The members of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District #900 convened at the above time and place.

The meeting was called to order by President Denton. Also in attendance were Trustees HINKEL, PALAMIDESSI, RAMOS, and TURNER, Secretary/Manager Jameson, Attorney Day, and administrative assistant Eileen Edwards.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Hinkel and carried 5-0 the agenda was approved.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 5-0, the minutes of February 12, 2015 were approved as written.

The issuance of checks #18957-#19004 and the February 2015 Bank Reconciliation report, were ratified.

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

Secretary/Manager Jameson presented a flood protection project update to the board. The project is still working towards the 90% design. Real Estate appraisals and preliminary offers are going forward and offers are being made on properties. The project is still waiting for the construction funding agreement. WSAFCA staff will be having a meeting with the State Regional Water Quality Control Board and Time Oil to discuss proposed cleanup of the property located at the corner of South River Road and Linden. WSAFCA is currently looking at potential project modifications that may be made to limit costs to WSAFCA pertaining to the Time Oil site should the company not take on the work themselves. Staff remains hopeful that the Time Oil Company will take over the remediation and that no project modification will be needed.

Secretary/Manager Jameson updated the Board about the field operations. The field crew is continuing to mow, spray, trim trees, clear brush and chip as needed. We are holding as much water as we can in the system as we don’t know how much more rain we will get this year. The District will have its spring inspection on April 14, 2015. The new mower we purchased works well.
Secretary Manager Jameson discussed with the Board the pump station at Parlin Ranch, which will need to be replaced as part of the Liberty Development. It was explained that the existing pump station was accepted as a temporary facility and has been problematic for the district. The Board was informed that the developer wanted to delay the building of the new pumping plant until the second phase of their construction which could be up to 10 years off. Secretary Manager Jameson informed the Board that based on the current pump stations performance record, that RD 900 in commenting on plans for the project required the new pumping facility to be built as part of the first phase of construction. All of the board members agreed with this.

Trustee Ramos gave the board an update on the special meeting that was held with Reclamation district’s 785, 537 and 827. This presentation was given by Rick Reinhardt of MBK and Derek Larsen of LWA who have been contracted by SAFCA to submit a grant application under the Urban Flood Risk Reduction program (UFRR) with the DWR. The proposed project would be to improve the Yolo Bypass East Levee through RD 537, 827, and 785 and would setback the Sacramento bypass north levee, which would allow for increased flow into the Yolo bypass. This project would also include relocating the old dump. If this project were to be completed the maintenance on the new levee would be taken over by SAFCA.

The quarterly LMA Coordination meeting was attended by Superintendent Schwall. Some of the changes would be in the inspection process, PL 84-99, Emergency Response Planning, and pipe inspection will be a very big job and part of the new focus.

Secretary/Manager Jameson brought before the board and will be asking for permission from the Trustees in the near future, to sign the OMRR&R agreement, which represents the Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement agreement. This is an agreement between DWR, RD900 and WSAFCA and is a requirement of both the EIP program and the UFRR program in order to receive funds for levee improvements. The Board will be presented with additional information at future meetings and will eventually be asked to authorize Secretary Manager Jameson to sign the agreement on behalf of RD 900.

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned to April 9, 2015.

Kenric Jameson
Secretary/Manager