

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1601

306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting January 21, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

President Sgarrella called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) to order on January 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ROLL CALL: In attendance: President Barry Sgarrella, Trustee Dave Huston and Trustee Jasbir Gill. District's superintendent Mr. Ricky Carter Jr., District's engineer with KSN Mr. Chris Neudeck, District's attorney Mr. Jesse Barton and District's accountant/treasurer Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay with Butterfield and Company.

Also attending, Mrs. Brooke Carter, Ms. Ceci Giacomina, Mr. Richard Silva, Mr. Don Julian, Mr. Matthew Doner, Mr. Thailer Srimongkol and Mr. Joel McElroy. Attending by conference call, District's secretary Mrs. Linda Carter and Mr. Ricky Carter Sr.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: ANY PERSON MAY SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC INCLUDING ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW, PROVIDED IT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF RD 1601.

Mr. Richard Silva told the Board he wanted to ask about duck hunting on the North Chevron Point property (where Mr. and Mrs. Silva have a lease from the District). Mr. Jesse Barton said that a request to hunt on the property should have been placed on the agenda. Mr. Silva asserted he has asked for it to be put on the agenda, but Mr. Barton stated he did not recall this request.

After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to place the matter of duck hunting waterfowl for the 2025 season, on the District's North Chevron Point property. This matter will become the new number 5 item on the agenda, motion was seconded by Trustee Huston, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill. NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

3. MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING.

Trustee Gill entertained a motion to approve the December 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, motion was seconded by President Sgarrella, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill. NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay went over the accounts payable, accounting notes and financial statements with the Board. President Sgarrella reviewed the accounts payable before today's meeting.

Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay also noted the payments and deposits made between meetings: On January 7, 2025, payment to PERS for \$2,231.14. On December 23, 2024, deposit \$504.39-NOAA utilities reimbursement payment for August 2024. On December 23, 2024, deposit \$122,221.17 from Mr. Richard Silva for Land Lease 2025. RD 536, December rent payment \$131.67. On January 16, 2025 deposit \$5,190.91. RD 536 January rent payment for \$131.67. State Fund Workmen's Compensation 2023 dividend payment \$451.80.

There was some discussion about Mr. Matt Dorner's significant use of fuel. After today's meeting Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. will check in to this matter.

After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve accounts payable of \$165,000.00, invoices that were presented today, transfers and DWR invoices, from Bank of Stockton 1878 (General Account) into the Bank of Stockton 4201 (Checking Account), motion was seconded by Trustee Huston, VOTE: AYE: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve the transfer of \$61,336.67, from Bank of Stockton 3167 (TW 21-1) TWERP, into the Bank of Stockton 1878 (General Account), motion was seconded by Trustee Huston, VOTE: AYES: Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

Account Receivable: Mattos: \$5,049.32

Account Receivable: DWR Trust: \$4,779.75

Account Receivable: NOAA: \$2,017.56 (weather station utilities Sept-Dec 2024).

Account Payable: Retention due to Hanford ARC: \$38,161.41.

Account Payable: Retention due to Panelized Structures, Inc. (Solar Array): \$5,780.

Special Project Invoices Pending Approval: \$87,011.86.

Subventions Claim FY 2023-2024: \$414,100; Expected Reimbursement: \$301,650

5. BOARD TO CONSIDER GIVING MR. RICHARD SILVA, LESSEE OF THE NORTH CHEVRON POINT PROPERTY PERMISSION TO HUNT WATERFOWL FOR THE 2025 SEASON ON THE DISTRICTS LEASED PROPERTY.

Mr. Richard Silva explained to the Board that he would like permission to hunt waterfowl on the North Chevron Point property, which he is leasing from the District for the rest of the 2025 waterfowl season (2024-2025 season ending April 2025). Mr. Silva told the Board he needs to hunt for the waterfowl due to the bird flu issues, the loss of feed and the damage the waterfowl cause to the pastures. Mr. Silva told the Board he does not hunt. Mr. Jesse Barton asked who will be hunting, so the District needs a list of names who will be hunting. Also, the District will need to know who will be in charge and responsible for any damages.

Mr. Barton would like for each hunter to sign a release of liability form. Mr. Silva told the Board if that's what the Board wants, he will have the hunter sign the releases.

