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 #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, Secretary/Manager Jameson, Attorney Day, Superintendent Schwall, and administrative assistant Eileen Wing.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 4-0 the agenda was approved.

By motion made by Trustee Palamidessi, Seconded by Trustee Ramos and carried 4-0, the minutes of May 14, 2015 were approved as written.

The issuance of checks #19095-#19134, the May 2015 Bank Reconciliation report, and one wire transfer in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000) dated June 2, 2015, were ratified.

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

The Yolo County Special District Authorization form for the 2015-2016 year that gives authorization to specified District employees to perform the duties of general claims entry, deposit permits entry and approval, also picking up checks when necessary, was brought before the board for signatures and approval. The motion was made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 4-0 to execute the form.

Secretary/Manager Jameson requested direction from the Board on the procurement of a Public Relations firm to assist with public outreach associated with a likely Proposition 218 Assessment election. The Board was informed that the District did
not need to go out with an RFP for this work and could just hire a firm based on recommendations and assessment by the Manager or Trustee’s. Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that he had asked for recommendations from multiple people and that Kim Floyd came highly recommended by Sean Minard, P.E., PLS of M.H.M. Engineering, and Derek Larsen as their firms and others have worked with her firm in other districts with great results. Secretary/Manager Jameson looked over materials that she had used with other districts and was impressed with her work. A motion was made by Trustee Palamidessi, seconded by Trustee Ramos and carried 4-0, that the District enter into a contract with her Firm for the public outreach associated with the proposition 218, contingent on Secretary/Manager Jameson setting up a meeting with her and Trustee Ramos, prior to giving her firm the contract. This meeting was to be scheduled early the following week.

Secretary/Manager Jameson presented the board with Causeway Trash Rack Construction bid documents. The District is ready to go out to bid on Wednesday the 8th of July, 2015 and is asking for permission to go out to bid and to except the lowest responsible bid. It was so moved by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 4-0 that we go out to bid with the plans as presented and for Secretary/Manager Jameson to make the final determination after consultation with MHM, and to execute the contract documents as required.

WSAFCA update, Final approval and the Record of Decision for the EIS is not expected until late summer of 2015. Real Estate offers are going forward, with most offers having been made. The construction on Village Parkway should start late September or October of this year. Construction of the levee project will begin sometime in 2016 and is approximately a 2-4 year project.

Superintendent Schwall updated the Board about the field operations. The field crew is continuing mowing and spraying when the weather is suitable. The second pump at Parlin Ranch has been pulled and repaired. The grate at the intake was pulled and needed to be replaced. Superintendent Schwall is having a new grate constructed and it should be ready this week. The right angle gear drives for the diesel pumps at the Causeway pumping plant are being rebuilt and the Caterpillar engines will be serviced prior to winter. Two pumps were pulled at SIP Pump plant and repaired as needed. One pump at Touchstone was also pulled and repaired. Aquatic vegetation treatments have been made at Parlin Ranch and Rivermont. Lake Washington has been treated for algae and the cat tails have been sprayed.

Secretary/Manager Jameson issued one permit this past month
to Quico Gonzalez at 3625 Fisher Ave. West Sacramento, in our easement. The permit specified to trench the ditch to expose firm ground; install 180’ of 30” HDPE corrugated pipe, cover the pipe with dirt and level with the surrounding area.

Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that Eric Nagy with MBK Engineers on behalf of the WSAFCA member agency’s completed a response to the USACE Periodic Inspection Report. It was explained that the next steps involved in this process will be to have the RD900 South Cross Levee recognized by the USACE as providing hydraulic separation from RD 999, 765 and 307 and that it provides flood protection to the City of West Sacramento. Inclusion of the South Cross Levee into the USACE Rehabilitation and Inspection program with allow the USACE to not consider the Levee’s south of the City limits when evaluating our system. It was also explained that the LMA’s within the City Boundaries will submit a Letter of Intent to submit a SWIF (System Wide Improvement Framework) which will give the LMA’s time to make all the needed improvements to the system and restore P.L. 99-84 eligibility.

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

Kenric Jameson
Secretary/Manager