RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1601

306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

June 16, 2026

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**
President Sgarrella called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) to order on June 16, 2026, at 9:03 a.m. ROLL CALL: In attendance: President Barry Sgarrella, Trustee Dave Huston and Trustee Jasbir Gill. District 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. Mr. Ricky Carter Sr., Mr. Salvador Ramos, Ms. Ceci Giacoma, Mr. David Julian, Mr. Ian Jones and Mr. Richard Silva.
Attending by conference call, District's secretary Mrs. Linda Carter.

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.**
Nothing to report.

3. **MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING.**
Trustee Huston entertained a motion to approve the May 19, 2026, 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 discussed the accounts payable, accounting notes and financial statements with the Board. President Sgarrella reviewed the accounts payable before today's meeting. See attached financial reports for details.
After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve accounts payable, transfers, DWR invoices and warrants, motion seconded by Trustee Huston, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

5. **BOARD TO CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH BUTTERFIELD +CO. CPAS INC. TO PERFORM ONGOING ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.**
Mr. Jesse Barton told the Board that the District had received an annual engagement letter from Butterfield+ Co. CPAs Inc asking the Board for approval.
After some discussion Trustee Huston entertained a motion to approve the engagement letter with Butterfield + Co., Inc. to perform ongoing accounting services for the year ending June 30, 2027, motion seconded by Trustee Gill VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

6. **BOARD TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-03. AND ORDER LEVYING ASSESSMENT CALL NO. 35 BASED UPON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE VALUATION ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED JULY 21, 1992.**
After some discussion Trustee Huston entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 and Order the Levying of Assessment Call No. 35 (2026-2027) at 100% of the maximum approved assessment, Based Upon Operation And Maintenance Valuation Assessment Roll Dated July 21, 1992, motion seconded by Trustee Gill, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

7. **BOARD TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR 2026-2027.**
Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay discussed the Districts Proft and Loss Budget Overview for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. She had prepared a draft budget for the Board to review with the assessment being at 100%. The assessment called today is for \$700,000, but the District will be receiving \$657,572.98, which is less \$42,427.98 due to the District 's portion of the assessment. Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay told the Board that she received checks from Mr. Salvador Ramos Sr. and Mr. Richard Silva for their lease payments.
Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay will be checking into the insurance coverage for the District's solar array.
After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve the District's proposed budget for July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027, motion seconded by Trustee Huston VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

8. **BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLEANING OF PRIVATE DITCHES AND MR. RICHARD SILVA REQUESTING HERBICIDE FROM THE DISTRICT TO SPRAY THE VEGETATION/BLACKBERRIES IN CERTAIN AREAS.**
Mr. Jesse Barton reminded the Board that this item was discussed at last month's meeting during public comments. Mr. Richard Silva had brought the matter up, and Mr. Barton told the Board that it would be placed on the agenda for June's meeting to discuss. Mr. Barton said apparently there are some private ditches that need some

cleaning. Mr. Silva made mention at last month's meeting that the prior president of the Board allowed the District to provide herbicides to Mr. Silva, so he could spray some private ditches/canals.

After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve providing herbicides to the tenants to spray on the District's side of the leased Chevron Point property. Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. will work with Mr. Ian Jones with Department Water Resources (DWR) on acquiring permission to spray on the DWR owned half side of the fence/ditch. For any property that the District does not own, Mr. Jones is the primary person to contact, he will make sure his tenants spray and cut back the blackberries. Also, private landowners can contact Mr. Carter Jr. to obtain herbicides to spray their property (on Twitchell Island) to control the blackberries, motion seconded by Trustee Gill VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

9. BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTH CHERVON LEASE REMOVAL OF THE BLACKBERRIES AND PLACEMENT OF THE FENCE.

The Board received an update on Mr. Salvador Ramos Sr's lease for the South Chevron lease. Mr. Salvador Ramos Jr. told the Board that 90% of the blackberries have been removed and 10% is left in the wet area and 30% of the fence has been installed. After some discussion it was decided that this matter will be revisited at next month's meeting.

10. BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FINDINGS OF LWA, AN ENGINEERING GROUP WHO IS DEVELOPING A NEW ASSESSMENT FOR THE DISTRICT.

Mr. Chris Neudeck reported that they have received electricity costs and the drainage cost has been completed. Mr. Neudeck still needs to look at the finalized report. It should be completed by the end of this month.

After some discussion it was decided to aim for the new assessment to be ready and possibly adopted and called for the fiscal year 2027-2028.