Ricky Carter Jr. told the Board that he has been hunting rodents, beavers and coyotes on this property since he started working for the District. Mr. Carter Jr. asked the Board if he wants to know if he is still allowed to continue with his hunting and will he be

allowed to hunt waterfowl on the property or will he have to ask Mr. Silva for permission to hunt waterfowl on the property? Mr. Barton asked Mr. Silva if he has any problems with Mr. Carter Jr. continuing hunting on the property. Mr. Silva said Mr. Carter Jr. can hunt all of the rodents, beavers and coyotes he wants, but he prefers to hunt waterfowl. Mr. Silva said now Mr. Carter Jr. will have to sign a liability release of liability form for him since he will be liable for Mr. Carter Jr. hunting on the leased property. Mr. Silva does not want to be responsible for Mr. Carter Jr. hunting on the property.

Mr. Silva said either Mr. Silva or Mr. Mark Bettencourt or Mr. Tony Bettencourt will be in charge and be present at all times of the hunt. He wants people who were good hunters to be able to hunt. Mr. Barton said the District wants names and one person to be the designated point of contact when hunting. Everyone hunting must sign a liability release form. Mr. Barton will email Mr. Silva a copy of the liability release form. After some discussion President Sgarrella entrained a motion to approve Mr. Richard Silva and his designees either Mr. Mark Bettencourt or Mr. Tony Bettencourt to hunt the remainder of the 2024-2025 Waterfowl Season on the Chevron Point property which Mr. Silva is leasing from the District. Either Mr. Silva or his designees must be present during the hunt. The hunters will give their name and they will sign a liability release form. Mr. Silva and his designees will be in control of their hunting party at all times, Trustee Gill seconded the motion VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Houston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

6. HIRING A LABORER FOR THE DWR SPECIAL PROJECTS. BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE.

Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. introduced Mr. Thailer Srimongkol as the new hire for DWR special projects. Mr. Srimongkol had interviews with Trustee Houston, Mr. David Julian and Mr. Carter Jr. and it was decided to hire Mr. Srimongkol. Mr. Srimongkol has been trimming up the trees in the project and getting the roads cleaned up so mowing can take place. Mr. Carter Jr. has been showing him the ropes. Mr. Srimongkol has not at this time met with RD 341. Mr. Jesse Barton asked Mr. David Julian to communicate with both districts and keep everyone aware of Mr. Srimongkol whereabouts. There will need to have new service agreements put into place.

7. SOLAR POWER-THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS RISING ELECTRICITY COSTS. THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT.

Mr. Chris Neudeck reported to the Board that the Sacramento County building permit has been acquired. This has been approved, but the permit card has not been issued. KSN worked with Daniel this week to satisfy the counties need for fire department acknowledgment, special inspection acknowledgment and verification, and contractor acknowledgement. All items are submitted and KSN expects the card to be issued this week. Awaiting approval on the electrical plan updates in response to Sacramento County review. The site work has resumed as of January 13, 2025. Clearing and grubbing has been completed at the south half and along the eastern boundary of the solar array pad. The new NW corner of the pad continues to be a concern as clearing and grubbing efforts exposed a larger footprint of unstable areas than originally

identified. Trenching and pipe installation has started. Scope of Changes for the Subgrade Stabilization of Solar Array as follows: Initial funds approved to supply and place 100 tons of 12-in minus quarry stone over geogrid. This initial plan did not stabilize the site so changed to an addition 900 tons of 12-inch minus quarry stone over geogrid.

Mr. Neudeck asked the Board if they would consider approving and sign a change order for said additional work undertaken for stabilization of the site. Change order in the amount of \$170,000 is needed to expand subgrade stabilizations rock to stabilize an area measuring 120-feet x 90-feet.

Duct bank alignment within DWR easement projected through the drainage ditch running parallel to the levee. Extra work was needed at this area to widen the ditch crossing to allow the duct bank to be installed within the easement and across culvert crossing fill in lieu of ditch. Extended culvert 20' and widened crossing by 15 feet at this area.

Mr. Neudeck asked the Board if they would consider approving and sign a change order for said additional work undertaken for extending the culvert and widening the crossing at this site. Change order in the amount of \$10,000 needed to expand ditch crossing which will not only serve the Solar project but also serve as a widened area for maintenance of the Districts terminal drainage pump station sump.

Anticipating the solar array pad to be completed by early next week (pending change order) Pile alignment survey mid next week. Pile installation starts by January 24, 2025.

