



RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900

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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, and Chris Palamidessi, Secretary/Manager Kenric Jameson, Assistant Manager Tim Mallen, Superintendent Tony Schwall, and Attorney Jim Day. Joe DeAnda was out sick.

1. Agenda Approval. President Ramos asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Turner made the motion. Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
2. Minutes Approval. Jim Day asked for a correction to the approval of the Finance Committee, change notation from ad-hoc to standing. Also reminded that this means Brown Act applies. President Ramos asked for a motion to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes with the aforementioned correction, Trustee Turner made the motion. Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
3. District Finances. The issuance of checks 21543-21615, the General funds claims for the month of March 2019, one wire transfer for Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.) dated March 27, 2019, and the Bank Reconciliations for March 2019, were all ratified.
4. Public Comment. President Ramos acknowledged that Matthew Hargrove was in attendance, Matthew asked for the opportunity to speak on a mapping project he was working on. Producing a map showing the "nowstry" of West Sacramento, a working document that shows the vernacular of local points of interest. Discussed many examples of disputed location names and asked for the Districts input on areas of water interest points given the collective knowledge of the District.

5. Consideration of Resolution 2019-04-01 and 2019-04-02; Funding and OMRR&R agreement between the State of California and Reclamation District 900 for O&M as part of the Flood Maintenance Assistance Program. Assistant Manager Mallen explained that these agreements are both necessary to be a part of the available funding within the FMAP program. The funding is available thru DWR as part of a spending bill passed by the State to assist with the maintenance of the levee systems within the central Valley. The money is available for the development of a SWIF, costs associated with developing an Assessment plan, standard levee maintenance and the procurement of required equipment for maintenance. After discussing with DWR about justifiable costs and tracking the asking amount was updated by Assistant Manager Mallen from \$180,000 to \$490,000 to account for all allowable costs. This will be dependent upon both reporting and the availability of funds. Jim Day stated that the OMRR&R is nearly identical to the one previously signed thru WSAFCA except with this agreement having the inclusion of project and non-project levees RD 900 maintains with adjustments made in accordance with a CVFPB report that limits the scope to more or less Operation and Maintenance. Jim Day also mentioned that this new agreement does not offer the protection of falling back on WSAFCA in the event of legal action. Trustee Palamidessi made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-04-01. Trustee Turner seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Trustee Palamidessi made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-04-02. Trustee Turner seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
6. Consideration and approval of Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Racetrack and Causeway emergency repair projects. Secretary/Manager Jameson explained that this is the environmental documents for the \$1M in funding to assist in the repairs at these two pump stations. Minor revisions have been made since the version sent out with the Agendas. Specifications and Plans for the Racetrack pump station are complete and the ones for Causeway were near complete. Trustee Palamidessi asked if the previous emergency repairs were compatible with the ultimate design. Secretary/Manager Jameson explained that the emergency repair was done in line with these plans and would remain in place. A motion was made for the approval of the Notice of Exemption for the Racetrack and Causeway emergency repair projects by trustee Hinkel and Seconded

by trustee Turner. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Consideration of the purchase of a new yard, shop and office located at 889 Drever. Secretary/Manager Jameson explained that after visiting the property it was determined that the layout was near perfect needing only minor repairs and updates. That even in its current configuration could facilitate RD 900 and WSAFCA Board meeting. In addition, the property was in seemingly fantastic state of repair, most certainly needing a roof but that the underside showed no signs of damage inside. A current offer had been made through Mike Zimmerman at \$1.625M but it is expected that a counter offer will be made, potentially to the asking price of \$1.7M. Jim Day explained that we could ratify the offer with the authority to extend the purchase price up to an amount approved by the Board. It was agreed that Manager Jameson and President Ramos could negotiate with the property owners up to a price that was agreed to by the Board. Trustee Ramos explained that accepting an offer does not eliminate our protection if something is discovered, that we get a 45-day inspection period and that he has already contacted inspectors. Secretary/Manager Jameson explained that we can pay cash with reserve funds, that the purchase of a property was a part of the Engineers Report and that the Blacker Canal repair project has pushed so cash flow should not be a concern. Jim Day explained that who may take possession of the property may be contested after LAFCO makes a decision if they go with our alternative proposal, but that would happen whether or not the property was mortgaged or purchased. President Ramos asked a motion for the ratification of the existing offer at 889 Drever with the authorization to extend the offer to the amount the Board agreed to. The motion was made by trustee Turner and Seconded by trustee Hinkel. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Plans and Permits. Secretary/Manager Jameson said the only plans that he knows are coming is in consideration for altering the main drain through the Yarbrough subdivision which will also add a golf course along one side. Consideration needs to be made for the operation and maintenance because of these changes.
9. LAFCO update. Secretary/Manager explained that a date for a public hearing has been made for May 23, 2019 at 9 am, with an alternate date in June if conflict arises. The

location will be at the West Sacramento City Hall. Assistant Manager is currently working with RD 537 to determine the costs requested by LAFCO for operation of the internal drainage to ensure that in the event of a splitting of the district sufficient funding is available.

10. Superintendent's report. Superintendent Schwall current priority has been to move rapidly to remove the significant growth that has resulted from a very wet year. Superintendent Schwall stated priority is to remove along canals behind homes and along public routes such as the Clarksburg Trail. Stated that spraying along fencing and roadways is being done whenever possible. All pump stations have had water levels raised to Summer levels as no significant rain is expected for the remainder of the season. As much water as possible needs to be held to keep the lakes full through the Summer months.
11. Assistant Manager's report. Assistant Manager Mallen reported that the DWR Spring inspection went well but that they took particular interest in the river levee within the bridge district and even looked at and drove a portion of it. Discussed with them that it is unclear who has what responsibilities for this stretch. Many easements and quitclaims have been found with various language, some seemingly spelling out that the easement was exclusively for construction. Jim Day asked to see some examples. Assistant Manager Mallen has been working on activities for the office such as running payroll and paying bills in the interim.
12. WSAFCA Projects Update Secretary/Manager Jameson reported that meetings have been setup to determine what work on the Southport Project will be completed by AECOM and which portions will be made separate contracts. Additionally surveys have determined that the project is some 600,000 cu yds. short for borrow site restoration. Claims continue to be investigated and negotiated for the project as well.

Secretary/Manager Jameson stated the follow up offset area planting project for Southport has been awarded. The award went to the third lowest bidder as the first and second lowest bidders failed to fulfill the requirement of demonstrating experience with previous projects of similar scope.

13. Informational Items. Secretary/Manager Jameson explained that since the last Board meeting Laura has taken a different job. Prior to leaving she created detailed lists for the office procedures. Beginning next week we will bring on Linda from Cameron Construction to work as a part time/temporary employee to help keep up with office responsibilities. Moving forward we will find a balance of duties that works.

Also Secretary/Manager Jameson and Assistant Manager Mallen will be attending a drone training course the weekend of May 18-19 to get certified for operating the newly acquired drone. It was stated this new tool will be invaluable for the inspection of levees in the future.

14. Adjourn There being nothing further, President Ramos asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Turner motioned and Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion. The meeting then adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2019.

Kenric Jameson
Secretary/Manager