

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Trustees

March 16, 2017

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty, Jon Leonard and Hilary Reinhard

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present:	Lewis Bair, General Manager	Deke Dormer, Landowner
	Meegan Nagy, Deputy Manager	Mary Fahey, Colusa County
	Bill Vanderwaal, Deputy Manager	Vicent Andreotti, Water User
	Gary Marler, Superintendent	Don Huff III, Landowner
	Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Don Huff Jr, Landowner
	Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	Blair Voelz, Landowner
	Meredith Nikkel, Legal Counsel	Tom Ellis, Landowner
	Don Bader, USBR	Jamie Traynham, T&P Farms
	John Louden, Colusa Supervisor	
	Steve Beckley, Public Relations	

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard to approve the Agenda with one change in order to accommodate Mr. Bader’s schedule and to allow landowner participation in discussion.

Open Forum

President Durst welcomed the public to the meeting. Manager Bair introduced Mr. Don Bader, USBR Northern California Area Manager. Mr. Bader reported on the operations of Shasta Dam during the current storms and impacts from Oroville Dam spillway failure. He also explained some of the operation requirements by the Corps of Engineers, including the use of the Bend Bridge (max 100,000 cfs) and Redding (79,000 cfs). Mr. Bader also described the operations related to the Shasta temperature control device as well as how they schedule hydropower maintenance to maximize revenue. President Durst thanked Mr. Bader for attending the meeting.

Deputy Manager Vanderwaal gave a status report of both Yolo and Colusa County GSA efforts. Yolo County is preparing a Joint Powers Agreement that should be completed in April for Board approval, in preparation of the June 30 due date to DWR. Colusa County is progressing in drafting a Joint Powers Agreement and hopes to also be done on time. Ms. Mary Fahey, Colusa County,

thanked the Board for their support in the Colusa County SGMA program. Currently Colusa County agencies, including the District, are not rescinding their ability to be a GSA until the Joint Powers Agreement has been completed and approved. President Durst praised the Sacramento Valley in how we are all working together on SGMA. He said that the next step will be to draft Plans with solutions to groundwater issues.

Manager Bair reported that there will not be an increase in the water rates for 2017. The District can only do this because of the reserves held in the Maintenance Fund from past water transfers. The District will not be able to sustain the current water rate if the Cost of water continues to increase. The issue is that the National Marine Fisheries Service continues to demand more water from the CVP and there are less users, then the cost goes up to those that use the Project Water. The Alternative Water Supply Study will be a very important effort for the District to see what additional water supply is available and at what cost.

The Public Forum ended at 9:55 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Participation: There were no further comments from the Public at this time.

Consent Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to approve the consent agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 16 and Special Meeting held on February 23, 2017 as submitted. Trustee Cornwell seconded. Vote: Approved 5 - 0.

Accounts Payable – It was moved by Trustee Reinhard to approve the accounts payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$926,316, payments issued in February to be ratified totaled \$1,549,919, including a payment for Wallace Weir in the amount of \$1,530,493 and on-line payments issued in March to be ratified in the amount of \$65,719; and Irrigation Fund payments in March to be ratified in the amount of \$8,637 and one payment issued in March to be approved in the amount of \$507. Trustee Doherty seconded. Vote: Approved 5 – 0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Operations Report** – Superintendent Marler reported that flood control and levee issues consumed the majority of staff time. The District has been on Levee Patrol for 53 days, since January 2 and has had eight slips on the Back Levee. He noted substantial work would be necessary to clear the woody debris that has accumulated along the waterside of the Back Levee.

Staff are still repairing and replacing pipes and gates in preparation of the 2017 water year. The District is currently spraying the levees for broad-leaf weed control. DWR annual levee inspections are scheduled for May. President Durst commended District staff on a job well done during the storm and high water season. He said that the Mid-Upper Sacramento Regional Flood Plan and Response programs setup protocols and tools to help the District operations run smoothly.

