

# **RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900**

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January 20, 2021 Online through Zoom Meeting 6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 900

The members of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 900 convened at the above time remotely through the use of Zoom Meeting. President Guerrero called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Trustees Chris Ledesma, Trustee Quirina Orozco and Norma Alcala, Secretary/Manager Tim Mallen; Attorney Ralph Nevis and Greg Fabun.

- 1. Agenda Approval. President Guerrero asked if there were any required changes to the agenda, none were cited and Trustee Alcala made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.
- 2. <u>Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u>. No members of public requested to provide comments.
- 3. Consent Calendar: With no further discussion requested by the Trustees on the consent items, President Guerrero asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board meeting, Trustee Alcala made the motion, Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.
- 4. <u>District Financial Update</u>: Manager Mallen reported that the bank account had been updated. Because the County Treasury has yet to provide a December report, the treasury account had not been reconciled and Manager Mallen reported that the update would be provided when available and included with the meeting minutes.
- Discussion of Stipend for Trustees. Manager Mallen and Ralph Nevis presented to the Board that prior Trustees received a stipend of \$100 per meeting attended and that practice stopped at the time that City Counsel became the Board for the District. Ralph presented that a historical record establishing the practice could not be readily found in the records; he further explained that a new stipend could be initiated through a Board action. After a discussion by the Trustees of whether or not to pursue a stipend; it was decided that at this time the Board would not pursue a stipend. No action was taken.
- 6. <u>Update on Blacker Canal Stabilization Project Permitting process:</u>
  General Manager Mallen provided the draft environmental documents produced by Marcus Bole for the project. Marcus

updated that the permitting process is proceeding on schedule for construction this year. Marcus stated the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration will be provided for the Board next month and the process of circulating them for public review and comment will begin. Once the these are accepted by the Board after the public review period, State permits can be pursued. He explained that FEMA is handling the Federal environmental review process and has determined that no Federal permits are required, and it is possible the State agencies will follow suit, but that is unknown at this time. President Guerrero asked how long the timeline is for obtaining the necessary permits for the project. Marcus stated that the process could be completed by the end of April. President Guerrero asked about outreach to the neighbors of the project alerting them to the upcoming construction activities. Marcus explained that all neighboring property owners would be reached out to and that there are already some anticipated comments regarding the ornamental trees that had been planted on the ditch bank along a portion of the project that will need to be removed. Marcus and Tim explained there may be a need to replant new trees and if so, more environmentally friendly native species.

#### 7. Informational Items.

- 7.1. <u>General Manager's report.</u> Manager Mallen presented the attached report. Additional discussion on specific items below.
  - 7.1.5.1 Manager Mallen deferred to Greg Fabun for further explanation. Greg updated the Board that WSAFCA did not receive New Start for construction in 2021. Design is continuing on schedule still, with the 100% design to be submitted in the near future and the CEQA/NEPA process will continue as well. Greg stated another possible path forward for funding is if a infrastructure stimulus package is passed providing funding to USACE a request of a New Start as part of the package could be made, otherwise funding and constructure would most likely have to be next year.
  - 7.1.6 Manager Mallen
- 7.2. <u>Trustee Reports and Updates.</u> There were no reports or updates provided by the Trustees.
- 8. <u>Adjourn.</u> There being nothing further, President Guerrero asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Alcala moved and Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Timothy Mallen, PE

General Manager/Secretary



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DATE: January 21, 2020 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.1

TITLE: General Manager's Report – January 2021

SUBJECT: Update on activities since the December 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

#### 7.1.1. Administration Services

Triamid has begun to mobilize to 889, demolition and disposal of debris is expected to begin shortly. Plans are currently under review at the City and Triamid is attaining the required encroachment permit for the water main connection for the fire sprinkler system.

#### 7.1.2. District Operations

#### 7.1.2.1. Flood Operations and Maintenance:

Work continues on eliminating vehicular access along the District's levees; a few more areas have been sealed off along the DWSC levee as well as along West Capitol. Work continues on installing barricades as well as repair and upgrades of gates and post and cable fencing. Tree trimming along the Bridge District has been completed and trimming along the northern portion of the Southport river levee is ongoing.

# 7.1.2.2. <u>Internal Drainage Operations</u>:

Nothing to report at this time.

## 7.1.3. Capital Improvement Projects

## 7.1.3.1. Blacker Canal:

At this time the process of securing the necessary environmental and cultural reports for permitting is ongoing. The timeline is still for the project to be completed in 2021.

#### 7.1.4. Agency Coordination:

#### 7.1.4.1. CVFPB:

Multiple paths forward are being pursued through WSAFCA for incorporating the area within MA4 into RD900s Statutes of formation. One is the method used last year as part of a Bill along with WSAFCAs state funding agreement; the other method is as a trailer to the Budget. Discussions with the Board will continue once legislation is passed.

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# 7.1.5. WSAFCA Updates

## 7.1.5.1. USACE Yolo Bypass East Levee Projects:

Plans are currently under review with the USACE. Coordination for the design for O&M will occur once USACE comments come back and design is finalized.

# **7.1.6.** Development Project Coordination:

Coordination with the construction of the City Corp Yard is ongoing; connections as permitted by RD 900 of the Corp Yard drainage to the District's drainage system have been completed.

Coordination for the Linden Trailhead project is ongoing. A second round of conceptual layouts has been presented for comment and review by the District.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT:

Timothy Mallen, General Manager