

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900

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> March 14, 2019 West Sacramento 9:00 A.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 and place.

President Dan Ramos called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Trustees Philip Hinkel, Brian Turner, Joe DeAnda, and Chris Palamidessi, Secretary/Manager Kenric Jameson, Assistant Manager Tim Mallen, Superintendent Tony Schwall, Attorney Jim Day, and Administrative Assistant Laura Goodwin.

- 1. <u>Agenda Approval</u>. President Ramos asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Turner made the motion.

 Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
- 2. <u>Minutes Approval.</u> President Ramos asked for a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 Minutes. Trustee Turner made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Trustee Palamidessi seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
- 3. <u>District Finances.</u> The issuance of checks 21485 21542, the General funds claims for the month of February 2019, one wire transfer for forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.) dated February 20, 2019, and the Bank Reconciliations for January and February 2019, were all ratified.
- 4. <u>Public Comment</u>. President Ramos acknowledged that there were no members of the public present to comment.
- 5. Consideration of adoption of a standing Finance

 Committee. Secretary/Manager Kenric Jameson discussed forming a standing finance committee that will meet on a quarterly basis. Trustees Hinkel and Palamidessi volunteered to serve on the committee with Secretary/Manager Jameson, Assistant Manager Tim Mallen, and Administrative Assistant Laura Goodwin. President Ramos made the motion to approve the formation of a finance committee. Trustee Palamidessi seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
- 6. Consideration of joining the California Special

 <u>Districts Association (cost \$6,740)</u>. After a brief discussion regarding the association, President Ramos expressed that RD900 should sign-up for a one-year

membership and he encouraged all to check out the benefits offered. President Ramos suggested reaching out to the lobby group and utilizing the educational programs and the safety trainings. After further discussion, a motion was made by trustee DeAnda and Seconded by trustee Hinkel. The motion carried 5-0.

- 7. Plans and Permits. Secretary/Manager Jameson reported there are no new plans or permits that there was only an update regarding a recent site visit to Southport Industrial Park with Assistant Manager Mallen and Superintendent Tony Schwall. They reviewed the tree to O&M road. Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the City about the need for a driveway on either side.
- 8. Superintendents Report. Superintendent Schwall reported that the crew is busy with winter activities; they are spraying and doing equipment maintenance. The pumps are good and 2-3 pumps will be pulled for routine maintenance this summer. The Abi Mower is in for repairs after having an electric wire harness damaged by rodents.

Slips: The slip along the road to Racetrack Pump Station was repaired 2 years ago (2017) and worked up until now. The water is up in the bypass and half of the road has slipped again. No repair will be done for now since a repair is slated for this summer when the ditch will be piped and covered which will eliminate this problem with the road. There is a second levee slip along the shop levee that is more substantial than the one reported earlier this winter. The slip is 300 feet wide and a power pole is leaning along the edge. PG&E was contacted and has viewed the power pole but has opted to leave it for now. We have backup power for the Electric pumps and diesel pumps in case we would ever lose electricity.

Inspections: The Agricultural Department completed the annual review of our pesticide records and storage. There were no problems with the inspection. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducts two inspections annually. In the spring, they make recommendations and in the fall, they issue violations for failure to comply. The Spring Inspection will be in two weeks.

<u>Water Level:</u> Levee patrols are taking place twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening to monitor the high water levels in the river and bypass. While RD900 has no concerns we are doing our due diligence as patrols are not required at the current elevation but we typically monitor when the water is higher than the land. The water level at the I Street Bridge is currently dropping and there are no approaching storms.

9. <u>Assistant Managers Report.</u> Assistant Manager Mallen informed the Board that he put together a package for the

State Funding Flood Management Assistance Program, which is due on March 25, 2019. If approved this requires complying with reporting standards and agreeing to have an OMRR&R agreement in place. Jim Day mentioned to read over requirements carefully. Secretary/Manager Jameson is in the process of reviewing the package and reported that initially it appears that we will receive a percentage back of our (up to) \$ 200,000.00 in refundable expenses.

- 10. <u>LAFCO update.</u> Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that nothing official has occurred since the last meeting. Attorney Day is preparing comments in regards to the City's Liability issue. 2x2 City Meeting President Ramos plans to email the City Council and LAFCO to request meetings. President Ramos plans reach out the Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 and request a meeting with LAFCO.
- 11. Managers Report. Secretary/Manager Jameson reported that he has been working with President Ramos to find a piece of property for the shop and office. He has also been working with Assistant Manager Mallen and Superintendent Schwall on policies and procedures and working on claims for LAFCO.
- 12. WSAFCA Project Update. Secretary/Manager Jameson reported that a list of items was established to start working on in the spring and finish up by the summer. In addition, there is minor wave wash damage on the new levee in a couple reaches due to lack of established vegetation that will take about 5 years to grow.
- 13. <u>Informational Items.</u> Secretary/Manager Jameson discussed the need for a new office and shop space. It is likely that the City will take over the Main Drain Pump station where the shop is located and so the plan is to relocate both the office and shop into one central location with a bunk, shower, and kitchen to accommodate the crew when they are working 24-7. President Ramos arranged to meet with Realtor Mike Zimmerman for a tour of a potential location.
- 14. Adjourn. There being nothing further, President Ramos asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hinkel motioned and Trustee Palamidessi seconded the motion. The meeting then adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2019.