



MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO.
1600

Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 4:30 PM via ZOOM

Trustees Present: Clark, Reyes, Yeung

Others Present: Rebecca Smith (District Counsel), Tina Anderson & Ric Reinhardt (MBK Engineers)

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm
2. Consideration of Remote Meeting Practices and Adoption of Findings Under AB 361: Smith outlined the emergency circumstances surrounding the need for a special meeting, including the state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom on January 4, 2023 due to the atmospheric river of rain and wind, and the resultant flooding and impact on levees within the District. Given the urgency, the special meeting was held remotely, with Trustees Reyes and Yeung attending while standing alongside the District's inoperable pump station. Motion to adopt the necessary findings under AB 361 by Reyes, second by Yeung, unanimous approval.
3. Consideration of Resolution 2023-01-01 Declaring a State of Emergency due to Flood and Weather Conditions. Presentation by Reinhardt and Anderson on the conditions within the District as the result of the continual rain and wind, and the immediate need for action for protection of the levees, including putting sand and visqueen on multiple sites, hiring a CCC crew, bringing materials in without a backhoe (estimated cost at this time not to exceed \$40,000).

Motion by Yeung to adopt Resolution 2023-01-01 presented with the Agenda, second by Reyes, unanimously approved.

Continued discussion on the current conditions, including river stages at Fremont Weir and Verona station, the volunteer crew assembled by Yeung to patrol the levees, the response of PGE to diagnose the pump station, the availability of MBK Engineers to assist the District.

Next special meeting to be held on January 12, 2023, time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

**RESOLUTION No. 2023-01-01 OF THE RECLAMATION
DISTRICT NO. 1600 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO
FLOOD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023 Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency associated with widespread winter storms and water events pursuant to Government Code Section 8625; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento River and surrounding waterways are experiencing high water levels resulting from heavy rainfalls and runoff, and high winds, creating an imminent risk of flooding and levee damage within Reclamation District No. 1600's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these conditions create an immediate risk to public facilities, and are a crippling activity that severely impairs public health and safety, consistent with the emergency declaration requirements of the Government Code and the Public Contracting Code; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the District staff and engineers the District finds and declares on January 5, 2023 that an emergency situation exists within the District, and immediate action is required to respond to these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of the Reclamation District No. 1600, as follows:

1. As of January 5, 2023 an emergency situation exists within the District, due to on-going flooding and flood damage, and a forecast of further precipitation which will compound the existing flood conditions. The public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, and property to respond to this emergency.
2. The District's engineer and Trustees are authorized to take immediate action to repair or replace public facilities, to take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.
3. Pursuant to Public Contracting Code 20926, the District shall expend any sum reasonably required to respond to this emergency. District personnel will, if practicable, informally solicit bids or requests for proposals to seek to obtain the best terms possible, including the lowest price term, given the urgent circumstances of the emergency, and, promptly after the emergency ends, shall document the circumstances of the emergency and the bid or proposal accepted.
4. This emergency declaration will be revisited by the Board of Trustees at the earlier of its next regularly scheduled meeting, or within 7 days of this declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1600 this 5th day of January, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Reyes, Yeung

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None