Show Up at NID Tomorrow & Oppose CA Taxpayer Dollars for Centennial Dam

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**Who:** Dam Watchdogs  
**What:** Show up for NID’s Special Board Meeting; Tell them to vote “NO” on Resolution No. 2017-24  
**When:** Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 9, beginning at 1pm  
**Where:** 1036 W Main St, Grass Valley  
**Why:** NID Board will be voting on a resolution to apply for CA taxpayer money to fund Centennial Dam

Tomorrow, the NID Board will hold a [special meeting](#) and vote on a [resolution](#) to approve an application that would put NID in line for California state taxpayer money to build Centennial Dam. Help fill the room tomorrow and encourage the Board to vote “NO” on Resolution No. 2017-24.

A successful application to the California Water Commission (CWC) burdens NID with numerous requirements including [supplying water outside the County of Origin](#) in direct contradiction to the project’s statement of purpose to benefit NID customers. The Centennial Dam project, which began as a $160 million project is now estimated to cost over a billion dollars.

It is alarming that NID appears to be changing the direction for the Centennial Dam project without providing any information or time for the public to consider it – especially since the application is due to the CWC in two business days.

This is another unfortunate example of NID taking actions important to the community without adequate public notice and participation.

The deadline for this application was known six months ago. Given this project is [controversial](#), [financially risky](#), and will provide an [uncertain benefit](#), the NID Board and staff should be operating with full transparency and inviting public participation. Rather, staff is attempting to
pass this item through on the consent agenda, two days before it’s due, with no copy of the application nor supporting materials, at a “special” board meeting scheduled at the very last minute.

Come to the meeting so that we can question NID about this application:

- What are the implications for NID if this funding application is successful? The public has a right to know.
- What will NID ratepayers, taxpayers, and customers be obligated to do if this application goes through?
- How much money does the application request from the California Water Commission (CWC) and what is the money for?
- How much water is NID committing to send out of the district?
- Does NID have a qualified consultant working on the application, and if so, who are they and when were they hired? How much has and will the application cost to submit and follow up on?
- Why is the funding application action being revealed to the Board and public two business days before the due date, when the deadline has been known for six months?

Please attend tomorrow’s meeting—say no to taxpayer $ for Centennial Dam.