

Reclamation District No. 1601

**306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641**

Regular District Meeting

AGENDA

**May 16, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

**Conference Line Number: 1-877-336-1829
Access Code: 3653607**

NOTICE: This Board meeting will be open to in-person attendance. The Board proceedings are also available via teleconference and you may still participate. If you wish to comment, please speak loud enough to be heard and your comments will be considered. Members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate in the teleconference.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board Members and Staff.
2. Public Comment. Any person may speak on any topic provided it is within the jurisdiction of Reclamation District 1601. If a person wishes to speak on any agenda item, that person may speak now, or if that person wishes to withhold comment until Board consideration of the item, please inform the Board at this time what agenda item the speaker wishes to address, and the Board will solicit additional comment when that agenda item is called. No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on this posted agenda, except that member of the Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made under this “Public Comment” portion of the agenda. Comments or questions requiring detailed discussion shall be assigned to staff to report back to the Board as a matter of business at a subsequent meeting. (Government Code § 54954.2.)
3. Approval of the April 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes and May 3, 2023 special meeting minutes.
4. Approval of the accounts payable for May 16, 2023, including transfers and financial updates.
5. The Board will discuss and consider possibly approving a resolution to remove Mr. Preston Good from the District’s bank signature card and authorize Trustee Gill to be added to the District’s signature card.
6. Board to review and possibly approve audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022 as prepared by Croce, Sanguinetti & Vander Veen, Inc.

7. Board to consider hiring a new full-time employee.
8. Board to discuss and possibly modify the hourly rate of its existing Maintenance Worker/Equipment Operator/Assistant Superintendent.
9. Board to discuss District's Budget for 2023-2024.
10. Board to discuss Assessment Call 32 (for 2023-2024 Assessment).
11. Board to consider and possibly approve Mr. Cole Bakke's (levee grazing for his sheep) lease. The Board will consider and possibly approving change the name on the lease Mr. Joe Mattos has with the District on the south end (Chevron Point) of the District's property.
12. Board will receive an update on the District's NPDES spray permit.
13. Board to discuss and possible approve a new contract with Leading Edge for spraying with a drone.
14. Board to hear an update and discuss the shared use of its PG&E electrical meter.
15. Board to consider approving the subventions agreement for 2022-2023 ad declaring the maintenance work exempt from CEQA.
16. Project Funding Agreement TW-21-1.1, Project Funding Agreement for the Planning, Engineering, and Construction of the Twitchell Island Mitigation and Enhancement Site (TIMES) Project (Expires 12/31/2027). The Board will hear an update on right-of-way issues.
17. DWR Agreement "Subsidence Mitigation Funding Agreement" (SMFA) (Wetland Development/Subsidence Reversal and Carbon Sequestration Project) (East End and Rice Project) (SMFA Expires 12/31/2024). The Board will hear a status update and discuss.
18. Board to hear an update and discuss exploring a solar power alternative to power the RD 1601 pump station. Board will hear an update on the NEM application.
19. Board to consider submitting a full application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the PSP program. This submittal includes the following actions:
 - a. Adopting a resolution authorizing submittal of full application to DWR for the PSP program and the execution of necessary documents.
 - b. Submitting a letter DWR requesting lands for habitat.
 - c. Seeking and obtaining a resume from a qualified biologist endorsing the project.
 - d. Seeking and obtaining a statement from the District's Project Biologist discussing how the project meets the requirements of the Water Code.

20. Engineering Report: Mr. Chris Neudeck.

I. Delta Levee Subventions Project –Special Projects Multi-Benefit PSP

- A. Review status of Full Proposal Application.
- B. Seek passage of resolution from the Board of Trustees for authority of KSN Inc. to submit the application on behalf of RD 1601. Seek a statement from the District its intent to enter into a Project Funding Agreement with DWR. Seek and obtain a resume from a qualified Biologist endorsing the project (KSN working on with our biologist who designed the project with GEI). Seek and obtain statement from the District’s Project Biologist discussing how our project meet the requirements of the Water Code (KSN working on with our biologist who designed the project with GEI). A letter of commitment from DWR, the landowner whose land the project will be built on agreeing to establishment of the project, (KSN will need assistance of the DWR Trustees on the Board to acquire this letter of commitment).
Exhibit A: Section 5B from the PSP that describes requirements for the Full application and highlighted resolutions and commitments for the Board and DWR

II. Delta Levee Subventions Program 2023 High Water Event

- A. Review status of FEMA claim for flood related expenses. KSN Inc. on behalf of RD 1601 met with FEMA representatives on April 25, 2023, in their kickoff meeting to review parameters of the District’s claim and discuss any environmental impacts. No adverse environmental impacts were identified and KSN Inc. is now moving forward with preparing the formal application for disaster assistance funding with the FEMA team.
- B. Review current hydrology conditions in the South Delta for ongoing high water run-off into August.
Exhibit B: Report dated 5/8/2023 from DWR Weekly Flood Operation Center & USACE of coordinated reservoir operation on the San Joaquin River.

III. 2023-2024 Assessment by Landowner Summaries

- A. Review the Districts Draft Assessment summaries calculated for 100%, 90%, and 80% of the \$700.000 approved assessment.

21. Superintendent Report: Mr. Ricky Carter Sr.

22. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Titles: Superintendent and Secretary.

23. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

The next regular meeting will be June 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Please call the Secretary of the Board, Linda Carter at (916) 777-6992 or send an email to rd1601@frontiernet.net , if you have any questions. Posted May 12, 2023.

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