



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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
RD 900, 889 Drever St, West Sacramento

Trustees attending: Michele Clark, Ammy Reyes, Rebecca Yeung

Others attending: Rebecca Smith & Brian Hamilton (District Counsel – Downey Brand); Tina Anderson & Tom Engler (District Engineers-MBK Engineers);

Members of Upper Elkhorn Basin Steering Committee (Ric Reinhardt, Wood Rogers, Megan Murray, HDR, Inc., Melanie Saucier, Sacramento County Flood Control Agency, Gregg Ellis, ICF);

Alex Tengolics (Yolo County); John Currey (landowner - Yolo Land Trust); Cindy Tambini (landowner - Wildlands).

Call to Order: Clark called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None

Upper Elkhorn – Moving Yolo Bypass Levee Project Presentation by members of the technical team of the Upper Elkhorn Basin Steering Committee on the draft Local Preferences/Actions and Projects Memorandum (which was sent prior to the meeting only to the Trustees and MBK Engineers). The Memorandum is a compilation of outreach by the Team, including all comments received along with potential projects and actions to be taken. Next phase will be an analysis of the projects listed on Table 2 to find a federal interest. Reinhardt noted that there is no consensus among stakeholders as to the preferred alternative to moving the Yolo Bypass Levee. County to send the draft Memorandum to stakeholders who had attended prior meetings. Team requested that comments on the draft Preferences Memorandum be sent by the end of March. Next part of Memorandum to be completed in April/May.

Questions from the Trustees and landowners followed the presentation. Confirmation that sustaining agriculture is not a federal interest. Questions included who determined whether a proposed project had an impact on agriculture, use of borrow from Cache Creek Settling Basin for building levees; confirmation not all projects are within the footprint of Upper Elkhorn Basin.

Tengolics noted that the Team will do a future presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors; Saucier noted that a presentation will also be made to Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Trustees asked to be notified of those meetings.

Members of the technical team, Tengolics & Tambini left the meeting.

Report by MBK Engineers on Maintenance and Related Matters

- a. Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) for RD1600 patrol roadway repair – Anderson noted that the contractor is waiting for area to dry before continuing with work.
- b. DWR roadway repair Anderson & Smith will extend DWR's license agreement to May 31, 2024, with invoices submitted by Anderson by June 30, 2024.
- c. Flood Maintenance Assistance Program (FMAP) \$138,000.00 will be forthcoming after DWR signs agreement.
- d. USACE Yolo Bypass Repair Corps will begin repairs in August.
- e. Status of FEMA Claim for 2023 Flood Funds are obligated; will go to County OES & then to District.
- f. Update on Vegetation Control Discussion on managing vegetation.

Financial Statements Prepared by Dustin Dumars, CPA Statements were provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting; Clark provided an overview.

Action Items. Motion by Reyes, second by Yeung, unanimous approval of Minutes from January 4, 2024 meeting.

Reports by Trustees. Clark & Smith gave an update on the well drilling process proposed by the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

Scheduling Next Regular Meeting. June 5, 2024 at 3pm.

Anderson, Engler, Currey left the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Approved by Board of Trustees at regular meeting June 5, 2024



Ammy Reyes, Secretary