

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1601

306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting September 21, 2021

Meeting held by teleconference consistent with Executive Order N-29-20.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

President Mercado called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on September 21, 2021, at 9:04 a.m. ROLL CALL: In attendance: President Juan Mercado, Trustee Barry Sgarrella, Trustee Dave Huston, District's superintendent Mr. Ricky Carter, District's engineer Mr. Chris Neudeck, District's attorney Mr. Jesse Barton, District's accountant Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay with Butterfield and Company (left at 10:02 am) and Mr. Preston Good. Attending by conference call, District secretary Mrs. Linda Carter, Ms. Otome Lindsey, Mr. Bryan Brock Ms. Jemile Erdem and Mr. Jon B. Fletcher.

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. Jesse Barton explained to the Board that the Governor's waiver of certain provisions of the Brown Act expires at the end of this month. A new law was passed that allows the Board to continue to meet remotely, but it must be renewed every 30 days. Mr. Barton will put more information on the next month's agenda.

3. MINUTES REGULAR MEETING.

President Mercado entertained a motion to approve the August 17, 2021, regular meeting minutes as written, motion was seconded by Trustee Huston VOTE: AYES: President Mercado, Trustee Sgarrella and Trustee Huston 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. She also noted the following payments made between meetings:

On September 9, 2021, EFT payment to PERS for \$4,241.50, due to timing of due date.

Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay went over the accounts payable with the Board.

Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay requested approval to pay total accounts payable of \$70,065.02, General Fund Warrant No. 3364 for \$38,000, transfers and special project invoices as noted. See detailed accounting reports under separate cover.

After some discussion President Mercado entertained a motion to approve the transactions requested and motion was seconded by Trustee Huston VOTE: AYES:

President Mercado, Trustee Sgarrella and Trustee Huston NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

5. BOARD TO HEAR INFORMATION ON CHANGING THE DISTRICT'S TREASURER FROM SACRAMENTO COUNTY TO BUTTERFIELD & COMPANY. THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE.

Mr. Jesse Barton told the Board that he received information from the Sacramento County Treasurer referring to the District's plans to leave Sacramento County and move the District's finances to Butterfield and Company. The District will need to purchase an insurance policy for two times the amount of funds the District has in the District's accounts. Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay told the Board she has received a quote from Travelers Insurance for \$1,287 for one year. The Board will need to pass a resolution approving the change and President Mercado will need to sign the letter to be sent to the Sacramento County Treasurer. Mr. Barton has all of the documentation for the Board's review and possible approval. After some discussion President Mercado entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 "Resolution Appointing District Treasurer", and motion was seconded by Trustee Huston VOTE: AYES: President Mercado, Trustee Sgarrella and Trustee Huston NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried. Mrs. Perla Tzintzun-Garibay will prepare a check for Travelers Insurance.

6. BOARD TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE.

Trustee Sgarrella told the Board that the District's website had been activated, but it had a few glitches. The glitches have since been resolved. Trustee Sgarrella will speak with them about the District's monthly fee for hosting the District's website. After some discussion it was decided by the Board they would like to have on the Friday, before the meeting the agenda, engineers report and the financial reports to be post on that day on the District's website.

7. BOARD TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA AND HOW THIS IS AFFECTING THE DELTA.

President Mercado asked for this item to be placed on the agenda, so everyone could share their thoughts and any information they may have on this matter. They discussed curtailment orders from the State Water Board and crop water usage. President Mercado told the Board that after January 2022, dry crops will be grown instead of corn on DWR lands. Rice fields will not be flooded this year, which may affect this year's hunting season. President Mercado told the Board that Deputy Director came out and asked tenants to use less water. The farmers who still plant corn may not be able to water their crop. If it starts to rain, then things may change.

8. BOARD TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ISSUE AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT TO USGS FOR A MONITORING STATION.

Mr. Neudeck reviewed with the Board the final site for an Encroachment Permit from USGS for the installation of seismic monitoring equipment. Mr. Neudeck told the Board USGS looked at different locations, they settled on a spot northeast of Chevron Point.

Exhibit A: USGS's application for encroachment permit dated 6/8/2021 for Seismograph installation.

Exhibit B: RD 1601's Encroachment Permit No 2021-9-21.

Mr. Jesse Barton went over with the Board Reclamation District 1601 Encroachment Permit No. 2021-9-21. After some discussion it was decided that some changes would be made to the encroachment permit. Change to item #2: The permit would be good until revoked. Item #6: Item #20: This item would be deleted.

