RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1601

306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

September 15, 2026

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**
   President Sgarrella called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) to order on September 15, 2026, at 9:01 a.m. ROLL CALL: In attendance: President Barry Sgarrella, Trustee Jasbir Gill. District superintendent Mr. Ricky Carter Jr., District's engineer with KSN Mr. Chris Neudeck, District's attorney Mr. Jesse Barton and and District's accountant/treasurer Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay with Butterfield and Company.
   Absent: Trustee Dave Huston.
   Also attending. Mr. Richard Silva.
   Attending by conference call, District's secretary Mrs. Linda Carter and Mr. David Julian.

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 Gill entertained a motion to approve the August 18, 2026, regular meeting minutes as amended, motion was seconded by President Sgarrella, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella and Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Trustee Huston, 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 Gill, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Trustee Huston, motion carried.

5. **BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESOLUTION 2026-03. AND ORDER LEVYING ASSESSMENT CALL NO. 35 BASED UPON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE VALUATION ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED JULY 21, 1992.**
Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay told the Board all the property owners have paid their portion of Assessment Call 35.

6. **BOARD WILL REVIEW THE HUNTING FORMS PROVIDED BY MR. RICHARD SILVA FOR THIS YEAR'S HUNTING SEASON ON THE DISTRICT'S CHEVRON LEASE PROPERTY (NORTH END) THAT MR. SILVA LEASES.**
Mr. Jesse Barton passed out copies of Mr. Richard Silva's memorandum of lease amendment for the District's Chevron property (North End) (dated 5/19/2026).
On attachment page two listed the hunters' names for this hunting season, Mr. Barton told the Board that Mr. Silva had given him these names two months ago. Mr. Silva told the Board the names are the same and that he will notify Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. before they go out hunting.

7. **BOARD TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA RESOURCE PRODUCTION CORPORATIONS (CRPC) GAS WELL ABANDONMENT, PAD AND ROAD REMOVAL, AND THE RELOCATION OF MATERIAL.**
Mr. Jesse Barton told the Board that Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay had received a second letter dated August 17, 2026, from California Resource Production Corporation (CRPC). In the letter CRPC is notifying the District that they are proposing the abandonment of the well pad for well number (RVGU 258) (APN:157-0130-026). At the July 21, 2026, meeting the Board approved accepting the proposed abandonment of the gas well pad (RVGU 225) (APN: 157-0130-026) located on the District's northern portion of the Chevron property, but that CRPC should remove the well pad, the adjacent access road and level the grade to the surrounding surface and bring the gravel to the District's shop (located at the South end of the property). Mr. Barton told the Board that he had marked the acceptance of well removal but also requested the removal of gravel for both gas wells and sent a letter along with the acceptance.
Mr. Barton told them the Boards response is the same for both gas wells; the District wants the gravel and taken to the District's shop.

8. **BOARD WILL CONSIDER SELECTING A NEW WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROVIDER.**
Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay told the Board after State Fund increased the premiums for the District's workmen's compensation insurance after changing the superintendent's classification (as outside salesperson). State Fund says that a supervisor is classified as irrigation, because in the event of workers getting injured or some kind of issue that would be the person attending to them. After reclassifying the superintendent, to irrigation, the insurance premium rates went up substantially. Mrs. Tzintzun-Garibay went and got a quote from SDRMA, which is the District's general liability insurance provider. Their rate came in quite a bit lower than State Fund quote. Mrs. Tzintzun-Garibay told the Board that SDRMA reviewed the District's history, going back 10 years with no claims until the last two years with multiple accidents. SDRMA wanted to know what changed and what caused these accidents. Mrs. Tzintzun-Garibay

explained what has taken place in the past two years, changes in management and new hires. The new hires that did not work out are gone and the new hires are working out well. SDRMA took everything into consideration and gave the District a quote of $12,317.85, for the year which includes a 5% multi program discount of $1,332.70. Due to the District having a general liability insurance policy with them. State Fund quote was close to $30,000.00 for the year. After some discussion President Sgarrella entertained a motion to approve canceling the District's workmen's compensation insurance with State Fund and approve going with SDRMA for the District's workmen's compensation insurance, motion seconded by Trustee Gill, VOTE: AYES: President Sgarrella Trustee Gill NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Trustee Huston, motion carried.

9. **BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTH CHEVRON LEASE REMOVAL OF THE BLACKBERRIES AND PLACEMENT OF THE FENCE.**
Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. gave the Board an update on the skid steer, which has been fixed and is up and running. Mr. Mr. Salvador Ramos Sr. has all the fence post in and one strand of barb wire put up. Mr. Ramos Sr. should have the fence done soon. The blackberries bushes are down; they took them down and sprayed them. The blackberries will need to just have maintenance done for them.

10. **BOARD WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ITS NEW ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR LANDS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.**
Mr. Chris Neudeck told the Board that in the September monthly engineers report it has the drainage report in it. Larson Warzel & Associates, Inc. (LWA) is reviewing the report. There is a chance that KSN may be meeting with LWA this week. Mr. Jesse Barton passed the report along to Mr. David Julian for his consideration. Mr. Julian is associated with the wetlands on the island. Mr. Julian has reviewed the report and he had some questions about the input on some of the basis of KSN's calculations. KSN let Mr. Julian know how some elements that associated were calculated for the report. Hopefully, shortly the District will be hearing from LWA.

