



# RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900

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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 #900 convened at the above time and place.

The meeting was called to order by President Denton. Also in attendance were Trustees Hinkel, Palamidessi, Turner and Ramos, Secretary/Manager Jameson, Superintendent Schwall, Attorney Day, and administrative assistant Eileen Wing.

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

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Hinkel and carried 5-0, the minutes of October 13, 2016 were approved as written.

The issuance of checks #19929-20074, the October 2016 bank reconciliation report and one wire transfer in the amount of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) dated October 13, 2016 were ratified.

There was no public comment.

There were no plans or permits to discuss.

Secretary/Manager Jameson brought before the Board again the subject of whether or not the District should accept future detention facilities associated with and built by developers as required by the City of West Sacramento. Superintendent Schwall discussed with the Board the difficulties associated with maintaining detention ponds that have associated parks and recreation facilities around them. The Board was informed of the meeting staff had with City Parks Director Cindy Tuttle, Principle Planner David Tilley, and several other City staff. It was further explained that the City Master Plan update as

language in it that requires all future drainage facilities, which would include detention ponds the City currently assumes RD 900 will assume control of, have both recreation and habitat enhancements associated with them. It was further explained that these requirements were not discussed with RD 900 staff and that our newly passed assessment does not allow for an increase in assessment for facilities with these additional features. It was discussed that RD 900 has taken over 2 pump stations that have parks associated with them and has found that operations and maintenance of these facilities is much more difficult, time consuming and costly than the sites that do not have these facilities. After some additional discussion Trustee Ramos recommended that the Board direct staff to inform the City that RD 900 would not accept future detention facilities with these features and that all future facilities the City wishes us to accept will be done on a case by case basis.

Superintendent Schwall updated the Board about the field operations. Bridgeway Lake and Touchstone Lake have both filled up nicely after the previous storm. No pumping has been necessary this year for either of these facilities. The pumps have been operating at Causeway. We have also been testing the generator at Causeway. Frish Engineering and Holt have both been trying to trouble shoot the electrical system to get the generator to operate properly. Frish will be sending us some recommendations on what we can do to improve the electrical system in order to make the generator work properly. We will need two back up generators to run at Causeway. We will likely enter into an agreement with Holt to lease one and the District will purchase one. We will have to make some modifications to accommodate these generators. We have two more pumps that have been rebuilt and will be reinstalled at MC 10 pump station soon. We are continuing to spray to kill the broad leaf that is coming up everywhere after the rains.

Secretary/Manager Jameson reported that the Bids for the WSAFCA project have been opened. The Engineers estimate was \$81,000,000.00. The low bid was \$49,000,000.00, from URS Energy and Construction. Protests were received from multiple contractors including Kiewit, Nordic and Teichert. It is unclear at this point if the contract will be awarded at the next WSAFCA meeting.

Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that multiple churches contacted him to discuss the new assessment. After some investigation into all of the churches within the District and discussions with Scott Brown of LWA, it became clear that the Churches should have been assessed at the same rate as schools

(or residential in some cases)and not as commercial properties. Church Assessments were treated as commercial with an assessment value of \$27,259.90. These assessments were recalculated and reduced by \$18,255.08. Secretary/Manager Jameson recommended that the District refund the difference to all of the Churches and change the assessment methodology used for future assessments. The Board was in agreement and directed staff to proceed.

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned to December 08, 2016.

Kenric Jameson

Secretary/Manager