



# NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Dear Mr. Frazier:

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.

- Chapters of the Administrative Draft of the EIR are being developed by NID staff and its consultants.
- Anticipated Draft EIR expected for public review has been pushed out as NID continues to conduct studies and analysis to develop the document and address comments already received.
- Work for NEPA document has slowed as a result of the change in the Draft EIR release date as many of the documents developed for the Draft EIR will be used by the third-party consultant to help inform the Draft EIS.
- Biological/archeological surveys are being ongoing. Evaluations of the archeological surveys are currently being performed. A United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) member is overseeing and participating in the surveys.
- AB 52 consultation with UAIC is ongoing. NID has also initiated consultation with Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe and Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council. Held meeting with Colfax-Todds Valley on November 28, 2017, and plan on meeting again in early 2018 to discuss results of field surveys. NID is attempting to schedule a meeting with Nevada City Rancheria.
- No new geotechnical work is anticipated this year at the project site.
- NID has now provided answers to all protests that were received during noticing of its water rights application.
- Numerous discussions were conducted with South Sutter Water District (SSWD) concerning its protest. NID and SSWD have temporarily suspended further discussions given the postponement of the Draft EIR. It is expected that NID will revisit and schedule further discussions with all protestants once the Draft EIR is made public.
- Currently making some revisions to the project website. Anticipate the changes to be effective in the next couple of weeks. The project website address is [www.centennialreservoir.org](http://www.centennialreservoir.org)

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please do 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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