



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION
DISTRICT NO. 1600**

**July 21, 2021 - Elkhorn Fire Station
19396 County Road 124, West Sacramento, CA 95691**

Trustees Present: Michele Clark, Ammy Reyes, Becky Yeung

Others Present: Kyle Lang (District General Manager), Dustin Dumars (District Accountant), Tina Anderson & Ric Reinhardt (District Engineers), Ryan Aston & Brandon Vanleuven (SCI Consultants), Mark Heintz (landowner in the District)

Meeting commenced at 6:15 pm

1. Public comment on agenda items. None
2. Public Hearing, Tabulation of Assessment Ballots, Consideration of Resolution forming the Levee and Flood Control Facilities Improvement Assessment District and Ordering of Assessments for 2021-2022

Clark provided background on the public hearing and tabulation of ballots, indicating where the ballot box would be located and the process for counting the ballots. Anderson gave an overview of the District's needs regarding deferred maintenance of the levees and the need to bring the levees in compliance with the Army Corps of Engineer standards. She also discussed the proposed budget as outlined in the Engineer's Report referenced in the Assessment Ballot.

Clark opened the public hearing. Mark Heintz spoke in opposition to the increase of the assessments on his parcels. Heintz believed the methodology was inaccurate, unfair and improper; he did not understand why their rate is 2.5 time more than agriculture; he had not budgeted for the increase; he would support an assessment equal to agricultural properties at \$40.00 an acre; if his assessment is not changed he will have to look at other remedies. He did not have any written record to be entered.

With no other members of the public in attendance, Clark closed the public hearing.

Aston & Vanleuven then began opening the ballots in plain view.

The regular meeting of the District proceeded while they tabulated the ballots.

Upon completion of the tabulation, Vanleuven read the results. Upon a motion by Yeung, second by Reyes and the unanimous vote of the Trustees, Resolution 2021-07- 01 Adopting Assessment Rate for year 2021-2022 for RD 1600 Elkhorn Basin Benefit Assessment Area was passed in the form attached hereto, approving the increase in the assessment.

3. Approval of the minutes of prior meetings.
 - a) May 19, 2021 - Upon a motion by Yeung, second by Reyes, motion passed unanimously.
 - b) June 16, 2021 - Upon a motion by Yeung, second by Reyes, motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial report by District accountant. Dumars reviewed the financial report which the trustees had received in advance of the meeting and the outstanding balances in the various accounts. He will pay FMAP invoices from the advance of the County line of credit, and several small invoices that can be paid from the general funds. He noted that two landowners had not paid their assessments. Lang offered to reach out to the landowners.
5. Review and Approve Budget for 2021 – 2022. This item was heard after tabulation of the Assessment Ballots and the passage of the increase in the assessment going forward. Dumars reviewed the budget which the trustees had received in advance of the meeting. Discussion on when the new assessment invoices would be sent. Dumars noted that the assessments traditionally were mailed in September. Consensus to continue to do that this year, and consensus to continue established billing procedures and not to bill with property taxes. Consensus for the trustees to waive their monthly meeting stipend and to not carry the charge on the financial statements going forward; agreement to reconsider in the future.

Upon a motion by Yeung to approve the budget presented by Dumars based on the increased assessment, second by Reyes, motion passed unanimously.

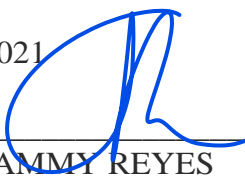
- a) Consideration of Resolution 2021-07-02 Requesting Collection of Charges on Yolo County Tax Roll for RD 1600 Elkhorn Basin Benefit Assessment Area. NOT CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.
- b) Consideration of Certification of Assessment for RD 1600 NOT CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.
- c) Review and Approve Yolo County Authorization Form Fiscal Year 2021-2022 NOT CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.

6. Update on FMAP by District engineer. Anderson gave an update on the status of the check from DWR for the 2021 FMAP funds. Anticipated date is mid to late August.
7. Review, approve and authorize CEQA notice of exemption for maintenance. Anderson provided the background for this matter. Upon a motion by Yeung to adopt a resolution in the form attached, second by Reyes, motion passed unanimously.
8. Bid for final slip repair work and authorization to sign contract. Anderson reported on this matter, reminding the trustees that funds remain in the emergency grant by DWR to finish the repair of the slip. She provided a sketch of the work and the budget. Upon a motion by Yeung to authorize bids for the work, to select the lowest bidder, and to authorize Clark to sign the contract, second by Reyes, motion passed unanimously.
9. Manager's Report. Lang reported on the work within the District including the removal of a large oak tree from the levee.
10. Election of a Secretary for the District. Clark reported that with the resignation of Jim Nolan as Secretary of the District, the District needed a new Secretary. Upon motion by Clark to elect Reyes as the Secretary of RD1600, second by Yeung, motion passed.
11. Executive Summary from the Tule Canal Charrette. Information only.
12. Such other business as may be brought before the Board that has arisen since the agenda was prepared. None.
13. **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** – Clark reported no new information so the Trustees did not go into closed session.
 - Threat of pending litigation
 - Big Notch Fish Passage Project

Next Board meeting - proposed date of September 15, 2021, at 6:00 pm. – Clark noted that the District's new counsel cannot meet on that date, so the date will be changed. Yeung offered the conference room on their farm headquarters as the meeting place. Agreement to meet at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED this 22nd day of September 2021



AMMY REYES
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1600