



# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Attn: Kathryn Gaffney  
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Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 – Project Update

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

Pursuant to Water Code section 1275 and your acceptance letter of application number 5634X01, this letter is to update you on the Lead Agency's progress in preparing the appropriate environmental document. The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) will be the Lead Agency for this project.

- The Notice of Preparation comment has ended. The comment period was from February 16, 2016 to April 18, 2016. There were two evening scoping meetings for the public to attend.
- NID has continued working with HDR, our environmental consultant, developing the project description, project alternatives.
- Biological/archeological surveys have been ongoing for the past two months. A UAIC member is one of the field crews conducting the surveys.
- NID is still anticipating having the draft EIR out for public review in 2017.
- AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) is ongoing. NID and UAIC representatives conducted another meeting on June 1, 2016. Another meeting is being scheduled for late October or November to discuss findings of field surveys.
- NID is continuing to work with USACE. The application for a 404 individual permit has been submitted and accepted. USACE approved the third party contractor list submitted by NID. USACE has accepted NID's third party

contractor, ESA, to complete the EIS. NID and USACE are finalizing scope for third party contractor. Contracts expected to be signed in November of this year.

- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Phase III investigation for field work/drilling is complete, except for one drill location near the river channel. NID is obtaining various permits for this drilling. Waiting for final 401 approval. Work expected to start Oct 27th of this year. Conceptual design and cost estimations for the dam are ongoing.
- As stated previously, NID has completed a LiDAR/topographic survey of the area and has developed the unimpaired hydrology model for the Bear River and some various operational models. NID has had several meetings with South Sutter Water District representatives regarding the hydrology and modeling scenarios.
- The project website address is [www.centennialreservoir.org](http://www.centennialreservoir.org)

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please to not hesitate to contact me at 530-271-6866 or email me at [roderick@nidwater.com](mailto:roderick@nidwater.com).

Sincerely,



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