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

President Sgarrella told the Board that the District's Solar Array is scheduled to be energized on June 29, 2026. On June 26, 2026, and June 27, 2026, PG&E will be on site to install the meters, the transformer and do all the interconnection work. And on Monday the 29th of June, Panelized will be there to throw the switch to energize with PG&E. The District will receive a letter from PG&E on June 29, 2026, this will help the District with getting the rebates. The Sacramento County final inspection is scheduled for June 29, 2026. President Sgarrella went over a spread sheet he had prepared about the cost and rebates associated with the District's Solar Array. President Sgarrella spoke with the Board about possibly changing the District's agriculture rate from AG-C to AG-B. Making this change may lessen the demand charges.

Mr. Chris Neudeck went over and discussed with the Board the construction progress.

President Sgarrella explained to the Board the need to have someone come and put a security fence up around the Districts Solar Array. Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. will call contractors and get some prices to put a security fence and two gates up. Also, it was decided that Mr. Carter Jr. will put up a security camera in the area of the pad with the transformer and the switchgear. Trustee Gill asked about the need to have insurance for the District's Solar Array and it may be costly. President Sgarrella said the insurance to cover flood, fire, should not be as high as insuring a house. District insurance could annually go up 10% to 20%. Will need to add the insurance to the Solar Array's expense spreadsheet.

12. **PUBLIC ENTITY AGREEMENT-SYSTEMWIDE MULTIBENEFIT PROJECT FOR SEVENMILE SLOUGH EROSION REPAIR PROJECT (EXPIRES 6/30/2028). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THIS PROJECT THAT WILL FUND THE REPAIR OF EROSION DAMAGE TO THE SEVENMILE SLOUGH LEVEE.**
Mr. Chris Neudeck reported to the Board that KSN Inc. is still working on environmental permitting.

13. **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. (TWERP) (EXPIRES 12/31/2027). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.**
Mr. Chris Neudeck reported that it's in the maintenance period for the project. Mr. Neudeck received a copy of T&R Restore's weekly work plan. They were meeting yesterday and spraying the rest of the week. The 3-year maintenance period for irrigation and planting is underway and will end on January 31, 2029.
Still waiting to hear from Ms. Otome Lindsey about amending the PFA before the the expiration date of this PFA (December 31, 2027).

14. **PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-24-1.0-SP-PHASE 2 OF THE SAN JOAQUIN SETBACK LEVEE MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT. THE AGREEMENT WITH DWR WILL IMPROVE DISTRICT LEVEES ALONG THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER. (EXPIRATION 12/31/2028). THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.**
Mr. Chris Neudeck reported to the Board that the project is going well, finally out of Red-wing bird impact areas. Working east to west. Ran into a couple issues, ran into a couple wet spots on the west side. It cannot be cleared as it's too damp. ENGO tech approved pushing material on it. The project cost is now half a million dollars. Trying to get the second left berm fill starting at the end of this month. Type 1 fill is from Decker Island and Type 2 fill is from the District's dredge spoils and they both are being used and it's working out well. They are using settlement plates to ensure they do not place the fill too fast and the depth of the fill they Dutra is placing. Overall, the project is going very well. The District's on island office trailer is being used by the

project to hold meetings and to do paperwork in a small conference room. Mr. Ricky Carter Jr, Mr. Salvador Ramos and Mr. Octavio Reynoso have taken a wall out and it has enlarged the conference room. Besides taking the wall down they painted the walls and laid down some vinyl flooring, put in a table and chairs, the room looks good. Only thing that needs to be improved is some things that need to be done in the bathroom.

15. 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.

a.) THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPROVING TWO CONTRACTS WITH UNIVERSITIES TO STUDY WATER QUALITY WITHIN THIS PROJECT.
Mr. Jesse Barton reported to the Board that he has one signed university contract with the revisions. The contract has been reviewed by Mr. David Julian and Mr. Tyler Anthony and CSU and everyone agrees to it.
After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve the Contract with CSU to study water quality within the project within the SMFA project and will be paid by the SMFA's project, motion seconded by Trustee Huston VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

b.) THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DWR POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE PRESCRIBED BURNS.
Nothing to report at this time.

c.) THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GRAZING CONTRACT ON THE RICE PROJECT GROUND.
Mr. Jesse Barton gave the Board an update that Mr. Richard Silva signed the rice project grazing contract with Department Water Resources (DWR) today (It was approved by the Board at last month's meeting).

