

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Special Landowner Workshop

June 13, 2018

President Durst called the Special Landowner Workshop to order at 1:03 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty, Todd Miller and Hilary Reinhard

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present:

Lewis Bair, General Manager	29 Landowners – see attached
William Vanderwaal, Deputy Manager	
Meegan Nagy, Deputy Manager	
Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel	
Cathy Busch, Secretary	
Steve Beckley, Landowner	

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Doherty to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Cornwell seconded. Approved 5 – 0.

President Durst welcomed landowners and water users to the Landowner Workshop.

BUSINES ITEMS

1. Dunnigan Water District Management (DWD)- President Durst reported that the District was approached by Dunnigan Water District to provide management for DWD. He said that the District held a meeting that discussed the roles of each district board and reviewed a RACI drafted with the addition of DWD.

Manager Bair gave an overview of the proposed management agreement between the District and DWD. The terms of the Agreement would be for an annual agreement, recognizing common concerns, providing management services within DWD budget and with each District paying its own way. DWD would provide liability insurance holding RD108 harmless. The Agreement would also include conflict resolution.

Manager Bair reported that the District proposes a trial period through February 2019. The combined hours by RD108 staff to manage DWD is estimated to be 115 hours per month at an estimated \$8,000 per month (\$96,000/year).

Mr. Blair Voelz, DWD Board President, explained that DWD Manager will be retiring in August 2018. He said that DWD has two employees with no backup should one or both employees leave. Having RD108 manage the district gives DWD the stability it needs. Manager Bair reported that RD108 would have a better understanding of the water districts along the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority by managing DWD. It would also help RD108 to bring on additional needed staff with a shared cost.

President Durst reported that the Board will be taking action on this matter at the June 21 Board meeting. He opened the meeting for questions and comments. There were several landowners that were concerned about RD108 taking on more responsibility and taking away from important issues that RD108 is and could be facing. Landowner John Miller said that RD108 can work with DWD without taking over management. Landowner Cameron Kaelin echoed concerns and commented that with changes coming in the office and field at all levels, RD108 could be adding stress to existing staff.

President Durst brought the discussion to a close and asked landowners to contact Manager Bair or a Trustee with any additional comments and/or concerns prior to the June 21 Board meeting.

2. Sites Reservoir Project – Deputy Manager Vanderwaal gave a presentation on the Sites Reservoir Project. He reviewed the Project status and the preliminary assumptions and costs, based on best case, worst case and 80% Confidence Limit scenarios. There was discussion on the next steps for the Project and when decisions will have to be made, on investing, and how much to invest, if that is the direction landowners decide to take. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal also reviewed the District's other options to cover any water deficit it may have in the future and what those costs might look like in different scenarios. The final decisions that the District will be making is: 1) to participate; 2) how much to participate; and 3) what mechanism to participate with. These decisions will have to be made prior to the end of the year. The District plans to hold several more Landowner meetings prior to asking landowners to make these decisions.

President Durst opened the meeting to comments and questions. There were questions regarding how to pay for Sites and what would the cost be to District landowners. Ms. Jamie Traynham, who is the Sites JPA Treasurer, reported that the Sites JPA was looking to secure financing for the Project so that Landowners would not have to put up their lands to secure funding. She also stated that the assumption is that only interest payments will be made until the reservoir is completed. When asked if Sites water could be transferred, it was stated that all water transfers would have to go through a district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair
Manager