After some discussion Trustee Gill entrained a motion to approve Change Order in the amount of approximately \$170,000 to expand subgrade stabilizations rock to stabilize an area measuring 120-feet x 90-feet and Change Order in the amount of \$10,000 to expand ditch crossing which will not only serve the Solar project but also serve as a widened area for maintenance of the Districts terminal drainage pump station sump. The change orders are not to exceed \$180,000 in total, President Sgarrella seconded the motion VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

President Sgarrella gave an update on PG&E and the elevated platform to put the transformer on. PG&E is trying to sell the District one of their 750-kVA transformers they have instead of the 500-kVA water proof transformer the District needs and mounted on a pole. In case PG&E does not approve the 500-kVA then the District could go to a different type of transformer. PG&E produces and have waterproof transformers so the transformer could be put at grade on the island. In the PG&E green book it states that PG&E shall not put transformers on platform. You can't elevate transformers; PG&E won't let you. President Sgarrella sent off an email to his contact at PG&E he gave them the section in the green book about elevating transformers and asked what does PG&E want to do. The recommendation from the District is to go with the water proof sealed 500-kVA transformer. President Sgarrella and Mr. Neudeck agree that the switch gear needs to go in the pump house. The transformer should be at grade on a pad that has been slightly elevated and should be water proof. The solar modules will be ready to erected first of May. The structural steel will be ready before that. The Board needs to decide if they want to have the panels sit on site for about two weeks before installing them or put them in Panelized yard which is in Modest

and have them truck out as they are being installed. President Sgarrella will get a cost from Panelized on storing the solar panels and transporting them to Twitchell. President Sgarrella told the Board the District's PG&E bill \$9,000, not as bad as it has been, but it could be better. The demand charges are \$3,913, which is 43% of the total bill. Once the solar array is up and on line the District has the option to change the tariff.

8. SEVENMILE SLOUGH LEVEE EROSION REPAIR PROJECT. BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SEVENMILE SLOUGH EROSION REPAIR PROJECT.

Mr. Chris Neudeck reported to the Board that the project is under way. The site is falling apart. Waiting for permits from Sacramento County. May need to put marker cones along the road. Mr. Neudeck said that the District has a new Public Entity Agreement (PEA).

9. BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE THREEMILE SLOUGH EMERGENCY REPAIR. THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY.

Mr. Chris Neudeck reported to the Board that the movement has slowed down, it's 1/2 inch now, it's still leaking. The seepage is running clear.

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) has contacted KSN and wants from the District a report because the CVFPB believes it was a repair. Mr. Neudeck chosen to wait because he believes it was maintenance. ASTA Construction invoice will be paid under the subventions program. At this time just need to monitor it and the only expense to the District will be for the engineering for the report for the CVFPB. After some discussion President Sgarrella entrained a motion to approve ending the emergency on Threemile Slough at Levee Station 60+00, Trustee Huston seconded the motion VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

10. BOARD TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH STABILITY OF THE C-1 CANAL. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW OPTIONS AND MAY APPROVE ACTIONS TO STABILIZE THE BANK OF THE CANAL.

Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. had Gornto Ditching come out last month to do some cleaning on the canal. As they were cleaning the canal the banks began to sluff off and became unstable. Mr. Carter spoke with Asta Construction and they suggested adding concrete. Mr. Chris Neudeck said he thought putting in a covered crossing may help. After today's meeting Mr. Neudeck and Mr. Carter Jr. will take a look at C-1 canal and try to come up with a solution to the problem.

11. PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-21-1.2, PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE, PLANNING ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWITCHELL ISLAND WETLAND ENHANCEMENT AND RESTORATION PROJECT. (TIWERP) (EXPIRES 12/31/2027). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.

Mr. David Julian gave an update on the project to the Board for Ms. Otome Linds. Still waiting on the consistency determination, it is going through public reviews and the contractor is still going through the planting and planting phase of their contract.

12. PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-24-1.0-SP-PHASE 2 OF THE MULTIBENEFIT PROJECT (EXPIRATION 12/31/2028). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.

Mr. Chris Neudeck told the Board that he had spoken with Mr. Bryan Brock. DWR is saying that the District should have gone and applied for another grant to make up for the financial shortfall. Mr. Brock told Mr. Neudeck that he has some ideas for funding. Mr. Chris Neudeck reviewed with the Board the follow up December 20, 2024, re: Scope of Work submittal to Department of Water Resources (DWR) related to DWR's December 5, 2024 comments on the District's Scope of Work submitted on August 24, 2024. The District can not do any work until the Scope of Work has been approved by DWR. Ms. Otome Lindsey is the lead person on this project. Mr. Neudeck said Mr. Brock told him to go and talk with Ms. Andrea Lobato because she may be helpful. No action taken.

