



# RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900

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10:30 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 No. 900 convened at the above time and place.

President Dan Ramos called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Bryan Turner, Trustees Joe DeAnda, Phil Hinkel and Chris Palamidessi, Secretary/Manager Tim Mallen and Attorney Jim Day.

1. Agenda Approval. President Ramos stated that he would like to note this will be the last meeting of elected land based voters Board then asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Turner made the motion. Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2019 regular Meeting and October 16, 2019 Special Meeting. President Ramos asked for a motion to accept the minutes as they were presented. Trustee Turner made the motion to accept the minutes of both meetings without edits, it was seconded by Trustee DeAnda and Trustee Ramos abstained as he was not in attendance of the October 10, 2019 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.
3. District Finances. The General fund claims and Bank Reconciliations were presented for approval, Manager Mallen explained this is because the County has only recently issued the closeout reports for the last fiscal year allowing successive months to be rectified and presented. President Ramos asked that these along with the one wire transfer for \$150,000 dated November 6, 2019 be approved. Trustee Hinkel made the motion to accept all financial statements as presented, Trustee Palamidessi seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Comment. One member of the public was present, Meredith Beswick commented that she was excited to be a part of these historic times as the District goes through changes.
5. Consideration of Approval of Hunting Lease Renewal within the RD 900 & RD 1000 Mitigation Property known as the "Sacramento Urban Mitigation Area or Amen's Pond" in the Lower Elkhorn Area in Yolo County with Ross E. Peabody. President Ramos explained that this is the third amendment of the lease as the previous one had run out. He also explained that Mr. Peabody has assumed all responsibility for the maintenance required for access to the site and following the failure of the pump at the mitigation site has continued watering it through diversions

from his own pump on the adjacent parcel. Attorney Day stated he took no exception to the agreement as written. President Ramos asked for a motion for approval. Trustee Turner made the motion to approve the Lease as presented, Trustee Hinkel seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

6. Levee Patrol Road Rehabilitation. Manager Mallen explained the scope of the project and that a contractor had been selected and had already provided their submittals with work anticipated soon.
7. LAFCo Update. President Ramos explained that the previous day had been the formal protest hearing which failed, today is the regular meeting at which LAFCo would take action and tomorrow would be the final filing with the action being effective immediately.
8. Manager's Report. Manager Mallen reported that he had begun working with the City on making a case with the USACE that the Main Canal was not jurisdictional, he explained that if unsuccessful this could prove problematic for both entities in the future. Mallen also reported that FEMA had reached out to begin the process of funding the Blacker Canal restoration project, this had been denied multiple times in the past and we were unaware they still were even considering it. Construction is scheduled for next year and this could work out well for the timing. Mallen reported that the previously approved pipe crossing on Armfield had already been installed. It was also stated that FMAP funds had been used to purchase a chipper that was already being put to extensive use clearing undergrowth and small trees from the levees, further improving patrol ability.
9. WSAFCA Projects Update. Manager Mallen reported that the design process has begun at the USACE critical repair site along the bypass, with BCI currently collecting boring samples. Mallen also reported that the offset area restoration project is ongoing with irrigation installed and planting ongoing. Trustee Turner reported that WSAFCA was currently going through the process of refunding a series of bonds that would result in a large cost savings for the Agency.
10. Informational Items. There were no further items discussed.
11. Adjourn to the Pheasant Club for lunch. There being nothing further, President Ramos asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Turner moved and Trustee Hinkel seconded the motion. The meeting then adjourned to the Pheasant Club for lunch.

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Timothy Mallen, PE  
General Manager/Secretary