, 1921 to be an independent special district headquartered in the City of Grass Valley in Nevada County, California.

The District has grown over 100 years to now deliver irrigation water for 5,600 raw water customers bringing life-giving water to 30,000 acres of agricultural land, supporting a wide range food production including fruits, nuts, irrigated pastures and family garden. NID produces 3 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each year and delivers treated water to 19,574 customers.

The District manages thousands of acres of watershed practicing healthy forests and fire-safe environmental stewardship. NID works with partners to implement forest thinning, restore mountain meadows, and improve fish habitat. These efforts also result in increased water yield and better water quality, as well as to help reduce wildfire threats. NID's goal is to improve the resiliency and sustainability of the watershed in its care.

NID now employs more than 200 area residents with a payroll of nearly \$30 million, annual purchases of about \$27 million, and an overall budget of over \$80 million, providing an economic engine for the local economy.

Item Initiated by: Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board