2. Flood Control Issues

- **Mid-Upper Sac River Regional Flood Plan** – Comments on the 2017 Flood Plan are due by March 31. The Mid & Upper Sacramento Region is coordinating with Lower Sacramento and Feather River Regions to draft comments on the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2017 Update. Staff is also writing a letter containing President Durst's talking points presented to the Central Valley Flood Control Board in Woodland. The District is also working with Mr. Barry O'Regan on specific comments directed toward our Region. Workshops will be setup on the 2017 Plan after March 31 to discuss more details on the Plan. Deputy Manager Nagy reported that the Flood Protection Board will be hearing how well the Mid-Upper Sacramento Region Flood Plan and Response Programs have worked and hope that they continue to fund the Programs.

- **PL84-99** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that she was given informal notice that PL84-99 (100% federal funded levee rehabilitation program) will open next week. The Districts will have 30-days to report damage sites for repairs. Since these sites will be due prior to the District's next meeting, she requested that the Board authorize Manager Bair to select and submit the sites. It was moved by Trustee Reinhard to authorize Manager Bair to submit sites for PL84-99 rehabilitation. Trustee Leonard seconded. Approved 5-0.

3. Water Issues – Discussed in open forum.

4. SGMA – Discussed in open forum.

5. Water Transfer with Colusa County Water District and Dunnigan Water District – Deputy Manager Vanderwaal met with Colusa County Water District (CCWD) and Dunnigan Water District (DWD) regarding the proposed water transfer. Attorney Mark Atlas has some changes to the agreement and Mr. Vanderwaal reviewed them with the Board. The Board reviewed item 9 (a) in the agreement referring to the District's getting reduced water supply should the USBR breach the District's agreement. The item in question would be the number of days that CCWD and DWD would have to reach an agreement with the District before RD108 would be released from the Agreement. The Board agreed on 7 calendar days. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty to approve a five-year agreement with CCWD and DWD with 7-

calendar days specified in Section 9 (a). Trustee Reinhard seconded. Approved 5-0. Mr. Bair will take the amended agreement back to CCWD and DWD seeking their approval.

6. Sites Confidentiality Agreement – It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to authorize the General Manager to execute a Sites Confidentiality Agreement pending legal approval. Trustee Doherty seconded. Approved 5 – 0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

NCWA Report – Trustee Cornwell reported on current NCWA activities. NCWA just held its 25th Anniversary meeting. They are currently working to start the next Water Leader Group and the Board was asked for their thoughts on possible landowners and/or water users to represent the District.

Sites JPA – President Durst reported that the Sites JPA held officer elections. President of the Board is Kim Vann, Vice-president is Fritz Durst and Treasurer is Jamie Traynham. The JPA has reached the point that staffing is required. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal drafted a RFP for program management. There is discussions going on to determine if this should be filled by a staff person or a management firm.

Communications Consultant – Mr. Steve Beckley gave his public relations report.

Deputy Managers' Report – Nagy & Vanderwaal

- Ms. Nagy reported she has an applicant briefing at Yolo County OES for the presidentially declared emergency for the time period currently designated, January 3 – 10. It is hoped that additional time will be added to this. The District will be able to submit some regular and all overtime for levee patrol. It may be possible that FEMA may reimburse for debris cleanup.

- Mr. Vanderwaal gave a status report on the office remodel. The septic design has been completed and is now at the County for their review and approval. The interior design is about 90 percent completed.

- Mr. Vanderwaal reported that the USBR Water Efficiency Grant is ready to award.

Manager's Report – Manager Bair reported that the District received a letter from USBR notifying us that we have been approved to be a Designated Non-Federal Representative in the Reinitiation of Consultation of the Coordinated Long-Term Operation for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. This will allow us to participate in portions of the biological assessment during the informal ESA consultation process.

Manager Bair reported that all Tract 6 lessees have agreed to the terms of the extended leases. Included in the amended lease was the requirement to use certified rice seed. He also reported on the El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance Project. Both parties were participants in a management conference where the judge recommended mediation. The trial is set for March 2018.

Manager Bair reported that he was contacted by Yolo County regarding the Snowball Levee. This Levee is an important part of protecting the community of Knights Landing. They are looking for advice regarding maintaining the levee. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to let staff have communications with Yolo County regarding maintenance of the Snowball Levee.

Attorney's Report – CLOSED SESSION – The Board went into Closed Session to confer with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) Section 54956.9 (CalWaterFix Comments, Settlement Contract) at 11:55 a.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 12:12 p.m. and President Durst announced no action was taken.

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair
Manager