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

April 9, 2015
West Sacramento
9:00 A.M.

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 Trustee Palamidessi, Also in attendance were Trustees RAMOS, and TURNER, Secretary/Manager Jameson, Superintendent Schwall, Attorney Day, and administrative assistant Eileen Wing.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Turner and carried 3-0 the agenda was approved.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Turner and carried 3-0, the minutes of March 12, 2015 were approved as written.

The issuance of checks #19005-#19054, the March 2015 Bank Reconciliation report and one wire transfer in the amount of forty five thousand dollars ($45,000) dated March 10, 2015 were ratified.

Buck Rodgers, during the public comment portion of the agenda, reported to the board that during the flood of 1880 it rained 10 inches in West Sacramento, better keep your rain suits handy.

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 with DWR. WSAFCA staff had 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 Road. At this time it looks like no modifications will be needed to the project as Time Oil has agreed it is their problem and they will meet our schedule and take over the remediation.

Superintendent Schwall updated the Board regarding field operations. Manager Jameson and Superintendent Schwall turned off all pumps except Causeway on Monday after the rain. We had 9/10th of an inch of rain and with the continuing drought conditions, we are trying to save as much water as possible in the system. The main canal is up 2.4 inches.
The entire district has been mowed but with the rains, it is all growing again. We are spraying when we can. The slope mower is at a point where it is becoming expensive to repair and may need to be replaced in the near future.

Portions of the Sycamore corridor have been turned into a park by the City of West Sacramento and all maintenance on the park areas are now being conducted by the City.

Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that once the levee project is completed, the Board will be presented with additional information at future meetings about required OMRR&R of the new project features, and will eventually be asked to authorize Secretary Manager Jameson to sign the OMRR&R agreement on behalf of RD 900.

Secretary/Manger Jameson, Superintendent Schwall and Eric Nagy from MBK Engineers attended the USACE Periodic Inspection out brief meeting regarding the levees in both District 900, 537, 999, 307 and DWR MA 4. The levee system as a whole was rated as unacceptable based on the new criterion that has been established by the USACE. Many of the unacceptable items are related to permitted encroachments that were not properly documented by the CVFPB or the USACE, new pipe inspection criteria, and animal control. Many of RD 900’s deficiencies are known and being dealt with as part of the Southport project. RD 900, RD 537, DWR MA 4 and WSAFCA will be working together to respond to the report.

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned to May 14, 2015.

Kenric Jameson
Secretary/Manager