



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1600

**Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 3:00 PM**

Bypass Farms, 14130 County Road 117, West Sacramento, CA

Trustees attending: Michele Clark, Ammy Reyes, Rebecca Yeung

Others attending: Austin Cho (District Counsel–Downey Brand); Tina Anderson (District Engineers-MBK Engineers); Dustin Dumars (District Accountant) via telephone; Sabrina Synder (Yolo County), Gregg Ellis (ICF), Chris Campbell (cbec).

Call to Order: Clark called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None

Financial Statements Prepared by Dustin Dumars, CPA

Statements sent via email by Dumars prior to the meeting. Dumars described the statements and recommended that the District consider moving funds from the Yolo County Treasury to Raymond James to earn a higher yield. Trustees agreed, and Clark will discuss it with Eric Hoffert, Raymond James adviser. Dumars explained the move to bill.com for payment of District invoices.

Dumars left the meeting.

Upper Elkhorn – Moving Yolo Bypass Levee Project

Gregg Ellis, (ICF consultants) and Chris Campbell (cbec consultants) explained their role as part of the Technical Team to the Steering Committee on the Upper Elkhorn Planning Project. They described the proposed changes to the Tule Canal and used schematics to demonstrate three alternatives: Water Supply and Drainage Alternative, Small Tule Canal Alternative and Large Tule Canal Alternative. They acknowledged that the cost and funding of the operations and maintenance of the Tule Canal following any changes is still an unexplored, noting that all is conceptual at this point. Campbell noted the Tule Canal conveyance is limited to 1000 cfs. Trustees asked questions about each of the alternatives and impact on the drainage problems anticipated from each. Trustees explained current seepage in the District and in the Lower Elkhorn and belief that ponding water in the Yolo Bypass will exacerbate the seepage, potentially making farming in the District less productive and/or economically unviable.

Synder, Ellis, Campbell left the meeting.

## Report by MBK Engineers on Maintenance and Related Matters

### Anderson provided information on each of the following items:

- a. USACE Yolo Bypass Repair – work is scheduled for October; 100% funded by USACE.
- b. DWR Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) – replacement of the gravity pipe to be funded 100% by DWR – \$1,606,300 Motion by Yeung, second by Reyes, unanimous approval of motion to accept the funds and enter into the agreement – Resolution 2024-9-1
- c. Flood Maintenance Assistance Program (FMAP)
  - 2024: \$138,000.00  
Landslide Levee Slope Repair completed by ASTA – paid \$14,037.38; Anderson is working with Dumars office on allocating funds for completed work. Yeung to get grazing invoice from McGrew.
  - 2025: Authorize making & accepting grant funds – Motion by Yeung, second by Reyes, unanimous approval of motion to accept the funds and enter into the agreement. – Resolution 2024-9-2
- d. Update on Vegetation Control - Discussion on on-going vegetation control projects.
- e. **COMPLETED** - Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) for RD1600 patrol roadway repair
  - Work completed for total price of \$394,672.25 – State's share = \$355,205.03. District's share = \$39,467.23
  - ASTA Construction paid majority of invoice; balance to be paid when 10% retention is funded by State
- f. **COMPLETED** DWR-Funded RD 1600 Roadway Repair
  - Work completed for total price of \$484,906.10; ASTA Construction paid
  - Access License with DWR expired 6.30.2024
  - Anderson has seen rilling and will follow up with DWR.
- g. FEMA Payment for 2023 Flood – matter turned over to CAL OES – still waiting for payment Anderson continues to explore.

### Anderson left the meeting.

### **Additional Action Items**

- a. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting January 10, 2024 and Regular Meeting 6.5.2024 – Motion by Yeung, second by Reyes, unanimous approval of minutes.

- b. Signature by Trustees on 2024-2025 County Authorization Form for financial transactions – Signed.
- c. Adoption of Trustee Compensation and Reimbursement Policy – Motion by Reyes, second by Yeung, unanimous approval of Policy in the form attached to the Agenda. Resolution 2024-9-3

### Reports by Trustees

- Discussion on electronic storage of documents - subscribing to cloud service Clark will follow up on this.
- Website Updates Reyes is continuing work on these to improve our LAFCO transparency score.
- Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Study report – next meeting on recommendations is September 26, 2024 Clark plans to attend.
- Yeung informed the Trustees the Elkhorn Fire Station was closed by the County. RD537 is interested in acquiring the property and using it to store new equipment they intend to purchase. Bill Mattos suggested RD1600 could join RD537 in those acquisitions. Following discussion, the Trustees unanimously agreed that RD1600 is not interested in partnering with RD537 on this.

Scheduling Next Regular Meeting – proposed date and time: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 3:00pm

CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (two cases) No reportable items.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Approved by Board of Trustees at regular meeting on December 4, 2024

  
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Ammy Reyes, Secretary