13. DWR AGREEMENT "SUBSIDENCE MITIGATION FUNDING AGREEMENT" (SMFA) (WETLAND DEVELOPMENT/SUBSIDENCE REVERSAL AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECT) (EAST END AND RICE PROJECT) (SMFA EXPIRES 12/31/2030). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE A STATUS UPDATE AND AN UPDATE ON THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT EQUIPMENT.

Mr. David Julian reported to the Board that DWR is still working on the lease agreement for the rice project. They are getting closer to having it ready to go out to bid.

Mr. Joel Mc Elroy with RD 341 came and signed over the SMFA's 2019 Dodge truck. After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained to change over the SMFA project 2019 Dodge truck with 43,890 miles, over to the District from RD 341 for \$1.00, Trustee Huston seconded the motion VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

14. ENGINEERING REPORT: MR. Chris Neudeck

- I. Levee Distress At Levee Station 60+00 Along Threemile Slough.
 - A. Look under item number 9.
- II. Project Funding Agreement TW-24-1.0SP-Phase I-Setback Levee San Joaquin River.
 - A. Look under item number 12.
- III. District Pump Station Solar Array
 - A. Look under item number 7.
- IV. DWR Systemwide Multi-Benefit Project Fund Scope of Work.
 - A. This Public Entity Agreement (PEA) has been approved by DWR. Initial design expected to start in February.
- V. USACE Periodic Inspection Report of Threemile Slough Levee.

- A. Mr. Neudeck reviewed with the Board the Informational Briefing Summary and attachments from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) on the Twitchell Island Levee System by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The District levee continue to remain active yet there are several items noted that can be improved upon including vegetation control and remodel of their siphon diversion pipes. One problem is with a siphon on Threemile Slough, the siphon may need to put it on the top of the levee. Mr. Neudeck and Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. will be attending the CVFPB meeting on January 24, 2025.

15. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: MR. RICKY CARTER JR.

- Made routine levee inspections.
- Checked oil in the District's pumps at the pump station.
- Rodent control on beavers and squirrels.
- Cleaning District toe ditches.
- Training Mr. Thai Srimongkol (DWR special projects personal) on the Districts equipment and daily tasks.
- Working on the Districts solar array project.
- Working in the wetland project, showing Mr. Thai Srimongkol around and cleaning up the wetland roads.
- Went to town to purchase a new phone for Mr. Thai Srimongkol. Also picked up supplies and tools for the wetland project.
- Worked on State Fund Workmen's Compensation Insurance claim paperwork.

A. BOARD TO HEAR REPORT ON EMPLOYEE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. reported to the Board on January 7, 2025, approximately 1:00 pm, he and Mr. Matt Doner were driving the District's Kawaski side-by-side RTV. They were checking on the ditches on the Districts 500-acre property, when they got the RTV stuck in a ditch by Threemile Slough. They walked back to the shop and got cables and straps and the District's other side-by-side Kubota RTV. They went back, hooked everything up and tried to get it unstuck. The strap came loose and went through the Kubota RTV windshield where Mr. Doner was sitting in. Mr. Doner was hit in the face with glass. Mr. Carter Jr. brought Mr. Doner back to the Chervon Barn (shop) where Mr. Carter Jr. helped by using eye solution on Mr. Doner to get the glass off his face and eyes. Mr. Carter Jr. told Mr. Doner he would call 911, if Mr. Doner felt there was a need. Mr. Doner wanted to go home and take a shower to get the glass off of himself. Later Mr. Carter Jr. called Mr. Doner and suggested that Mr. Doner should go to the hospital. Mr. Doner later called and told Mr. Carter Jr. that he had gone to the hospital and they were treating him. In the mean time Mr. Carter Jr. had notified President Sgarrella, Mr. Jesse Barton and Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay about the accident. Also, Mr. Carter Jr. contacted the

Fund Workmen's Compensation Insurance and started a claim. Mr. D...
has returned back to work after the accident.

16. Closed Session: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

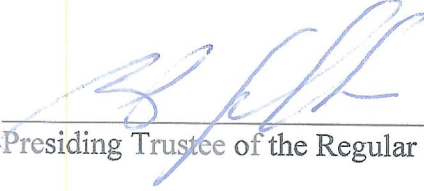
Close Session: 10:48 am.

Open Session: 12:15 pm.

Report: Nothing to report.

17. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be called to order
February 18, 2025, at 9:00 am, the regular meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.



Presiding Trustee of the Regular Meeting January 21, 2025, certifies the above minutes



Secretary