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 working as expected and it is producing solar power. Currently the District hasn't received a bill from PG&E for a couple of months. President Sgarrella said that he will send an email to PG&E telling them that the District needs to receive their bill from them.
Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. reported to the Board that the fence and gate around the District's electrical components (transformer and switchgear) at the District's solar project has been put up.

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.
Mr. David Julian told the Board that while he was out of the office a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Sean Prichard had called him wanting to know about adding some additional sites for repairing. At this point Mr. Julian was not in contact with Mr. Prichard but he told the Board that he would do so.

13. **PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-21-1.3, 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.**
    a.) **THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE FIRE THAT STARTED AT THIS PROJECT SITE.**
    Mr. Ricky Carter Jr. informed the Board that the fire at the TWERP project is out, and the sprinklers have been turned off.

Mr. Carter Jr. told the Board that the road along the canal is still cracking. The problem is the ponds in the TWERP project are leaking water, due to the pond's berms being made from peat soil. Ms. Otome Lindsey is aware of the problem and is working on making the necessary repairs.

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 Phase 1 has been completed. He is now working on some change orders. It's anticipated the total change orders will be on the order of $600k. KSN is still working with Dutra to develop a credit for the final site stabilization (i.e., hydro mulch), so that $600k may be deducted from the total cost. Dutra Construction Company is wrapping up with the all-weather road clean up and aggregate base placement, and they expect it to be finished with work by end of September. KSN is working with Dutra to transfer work to KSN for the QSP (SWPPP) responsibilities to save some cost.
    KSN is continuing to survey the settlement plates for the immediate future (albeit less frequently). Once KSN is comfortable with the rate of settlement, KSN will develop aggregate base as-built survey for the entire site and use that as the basis for the Phase 2 levee design, KSN is hoping to minimize significant increases to fill quantities by waiting a bit before doing the as-built survey. KSN will still be able to continue with the Phase 2 levee design and anticipates to having Phase 2 levee construction out to bid and bids received by this Thanksgiving. Continual monitoring and surveying of levee crown crack at Levee Station 501+50 indicates minimal horizontal and vertical movement.

DWR Real Estate Division is coordinating with PG&E regarding the power pole relocation easement. Trustee Gill confirmed that the DWR Real Estate Division is working on the relocation easement for the PG&E power poles.
Mr. Neudeck told the Board the pipeline went in well and is now operational. Overall Dutra did an excellent job, as typically anticipated change orders were due to unforeseen conditions the project.

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 RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DWR POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE PRESCRIBED BURNS.

Mr. David Julian told the Board in the next month or two, Department Water Resources (DWR) may have a policy and procedures for future prescribed burns in place.

Mr. David Julian gave thanks to Mr. Chris Neudeck for fixing the water pipeline to the wetlands. Water will continue to be held in the ponds a little bit longer than will be shut off this winter. Some folks from the Suisun Slough project will be coming to Twitchell Island for a couple of weeks to harvest some tules. Mr. Julian does not know what happened to the man who came out and hand harvested tules to build a boat to sail in the ocean to Hawaii.

16. ENGINEERING REPORT: MR. CHRIS NEUDECK.

I. TW-24-1.0 San Joaquin River Setback Levee, Reach 6 Phase 1
   a. Look under item number 14.

II. New Proposition 218 Assessment and Engineers Report
   a. Mr. Chris Neudeck discussed with the Board KSN's 2026 drainage analysis. He told the Board there is a lot of heavy reading, the report is in his September meeting engineers report. This technical memorandum serves to outline the findings of the 2026 drainage analysis conducted for the District. The objective of this analysis was to quantify the various components of water discharged from the District terminal pump station, encompassing runoff from rainfall, irrigation, and levee seepage. These findings are intended to provide critical input for the District's new Proposition 218 Assessment.

17. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: MR. RICKY CARTER JR.

- Routine levee patrol made daily.
- Checked pump oil levels at the pump station daily.
- Performed rodent control.
- Mowed SMFA project and trimming trees in the wetlands.

- Sprayed the District's C-1 and C-2 canals.
- Worked on broken riser pipe from recirculating pumps in the SMFA project.
- Worked with Gornto Ditching to fix roads and flashboard risers in SMFA project.
- Worked on installing gates and fences around the District's solar switchgear and solar pad.
- Worked with Dutra Construction to fix and regrade and place new road base on the levee road and Middle Road (Old Ferry Road).
- Had Summit Solutions come out and spray the District's trash rack with a drone. It turned out to be successful. President Sgarrella told the Board that the District should be thinking about having the drone company come back out and spray the District's canals (primrose and sponge plant) since it worked great at the trash rack.

President Sgarrella told the Board that Twitchell Island Road is getting awful to drive on. He believes that when the Rio Vista bridge is up people have figured out that there is a short cut between HWY 160 and HWY 12 by going on Twitchell Island Road. President told the Board he will be writing a letter to the Sacramento County that a significant amount of traffic is being routed on Twitchell Island Road and causing damage to the road. After some discussion it was decided that this matter would be placed on the October meeting agenda.

18. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be called to order. October 20, 2026, at 9:00 am, the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Presiding Trustee of the Regular Meeting September 15, 2026, certifies the above minutes.

Secretary