After discussing the change to the Encroachment Permit President Mercado entertained a motion to approve the Encroachment Permit No. 2021-9-21 to be issued to USGS for a Monitoring Station on Twitchell Island as written with the following changes: the permit fee amount will be changed from \$5,000 to \$1,000, the permit would be good until it is revoked, and various liability and insurance provisions were modified, motion was seconded by Trustee Sgarrella VOTE: AYES: President Mercado, Trustee Sgarrella and Trustee Huston NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None, motion carried.

9. BOARD TO HEAR AN UPDATE AND DISCUSS EXPLORING A SOLAR POWER ALTERNATIVE TO POWER THE RD 1601 PUMP STATION. BOARD WILL DISCUSS ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FROM DWR FOR THE POWER STATION.

Trustee Sgarrella reported to the Board the PG&E bill for this month is \$12,109.73 (7/30/2021-8/30/2021). This is still more than it has been in prior years. The increase is due to higher PG&E rates for kilowatt hour charges and increased demand charges. This month Demand Charges were more than \$4,000

Trustee Sgarrella received a phone call from Mr. Vincent Wong with DWR Real Estate. Ms. Mary Xiong with DWR Environmental visited the site last month, but her report must be completed and submitted before the easement documents can be signed by DWR. DWR is debating whether they should sign the easement before the District. Mr. Ricky Carter handed out a spreadsheet that reviewed the District's pump usage. Pump number 2 is at the Moorman Water Systems for repair.

Trustee Sgarrella discussed with the Board about battery storage and the possibility of reducing Demand Charges using energy storage in combination with solar power. He is gathering information to present to the Board on this matter. PG&E has applied to the PUC to increase rates for agriculture usage to by 9.5% per annum for the next four years.

The Board discussed the large quantity of water being pumped by the pump station even though there has been no rain. The Board wanted to know if the rice project was dumping water to the pump station instead of using the recirculating pumps to move water into the wetland project when the rice project was being drained in the Fall. Mr. Bryan Brock told the Board they are not using the recycling pumps for the projects. They have them, but they are not using them. The pumps were put in, but not connected to the Rice Project. He stated that the Rice Project had helped pay for the improvements to the District's pump station. Mr. Brock was asked by the Board if the water could be pumped into the Wetlands Project; Bryan answered they don't add very much additional water to the District's system. Mr. Brock told the Board that in August they

turned off incoming water to the rice project. They primarily use transfers and evaporation to get rid of the water. Then the flash board risers are pulled in late August. This probably increased the flow to the pump station slightly.

10. PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-14-1.1-PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR A HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ON TWITCHELL ISLAND (EXPIRES 12/31/2021). THE BOARD WILL HEAR A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.

Ms. Otome Lindsey reported to the Board that she and Stillwater held a meeting yesterday. Stillwater's contract ends at the end of December, at which point Solano RCD will be taking over. Stillwater are in the process of putting together a report, they may come to the November meeting and give a 15 minute report and have a 15 minute discussion.

11. BOARD TO HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE TWITCHELL ISLAND MITIGATION ENHANCEMENT (TIME) PROJECT. BOARD ALSO TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY ENTERING INTO A PFA (TW-21-1.0) AND APPROVING RESOLUTION, FOR THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT (Expires 12/31/2027).

Mr. Jesse Baton told the Board that at last month's meeting the Board approved a Resolution authorizing submission of Labor compliance plan and the hiring of Ms. Carolyn Lay and Ms. Debra Wilder (special council labor law). They have been notified of the Boards decision.

Ms. Otome told the Board she is working with the DWR accounting department on a check for advancement payment.

12. DWR AGREEMENT "SUBSIDENCE MITIGATION FUNDING AGREEMENT" UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, DWR WILL FUND HABITAT CONSTRUCTION AT THE EAST END OF TWITCHELL ISLAND AND REALIGN THE LEVEE AT CHEVRON POINT AND THE RICE PROJECT (SMFA EXPIRES 12/31/2024). THE BOARD WILL HEAR A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.

Mr. Bryan Brock told the Board that Mr. Bruce Gornto told him the boards were pulled in September in the rice fields. The siphon was at the wetlands out due to a small leak by the shut off valve. The rice harvest will start the next week or so. The fish screens have been used. Mr. Gornto's generator has been used to provide the power needed to pull fish screens by the wet lands. President Mercado told the Board that he does not want the District to be responsible for the fish screens. Mr. Brock said that the fish screens need to be cleaned before the siphons can be used. When cleaning the screens, it needs to have a three phase generator used for the job.

13. PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT TW-18-1.0-SP-DELTA LEVEES SPECIAL FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT (EXPIRES 12/31/2021). THE BOARD WILL HEAR A STATUS UPDATE AND DISCUSS.

