



# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Attn: Kathryn Gaffney  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**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.

- Administrative draft expected to NID for internal review in April of 2017.
- Draft EIR expected out for public review in August of 2017.
- The Notice of Preparation comment period was from February 16, 2016 to April 18, 2016. There were two evening scoping meetings for the public to attend.
- NID is continuing to work with USACE. Notice of Intent for NEPA EIS document will be issued by the USACE in January 2017, with scoping meetings for public comment will be March 1, 2017 in Auburn and March 2, 2017 in Grass Valley.
- NID has continued working with HDR, our environmental consultant, developing the project description, project alternatives.
- Biological/archeological surveys have been ongoing. A UAIC member is one of the field crews conducting the surveys.
- AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) is ongoing. Next meeting with NID and UAIC is scheduled for January 31, 2017 to continue discussion of results of field surveys.
- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Phase III investigation for field work/drilling is complete. Phase III report, conceptual design and cost estimations for the dam expected April 2017.
- There is ongoing discussions/meetings with DSOD regarding results of geotechnical investigation and design requirements.
- NID is currently working on response to protests that were received during noticing of our water rights application. Responses/answers to protests are due by February 25, 2017 per SWRCB letter dated December 28, 2016.
- NID has had and continues to have 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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