



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

Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 11:30 am via ZOOM

Trustees Present: Michele Clark, Ammy Reyes, Becky Yeung

Others Present: Rebecca Smith (District Counsel), Tina Anderson, Ric Reinhardt, & Becky Money (MBK Engineers), Randy Fessler and Elizabeth Vasquez (CA Department of Water Resources)

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:30 am
2. Comments by members of the public: None
3. Informational Update: The District will receive an update from Randy Fessler regarding Department of Water Resources activity in the District. Fessler had met with Trustees Reyes and Yeung along with Reinhardt on Sunday, January 15, 2023 in the District to discuss the impact of the number of trucks taking heavy rocks to DWR's coffer dam following the District's suspension of the access agreement with DWR due to the District's concerns about the number of heavy trucks driving on the levees and impacting their integrity.

Fessler and Vasquez reported on DWR's activities over the last 10 days in connection with DWR's construction of the large notch project at the Fremont Weir. Fessler narrated a series of daily drone photos starting on January 9, 2023 showing the erosion of the coffer dam and the emergency reconstruction which was completed on January 18, 2023. Fessler pledged continued support and communication with the District to lessen impacts and to coordinate activities with the District's own emergency activities.

Fessler further pledged DWR support to fix a slip site starting the week of January 23, 2023. DWR will also remove concrete rubble near the Fremont Weir at its expense for the benefit of the District. Fessler stated that DWR will have someone on the site 24/7 to monitor the situation and will drive the levees for the duration of the emergency. Equipment and rock will be stored in the area for any future repairs. Fessler should be the point of contact for any concerns regarding the large notch project.

Fessler and Vasquez left the meeting after their presentation.

4. Consideration of Continuation of Resolution 2023-01-01 Declaring a State of Emergency due to Flood and Weather Conditions. Report by Reyes, Yeung, Reinhardt and Anderson on the on-going repairs over the last 7 days to the Bypass Levee, the Sacramento Levee, and the District's pump

station adjacent to the Tule Canal.

Yeung reported on the pump station, noting the 75 hp motor had stopped working and the 175 hp motor was making knocking sounds that indicate a problem. Yeung will continue to work with Eaton Pump to get the 75hp motor pulled, examined and repaired as soon as possible so that at least one pump will work. Eaton also to prepare an estimate of repair and rebuilding of the pump station including the discharge pipes for consideration at a later meeting. Reyes noted that a generator is still being used for power; Yeung and Reyes continue working with PGE to restore power. Yeung and Reyes are running the pump during daylight hours to observe its operation.

Discussion on removal of downed trees. Anderson is monitoring during her inspections.

Upon advice of Reinhardt as District Engineer, Trustees unanimously approved continuation of the declaration of the emergency declared by Resolution 2023-01-01 adopted on January 5, 2023.

Clark reported that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors had adopted a resolution in October 2017 authorizing the District to close the gate on CR 16 when the Fremont Weir gauge is at 34 feet or ahead of a forecasted major weather event or other emergency. Similarly, the District can close CR117 and CR 22 from CR 118 to CR 126 when the gauge at Fremont Weir is at 37.5 feet or ahead of a forecasted major weather event or other emergency. Yolo County Public Works had been advised of the current emergency and will need to be notified if gate or road closures are necessary.

Anderson working on documentation for possible submittal of expenses to Yolo County Office of Emergency Services.

Next special meeting to be held on January 26, 2023, at 11:30 am via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.