Nothing to report.

14. ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Chris Neudeck's engineering report is attached to the minutes.

I. Plan Review- United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismograph Installation
Look under item number 8.

II. Districts Drainage Pump Station

A. Mr. Neudeck reviewed with the Board status of the District's pump station operations.

III. DWR DMP Grant

A. Mr. Neudeck reviewed with the Board the response from DWR on use of DMP grants funds (\$26,640.41 left in the account) for the District's three siphons for videoing and construction of inspection ports. DWR refused to allow the funds to be used for the purpose of videoing and construction of inspection ports on three siphons.

Exhibit C: Email correspondence from KSN Inc., with Mark List, Ran Sigh, and Ara Sayada of DWR.

15. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Mr. Ricky Carter.

- Routine levee patrols daily.
- Checked pumps and oil in the pumps at station daily.
- Check water in the canal.
- Drove to West Sacramento and pick up (2) bush hog drive lines that had been repaired.
- Delivered (2) drive lines to Dolk Tractor.
- Sent email to District Board on water from fields causing too much water in the District's canal.
- On August 20, 2021, Moorman Water Systems removed the number 2 pump for repair.
- Picked up the District's disc and put the disc at the Chevron Pt. barn.
- On August 24, 2021, trucks delivered dirt to the District's canal C-1.
- Fueled Mr. Marvis McBride's District work truck.
- Checked on the computer for information on Ag drones.
- Changed the battery on the Threemile Slough camera.
- Had zoom meeting with the Solano County on water depletion.
- On August 26, 2021, called the Sacramento County Sheriff to remove a large motorhome at the Elderberry site.
- Worked on drawings for trash rack at the District's pump station.
- Picked up the District's Kubota tractor from Dolk Tractor.
- Sprayed the District's canal and the District's pump station.
- Worked on attic fans for the District's pump station.
- On September 1, 2021, start chopping levee from olive tree area.
- Worked on the District's water curtailment (District's siphons) paperwork.

- On September 9, 2021, met with Ms. Jemile Erdem (with USGS), about finding a locating a drill site for seismic wells.
- On September 13, 2021, meeting in Stockton with KSN to straighten the District's canal.
- On September 13, 2021, meeting with President Mercado, Mr. Bryan Brock, Ms. Molly Ferrell and Mr. Joel McCrory on new hire.
- Called Greg Moorman with Moorman Water Systems about the status on the District's pump number 2, waiting for information on the pumps propeller.
- On September 17, 2021, posted the agenda.

Mr. Ricky Carter reported to the Board that he has been trying to get in touch with Parks and Water Ways, to have them come out and spray. He has not been able to get hold of anyone. He has been looking into having the District purchase an Ag drone to do the District's spraying with. It could be used to spray the slough, toe ditches and the District's canal.

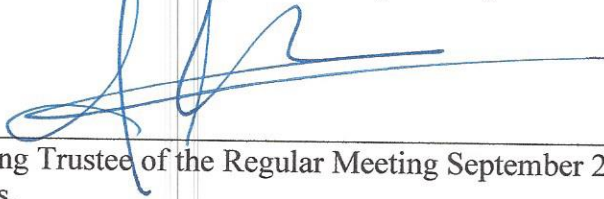
President Mercado reported to the Board that he, Mr. Bryan Brock, Ms. Molly Ferrell and Mr. Joel McCrory attended a meeting held on September 13, 2021, to interview someone interested in the position that RD341 had advertised. After the new hire completes his drug test and background check he will be Sherman Island's employee, he will also be doing work on Twitchell Island on the wet lands. If Mr. Carter needs to have the new hire to do work for the District, then the new hire will do work for the District. Mr. Jesse Barton told the Board that the Sherman Island and Twitchell Island District's will need to have a shared employee agreement document agreed on and approved by both District Boards. Payment to the new hire still needs to be worked out. The new hire will be on a six-month probation,

On Thursday, September 23rd, there will be a boat inspection.

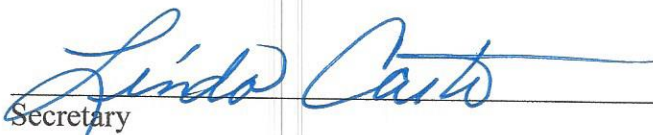
Mr. Carter's list to have done before winter is the boom in place in the District's canal, and a new rack at the District's pump station.

16. ADJOURN:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be called to order October 19, 2021, at 9:00 am, the regular meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.



 Presiding Trustee of the Regular Meeting September 21, 2021, certified the above minutes.



 Secretary