Mr. David Julian informed the Board that there is an issue with the beavers in the area. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was contacted a couple of weeks ago about the beaver issues. CDFW has a new program, they have hired a beaver coexist professional. They come out and evaluate what nonlethal measures were attempted by landowners. Next Friday, Mr. Julian is meeting with a beaver coexist professional to see what measures can be taken with the beavers before issuing a depredation permit.
Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. informed the Board that Dutra brought the wrong size bolts for the siphon for the wetlands. Mr. Carter Jr. had Dutra order the right size bolts Dutra had they brought out and they were the wrong bolts. Third and last time they came back out they had purchased and placed the right bolts into the siphon.

16. ENGINEERING REPORT: MR. CHRIS NEUDECK.

I. Project Funding Agreement TW-24-1.0 SP Phase II of District Multi-Benefit.

A. Look under item number 14.

II. Project Funding Agreement TW-21-1.2 TIMES/TWERP Project.

A. Look under item number 13.

III. District Pump Station Solar Array.

A. Look under item number 11.

IV. 2026-2027 Assessment by Landowner Summaries.

V. AB 360 Delta Levee Subventions Program.

Mr. Neudeck discussed with the Board the PowerPoint briefing presentation by the Department of Water Resources to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board related to the Delta Levee Subventions Program. Right now, we are approaching 2026-2027 with the fiscal year starting July 1st. It will be using funds from Prop. 4 monies, which is from a recent bond fund, $150,000,000.00 has been set aside for the Delta Levee Subventions Program. Thinking the funds would last for 10 years. Special Projects funding will be receiving funding from Prop.4 as well. It was told to them, the funding would be for 5 years and at $116,000,000.00 per year for the Delta Levee Subventions Program, with $50,000,000.00 going to Special Projects. The balance goes to the California State office of finances, office of treasury etc. Prop. 4 is not listed in the state's budget for this coming fiscal year. Next Friday, there is a hearing on Prop. 4. Mr. Neudeck reminded the Board Prop. 4 funds do not cover mitigation cost. Board and Mr. Neudeck had further discussion on the matter.

17. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: MR. RICKY CARTER JR.

- Routine pump maintenance made daily.
- Checked oil in the pumps located at the pump station daily.
- Performed rodent control of beavers and squirrels.
- Currently mowing levee roads.
- Turned on and worked on the pumps in the Department Water Resources wetlands.
- Mowing SMFA wetland roads.
- Rented long reach excavator and cleaned Districts canals. Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. will be in contact with Bowman to have them come and take water samples, so the canals can be sprayed to keep up with the primrose.
- Worked on SMFA siphon.
- Remodeled Twitchell Island District Office, to host Levee Setback project weekly meetings.
- Had Mr. Salvador Ramos and Mr. Octavio Lopez have taken online safety classes.
- Worked on Levee Setback project inspecting siphon work and general over site of the project.

After the last District meeting Mr. Salvador Ramos was using the rented long reach excavator to clean the District's canals. While cleaning the canal in the area by the pump station and grates, Mr. Ramos swung and hit the overhead electrical wire. Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. was spotting for Mr. Ramos at the time. Mr. Ramos could not hear Mr. Carter Jr. No one was hurt. Mr. Carter Jr. called President Sgarrella and PG&E right after the

incident Mr. Carter Jr. purchased for the District a set of two-way radios for better communications, Mr. Ramos and Mr. Octavio Lopez took some online safety classes about working around overhead wires and underground utilities. Mr. Carter Jr. told the Board something needs to be done with the overhanging electrical wire so this will not happen again. Mr. Ricky Carter Sr. said this type of thing has happened several times in the past in this same area. President Sgarrella told the Board that he will talk to PG&E about putting a taller pole. It was suggested to put up some kind of pillar or columns in that area.
Mr. Carter Jr. told the Board he will be going on vacation June 29th to July 2nd.

18. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW. TITLE: SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY.
Closed Session: at 10:54 am.
No reportable action was taken during closed session

19. REPORT AFTER CLOSED SEASON: THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS ADJUSTING LABOR COMPENSATION AFTER THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW.
Opened Session: at 11:02
After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to increase the District's Superintendent, and Secretary compensation in the amount of 3%, starting July 1, 2026, motion seconded by Trustee Huston, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella, Trustee Huston and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

20. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING.
The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be called to order.
July 21, 2026, at 9:00 am, the regular meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

B Sgarrella

Presiding Trustee of the Regular Meeting June 16, 2026, certifies the above minutes.

Linda Carter

Secretary